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## Protesters rally against 'bullying' minister

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By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Spirits soared and made their presentation in costume at last Thursday's rally to support education in the Gulf Islands.

The parade of the ghosts — representing potentially lost "electives" at the high school — kicked off the public demonstration outside the school board in Ganges amid a sea of S.O.S.

(Save Our Schools) balloons and signs.

Tony Hume, chairman of the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Parents Advisory Council, led the rally by urging the crowd of about 300 to send three simple messages to Education Minister Paul Ramsey: They would not accept Ramsey's ultimatum, further cuts to the district's annual budget or that he ignored his own

ministry's efficiency advisory team report which concluded the Gulf Islands has a funding problem beyond its control.

Hume said the rally would send a message that people want quality education equal to that received by students in other districts, and that they would not tolerate "bullying."

"We want to stop bullying in our schools and what we find is that we've got a minister who is

preaching bullying in our schools and this is unacceptable."

Students of all ages took the microphone set up in the back of a pick-up, describing what was great about their schools.

GISS reps Chris Coulter and Emily Roop and others pointed out successes of their school's students, and how critical courses besides the basics were to further achievement. "Without

them we may as well be saying, 'would you like fries with that?'" said Coulter.

GISS student Clare Rustad declared, "We just got the best band teacher in the whole world (Bruce Smith) and we're not going to lose him."

Chamber of Commerce president Janet Stepaniuk said Ramsey had no idea what the

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## Rescuers search for missing woman

A woman in her early 20s got a lesson in surviving alone in the bush after getting lost Monday evening on Saturna Island.

Outer Islands RCMP, Saturna's volunteer fire departments, local residents and the woman's friends all pitched in to locate her at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

She was a frequent visitor to the island and had been visiting with her boyfriend when she wandered off Monday afternoon into the mountainous area above Taylor Point.

"I guess it caught her off-guard how quickly it got dark," said RCMP Cpl. Don Smawley, who took part in the search. "She was unscathed when we found her, but it must have been a cool, uncomfortable evening."

When the woman failed to return by dark, her friends began a search by themselves. Unsuccessful, they contacted the RCMP at midnight.

"We weren't in a position to put people on the mountain in the dark. We started at first light," says Smawley. "This was an adult. If the person had been a child, we would have taken different measures."

Once she was located, the woman was examined by a doctor and released.



Pre-empting Hallowe'en

Neil Golden, left, and Margo MacDonald don masks created by Kathleen Measures of Studio Interface and sold in the

Centennial Park Saturday market. The masks are made of paper maché and painted into colourful creations.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Ferry committee chooses most 'radical' of four options offered

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By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

With diminishing options for ways to improve B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC) finances and services, discussions between corporate bosses and their stakeholders have focused on radically changing the structure of Gulf Islands routes.

At the October 20 meeting between the BCFC and Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee in Sidney, both sides

tried to hash out which of four options offered the best chance for company-service improvement.

Ironically the discussions did not deal with ongoing external audits by Ernst and Young and other entities which are analyzing overall company activities and should offer the biggest potential fiscal savings of all.

This was left to the next Coastal Council meeting November 4 and 5 in Victoria.

Both sides of the table were frustrated about how to transform

the current system: stakeholders because they represent 14,000 users who feel that whatever the change, they won't get value for money, and BCFC officials because they have been saddled with a partisan distraction while trying to rejig an unprofitable company.

And both were impatient because four years of discussions have yet to produce mutually acceptable solutions. While they agree on the time imperatives, nei-

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## Hallowe'en activities fun, festive and scary

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

This year more than ever, a Salt Spring Hallowe'en beckons the creative along with the macabre.

Where else would you see a "witch vane" perched in the middle of town?

This year's celebration promises to be better than ever with a lantern parade through Ganges, the Spook House at Mahon Hall, Fun Fest at Fernwood School and fireworks and bonfires in Ganges and Fulford, along with a host of costume parties.

The parade, an inspiration of Wendi Gilson and Art and Garlic Productions, begins at Barb's Buns at 6 p.m. and ends at Rotary Marine Park in time for the fireworks.

HALLOWE'EN 2

# ArtSpring opens doors with gigantic bash

December 5 and 6 will be historic days on Salt Spring. That's the weekend ArtSpring celebrates its birth with an action-packed grand opening. "It's going to be a gigantic party for the whole community," says board member Richard Moses, as talented islanders will be invited to book a space in the

lineup. In other ArtSpring news, a draft rental rate schedule for theatre and visual arts spaces was presented to the board at its last meeting and approved in principle. Moses said the schedule will require some "fine-tuning" and possibly an examination by new executive director

Jane Forner before it is put in place. Eight island designers are now preparing submissions for the special recognition wall in the ArtSpring lobby, and a second competition has been announced to create signage for the building site. Moses confirmed that building

construction is on budget and on target with a late-November completion date still expected. For a variety of reasons, including the imminent building opening and the arrival of the new executive director, the board has postponed the society's annual general meeting until January 1999.

# Victoria woman named ArtSpring director

Jane Forner is ArtSpring's first executive director. Forner was selected from a field of 55 applicants, said Island Arts Centre Society board member and publicist Richard Moses. Most recently she served as director of marketing for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, coming to Vancouver from Kingston, Ontario, where she was general manager of the Kingston Symphony Association. She was also director of the Virginia Opera in Richmond, Virginia, and from 1990 to 1992 managed the Boris Brodt Summer Music Festival in Hamilton, Ontario. From 1982 to 1989 she directed CentreStage Music in Toronto and before that was executive producer of CBC Radio's Mostly Music program for 10 years in Toronto and Ottawa.

Forner took her Bachelor of Music degree from Mount Allison University in New Brunswick, and spent two years in post-graduate studies at the Vienna Academy of Music. She has also participated in the arts management program at the Banff School of Fine Arts, and in workshops on management, personnel, marketing and fundraising. She is an avid sailor, has co-written four music/theatre shows which were produced in Toronto, and is currently at work on a non-fiction book and a musical. Forner will move to Salt Spring from Victoria and is expected to begin her job on November 23. She will be on the island later this week to discuss the ArtSpring opening in December and to begin orientation with office systems now in place.

# Coalition and Trust face off over bylaw

**By MIKE LEVIN**  
Driftwood Staff

The conflict over Galiano Island's forest lots has turned into a contrarian stand-off. And a confusing new land-use regulation is only muddying the waters. Lot owners, represented by the Galiano Island Coalition, say they have been regulated out of building on their properties by the Local Trust Committee (LTC) and its political backers, the Galiano Conservancy Association. The LTC says any type of development is possible if owners are willing to follow new guidelines. Both sides met at a public meeting Saturday to discuss the amendment to the island's three-year-old official community plan (OCP). The result was not pretty. "What they've effectively done is steal about 6,000 acres of land without one penny of compensation," says Richard Dewinetz, coalition spokesman and the island's largest private landowner. The alteration pegged all forest lots at an F1 level, which carries no residential development capability. Building is possible only through a public rezoning process. "What we are offering them is complete residential use with a conservancy design," says Galiano LTC trustee Margaret Griffiths. "If they are willing to convey (undevelopable land) to the community, they will be given extra development rights." The coalition and TLC are miles

apart on their interpretations of what is required to actually construct a residence on a forest lot. In fact the process has become a can of worms. In one convoluted example, an owner with a 100-acre plot would have to deed the land to a community forest and apply for the right to build on another piece of land, deeded from another landowner. "The bottom line is obvious, and that is to put 90 per cent of the (forest-lot) land into the hands of the Conservancy," says Dewinetz. Griffiths denied the accusation, but Dewinetz pointed to a 20-page covenant that landowners must sign and a \$25,000 bond they must post before they are allowed to start the application process. Of concern is that control of the covenant could actually end up in Conservancy hands, through an LTC administrative clause. And for any potential development, lot owners would have to apply for transferable residence density permits, many of which are owned by Conservancy members. Few solutions are apparent. One unaligned resident says that more than 75 per cent of island people feel the new laws are unacceptable and that trustees should return to the original OCP land-use bylaws and start again. Coalition members say they want the resignation of both LTC trustees. The next public meeting is December 5.

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It features the rhythm-infused Samba du Soleil band, the newly-formed Torch Dance Performers and the Spikes, a children's sparkler dance. Participants are urged to bring their own lantern to light the parade. The Spook House, open from 6 to 9 p.m., scared the daylight out of 1,200 people last year. Co-organizer Tom Woods promises this year's version will be scarier, although some sections are optional, to reduce the terror quotient. "We've got lots of volunteers who gave us lots of new ideas," said Woods. Thanks to their generosity, it also has better sound, light and smoke systems. Spook House is free, but food bank volunteers will be collecting

donations at the door. Fernwood's Fun Fest is also a popular place to be, with children's games, a cake walk, bingo, cookie decorating and face painting all part of the action. Sponsored by island churches, the event runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Despite the innovative new events, meeting friends around the bonfire and sharing wonder at the fireworks is still an all-ages favourite. Salt Spring's firefighters are again handling bonfire and fireworks duties — best seen from the Rotary Marine Park area and at Drummond Park in Fulford, beginning at 7:30. Afterwards, hot chocolate and hot dogs are served at Ganges firehall and Drummond.

# Parents reassured

A delegation of parents came away from a meeting with Education Minister Paul Ramsey Tuesday afternoon with a better feeling about the future of Gulf Islands schools. Spokesman Tony Hume told the Driftwood that parents had "a positive dialogue" with the minister over the financial crisis in the Gulf Islands School District. "We believe it was a very positive dialogue," Hume said, noting that there seemed to have been some "misinterpretation" regarding some of the issues involved.

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**GHOST SCHOOL:** About 300 people gathered at the school board office on Thursday to support education in the Gulf Islands. The rally took place following a "parade of the ghosts" which symbolized the potentially lost electives at the high school that would result in a "ghost school." Photo by Derrick Lundy

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**PROTEST: Ghost schools rejected**

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cuts he has demanded would do to the local economy or the children. She challenged him to meet her kids, "stare them in the eye" and tell them he was making those cuts.  
Raging Granny Virginia Newman pointed out that the federal government's cut of \$7 billion in transfer payments for health, education and social services was where the problem originated.  
Pender parent Leslie McBain stressed that "we are protesting a funding formula that is basi-

cally, structurally flawed. Let's get everyone involved and let's not let them do this to us."  
The creaky-boned Geezers (Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers) added much-needed humour to the rally's grim impetus. "If the school district was a bank or a big corporation they would bail 'em out," said Filkow.  
He and Chalmers said the cut-backs would result in no hiring of teachers over five feet tall, and no study of words containing more than two vowels. The cafeteria program would turn

into the "cappuccino program."  
Hume also announced that November 4 had been set as a date for a demonstration at the Legislature with people from other districts if the Gulf Islands board is in fact dismissed. Adults and students were urged to continue writing letters opposing Ramsey's actions.  
Confusion about whether or not there was a 4 p.m. sailing from Long Harbour to take Outer Islands parents and students home ended the rally on a typically Gulf Islands note.

**FERRIES: Radical option chosen**

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ther has been able to get past what observers say has always been a confrontational relationship.  
"I'm really quite concerned because we don't have much time to discuss anymore. It's time we have to act or else we'll be sitting here next year and you'll be deeper in debt," said committee co-chairman Richard Dalon of Mayne Island.  
B.C. Ferries' Ross Harris, who presented the four-option plan, wondered where the real roadblock lay.  
"No, it's time for you to choose a strategic direction. If you're asking us to do another (computer) analysis on these . . . options, then you're talking too much," he said.  
The goal of all the plans was increased efficiency through decreasing costs and increasing usage and tariffs.  
Basic to all was a decentralization of the Gulf Island routes, minimizing Swartz Bay as the region's hub and restructuring the manpower needed. The Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay and Vesuvius Bay-

Crofton routes remained unchanged in all scenarios.  
After discussing the four options, committee members voted to pursue the third of the four choices, which based all vessels in the Gulf Islands and included:  
• A major vessel in Long Harbour connecting Tsawwassen with the other islands — using Mayne's Village Bay terminal as a hub — and making two trips daily to Swartz Bay.  
• A minor vessel at Galiano's Sturdies Bay connecting the islands with Swartz Bay.  
• Another minor vessel at Saturna's Lyall Harbour supplementing the inter-island service. In the summer, the boat based in Lyall Harbour would also connect the islands with Tsawwassen.  
"It's certainly the most radical option. I think this is the kind of thing we need," said Drew Thorburn of Salt Spring.  
The three rejected plans provided only slight variations on the system that currently exists and included:  
1) Two vessels based in Swartz

Bay serving the islands and linking with the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands route, and one in Long Harbour connecting the islands with Tsawwassen.  
2) One vessel based in Swartz Bay and one in Lyall Harbour linking the islands with Swartz Bay and connecting with the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route. Supplementary summer service would be out of Fulford Harbour to Swartz Bay and/or Tsawwassen.  
4) The current system with a small feeder vessel based in Lyall Harbour.  
The push for more efficiency appears to be possible only through cost-cutting because increased usage is unpredictable and higher fares are unacceptable to stakeholders.  
The problem is where costs can actually be cut.  
One corporation representative, speaking anonymously, felt the discussions about realignment were doomed to failure because "any change will cost workers too much and the union will kill it."

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## Court users not amused by start-up kinks

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

What may have looked like the second run of a Ganges courthouse comedy last week is not amusing islanders involved in the court system.

And according to Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire, a high frustration level is likely to continue through Ganges' next few court dates.

"It's growing pains," he said Thursday following this month's short court session.

When the courthouse re-opened last month, a string of events — from a missing sheriff to missing tables — made it obvious that the local execution of justice would not take place without a few kinks.

However, when the comedy of errors continued this month, several people were not laughing.

Once again, court started late. This time the delay was due to a late ferry from Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour, which stalled the arrival at the courthouse of Crown counsel Duncan Campbell and Justice of the Peace (JP) Rodney Fisher until after 10 a.m.

Margaret Mahon, deputy regional director for court services on Vancouver Island, who is coordinating the re-start of Ganges court, was unaware the ferry schedule had changed in September.

"It's not fun trying to get a court schedule going on an isolated island," she said. "Luckily, everyone is quite amiable over there."

Ganges court was previously coordinated by staff at the Sidney courthouse. However, Sidney court shut down at the same time Ganges court closed, and island matters were then transferred to Duncan Provincial Court.

Now, all Ganges court files go through Victoria court services.

Complicating the system is the fact that some files are coming to Ganges from Victoria, others from Duncan and that at least three of the 12 items on last Thursday's docket were old files which originated in the Sidney office.

Further adding to the confusion were the three people who arrived in court Thursday with official summons in hand but without a place on the court agenda. Crown Counsel Campbell had no record of their files.

Darbyshire said it was likely all three were mistakenly listed on dockets at Victoria Provincial Court. Any no-show warrants issued for the three in Victoria would likely be caught and vacated, he added.

Police were also frustrated that Victoria sent a JP instead of a judge for the second consecutive month.

Mahon said there was an "insufficient list to send a judge;" however, when told 12 items were on the docket, she was unable to define what a "sufficient" list would look like. Many of the cases on this month's court list were first appearances, but some had been put forward from last

month when the JP then was unable to deal with them.

A JP cannot hear pleas or pass judgment so everyone who appeared before JP Fisher was put over until the next court date November 19.

"I would think it is very unlikely you won't see a judge next time," Mahon said. "The start-up is kind of slow."

Salt Spring RCMP Const. Paul Seymour, who was at Thursday's court session, expressed frustration over the presence of a JP rather than a judge. He felt at least two people on the docket would have pleaded guilty, been dealt with and removed from the system had a judge been present.

Victoria's sheriff's division also neglected, for the second consecutive month, to send a member to Ganges. All court sessions need a sheriff to control any volatile occurrences or take charge of a prisoner in custody.

As it happened last Thursday, Salt Spring RCMP had picked up someone on an outstanding warrant and had him in custody. But as time went by and no judge or

JP arrived on the island, the detachment ended up calling local JP Bob McWhirter to release the prisoner.

But for all the problems one event had the entire court room chortling.

