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Tempting apple

Jakob Kaeppli holds out a luscious-looking apple picked during an apple harvesting blitz Saturday at his Burgoyne Valley

home. His property features an orchard with various heritage-type apple brands.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

On-call police hours maintained despite RCMP cuts

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring RCMP officers have chosen to work on-call hours without pay following an announcement last week of cut-backs in provincial RCMP services.

The local money-saving move

is just part of a detachment shake-up that Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire hopes will result in more road time and investigation hours for island police.

Last week the RCMP announced an \$8.5 million provincial deficit in its \$375 million budget.

According to RCMP media relations officer Sgt. John Ward, "The two per cent deficit is not huge, but it is against the law for us to go over budget."

Therefore, all provincial patrol vessels — such as the PV Higgit which periodically visits the Gulf Islands — have been docked and

air services grounded.

However, Ward said, "they are being kept in a state of preparedness for an emergency situation — the assets are still there."

In addition, provincial detachments have been told to cut back on on-call and overtime costs.

"These restraints are only tem-

porary," Ward said. But they could be in place until the end of the RCMP's fiscal year March 31.

For local police it means that instead of receiving one hour's pay for eight on-call hours, they will be ready to answer and attend

POLICE CUTS 6

Library accepts Booth proposal

By **GAIL SJUBERG**
Driftwood Staff

The board of the Salt Spring library has accepted Kellie Booth's offer of assistance to solve a funding shortfall in its next fiscal year.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) director has offered a \$12,000 grant-in-aid contingent on the board producing a detailed library services plan. Booth has also received confirmation from the municipal affairs ministry that it will match those funds. Library board chairwoman Grace Byrne said members went through Booth's detailed September 28 letter at their board meeting Friday and agreed to accept her proposal.

"It's the only way to go," Byrne said Monday.

The \$24,000 compares favourably with the \$22,826 per-capita grant received from the province in 1997. A policy change eliminated that grant for the current fiscal year.

The board will soon start work on the library services plan, which Booth stipulates should "clearly specify the association's short and long-term goals and objectives, the overall service model and the service levels to be provided, timelines for implementation and projected costs, and an inventory of all sources of funding available."

If a counter-petition or referendum was desired by the board, that would be included in the plan. In August Booth turned down a library board request that she approach the CRD board to collect \$100,000 in tax support for the volunteer library association.

Booth asked that the library services plan be ready for community comment by mid-1999.

Byrne also said Municipal Affairs Minister Jenny Kwan is scheduled to visit the library on October 27, unless the legislature begins sitting or an emergency arises.

Potential school cuts will be presented

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Everyone with an interest in education in the Gulf Islands is bracing for the painful news of how the school board might meet Education Minister Paul Ramsey's demand for a balanced budget.

Anticipating public interest in the latest news and proposals, the school board will meet at Gulf Islands Secondary School instead of the board office today (Wednesday) at 12:30 p.m.

Several programs have been put on the examining table to see how much money would be saved without them. Schools superintendent Andrew Duncan said last week they include the cafeteria, music and drama programs at the high school, special education services, maintenance and support staff and even closure of Saturna and/or Phoenix schools.

While School District 64 officials spent the last week looking for ways to "spread the pain around into smaller and tolerable bites," Gulf Islands parents were busy mounting a campaign of opposition to the provincial government.

The District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) has sent out an information package and published an advertisement in this week's Driftwood. Both are urging parents to phone or send letters to Ramsey, Premier Glen Clark, MLA Murray Coell and Liberal Party education critic April Sanders opposing Ramsey's ultimatum that the board present a plan for a balanced budget by October 31 or risk drastic action from the minister. That could include

dismissal of the school board and appointing a public trustee to run local affairs, or amalgamating Gulf Islands schools with other districts.

DPAC chairman John Munro also sent a letter to Ramsey asking for a deadline extension and adherence to recommendations from his ministry's efficiency advisory team June report. A meeting with Ramsey and senior ministry staff, along with other district partners, was also requested.

Munro told the Driftwood there also appears to be "great interest" in holding some sort of demonstration, which would have to be organized quickly.

Regarding the amalgamation possibility, Duncan reported that officials from Saanich and Cowichan school districts were adamant last week that "amalgamation is not viable financially or in terms of programs."

Throughout the past week, representatives from partner groups still expressed support for the board and a united approach to Ramsey's threat.

Munro said because of the responsible way the board has handled financial problems in recent years, it has earned the support it is now receiving from its partner groups and parents.

At the same time, all groups know proposed cuts will be hard to accept.

Teachers' association president Larry Field said his members could not support actions that would hurt students.

Duncan said today's board meeting was not intended to be "an open forum discussion" but the public is invited.

The high school's PAC is also meeting tonight.

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War rages on Galiano Island with release of land-use bylaws

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

A Galiano Island conflict between the Local Trust Committee (LTC), which released its first draft of land-use bylaws Tuesday, and forest-lot owners, who feel squeezed by unnecessary development laws, appears headed for a pitched battle.

The island's LTC will hold a public meeting October 24 to hear residents' feelings about the bylaws.

In reality the conflict is between one side bugged by what it sees as an incursion of bureaucratic meddling and the other which is trying to change a long-standing, and environmentally threatening, status quo on development.

The recently formed Galiano Island Coalition will attend the meeting to voice anger at what it feels amount to unfair restrictions on development, "without any public input whatsoever," according to the coalition's Jim Trueit, writing in the organization's newsletter THE VOICE.

The LTC says this isn't the case at all.

Central to the debate is the island's forest lots, purchased in 1991 from MacMillan Bloedel,

that will now require development permits and an impact-assessment study for any construction under the new bylaws.

The October 24 meeting may open better communications, or it may spark off a lawsuit.

"The new land-use bylaws are very confusing to landowners because (the LTC) is out there trying to modify the community plan in private," says Richard Dewinetz, a large Galiano landowner and the developer behind the proposed Bodega Ridge Forest Acres subdivision.

"The (LTC) is adding more and more conditions onto this land so that no new development will be possible."

When the lots were originally purchased, owners believed they were able to build whatever residences they wanted, as long as each lot was a minimum 20 acres.

"We are being taxed the residential rate so with these new laws the real problem is we're being retroactively downzoned," says Dewinetz, who is also a coalition member.

Worse is the requirement of an impact-assessment study for each new permit, says Dewinetz.

"As near as we can figure it, it

will take 10 years to get any new development done."

The LTC is having none of what it considers to be alarmist exaggeration.

"The land was bought when zoning bylaws were before the court. It was a ... speculative time," says LTC Trustee Margaret Griffiths.

"The land-use bylaw gives (lot owners) a great opportunity to develop."

There are other questions involved, such as residential entitlements that can be passed from one property to another and whether the LTC will actually allow the forest lots to be rezoned.

But perhaps more interesting is the political power battle between the coalition and another group called the Galiano Conservancy.

"I think the conservancy is still angry that we would have the audacity to buy these lots and not give them to (the conservancy)," says Dewinetz.

"It's pretty obvious that they control the (LTC) by its refusal to accept any other view than (completely no development in forest lands)."

FIRE CALLS

Recent rains gave the Salt Spring Fire Department a break from most fire calls during the past week.

The only call came after the smell of smoke was detected in a stairwell at B.C. Ferries' Long Harbour terminal Sunday.

A transformer light had burnt out, causing terminal workers to question the strange smell.

FOR THE RECORD

Travel plans went awry for many Salt Spring Islanders Thursday when they found there was no vehicle ferry service between Vesuvius and Crofton. But the fault wasn't with B.C. Ferries.

A hastily-written story in last week's paper incorrectly stated the Howe Sound Queen would resume service on the run at 7 a.m. Thursday. In fact, the ferry wasn't scheduled to return until 7 p.m.

A water taxi had been operating temporarily after the Bowen Queen developed mechanical problems earlier in the week. The Bowen Queen was filling in for the Howe Sound Queen at the time.

Building lines softened as aprt of new guidelines

The expansion at Ganges Village Market will be the first example of how aesthetics are being incorporated into new building guidelines on Salt Spring.

The plan for the commercial development was given final approval at the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's (LTC) bi-monthly meeting Thursday.

Rather than a simple linear expansion of an existing strip mall, the changes will include "a softening of the building's lines to

create nicer landscaping and pedestrian access," says LTC regional planning director Linda Adams.

"This will give people an idea of what kind of changes we are trying to achieve in development under the new OCP (Official Community Plan)."

The building's owners received approval to expand to 14,000 square feet of retail space plus 4,700 square feet of warehouse area.



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Diversion program wins grant

Salt Spring's Community Diversion program has won a \$5,000 government grant — \$400 more than it requested.

The program obtained the grant after Vince Stancato, an official with the Ministry of the Attorney General, visited a diversion program dinner and training session October 1.

"He was very impressed with the quality of the program and the group of trainees," said program coordinator Irene Wright.

The program had requested \$4,600 from the ministry to purchase items such as bookshelves and a filing cabinet.

Instead, the ministry handed the local group the maximum grant available.

The \$5,000 is a one-time hand-out. However, according to Wright, Stancato also said he would consider recommending that the program become a provincial pilot project, leading to the possibility of enhanced funding in the future.



The brass

Representing different island schools, these youngsters had the chance last week to be fire chief for the day. Seen here with Fire Chief Les Wagg are, from left, Andrew Walsh, Kristen Lee, Devon Craig, Heidi Nash, Sebastian Banks and Mila Tuhrich. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Two young drivers charged by police

Two island youths have been charged with driving without due care and attention after a driver reported their dangerous negotiation of Fulford-Ganges Road.

The complainant told police the two youths, who were driving in tandem, were passing cars on a double solid and around curves. The complainant took their licence plate numbers and reported them to police.

After the RCMP obtained a statement from the complainant, they were able to confront and charge the youths.

In other police news:

- Fernwood Elementary School is looking at a \$400-\$500 bill after someone drove a vehicle over the school's raised garden beds.

The incident occurred sometime this weekend and so far police

have no suspects.

- Salt Spring RCMP attended six minor accidents between October 7 and 12.

RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire said the accidents occurred in all parts of the island and were possibly due to wet, slippery roads. There were no injuries.

- Signs removed from two Salt Spring bed and breakfast operations this weekend, were recovered on Atkins Road.

- Police have just received a report of a boat stolen September 22 from Ganges Marina. Police describe the boat as a gray, 14-foot run-about with a 9.9 Johnson out-board.

Ganges Marina also reported the theft of two VHF portable radios sometime during the night last Thursday.

Sailing delayed by car crunch

A minor accident on board the Howe Sound Queen delayed the ferry's 3 p.m. departure from Vesuvius on Sunday.

According to Salt Spring RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette, the open door of a vehicle was struck by the rear of a trailer carrying a boat.

An angry conversation between the motorists resulted in a decision to remain on board the vessel until police could examine the situation.

Choquette arrived on the scene at approximately 3:10 p.m. and the ferry was able to leave shortly afterwards.

Association commends local officer

The Ganges Residents Association has written a letter of commendation about Salt Spring RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette and sent to it the RCMP brass.

The letter notes that while all local police officers make "great efforts" to provide services, Choquette "stands out in (their) minds."

"It seems that no matter what the circumstances, the person that is always there is Const. Gerard

Choquette."

The letter points out that Choquette patrols the "most troublesome spots" on foot during Hallowe'en, and when youth see him he is recognized as a "good cop," who has their respect.

Choquette is also commended for his organization of Rally 'Round the Rock and his work towards rejuvenating the local coast guard auxiliary.

"Not only is he there at police incidents, but (he) is also involved in far more community activities than we would expect . . . When concerned citizens approached him regarding unacceptable behaviours in various parts of the island, he took it upon himself to organize a meeting."

The letter concludes by saying, "We are very fortunate to have Gerard Choquette serving us."

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Future of Gulf Islands drives consideration of tax incentive

By MIKE LEVIN
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Would you pay \$40 a year to belong to a country club?

That may be the ultimate question Gulf Islanders have to ask themselves if a proposed Natural Area Tax Incentive (NATI) scheme is pushed into law by the Islands Trust Council (TC) next year.

The program would likely cost some residents about \$40 a year (per \$200,000 assessment) to make up for property-tax breaks given to others who are willing to leave their land undeveloped.

The prime motive of NATI is to prevent landowners from being forced into logging or subdividing, or even into developing, to pay increasing property taxes.

The TC's stand is that a slight rise in property taxes will more than pay for itself in increased property values, eco-friendly tourism and quality of life. And the council has dozens of studies showing how development actually raises taxes.

NATI was originally introduced into the TC's conscience for two reasons: concern that the Gulf Islands would lose their aesthetic value as a relatively natural area and growing anger that undeveloped areas were being taxed at the same rate as those using nine times as many resources and services.

But the issue is becoming much broader in scope. And the TC is trying to explain that Gulf Island residents really have little choice if they wish to maintain their current environment.

"Our land is assessed as 'highest and best use,' which means the government wants property to be developed to get more taxes," says Kim Benson, Gambier Island trustee and the spark behind the NATI study.

"The way I see it, cleared land pays the same taxes and doesn't

give anything back, the way natural land does."

Government statistics show that developed land consumes \$1.18 in services for every \$1 it pays in taxes, while undeveloped land uses only 16 cents in services.

"It just doesn't seem fair," says Benson.

Is fairness the important question? (Ask ratepayers with no school-age children about the school taxes they pay every year.)

"It's not just about giving someone a break, it's about the future of the Gulf Islands."

Benson admits the matter has evolved far past the simple aspect of "user pay."

"It's not just about giving someone a break, it's about the future of the Gulf Islands. If you don't make short-term stewardship easy, then you'll never get long-term stewardship," she says.

Cold, hard facts on the real cost of development are hard to come by, and virtually non-existent in Canada.

U.S. studies, mostly by planning and preservation groups in New York, Colorado and Massachusetts, make it patently clear that development is not economically friendly for residents.

While it does bring better infrastructure and more services, it has so many hidden costs — such as higher service costs, bigger and costlier government, more social tension and reduced land values — that polled taxpayers feel ripped off.

These studies also show that properties surrounding green areas, both rural and urban,

increase in value much faster than those near developed areas and that tourism rapidly declines along the same lines.

The potential effects in the Gulf Islands, and particularly on Salt Spring, are harder to grasp because there are no precedents for comparison. Tourism, by far the region's most important industry, would almost certainly suffer from development.

"People understand the agricultural and forest areas tax breaks," says Benson. "This is the same sort of logic but with a very serious imperative."

Yet she realizes that making area residents accept potential tax increases won't be easy because the actual dollar figures are hard to quantify. And the perceived value-for-money has yet to be fully explained in terms that people understand.

The 0.02 per cent (per \$1 assessment) levy presented to the TC by Benson is consistent with similar projects in San Juan County in Washington State.

She says that tax increases in the Gulf Islands would only affect local-levy property rates. Tax increases from provincial services (schools, etc.) would be so small that "they should be absorbed without (being passed on to local residents).

"If you look at it from a purely conservation angle, it makes much better financial sense because (a conservation society) can only buy one small waterfront property for the cost of the entire (NATI) program," Benson adds.

"But it's still very early in the process. We just want to get a pilot project going, which can always be modified later."

With governments cutting services and trying to squeeze as many new revenues out of taxpayers as possible, NATI could turn out to be much more important than simple country-club dues.

CPAC proposes meeting for those interested in a healthy community

The Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) is opening its doors to anyone interested in developing a healthy and wholesome community.

Members hope community groups and individuals on Salt Spring will attend their October 22 meeting where the issue of broadening the scope of CPAC will be discussed.

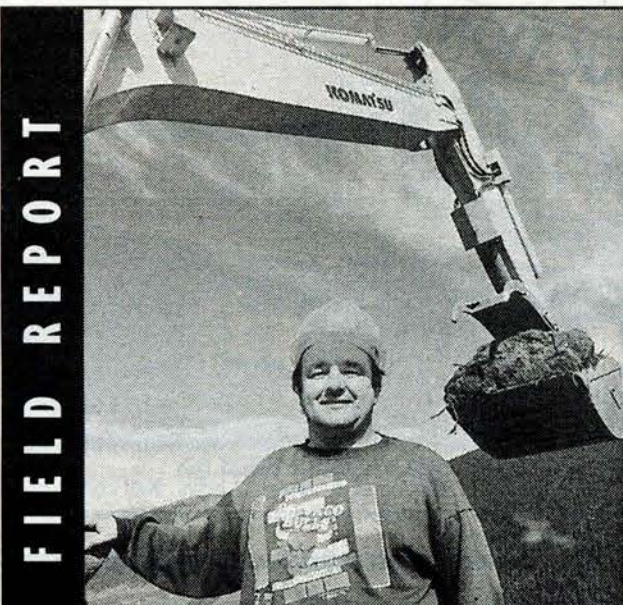
According to members Irene Wright and Wayne Fraser, the expanded CPAC could become an umbrella organization where those interested in developing a healthy community and supporting crime prevention can come together to share ideas and resources on a regular basis.

The meeting takes place in the Global Awareness Room at Gulf Islands Secondary School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Wright says CPAC already consists of people representing other island groups, including the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, SWOVA and the local police.

However, members want to broaden it further to include anyone — schools, church groups, parents — interested in the health of the community.

She believes that crime prevention naturally emerges from a healthy and wholesome community.



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Fisheries lifts ban on shellfish harvesting

Shellfish harvesting has reopened in the Sansum Narrows area.

A red tide closure of the harvesting of bivalve molluscs was lifted by Fisheries and Oceans Canada in the general area of Sansum Narrows, Satellite Channel and Saanich Inlet.

Further details can be obtained from the fisheries department in Duncan or the Ganges Coast Guard.

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Local health nurses gear up for November flu shot clinics

With flu season just around the corner, Capital Health Region (CHR) nurses are getting out the hypodermic needles and preparing for flu shot clinics that will begin early next month.

Island doctors can also give the shots, which prevent people from falling victim to the many symptoms — chills, fever, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, fatigue and nausea — associated with various strains of influenza.

Salt Spring health nurse Chris Smart said the flu vaccine would arrive on the island early next month, and three nurses are scheduled to work the first clinic set for November 5.

In addition to flu shots, health officers can now offer a one-time

shot of Pneumococcal, which vaccinates recipients against pneumonia.

Both shots are offered free of charge to people over 65, those with chronic chest conditions, susceptible to bronchitis and asthma. Those with other debilitating diseases can also qualify for a vaccination at their doctor's discretion.

Smart said some children, especially those suffering viral-induced asthma symptoms, can also get the shots free.

Those who have no medical indications but still want to obtain a flu shot can pay for it (at a cost of \$10-\$12) at the CHR office behind Lady Minto Hospital.

Smart said people such as teachers, who are exposed to a number

of viruses throughout the year, often go for this option.

At the CHR, a spokeswoman noted that although both doctors and health nurses can give the shots, it is easier on health system finances to go the health nurse route.

Health nurses are paid a regular salary which does not increase with the number of shots given. However, a doctor bills the Medical Services Plan for each patient visit.

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Because the Salt Spring detachment is not staffed to offer 24-hour policing — four hours a day are not covered — each member must work on-call periods. An officer is needed during on-call hours about four times a month.

"The members have chosen to still take calls," Darbyshire told the Driftwood last week, "but I have stipulated to the dispatchers what types of (incidents) they can be called for."

Police will respond during off-hours if the caller is in immediate danger. Types of calls include the obvious serious crimes (murder, abduction, sexual assault) plus break and enters in progress, weapons offences (but not shots fired in the woods), assault, an officer in trouble, assistance for emergency health services, impaired driving, missing persons and motor vehicle accidents involving injuries.

If it is a "gray area," Darbyshire said, dispatchers have been advised to call either him or Salt Spring RCMP Cpl. Dave Voller at home.

"We have also been advised not to spend overtime money except

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in emergencies," he added. Much of the local detachment's overtime budget has been spent sending police to court in Duncan. However, many court cases are now being rescheduled to Ganges Provincial Court which re-opened in September.

The cutbacks will not affect Salt Spring's ability to access additional services such as forensic identification and police dog handlers.

But the cutbacks to provincial RCMP budgets have spawned renewed calls to get RCMP auxiliary officers back on the streets. The auxiliaries pulled their services in protest early last summer when the attorney general's ministry removed their authority to carry guns. The decision to maintain that declaration or to return guns to the auxiliaries will be based on the findings of a report, originally scheduled for release in September.

It is unknown when that report will be complete.

Darbyshire agreed that "in this community (the auxiliaries) were a nice addition — it's good to have extra bodies around."

Darbyshire and Citizens on Patrol (COPS) coordinator Const. Gerard Choquette hope renewed enthusiasm based on an expanded program among COPS members will also ease some pressure on local police.

Darbyshire said he is aware many islanders feel police take too long to investigate crime and spend too little time on the road. And, after three months of observation by himself and Voller (they both arrived on Salt Spring in July), he has several plans to combat that perception.

"One of my goals is to take administrative jobs and download some of that to civilians," Darbyshire said, adding that some planned changes have already been implemented elsewhere.

For example, administrative work relating to guards — completion of time sheets, hiring and

training — can be handed over to a civilian.

"Anywhere else, this is not something officers would be doing," he said.

In addition, members currently use a notebook to document their activity. Traditionally, they have then filled out other police reports based on these notes. Under the new system, local officers can merely photocopy their notebook notes and place them in the files.

"I'm working toward making the job in the office less."

But to open up more crime time for police, the community may need educating: "The days of 'no call is too small' are gone," Darbyshire said.

Police are too frequently called to handle complaints such as property line disputes, noise and burning issues or cougar sightings, which do not fall within their jurisdiction.

Following community consultation, Darbyshire added, the local police detachment may have to follow the lead of other areas where types of calls have been prioritized.

Under this scenario, several types of complaints would be

brought to police only during office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. This might include incidents such as theft from an automobile, parking lot hit and run offences, telephone harassment, chronic missing persons and bylaw infractions.

Darbyshire said that right now, the two most common complaints received by police are driving and traffic complaints — for which they patrol the area, looking for the offender — and noise complaints.

Of 15 calls on a recent weekend, he added, about three had substance.

But back in the office and in police cars, morale among Salt Spring members remains good despite frustration with the cutbacks.

"We are trained from day one that you give 110 hours," Darbyshire said.

And at RCMP headquarters in Vancouver, Ward wants to assure people that cuts in services will not mean that "murderers can run free."