For some reason a telephone showed up on the judge's table at last month's court session. On Thursday it was still there. As court went about its business the phone suddenly rang. The room fell silent as clerk Liz Stewart answered it and told the caller she had the wrong number. Stewart said later the caller was requesting a baby-sitter.

Salt Spring lawyer Jim Pasuta recommended the phone be removed before a judge with little sense of humour was forced to answer a call.

Although Darbyshire believes the re-opening of the courthouse will continue to meet bureaucratic challenges, he and Campbell plan to launch a double-sided attack from both Salt Spring and Victoria. And hopefully, the no-longer-comic kinks can be straightened out.

## Proposal withdrawn

A proposal to form a new crime prevention society on Salt Spring was withdrawn at a Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting Thursday.

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire said he dropped his proposal to form a separate society that would act as an umbrella for community policing projects on the island after it became obvious the task was too large for volunteers.

Instead, programs such as community diversion and victims services will continue to be contracted through the Salt Spring Community Services Society, where Darbyshire is a board member.

The proposed crime prevention society would potentially have had to deal with paying out salaries, benefits and compensation.

"It's too big, and it's too much to ask these people who volunteer their time," Darbyshire said, noting that the community services society already has a system in place to handle wage payments. "I realized it would probably be easier for me to join the (community society) board."

However, CPAC members present at the meeting tentatively agreed to change the name of their organization.

Darbyshire, who says he used to "cringe" every time he heard CPAC groups referred to as police advisory committees, says the "name never changed to reflect the changes it has gone through."

"These people are more hands-on; they are more involved in crime prevention," he said. "They are not really advising police."

CPACs were started by the RCMP close to a decade ago when the police force first embraced its move towards community-oriented policing.

Most other CPACs in Canada have already changed their names, Darbyshire said. Proposed name for the local group is the Salt Spring Island Crime Prevention Association.

Although those at the Thursday night meeting welcomed the name

change, the matter was tabled because several members were absent.

Darbyshire said CPAC members have decided not to pursue creation of a locally-based CrimeStoppers organization at this time. Instead, they plan to promote the Victoria-based group to which Salt Spring belongs.

However, they are still looking at developing a CrimeStoppers project at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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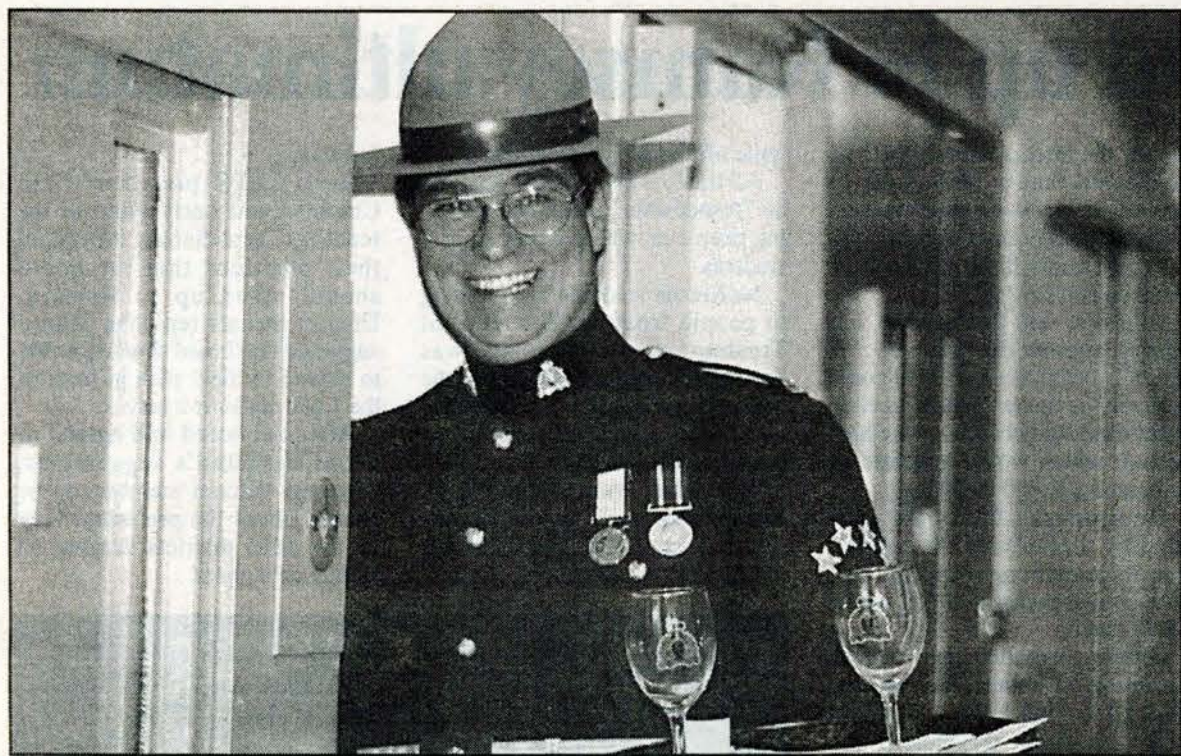
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Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Youths caught in stolen car**

Two youths were held in cells early Saturday morning after police stopped them for erratic driving and discovered their car had been stolen.

The vehicle was stopped on Lower Ganges Road at about 1:20 a.m.

The driver, a Pender Island youth, was held in cells overnight until his parents could attend the Salt Spring RCMP detachment the following morning.

In addition to facing charges relating to the stolen vehicle, the youth has been charged with driving without a drivers' licence and failing to produce vehicle registration.

The second youth, from Salt Spring, remained in cells for about an hour until his parents were able to attend the detachment.

Both are scheduled to appear in Ganges Provincial Court on December 17.

**RCMP REPORT**

• A 46-year-old island man has been charged with impaired driving after he was stopped by police on Lower Ganges Road last Wednesday night.

According to police, the vehicle was stopped for erratic driving at about 10:30 p.m.

The driver was taken to the RCMP detachment where he provided breath samples.

• A 26-year-old man who called police to confess his crime has been charged with wilful damage.

At approximately 9:15 p.m. last Wednesday night, police were called by the man to Harlan's Chocolates where he said he had smashed a window. He also told police he was drunk.

He was arrested and held in cells overnight. In addition to being charged with wilful damage, he was issued a violation ticket for consuming liquor in a public place.

• Sometime between September 22 and October 19 a green and cream-coloured kayak was stolen from a residence on Sunset Drive.

The missing 16-foot, single-person kayak is made of fibreglass.

• Police are answering calls from people all over the island complaining about shots being fired.

But according to Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire, "It's quite common this time of year" — it's hunting season.

Most hunting occurs on either Crown land or private property. However, those wanting to hunt on private property must obtain permission from the owners.

**RCMP on-call wages reinstated last week**

Salt Spring RCMP officers may have offered to work on-call hours without pay, but now they don't have to.

Local RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire learned last week that the provincial RCMP has reinstated on-call pay for all officers.

"It's as if it never happened," Darbyshire said.

The on-call pay — which amounts to one hour's wages for eight hours on call — was eliminated earlier this month as the provincial RCMP responded to an \$8.5 million deficit by cutting services.

The money was reinstated apparently due to an outcry from other detachments.

Local police are called out about four times a months during off hours.

**Two warrants issued at Ganges court**

Warrants were issued for two people who did not appear in Ganges Provincial Court Thursday.

Justice of the Peace Rodney Fisher issued an unendorsed warrant for Robert Brown, who failed to appear to fix a trial date dealing with an assault charge.

An endorsed warrant was handed out to Mark Hemmingsen, who was set to enter a plea after being charged with theft.

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# Board urged to stand up to Ramsey ultimatum

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Frustration at the pressure put on the Gulf Islands School Board by Education Minister Paul Ramsey's ultimatum spilled out at a packed board meeting at the high school last week.

Weary from reviewing another detailed menu which would leave the district's cupboard bare, several parents urged the board not to make cuts that would be "educationally unsound."

While board chairwoman May McKenzie prefaced the meeting by saying trustees had not prejudged the second "plan" prepared by their administrators, it wasn't long before people were demanding to know what the board was going to do.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan presented a plan for retiring the annual deficit by the end of three years which minimized drastic cuts, especially to high school programs, put forth in the first plan. He stressed that it was not a "recommendation."

After hearing the new proposal, parent Iltyd Perkins said he was getting bogged down with the detail. "It seems impossible to make cuts that don't affect education. I'd like to hear from the board

— when are they going to draw a line in the sand . . ."

About half of those at the meeting put up their hands when trustee Judith Boel asked if they wanted the board to stand firm and not make cuts.

Former trustee David Eyles said the board should be clear on whose problem this was. "This district works — just barely. Don't fall into the trap of fixing the minister's funding problem. If you adopt these plans . . . I think you will break the district and it will be educationally unsound."

Carol Simpson said the board's response to Ramsey should be, "This is what you told us we have to spend; give us the money."

She later added, "If our kids are going to lose something I don't want people to point their finger at you and say you did it."

But trustees, led by a 13-part Charles Hingston motion, decided to direct Duncan and secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold to bring back further modifications to consider in a non-public forum today (Wednesday).

He said people were "living in a dream world" if they expected Ramsey or the provincial government, in the current economic climate, to simply hand over all the

money the district needed. He also suggested that a "he's done us wrong so we'll do him wrong" response did not make sense.

"The easiest thing by far is to stand up and say 'no'."

Hingston said he knew he was "going against the wave in this room," but that some cuts could probably be made — such as eight supervised study blocks at the high school, which would generate an estimated \$80,000 in savings.

He proposed the board give Ramsey a plan with "integrity," one its members could all live with, which meant a deficit would likely remain.

Hingston's motion also included direction to ensure any special education cuts have a minimal effect on direct services to students, to consider water taxi reductions, custodial cuts and savings through attrition, and to look for ways to increase revenue. (The plan presented by Duncan that night outlined possible options for bringing more funds into the district.)

Hingston also suggested the board seek a written commitment from Ramsey to work with the board and its partner groups on a solution to the district's structural problems and for the minister to

write off the accumulated debt.

All trustees expressed a desire to be "responsible" while not accepting deep cuts which would impact students.

McKenzie said that after talking to people from the B.C. School Trustees' Association, she was hopeful the board could regain the co-operation of the education ministry which it had after release of the efficiency advisory team report in June. That report said the board had already made almost all cuts possible and that the ministry needed to reconsider its funding

formula.

Both CUPE president Chip Chipman and Larry Field of the teachers' association reiterated their positions that the board should stand up to Ramsey. District parents rep John Munro suggested the board should be able to defend its final plan in front of the 1,690 students it serves.

After the board had agreed to adopt Hingston's suggestions, Chipman warned members to be careful about the precedent they set for other districts verging on similar debt crises.



**Plea for help**

Grade 12 students from Gulf Islands Secondary School — holding SOS Save Our School banners — were among the more than 300 protesters who turned out to the school district office for a protest rally Thursday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Liberal MLAS support district

Two people receiving as much mail as Paul Ramsey these days are Liberal education critic April Sanders and MLA Murray Coell.

Both have been involved with the crisis sparked by the education minister's directive for the Gulf Islands School Board to eliminate its annual deficit or face replacement by a public trustee or other intervention by the minister.

Coell has formally demanded Ramsey withdraw his ultimatum and attended Thursday's rally.

"The citizens of the Gulf Islands have rallied around their school board and I support the school board as the Liberal party does," he said Friday.

Sanders told the Driftwood last week she has been advising people across the province not to dismiss this as a "Gulf Islands problem" — that by February of 1999 about 40 districts will be in a deficit situation, and that several will "hit the wall" by next September.

She said the problem lies with the government's inability to fund the collective agreement it legislated with B.C. teachers — against

the wishes of school boards — last spring.

"This was a completely politically-motivated solution to get the other unions to sign for 0-0-2 (per cent wage increases). Now it's just blown up in their faces and we all knew it would."

Coell said the NDP's "one-size-fits-all" approach to education does not work.

In further interpreting the government's actions, Sanders sug-

gested it would rather see appointed school boards or public trustees than elected boards, and points to its elimination of elected hospital boards during this term.

If Ramsey does eliminate the Gulf Islands board as threatened, Sanders said, "I would very much hope the B.C. School Trustees' Association would really fan the flames on that."

Sanders also met with the local board on Monday.

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# Stakeholders want hub-and-spoke plan

When the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee asked the B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC) to pursue a radical new scheduling strategy, it got a warning from the company's Ross Harris.

"The model you're asking us to look at is just one of many. We're asking you to be sure that this is the strategic direction you really want," Harris said at the group's meeting October 20 in Sidney.

Stakeholders voted for a hub-and-spoke system that will hopefully fix problems they feel are hurting island ferry users.

The need arose from the current ferry schedule that stakeholders said did not incorporate their previous advice.

"Whatever the result it must come in an efficient manner that meets everyone's time schedules," said John Rumble, Islands Trust Council liaison to the meeting. "The hub-and-spoke system appears more attractive."

The new proposal involves basing all the vessels serving the southern Gulf Islands at island ports. BCFC computer modelling showed that the plan would increase capacity, revenues and overall customer service while decreasing costs, mostly from fuel savings from route

shortening.

But the company added that it was a radical change with no precedent and would disrupt the current employee situation.

"It's going to need a lot of fine-tuning, and it is difficult to tell what the system will evolve into," said Harris.

Three other options presented by the BCFC were dismissed as too inflexible, far too disruptive to employees and with little promise of improved efficiency.

"It seems to me that there is a need for basic standards for each island," said committee member Drew Thorburn of Salt Spring.

But one island's solutions are another's problem.

The new proposal would disrupt Galiano Island's direct service to Tsawwassen, funneling it through Village Bay, and Galiano member David Birchall voiced his displeasure.

"This is nothing short of social engineering," he said. "Why would you do this to the users on Galiano?"

The statement underscored the basic dilemma faced by B.C. Ferries: that it will continue to face stakeholder complaints no matter how many changes it makes.



## Glowing creation

Anne Marie Lewis glues tissue paper on her bamboo star frame in a lantern making workshop held at the Phoenix School portable on Saturday. Both children and adults attended the workshop, each creating his or her own masterpiece. Members of the class will stage a lantern parade on Hallowe'en — all inspired by Wendi Gilson and Art and Garlic Productions

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Ferries audit pinpoints potential savings for cash-strapped company

An external value-for-money audit on the B.C. Ferry Corporation has isolated some areas for improvement but still has a long way to go.

Initiated by last year's Fryer report — conducted by government appointee John Fryer — the audit was given an original budget of \$50,000.

But that cash has turned out to be not nearly enough.

Accounting firm Ernst & Young conducted a \$15,000 business diagnostic but was only able to examine about 20 per cent of the corporation's operations.

"It provided some excellent details that can offer B.C. Ferries ideas about improved efficiency but it didn't fulfill all our specifications," says John Rumble, a South Pender Trust Committee member and liaison to the advisory committee.

The overall audit also includes a study of input allocation that examines capital and labour costs, the latter part under the guidance of a retired coast guard captain, and a rent review about the overall economic benefits of ferry service to B.C., being examined by a University of British Columbia professor.

While no figures were put on potential savings, even a five per cent increase in corporate efficiency could lower costs by more than \$10 million.

The audit will get further examination when the Coastal Council — including stakeholders, company bosses, workers and other involved parties — meets in early November.

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## A matter of safety

It's hard to believe that year in, year out motorists must be reminded to stop for stationary school buses. With their distinctive colours, flashing red lights and swinging stop sign, it should be obvious to anyone who can see well enough to drive that there's reason to stop when a school bus has come to a halt on the road.

But every fall, with the reopening of schools, comes the lament of the school bus drivers: motorists are ignoring the warnings and passing freely as the buses load and unload their precious cargo.

Not only should vehicles stop for the buses, but they should also proceed with extreme caution when the buses start moving again. There are still children in the vicinity, some of whom may yet wish to cross the road to get home.

It's not just school buses to which many drivers seem oblivious. Crosswalks too seem to blend into the landscape and become invisible. The new crosswalk at Rainbow Road and Lower Ganges Road might as well be some decorative pattern on the roadway for the many drivers who proceed through the intersection as if late for a ferry.

We daren't propose one of those flashing orange features of suburbia that are designed to warn drivers of a crosswalk below, but unless islanders wake up to the fact that the crosswalk exists, what else can we do?

It's an especially critical intersection at certain times of the morning and afternoon when Outer Islands students are making their way between school and water taxi. It's also becoming more critical at this time of year as daylight begins fading progressively earlier and visibility becomes very poor.

Perhaps the problem results in part from the annoying practice of pedestrians to cross the streets of Ganges at whatever point happens to be convenient.

But that's not an excuse for drivers to run them over, accidentally or otherwise.

It's time we woke up to the rules of the road before someone gets hurt.

## Looking good

Most of the tourists have gone home so we can't blame them for the proliferation of litter on Salt Spring roadsides.

No, it's locals who are making the mess, which doesn't say much for the character of the community.

But thanks to the incentive offered by the highways maintenance contractor, and thanks to the efforts of several local groups, the garbage of thoughtless neighbours is being disposed of where it belongs.

JJM Maintenance, often criticized for the poor repair of island roads, operates a very efficient system for keeping roadsides clean. The company has a roster of sports teams and other groups of volunteers who are selected on a rotational basis to pick up litter as required.

In return for gathering the garbage, the groups are paid so much per kilometre of roadside shoulder cleaned. A JJM spokesman this week estimated that the amount averages \$35 per kilometre, for both shoulders.

That's not bad for a sports team in need of some equipment. And the outcome is a big improvement in the general appearance of a place that relies on its good looks for its economic health.

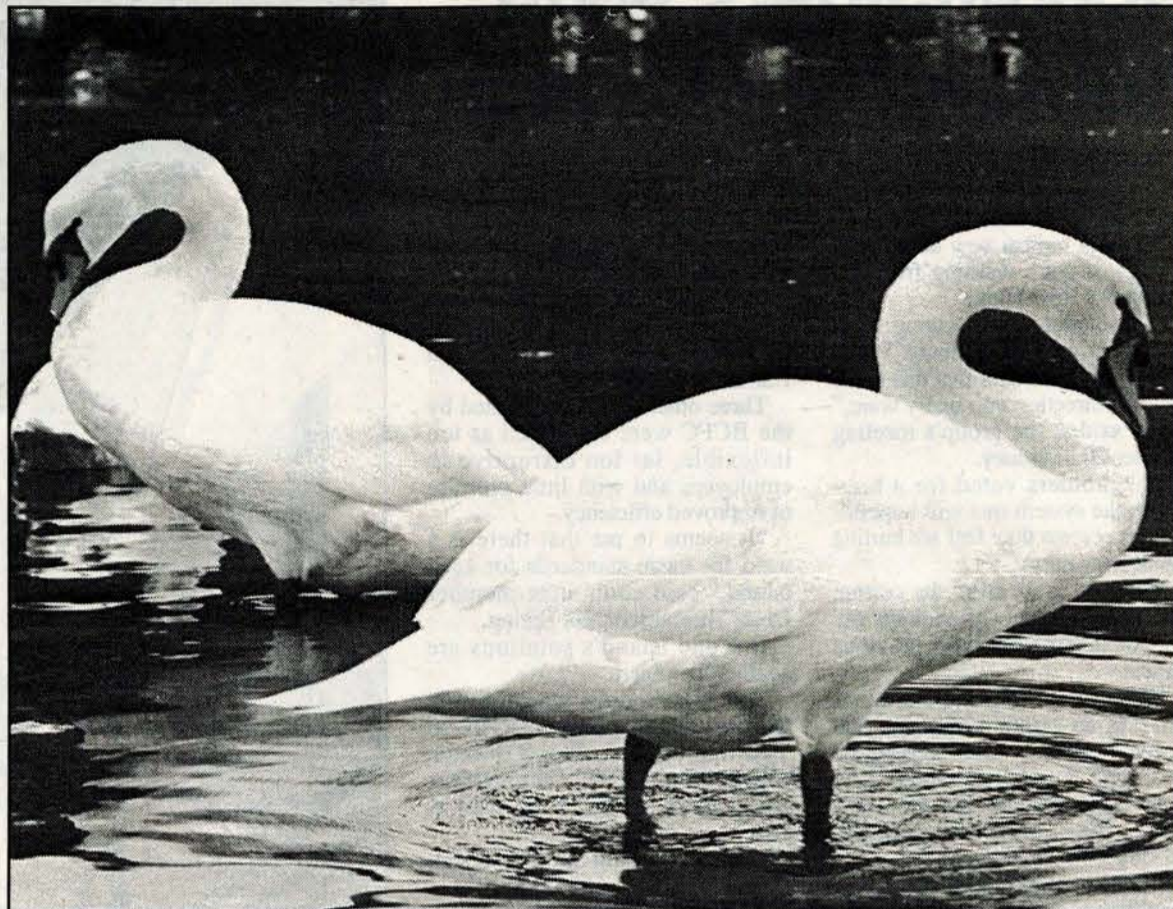
## Out of order

Canadians honoured former prime minister Brian Mulroney last week by naming him to the Order of Canada. But not everyone was celebrating the occasion.

In fact, we heard more grumbling about that bit of news than anything that came out of the inquiry into the RCMP's handling of APEC security. And that's too bad, because the APEC affair stinks of political sleaze.

Yet 10 years from now Canadians will probably honour Jean Chretien by naming him to the Order of Canada as well.

It does nothing for the award's prestige to name our most unpopular citizens to it.



Swans have returned to Fulford Harbour

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Ferry advisory group wants accurate, constructive reporting

By NEVILLE ATKINSON and RICHARD DALON

As co-chairs of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee (SGIFAC) to the B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC), we are concerned with the reporting and editorial comment on the most recent meeting of that committee. The article on Page 2 of the October 21 issue of the Driftwood totally misrepresented both the tenor as well as the content of the meeting.

The advisory committee was formed early in 1995 on the initiative of B.C. Ferries, to work with the corporation in developing a strategy for the next 10 years. Since its inception, the SGIFAC has met on a regular basis, working on developing affordable, viable and feasible options for the vessels servicing the Gulf Island communities. The meeting held in Sidney last Tuesday was far from "volatile," as was reported. On the contrary, it was perhaps one of the most constructive and productive meetings we have had. Further, the presentation was not made by BCFC, but by a working group for the SGIFAC with a mandate to be innovative and not just to apply Band-Aid solutions to the status quo.

Four options were presented, selected from over 25 models which, with the cooperation and assistance from B.C. Ferries staff, have been developed and studied and evaluated over the past three years. Of the four options, one was selected by the advisory committee for further study, with the full support of all island representatives. Although the hub-and-spoke concept is being considered, it was never suggested that it should be located at Lyall Harbour, as your article states.

In the editorial headed Unacceptable you make the statement that you have been supportive of B.C. Ferries' efforts to engage the community in



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long-term planning, and that you applaud the formation of an advisory planning committee. It is difficult to reconcile those remarks against the fact that you have rarely missed an opportunity to denigrate the efforts of

both BCFC and the many stakeholder representatives who have given so willingly and freely of their time. We have all made a determined effort to find a solution to the problems of the corporation in general, and of the individual ferry routes in particular.

Regarding your statement that meetings are held in "secret", the record will show that over the past four years there have been two occasions on which the stakeholders felt the need to meet to discuss strategy without there being BCFC staff in attendance. These were not clandestine meetings, as your editorials suggests, but were done with the full knowledge and approval of BCFC.

Because your reporter was asked not to attend those two particular meetings, and because you seemingly have decided not to delegate one of your staff to cover the regular meetings since the previous reporter left your employ, does not by definition make the gathering sinister or secret. Your remarks are at best a flagrant untruth, but more particularly they are mean-spirited and do the individual stakehold-

ers and the communities they represent a gross disservice.

However, now that we have finally selected one option that holds such promise, we suggest that you work with us in getting the information out to the public. Constructive and accurate reporting on the content of our work would most certainly be welcomed by the SGIFAC and your readers.

*The writers are co-chairmen of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee.*

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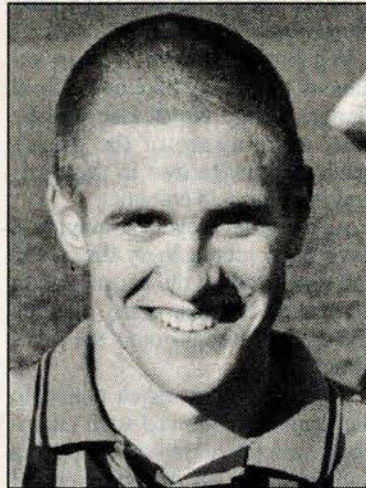
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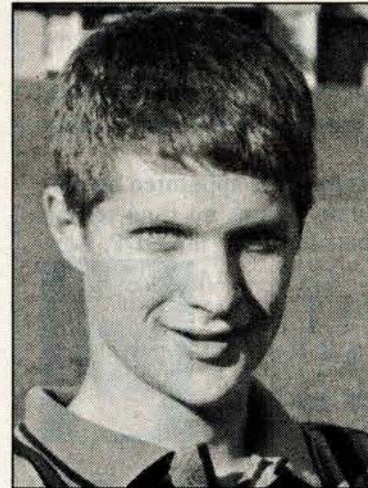
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*I like to travel around. Sports lets me get to meet a lot of different people.*



**Shawn Carmichael**

*It keeps me out of the park. I like the travel and staying in shape, but mostly I like the interaction of friends.*



**Chris Johnson**

*For me it's the challenge of working as a team and not as an individual.*

## Letters to the Editor

### The future

I've just come from the school rally. Words of anger, hope and wisdom were heard from children and adults.

Of course it was said that the children are the future. That is false! We are! We are the "adults," the ones who vote for or against laws that have a direct impact on the quality of life for our children.

We are the ones responsible for the quality of the tools that they, "the children," will inherit from us.

We are the ones with the power to make sure that "their future" will be better than our past and present. We have to realize that simple fact. If we don't, then later on, if "their future" isn't up to expectation, don't blame them.

Remember that it is we who have the responsibility of education and socialization of our children.

We are the ones that could make them inherit the wind.

**DANIEL INGLE,**  
Salt Spring

### Stand firm

I would like to give my opinion as to what the school board should do regarding Mr. Ramsey's threat.

Board members: consider that you have already made as many cuts in the educational system as you possibly could without causing severe harm. Consider also that the education ministry's own team of professional educators has essentially agreed that you have done all you could.

You have, with care and in good faith, kept the best educational interests of the district at heart.

Do not now cave in to the bullying manipulations of this politician! Tell him what I believe the educational and larger community would tell him: that it is just not right to make any further cuts in our already-pared-back system now or over future years.

If the minister replaces you with a public trustee who then pursues such draconian action then on his head be it.

Please, for the sake of our children's education, stand firm. If you are removed you will go with honour and the highest esteem and support of the community.

**DAVID EYLES,**  
Beaver Point Road

### Wonderful gift

On October 17 I felt carried away by the magical voices of the Vivaldi Chamber Choir into a world of chapel naves, ancient oaks and, from a gull's eye view, the life of B.C. fisher people. Salt Spring has always been blessed with

incredible musical performances and the Vivaldi Chamber Choir was no exception.

Among the wonderful solos that evening, conductor Rita Radzikowski's stellar soprano voice blessed us with its clarity and freedom and I was delighted to discover that she is planning a return to Salt Spring in the winter for a solo concert. That is one I will not miss.

Anyone who was lucky enough to hear the voices of these men and women, recently returned from their adventures and misadventures of touring in the Czech Republic, appreciated the ensemble and the group spirit that develops from such intensive experiences. I thank them all for including us in their end-of-tour celebration and Pamela Holm for sharing them with us. It was a wonderful gift.

By the way, thank you to Salt Spring Island Co-op Preschool members who provided spectacular yummy treats.

**T.A. MCLEES,**  
Cranberry Valley

### Raw power

A while ago there appeared in Driftwood a letter to the editor containing an intriguing idea which has been simmering in the back of my mind ever since.

This idea, I am sure, has occurred to many of us over the last few years of expansion, so-called "development" and change, but which we have never expressed. Now at last Dr. R. McGinn has put the idea into words and has obviously researched the subject in considerable depth.

The idea is Salt Spring Island independence. If the Channel Islands and the Bahamas can achieve it, why not the Gulf Islands?

We are already virtually self-sufficient as to basic human needs. Our temperate climate provides us with the ability to grow most of our food out of doors. Modern greenhouse technology can take care of the rest. Our resident population includes experts and specialists in all fields of interest and endeavour.

Many of our ills have been brought about by outside influence. Decisions have been forced upon us by individuals who have no knowledge or understanding of the island way of life, and who in fact have never been here.

What we need is power — raw unadulterated power. First of all we must simply declare the fact that we are no longer part of Canada. No tax money will be sent off the islands. This will give us enough to

build the ice rink and swimming pool. We would develop our own currency and incorporate a barter system to help commerce along.

To maintain law and order we would write our own laws and to encourage our population to adhere to them we would bring back the use of stocks to be set up in Centennial Park.

A department of immigration would be inaugurated with power to deport irritable or troublesome residents. For instance, anyone advocating changes to the library would summarily be returned to the city from whence they came — at their own expense. There would be no swimming or paddling in the drinking water. All property owners would be required to maintain the roads fronting their property. Any young person complaining of nothing to do would be immediately placed on the Happy Volunteers List, whose duties would include firewood production, ditch digging and services to the elderly.

There would be no fossil burning engines allowed. Existing new non-polluting technology would be required for public transportation and bicycle use would be encouraged.

B. C. Hydro would be ordered to remove the towers and power lines with which they have bisected Salt Spring, thereby grievously reducing property values in their vicinity. Failure by B.C. Hydro to comply would result in bankrupting the corporation by non-payment of hydro bills by island residents.

In order to achieve the foregoing goal I would suggest that the form of government required would be by dictatorship. I hereby apply for the job.

**ELIZABETH POOLE,**  
Salt Spring

### Ferries response

Last month William Smith wrote to the Driftwood about the "mess" at Fulford Harbour.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. Smith could not find parking while taking foot passengers to and from Fulford Harbour. Unfortunately, there is minimal square footage available at this terminal, making any structural changes difficult. And due to a lack of capital funding, a major project such as a turn-around lane is presently out of the question.

But B.C. Ferries does try to work around such constraints. We are currently finalizing plans for a direct-access foot passenger walkway, which will make it easier for our foot passengers to move around the parking area. And the introduction of the Skeena Queen

has resulted in fewer overloads (less vehicles left on the tarmac), meaning that Mr. Smith, if he arrives early at the terminal, can find a parking space or pick up a foot passenger in an emptier parking lot.

I can assure Mr. Smith that B.C. Ferries "is thinking about all of this." I hope the above changes result in less frustration for Mr. Smith.

In the same Driftwood issue, Douglas and Marnie Drummond wrote about the winter schedule for Route 9 between Tsawwassen and Salt Spring Island.

During the 1998 summer season, B.C. Ferries offered an early evening non-stop service, on Fridays between Tsawwassen and Long Harbour. Judging from their letter, the Drummonds would like B.C. Ferries to continue this peak service through the winter months. Unfortunately, we do not have the service capacity in the winter to justify such an expense.

However, the Drummonds have a choice on Friday evenings of travelling from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour via the Gulf Islands (a three-hour trip) or they can travel to Swartz Bay, then on to Fulford Harbour (also a three-hour trip, from terminal to terminal).

The Drummonds talk of the "ramifications of this isolation." I like to think of the Gulf Islands not in terms of isolation but in terms of a restful diversion from city life. However, an island weekend lifestyle does not come cheap — for example, it can mean three-hour ferry trips and trimming ferry operating expenses during quieter seasons.

But the Drummonds' comments have not gone unnoticed. The consultation process now in place ensures that our passengers have a clear voice in the decision-making process, including scheduling decisions. I hope that the Drummonds continue to communicate their concerns to B.C. Ferries and the Salt Spring Island community.