"We don't want people to stop calling us, but they have to realize not everything is an emergency," he said. "If you call us with a bear on your back porch, we may not respond. But if someone is breaking into your house, we'll be there."

Extra cadets, higher wages, budget cuts result in deficit

How have provincial RCMP coffers fallen so far into the red?

According to RCMP media relations officer Sgt. John Ward, the provincial RCMP's \$8.5 million deficit has grown from a number of sources.

"We are not immune to the rising costs of business," he pointed out, but several other factors have also spurred the outward flow of cash.

Anticipating a future drop in the number of RCMP officers coming out of training in Regina, the provincial RCMP took on an addi-

tional 300 cadets earlier this year.

"That was 300 extra bodies we hadn't planned for," he said. "That put a huge hole in our budget."

In addition, RCMP officers won a pay raise this year after a six-year freeze. Part of that raise was funded internally.

The provincial RCMP's 1997-98 budget was approximately \$375 million, cut by about \$11 million from the year before.

Ward stresses that RCMP activity at last year's Asia Pacific Economic Conference in Vancouver did not

affect the provincial budget — it was funded federally. (The RCMP has hit a deficit nationally as well, with a shortfall of \$14 million in its \$1.9 billion budget.)

Ward expects funding cutbacks will be ended either by the end of the fiscal year March 31, or sooner.

In the meantime, Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh was reported last Thursday as saying he would consider re-establishing a provincial police force if the federal government doesn't come to the aid of the RCMP.

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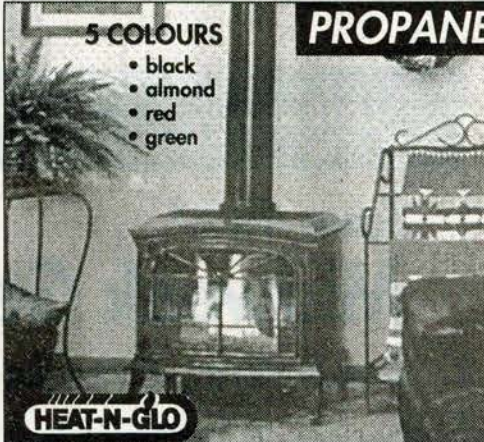
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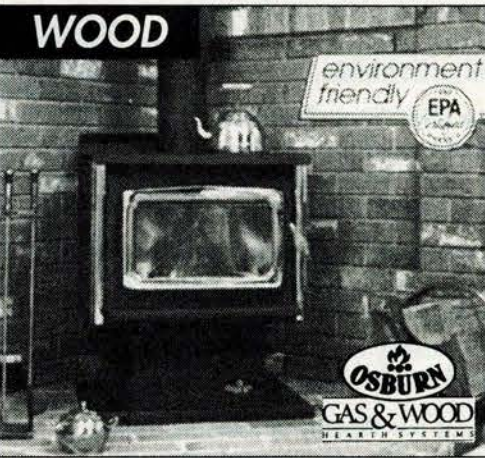
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Gloomy market may get brighter

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

It's a buyer's market for local real estate but there aren't that many buyers around.

According to records compiled by Marshall Lindholm, a Windermere Salt Spring Realty sales associate, house sales are down by 10 per cent so far this year, and land sales by 26 per cent.

In the first nine months of the year, 120 homes have sold on Salt Spring, down from 133 in the same period last year. Lot sales dropped from 34 to 25.

But things could be worse, Lindholm writes in the latest copy of his Salt Spring Island Real Estate Report. Sales would not have reached their current levels had it not been for the reduced value of the Canadian dollar against its American counterpart, he says.

The drop helped attract "a noticeable increase in American buyers this last summer," according to Lindholm.

For Canadians, however, the future is less certain. They will continue to wait it out until economic conditions improve, leaving Lindholm to conclude that the real estate market has not yet bottomed out.

Buyers share that sentiment and are expecting that whatever they buy today will be worth less in the near future. Therefore they're offering rather less than what sellers are looking for.

Lindholm writes: "... many sellers do not fully understand this market and are turning down offers for being too low only to discover in the following months that there are no other offers coming."

Ultimately they end up accepting an offer that is less than the first one.

Lindholm suggests that sellers not look at what they paid for their property but what they want to do with the proceeds of the sale.

Despite the gloomy conditions, Lindholm is upbeat about next year and points out there is good news in the fact that the market is not dead. He is optimistic about next spring because of this year's exposure to American buyers. Interest from south of the border should remain strong if the Canadian dollar remains low.

The bulk of home sales between January and September were those priced under \$200,000. There were 44 sales in that price range with an average price of \$157,080.

There were 18 sales in the \$251,000-\$300,000 range, while next in line were waterfront homes. There were 15 sold with an average price of \$521,730.

The percentage difference between asking and selling prices ranged from a low of three per cent for townhouses to a high of 16 per cent for lots between five and 10 acres.



Doggie drivers

Canines Brandy, left, and Tugger check out Ganges driving conditions in the Ganges Village Market parking lot for Harold Fitzgerald. Actually the three were spotted last week waiting for a police/ICBC seatbelt inspection.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Seaweed sought

Ganges Coast Guard went on a search for Seaweed October 6. The boat, not the plant.

A hunt started when the sailboat Seaweed had not closed out the sailing plan it had filed with the coast guard. Auxiliary members went looking for the craft, which was eventually found at a dock in Ganges Harbour.

In another call Tuesday, the coast guard had to track down the cause of a jammed signal. A boat in the area had left its radio on, blanking out any other communications on that frequency.

The coast guard searched for the culprit using directional tracking equipment.

Rotary offers to build heronry observatory on North Beach land

Fans of the great blue heron will be able to view the McFadden Creek Heronry in comfort next spring, thanks to the Salt Spring Rotary Club.

According to Waterbird Watch Collective coordinator Nina Raginsky, the club has offered to build a covered public viewing observatory on North Beach Road, which should be complete by February when the herons will return to nest.

In addition, island artist Donald Gunn has received a grant from the Canadian Wildlife Service to produce an interpretive mural for the observatory.

In the campaign to purchase the heronry property, Raginsky said Mouat's Trading Company last week added \$2,000 to the cause, reducing the amount needed to under \$20,000.

Full-colour Audubon bird cards with a simple message appropriate for Christmas are also now available for purchase, with all proceeds benefiting the heronry purchase.

As of Monday Raginsky was not sure where they would be sold, but welcomed inquiries to her number at 537-4515.

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Desperate measures

Education Minister Paul Ramsey comes from a distant riding in Prince George and may not be aware of the capacity of Gulf Islanders for protesting when they believe something's amiss.

But he's about to find out.

Parents and school district staff began rallying around the Gulf Islands School Board last week in the wake of Ramsey's ultimatum regarding district finances. The board has been directed to come up with a plan that cleans up the deficit mess or faces the axe.

School trustees have toiled hard for a long time to solve a problem that is not of their making. It is Ramsey's government that has created the mess and, staying true to fine Canadian political tradition, has made every effort to avoid having to deal with it.

The only course of action open to the school board is to make severe cuts in programs and perhaps close schools. These are not solutions. These are desperate measures.

Islanders can help persuade Ramsey that his response to the situation is not acceptable by simply taking up a pen or computer keyboard and writing a letter of support for the school board.

Radical change is required in the way we fund public education, but the solutions won't come about through unreasonable, dictatorial ultimatums from Victoria.

Library solution a good one

Two months ago we suggested that regional director Kellie Booth should assist the Salt Spring library in accessing revenue through the tax base. Instead, Booth has come up with a better idea.

The volunteer-run library has been denied provincial funding until it can demonstrate to the government's satisfaction that it enjoys community support. A large membership base — with dues paid voluntarily — wasn't enough for Jenny Kwan, the minister responsible for library services. Show us that taxpayers care enough to agree have a library levy on their property tax bills and then we'll consider your request, was the ministerial message.

The library board duly approached Booth about such a levy, but found little support for its position. Since then, however, the director has not been idle on the issue.

In a detailed, three-page letter to the library board last month, Booth set out a proposal whereby a library tax question could be put before voters next fall. The letter reveals that has Booth done her homework.

She proposes to seek support from the taxpayers but not until the library develops a long-range plan. In the meantime, she has arranged bridge funding to tide the library over for the coming year.

On Friday, the library's board of directors agreed to Booth's conditions and the planning process will go ahead.

The library is funded for another year, a long-range plan will be developed to guide the facility in future and voters will have a chance to pledge or deny their support.

The regional director has come up with a commendable plan that will meet everyone's needs and, perhaps, address some of the concerns that have surfaced about local library service.

Thank you, firefighters

Having focussed on the problems and opportunities facing Salt Spring's public library, we would be remiss if we neglected this week to acknowledge another strong volunteer organization.

For years islanders have been very well served by the members of the volunteer fire department. Local firefighters make themselves available 24 hours a day to respond to fire calls and motor vehicle accidents, emergency situations that require a great deal of skill and dedication.

They also gather every week to practise their skills in readiness for the emergency call that might come at any time from any one of us.

Without the volunteers, the fire department would not operate with a tax levy as low as it is.

Last week was Fire Prevention Week. This week should be Firefighter Appreciation Week. They deserve our thanks and appreciation.



Fresh water swimmer speaks out against potential access closures

By TERRY GRAHAM

Tom Gossett of the Water Preservation Society has revived the narrow perspective wherein swimmers are targeted as a principle cause of deteriorating drinking water quality (Driftwood, September 16) and Don Stevens of the Beddis Waterworks has, inadvertently, reinforced that notion (Driftwood, September 30).

Watch for the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) or property owners around our island lakes to take up the hunt; or for a post '86 immigrant from West Van to once again extol the sanctity of the Capilano water supply.

Without an outspoken defence by swimmers, powerful people who may have long since forgotten the joy of a swim in clean water could deal a crippling blow to a true country sense of "rural values" if their propaganda campaign is successful.

Then the Department of Highways, unhindered, maybe even encouraged by the CRD, will take another stab at public access closure like it did in 1993 (Driftwood, June 30, 1993) where the deceitfully-charming decoy of "caring for our access safety" and the popular front of "liability concerns" was employed. With the added weaponry of "the swimmer as a prime polluter," they may hang in the next time.

And if the accesses can be rendered even temporarily inoperative ... what then? Eventually self-interest-come-ignorance will reveal a CRD plan, like the one presently being test-driven over some irate Washingtonians to put public lake-access land up for private sale at market value so that people would only be able to access the lakes by trespassing.

Then there's always the bylaw of their dreams, an outright ban on swimming in fresh water except, of course, for lakeshore residents, and then look out Vesuvius Beach area residents and swimmers.

Who may go along with access closure and why:

1. Property owners on the lakes who want the lakes to themselves. The working model of this approach, where the proverbial front of public safety and liability was employed, was the Grace Point



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condo attempt to take Grace Point Park back from the people. A lake resident's desire to minimize littering, noise and random destructive acts should be realized by calling upon regulatory agencies like the police and the PARC.

2. PARC may go along to lighten their load concerning access outhouse facilities and litter receptacles. In the summer of 1996, while they graciously trusted me to charge to them whatever I needed to repair the Blackburn Lake wharf, two PARC employees did their best to convince me that swimmers are in the habit of defecating in our lakes. The PARC must have been duped into believing that phoned-in reports of lakeshore deposits were those of humans when they were actually from dogs — another unfortunate aspect of Salt Spring's roaming dog syndrome.

A dog named Vinnie was doing his dirty work on the shore of Stowe Lake around that time and I also in 1996 helped a woman track down her big dog who was showing up repeatedly at Blackburn around suppertime when most of the swimmers had left. Dogs love lakes more than anything else, and the smells of mink, other dogs, etc. at the water's edge inspires them.

3. Highways will logically do no more than they have to in the same way that our government gave highways maintenance up to privatization in order to shift more of their focus toward the easy

money of lottery gambling and further away from the pesky public. The CRD sat back while Highways used privatization to leave public accesses in the lurch and responsibility for access upkeep was shuffled around.

The truth is that deteriorating water quality can be blamed on over-burdened septic systems; out-of-date and not-up-to-standard systems; systems too close to the water line; waterfowl and animal droppings; home heating diesel oil spills like the one into Cusheon a while back; phosphated soaps; and a host of other significant watershed factors.

The writer has been a Salt Spring lake swimmer for more than 20 years.

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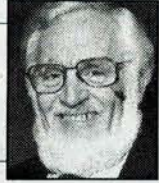
'Essential' agri-food policy due next spring

VICTORIA — Diversification in British Columbia's agriculture industry may well prove to be the saving grace in the years to come.

Prairie farmers are far worse off than most sectors in B.C.'s food-growing industry. This year's grain crop has been excellent. The weather co-operated all the way. It should, by all counts, have been a harvest to celebrate, but for one thing: the bottom dropped out of commodity prices.

This year's grain prices are half of what they were two years ago. It cost most grain growers more to grow their product than they will get for it.

CAPITAL COMMENT
HUBERT BEYER



Compared with the prairies, British Columbia's agriculture and food industry is healthy. True, some sectors have been hard-hit by bad crops due to inclement weather. The most affected commodities last year were tree fruits, berries, grains and vegetables.

To offset the losses, the B.C. government, under its farm insurance pilot program, has paid farmers some \$3.5 million for their 1997 losses. The average claim was \$21,500. The highest individual claim was for \$85,000; the largest payout was \$150,000 to a corporation.

In a political climate that feeds controversy such as the wars over fish, lumber, health care and education, it is also refreshing to note that there's at least one ministry that works quietly behind the scenes to bring about changes needed to adapt to the market conditions of the '90s and beyond.

Without a lot of fanfare, the agriculture ministry has put in place a mechanism that is to produce a workable agri-food policy which is to ensure, as much as that is possible, sustainable growth for the agriculture and food industry of British Columbia.

The process to work out a clearly-defined agri-food policy began in 1994 under David Zirnhelt, then minister of agriculture. Unfortunately, the process was put on the back burner because of what the government euphemistically called "downsizing and restructuring." In effect, the government cut the hell out of the agriculture ministry budget.

It wasn't until Corky Evans became minister that the ministry's funding was restored to acceptable levels, and Evans was able to respond to industry requests to revive the agri-food policy process.

Then in spring 1998, the minister formed the Agri-Food Industry Advisory Committee, which met in Richmond in April of that year to begin the process anew. During a series of meetings, the committee came up with a list of issues it believed to be important to address in the development of an agri-food policy.

The initial meetings were followed up with a series of regional workshops attended by food producers, processors, retailers and distributors who brain-stormed the issues for possible solutions.

The findings of these workshops, held in Nanaimo, Kelowna, Dawson Creek, Creston, Williams Lake and Abbotsford, combined with the knowledge gained through a number of other projects and studies such as the B.C. Marketing Board's review of regulated markets, a study of B.C.'s food processing system and a scan of the value-added food industry, will form the basis for British Columbia's first comprehensive agri-food policy.

The policy development process is expected to be complete by the end of this year and scheduled for implementation in early 1999.

There is a lot at stake. Asked to list the province's major industries, most British Columbians would say forestry, mining and fishing. Few would mention agriculture. Yet, the agri-food sector has emerged as one of B.C.'s most important industries.

How important? Well, the agri-food sector employs a total of 250,000 people. That's one in seven jobs. Total annual sales are in excess of \$16 billion. That's how enormous.

To keep up the momentum in what is fast becoming a global economy, whether we like it or not, each sector of the agri-food industry, be it tree fruit growers, grain farmers, food processors or distributors, must be carefully nurtured. And the present diversity of our agricultural industry, unique in North America, must be maintained.

To that end, the comprehensive agri-food policy to be brought in next spring is absolutely essential.

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More letters

Thought control

Tony Richards' September 30 Viewpoint deserves rebuttal.

Neither you nor David Black seem to appreciate the role of the press in a democracy.

Your criticism of the CBC looks like a cheap shot to support your colleague. I, too, listen to the CBC and it was unequivocally clear to me that Mr. Black was trying to muzzle his editors and columnists.

To suggest, as you do, that news reporting will not be affected by Mr. Black's directive banning editorial support for the Nisga'a treaty is patently disingenuous. The owner pays the piper — though rarely so blatantly as this.

It should be obvious the free flow of information and opinion is the oxygen of democracy. Mr. Black would have been within his rights as owner to publish an editorial in all his papers denouncing the treaty. Instead he chose to use his power as owner to tell his editors, who, we presume, have minds of their own, what to write. This is how the Kremlin used Pravda back in the bad old days of the Cold War, if you remember.

We all know the property class will protect its interests. But let's not pretend that using the power of capital to exercise thought control is justifiable.

CHARLES BRETH,
Harbourside Place

Responsible thing

Regarding the dog attack in Duck Creek Park, Mr. Humphrys states in the September 30 Driftwood article, "You don't know when you purchase a guard ..."

Does this mean he purchased the dogs as guard dogs? Further in the article Mr. Humphrys states, "You can't send a dog to Sunday school and teach it the Ten Commandments ..."

Mr. Humphrys, you can send a dog to obedience training and get some control over an unruly animal. You have no right to own a dog that you cannot control. If you did purchase this animal as a guard dog, it should be so well trained that it will discontinue an attack on an intruder or another dog with a simple command from you.

Would you lose this animal on a person trespassing on your property with no intention of calling it off? Would you let the dog continue its attack until the intruder's throat had been ripped out?

If you have so little control of your dog, either get it trained or get it destroyed. Please do the responsible thing. Obviously your idea of being responsible "... you have to comply with all the regulations and keep it on a leash at all times ..." is not working!

LISA OWEN,

Kings Lane

Welcome input

After the events of the past few weeks, I would like to thank the community of Salt Spring Island for their support and understanding. I would like to apologize for any inconvenience I may have caused some people during this time. However, in this job you cannot always please everyone, as you have noticed.

The last three weeks have also shown me what a community that works together can achieve. With

the help of every individual in this great community we should be able to better our quality of life. I hope to improve an already positive working relationship within the community, and always appreciate any input in this regard.

I would also like to thank the Driftwood for their objective coverage of the individual cases involving animal control that have been brought to their attention. Again, thank you to all.

WOLFGANG BRUNNWIENER,
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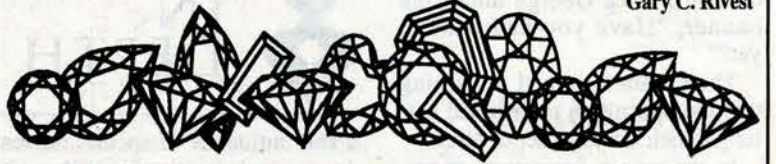
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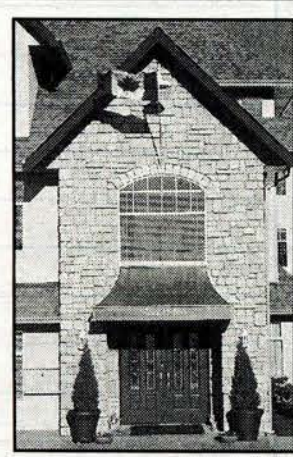
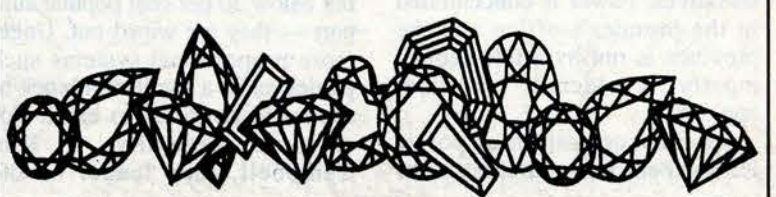
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Vulnerable

I feel compelled to join the debate over the rights of dog owners and sheep breeders.

I feel compelled to give a voice to the migratory and resident shorebirds and waterbirds who have no owners, who have no price tag. These wild birds are a gift to us from Mother Nature. We all have a responsibility to care for them, to ensure that their nurseries, bedrooms and kitchens are protected and conserved.

Unleashed dogs and unfenced sheep along our seashores and stream banks are a concern — resident shorebirds, such as black oystercatchers and killdeer are most vulnerable. They nest right on the ground in the shells and gravel.

Newly-hatched ducklings are also vulnerable. They use the shore banks as haul-out areas until they are able to swim and fly on their own. To ensure the safety of these young chicks, please keep your dogs on a leash when walking along the sea shore during breeding season — mid-April until mid-August.

The succulent green marshes found along our tidal waters and stream beds are a critical food source for migratory marsh ducks: northern pintail, blue-winged and green-winged teal, northern shovellers and wigeons. With the onslaught of human migration to our shorelines, and the consequential pollution and development, these marsh areas are slowly disappearing. The added impact of unfenced sheep grazing and trampling these marshes is a concern.

The Waterbird Watch Collective is happy to work with sheep breeders to help with fencing.

Let's all work together toward having happy birds, happy dogs, happy sheep and happy humans. There seems to be a definite movement in the right direction. With cooperation, respect and compassion we can do it.

NINA RAGINSKY,
Beddis Road

Lion accolades

Count me and my guests, along with the Williamsons and Tomlinsons, who thoroughly enjoyed the beautifully presented Off Centre Stage production of The Lion in Winter at Mahon Hall.

The incomparable thespian, April Curtis, Salt Spring's "grande dame of theatre," brilliantly held court with her gifted cast of Michael, Laurie, Charles, James, Geoffrey, and Erin. Their collective performances is what theatre is all about, "giving" the very best that you can to the audience, and they all gave so generously. Applause indeed! We were all on our feet!

Special accolades to the unsung and unseen heroes, director Ron Maxx, (a warm welcome Ron), production designer Diana, and the entire crew. Well done!

As a recipient of The Lion in Winter's performance gift, I

More letters

thank Valerie Risely who so graciously placed her dream in the knowing and comfort of April and her cast and crew. Thank you and congratulations to one and all.

I am looking forward to seeing it one more time.

JEANNE PASCALE,
Salt Spring

Parlee farewell

I would like to thank the Driftwood for the thoughtful words regarding my departure from Salt Spring Island.

It was a pleasure and a joy to live on Salt Spring Island for five years, and work with the staff, volunteers and clients at Community Services. It was also a privilege to be elected to the Gulf Islands School Board, and I commend the teachers, special education assistants, administration and board for their continual efforts at providing quality education to students in the face of financial struggles with the provincial government.

Many people have wondered why I went so quickly and where I went, and there have been those who wished I would have provided more notice before leaving my responsibilities. Unbelievably, and I am sure my realtor Arvid Chalmers will use it in a skit one day, our home sold to the first people who viewed it. My family and I were originally only testing the market to think about options we wanted to explore, including a different location on Salt Spring.