**GLEN BROWN,**  
Executive vice-president  
Inter-Island Services  
B.C. Ferries

### Angel photo

Reading Carole Matthews' Messenger Files columns reminds me of how short has been the time since humankind emerged from the caves.

Ancient superstitions, myths and legends are still amongst us. Other-world forces are pushing and pulling us this way and that, and we must be ever on guard to appease these unseen energies and

hope to keep them working for us. (She often mentions crystals as being good for this. They're a lot less messy than blood sacrifice the way it used to be done, I guess.)

I'm not too keen on crystal power, but I sure admire their looks.

Another thing she seems to be big on is guardian angels and how they fly around guiding us and warning us about danger, etc. It makes me wonder: If we all have one how does anyone get sick or hurt?

Now I don't expect to ever see one, but I guess she's seen plenty in her line of work. It seems like we mostly have to take somebody else's word for these amazing things that go on. Is it that only people who believe in them and want to see them can see them?

Maybe she could get Derrick Lundy to take one of his real good photographs of one so the Driftwood could print it and we could all have a look.

**RAY NEWMAN,**  
Quebec Drive

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## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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## Rich and poor gap threatens unrest

VICTORIA — One of the most common accusations I've come across as a newspaperman has been that I don't know what I'm talking about.

I write about the economy and every self-appointed economist who happens to read my column wastes no time telling me I'm talking through a cocked hat. I crucify the NDP, I get called a right-winger; I hammer the Liberals, and I'm a socialist.

Whatever I write, some folks are always quick to point out that I just don't know what I'm talking about. Maybe they're right, but for the record, I do know what I'm talking about today, from first-hand experience.

The topic: Poverty. The time: 1945. The place: Germany. Having been led down the garden path by Hitler or, if you will, having willingly followed the madman down the aforementioned garden path until it was too late, Germany lay defeated and in ruins.

Economy? There was none. Germany was slowly but inexorably starving to death. For nearly three years after the war, starvation was a familiar companion to me. But for the grace of God, I'd be pushing up daisies today instead of writing this.

It was the Marshall Plan that yanked me and millions of other Germans back from the brink of death by starvation. Massive aid in the form of food by the United States was the beginning of better times to come.

It is against this background that I would like to deal with a document published last week by the Centre for Social Justice in Toronto.

The Centre for Social Justice is a coalition of groups representing universities, faith communities, trade unions and social movements. True, not your average Fraser Institute-type organizations, but one to be ignored at considerable risk.

Entitled *The Growing Gap*, the report identifies the growing chasm between the rich and the poor in Canada.

The "starkest inequalities" shown are between corporate executives who receive fat raises and workers who face freezes and hang on to their jobs by the skin of their teeth.

Armine Yalnizyan, economist and author of the report, says Canada's almost unquestioning embrace of the market rule is "supervaluing the few," while "devaluing the many."

The report says the average corporate CEO's salary increased by 15 per cent in 1995, 11 per cent in 1996 and 13 per cent in 1997. In dollar figures, these salaries amount to an average of \$862,000 or more than \$1.5 million a year including stock options.

Over the same three years, workers' wages rose by about two per cent, less than the rate of inflation.

Today's families, the report says, work harder than they did a decade ago and take home less money.

Those are the working poor. The jobless are worse off. They have become victims of corporate restructuring, the euphemism for replacing warm bodies with computers. Once their Employment Insurance runs out and their savings are used up, they are forced to join the ever-growing welfare rolls and food bank lineups.

The report warns that unless this growing gap between the rich and the poor isn't halted, Canada will experience social unrest.

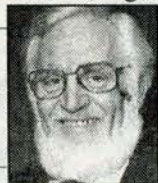
And that warning ought to be a clarion call for Canadians of goodwill. Left to the ruthless market forces, this country will, indeed, be torn asunder. A society consisting of a few rich and armies of poor is an easy victim of social unrest, if not revolution. The absence of a middle class, already widely eroded, invites anarchy.

I know what I'm talking about. I've been there.

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### CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



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### Grateful

Three cheers for the U-14 girls soccer team!

What a pleasure it was on Sunday to ride my bike home from Ganges to the North End and be once more aware of the grassy banks and hedgerows in their natural fall lines and colours.

As a regular bicycle commuter, I have been increasingly distracted and dismayed by the accumulation of broken bottles, cans, plastics and rubbish tossed onto the sides of our roads.

So I send my heartfelt thanks to the team who showed such enthusiasm and fine community spirit in their clean up of our highways. I know that I am not the only grateful traveller.

LOTTIE DEVINDISCH,  
Salt Spring Island

### Bankrupt

I feel compelled to point out that the incessant complaints about the terrible job islanders have done in creating "our" world is, in the main, a lot of horse apples.

How dare provincial government representatives infer these things?

And while it continues, answer me this.

How are we, the human, going to survive? How are our children going to live and work here? The recent dilemma over funding at the school district level is not hard to figure out, the New Deficit Party at "work".

This government is bankrupt. They were financially bankrupt and lied about it to get elected and now morally bankrupt. They target our schools. The reason they were bankrupt after the first term of their "reign of error" is because they spent too much on stupid new ideas designed solely to massage the gullible voter. The budgets of our highly-valued older ministries then became the target to help the inept NDP balance its budget,

which it still hasn't accomplished. At the same time, in response to ever more complaining from special interest groups, the government slowly and surely chased all the investment money out of the province.

After shutting down forestry, mining and now fishing, the three main economic engines that have fed both us and the tax coffers, now the NDP are in an even worse jackpot and now they are getting really desperate. We're all out of work, so now they gamble.

Here at home the bills keep rolling in and there is no money for us to pay them. Debt is run up on plastic. Maybe we'll have to reverse-mortgage the school to some Americans, then Lady Minto perhaps.

Do the whiners and complainers pay the loss in government revenue? Are you helped by them with your bills? Will they feed your family? I know who the enemy is and it is not us. We are

good decent Canadians. Special do-gooders groups are actively working to destroy all that we have here on the islands and in B.C.

And what terrible things have we done to deserve this behind the scenes, smile-in-your-face-when-they-see-you, stabbing in the back?

Fly over the island. Tell me what you see. Lots of growing trees. What you have a harder time seeing is how difficult it has become for the middle class to survive here, no thanks to some of you.

So before you continue to threaten the cycle of island life here, may I suggest you look in the mirror. You are tampering with the most important species presently endangered, the human and their offspring.

Excuse us for being working-class citizens while you sit on your well-cared-for fanny and threaten our world. Back off.

DREW CLARKE,  
Salt Spring

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## Bus talk

Since an article about Bowen Island getting a bus service was published a few weeks ago, I have had many calls and been approached by many more on the street.

The most common question is if I am going to try a service on the island again. The answer has two sides. As the situation stands at present, no, I will not be starting the service again. I have already donated my \$80,000 to trying to make it work. I have no more to give financially.

On the other side, I would start a service tomorrow if the financial backing was in place to insure its continued operation. A route that travels down the main corridor of Salt Spring from Vesuvius to Fulford to meet the 10 sailings a day from Fulford and most of the Vesuvius ferries would have about a \$100,000 shortfall per year, even if it were very well used at a \$2 fare. You could raise the fare and/or cut down the service and lose some riders due to inconvenience or expense but, when it is all said and done, the operating shortfall is still there. BC Transit stats show that it takes about five years of continuous operation to reach maximum ridership. Someone has to drive, fuel, maintain, insure and replace those vehicles over that period of time.

There have been many suggestions regarding raising the funding needed. The traditional method is a property tax or Hydro tax. More creative solutions such as parking meters in Ganges or a levy on non-resident cars coming to the island have been suggested. Those not in business suggest that Ganges merchants who are swimming in excess profits should pay as it is to their benefit.

The heart of the question is: "Do we need it?" If the purpose of the service is just for needy islanders to get around or to get to and from the ferries, then the answer is "no." It is an excessive price to pay for the benefit of so few.

I believe the real need is to reduce traffic, parking problems and ferry congestion caused by tourists. Did you enjoy Ganges this summer? It took 10 minutes to drive to town and 20 minutes to find a parking spot. No, those weren't locals circling like aircraft at an international airport waiting to land.

It was a great tourist season but we pretty well maxed out on traffic volume. If we want to continue with good seasons with the potential for growth, we have to implement a solution. Bigger ferries and acres of parking lots are not the answer.

If you want further financial details I would be glad to share my very expensive statistics.  
**JOHN CADE,**  
Azure Transport Ltd.

P.S. According to the yearly operating costs of the Salt Spring Ice Park Society (posted on the Internet) you could run a free bus on every ferry to both the Duncan rec centre and Saanich Commonwealth Pool in Victoria. That's about 20 times a day and you would also be able to use the pool.

## Downgraded

Brian Mulroney has just been awarded Companion of the Order of Canada. Now I'm sure we're really going to Hell in a hand basket.

The presenter listed many of Brian's accomplishments and achievements, most of which are the precise reasons so many peo-

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ple hated him with such deep anger.

Reporters say they think this could be a chance for his re-entry into public life and or politics. Oh great, just what we need. The great goof is back. This man was so disliked by Canadians that they virtually ran him out on a rail. The day he left people in general were visibly joyous, as though an oppressive weight was lifted from the minds of all thinking people.

The Airbus affair was never proven, and his great denials of wrongdoing did not convince most people, just as Bill Clinton's first denials were not believed by many. "I did not have a sexual relationship with that Airbus."

This medal has just been downgraded to the level of a Crackerjack trinket. I hope Ottawa has a big room in which to store all the Companion of the Order of Canada medals that will surely come flooding back as their holders shudder in disbelief.

Hey, Brian, we don't love you!  
**JON PAGE,**  
Salt Spring

## Need answers

This is a plea for help. I need a bona-fide economist to explain to me why laying off 3,000 people by the CN railway causes the value of shares in that company to rise immediately.

I would also like to know why it is "a good thing" to keep the unemployment figures in this country at eight per cent or over, but it is a "bad thing" to have full employment, as this would cause the Bank of Canada to raise its lending rate. Why?

These are genuine questions and I really would like to know the answer to them, in plain, straightforward English. I can then, perhaps, begin to understand a world where shareholders and profit take preference over people, their families and the good of the country as a whole.  
**PATRICIA MASSY,**  
Old Scott Road

## Three factors

It was disturbing to hear Mr. Ramsey declare on TV last Wednesday that he was not responsible for the schools on Salt Spring and Saturna islands and to suggest that if the school board there did not get rid of its accumulated deficit in one year he might fire that board.

Salt Spring and Saturna are included with four other islands in the Islands Trust. This unique form of government was created to preserve and protect the unique amenity of these islands and to retain their rural nature. The major effect of this has been to significantly slow residential subdivision development through requiring larger lot sizes and a variety of other development restrictions. The reduced supply has raised the cost of home sites. This reduces the numbers of young people who can buy a home to come here to work and raise a family.

On the other hand, middle and upper income people are coming here for second homes for summer enjoyment and retirement. Many very expensive homes have been built and are still being built on Saturna and on others. Our average home value in School District 64 is closer to that of the urban areas of Greater Vancouver and Victoria than the rest of the province but our enrolments are relatively much lower. Thus residential tax rates raise a higher proportion of the district's costs than in most other rural areas but our

geography and our growth limitation imposed by the Islands Trust (with full government and public support) make this district uniquely in need of special consideration.

The reality is that this school district is in trouble, not because of bad management but because of three factors: The effect of the unique mandate of our local land use authority which is important but not so obvious; the geographic factor that requires school be provided on isolated islands with small populations; and the political decision that makes equal treatment and equality in taxation a mantra which ignores fairness.

All this is compounded by the inherent obtuseness of Mr. Ramsey whose own staff's study of this district revealed that the funding from his government was not enough to do the job.

**J. M. CAMPBELL,**  
Saturna Island

## Still struggle

Simon Rook's answer to my letter suggesting that we create a more inclusive, more artistic B.C. flag — as well as a more accurate name for our province — reflects a viewpoint shared by many white men: that history began with the arrival (or should I say "invasion") of the first British sailors on our shores.

Have these anglophiles forgotten the First Nations people who had lived here for thousands of years before the Europeans arrived?

Another aspect of Simon's letter is the lauding of the British parliamentary system which was certainly a great improvement over feudalism. But this single-member plurality system or "first-past-the-post" as it's called by critics, dates back to the 13th century when there were no political parties and only male landowners

voted.

Today, it is defeating democracy, not helping it. In the 25 general elections since 1903, majority governments in B.C. have received less than a majority of the popular vote all but four times.

And speaking of majorities . . . does anyone still believe that 51 per cent represents a majority? I call this a seriously split electorate, as in the last Quebec referendum vote.

A newer, more democratic method of giving a better voice to the wide spread of political parties that we see today is proportional representation.

Some form of this electoral system exists in all but three of the liberal democracies of at least two million people in the world today. (Canada, the U.S. and Jamaica still use the antiquated system.)

Other aspects of electoral reform are also being debated such as an elected senate, stricter controls on election spending, etc., but the first priority would be for political parties to gain seats in the legislature in proportion to the votes they receive. We need to renew the lost confidence in our politicians who should be representing us, the people of Canada.

And a final comment on Simon's good-natured remark that I, a former U.S. citizen, still have a bit of the "Boston tea party" blood in my veins. He's absolutely right. I'm a descendant of Ethan Allan (and his Green Mountain boys) who fought against taxation without representation and for independence and self-government. I still struggle for the rights of the downtrodden people who are trying to have a real voice in their own and their children's futures.

**VIRGINIA NEWMAN,**  
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## New response network aimed at adult victims of neglect or abuse

Support for adult victims of abuse or neglect will be offered on Salt Spring through a new service.

A Community Response Network is being developed to ensure that support is available for people who need it.

Under the coordination of former wellness programs coordinator Rhema Cossever, development of the network will bring together service providers, support groups, caregivers and others to define the roles of the various groups and clarify their mandates.

Cossever said in a news release that an important part of the process will be to determine what has worked in the past and what has not or, in other words, where the gaps are in services and support.

The response network's challenge, she said, will be to outreach to as many people as possible who are vulnerable or at risk.

"There may be some adults . . . who are very isolated and are unaware of what their rights are, what services they are entitled to or how to access services that they need."

Ultimately, the response network will allow service providers to offer help to a person when it is wanted and needed, enabling the community to respond quickly and with the exact kind of help a person needs.

The project will be the topic of a public meeting between 1 and 4 p.m. Thursday, November 5 at the Lions Club hall on Bonnet Avenue.

## Consiglio office spawns big plans

Some big things are coming out of a small house on Ganges' Drake Road.

The office of **Seabridge Construction**

doesn't look anything like the headquarters of a development firm with a multimillion-dollar project under way in Ucluelet.

But the unassuming little building is where company owner **Mark Consiglio** has been hatching plans for his 60-acre waterfront property in Ucluelet.

Consiglio made news headlines last week when he announced two major deals for his **Reef Point Adventure Station**. At a press conference in Vancouver, Consiglio announced the participation of **Coast Hotels & Resorts** and the clothing retailer **Roots Canada**.

Consiglio's first project in what was once a thriving fishing village was Reef Point Estates, a residential development. His latest plans are much more ambitious.

Reef Point Adventure Station is a \$60-million tourist resort that will capitalize on the huge interest in adventure tourism, and associated recreational activities such as kayaking and whale-watching.

Coast Hotels will manage the 100-room Ucluelet Lodge on the site, while Roots will operate Roots Lodge, 20 self-contained cabins. The clothing firm's first venture into tourism will be the first accommodation available at Reef Point, with a spring 1999 opening scheduled.

Ten of its suites will be located on a boardwalk bridge in the midst of lush forest; the other 10 will be luxurious beachfront cabins, according to a Reef Point brochure.

Shops and galleries, a restaurant and pub and cottage accommoda-

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tions will also be part of the development.

Consiglio told the Driftwood that Seabridge had sold \$12 million worth of cottages in the past few weeks.

The developer moved his home recently from Salt Spring to Victoria but he still owns **Cinema Central** and runs Seabridge from here. Consiglio is also known locally for Bodega Beach Estates, his forest lot subdivision on Galiano.