I also had decided to look at the demand for executive directors in the non-profit sector, and I sent my resume out to a few ads I saw in the Globe and Mail.

We were considering leaving Salt Spring because of opportunities that were missing for some members of my family; particularly my oldest son's commitment to playing football and his desire to carry on with it into university, and the need for closer proximity to a major city for other business of the family. It came as a stunning moment when our home sold and, at the same time, I was offered a very exciting position with the Children's Centre for Ability and the Vancouver Neurological Centre (one agency) in Vancouver.

As their new executive director, I am administering programs which employ occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, social workers and physiotherapists who work with children from birth on who have complex neurological disorders. Additionally, the centre administers the provincial brain injury program for children and has a separate board for fundraising called the B.C. Neurological Foundation, which I am also the executive director for.

While very different from Salt Spring Island Community Services, my passion to advocate

for issues regarding children and individuals with challenges is a perfect match with this agency.

I would like to say thank you to a wonderful community of which I loved being a part. The excellent work of Community Services staff often goes unnoticed in the blindness of social problems within the idyllic setting of the islands.

Thanks to those who were so special to live and work with. Salt Spring is the most unique place I have ever lived, and I admire those who will continue to keep working to make it such an amazing place.

JANE PARLEE,
Port Moody, B.C.

Keep flag

Virginia Newman is a well-respected and valuable member of our community, but on the subject of the B.C. flag she needs a lesson in history.

The fact is, our province is a constitutional monarchy, both the parliamentary and legal systems being based on British traditions, and the Queen is its constitutional head, hence the references to British emblems. That represents

both our past and present reality. The setting sun represents the fact that B.C. is the most western province.

She bemoans the fact that it is cluttered. What would she have, an antiseptic, bland piece of compromise like most of the world's flags, including the Canadian maple leaf? She doesn't like the colour scheme but I do, and anyway, there's no accounting for taste.

She also complains that it does not represent today's realities. Well, may I suggest that we show a small piece of Union Jack being totally overwhelmed by a large stars and stripes, to represent the fact that Americans are taking over our culture, our businesses and now with the 64¢ dollar, even some of our land. Being an ex- and very anti-American herself, I'm sure Virginia would love the irony of that.

I think, Virginia, that in spite of everything you still have some of that Boston-Tea-Party-let's-kick-the-damn-Brits-out blood running in you.

The B.C. flag is colourful, distinctive and represents our system of government and law we are desperately trying to preserve. Let's keep it like it is.

SIMON H. ROOK,
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Islander pulls prize out of Weston Lake

Where water is, fish is. And where fish is there lie the tales.

This story, completely true and sworn to, is of Weston Lake, in the chill fall of 1997, which adds up to a year ago.

Ryan Burch and Jamie Harris were braving the chill and laying into the magnificent fish which are in the lake to taunt the fishermen. The boatmen were using rods to tempt the trout and flies to catch the trout's eye. It was not a warm day and they wore gloves to protect them from the chill. Ryan stood firm in the boat and took a mighty swing with his rod. It was a perfect cast. Or nearly perfect. Alas! The gloves!

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Out shot the fly and the trout were probably just waiting to sample that lure. They got it 100 per cent. As the Burch arms reached the end of the swing, casting the hook end of the line on the distant water, the chill air took over. The rod reached the far extremity of the arms. It aimed beyond that limit. With a mind of its own the rod slid through his gloved hand and followed the alluring fly into the lake.

And that should have been the end of the story with two men and a boat and no rod, no line and no fish.

A year later and that makes it 1998 and a week or so ago, Jamie Harris went out again. He rowed out to the fishiest part of Weston Lake and started his drill. He cast his line exactly where the fish were the most plentiful. The line responded as the hook lay hidden and ran out almost as quickly as Jamie wound it in.

That's the end of a fishy story. Or almost the end. As he wound in his line Jamie watched his catch come to the surface. Not a fish in sight. Just an excellent quality rod and a reel with a length of line already run out about a year ago.

That catch was better than any old trout or bass or whatever he sought in Weston Lake!

Butter Burns Hot

I was hungry and there was no butter.

It wasn't the age-old debate over butter or margarine. I was preparing some kind of goo for eating and the recipe called for butter. I heard the call and removed some from the freezer. It was frozen and I was in a hurry so I tossed it into the microwave to thaw out a little.

Quickest thaw I ever saw! One flash of lightning and the oven was ablaze. I was near enough to switch it off but I carried a bonfire to the kitchen sink.

I know now, but I didn't then, that the butter-wrapper is metallic and instantly responsive to the thunderbolts of any half-way decent microwave and mine happens to be half-way decent. At least it was.

Year running away

The year is reaching for its close and I'm a year older. The end of the decade approaches and the next millennium is waiting around the corner of 1999.

There are still members of my family around who send me gifts on my birthday. This year I received two copies of the London Times bearing my birthdate. They made interesting comparative reading with the excerpt from the Daily Express already in my possession.

Two papers, same land, same war, same news! I compared the two and found many items running parallel in importance.

Fighting was heavy, reported both journals, in the area around Amiens, where a German offensive sought to recover two villages lost two weeks ago.

The Express also carried a list of wealthy Americans with an estimate of their tax liability. J.D. Rockefeller headed the list at 12 million pounds (\$60 million). His liability was estimated at seven and a half million pounds. Further reference to the era of my entry into the world tells me that average income in the United States in 1918 was \$1,697. A new car would run at \$440. New house was listed at \$4,821. A loaf of bread was 10 cents and a gallon of gas, 15 cents. A gallon of milk cost slightly better than 50 cents.

Seems to me that I have chased up the stats for life expectancy. In 1918 it stood at 54 years. That means that if everyone had his rights I would have been dead 26 years ago!

And in 1943!

Girls find pleasant companionship and interesting, important work in the Canadian Women's Army Corps, states a massive advertisement in the Vancouver Sun of July 5, 1943 seeking recruits to the CAWC. The advertisement was not a government project. It was sponsored by about 100 private companies.

This exciting report comes from a clipping in the possession of Bill Smith of Ganges.

An advertisement by International Nickel depicts a helicopter fighting the war. "Today: helicopters shadow Subs," reads the caption. Pictured below is a helicopter settled to a suburban house with Mummy and two kids eagerly watching. "Tomorrow they'll land on your lawn," the reader was advised.

But I'm out of that one. I ain't got no lawn!



READY TO BUILD: These three year olds at Salt Spring Co-op Preschool are eager to get working on the foundation of the new school they hope to attend next year. But the

preschool society desperately needs public support to raise \$50,000 for building construction.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Preschool must raise \$50,000 by February for new building

BY GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

In the past 24 years, hundreds of Salt Spring children have entered their first "classroom" at Salt Spring Co-op Preschool in the Community Centre.

But the excited voices of 30 preschoolers now in two classes taught by Barb Ruddell will be the last ones heard in the centre. If all goes well, however, their chorus will still ring in the playground outside.

Last November, Salt Spring Community Services gave the preschool society notice of its intention to use the classroom for much-needed office space, and preschool parents and Ruddell began to search for other rental premises. When that proved unsuccessful, the idea of building a preschool next to the centre was investigated and approved by the Community Services board.

That's why the Salt Spring Preschool Society is now launching a fundraising drive to raise \$50,000 by February 28, 1999.

Sandra Ditlof is a member of the group's building committee. She stresses that if the funds are not raised, the school will be forced to close and the community will lose an extremely valuable asset.

"The evidence is clear that children's awareness of social conventions, their sociability and ability to co-operate with parents, other adults and children are all affected

by preschool experiences," says Ditlof.

"Salt Spring Co-op Preschool is a special place because it's a full-family growth experience — both parents and children take their first educational steps together."

She adds that Ruddell is an exceptional early childhood educator.

The preschool encourages "learning through play," and development of social and emotional skills which facilitate the transition from home to kindergarten. It is called a "co-op" because parents are heavily involved, from regularly helping in the classroom to fundraising to taking on special jobs which keep the school running. Parent education programs are also held monthly and it benefits from association with the Vancouver Island Co-operative Preschool Association.

Except for the occasional grant received for new equipment, parent fees and fundraising are the school's sole income sources.

The building committee is now searching high and low for grant and foundation funding possibilities and has several fundraisers planned for coming months.

They include two major raffles, concession sales at entertainment events, a live and silent auction at a wine and cheese evening, wreath

sales at the Last Minute Christmas Craft Show and a Tuned Air benefit concert.

Letters of support for grant applications are also needed. Anyone who knows of the preschool's positive work is encouraged to provide Ditlof with a letter.

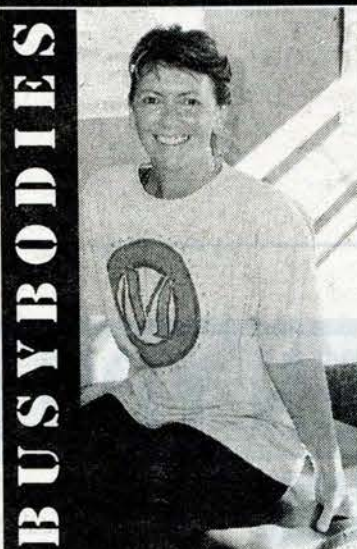
In order to meet government licensing requirements, the new preschool must be at least 1,000 square feet in size and have a two-seated washroom plus two sinks. Ditlof says the group plans to start building in early March, or as soon as the \$50,000 is in the bank, for a September opening.

The first major donors to the campaign have been Robert and Birgit Bateman, who gave \$1,000 plus a limited-edition print for use as a raffle prize or auction item.

Ditlof hopes the rest of the island will be as generous with donations of funds and building supplies, volunteer labour, attending fundraisers and buying raffle tickets. Preschool "alumni," or those with up-and-coming preschoolers, may be especially motivated to help.

Anyone wanting more information about the preschool or its building and fundraising plans is urged to call Ditlof at 537-5769.

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Parent involvement essential to wellbeing of kids at school

By LARRY FIELD

Most parents never get involved with their child's school and teachers often fail to ask them to.

But in this rapidly changing world, parents and teachers need each other more than ever. This is because schools are being forced by default to respond to children's material and emotional needs that were once fulfilled by the family.

Few would dispute the idea that strengthening the partnership between the home and school is a good thing. Research studies have shown that increased parent involvement in schools improves student performance; improves student attitudes and self-concept; improves opportunities for at-risk students; reduces problem behaviour; reduces suspension, drop-out rates and absenteeism; and increases teacher satisfaction in their jobs.

Many parents believe that "parent involvement" means joining the school parent advisory councils, helping out in the classroom and raising money through hot dog

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sales. While these activities are essential to a healthy school, their effect on student achievement is not easily measured. According to a recent study (Journal of Educational Research, August 1998), more important is involvement that takes the form of positive parenting style and parent enthusiasm.

Parents can stimulate learning by encouraging an attitude of exploration and discovery. By asking questions, discussing what has been discovered, encouraging the student's work and knowing what their children are learning at school, parents send a positive message about learning to their children. At home, they can provide a time, place and materials for home study.

It is important that parents discuss the school program and student progress with the teacher regularly — phone calls, notes and direct con-

tact all work well. Most teachers will welcome this. Essentially, anything parents can do to send children to school physically, emotionally and mentally prepared will provide support to the school.

When parents speak positively about and express support for the school and teacher, the child is likely to take a positive, enthusiastic attitude to school. These students will want to please their parents by doing well.

Schools can and should develop programs to make parents feel more comfortable in school, inform them of curriculum and programs, and help them ask the right questions about their child's school progress. But it cannot be overstated that parents are the most significant adults to a student in their school life, and their positive involvement in the child's education is a powerful tool for student success and achievement.

Larry Field is a teacher and president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association.

Locals win shellfish grant

Provincial funding will aid a local project to develop mussel seed.

Fisheries Renewal B.C. has announced a \$130,000 grant to Island Sea Farms of Salt Spring and a consortium of partners. Fisheries Renewal sees the project as an opportunity to diversify the shellfish industry.

Producing mussel seed will eliminate the need to purchase it from outside the country.

The grant was one of six providing support to B.C.'s shellfish industry.



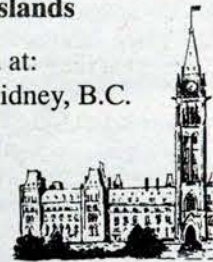
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Salt Spring Island Foundation

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 1997

OUR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is your community foundation. It is committed to "enhancing the quality of life in our island community ... by providing a steady stream of income for the support of a wide range of worthy Island organizations".

HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS

Every penny contributed to the Salt Spring Island Foundation is preserved in permanent pooled endowment funds. The interest earned on them is distributed annually in the form of grants to various registered charitable organizations on Salt Spring. A contribution to the Salt Spring Island Foundation can therefore be thought of as "a gift that keeps on giving" every year, in perpetuity. We do not compete against other charitable organizations. We support them. The analogy is sometimes made that a community's United Way functions like a bank chequing account, whereas the community foundation's endowment funds are the savings account.

ADVANTAGES OF ONE-STOP GIVING

We all are besieged constantly for donations by many charitable organizations, each worthy in its own way ... so much so that it is often difficult to decide which one(s) to donate to. Those decisions become much easier by donating through the Salt Spring Island Foundation. The interest earned on your contribution will then be distributed proportionately to a wide range of charitable Island organizations each year thereafter.

BENEFICIARIES

Grants of \$7,000 distributed in 1997 brought the total to over \$26,000 to over two dozen charitable organizations on Salt Spring since inception of the foundation in 1984. Grants change from year to year as community needs and priorities change.

Beneficiaries have included such as the following organizations and projects.

- * Farmers Institute: construction of new poultry building
- * Transition House: window coverings for security and privacy
- * Community Services Society: group home for teens at risk
- * Island Pathways: construction of a demonstration bicycle lane adjacent to Portlock Park
- * SPCA: relocation of cat shelter
- * Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society: educational materials on salmonids for teaching school children
- * Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission:
 - construction of Ganges Linear Pathway
 - construction of Rotary Marine Park
 - Shelby Pool, hydraulic lift for disabled persons
- * Greenwood's Intermediate Care Society: equipment
- * Mary Hawkins Library (Display case, Computerization)
- * Bessie Dane Foundation (Palliative care, equipment)
- * Community Services Society (Furnishings for the Youth and Family Centre) (Climbing wall)
- * Gulf Islands Association for People with Disabilities
- * Home Support Services Society (Equipment upgrading)
- * Island Arts Centre Society (Artspring construction)
- * Core Inn Youth Project (Building alterations)
- * Salt Spring Island Conservancy (Purchase of the Mill Farm property)
- * SSI Festival of the Arts Society (Concert grand piano)



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- * SSI Volunteer Firefighters (Purchase of "Jaws of Life")
- * "Special Olympics" (Sports equipment, for mentally handicapped)

While we anticipate that a few donors may not necessarily agree with every single grant, we believe they reflect the community's wishes when looked at overall. Regardless, if a donor wishes to support one or more specific organizations, or fields of interest, this can be arranged through a donor-directed fund.

GROWTH THROUGH YOUR HELP

Have you ever wondered how you could improve something in our community? Have you ever thought one person couldn't tackle it alone? Many individuals and families are doing just that, by contributing to the Salt Spring Island Foundation ... your community foundation. You can maximize the impact of your charitable gifts with the leverage that the Salt Spring Island Foundation provides.

Your support can range all the way from asking "Thrifty's" to credit your purchases to "Number 10" (Salt Spring Island Foundation), through "in memorium" donations, periodic contributions, and the setting up of a "named fund", to making a provision in your will.

NAMED FUNDS

A donation of \$5,000 or more (which can be pledged over several years) entitles you to have a specific fund set up in a name of your choosing. With donations of over \$10,000 or \$25,000 respectively, you may specify that the earned interest go to a particular field of interest (e.g. seniors, youth, environment), or to help sustain a specific organization (e.g. Artspring, library, your church). These are listed by name in annual reports, every year, forever. Your name, or that of a loved one, could similarly be commemorated in this way (unless you would prefer to remain anonymous). As of the 1997 year-end, 11 named funds* total \$133,471. They are

Dr. Raymond Rush Family Fund	.....*	\$28,471
Jessie Mouat Toynbee Fund	.....*	21,000
Nels Vodden Fund	.....	10,000
Marc and Jean Holmes Fund	.....	10,000
Hubert and Margaret Robinson Fund	.....	10,000
John Lees Estate	.....	9,000
Hector Perry Fund	.....*	7,000
Al Stubbe Memorial Fund	.....	7,000
Anonymous #2	.....	6,000
Migs Edwards Fund	.....	5,000
Don and Betty McMahon Fund	.....	5,000
Cam and Terry Wilkinson Fund	.....	5,000
Anonymous #1	.....	5,000
Drs. Albert and Peggy Mouat Johnston Fund	.....*	3,000
Bill and Eleanor Puckering Fund	.....*	2,000
Total		\$133,471

* Denotes donors who have pledged additional annual contributions

HOW MUCH IS SPENT ON OVERHEAD AND ADMINISTRATION?

It may be noted in the financial statements that operating costs amounted to less than 1%. Virtually all of that was for out-of-pocket expenses for printing and mailing of the annual report, and for the publishing of it in the Driftwood newspaper.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1997 (unaudited)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS	1997	1996
Donations	\$35,457	70,560
Interest income	10,257	5,453
	45,714	76,013
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grants	7,000	3,500
Printing and Postage	931	954
Fees and General Expense	293	138
	8,224	4,592

Excess of receipts over disbursements	37,490	71,421
- Less portion allocated for increase in grant payable	***	200
- Less Dave Rayment Trust Fund	2,680	***
Net increase in Endowment Funds	34,810	71,221

Endowment Funds, Beginning of Year	144,499	73,278
Endowment Funds, End of Year	179,309	144,499

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		
Cash in Bank	7,138	15,235
Term deposits	34,780	40,611
Bonds, at cost (Market Value, 1996 \$93,855)	141,930	90,689
(Market Value, 1997 \$146,563)		
Equities	1,177	***
Membership shares, Credit Union	269	269
	185,294	146,804

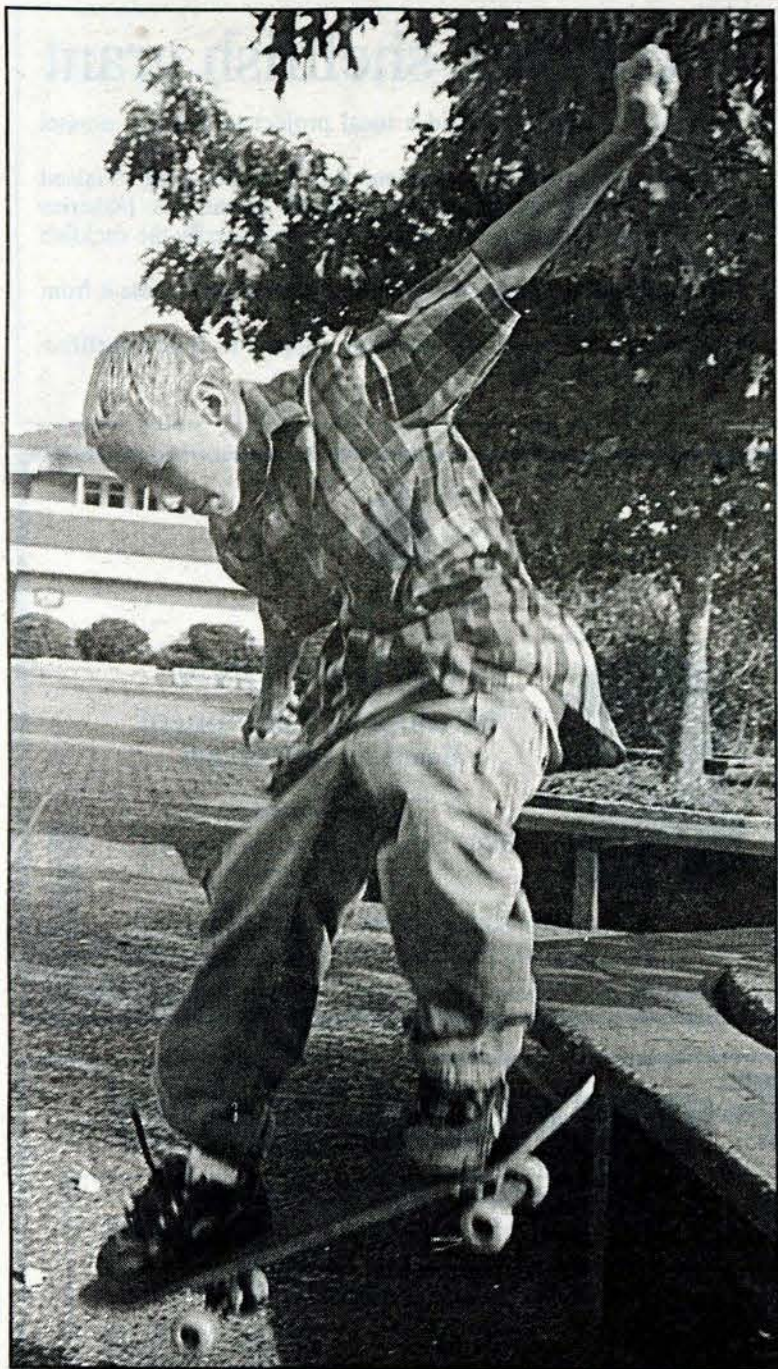
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Grants payable	3,305	2,305
Dave Rayment Trust Fund	2,680	***
	5,985	2,305
Endowment Funds:		
- Named Funds	133,471	107,794
- Community Fund	39,838	32,705
- Administration Endowment Fund	6,000	4,000
	179,309	144,499
	185,294	146,804

The foregoing is an abridged version of the annual Stewardship Report. A copy of the full report will gladly be sent upon request to 537-2501 (Bob Rush), or by writing to us at #2-110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K1H2, or by e-mail to rush@saltspring.com

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Smooth moves

Young skateboarder Calvin Barnes may be new at the sport but he has already perfected some techniques. The youngster was spotted recently in Centennial Park.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Brightly-coloured fall leaves more than just a pretty sight

Scooping leaves out of the fish pond recently I couldn't help being impressed with their likeness to burnished gold.

They are like a gold mine to the garden, invaluable. Most obvious is their use in composting. Fall leaves are rich in carbon, which is what you need the most of. Leaf mould is beneficial, working to help fight diseases and build immunities.

Those soggy wet piles you raked and left out in the rain? Those are the best for composting. Compost needs water to work and dry leaves won't break down as easily. Leaves in the compost are best layered with your fresh kitchen compost which is rich in nitrogen.

As you harvest your vegetable garden, turn the soil over and then dig in a layer of fallen leaves, working them into the top layer. Freshly fallen leaves are fine at this time of year as the next few winter months will easily break them down.

If you are blessed with oak trees, the leaves pretty well have to be shredded in order to deteriorate, because of the strong tannins they contain.

Shredding in general isn't necessary but it really accelerates the composting factor. I like to use dry leaves. Brittleness signifies dryness and at this stage they crumble easily, mak-

GARDENING WITH PAM TEMPELMAYR



ing them easy to mix in.

Falling maple leaves are now gracing the floors of all my perennial beds. Their dark-red colour blends into my shredded wood mulch and weeds have a hard time pushing through the whole leaves. (If they haven't deteriorated enough in the spring they can easily be raked aside for bulbs.) My plants will gain nutrients from them all winter as well as getting extra weather protection.

The long list of nutrients includes calcium, magnesium, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Leaves also tend to help neutralize the acid soils so many of us have. Their cover will actually store heat underneath which is easily proven by the amount of earthworms you will find in the soil directly below them.

Take a look at forest floors. The leaf cover is a year-round source of compost and it also keeps the soil at an even temperature. It never dries to hardpan and the freezing is minimal compared to the fields and meadows. This even temperature is what helpful soil organisms (like mycorrhiza) need to flourish.

Walnut leaves are toxic but if you have a large compost there shouldn't be a problem. The leaves contain juglone, which inhibits growth of nearby plants. The name of this phenomenon is allelopathy. This chemical in the leaves disappears after one month of sitting in your compost.

I read an interesting almanac article once about a woman whose vegetable garden is planted in leaves. She builds frames of wire (a bit sturdier than chicken mesh) about four feet by eight feet by three feet high.

She then starts to fill them with leaves as they start to fall. Layering and spraying with water, she presses them down. When the bed is filled she covers it with a two or three-inch layer of soil. Come spring the bed is ready for planting. The beds shrink in size as the leaves continue to compost and the plants grow. So many nutrients are provided by the leaves that no fertilizer is needed. Sounds good to me!

Just remember, if you decide to give this method a try: take extra care in watering as leaves dry out faster than soil.

Tip: If you don't have a leaf shredder, just run over collected leaves a few times with your lawn mower.

Superstition: Some Scandinavians believe a birch leaf carried in your pocket on the first day of a new job will bring you good luck.

Nobody's Perfect classes start again for island parents

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

It's often said that there's no training provided for the most important job a person can hold — being a parent.

"The little critters don't come with manuals," jokes Christine Weberg, Salt Spring parent of two children aged four and two and a half.

But Weberg found something even better than a manual when she took the Nobody's Perfect parenting program last year at Family Place.

Co-facilitated by Family Place coordinator Ragnhild Flakstad and public health nurse Chris Smart, the program covers several topics in six weekly sessions.

Mainly through group discussion, participants learn about children's health, safety, development and behaviour. They develop new tools for responding to moments of conflict and improving their self-image and coping skills. As a result they gain confidence in themselves as parents.

The next session begins at Fulford Elementary School on Tuesday afternoons beginning November 3.

For Weberg, Nobody's Perfect showed her that other parents experience the same stresses she does, that her kids' annoying behaviours were actually part of normal developmental stages, and how to deal with difficult moments.

It provided valuable first aid and health information and underlined the importance of taking time out for herself.

"I learned that if I take care of myself I'll be better able to take care of my children."

While it's not Weberg's usual style to pat herself on the back, she has no trouble asserting that since taking Nobody's Perfect, "I think I've turned into a great parent."

One skill she developed is "a level of calm and ability to read a situation and see what's really needed by the children." Now, instead of reacting immediately to a problem, she is able to "take a breather" and delve into her kids' state of mind to identify and solve the real issue.

The program also pointed out other useful resources to cultivate throughout one's parenting life.

This session of Nobody's Perfect, which is free to participants, is funded by an International Order of Foresters grant, and materials are provided by the provincial health ministry.

A government brochure says the program is based on the premise that "there are no perfect children or perfect parents. We can only do our best and we all need help sometimes."

To register for Nobody's Perfect, which welcomes couples and single parents, call Family Place at 537-9176. Daycare is provided.

An open letter to Paul Ramsey,
Minister of Education

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

For the past 3 years Gulf Island teachers have met with you, written to you, and waged a media campaign to convince you of the need to change the *Education Funding Formula* so that it reflects the true cost of education in our community.

When your own advisors recommended that your ministry should...

***"develop a realistic level of funding
for the school district"***

and real dialogue began between your ministry, the district and its partner groups, we were encouraged and hopeful that a solution was within sight.

Instead, you put a stop to that dialogue

and established a climate of confrontation and controversy. You demanded that the board make even further cuts to a school system already decimated by years of restraint and staffing cutbacks.

We ask you to consider this question in the context of your ultimatum to our board:

How is this good for kids?

Teachers agree with other members of our community....

***The funding system is broken.
But, please, Mr. Minister....Fix it!
Don't simply throw it out!***

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, 200 Wilkie Way, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

We have a crisis in our schools

OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IS AT RISK!

The Minister of Education, Paul Ramsey, has threatened to replace our democratically elected School Board with a Trustee OR amalgamate us with another district if he does not receive a plan of action that would reduce our budget by \$600,000 to \$750,000 before October 31. The Minister's own Efficiency Advisory Team examined our District with microscopic intensity in June, and they concluded that there were FEW REDUCTIONS that could be made to our budget, without creating grievances in the collective agreements with staff. They recommended that "the government change

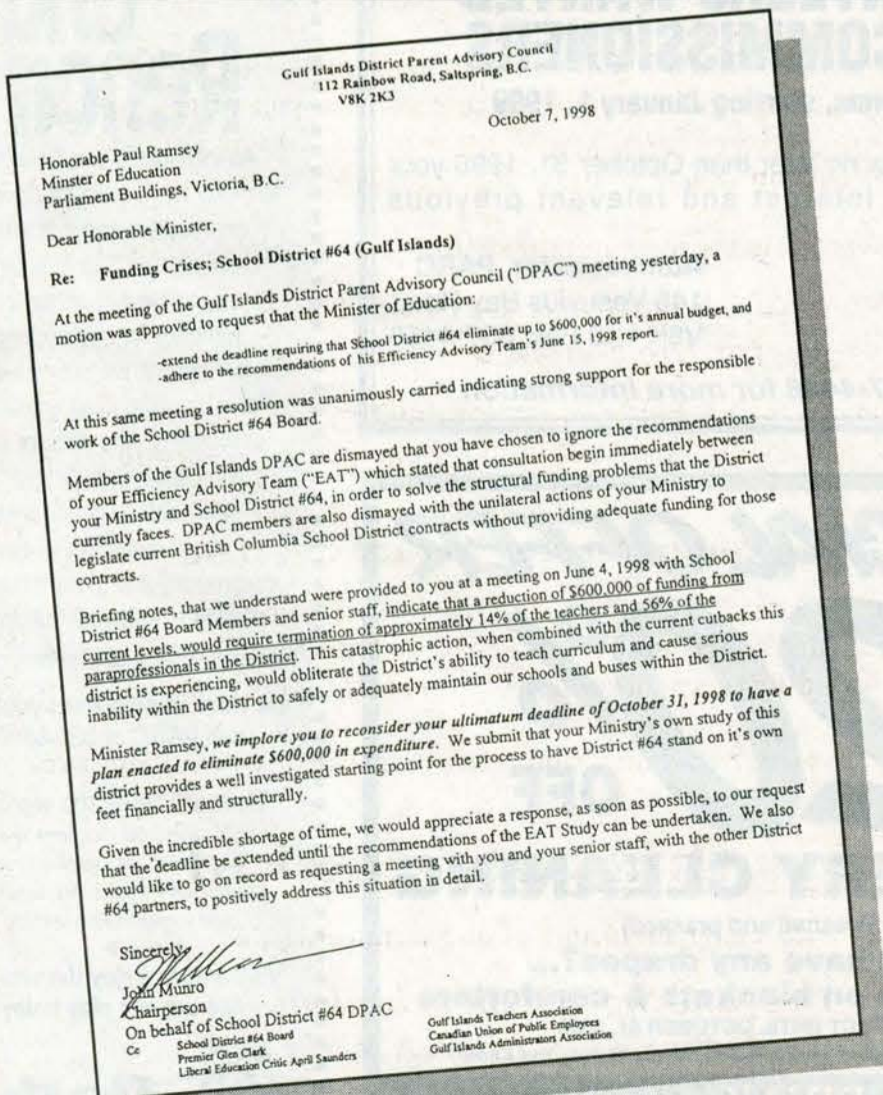
their Funding Allocation System to provide adequate financial support for the District". This recommendation was rejected by the Minister. He has chosen to saddle us with the blame AND have our children live with the consequences of his poor administration, by not accepting that **the level of funding required by the Gulf Islands School District to comply with the Collective Agreement AND provide students with appropriate programs is inadequate.** What follows is the picture as it stands today.

What we've lost...

What your children have lost to date in our schools since the tax levy was 'equalized' throughout the province (1991), and our Minister continued to ignore the true costs of running schools in our province:

- Elementary French
- Elementary Band
- All Elementary and Secondary Gifted Programs
- Some Secondary Elective Courses (e.g. Agriculture)
- District Continuing Education
- All Specialist teacher support
- All Elementary School Librarians
- All Elementary School Counsellors
- Reduced Counselling services at the Middle and High Schools
- Reduced Librarian time at the Middle and High Schools
- Equipment replacement and upgrading
- District Program and Implementation support
- Most Technology (Computer) support
- Reduced custodial, maintenance and grounds staff
- 10% reduction in teaching staff
- Elimination of Family Life Co-ordinator and District Psychologist Programs
- Reduced computer repair services
- Elimination of any technology (computer) replacement
- Reduction of school flex funds (pays for school supplies and services, clerical salaries)

What we have done...



What we risk losing...

if our board is forced to cut up to \$750,000 from our budget:

- Reduction in staff by 6 teachers (5.8% of our teaching staff) and 6 paraprofessionals (24% of our paraprofessional staff)
- Creation of 91 grievances according to the Collective Agreement
- All High School and Middle School Electives, such as Band, Drama, Computer Graphics, Cafeteria Programs, and Fine Arts and Skills Program
- Special Education Support
- The Phoenix School Program and Saturna School
- Possible whole school closures on Salt Spring Island
- All extracurricular travel (ex. Sports)
- Substitute teachers
- Reduction of equipment replacement (desks, chairs)
- Reduced clerical support and school office closures.
- Independent Board status. Salt Spring becomes an 'Outer Island' too.

What you can do...

It's time to speak up on behalf of our children and let the politicians know that the schools in BC are not funded properly. The Ministry had the opportunity to deal with The Collective Agreement AND the discrepancy in funding allocation in June, and chose not to. The Gulf Islands is the first of a dozen districts to have this knife held at their throats. We must let Minister Ramsey, the Premier and the Liberal Education Critics know that proceeding with these threats will cripple every child in the Gulf Islands.

What you can do now is write and fax to these politicians to let them know how you feel about this. Write to the Minister and send copies to the Premier, our MLA and the Liberal Education Critic.

PLEASE DO IT NOW

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

Rev. Rohanna Laing returns to Salt Spring Church, new minister want to reach out

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Sitting in her new office, where one of her handmade, earth-tone batiks covers a large portion of wall, books line two room-length shelves and a desk overlooks the United Church's lush meadow property; Rev. Rohanna Laing describes in tones as earthy and soft as her artwork the steps that brought her back to Salt Spring.

Laing, who lived on Salt Spring in the mid-1980s and attended the Hereford Avenue United Church, will be welcomed as its new minister in a Covenanting Service on Sunday.

"It seems like a real time warp," admits the former college fine arts teacher who moved to Salt Spring with her family 14 years ago to test out the role of island artist.

"We tried the Salt Spring lifestyle — we bought two acres, had the kids, the garden, the dog, and kept adding to the house as we could afford it," she laughs. "We spent the first winter with the pink insulation showing in the walls."

Her three sons, Chris, Marcus and Lucian, all attended school here until she received a calling to enter the ministry.

For her the calling occurred through "meaningful dreams and unusual experiences" combined with the support and encouragement of the United Church.

"It was sort of approval from above and below," she says, noting she is still in touch with Rev. Al Skinner, who was the United Church minister at the time.

"I have always been interested in world religions, spirituality and the meaning of life and death," she adds. "A lot of artists are interested in spirituality."

Laing was ordained in 1988 after attending the Vancouver School of Theology where she was a classmate of Rev. Sharon Cooke, who along with her husband Rev. Barry Cooke, left Salt Spring in August after spending several years sharing ministerial duties at Salt Spring United Church.

Laing spent two years ministering to three small churches in the 100 Mile House area. In the early 1990s, she joined another minister at West Vancouver United Church which, with a congregation of over 1,000, is

"I believe there are many ways to God." — Rohanna Laing

one of the province's largest churches. Before accepting the Salt Spring position, she spent six years at Capilano United Church.

But the years since she left the island have not all been good and, as Laing told her new congregation, she carries the burden of an unfinished tragedy.

Five years ago her son Marcus, who would now be 27, went to work in Vancouver and never came home. The mystery of his disappearance continues to weigh on her.

"I've spent a lot of time working with people through their grief and trauma, but usually with a death there is a finish. I'm carrying unfinished business."

Her other two sons are nearby, however. Chris, now 22, lives in Courtenay and Lucian, 30, along with much of Laing's family, lives in Nanaimo. She is divorced from



the boys' father.

As she takes on the role of minister, Laing sees herself as a facilitator, not a top-down church leader.

"I like to work with the congregation. I'm just privileged to be a little more educated than some members."

Since arriving at the church in mid-September she has held two "talking circles" in which congregation members discussed possible paths for the church to take.

"They came up with 69 different things for us to do," Laing says, but several trends emerged, including desires to learn more about other religions, and reach out to others in the community.

"We're looking forward to bringing in an alternate form of worship for non-church-goers, people who can't make it Sunday mornings or, for some reason, want something different."

"Something different" is about to begin November 8 with

the introduction of video viewing and discussion, a move the congregation hopes will attract younger people. The church plans to screen movies such as Star Wars, Mission and Kundan that "have a deeper meaning," and follow them up with a conversation.

Laing says it will take until January for the church to decide how it wants to proceed with interfaith activities and informative session that will educate in other interpretations of Christ.

"I believe there are many ways to God," she says.

Laing stresses that while the church evolves and seeks "ways of worshipping God that are relevant and attractive to others," its Sunday morning service will continue in its traditional mode.

"We might hold an alternative worship service on Friday nights or early Sunday afternoons." Such

services could include more upbeat music, drumming and discussions rather than sermons. Laing says some church members have shown interest in learning

about meditation.

But the activities won't be determined by Laing. They will be "whatever comes up from the grassroots."

NEW CHURCH LEADER: Rev. Rohanna Laing will be welcomed as the Salt Spring United Church's new minister at a special service on Sunday. A former island resident, Laing returned to Salt Spring mid-September. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Vanpools prove popular on Salt Spring

By HOLLAND GIDNEY
Driftwood Staff

Commuting from Salt Spring to a job in Victoria is feasible but it can also be problematic, expensive and stressful.

The cost of commuting with a car can run close to \$450 a month, not including parking and vehicle maintenance. The commute itself isn't overly time-consuming, but life becomes governed by the ferry schedule and traffic on the Pat Bay Highway.

It's tiring driving to and from work every day on top of working the usual eight hours and there's also the concern of polluting the air with a single-occupant vehicle.

The bus offers another option — one that is environmentally friendlier — but its indirect route to and from Victoria takes a lot of time.

It's for all of these reasons and others that vanpools have been such a success on Salt Spring, where commuting has many seasoned veterans who have been travelling to jobs in Victoria for years.

A vanpool is a group of commuters travelling to and from work in a van and paying a monthly fare. Commuting costs are dramatically reduced and the worry about vehicle wear and tear is eliminated. For many Salt Spring residents who work in Victoria, it's by far the best form of commuting.

"Everybody likes it," says Wayne Locke, who works for the provincial government in downtown Victoria and helped start Salt Spring's first vanpool four years ago.

The organization behind the vanpooling concept on Salt Spring, and elsewhere in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island, is the Jack Bell Foundation (JBF), a non-profit organization started in 1992 by the Vancouver philanthropist of the same name. Bell saw traffic congestion and pollution as one of the biggest problems on the Lower Mainland and recognized vanpooling as a solution.

Modelling itself after a successful vanpool program operating in the Seattle area, JBF buys vans, with the help of interest-free loans from Canada Trust and Richmond Savings Credit Union, insures them and makes them available to commuters. There are 29 vanpools operating on Vancouver Island, with the majority travelling to Victoria.

Vanpool riders pay only a monthly "fare" based on kilometres travelled each month, which covers gas, maintenance and insurance costs. Salt Spring vanpool riders share costs for parking and the van's ferry fares.

Until the end of August, there were two vanpools operating on the island, but the smaller of the two has since disbanded due to



COMMUNAL DRIVING: The non-profit Jack Bell Foundation is the think-tank behind the vanpool concept — an option embraced on Salt Spring by the many Victoria-bound commuters.

CATCHING A LIFT

lack of riders.

Mike Rowling, who has ridden in both, has found vanpools to be the best way of commuting to his job as a systems administrator at a Victoria computer company.

He had been commuting for five years, both to his job and to the University of Victoria while he was still finishing his degree in computer science, before joining a vanpool. He used to take the bus but found it was a waste of time, and if he didn't make a connection or didn't make the ferry, he'd miss classes or would be late for work.

"When I joined the vanpool, I got really serious about my job. I knew when I would get there and when I would be done," he says. "It's absolutely the best way for commuting. You don't feel so alone as you do on the bus."

The local vanpools got started — appropriately — on the ferry, as most commuters take the first ferry off the island at 6:20 a.m.

"We all had this one time slot in common. It made it easy to form the vanpool because we were already a recognized group. We all knew each other before — some by sight, others quite well," says Locke, who had heard about vanpools through work. "It was easy to get a

The foundation has also found vanpooling to be one of the most cost-effective modes of computer transportation.

van. We just had to send them (JBF) a list of names."

Even though 12 people were interested at first and the vanpool program usually operates with groups of six to eight, the foundation was able to accommodate the Salt Spring commuters by buying a 12-passenger van.

(A second vanpool was started later to accommodate those wanting to work a longer day and take the 6:10 p.m. ferry home rather than the 4:25.)

The vanpool picks up every-

one from designated pick-up locations at fixed times, both in the morning and in the afternoon. People have to be on time or they'll miss the ride to the ferry.

While some vanpools operate on the premise that the driver gets to ride free in exchange for driving, Salt Spring's vanpools have always shared the driving among several people, keeping fares low for everyone. Because driving the 12-passenger van requires a special licence, Locke

says there are currently only three or four drivers, depending on who is on vacation.

For Rowling, a big advantage of the vanpool is that he has extra time to read.

"It's very economical and saves a lot of personal time. You can sleep, chat or do whatever you want," says Locke. "But it's not just saving money, it's one vehicle versus 12, which means it's wonderful for the environment. It makes me feel good that I'm not adding to pollution."

According to one study, quoted in the JBF newsletter, vanpools reduce pollutant emissions by 150 tons per year, with the current incremental cost savings to society estimated at \$1.3 million annually.

The foundation has also found vanpooling to be one of the most cost-effective modes of commuter transportation. Locke pays just \$100 a month, plus his own ferry fare. The most Rowling paid, when there were only three people in his vanpool, was \$178.

Other people are also recognizing the advantages of this form of transportation.

"One day the captain of the ferry knocked on the van window and asked what he could do to help the vanpools," says Locke. He ended up acting as a liaison during negotiations with the ferry corporation, which resulted in the vans being given assured loading if they arrive at the terminal 15 minutes before sailing time.

Locke says that assured loading is just an experiment, but hopes it will continue.

For Salt Spring commuters vanpooling itself was an experiment. It has proved to be a very successful one.



ISLAND FACES



Islanders Jim and Connie Moulton are seen at their Salt Spring home. Born in Sidney in 1956, Jim moved here when he was three years old. He has worked at dangerous tree

removal, in the oil fields, and as a carver, chef and school district custodian. Clerical worker Connie, 40, was born in Edmonton and has lived here for 17 years.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Visiting soprano leaves red mark on a fun-loving Galiano audience

To say lyric colouratura soprano Nancy Hermiston left her "mark" on Galiano is to state the obvious.

At the end of the evening more than a few Galiano male concert-goers sported red buss marks on their foreheads or balding pates, gifts from the singer and her "Naughty Ladies of the Night." Roaming through the auditorium almost as often as singing from the stage, she brought her audience a lovely voice, familiar tunes and a lot of good-natured fun.

Her costumes were fabulous — a different one for nearly every selection. Feather fans and boas suggested opulence, red velvet hangings on the stage repeating the theme. The red geraniums on stage were local, a happy addition to the general decor.

Accompanist Richard Epp, musical director of a UBC workshop and conductor of the White Rock Community Orchestra, with cleverly written dialogue, introduced many of Hermiston's ladies: Mozart's Queen of the Night, Offenbach's doll Olympia, Puccini's Musetta and more recent femmes from Oklahoma, Carousel, Chorus Line and Cabaret.

Perhaps the singer's most affecting selection was Andrew Lloyd Webber's I Don't Know How To Love Him — beautifully realized. Epp played two solo numbers, the Meditation from Thais (Massenet) and a medley from Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus.

Miss Hermiston is currently head of the UBC School of Music's Opera Workshop,

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and will soon become head of the voice department there. For a dozen or more years she was first colouratura at the Nurnburg Opera, singing a variety of roles. She enjoyed her years there. "A wonderful old city with many artistic challenges for the singer. I went with no German except that memorized for my roles. No one spoke English there, that is until I learned some German! It took about a week to make my wants known — then I was to discover almost everyone spoke English!"

During the intermission, concert society organizer Elizabeth Boshier supervised the drawing of three prizes offered in conjunction with the society's summer membership drive. The prizes were books and records and went to Viola Lerhe, Mary Emery and Ingelese Lilholt.