Is music an important part of the lives of Salt Spring Islanders? **Jordie Sharp** of **Acoustic Planet Music** in Ganges would probably say "yes" after signing up 150 students for Acoustic Planet's fall music program.

The most popular instrument is guitar — there are five guitar instructors — and fiddle is a close second.

Classes are offered in the Roasting Co. building on McPhillips Avenue — behind the sheet music mural next to the Transitions Thrift Store. Jordie says no one has guessed the song on the mural yet. Name it and you could win a month of free music lessons.

Should **B.C. Ferries** offer a helping hand to island sheep farmers, who need all the help they can get to make their efforts economically viable? After all, a ferry company in Britain does it, giving a huge discount to crofters in the Hebrides.

A clipping from The Times of London, submitted by Salt

Spring's **Sue Yardley**, reports that instead of paying £104 for a car and driver, the crofters pay only a flat rate of £2.35 per animal.

This special fare is designed to help the poor farmer get his livestock to market. However, the scheme has backfired.

Throughout the summer, ferry staff have been puzzled by the number of sheep travelling in cars filled with bulging suitcases. It turns out that these cunning islanders were actually going on summer holidays, and taking the sheep along to get the discount.

They were leaving the animals with an obliging farmer on the mainland and picking them up again on the way back home. The ferry company is reviewing its policy.

#### Around the island:

The Salt Spring branch of **Island Savings Credit Union** has a new manager. **Joe Oudaimy** has taken over from **Errol Hussein**, who has been named manager of the Mill Bay branch.

Two Salt Spring women have teamed up to go into the construction business. **Jennifer Brabant** and **Debra Powers** are operating their carpentry firm under the name, **Jen's Home Improvements**. They offer renovations and repairs on cottages and homes, interior and exterior work, from framing to finishing. The business employs four, and can be reached at 653-9724.

Artists and craftspeople who would like to participate in next year's **Filberg Festival** in Comox have until December 1 to get their names on the jury application mailing list. Islanders interested can call 250-334-9242, fax 334-2899 or email [filberg@island.net](mailto:filberg@island.net). The festival takes place July 30, 31, August 1 and 2.

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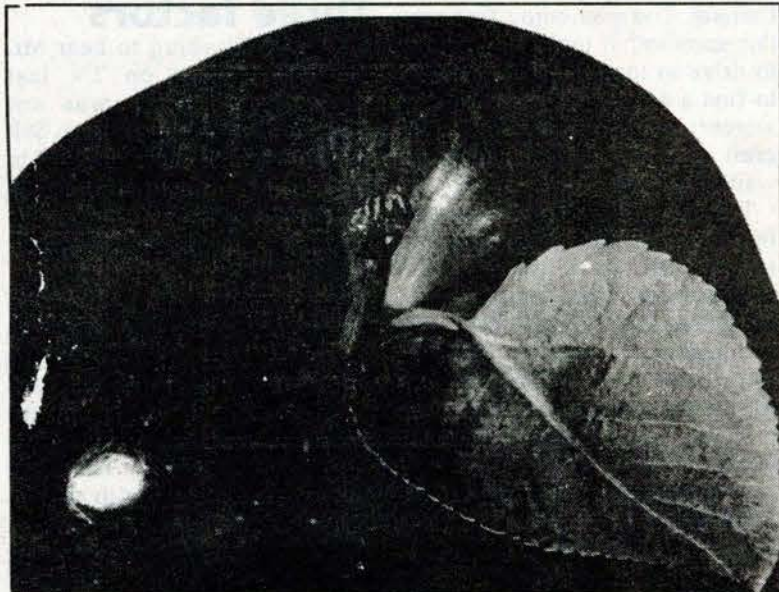
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**Apple bob**

Sisters Emma, left, and Sam Rowlandson-O'Hara prepare to attack a Jonagold apple, one of 150 varieties grown at Harry Burton's Apple Luscious Organic Orchard. The two were

among the many who sampled apples at the south end orchard's open house on Sunday. Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Food, fun and fireworks at Saturna bash**

Preparations are under way for a Hallowe'en party at Saturna's No. 1 fire-hall Saturday evening.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the bonfire and fireworks. The volunteer firefighters and the parents advisory council have placed a box at Saturna General Store for contributions toward fireworks.

Everyone is welcome and costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. The parents group will serve hot dogs and hot chocolate. Following the fireworks the children will go out trick or treating. Anyone from an outlying area is welcome to bring their treats to the firehall for distribution to the children.

**Night of theatre**

Gabriola Island Theatre Centre both fascinated and intimidated Saturna theatre-goers with their production of *This Time Around*, a montage of works by Michel Tremblay.

Actors Catherine Caines and Tina Biello were striking in black leotards with loose tops and bare

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feet. The stage was set simply with two boxes and the seating was arranged in a square around a 20-foot stage for a very intimate performance.

The struggle and oppression in the lives of several women was unfolded in monologues from five of Tremblay's early works. Although to the uninitiated the performance was sometimes emotionally draining and difficult to understand, the actors still left the audience with a sense of optimism.

Following the performance the audience lingered over coffee and sweets to discuss the play with the actors. The acting was lauded as excellent and the evening was considered a success by both the actors and their guests.

**Coming events**

The Saturna Lions Club invites everyone to gather at the church for a

service of remembrance on November 11 starting at 10:30 a.m. Following the service the Women's Service Club will host a reception and lunch at the Community Hall.

The Community Club has saved our bacon! The Pig Barbecue will be held November 14 under new management. This fall event has been a traditional favourite with both young and old under the direction of the fire department.

This year the firefighters have passed on the torch to an ad hoc group from the Community Club.

The barbecue includes refreshments, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Please support this community fundraiser and party.

The Saturna Parks and Recreation Commission will read the final draft of its master plan at 9:30 a.m., November 21 at the Community Hall. Comments are welcome in advance or at the meeting. Contact chairman Jon Guy or any commission member.

Saturna's Christmas Craft Fair has been scheduled for November 28 at the Community Hall. Those who wish to sell should contact Gord Kristjensen as soon as possible.

**Harbour commission**

The Outer Gulf Island Harbour Commission selected Pam Janszen as chairwoman at an October 5 organizing meeting.

Phil Roach was named vice-chairman, Bill Weeks is secretary, David Williams, treasurer and Roger Shaw, publicist. Since that meeting, Al Morrison was named operations manager. Together they represent six different islands.

Their first meeting included an overview of available services and procedures. Half a dozen department managers and supervisors from the Capital Regional District (CRD) were on hand to introduce the commissioners to the job.

The transfer of docks from the Department of Transport and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to the province is under way. Following that move the province will transfer them to the CRD.

In preparation for their takeover of local docks, the group plans to meet with Salt Spring Harbour Authority officials November 17 to learn how it manages the docks under its jurisdiction.

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### Big generation gap

Five generations of a family's females converged on Salt Spring recently. Beginning at top left, moving clockwise are, Pat O'Neill, Erin Boyle, Jaime Boyle, Jeanne Boyle and Grace Terry.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Silent majority noisy

An estimated 300 people attended Saturday's information meeting to discuss the second draft of Galiano's land use bylaw.

Galiano Trust Committee chairman Larry Holbrook ran the meeting for our two local members Debbie Holmes and Margaret Griffiths. Brodie Porter and Wayne Guinn from Trust offices in Victoria outlined background information and the bylaw process.

Al Kohut's environment ministry study of Galiano's groundwater, and Meg Holden's Galiano Forest Land Use Suitability Analysis, done as a study for her masters degree at Rutgers University, were reported on by their authors during the first hour of the meeting.

Usually audiences thin at meetings of this length (three and a half hours), but not so this time. It became increasingly obvious that most gathered there would not be satisfied with generalizations or half answers.

The long-delayed question period — first on process then on detail — when it finally materialized, must have shown the visitors and trustees just how fed up the usually silent majority is with the protracted delays in putting the official community plan (OCP) into practice. To most speakers it seemed that the failure of the Trust to implement the plan was nothing more than an attempt to thwart development in North Galiano's declared forest lands.

The listing of three open house meetings during November, a public meeting to answer questions and receive documents on December 5 and a December 15 closure for receiving documents gave many the feeling the bylaws were now being undemocratically rushed through. The comment was made that some had more to do at that time of year than attend open houses and public meetings.

Planner Porter stated that the intention to extend the set-back of houses on the waterfront to 15 metres as stated in Section 2.11 of the bylaws had been reconsidered. It is not clear whether this rollback applies as well to buildings placed

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near streams, lakes and swamps. The announced change puts Galiano in line with setbacks on the other Gulf Islands.

Porter's announcement was met with some surprise, giving those present the impression that even those proposing the changes to the OCP had some doubts.

The point was made that many had worked for three years to produce the OCP and that it had been passed. It was therefore an insult to those who had given so freely of their time and energy not to have it accepted as written. Others, fed up with hearing about catchment areas, aquifers and development permits, wondered why some attention wasn't being given to people and their needs.

### Successful dancathon

They danced for 12 straight hours, and 11 of the 12 dancers who started at 10 a.m. were still at it at 10 p.m. It was called a Dancathon, organized as a fundraiser for the Galiano (south) Hall, and raise money it did. Somewhere between \$7,000 and \$8,000 was pledged. Balloon sales got their buyer's prizes, with goods and services offered freely by Galiano businesses and individuals, which raised close to \$800.

The Dancathon was organized by Margaret Howell, Val Kambeltz and Sue Evans, the balloon sales by Reina Hooley. They had many helpers. Short rest times were allowed the dancers, also periods for eating and the other necessities of life, but "timers" kept close check on the participants. Many, young and old, participated for varying lengths of time.

When all was over there was supposed to be a public dance. It didn't happen — the will was there but even those in superb physical shape did not have the energy to dance longer.

Money raised will go towards hall maintenance. The success of the day more than met the expectations of the organizers. Congratulations to all.

## Islander named to nature board

Saturna Island's Susie Washington-Smyth is the newest member of the B.C. board of the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Washington-Smyth, who moved to Saturna from Calgary in 1996, is president of Western Environmental and Social Trends Inc., which specializes in policy and legislative issues relating to land and resource management.

She will assist the B.C. board's work of securing natural habitats both in the Gulf Islands and other parts of B.C.

In the Gulf Islands the conservancy has helped preserve Cabbage Island, Brackman Island, part of Sidney Island, Mount Sutil and Bodega Ridge on Galiano Island, Medicine Beach Marsh on North Pender and the Mill Farm on Salt Spring. According to the conservancy, all represent the dry coastal Douglas fir ecosystem which is one of the four most endangered in Canada. Along with the Carolinian forests of Ontario, tall grass prairie of Manitoba and south Okanagan grasslands, dry coastal Douglas fir habitats are a particular focus of the Nature Conservancy.

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**OCT. 30:** SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group, Lions Hall, 1-3pm.  
**OCT. 31:** Ed Peekeekoot, Royal Canadian Legion, br. #92, 8:30pm.  
**OCT. 31:** Can. Fed. of University Women SS Club, Lions Hall, 10:30am.  
**NOV. 1:** Taize Singing, SS United Church, 7:30pm.  
**NOV. 2, 9, 16, 30:** Thomas Merton for Contemplatives, All Saints, 7-9pm.  
**NOV. 3:** Salt Spring SAR, AGM, Ambulance Building, 7pm.  
**NOV. 4:** Dementia Care in the Home. Seniors for Seniors, 1-4 pm  
**NOV. 5:** Adult Abuse and Neglect, Lions Hall, 1-4pm.  
**NOV. 5, 16, 19:** Influenza & pneumococcal immunization clinic for seniors, SSI Health Unit, call for appointment 538-4880.  
**NOV. 7:** SSI Conservancy, "Protecting Nature: A Legal Tool Kit for Landowners & Developers", \$15, call Donna de Haan 537-4042.  
**NOV. 7:** SSI Historical Soc. & Harbour Publishing host the official launch of "SS: The Story of an Island" by Charles Kahn, Mahon Hall 2-4:30pm.  
**NOV. 8:** Family, Films & Popcorn, SS United Church, 7pm.  
**NOV. 10:** SSI Conservancy, "Estuaries: What Mud Dwellers Do On A Saturday Night", Lions Hall, 7pm.  
**NOV. 10:** SSI Historical Soc., meeting, Central Hall, 2pm.  
**NOV. 14:** Home-based Business Faire, Meadon Hall, 10am-3pm.  
**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, GISS music room, 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.

# Workshop looks at conservation covenants

The mysteries of conservation covenants will be deciphered at a November 7 Salt Spring Island Conservancy workshop.

Protecting Nature: A Legal Tool-kit for Landowners and Developers takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lions Club hall.

Legal, tax and land planning experts will make the presentation and answer questions.

A conservation covenant is a voluntary written agreement between private landowners and one or more conservation or government organizations, such as the Salt Spring Island Conservancy or the Islands Trust Fund.

In it, landowners promise to protect their land or special features on the land in specified ways.

Covenants may include provisions to protect natural, historical, cultur-

al, architectural, heritage, scientific, plant and animal communities or any combination of these. It may restrict subdivision or specify permissible land uses such as agriculture or sustainable forestry.

The landowners' purpose may be to protect a watershed, a potential salmon-bearing stream, a special view site, a Garry oak meadow, a beautiful stand of second growth fir, an historic orchard or a small pond or marsh that promises a frog chorus each spring.

There are costs to the landowner and the covenanting organization but income and property tax benefits could be realized by the landowner.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy currently holds one covenant, is working on five others and is in preliminary negotiations with a further six landowners who have indicated interest in protecting their land.

Workshop registration is \$15. Call Donna DeHann at 537-4042.



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## Successful adoptions

Happy dogs and their owners gathered in Ganges Saturday for a group photo to mark the successful adoption of the dogs, formerly

of Prince George. They were due to be euthanized until islander Gayle Burandt stepped in and found homes on Salt Spring for 21 dogs.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Fireworks drive dogs insane

Dogs are on Erling Jorgensen's mind this week.

Monday the fire captain and the Salt Spring Fire Department crew rescued a canine that had fallen down a well on Charlesworth Road.

But it is the fireworks display Saturday at the harbour that Jorgensen is most concerned about.

"Please, please, please, don't bring your dogs to the fireworks. The noise drives them insane," he says.

There have been incidents in the past where dogs have actually bitten bystanders because they were so frightened by explosions.

"It's not fair to (the dogs) so it's

best to leave them at home," Jorgensen says.

In other news:

- The department was called to St. Mary Lake Friday to deal with what appeared to be an oil spill in a bay at the north end.

The floating mass turned out to be a natural algae bloom, but "it had me fooled for a few minutes," says Jorgensen.

- On Saturday a smell of smoke in the Harbour Building attracted firefighters to Mouat's Clothing Co. A transformer had blown, and a fan that blew air into the store had continued working until it burned out.

## Bowen slows service

There were delays on the Route 9 ferry last week after the Queen of Nanaimo had to be replaced by the smaller Bowen Queen. B.C. Ferries said unanticipated mechanical problems forced the Queen of Nanaimo out of service on Thursday.

The Bowen Queen was running up to an hour behind schedule on the Long Harbour-Outer Islands-Tsawwassen run.

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**NOTICE** is hereby given that the public, including all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following Proposed Bylaw, will be afforded an opportunity to be heard respecting matters contained therein at the Public Hearing to be held in **Room 1203, Grace Point Square, 115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island on Thursday, October 29, 1998, commencing at 7:30 p.m.** A **Public Information Session** will be held at the same location prior to the Public Hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

At the Public Hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard, or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

**Proposed Bylaw No. 353 cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1998".**

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 353 is to amend the Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaw by:

- adding a definition for "Public Utilities" which includes unoccupied utility structures that serve the public;
- replacing the current definition of "Public Service Use" with a new definition that includes buildings for utilities, highway maintenance and emergency services;
- allowing "Public Utilities" in most zones (where they are currently permitted);
- allowing "Public Services" in several zones (where they are currently permitted);
- adding new wording under the heading of "Screening and Landscaping" to each zone where "Public Service Use" is a permitted use.
- All lands within the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area which are currently permitted "Public Service Use" are affected by this bylaw amendment.