Autumn art shows

Three art shows have taken place on Galiano in just two weekends. Two were mounted in the south hall. The first shared space with the Galiano Club's popular Blackberry Festival on the first of its two days. Artists involved were Sol Ahlstrom, Gill Allen, Keith Holmes, Diane Klau, Penny Prior, Annette Shaw and Sheri Street. Photographers Tara Gill and Helene Schnare were there as well, giving variety to the whole. The show was well-

received — as were the blackberry delicacies!

On Thanksgiving weekend the Galiano Painters Guild held a show at the hall. Long established, guild shows are a "must" for Galiano residents.

Represented were Lee Chalmers (current leader), Jim and Rita Dove, Marne Hartnell, Flora Hawbolt, Irene Howard, Keith Holmes, Ena Hooley, Jean Mosley, Elsie Mussell, Penny Prior, Ken Rapson, Elizabeth Steward and Win Stephen. New exhibitors were Lennis Campbell, Dawna Heywood and Catherine Floe. Mary Hartnell displayed her dyed silks and sewn items.

On Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend, the Galiano Museum Society held a sale of prints and cards in the Rod and Gun Club hall. An attractive space, the professionally-produced work was placed on tables for easy perusal. Sales were good. Nancy Davidson and Joan Carolan were in charge at the sale, helpers were Don and Barbara Phillips, Alistair Ross, Jocelyn Gifford, Gail Morgan and Paul LeBlonde.

Land use bylaw

The long-promised Islands Trust land use bylaw arrived in Galiano mail boxes on Friday. Containing amendments to the 1996 draft of the official community plan, trustees Debbie Holmes and Margaret Griffiths insist the new document faithfully translates the will of the people and their ideas for the island's future development.

They offer the new document for comment and have called a public meeting to discuss it at the Activity Centre, 1 p.m. on October 24.

Drop-in centre opens doors

The Yellow Submarine is welcoming the world on Thursday afternoon.

The mental health drop-in and resource centre located in the Community Centre at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road is holding an activity-packed open house from 4 to 7 p.m.

There will be an art exhibit, Internet demonstration, videos,

door prizes and hors d'oeuvres, along with brochures and literature on mental illnesses such as depression, manic depression, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders.

The drop-in centre opened last year, providing resources and activities for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

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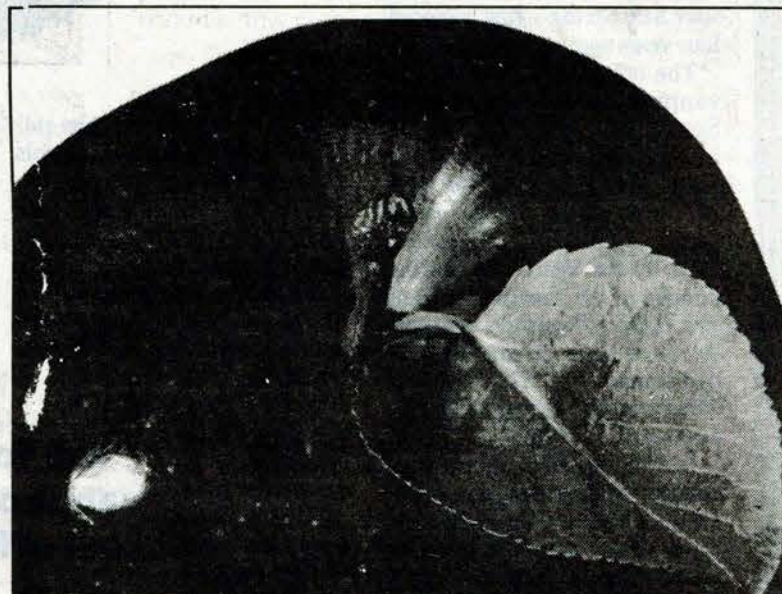
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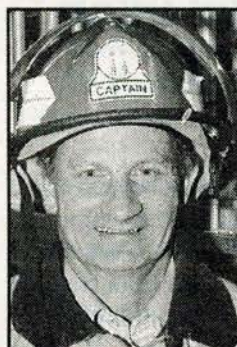
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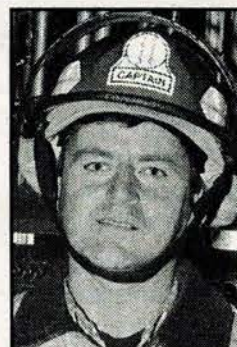
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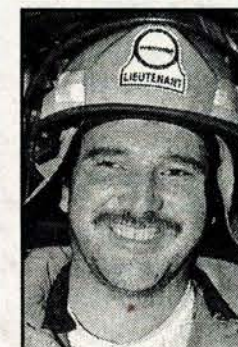
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Occupation: Mechanic
Years with dept.: 18
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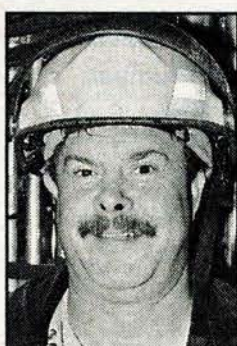
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Likes: Operating in a challenging environment.
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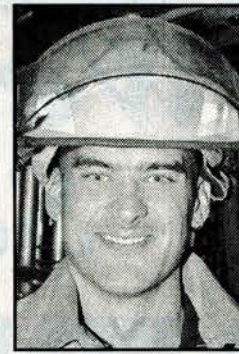
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Occupation: Store manager
Years with dept.: 11
Likes: Helping people in need; working with a great bunch of guys
Dislikes: Alarm bells at 2:30 a.m.



TODD MCINTYRE

Occupation: Electrician
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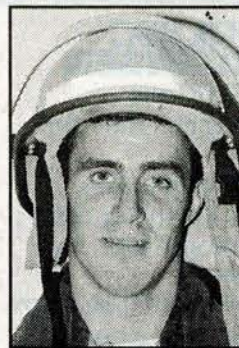
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Occupation: Fisherman
Years with dept.: 6 1/2
Likes: To help out the community.
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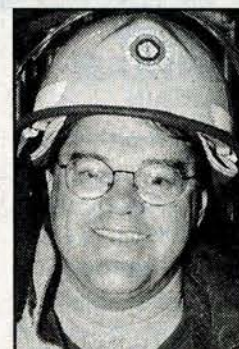
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DAN LEE

Occupation: Grocery store manager/Thrifty Foods
Years with dept.: 4 1/2
Likes: Meeting people and community involvement.
Dislikes: Nothing
Safety tip: Watch out for a little black Volkswagen Rabbit when you're driving near Ganges.



BOB BIRCH

Occupation: Food retail, Thrifty Foods
Years with dept.: 5
Likes: The thrills, and hard work under pressure.
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Safety tip: Don't repeat your mistakes and learn from others misfortune.



RICK KILBOURN

Occupation: Grocery clerk
Years with dept.: 3

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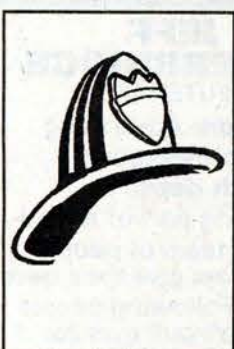
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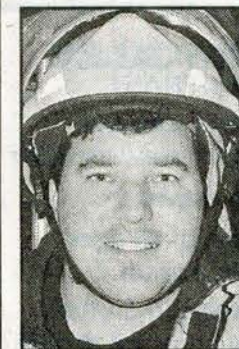
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Occupation: Apprentice baker
Years with dept.: 1
Likes: Anything to help the community.
Dislikes: -
Safety tip: Listen to & read all fire warnings & closures and obey all bans.



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Occupation: Plumber
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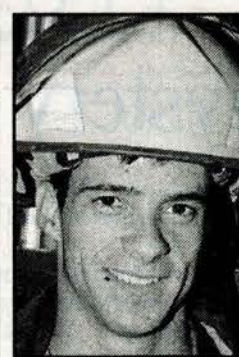
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RICHARD PERRON
Occupation: BC Ferries
Years with dept.: 3
Likes: Helping people in moments of need.
Dislikes: Drunk drivers hurting other people.
Safety tip: Listen to your parents about play with matches.



FRANK WORSLEY
Occupation: Electrician apprentice.
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Dislikes: Drinking and driving.
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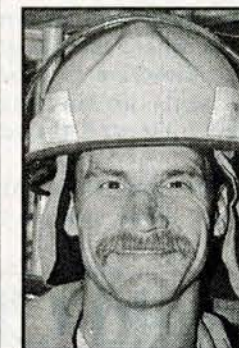
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Dislikes: Not much to dislike.
Safety tip: Watch for other drivers. There's some bad ones out there.



BRIAN HARTLEY
Occupation: Self employed
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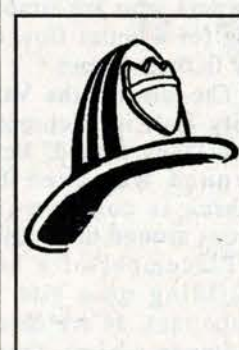
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KEN AKERMAN
Occupation: Self employed
Years with dept.: 4
Likes: The excitement and experience.
Dislikes: Politics



ROB MINVIELLE
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Occupation: Courier driver
Years with dept.: 9 mos.
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Dislikes: Getting close to the call and being called off.
Safety tip: Clean your chimney.



JAMIE HOLMES
Occupation: Equipment operator
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Migration mystery doesn't necessarily add up to autumn

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

Recently a number of people have pointed to the Canada geese flying overhead in V-formation and said to me, "There's a sure sign of autumn."

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I sagely nod my head in agreement, but I'm really dodging the truth, a la Clinton.

Fact is, the spring and autumn migration of geese or any other bird isn't quite as cut and dried as most of us were taught in grade school. In the fall birds go south, in the spring they return, right?

The answer definitely is, "Sometimes." For example, some Canada geese migrate, but others, with introduced domestic genes, stay here all year. Many other bird species, without domestic genes to blame, also

send most of the troops south for the winter, but not all. No one knows why.

Migration still confounds scientists. How do birds know when to go? It's currently thought the shortening days and cool air of autumn encourage birds to travel south. Some birds do have hormonal changes and weight gain before migration begins, building up their fat reserves which will be burnt up on the long journey.

And how do birds find their way? Again, no one really knows. Birds seem to follow a sequence of clues — orientation from the sun, stars, and earth's magnetic field, and by simply following landmarks like rivers and coastlines. They may use taste, smell and air temperature to get where they're going, and wind direction is a factor, too. Certainly no tiny maps have been observed tucked under wings.

Birds generally migrate in flocks; some species travel by



Migrating western sandpipers

Photo by Jonathan Grant

day, some species travel by night. Migrating flocks can travel in vast numbers, like the

Western sandpiper, seen in British Columbia in flocks up to 100,000, as they make their way

south from Alaska to points as close as San Francisco or as far away as Peru.

Almost the entire world's population of Western sandpipers passes by our coast. But they don't wait for fall — they leave early, with the peak migration going through our area around mid July.

If you're sorry you missed them this year, never fear, for sandpipers will still be travelling through in October and even as late as November. Why they don't all go at once is a mystery; perhaps there's just too many of them for any one area to accommodate.

Just imagine hundreds of thousands of sandpipers travelling from Alaska to Peru, all passing through British Columbia between June and November. It's quite a project by anyone's standards.

But it's the logistics of the move that puzzles me the most. What on earth determines who goes when?

A 3,000-year-old Chinese concept sweeps modern offices and homes

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Feng shui is sweeping the country, literally! Our homes and offices are becoming more organized and clutter-free, along with our lives!

I don't know of anyone who wouldn't give this theory a try, do you? What is this marvel, is it a fad or for real?

Feng shui literally means "wind and water" and is a 3,000-year-old Chinese concept that works with two very important factors: chi energy and sha energy, chi being positive and sha being negative.

Black Hat Sector (BHS) feng shui has been known for over 3,000 years and has proven to be very effective when applied.

There are two "schools" of feng shui: the BHS which uses science as its guideline, and a much more updated school which became popular in 1986 and looks at the process of clearing energies from a more spiritual point of view. Experts in this field are

commissioned for their input by real estate agents, city and town planners, and home owners who are simply looking for a better flow of energy in their homes.

The site for the Vancouver City Hall in Richmond B.C. was "feng shuied" before the ground was even broken, which is common in many cities around the world.

Placement of a house or building on a site is very important, as are objects and rooms in a home. One simple theory that has to be "cured," as the Chinese say, is: when you open your front door and the path or hall leads to another door directly down the hall then your money will go in one door and out the other. This is something to be aware of for sure!

A cure for this would be to put a decorative screen up or to hang a crystal from the ceiling to block the flow of sha energy. Another belief is

that leaking taps drip your money away and shelves above your bed or where you sit in the family room or other place will feel like you have burdens above you at all times.

Chi energy needs to flow through an area so if you have boxes under your bed the energy is stuck and therefore you are, too.

When renting or buying a home take a child with you — their innocence and uncluttered mind will pick up good and bad energy, chi and sha!

There are many "cures" and remedies involved in feng shui and in future columns I will expand on them. As you can see, this is an endless and interesting subject.

In the meantime, Nancy Wyydra's book called Feng Shui, A Book Of Cures is a must to read. Island Books Plus has been very hasty in ordering it for my clients to read.

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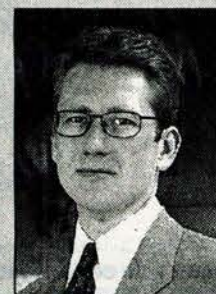
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Mayan students benefit

When Sheila Reid gives a slide show on Mayans in Guatemala this weekend, she is hoping to link the subjects of her presentation with Salt Spring students and their families.

Reid has worked for years to improve the lives of Central American people. Now she has established the Maya Scholarship Fund/Guatemala to help Mayan students attend junior and senior high school.

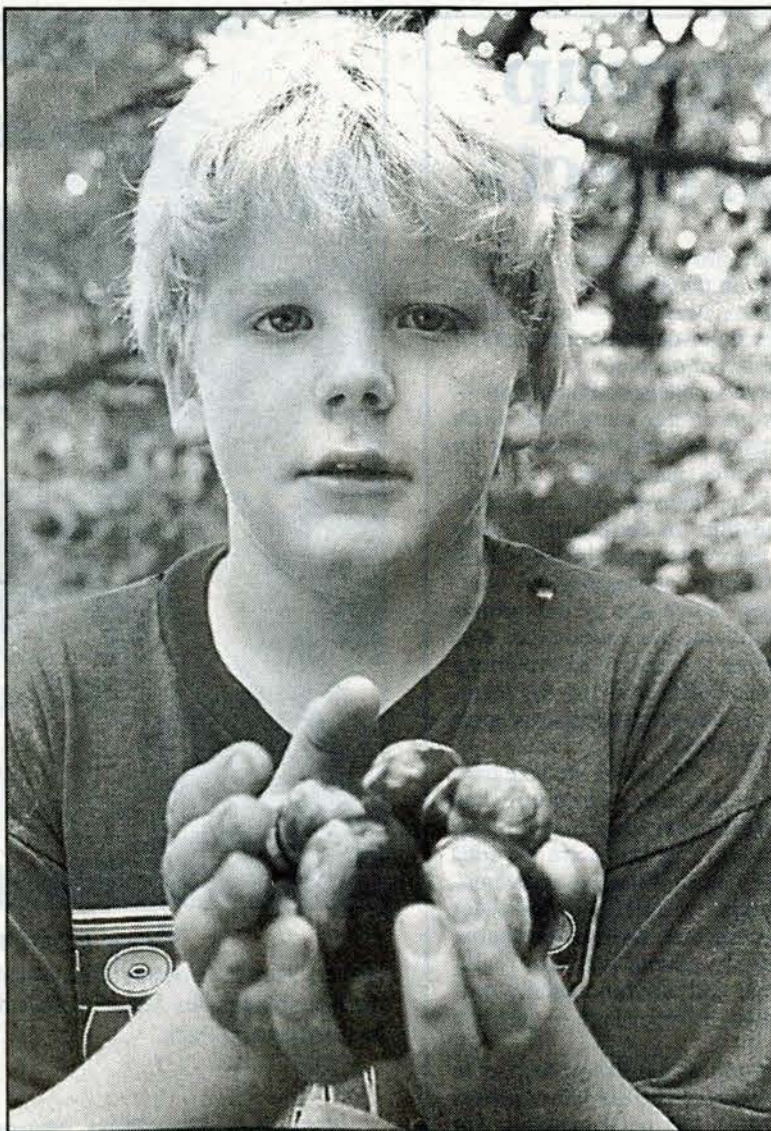
Her presentation takes place at Ganges United Church at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

As Reid explains, high schools are located in the larger towns and cities, where students must pay fees plus room and board.

"Up until this decade, Mayan families have usually seen themselves as working units in which everyone, even young children, participated," she says. "They still see themselves this way but a new urgency for education has entered the picture and they are willing to lose a worker for the time it takes for him or her to secure an education."

Unfortunately, education is usually only available through outside help, says Reid. She hopes islanders will be moved to help support a Mayan student, who will provide reports describing both their daily life and ancient Mayan culture.

The Maya Scholarship Fund/Guatemala is a project of the Vancouver Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) in collaboration with Foundations for Education, a Guatemalan group also working to secure scholarships for Mayan youth.



All about sheep seminar

Sheep farmers can learn some tips at a demonstration day organized by the Salt Spring sheepbreeders group.

Sponsored by the Farmers' Institute, the October 25 event is designed to introduce new and prospective sheep owners to the basics of sheep care and the need for sheep management.

The program will include:

- sheep handling;
- crocheting sheep;
- medications;

- hoof care — basic trim on healthy and unhealthy feet;
- judging condition of sheep;
- pain management.

Presentations will be made by some of the most experienced members of the sheepbreeders group.

The event, which begins at 1 p.m., will take place at Sunset farm (1325 Sunset Drive) at the barn.

Those planning to attend should confirm it by calling 537-4535.

Chestnuts for sale

Robert Smith set up shop on the side of Fulford-Ganges Road after school several days last week, selling horse chestnuts for 10 cents each.

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To pump up its scholarship fund, the group is selling entertainment coupon books at a cost of \$30 for the Vancouver Island version and \$46 for the Lower Mainland book.

The group's \$500 scholarship has been awarded to an outstanding female student graduating

from Gulf Islands Secondary School and attending a degree-granting program.

Last year's winner, Melissa Estable, is now studying architecture at Carleton University.

The CFUW hopes to offer two \$500 scholarships this year.

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OCT. 17: SPCA Goods & Services Auction, Meaden Hall, 7pm.
OCT. 17: Vivaldi Chamber Choir, All Saints by-the-Sea, 8pm.
OCT. 21: SSI Garden Club meeting, "Alliums", All Saints by-the-Sea, 1:30pm.
NOV. 2, 9, 16, 30: Thomas Merton for Contemplatives, All Saints, 7-9pm.
NOV. 3: Salt Spring SAR, AGM, Ambulance Building, 7pm.
NOV. 5, 16, 19: Influenza & pneumococcal immunization clinic for seniors, SSI Health Unit, call for appointment 538-4880.
Nov. 14: Waterbird watch and friends first annual dinner & talk, 6-10pm, Beaverpoint Hall, call Nina Raginsky for info 537-4515.
NOV. 28: Can. Fed. of University Women SS Club, Xmas luncheon, Harbour House Hotel, 12 noon.
JAN. 30: Can. Fed. of University Women SS Club, Lions Hall, 10:30am.

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)
- Core Inn cafe, 134 McPhillips Ave., 4:30-7:30pm, everyone welcome
- Music & Munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm (1st Wed. each month)

EVERY THURSDAY

- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm, (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.
- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00pm.

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.
- Smiles Café, United Church-Ganges, 12-1pm (4th Friday of ea. mo.)

EVERY SATURDAY

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- Ultimate Frisbee, Portlock Prk, 2:00pm, free, everyone welcome.

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.)
- 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.
- Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea. mo.)
- Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.
- Duplicate Bridge, lower hall Baptist Church, 7pm
- Children's summer reading, Library, 1pm.
- Life Drawing, 1-3pm, upstairs United Church.
- Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30-9pm at SS Seniors.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.
- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 4:30-6. Archery lessons 3:30-4:30.
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, Core Inn, 4:30-6:30
- Grief Recovery sessions, SS Seniors Centre, Oct. 13 - Nov. 17.

Ometepe friendship group adds additional aid projects

By ANDREW GIBSON

The Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association (OGIFA) is known to many islanders, partly because of the Ometepe Coffee which the group imports and sells locally.

But newcomers and visitors won't know much about the group, so here is a brief summary.

Ometepe, with an area of 276 square kilometres, is by far the largest island in the largest Central American lake, Lake Nicaragua.

Essentially two 5,000-foot volcanoes joined by an isthmus, it is mainly agricultural and, like the rest of the country, very poor, but it was saved by its location from the savagery of the Contra war of the late '80s and early '90s, although it lost some of its young men. It was not, however, spared the devastating effects of the embargo, one of which was the near-collapse of its electrical and water services.

OGIFA, non-political and non-sectarian, was formed about 10 years ago and mandated only to help people in need. With funds raised by generous islanders, and thrice matched by the Canadian government, we provided the pumps and power and water lines to get pure water to most of the more populous northern part of the island.

That done, we started on a gravity system for the southern part, sourced in a cloud forest lake high on the southern volcano. In conjunction with Ometepe's second sister island of Bainbridge, near Seattle, we have provided the materials for the potable water lines which now go to the necklace of villages on the lower slopes of the volcano.

There is no doubt that bringing safe water to communities which formerly had to depend on impure water carried long distances, and mostly by women and children, has saved many lives, particularly of infants. Pure water is still urgently needed in

some communities, but that will involve deep wells, a major undertaking now in the planning stage.

In the interim we hope to provide assistance for three smaller projects requested by the indigenous community of Urbaite-Las Pilas, which has a population of 1,330, and is one of those which will be served by the deep well project.

The first project is an addition to the pre-school. Presently 60 children are not able to attend because there is no room in the present overcrowded one-room school. The sum of \$3,000 is needed.

The second project is allied to the first. It is to build a kitchen where nutritious, balanced meals can be prepared for the children. The community is well aware of the dire effects on learning capacity and intellectual development of an inadequate diet, and this small kitchen, although spartan, will have a huge effect on today's youngsters. The cost is about \$5,200.

The third project is for an office for the indigenous society. Such a facility is a necessity for cohesive community development.

It will have a waiting room, three offices, a conference room, and a small auditorium. In it there will be community activities, training programs, and library and communications facilities. The cost is about \$20,300.

We expect to complete them in the above sequence.

OGIFA members are well acquainted with Ometepe, and go there often. In the last few months we visited the indigenous community mentioned above and the cooperative from which we import coffee, the sale of which provides a large part of our project finances.

The headquarters for the cooperative is a considerable climb up the southern volcano, for the coffee, a high-grade organic

shade-grown Arabica, is grown high on the slopes in "real" Juan Valdez country — everything goes up or down on the backs of animals or people.

It is an integrated operation — there is a large dairy herd which helps to provide the compost for the coffee plantations.

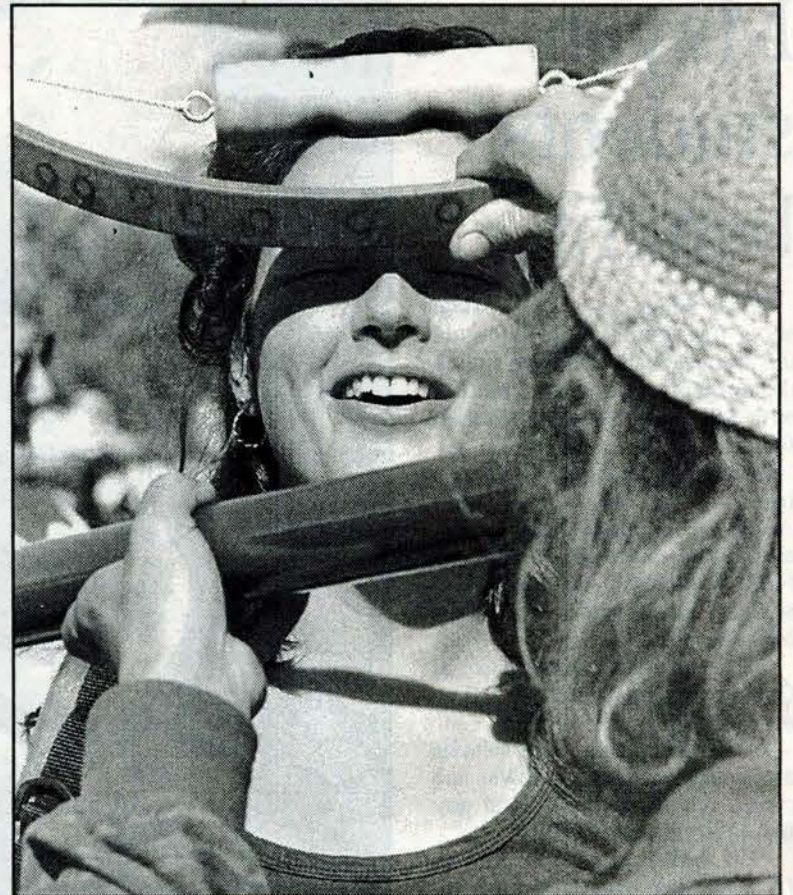
Also, there is spartan accommodation for eco-tourists, many of them interested in the wealth of nearby archeological treasures. When one of our groups was there, the cooperative was hosting a party of 13 American archeologists studying the petroglyphs and prehistoric stone idols of the island.

Of course, we take time for relaxation. Ometepe has nothing remotely resembling Cancun, but there are scrupulously clean if modest accommodations, wonderful warm-water beaches and, most importantly, friendly people who are really proud and environmentally protective of their island — just like us.

If you would like to help us in our work, there are various ways to do it. We need members for such activities as bagging and distributing our coffee, for staffing the Saturday Market and other tables and for the numerous other tasks involved in our coffee sales.

Needless to say, we welcome donations, for which tax receipts will be given. And, very importantly, we encourage the purchase of Ometepe Coffee available on Salt Spring at Patterson's, Stuff & Nonsense, Vesuvius Store, Mobile Market, Dares to be Organic, Crossroads and Salt Spring Dairy; on Mayne at the Maybe Open Market; on Galiano at Ixchel; on Pender at the Southridge Farm Country Store; on Saturna at the General Store; and at the Global Village stores of Victoria and Nanaimo.

For further information, phone Rosemary Baxter at 537-4401, Lisa Lloyd at 653-4303 or Andrew Gibson at 537-4347.



Way cool experience

Helen James enjoys the experience as Palu Rainbowsong demonstrates his Solar Meditation Bow on a recent Saturday in Centennial Park.

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Stingrays meeting looks at expanding the program's competitive numbers

Whether or not to enlarge its competitive swimming program will be the main issue on the agenda when the Salt Spring Stingrays holds its annual meeting October 22.

The swim team is Salt Spring's most popular competitive program with a basket full of new records each year and a waiting list that can reach two dozen hopefuls.

Limited pool time kept the racing team down to 60 swimmers this past season, and Morgan Savin, of the Salt Spring Aquatic Society, hopes that the number can be increased for 1999.

The meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m., will address the matter.

"We would very much like to raise the size without compromising the training of the children,"

Savin says.

The meeting will also be for pre-registration of returnees to the competitive program. Newcomers will have to wait until after the meeting to see if there is any space open.

Those wanting to participate in the developmental program will wait until spring to register.



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- * **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
- * **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
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Four delicious novels offered as fall, winter fare

By **MONA FERTIG**
Driftwood Contributor

• **A Recipe For Bees** by Gail Anderson-Dargatz. Published in hardcover by Knopf, \$32.95.

This is the second novel by the author of the wonderful *Cure For Death By Lightning*. A former B.C. resident, she now lives in Alberta on a farm.

I found this novel to be a competent and excellent weave of bee imagery, folklore and visions. These paranormal aspects are the author's writing strengths.

The story is set in one day on Vancouver Island. The aging narrator, Augusta, through flashbacks, reviews her lonely life as a farmer's wife, her brief affair, her strained relationship with her daughter Joy and husband Karl and her friendship with Rose. All this while she waits to hear the results of her son-in-law's brain tumour operation.

Throughout the story I found the syntax quite ordinary and the befriending of a fat Native woman on a train falsely useful, but the ending of *A Recipe For Bees* is poignant and perfect. Partly autobiographical, this is a heartwarming story, a quick read most will love. Three stars.

• **The Man From The Creeks** by

ON THE BOOKSHELF

Robert Kroetsch. Published in hardcover by Random, \$29.95.

This is a striking change from Kroetsch's previous work as the well-respected writer of layered poetry and novels, winner of the Governor General's Award for fiction. This novel, his first since he moved to Victoria, is as lucid as a boat in a bay. Inspired by the poem *The Shooting of Dan McGrew* by Robert Service, *The Man From the Creeks*, is a wonderful ballad-style tale of three amazing characters: smart and determined single-mother Lou, her teenage son Peek, and fellow companion Ben, as they head for the Yukon to search for gold.

Set in 1896 through to the winter of 1899 this story is full of brilliant humour and original dialogue. The sentence structure is perfect and the thought patterns take you continuously by surprise with their sharp left-field intelligence.

The adventures include being left to survive on a west coast beach with no food, struggling up the agonizing and famous frozen Chilkoot Pass, dancing in the mud in the

spring thaw, tasting watered-down brew and squatting for months in the frozen tunnels burning smokey holes to melt the permafrost.

This story is retold through the eyes of the 14-year-old Peek who wants to set the story straight. An upbeat novel, this fiction would make a great movie. Four stars.

• **Kiss Of The Fur Queen** by Thom Highway. Published in hardcover by Doubleday, \$32.95.

The line-up for the uncorrected proofs of this novel went on for over an hour at the Canadian Booksellers Association.

This first, partly-autobiographical novel from the renowned Cree playwright is a magical and troubled story of the Okimasis brothers from Mistik Lake, Northern Manitoba. Their father is a hunter and winner of the 1951 World Champion Dog Derby. From birth to death this novel moves from the abuse they suffer as young boys in the hands of the Roman Catholic priest at the Birch Lake Indian Residential School to the lives they try to make for themselves in a white world. The older brother, "Champion" Jeremiah, born after his father's great win, suffers as a brilliant and lonely alcoholic pianist. The younger

brother, "Dancer" Gabriel, suffers as an extraordinary dancer who struggles with depression, self-abuse and AIDS.

The story moves lyrically between Cree mythology and Catholic symbolism (and guilt), with the Cree trickster "Weesageechak" ever present as The Fur Queen, and other foxy guises. Many other fantastic characters reveal themselves as important and pivotal beings in the North American Indian culture.

What is fascinating about this novel is that there are no fences between dream and reality. The collective consciousness of Highway's writing is richly Cree and a great departure from the usual linear fiction. This is a good first novel that we'll hear a lot about.

I would have liked to have seen some of the narrative and dream-like threads woven more carefully and I found the prose at times forcibly overflourished, but the tragicomic ending still lifts me. Three stars.

• **Four Letters of Love** by Niall Williams. Published in paperback by Picador, \$13.95.

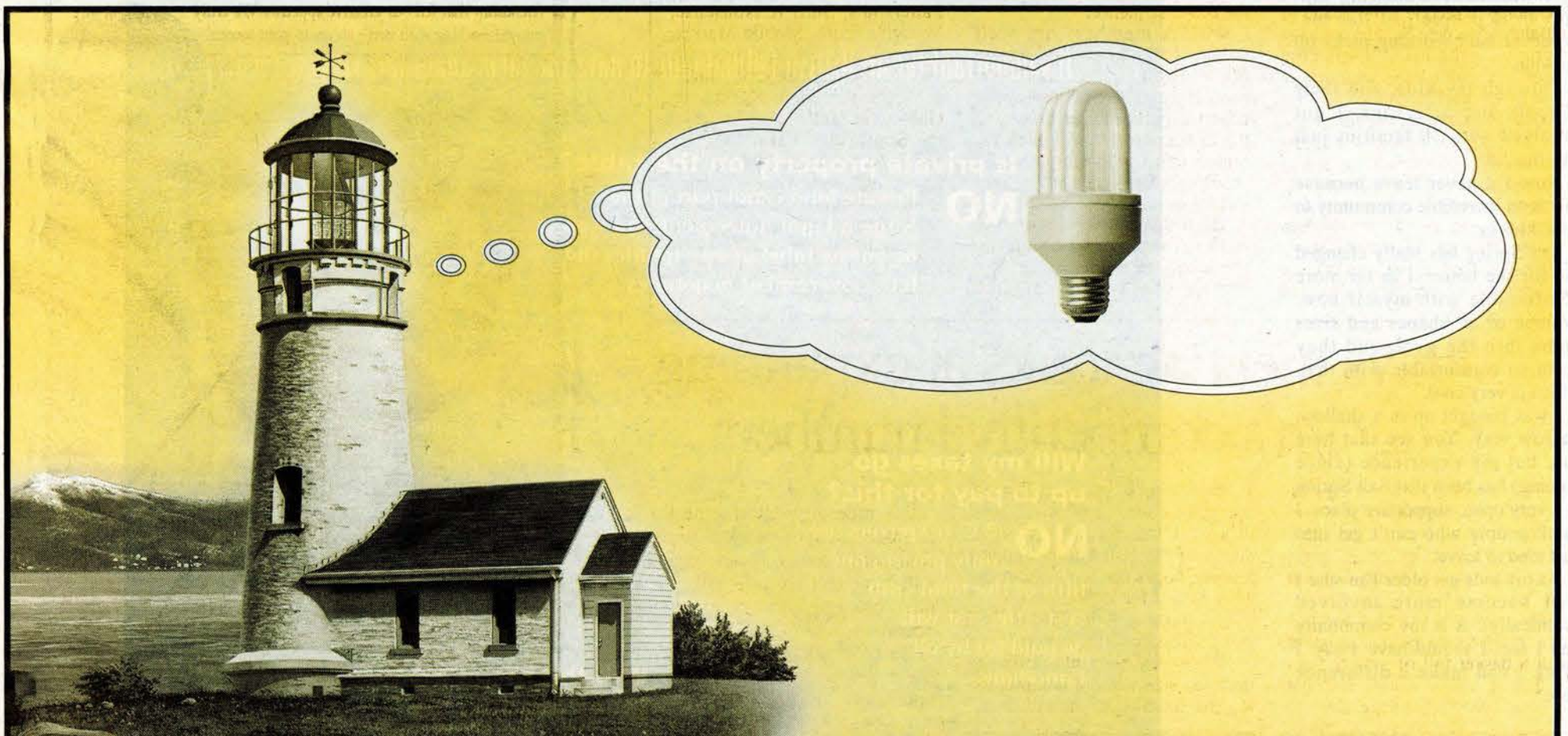
This novel was recommended by a Salt Spring friend who recently returned from visiting Ireland. It is an eloquent and brilliantly written first novel. When you read exquis-

ite prose like this you savour every sentence.

Set in Ireland, this novel alternates between two destined lives. The first story is of a young boy named Nicholas. When his quiet father decides to quit work and become a painter because God has spoken to him, their separation from the world becomes profoundly tragic. The second story is led by guilt-ridden Isabel, whose brother Sean has become limp and speechless after taking a fit while dancing. She leaves her island and her brother to attend a school run by nuns on the mainland. Their stories move towards each other with grace and sadness.

This novel is about love and God and destiny. It brilliantly captures the subtleties of the unseen, the unspoken, the mysteries, the sacrifices that are made. It is about separations and the obsessions of young love. This is a novel that believes in miracles. This is a novel I will reread. Five stars.

Mona Fertig's new book of prose poems called Sex, Death & Travel was published this spring by Oolichan Books. She is working on her first novel but will also submit a book review column to the Driftwood from time to time.



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Flexible attitudes make island a comfortable place

Sonja Hollingsworth

Age: 30

First visit to Salt Spring: 1978

Moved: from Victoria in 1990

Expectations

I didn't come here to stay. I was too scared to stay in Victoria and felt I needed to go somewhere. But Salt Spring? It never occurred to me because I was totally middle-class and it seemed like this hippie place.

I came and stayed the summer at friends', and never left. I don't think I had any real expectations but I loved the concept of a small community because that's who I am.

And everyone was so nice, which was just what I needed.

I admit that I was worried at the beginning about not fitting in, about the community not accepting me, but that didn't last long because this is a place where everyone can fit in if they want to.

I very quickly got married. Then I moved on from there, but I've always had an amicable relationship with (my former husband) so my kids can have a relationship with their dad.

As a single parent I was intimidated to raise two children alone, but when I started working at the gym I found such amazing support from people just like me. Whoever isn't working picks up the kids.

Through my kids, and their schools and activities, I got involved with 50 families just like that.

Now I'd never leave because this is an incredible community to raise kids in.

Salt Spring has really changed me for the better. I'm far more comfortable with myself now. Women of all shapes and sizes come into the gym, and they seem so comfortable with that, which is very cool.

I was brought up in a shallow, narrow way. You see that here too, but my experience (since coming) has been that Salt Spring is a very open, supportive place. I think people who can't get into that tend to leave.

As my kids get older I'm sure I will become more involved (politically). It is my community and I feel I should have a say. I think I can make a difference here.

Mechanics

My goal was that by 30 I would have a comfortable home, have my kids settled and a job I love. Now that I am 30, I think Salt Spring is the only place I could have achieved all of this; certainly it would never have happened in a city.

Before I had kids I was more nervous of things here, but they have helped me integrate totally into the community. First it was the co-op schooling and now the soccer association has picked up where the co-op left off. There is always something here to be involved with.

As a mother I think the services here are excellent. I'm absolutely happy with the hospital and the schools.

I have to admit it's good there aren't many things to spend money on here, like stopping at McDonald's on the way home.

But it does bug me that it is impossible to get nice clothing at a reasonable price.

When we go to visit my mom and dad (in Victoria) for a family event, a Wal-Mart run is vital.

I go out to a restaurant maybe once a month.

We'll go to Harbour House if there is a good band on and maybe to Moby's for drinks.

That's my social life, and it's just the way I like it.

Vacations aren't a factor because

we're at the beach every day in summer and find lots of things to

do in the winter.

OK, I just baled and got cable because usually (friends') kids come over here. There's always lots of video watching.

I've only been to the movie theatre once in eight years.

Salt Spring Style

This summer I decided to only work part-time to have more time with the kids. You can't do that in a city.

I think people really feed off (flexible) attitudes like this. Everyone treats each other really comfortably.

They seem to be comfortable in their own skins. I guess that's because they want to be here, not because they have to be.

I love knowing everyone in the lineup at Thrifty's and it makes me realize, what better place is there to learn about people?

It has created a diversity (of

types) that really intrigues me. I hang around with lots of different people instead of the middle-class girls I'd be with in Victoria.

There is a closeness that can cause problems if you're not careful. I've seen people hurt by malicious gossip.

It's so important not to get sucked in by it. Ignoring it has been easy for me.

When I split (from my husband) we kept a friendly relationship and eventually people got bored with it.

I love that the lawyer also sells carpets and that the real estate guy is also in the Hysterical Society.

Where else would you find everyone doing something else.

I figure there is so little judgment on people here, and maybe that's why people try so many things.

Salt Spring has taught me to love what I am doing now, not when I retire. It's sad that some people never get there.



Sonja Hollingsworth

The Changing Face OF SALT SPRING

One of a series in which reporter Mike Levin, through interviews with recent immigrants, examines the island's shifting demographics.

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Eye Health Canada Month

Optometrists Launch Eye "Owner's Manual"

Richmond — To mark the national launch of Eye Health Canada Month in October, doctors of optometry across Canada have published a brochure on vision care, entitled "Your Eyes - an Owner's Manual". Recognizing that few things are more precious than one's eyesight, the "manual" addresses how to take care of the youngest eyes in the family, and what happens as people's eyes age.

This is one owner's manual you can't afford not to read! For your copy, contact your local optometrist, or the B.C. Association of Optometrists (604) 270-9909.



British Columbia Association of Optometrists
(website : www.optometrists.bc.ca)



Key Contact Lens Tips

Hygiene - many studies show that only 25-30% of contact lens wearers follow all the directions of their eye doctor and the lens manufacturer in caring for their lenses. To avoid eye health problems, it is recommended that contact lens wearers get their eyes checked annually by an eye doctor to make sure no complications develop.

Trends - Contact lenses are a medical device, but according to the B.C. Association of Optometrists, there is a disturbing trend to treat them as a commodity. All contact lenses are not alike: just because the name of a particular contact lens is on everyone's lips doesn't mean it will work for everyone. Various brands are designed and manufactured differently. Only through regular eye exams can the optometrist check the health of the eyes and determine how they react and adjust to a particular pair of lenses.

Expectant mothers need to work closely with their optometrist to avoid contact lens wearing problems and to maintain good vision: hormonal changes, water retention, and a reduction in tears can bring slight changes in vision during pregnancy and affect contact lens wearing. Disposable contact lenses can be a good choice for women in their child-bearing years. The lenses can be adapted easily to changes in the eyes and/or vision experienced during pregnancy. For some women, however, it is necessary to limit wearing time or even discontinue wearing contacts during pregnancy.

Computers & Vision

Can surfing the net or playing video games all night ruin your eyes? There is no proof that staring at a computer screen for too long will harm anyone's vision, at work or at play. It could, however, aggravate minor vision problems that are normally not treated. And it can definitely cause eye strain.

Over-concentrating on the screen can make people forget to blink, causing the eyes to dry out and start to itch or burn. Give the eyes a 10 minute break every hour, perhaps doing things that don't require near vision.

Watch for signs such as general discomfort, headaches, blurred vision, or minor vision problems that may surface due to computer use. If these persist, have an eye exam by an eye doctor (optometrist or ophthalmologist). They will not only check your vision but also your eye health.

It's important for computer users of all ages to have regular eye exams.

The Eye - A Window to the Body

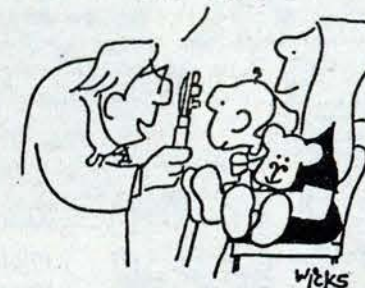
The eye is the only part of the body where blood vessels can be examined directly without using an invasive procedure. When the optometrist dilates the pupil to examine the inside of the eye, he or she can detect not only the eyes' health and vision conditions, but also early signs of diabetes, high blood pressure, and other diseases of the body. By scheduling regular checkups with their optometrist, patients can be sure that vision and ocular health conditions, an even certain systemic diseases, are detected for timely treatment. The minimum recommended frequency

of eye examinations by the Canadian Association of Optometrists is:

- infants: at six months;
- preschoolers (2-5 years): at age 3 and again before entering school;
- school age (6-19 years): annually;
- adults (20-64 years): every one to two years;
- older adults (65 and over): annually.

The optometrist will determine the frequency based on the patient's health and visual status at the preliminary examination.

IT'S NEVER
TOO EARLY FOR
YOUR CHILD'S FIRST
EYE EXAM



Three candles on the cake? Full eye exam advised at age 3

About 15-20% of children have vision problems that may impair their ability to learn. As early detection of such conditions is essential for successful treatment, B.C. doctors of optometry recommend that all children have a thorough eye examination at age three, and again before entering school. The child does not need to know the alphabet.

A comprehensive eye examination will assess eye health, and identify vision problems such as near-sightedness, far-sightedness, crossed-eyes, "lazy eye" and colour perception.

Vision First Check

In some regions, optometrists offer a free Vision First Check for children age 2 and 3, in conjunction with local health units. B.C. optometrists are working with government to offer this program province-wide. Another benefit is the general aware-

ness it creates of the need for eye care for pre-school children.

Annual Exam Recommended

As a child advances, school work puts more visual stress on the eyes as more reading is required while the print size decreases.

As well, computer use can aggravate existing vision problems: a small

refractive error which normally does not need correction can suddenly cause problems if computer use increases. Regular preventive eye exams can correct such conditions, before they interfere with the child's performance at school or in sports.



Free "Get Visible": Reflective Stickers

Darkness and traffic can place children at risk as they set out trick-or-treating on Oct. 31 — or any time of the year. To make children more visible, optometrists are giving out free reflective stickers as part of their "Get Visible" campaign. The sticker can be affixed to clothing, plastic and metal, and will reflect light up to 300 times more than plain clothing.