A copy of the Proposed Bylaw, and relevant background documents, may be inspected at #1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Monday, October 19, 1998, up to and including Thursday, October 29, 1998. The Proposed Bylaw may also be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.islandstrust.ba.ca>

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, a copy of the Proposed Bylaw may be inspected at the Victoria Office of the Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Monday, October 19, 1998, up to and including Thursday, October 29, 1998. Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the Ganges office of the Islands Trust at #1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9, prior to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 29, 1998;
2. after 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 29th, 1998, to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

Enquiries regarding the Proposed Bylaw may be directed to Islands Trust planning staff for Salt Spring Island at 537-9144.

**NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Robyn Addison  
Secretary

# Lunch box misery: a most despicable winter occupation

In the end, it's the lunches that get you.

It's the neat little packages of food that reach out from their square,

zippered boxes, invading your early-morning sleep so your first thoughts upon waking are: "What day is it? Oh, school" — followed by the realization that hits you like a soggy sandwich: "I've got to get up and create a lunch box masterpiece."

Several working conditions combine to make lunch-packing the most despicable winter work.

First off, the food is supposed to be healthy; it has to be something they will eat without Ayatollah Momma hyperventilating over their shoulders. Then — the biggie — it has to be available either in the fridge or cupboards.

The more empty the fridge, the more "creative" the lunches and the less likely they'll be consumed.

The more healthy the goodies — yogurt, cashews, almonds, fruit leather and little boxes of raisins — the more expensive the grocery bill, but the more likely it will be consumed.

And despite the fact that more and more little packaged goodies means higher and higher grocery bills, the lunch-packing mom often reaches the point where she'll throw gold nuggets into those lunch boxes if she thinks her cherubs will eat them.

The whole thing is a bit like Christmas in reverse and you begin to dread the after-school "presents."

Every morning, you trek from fridge to cupboard to lunch box, throwing in yesterday's sure-thing alongside a few fancier items.

At 3:30, you dive back into the boxes to see what "presents" have been returned and whether or not the fancier items hit their digestive target.

Some mornings my husband scoffs at my lunch box angst, breezily claiming he could easily throw together a mere lunch or two.

I smile kindly, continue making the meal and hope to God that I never die and leave him in charge of my children's lunch.

This is not to say he cannot create a meal. It's just that creative isn't always consumable. Like raisins thrown generously into the macaroni and cheese, or salad dressing made with pickle juice.

I work late most Monday nights, leaving him in charge of dinner. And our offspring do not always appreciate his gourmet touch.

Once, when he had created some sort of odd-ingredient pasta dish and set a plate down in front of each child, my then-five-year-old daughter's eyes widened in total disbelief as she observed her dinner.

"This," she said, outraged, "is absolute bullshit."

Now normally she wouldn't get away with that language, but it's tough to bellow when you're suppressing a chortle.

And when I returned home and observed the food, I must say I had to agree with her.

So I'm in charge of lunches and continue to wake each school morning in a state of anticipatory gloom.

On the other side of the school age lunch phenomenon, there apparently exists a sort of collective unconscious among cooking caregivers.

Sometimes after her morning of school, my kindergartner visits friends. It appears that moms — at both the south and north ends of the island — serve one of two menus to visiting kindergartners. Inevitably, my child returns home and claims she had either macaroni and cheese or grilled cheese sandwiches for lunch.

And inevitably, when I ask visiting children what they wish to eat, they name one of the same two items, to which my child — who never asks for either at any other time — enthusiastically agrees.

So, apparently, every day, moms all over the island are cooking up macaroni or grilled cheese sandwiches. And it makes a lot of sense. These moms are likely so creative-lunch-box-anxious, they're happy to be stuck with only two home lunch choices.

Now I'm left wondering what would happen if I let my partner cook the macaroni and cheese ("here you go kids, enjoy my raisin pasta supreme") or the grilled cheese sandwiches ("I just threw a little peanut butter in there for extra flavour") for these visiting kids?

I've reached two possible answers: they might learn to ask for something entirely different, but more likely, they'd refuse to visit at all. Perhaps I could just ask their moms to pack a lunch instead.

## FAMILY MATTERS

WITH SUSAN LUNDY



# ISLAND FACES



Cheryl David, seen here with her three-year-old nephew Cameron David, has lived on Salt Spring since 1981. The 21-year-old, who works with B.C. Ferries, was born in Prince George. She is expecting a baby in April, and says she enjoys hanging out with Cam and making money.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Queen attends Madrona meeting

Madrona Club members travelled from afar to Salt Spring last week to take in a visit from Elizabeth Hopper, Queen of Miriam Temple.

Thirty-eight members of the Madrona Club, Daughters of the Nile, were in attendance at the October 20 event.

Included in the group were seven past queens, one visiting from Calgary, plus the supreme escort to the Canadian flag, past queen Myrtle Brownsey.

Lunch was prepared and served by members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Trincomali Chapter 93.

President Marion MacKenzie welcomed everyone and proceeded with the meeting. Dee Roberts gave a light-hearted and in-depth report of supreme sessions in Las Vegas, and Queen Elizabeth Hopper reported on supreme sessions business.

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This is the homeopathic element. The smell of different fragrances can stimulate the unconscious mind to aid in the healing process.

The Greeks inhaled different scents to cure inner ailments. Grape leaf perfume was supposed to clear the head and roses cured a headache.

Those earthenware cups that led to the Romans' downfall, lead poisoning, were very often soaked in perfume before use.

In the house we do obvious things like paint walls and put up curtains to create a mood. No matter how well designed, the atmosphere can change completely if the room fills with an unpleasant odour.

Things like potpourri mixtures were invaluable to a house in the

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days before deodorants and deodorizers. Dry potpourris are still a popular item and are easily made.

Dry your ingredients carefully. If you dry them in brown paper bags in a cool airy place they will retain their fragrance and colour longer. Once your selection of herbs and flowers has been dried you simply mix them together in a large bowl and add a fixative.

You'll have to buy the fixative at the florist shop or hobby store. Orris root (powdered Iris florentina rhizomes) and gum benzoin are the most common. You can also mix in powdered or crushed spices — just be careful of blending too many smells.

Lavender doesn't need a fixative so you can just fill bowls or sachets with the dried flowers. Bundles tied with ribbon are effective lying around or hung in closets.

One of the Christmases I remember best is connected to the smell of cloves. I was about eight and we made pomanders. Manned with a navel orange, a metal skewer and a bowl of cloves, the process was easy. You pierced the orange peel

with the skewer and then stuck in a clove until the whole orange was covered.

What a great smell it produced and the more the merrier. I don't remember using a fixative but it would probably be worth checking into.

Pomanders began in the Middle Ages when they were used to guard against plague, bugs and foul odours. They were a mixture of herbs, spices, tallow, resins, oils and fixatives which were heated together and then molded into balls while still warm. They were then pierced and threaded with a needle to be hung or worn. The word's origin is French, from the word "pomandre." Pomme, meaning apple, ( its shape) and ambre — amber, ( the colour).

While I'm at it, did you know that cloves are dried flower buds from a tree growing in the tropics called Eugenia aromaticus?

Another commonly-used household perfume was herb-scented water. Bottles were kept handy to use as refreshers on a hot day. You could dab some on a cloth to wash your face and neck with or rinse your hands.

Scented waters are really simple to make. Take a sterile jar and fill it with the flowers or herbs of your choice. Pour boiling water over them until they are completely covered. Cool this mixture until it is warm and then add a surgical spirit like rubbing alcohol (vodka would probably be a good substitute). Use two tablespoons to every four and one half cups of water or a proportionate ratio. Cover with a cloth and cool until cold. Strain and funnel into fancy stoppered bottles. Some of this water poured into a bath transforms your bathroom to an aromatherapy chamber. Some herbs to try: lavender, chamomile, rosemary, lemon balm, mints. You can make a spicy rather than perfume scent by using things like cinnamon sticks or cloves.

**Tip:** Rub the lavender flowers off fresh or dried lavender and throw them instead of rice at a wedding.

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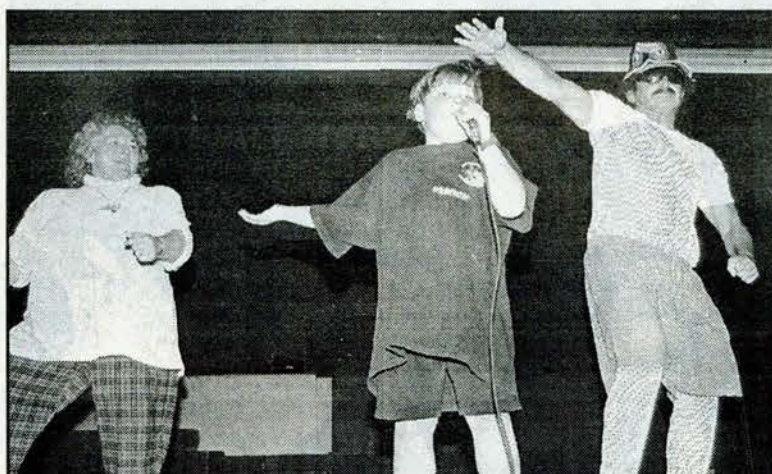
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Arts Reporter, Gail Sjuberg 537-9933 (ext. 210)



**ENERGIZED:** Lip syncing during a 10 minute break at Saturday's dance-a-thon are, above, Lindsay Adams, left, and Amber Seguin; at top



right, Alex Corley, flanked by enthusiastic judges Deb Toole and Shilo Zylbergold. Below, various young dancers strut their stuff.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

## Great sound, energetic dancing adds up to fun and a little pain

By **SUSAN LUNDY**  
Driftwood Staff

Eight hours after the finish of Saturday night's dance-a-thon, the question is not "what hurts?" The question is "what doesn't hurt?" and I can safely say my eyebrows still feel okay.

About 50 people — a little over half of them contestants — were still kicking up their heels and elbows, many with amazing energy, at 2 a.m. Sunday, a full 10 hours after Salt Spring Centre School's second annual dance-a-thon began.

About 40 contestants and over 100 spectators boogied to the beat of five live bands and a few hours of canned music in the Activity Centre, beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday. Prizes were drawn throughout the night and most contestants staggered home with at least one community-donated dance memento. In addition, three \$100 prizes were drawn at 2 a.m. for those still able to move.

Contestants, who danced 50 minutes out of each hour, were obligated to keep moving even between musical numbers.

It was hard work.

And as one of the contestants still moving (albeit painfully) at 2 a.m., I was struck during the course of the evening by a sad truism: 15-year-old bodies do have more muscle, energy and ability than the 33-year-old version of the same species. Only three people whose ages doubled that of most contestants were still going at the finish.

I also discovered muscles I never knew existed and experienced the absolute longest 15 minutes of my life — from 1:45 to 2 a.m. But, most importantly, I learned that people of all ages and backgrounds can gather at a completely alcohol- and drug-free community event and have a smashing time.

The Activity Centre glimmered with tiny decorative lights and bal-

loons, and the walls were covered with full-size, dancing cut-outs of the school's students.

For much of the night, children as young five danced alongside teens, parents and a smattering of grandparents. Sleekly-dressed teens were among the youth who grabbed the hands of passing children, twirling them around the dance floor.

And the variety of dancers met the variety of music head-on appreciating, for the most part, the mix of music styles.

Admittedly, the first few hours of canned music appealed more ardently to the younger crowd, and I sadly concluded that popular 1990s dance music is missing the down and dirty heart (not to mention beat) of bygone rock n' roll eras.

But then the Juke Joint, including Jesse Fisher, Daemon Baker, Martin Lewis and a borrowed drummer, pounded out the blues to an exuberant and still-energetic crowd beginning around 8 p.m. They were followed by the lyrical and upbeat Salt Spring Marimba, and a rock n' roll set by Ramesh Meyers and friends who picked up at least one lagging dancer (me) with a pelting rendition of the Stones' 'Jumpin' Jack Flash' at about 11:30.

Those in the crowd who slipped out before midnight missed a few magical moments of musical ecstasy as the shaking and drumming Samba — led by Michael Petis — marched into the gym with a mesmerizing rhythmic beat and joined dancers on the floor.

The placement of music-maker and dancer side-by-side, combined with Samba's animated sound, led to one of those rare dance moments when the music takes on a life of its own, blocking out every other sensation.

The live music was wrapped up by an encore performance of The Escapegoats (including Michael McPherson, St. Clair McColl, Mark Vanderwerf and Murray

Ritchie) whose lead singer, Sarah Morris, can really belt out the rock n' roll notes with a bluesy touch.

The half dozen judges staged their own performance, the most memorable being a strutting Deb Toole, Shilo Zylbergold clad in white net stockings and shirt, and a tottering, high-heeled, slinky-dressed Susheela Meyers, who also donned a clown nose.

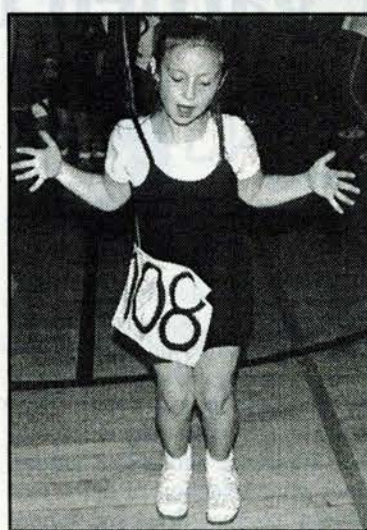
As for the personal experience of an "older" contestant, I can say with vivid recollection that the first muscle pain began in about hour two. By hour three I felt certain I would not dance the entire night. But I forged ahead, prompted mostly by the knowledge that I'd have to admit to 10,000 Driftwood readers exactly how early or late I stayed.

Ignorant of the fact that several hours of bare feet on gym floor leads to painful paws, my feet were saved in hour nine by an agonizing-but-therapeutic Peter Bennett foot massage.

And by this time, the goal of finishing the event became a matter of pride. Karen Reynolds, a mere month my junior, was determined to go the whole way and, much worse, my seven-year-old daughter Danica was still bopping, despite losing a wiggly tooth in hour eight. Even younger Nico Reynolds, six, was still managing to lift his legs. Both young dancers held out to the finish.

For me, the last hour moved in slow motion which may say more about my less-than-peppy dance moves than anything else. Amazingly, most of the young people on the floor were still able to lift all four limbs in time to the music. Their energy would have stunned me, had I the energy to be stunned.

Upon concluding the dance-a-thon, I was momentarily proud. However, this fleeting sensation was quickly replaced by pain, and as I sit punching computer keys, I am grateful that at least my fingers don't hurt.



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- **Tree House Cafe** — Hallowe'en Night: Lively Celtic music with Derek Duffy. Open late Saturday; stop by on your way to the fireworks!
- **Vesuvius Pub** — Hallowe'en Night — Three Chord Sloth with special guest Count Little Marty, playing the blues, Saturday. Witching hour starts at 8:30 p.m. Costume prizes!
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Harbour House Bistro** — Murray Anderson on the piano every Sunday, for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.
- **Ganges United Church** — recital by Janette Grey, soprano, & Cary Chow, accompanist. Selections: Faure, Schubert, Schumann, Caccini, Richard Rodgers, Jerome Kern & more, Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets \$8 at Acoustic Planet or at the door.
- **Moby's** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with Peter Taschuk Trio, starting at 7 p.m.
- **Music and Munch** — In Memoriam: a free program of music and poetry in anticipation of Remembrance Day, followed by a light lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$4.75, All Saints by-the-Sea, Wednesday, November 4 at 12:10 p.m.

## Stage

- **Off Centre Stage** — The Lion in Winter, held over, Friday & Saturday, 8 p.m. at Mahon Hall.
- **Salt Spring Community Theatre** — If We Are Women, a full-length play, Mahon Hall, Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.