Presbyopia, a "short-arm" disease

A vision condition called presbyopia may well precede thickening waistlines and graying hair as the first sign of middle age, say doctors of optometry. Telltale signs: a tendency to hold reading material at arm's length to focus better, difficulty reading in poor light, trouble with small print, eyestrain or headaches after reading or other close work, including computers.

The Vision Problem of Middle Age

Presbyopia is an age-related vision problem that affects almost everyone after 40, and brings about the need for reading glasses and bifocals. Presbyopia progresses for a number of years, and thus requires regular eye exams beyond age 40. Because eye health problems are more common at this stage, it's all the

more important for optometrists to perform a thorough eye health exam.

Presbyopia actually begins in early childhood, but only becomes noticeable after 40: it occurs because, over time, the lens loses its ability to flex and help the eye focus.

Optometrists can help presbyopes see better by prescribing glasses or contact lenses. There are many lens choices

today: reading glasses for close work, multifocal lenses for near and far, bifocal contact lenses and mono-vision, where one eye is corrected for distance and one for near vision.

Advances in eye surgery may make it possible in the near future to restore the eye's ability to adjust focus.

TOYS CAN HURT EYES

Every year thousands of children in North America suffer eye injuries caused by projectile toys: guns, sling shots, or toys that shoot missiles, arrows, balls, etc. Even if the projectiles are sponge-tipped, the speed at which they move

can still cause serious eye injury. B.C. doctors of optometry issue a Christmas list of toys considered particularly hazardous to the eyes.

Call 270-9909 for more information.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Theatrics

Michael Curtis as Henry II, King of England and April Curtis as Eleanor, his disfavoured queen, are amazing audiences with their acting prowess in Off Centre Stage's *The Lion in Winter*. The show winds up this weekend, playing Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at Mahon Hall, beginning at 8 p.m.

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- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Vivaldi Chamber Choir** — Sacred and secular music of North America; All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church Saturday, 8 p.m. Tickets \$15/\$10 at Sharon's, Acoustic Planet or 1-888-268-1325
- **Harbour House Bistro** — Murray Anderson on the piano every Sunday, for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.
- **Moby's** — Sunday Dinner Jazz: Simone Grasky Quartet

Stage

- **The Lion in Winter** — Mahon Hall, Thursday, October 15 to Saturday, October 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets \$12, or 2 for \$20 at et cetera; limited seating.

• **Salt Spring Folk Club** — Connie Kaldor in concert with opening act Tuned Air Choir; Fulford Hall, Monday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 at Roasting Company, Music Emporium, Acoustic Planet and Stuff & Nonsense.

Family

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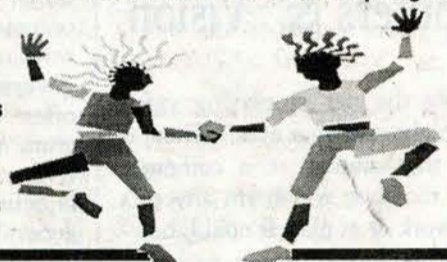
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The Burnaby-based ensemble has focused primarily on performances around British Columbia — and two trips to Mexico — during its 10 years, but this year broke out with a two-week invitational tour of the Czech Republic to perform at the International Festival of Sacred Music.

In Prague, Hluboka, Velesin, Marienbad and Carlsbad, the choir performed both sacred and secular programs.

This experience will anchor the choir's performance on Salt Spring under conductor Rita Radzikowski. The program will include favourites from the tour, by mostly Canadian and U.S. composers.

Salt Spring resident Pamela Holm rejoined the choir for the Czech and autumn concerts and plans to perform a Czech folk song picked up during the eastern European tour.

Saturday selections will feature B.C. composers Steven Chatman and Imant Raminsh as well as Earl Peach, Peter Dent and David Millard, all of whom have had tenure with the choir. Co-conductor Millard will also be featured on the organ.

The Vivaldi choir prioritizes encouraging Canadian and B.C. composers who work within Renaissance and 20th-century music.



Singing along with Valdy

Avis Bateman was one of many extended care patients at Lady Minto Hospital who sang along with Valdy on Thursday during Thanksgiving dinner. The Salt Spring folk singer gave a free concert for the event.

Photo by Tony Richards

Orchestra and cellist featured across the sea

For people whose enjoyment of live classical music outweighs a ferry ride, the Victoria Symphony Orchestra (VSO) is performing Friday night at the Cowichan Theatre in Duncan.

The Cowichan Symphony Society is presenting the performance which features cellist Joseph Elworthy. Both Elworthy and the VSO will be conducted by Peter McCoppin.

The program includes Eckhardt-Grammatte's Molto Sostenuto For Strings, Elgar's Cello Concerto and Brahms's Symphony No. 2.

Ticket prices are \$17.50 for adults, \$9 for students. (Rows ABC are \$15.50 and \$8.)

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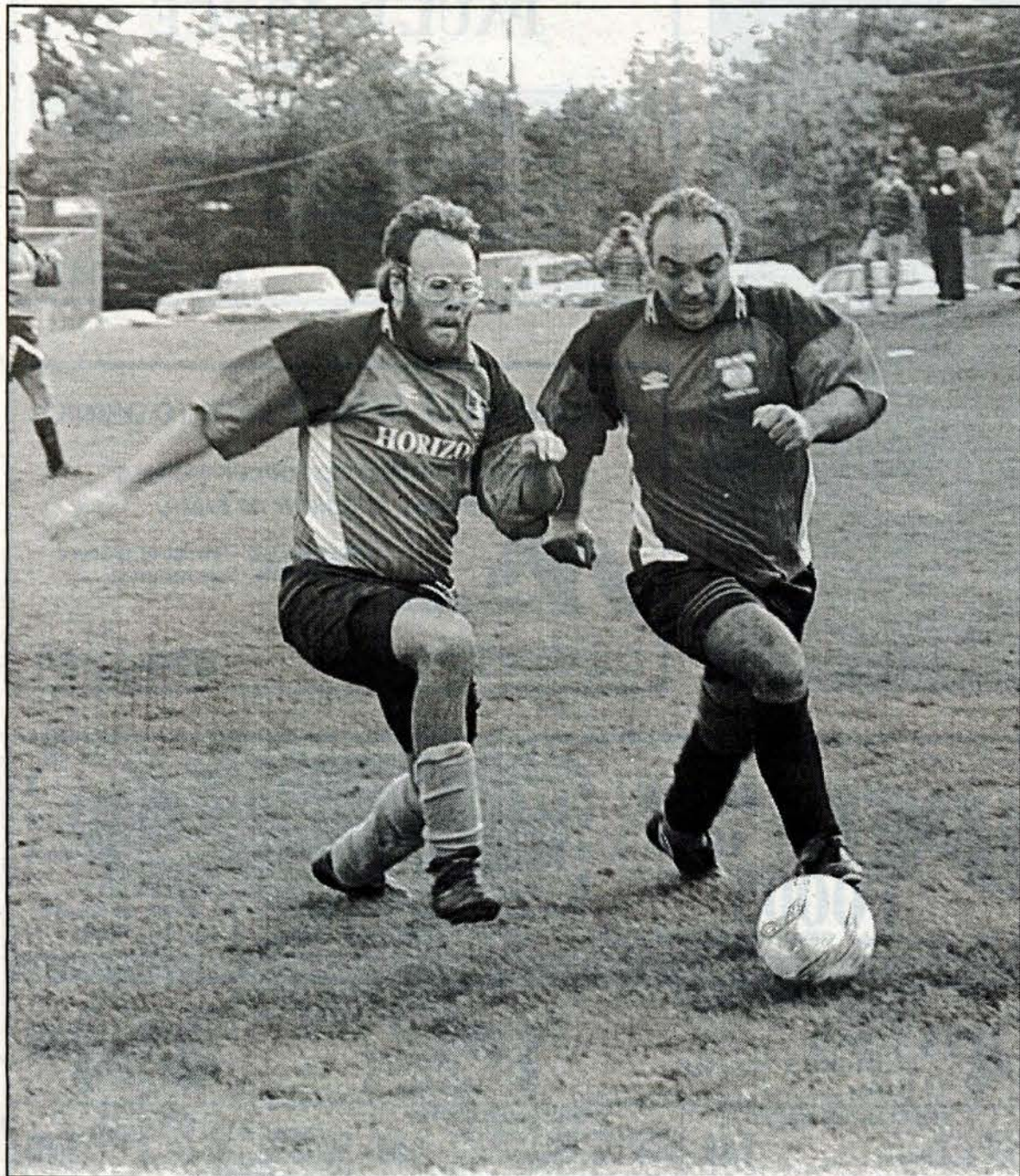
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SPORTS & RECREATION

Old Boys undefeated after crushing Castaways



NEW LIFE IN OLD LEGS: Sea Otter Old Boys forward, Alvaro Sanchez, right, uses an unexpected burst of speed to turn the corner on a Victoria Castaways defender during Salt Spring's 5-3 victory in Over-30 soccer action Sunday at GISS. Right, a Victoria Castaways defender uses a Sea Otter Old Boy's shoulders to head away a potential scoring threat.

Photo by Mike Levin

By **MIKE LEVIN**
Driftwood Staff

Sea Otter Old Boys survived a shaky start and a bruising opponent to emerge with a 5-3 victory over Victoria Castaways in over-30 soccer at Gulf Islands Secondary School Sunday.

With the win, the Salt Spring team remained undefeated in league play with a 4-0-1 record.

Neither team brought much of a defense to the high school field in a first half that produced six goals, three by each side. But the second frame was a treat to watch with much more disciplined play from Old Boys and some exciting offensive runs that produced the decisive goals.

"We were slow getting going because only two of our regular defenders were here," says Chris Cottrell, who had two goals including the winner in the 55th minute.

"But we settled down in the second half and showed (Victoria) what we could do."

At the outset the opponents appeared mismatched. Salt Spring gave away at least two inches and 20 pounds per player. The size difference showed with Victoria easily controlling the air game and able to bounce the Old Boys off the ball.

The advantage paid off for the visitors in the eighth minute when Garth McKenzie completed a perfect long left cross with his head for a 1-0 lead.

With the going tough in mid-field, Salt Spring moved the ball to the outside and was rewarded

11 minutes later on a lucky tip by Rainer Funk.

Funk launched an innocent cross from 15 yards out on the right side. The ball caught a defender's toe and bounced unexpectedly through the Castaways keeper's legs.

Victoria regained the lead in the 23rd minute when Peter Fulgem, a former pool player for the Danish national team, scored in a goal-mouth scramble. Cottrell's first tied it in the 35th minute, and the teams traded one more marker each before the break, Joe Duff scoring for Victoria and David Norgett counting a 20-yard blast while reeling from a nasty body check.

"They were a more physical team than we've played before," admits Cottrell. "Our team deserves full marks for taking control after the half."

Sea Otter's defense tightened in the second period, which allowed the team's forwards to release early for long passes from the back.

In the 55th minute, Cottrell corralled one and ran in virtually unmolested from 30

yards out, easily beating Victoria's keeper high to the left corner.

Salt Spring completed the final score from a corner in the 72nd minute. The ball came directly to Arnie Hengstler, whose header bounced off the right post and ended up at the feet of Pete Bantel. With the Victoria keeper sprawled out of position, Bantel had only to tap the ball across the goal line.

Sea Otter's next action is Sunday at the high school when they host Victoria Athletics.



Geezers score 3 to slam Cowichan

The scoring touch proved a welcome friend for the Salt Spring Geezers when the Over-40 men's soccer team blanked Cowichan 3-0 Saturday at Portlock Park.

Although the locals have yet to taste defeat this year, they have not scored often enough to gain the offensive confidence that is vital to a first-year team.

But Saturday Gordie Speed put the hosts up 1-0 in the first half and added another early in the second before Rainer Funk rounded out the scoring.

Funk would also mark a goal in Over-30 play the following day.

The Geezers have a bye in league play this weekend but will try to arrange an exhibition match Saturday against either Parksville, in Parksville, or Galiano Island, on Salt Spring.

Overtime shoot-out leads to heartbreaker in Scorpion boys match

The boys' soccer Scorpions from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) had their first taste of defeat in secondary school play Thursday, losing a shootout heartbreaker to Frances Kelsey in Mill Bay.

The loss was particularly painful considering a win earlier in the week over Shawnigan Lake's A team October 6, at Shawnigan Lake, that restated the Scorpions' local dominance.

Despite having its travel schedule complicated by ferry problems at Vesuvius, GISS rolled easily to a 4-0 shootout over Shawnigan on excellent goaltending by keeper Johnathon McDonald. The victory kept the locals undefeated in league play.

But on Thursday the Scorpions and Frances Kelsey played a tight game that ended in a 3-3 deadlock.

The teams then went into overtime penalty shots before Mill Bay edged out Salt Spring by a slim 3-2 margin.

The locals played Brentwood Bay High School Tuesday in Brentwood Bay in another off-island game and then will travel to Shawnigan Lake to take on the school's B team Thursday.

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Fickle foursome wins game

It's been 26 years but the Fickle Fingers golfing group is still going strong.

At its annual tournament Wednesday at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club, the foursome of Walter Swing, Don Archer, Dennis Boyle and Ron Dickson captured the Anniversary Trophy for best combined score.

Fred Slaney marked the longest drive during the day's competition on the seventh hole, while Steve Walters was closest to the pin on the second hole.

Coulter couple takes top

Blackburn Meadows Golf Club's season-long closest-to-the-pin competition wound up October 6 with two Coulters taking honours.

The men's side, which took place on the links' third hole, went to Bruce Coulter and included a cash purse worth more than \$160. Joanne Coulter won the women's side, which took place on the seventh hole and brought the winner \$48.

In nine-hole competition during the playoff evening, Jerry Ringrose carded a low-net 31 while Trudy Sloan recorded a low-net 32.

Hardy takes turkey shoot low gross

Salt Spring Golf and Country Club's 18-hole women's division faced off in a Turkey Shoot October 6 at the local club.

Connie Hardy took honours with a low gross of 93 with Pat Lavender following by one stroke.

Barbara Maguire recorded the lowest net score at 70, while Maxine Whorley was one stroke behind at 71.

In nine-hole division play last Wednesday at the local links, Linda Woodley was the low gross winner. Becky Armstrong carded the lowest net score.

HIGH ROLLERS

Here are last week's high scores in bowling league action at Kings Lane Recreation.

Circus league: Ben Cooper, 203.

Tuesday morning seniors: Goodie, 203; Wally Brown, 224; Gordon Parsons, 233, 228/644; Jack Godwin, 205.

Special Olympics: Mahjor Bains, 239; Dan Carlson, 145.

Wednesday afternoon ladies: Deanna Marleau, 212; Margaret Baker, 276/623.

Loonie Tunes: Ron Cunningham, 206; John Sutherland, 213, 268; Henry Schwagly, 232; Linda Schwagly, 242, 207; Lance Leask, 267; Martin Hoogerdyk, 242; Brent Schwagly, 206; Connie Hardy, 225, 208, 247.



GUIDING TOUCH: Giselle Harstall urges on her approach shot to the Salt Spring Golf Club's fourth hole during the Fickle Fingers' 26th annual tournament Wednesday.

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Fine fishing form

Sunny skies and smooth waters beckoned to, from left, Dorain Carlson, Uncle Perra and Dave Carlson who decided to try and reel in dinner at St. Mary Lake on Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Intense contact play takes a toll on Slugs

Non-contact hockey was just a concept for the Salt Spring Slugs Sunday as they ended up on the losing end of a 7-4 score to Sidney Blues at Panorama Leisure Centre.

"We weren't expecting them to be quite so rough," said the Slugs' Andy Naumann of the game that saw ejections early in the first period and both teams finish with just two players left on the bench.

"There were some very intense moments early on with pushing and shoving, and it continued throughout the game."

Bob Akerman, Joe Akerman and Paul Reynolds scored single markers in the penalty-filled contest. Naumann rounded out the scoring in his final game as a Slug before moving to the province's interior.

Despite the outcome, the Slugs' effort was a good one for so early in the season.

Buoyed by two new defencemen, Joe Akerman and Chad Kinnear, the team is starting to gel, according to Naumann.

"We're playing better and better and I think the team is gaining confidence," he says.

Salt Spring next plays Mill Bay Saints Saturday at Lake Cowichan Arena and Sooke Hawks Sunday at the Slugs' home rink at Fuller Lake outside Chemainus.

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Young island players aid 13-1 hockey win

Disciplined, two-way play by Fuller Lake and its six Salt Spring players helped push the bantam hockey team to a 13-1 exhibition victory over Duncan in Duncan Sunday.

The team rounded out its exhibition season in North Cowichan Minor Hockey League District play with a 3-1 record.

On Sunday Fuller Lake took advantage of Duncan's short bench to pinch its opponents all over the ice. The hosts had the services of only nine players, creating scambly play that left them vulnerable to Fuller Lake's rested legs.

The frustration showed as Duncan took penalty after penalty while Fuller Lake managed to stay out of the box all night.

Salt Spring's Ethan Becklake exploded on offense, scoring three goals and adding four assists to spearhead the victory. His seven points was a game high.

Fellow islander Jim Goldie added a pair of markers while other Salt Spring players figured heavily in the scoring.

Adam Davies and Stuart Sinclair both notched a couple of helpouts, while Owen Beasley tallied one assist.

Girls volley to six losses before taking command

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions girls' senior volleyball team prepared for its AA season October 2 and 3 with a series of exhibition matches at Woodlands Secondary School in Nanaimo.

The Salt Spring team started slowly, absorbing six losses, before regrouping to take six of their final eight games.

Scorpions dropped early games to Kwalicum, from Qualicum Beach, 7-15, 5-15, to host Woodlands, 9-15, 12-15 and to Carihi, an AAA school from Parksville, 8-15, 9-15.

They then took a 2-1 decision over Ballenas, another AAA school from Parksville, by 15-3, 11-15 and 15-5 scores and then scooted to five-of-six victories over Duncan Christian 0-15, 15-9, 15-9 and Wellington, of Nanaimo, 15-11, 16-14.

Scorpions' Maia Vaillancourt had a particularly strong tournament accounting for 18 points, while Sheila Stacey added 14 kills.

The girls open their regular season Saturday at Vic High in Victoria.

Slashers take second

A superb defensive effort by Salt Spring Slashers secured the Under-19 girls team second place at the prestigious Richmond Girls Soccer Tournament over the weekend.

Although the team did not allow one goal, and limited opponents to a paltry 10 shots during four games, it was edged out of the gold-medal spot by half a point.

The girls marked a record of two wins and two ties during the event. The team's next game is against Oak Bay Sunday at Portlock Park.

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Biker extraordinaire Jeff Grant struts his stuff as he uses amazing balance and bike-control to creep along and then off a picnic table in Centennial Park. The Salt Spring man last year placed sixth in the National Championship Series mountain bike trials, held in the United States. Unfortunately, his bike career was stalled this year following his involvement in a hit and run car accident last March.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Strikers U-14 take title at Richmond tourney

A finely tuned defense and excellent conditioning were the key factors that pushed Salt Spring's Strikers to the Under-14 title at the Richmond Girls' Soccer Tournament over the weekend.

The Strikers ran up four straight victories Saturday and Sunday, while allowing only two goals and playing both the semi-final and championship in the same afternoon.

The Strikers opened with two shutouts in round-robin play.

The first was a 2-0 win over Ladner Strikers, with Bliss Wiebe turning in an excellent performance in the net. Goals for the winners came from Laurel Temmel and Diana Anglos.

Anglos moved between the posts for the second contest and helped blank Richmond Racers by a 1-0 score. Tristin Morton scored the only goal the team needed to advance to the championship round. The semi-final was a more

wide-open affair against Surrey Sonics. Valri Cunningham struck for two markers in a 4-1 Salt Spring win. Jocelyn Langdon and Kelley Kerr each added single markers. The gold-medal game started a mere 90 minutes later, but the Strikers found enough fresh legs to edge Ladner Voodoo 2-1 in a closely contested game.

Salt Spring's Melanie Moore gave her team an early lead with a high, arching shot from 18 yards out that fooled the Ladner keeper and dropped softly into the back of the net.

The Voodoo tied the match before the half. But with only minutes remaining in regulation time, Langdon fed a short pass to Moore who made no mistake with her powerful shot.

The Strikers continue their regular season play Saturday at Victoria's Lambrick Park when they take on Gordon Head.

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Announcements

5 BIRTHS

CHRIS & LINDA are thrilled to announce the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Chace Joseph Abric, on September 22, 1998 at Lady Minto Hospital.

WENDY & JIM Pazarena are proud to announce the birth of our third precious gift from God. Cassandra Jacqueline was born Tuesday, September 29 at 4:17 p.m. and weighed in at 7 lbs 11 oz. She is a welcome addition for Oceana and Daniel. The happy family can be viewed at: <http://www.qcislands.net/paz>. Another grandchild for Jacquie Severn.

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6 DEATHS

DAMPIER, MAURICE Sidney, age 77, died September 25, 1998, at his daughters home in Genesee, Idaho. Born on May 13, 1921, in Ashville, North Carolina. After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1943 he served with The Marine Corps during World War II. In 1985, he retired from the textile industry and moved to Palm Desert, California. He and Pam Wilson of Vancouver married in 1990, and they enjoyed living in both Palm Desert and Salt Spring Island where he was a member of the Salt Spring Island Golf Club and Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Surviving are three daughters, Meg Booth of Genesee, Jill Dampier of Pilot Hill, California, and Beth Rabinowitz of Bainbridge Island Washington; four grandchildren; and a brother, Stanley of St. Louis, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his first wife Jean in 1988 and his son, Alexander Dampier and Pam in 1993. The family suggests memorials be made to your local Hospice Program. Arrangements are under the direction of Short's Funeral Chapel, Moscow, ID. 208-882-4534.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE CLIMBING WALL at Salt Spring Community Society would like to thank Windsor Plywood, for their donation of materials during our recent renovation. Thanks also to Dion Hackett and Keith MacHattie for all their hard work. Great Job!

IN REMEMBRANCE: Our thanks to all who attended the service on October 7th for Beth Robinson, who peacefully passed away on September 29th. Her husband, Ken, sons Garth, Garnett, Garfield (Kris), and daughter Corlis miss her deeply. We would all like to thank the staffs of the Cowichan District Hospital, the Royal Jubilee, and the Victoria Cancer clinic, and most especially the nurses and staff of the Lady Minto Hospital who made her last days so pleasant.

THE STINGGRAYS SWIM Team would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous support this past season: Barbs Buns, Malcolm & Stephanie Bond, Ganges Village Market, Lions Club, P.A.R.C., Thrifty Foods, Windsor Plywood and everyone who supported our Fall Fair Booth.

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THE LATE Janet I Flanagan. All of Jan's friends are invited to attend a final farewell to be held at the Central Cemetery on Wednesday, October 14, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at which time her ashes will be interred beside her beloved husband Jack who passed away in 1975. On completion you are invited for refreshments at the Harbour House Hotel. Jan's stepson Bud Flanagan & his wife Pearl from Perth, Ontario will be in attendance. For further details contact Beth McDonald 537-2313.



The Canadian Cancer Society appreciates your generous support. Please send name of deceased, name/address of next of kin and name/address donor for tax receipt (VISA/MC accepted) to:
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24 hr. service
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Notices

20 COMING EVENTS

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

ARGENTINIAN TANGO w/Liliana Kleiner. Workshop, Friday, October 16, 7 - 10. Saturday, 1 - 5, & dance, 8 - 12. One day, \$25 + dance. Two days \$45 + dance. Pre-register w/Margie. 537-2707.

THE WALL pre Hallowe'en climb, October 30, 7 p.m. till midnight. Climb in the dark as holds and walls glow & shine. An action packed pre Hallowe'en evening, \$1 for members, \$6 for non members plus rentals. November 21 climb-a-thon to Mons Olympus, completely out of this planet. We'll reach the highest mountain in our solar system, on Mars, 2 1/2 times the height of Mt. Everest. Call 537-9971 for details and sponsor sheets.

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THIRD ANNUAL Sale at Gulf Island Picture Framing, huge assortment of frames, mats, and etched glass. All sizes, all styles, all colours. Don't miss it! Saturday, October 24, 11 - 3 only. 116 Langley Road, in Vesuvius Bay.

SHEILA REID will present slides and information concerning the Maya Scholarship Fund of Guatemala at Ganges United Church, 1 p.m. Saturday, October 17.

Salt Spring Is. Golf & Country Club
LADIES FALL LUNCHEON
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1998
12:30pm
Tickets sold in advance at the pro shop

SS Aquatic Society Stingrays Swim Team
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 22 ~ 7:30pm
United Church Hall
111 Hereford Ave.
Pre-Registration for 1999 Season

BOTTLE DRIVE
1st Ganges Scouts & Cubs
Saturday, Oct. 24
10 - 2
There will also be a drop-off at G.V.M. Parking Lot 11 - 2

CPAC
Thursday, Oct. 22
7:30pm
Global Awareness Room
Gulf Islands Secondary School

Interested individuals and representatives of community groups are invited to the October meeting of the Community Police Advisory Committee. Please come to discuss the broadening of the scope of CPAC to become an umbrella organization where all groups and individuals interested in developing a healthy community and supporting crime prevention can come together to share ideas and resources on a regular basis.

ENGINEERING

Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee will be holding its annual general meeting on Thursday, October 29, 1998 at 1 pm in the Grace Point Square Conference Room at #1206-115 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. The public is invited to attend

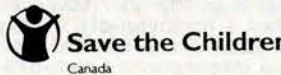
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23 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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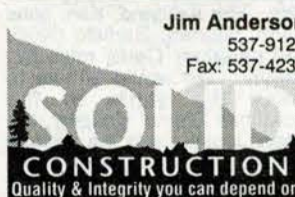
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MONICA, MONICA. It seems like it was just yesterday when the house "shook to ABBA" and you swept me off my feet (literally)! Thank god we were able to rest (thanks to your lap) occasionally! But there is a Dance-a-thon coming...so are you ready to trip the light fantastic once again?! Call me and let's boogie!!

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AN EVENING OF Sacred Piano music composed by G I Gurdjess and Thomas de Hartman. Performed by Charles Ketcham and Lawrence Rosenthal. Saturday, October 24, 8 p.m. Metropolitan Tabernacle, 189 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC. Tickets \$15 advance, \$16 at the door. Available at Banyen Books, 2671 West Broadway, the Naam Restaurant, 2724 West 4th Ave, Ticket Master, 280-4444 or on Salt Spring 537-9587.

FOR RENT. Two bedroom, seaview cottage, washer/dryer. Cablevision, garbage pick up included. \$550 per month. Available November 1. One bedroom cottage, \$500 per month, available immediately. No pets. 537-4559.

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SALE! SATURDAY, October 17, need to make room. Sale on fabrics, kids prints, jerseys, also on selected kids clothing at Patchworks. Lower Moutat's Mall.

DONA BERNADETTE Vigil returns to Salt Spring on October 30 & 31 to teach the Toltec path of inner strength, personal freedom, and self awareness. Weekly sessions will continue and support the practice. For information 537-2840, watch "coming events" next week.

FOR SALE: heavy duty Inglis washing machine, great condition. \$150. Phone 537-8331.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom newer house, 700 sq. ft., near Beddis Beach, \$650/ month. 604-731-8950.

WASHING MACHINE, Kenmore heavy duty, with light use, 5 years new, \$250. 537-2015.

UNICEF CARDS & gifts are available: October 22, at 186 Roland Road; October 29, at 125 Castle Cross Road; November 5, at 150 Chu-Ann Drive. Please join us for refreshments.

HONDA PRELUDE, 1985 standard, sunroof, 209 km, little rust, nice driving machine but needs a little work. \$2900 obo. 653-2020.

SAVE THE CHILDREN. Wanted - volunteers - all ages - have fun helping children. Call Peggy at 653-2350.

1950'S CHERRY RED arborite kitchen table, \$150. Mahogany coffee table, \$20. Book shelves, \$24. Wood plant stand, \$10. Swivel rocker, \$25. Set of 3 nesting tables, \$50. Black leather chair and ottoman, \$75. 537-1804.

FOR RENT: 400 sq. ft. cabin on shared oceanview property, N/S, no dogs, cat OK, \$425. 537-1968.

FOR SALE. Double wide mobile home in Cedarview. Priced for quick sale. \$17,500. Call Jamie 653-4154 evenings.

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REMEMBER YOU?? The kids are back in school, time to remember you. Deluxe spa pedicure and deluxe spa manicure, Reg \$54 now \$45. Reflexology & Reiki 1 hour session, Reg \$45 now \$35. Offer expires October 31. Skin Sensations. 537-8807. #2102 Grace Pt. Square.

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LARGE, BRIGHT, 2 Bedroom basement suite, washer, dryer, walk to Ganges, prefer adults, no pets, references. \$550 plus utilities. 537-5733.

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1/2 PRICE* DO YOUR Christmas shopping early and Save (*some items exempt). Precious Treasures, Grace Point Square. 537-1110.

GARAGE SALE, collectibles, "Brian's Sale", Saturday, October 17, 9 - 1. 281 Booth Canal.

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REIKI PRACTITIONERS of SS, you are invited to come and share ideas about gathering for community healing sessions and support meetings on Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. at Skin Sensations. For further information please contact Julia Howard 537-8807.

PIANO FOR sale: big, beautiful old upright, \$1,950. 537-1855

MOVING SALE! Tools and a bit of everything. Saturday, October 17, 136 Bradbury. Follow signs from Central. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DANCE-A-THON - dance the night away. Saturday, October 24. 4 p.m. - 4 a.m. Activity Centre. Students \$5, Adults, \$7, Family \$20. Phone 537-9130 for more info.

THE PHLING PHISH Clothing Co. Just arrived Kettle Creek Clothing. Fulford government dock, 653-4345.

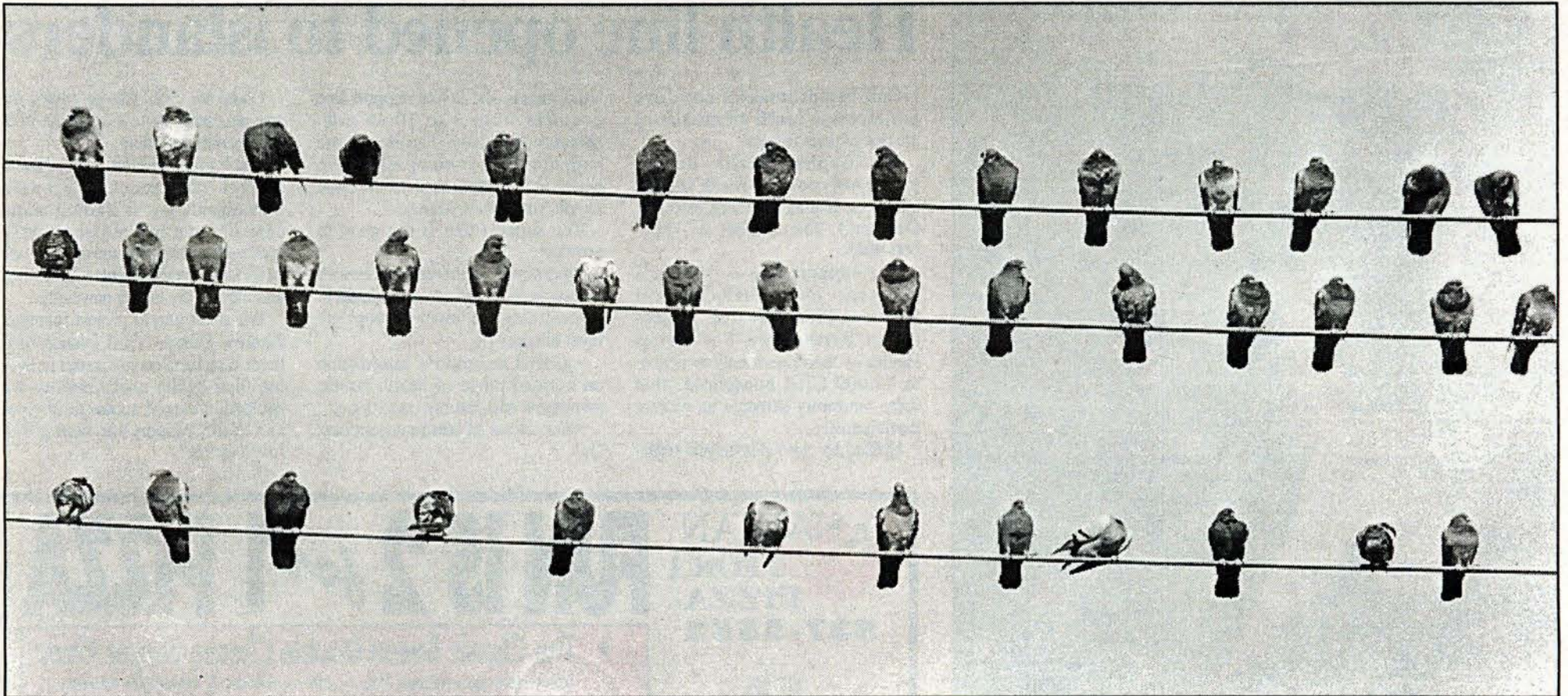
YELLOW SUBMARINE, mental health drop in centre open house: Thursday, October 15, 4 - 7 p.m., Community Centre Basement. Videos, literature, internet demo on depression, manic/depression, schizophrenia. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

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Pigeon pie in the sky

Year after year dozens of pigeons perch on wires on Vesuvius Bay Road across from Portlock Park, creating a gray-spotted foreground to the changing sky. No one at the Driftwood is sure exactly why pigeons are attracted to this particular

set of wires. Anyone who has an answer is invited to submit it, either by phone, e-mail or letter, to the Driftwood office.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

The Capital Health Region is reviewing a list of applicants for new board members to help oversee the formation of upcoming health policies.

Some of the questions the board is facing include new programs for in-home and palliative care as well as the ongoing search for doctors to work on the smaller islands.

Salt Spring and Pender are combining their Home Support Services to create an agency that will expand the program to all the Gulf Islands. The goal is to supply

Applicants reviewed

in-home supportive care to those who can't leave the house or who aren't hospital out-patients.

Palliative care is also gaining a great deal of interest as the region's population ages. This care is for individuals who can express their own needs vocally.

Noreen Lerch, the region's clinical nurse specialist in palliative care, is offering to conduct Advance Directives workshops on

any of the Gulf Islands, focusing on how it could affect volunteers and health-care specialists.

The doctor problem continues. Galiano Island residents are still searching for a replacement for Barry Lovell, who will retire at the end of the month.

And Pender Island is looking for a second doctor to replace Don Williams, who has recently retired.

Transport official will talk noise

Aircraft noise and a litany of ongoing complaints in the Gulf Islands have finally reached the door of Transport Canada in Ottawa.

Following a letter from the Islands Trust Council (TC) to the federal department, noise specialist Gilles Bourgeois will make the trek west to discuss the matter.

Trustee Tony Law will be the point man in the discussions. At the top of the list are altitudes of planes using Gulf Island airspace.

Federal guidelines put those heights at 500 feet over rural areas and 2,000 feet for urban areas.

The Gulf Islands are currently ruled a rural area, and some want that designation changed.

The TC, however, is caught in a dilemma of whether the area is rural — for environmental protection reasons, or urban — for environmental control reasons. Bourgeois will arrive in late November or early December to hold talks with interested parties.

These positions might be changed to salaried jobs instead of fee-for-service ones.

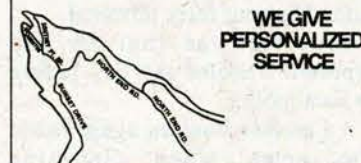
Mayne Island is looking to reinstate its nurse-coordinator position which was cancelled in July.

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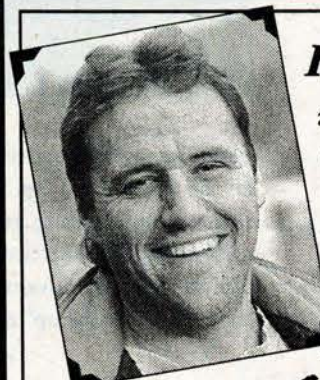
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Send resume to:

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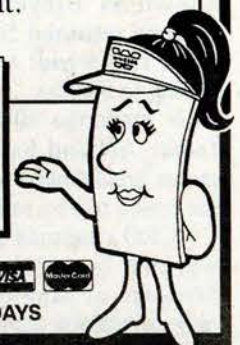
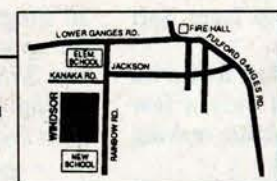


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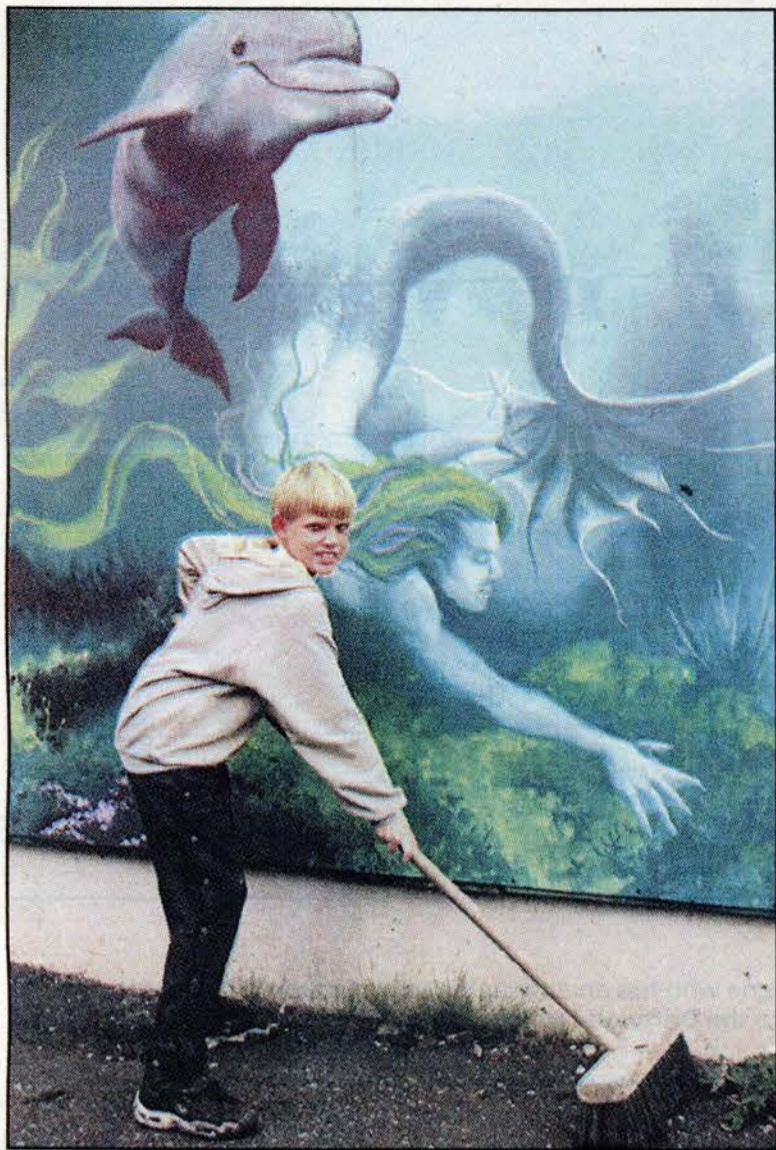
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Sea sweep

Twelve-year-old Andrew Martman pauses in front of a colourful sea mural as he gives his dad a hand sweeping and cleaning up around Ganges building.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

September of 1963 recorded hottest day

Thirty-five years ago

Local weather observers noted that the month of September produced not only the hottest day of the year (at 85 degrees) but also only one-third of the normal rainfall (0.52 inches compared to 1.56 inches).

The new Canada Savings Bonds were advertised with a 12-year maturity term of 5.03 per cent.

Not bad, considering you could buy an entire load of slab-wood fir for \$16 from TV Sawmills.

Thirty years ago

Local drivers were introduced to a new system of penalties for driving infractions.

The new style used a point-deduction system whereby those caught for offences would have a running tally of point losses, until the stage where they'd have their licence suspended.

A new housekeeping service, arranged through Salt Spring's churches, was offered to those who needed help at home due to sickness or other emergencies.

The service would have an hourly charge, unless the recipient was on social assistance.

Twenty-five years ago

Later to be affectionately known as Bicycle Bob, Bob Simons returned from a 3,000-mile, two-wheel trip from Salt Spring to Halifax.

He made the 40-day trek with father Art and had only a few major breakdowns before making the return trip by rail.

CRD chairman Jim Campbell warned islanders about the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' plan to replace local government with commissions and trusts.

He said the implementation of an Islands Trust would probably

DOWN THE YEARS

put local planning permanently "in limbo."

Twenty years ago

A Salt Spring man finally found his misplaced car at the Long Harbour ferry terminal.

Problem was that he had reported it stolen the day before to local police.

Careless hunters again made the news when Georgina Marcotte discovered the remnants of a 12-gauge shotgun blast wedged into the wall of her Stewart Road home.

Fifteen years ago

K&R Your Food Store got its hand slapped by the Local Trust Committee for using the pedestrian space outside its premises for conducting business.

B.C. Ferries actually took responsibility and apologized to Salt Spring residents for not publicizing schedule changes on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run.

But the Driftwood also took some responsibility for not publishing accurate information.

Ten years ago

Police handed out tickets to 30 illegal clamdiggers who had set up camp on Bader's Beach. The \$75 tickets were issued for setting up camp without proper toilet facilities.

Five years ago

Construction started on a new fire hall for Salt Spring. The facility would be located in Fulford and was to receive a new mini-pumper and tanker to outfit it.

Health line opened to islanders

Gulf Islands residents now have free access to health information at the tips of their fingers.

The Capital Health Region (CHR) has opened a health support telephone line to islanders, effective October 1. The number is 1-800-660-9045.

The support line — part of a two-year joint CHR-Medical Services Plan research project called Partnership For Better Health — was previously available to 12,000 CHR households that were randomly selected as project participants.

Staffed by specially trained regis-

tered nurses, the health support line operates from 3 to 10:45 p.m. Monday to Friday. The nurses are supported by a comprehensive health information database to assist people with health issues.

The support line is designed to provide:

- personal, confidential health assessments to assist individuals in determining the most appropriate level of care;

- general and specific information on a broad range of health issues, symptoms and chronic conditions;

- discussion of treatment options; and

- help for callers in preparing for any necessary follow-up visits with their health providers.

The Partnership For Better Health project was launched last fall. Participants — including about eight per cent of Gulf Islanders — received a comprehensive self-care handbook, access to the support line and a quarterly health newsletter.

But according to project manager Andrew Hume, "Gulf Islands residents face rural access issues in having their health needs met, so we decided to extend access to the project health support line with a toll-free number."

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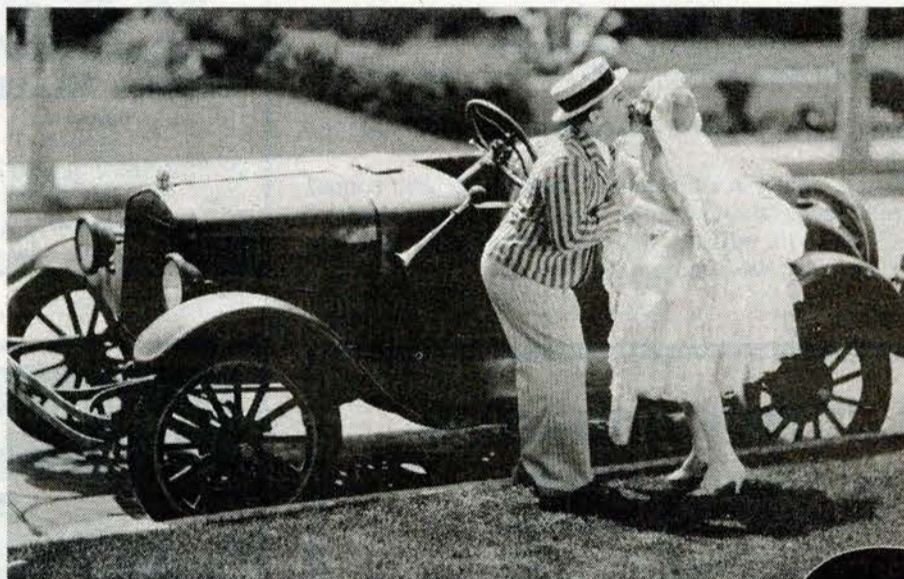
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