## Family

- **5th Annual Family Fun Fest** — lots of games; kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Fernwood Elementary School, Saturday, 6-8 p.m. (Sponsored by churches of Salt Spring).
- **Spook House** — A real live haunted house for the brave of heart. Mahon Hall, Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Free admission, but food bank donations are encouraged.
- **Halloween Fireworks** —

Ganges: Mouat's Parking Lot & Fulford: Drummond Park, Saturday. Hot dogs & hot chocolate for the children after the fireworks at Ganges Firehall and Drummond Park.

• **West of the Moon** — Storytime every Tuesday morning; 9:30 a.m. 2-3 year olds, 10 a.m. 4-5 year olds. Come and join us!

## Grab Bag

- **Geezer Hallowe'en Dress-Up Party** — Lions Club hall, Friday 8:30 p.m.
- **Ed Peekekoot** — Hallowe'en Costume Party, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #92, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
- **Hallowe'en Lantern Parade** — featuring Samba Du Soleil, Torch Dance Performers and The Spikes, a children's sparkler dance. Bring lanterns! Starts at Barb's Buns and goes to Rotary Park, Saturday, 6 p.m.

## Cinema

- **Simon Birch** — A terrific film. Every so often a film like this comes along which makes you feel good about life. This funny quirky warm-hearted film is about a tiny 11-year-old boy in the 1960s who believes his purpose in life is to be a hero. Based on John Irving's novel — A prayer for Owen Meany. Playing Friday, Sunday & Tuesday.
- **What Dreams May Come** — It's like nothing you've ever seen. This stunning and totally original film stars Robin Williams who is superb. A highly original romantic adventure about a man who journeys through the after life from heaven to hell in search of his beloved wife. Also stars Cuba Gooding Jr. Playing Friday, Monday, & Tuesday.

## Community TV

- **Wednesday 1 p.m.**, Squirrels in a Nutshell
- 5:30 p.m. Talk Around the Rock
- 7:30 p.m. Scenes from the 1998 Fall Fair
- 8:30 p.m. Satsang with GangaJi
- **Sunday 6:00 p.m.**, Talk Around the Rock
- 8:00 p.m. Scenes from the 1998 Fall Fair
- 8:30 p.m. Satsang with GangaJi
- **Wednesday, Oct 28, 1:00 p.m.**, Squirrels in a Nutshell
- 6:00 p.m. Talk Around the Rock
- 8:00 p.m. Satsang with GangaJi

# Popular medieval play is back for two shows only next month

Those who missed the play everyone is talking about will have another chance to be "in the know."

Off Centre Stage's production of The Lion In Winter has been held over, running Friday and Saturday night, November 6 and 7 at Mahon Hall.

April Curtis, who plays Eleanor of Aquitaine in James Goldman's play about family treachery among 12th-century royals, said she met with lots of enthusiasm last week as she hurried around Salt Spring pasting "held over" signs on The Lion In Winter posters.

The show, which is directed by Ron Max, sold out two Saturday nights during its three-weekend run, and came close to filling every seat on two Friday nights, Curtis said. The hall seats 160 people at a time.

Set at the castle of Henry II, King of England, the story revolves around family power

The Lion In Winter will be performed two nights only, November 6 and 7 at Mahon Hall at 8 p.m.

struggles and a love-hate relationship between Henry (Michael Curtis) and his disfavoured queen, Eleanor.

It features three scheming sons, the ruthless Richard, played by Charles Wilton, the brainy

Geoffery (James Wilkinson) and bumbling John (Geoff Davidson).

Rounded out by Laurie Clarke and Erin Butler, the cast displays extraordinary talent as it easily negotiates a challenging script. The production includes a fabulous set, period-perfect costumes and props and scene-setting music.

Diane Morris is the production designer who thoroughly researched the era, and Judith Bennett is the costume mistress who specializes in the medieval period.

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3. The Spanish Prisoner .....(-)	8. Primary Colors .....(8)
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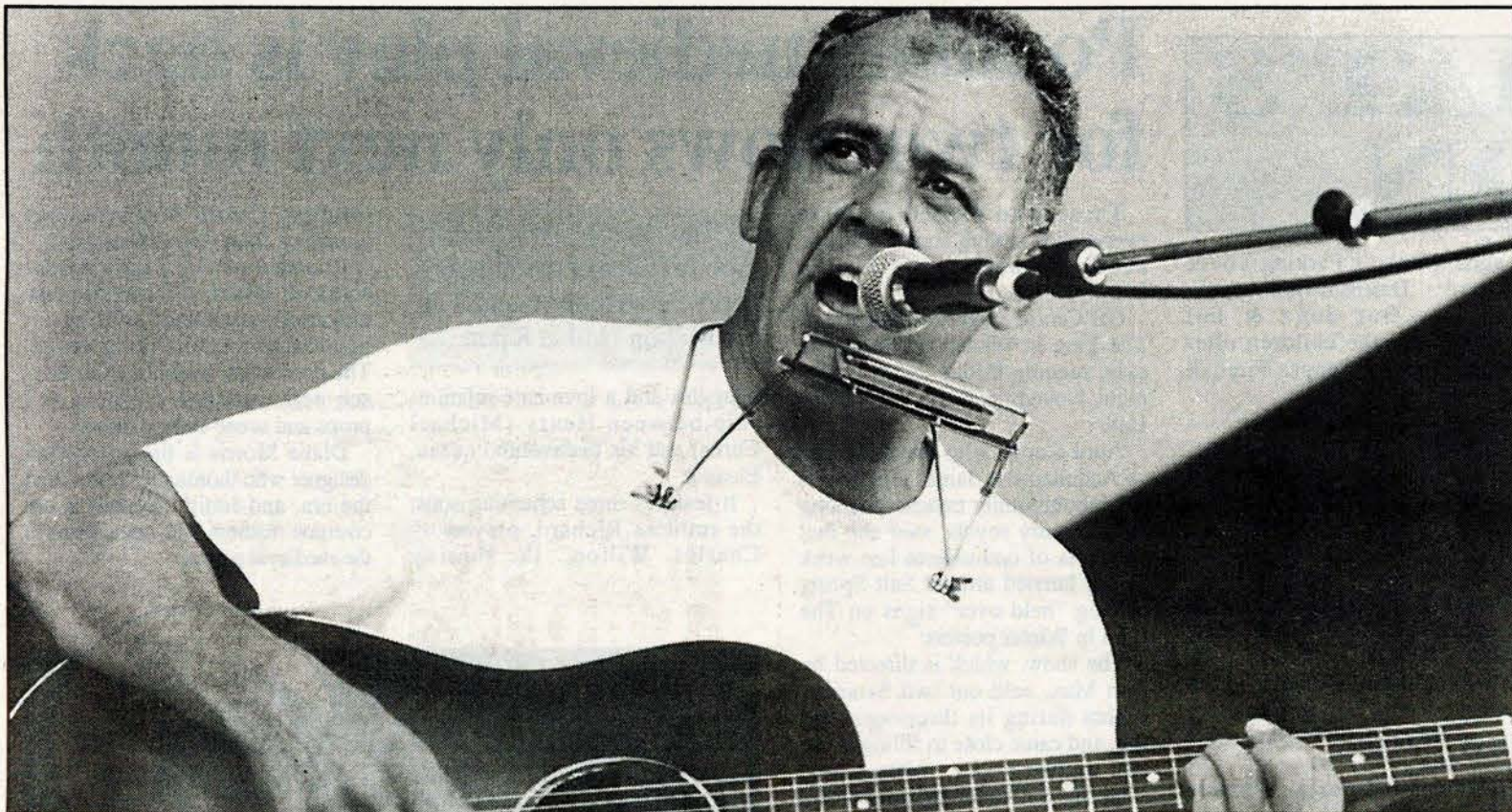
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## Powerful musician with 'wicked' guitar takes folk stage

The Salt Spring Lions Club hall might not be the same after Willie P. Bennett performs there Monday night.

When Bennett entered the ranks of integral Canadian blues and folk musicians several years ago, that venue was forever altered.

Whether he's belting out his powerful voice, playing wicked acoustic guitar, mandolin or harmonica, there is nothing quite like the Willie P. Bennett sound.

As his promotional material states, he is "a singer/songwriter/instrumentalist whose roots are the Anglo-Irish moan and whose wings are the exuberance of rock and roll."

From working with artists as diverse as Colin Linden or the Canadian bluegrass institution Dixie Flyers, Bennett has synthesized several styles. For the past few years he has toured in Fred

Willie P. Bennett is at Lions Club Hall Monday, November 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at Acoustic Planet Music.

Eaglesmith's band, which is considered one of the best practitioners of "Americana" in the U.S. One entertainment writer reviewing that band said Bennett's mandolin and harmonica playing "leaves others gasping in his wake."

His songs have also been performed by many other artists.

This summer Bennett released Heartstrings, which features some of the finest acoustic musicians on the continent.

Monday's show begins at 8 p.m. Seating at the hall is limited. Advance tickets are \$15 and available at Acoustic Planet Music.

## Award-winning writers read from their books

Four great Canadian authors converge on Salt Spring next Saturday for the Night of the Novelists.

Marilyn Bowering, Robert Kroetsch, Shani Mootoo and Audrey Thomas — all well-known writers and literary award-winners — are participating in the event which begins at 8 p.m. at the Lions Club hall.

Author of the novel, To All Appearances a Lady, Bowering has also written several books of poetry, including Autobiography, which won the 1997 Pat Lowther Poetry Award and was also nominated for the Governor General's Award. Her new novel — Visible Words — won the B.C. Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize. She resides in Sooke.

Kroetsch has authored more than 20 books of poetry, fiction and essays, including The Studhorse Man, which won a Governor General's award in 1969, The Stone Hammer Poems, Seed Catalogue, Badlands, The Puppeteer and What the Crow Said.

Set in the Klondike in the late 1800s, his latest novel — The Man From The Creeks — was inspired

by the poem The Shooting of Dan McGrew. He currently lives in Victoria

Mootoo's first novel, Cereus Blooms At Night (1996), has been short-listed for the Trillium Award, the Ethel Wilson Fiction Award as well as The Chapters/Books in Canada First Novel Award. Her first collection of short fiction, Out On A Main Street, was published in 1993.

She divides her time between Vancouver and New York City.

Winner of the Marian Engel Award, the Canada-Australia Literary Prize and the B.C. Ethel Wilson Fiction Award several times, Thomas has written numerous novels and short stories, including Wild Blue Yonder, Intertidal Life, Latakia and Mrs. Blood. Her most recent novel is called Coming Down From Wa. She lives on Galiano Island.

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**Musical enthusiasm**

Donovan Fox plays the keyboards and sings at Wednesday night's open stage held last week at Moby's Pub. Photo by Derrick Lundy

**'Sound poetry' hums on Monday**

Penn Kemp performs sound poetry Monday, November 2 at Vortex Gallery in Grace Point Square beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission free or by donation.

Islanders are being invited on an aural expedition with a sound poetry reading by Toronto writer Penn Kemp.

Kemp will present Temporary Harmonies and What the Ear Hears Last on Monday night at Vortex Gallery.

Temporary Harmonies was inspired by a pilgrimage to India.

In that work Kemp explores the role of the traveller as a metaphor for a consciousness which is constantly changing and how people's journeys affect their consciousness.

Kemp has published 17 books of drama, poetry and fiction, and six tapes of sound poetry. Her books include Bearing Down, Binding Twine, Talk Magic and Travelling Light.

She has given workshops for 30 years and has taught and performed throughout North America, Europe and India.

Mona Fertig of {m}Other Tongue Press promises the reading will be "a wondrous experience for those who have never heard and experienced sound poetry."

Kemp's reading, which begins at 7:30 p.m., is sponsored by {m}Other Tongue and the Writers' Union of Canada.

Admission is free or by donation.

**Best art towns writer includes Salt Spring**

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Some people, especially those freshly-enamoured with their choice to move to the Gulf Islands, might think there is no place like it.

But travel writer John Villani — author of *The 100 Best Small Art Towns in America* — knows better.

In his newly-released book there are descriptions of 100 places from Berea, Kentucky, to Homer, Alaska, places which harbour a significant population of artists, dramatists and musicians, high-quality affordable art and a lively cultural scene. None of these "art towns" has a population exceeding 65,000 and all are considered desirable places to live.

And Salt Spring Island is one of them.

Villani will be on Salt Spring Saturday to sign copies of his book at Island Books Plus from 2:30 p.m. onwards, but he was still at home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, (yes, it's in the book) when he spoke to the Driftwood Monday. He became familiar with the Gulf Islands when he lived in the Pacific Northwest for 18 years.

Some factors which propelled Salt Spring into the book are the large number of resident artists who sell in near and far markets and its relative affordability. "It's a very supportive place for the arts," he said.

In his write-up on Salt Spring, he gives a snapshot of the kinds of talented people who live here, the-

atre groups and festivals, the ArtSpring saga and snippets of interviews with Kathy Venter and Mary Korosciel.

All entries describe arts events, venues, "hangouts" and book-stores.

Villani observes that many city folks seek out small towns and a life of more "substance" after they realize "Range Rovers, the big house and country club memberships basically just ruin their lives."

But as he writes in his introduction about art towns, "It's unreasonable to place too many expectations on small art towns, especially the expectation that just by showing up you will find answers to questions such as 'Who am I?' 'What am I doing here?' and 'What am I supposed to be doing with my life?'"

Development may not always be embraced by people who live in these places, he says, but "art towns have a better opportunity for change that is going to be able to improve the quality of life for everyone."

Villani's book is available on Salt Spring and sells for \$24.95.

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**INTRICATE ART:** Ron Crawford stands before one of his plaster and acrylic paintings, hanging outside his Beddis Road home. The island artist is holding a one-day-only show of his artwork at his home this Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Seven years in Beddis show features Crawford artwork

After seven years in a Beddis Road character home, Ron Crawford says it's time to move on.

But before he leaves, he plans to stage a one-day-only showing of his paintings. The show, entitled *Seven Years in Beddis*, runs this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 735 Beddis Road.

Crawford, who makes a living as a stonemason and landscaper, loves to paint.

"I'm lucky, spending much of my waking life creat-

ing beautiful things. I don't think anything could bring me more pleasure or be more fulfilling."

The father of two has lived on Salt Spring for 10 years. His work has been shown in various locations, including a recent hanging at the Salt Spring Roasting Company.

"The show is one of closure for myself," he says. "It's been a great place to live and so much has been created and destroyed here — it's time to move on."

## Folk club's season ticket holders get priority for myriad hot events

Connie Kaldor was a memorable season-opener for the Salt Spring Folk Club, but now the focus shifts to the rest of its season.

And the fact that Kaldor sold out about a week in advance points to one of the club's unique features: season tickets. It is probably the only way to guarantee last-minute disappointment or panic, and season ticket holders get priority seating.

Four concerts will run at Fulford Hall from November through April.

Next up is Laura Smith, winner of two East Coast Music Awards, with two Juno nominations, accompanied by a burgeoning reputation.

Stephen Fearing plays in January, tentatively on Tuesday,

January 19 (all other folk club concerts are on Mondays). The club's Lyn Strand says Fearing is "generally acknowledged as one of the best performers on the contemporary folk circuit and his virtuoso acoustic guitar playing is world renowned."

Another Black Tie and Gumboot Gala takes place March 1. Valdy, Bill Henderson and friends will create an eventful evening of entertainment where the audience is invited to dress up or slide on their best gumboots. The first gala a few years ago was "a blast," recalls Strand. Harry Warner won a prize for the zaniest dresser.

The season finale features Artisan on April 26. Hailing from Yorkshire, England, the three singers thrilled Salt Spring audi-

ences last season when they opened for Murray McLauchlan.

Valdy has said of them, "Artisan isn't a hard act to follow, all I have to do now is get up here on stage and burst into flames."

Like Kaldor, they had the audience in stitches in between their songs, which ranged from stunningly beautiful to the outrageously silly.

With opening acts, refreshments and enthusiastic crowds, folk club events have become social Salt Spring highlights. And as Kaldor said during her concert, "This is the only place I play a gig where the sound man (Valdy) is better known than I am."

Season ticket price for the remaining four shows is \$56. To order them, phone Strand at 537-2828.

## Tango practices slated

Following the popularity of an Argentinean tango workshop earlier this month, a practice group has been established.

Organizer Margie Korrison said 38 people joined the workshop taught by Liliana Kleiner, which ended with a Saturday night dance creating a "tangaria" at the Lions Club hall.

Workshop participants and dancers in the community are welcome to a regular Argentinean tango practice on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30, until November 25.

Korrison stresses the gathering is a practice, not a class. There will be a minimal charge.

For more information, call Korrison at 537-2707.



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## SPORTS AND RECREATION

Sports Reporter, Mike Levin 537-9933 (ext. 208)

## Slayers' defense leads team to easy victory

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

A smothering first-half defensive effort was all the Salt Spring Slayers needed to take the first of a best-of-three junior-bantam football playoff against Cowichan Timbermen Sunday at Ganges.

Despite a final 48-26 score, Salt Spring kept its opponents scoreless during the opening 30 minutes and coasted to victory during a dark and damp second half.

"It was an incredible effort in the first half, especially how our defense controlled their sweeps," said Slayers coach Bruce Stewart. "The last time we played them they beat us outside so we were really happy with the result today."

In typical fashion, Salt Spring scored early with Graham Kitchen taking the opening kickoff 60 yards for his team's first major.

Through the rest of the first quarter and early into the second, the Slayers were tagged with five major penalties, giving the Timbermen excellent field position. But the host's defense was able to hold tight.

Jeff Smith, Mason Scott and Mike Stewart anchored the effort with numerous bone-crunching, open-field tackles.

Smith especially helped deflate Cowichan's offense, spending much of his time in the Timbermen's backfield stopping ball carriers before they could cross scrimmage.

He also shone on offense, adding a pair of second-quarter majors, including a 92-yard scamper around the right end mid-way through the period.

Sam Theunisz contributed Salt Spring's fourth touchdown, giving the hosts a 26-0 lead at the break.



**DOGGING THE BALL:** A swarming Salt Spring Slayers' defense was the key to the local team's victory over Cowichan Timbermen in junior-bantam football action Sunday at Gulf

Islands Secondary School. Here a Cowichan ballcarrier finds nowhere to go with three Slayers ready to bring him down. Photo by Mike Levin

As the third quarter started, the Slayers' defense maintained pressure, forcing Cowichan to cough up the ball on its own 41-yard line early.

On the next series, Andrew McKeachie covered the whole distance on the type of misdirection play that fooled the Timbermen's defense for most of the game.

From that point both teams settled into slow consistent play, trading scores throughout the final 20 minutes. Theunisz scored both Salt Spring's remaining touch-

downs.

Coach Stewart substituted freely during the half, trying to give all his players as much experience as possible.

"We played mix and match to see what combinations we could come up with," he said.

The Slayers' next game this weekend is still in question. It will either be an exhibition game, with the opponent to be named, or the second in the playoff series against Cowichan, which will be played in Duncan.

## Nature club activities

Following is the November schedule of activities for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

November 3 — Walk Galloping Goose Leg #6 led by Bud Williams. Meet at Portlock Park at 7:30 to catch the 8 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. Ramble: Wilkie Way. Great views led by Ann Fitz-James. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Hike: Bill Harrington will lead a fairly steep hike with marvellous views on Hope Hill. Carpool at Centennial, 9:45 a.m., to meet at Drummond Park at 10.

November 10 — Ramble: Lang's Road area led by Rita Aptekmann. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m.

Walk: Beaver Point cliff side led by Brian Radford. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m.

Hike: an exciting trip with Jean and Fred Howell to explore areas of East Sooke Park. Meet at Drummond Park 8:30 a.m. to catch 9:20 Fulford ferry.

Walk: Mount Belcher led by Betty Ball. Meet Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Ramble: Woodland trail off Robinson led by Chris and Dick Pattison.

November 24 — Ramble: Gossett's Farm led by Joan Lott. Meet Centennial Park 10 a.m.

Walk: Channel Ridge led by Don Madsen. Meet Centennial Park 10 a.m. to power house by 10:20.

Hike: join leader Ian Fraser to explore a new wrinkle on Mount Sullivan. Carpool at Centennial 9:45 a.m. to meet at Drummond Park at 10.

Social: Tickets for December 15 Christmas luncheon at Meaden Hall will be available at the November 26 social, 7:30 p.m. United Church downstairs.

Think ahead to these special events: Christmas lunch, Meaden Hall, December 15;

- On December 8, the walkers group meets downtown for lunch at Alfresco's, with the hikers and rambles invited, too;

- December 1, Elk Lake trip with Christmas shopping in the afternoon;

- January 28, 1999, annual general meeting.

- March 25, 1999, potluck.

## Lloyd wins Crier's Cup after system breaks tie

Gloria Lloyd's low-net score secured the local golfer the Crier's Cup October 20 at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

Lloyd finished tied with Merle Schure, but took the 18-hole women's title on a retrogression scoring system tiebreaker.

In the final day of nine-hole women's play October 21, Linda Woodley and Anne Vodden shared low-gross honours with a score of 54.

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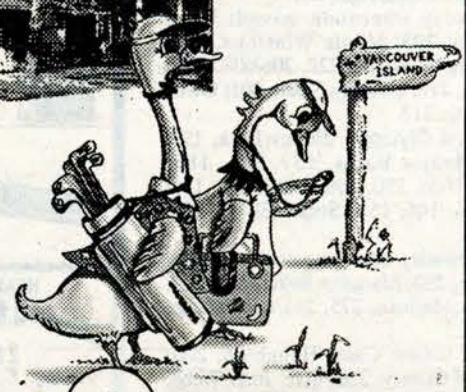
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# Corner kicks pay off as rebels score three

Salt Spring Under-14 Rebels found themselves in a corner Saturday and decided it was just where they wanted to be.

The mixed soccer squad scored all its goals off corner kicks in a 3-0 win over Cowichan at the high school field.

"This is what we've been working on, getting position (in the crease) for the corners," said Rebels coach Malcolm Bond. "Today we got 12 of them, and it paid off."

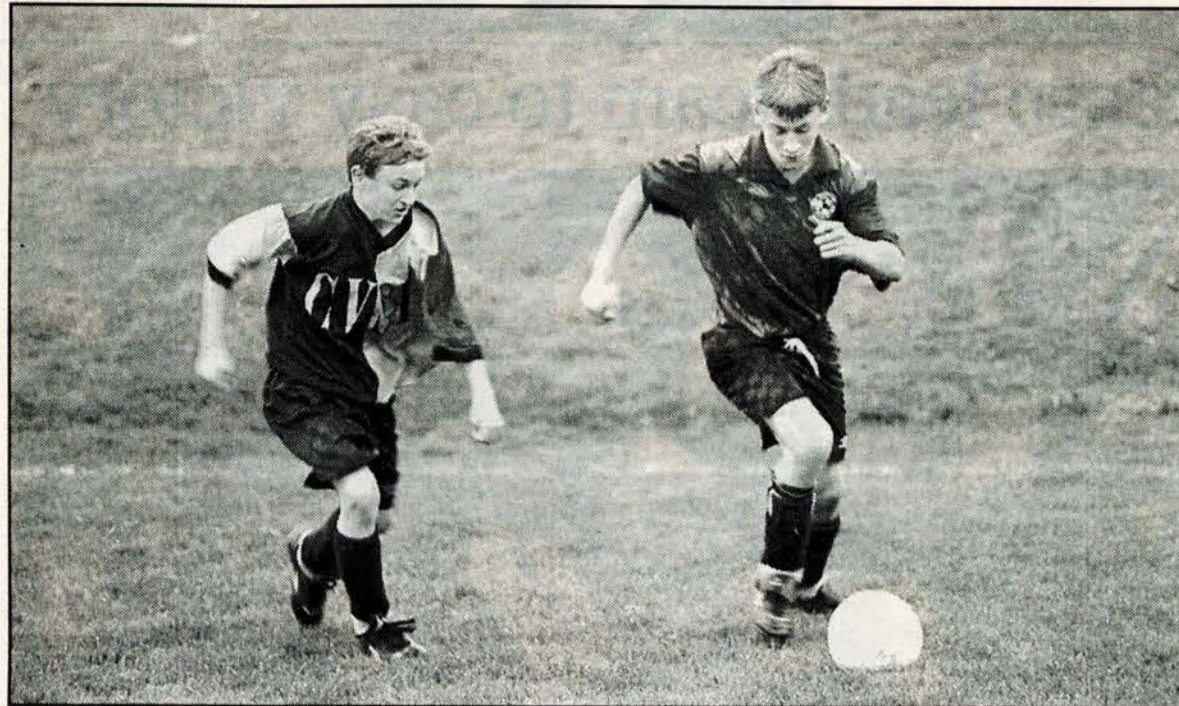
The early going was tentative as the hosts found themselves up against a much taller opponent. Cowichan consistently pushed its forwards into Salt Spring territory looking to capitalize on the size advantage.

But the Rebels' keeper made a couple of good early saves and boosted the team's confidence.

Throughout the first half Salt Spring stuck to its strong positional play and waited for the scoring chances to come.

The first arose in the 30th minute when Jeremy Morrison sat patiently on an Emily Bond corner.

The ball bounced off a Cowichan defender and Morrison pounced, sending a header past the



**POSITIONAL PLAY:** A Salt Spring Rebels' player moves the ball into Cowichan's zone, a play that resulted in a corner kick in the Under-14

sprawling goalkeeper.

The half ended with the hosts up 1-0. Ten minutes into the second half, another Salt Spring corner kick found its way perfectly into the Cowichan crease where Graham Kitchen tapped a back-

wards shot into the back of the net.

The Rebels continued to use their field smarts to push wide passes up the field. A corner in the 63rd minute completed the scoring when Eric Beamish found the air

between two taller defenders and bounced a header over the line.

"We've played this level against all the teams (we've faced) but now the goals are starting to come," said coach Bond.

# Bantam skate to hockey victory

All six Salt Spring players played significant roles in a 10-5 bantam hockey victory for Fuller Lake over Nanaimo Saturday in North Cowichan Minor Hockey League play.

The game at Fuller Lake Arena was a tight battle for the first two periods. The opponents traded goals, with Fuller Lake holding a slim 5-4 advantage at the end of 40 minutes.

But the hosts skated away in the third on the strength of superior speed and passing skills.

Local point-getters included Casey Steele and Ethan Becklake, each with a pair of goals, and Stuart Sinclair, Owen Beasley and Jim Goldie with singles. Steele and Becklake also had a pair of assists with solo help-outs coming from Beasley and Adam Davies.

# Geezers undefeated

Salt Spring Geezers managed to keep their undefeated record intact during a pair of Over-40 soccer games, but not without a few heart-stopping moments.

In Victoria against Juan de Fuca October 21, the locals found themselves down by a 2-0 margin at the half before storming back for a 4-2 victory. Sunday at Portlock Park the older gentlemen rallied from a one-goal deficit against Lakehill to emerge with a 3-2 decision.

In the first game, Gord Speed's two markers highlighted an explosive second half. Rainer Funk and Damien Brazier also tallied to support the come-from-behind win.

In the second game, Salt Spring trailed by a 2-1 score after 45 minutes. Funk's third of three goals gave the locals a late lead, but not the sure victory. The final score wasn't secured until Geezer keeper Siegfried Karl batted away a Lakehill penalty shot with just minutes remaining on the clock.

# HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high bowling league scores from the past two weeks at Kings Lane Recreation.

Tuesday morning mixed: Cliff Jory, 239, 231/615; Wally Brown, 222, 203, 228; Jack Godwin, 226; Madalene Jory, 210; John Richardson, 207.

Tuesday afternoon mixed: Deke Noonan, 223; Vanda Winstone, 211, 215; Reg Winstone, 222, 206/608; Jerry Latvala, 216; Dorothy Sloan, 201; Gwen McClung, 213.

Special Olympics: Jimmy Beck, 199, 185; Mahjor Bains, 157, 201, 183; Gloria Dale, 150, 168; Jesse, 154; Dan Carlson, 145, 158; Stuart Elliot, 157, 168.

Wednesday afternoon ladies: Nancy Mossop, 232; Margaret Baker, 257, 269; Deanna Marleau, 275, 241/678; Madge Bate, 213.

Golf ladies: Carol Houghton, 200; Mildred Gurney, 231, 207; June Webb, 230; Shirley Parsons, 222; Margaret Baker, 213; Lorraine Toller, 202, 205, 223/630; Mary Campbell, 202.

Looney tunes: Connie Hardy, 238; John Sutherland, 206, 246; Rene Sutherland, 264; Henry Schwagly, 206; Linda Schwagly, 237; Milt Boehmer, 220, 239; Martin Hoogerdyk, 204.

Friday morning mixed: Cliff Jory, 211, 219; Madalene Jory, 219, 212;

Margaret Baker, 227/616, 202, 211; Jerry Latvala, 210; Don Goodman, 246.

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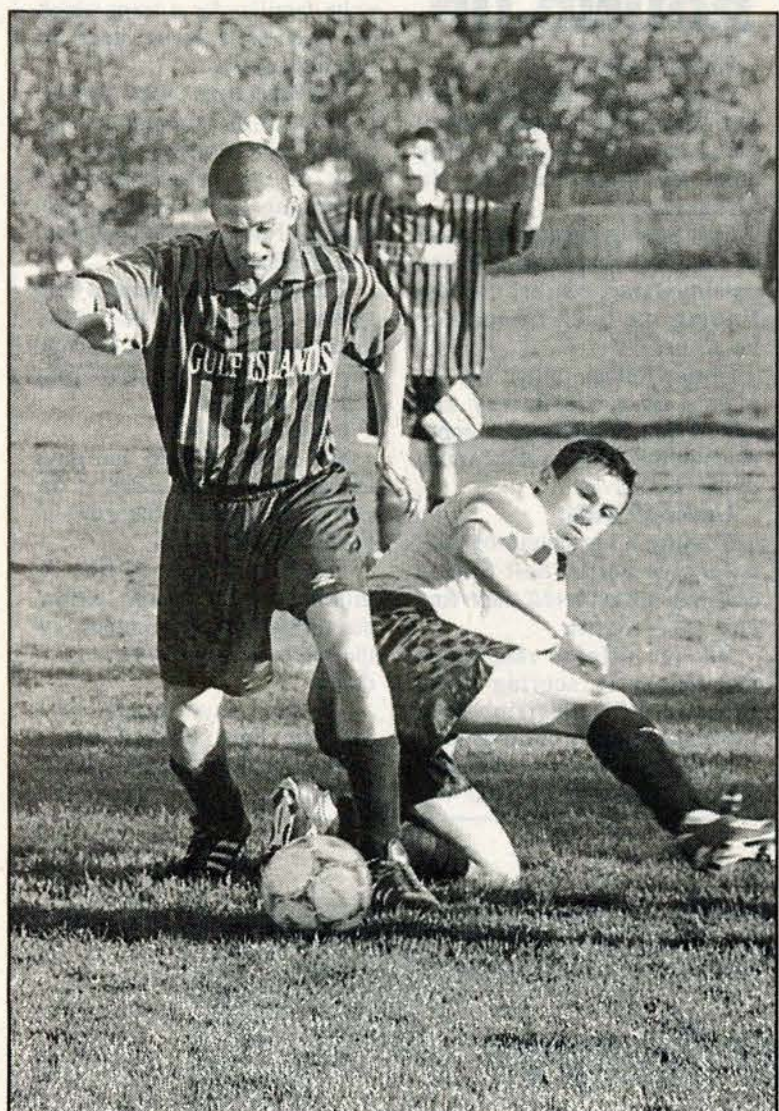
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# Strong Scorpion start sputters to disappointing loss



**MAKING A MOVE:** GISS Scorpions got a tough lesson in pressure Thursday from a 3-2 loss to Shawnigan Lake at GISS. Here a Scorpion gets a rare unimpeded path to the net.

Photo by Mike Levin

By **MIKE LEVIN**  
Driftwood Staff

The pressure of a first-place battle drained Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions as they dropped a disappointing 3-2 decision to Shawnigan Lake in a home game Thursday in high school boys soccer action.

GISS' playoff hopes rested on a game played Tuesday at home against Frances Kelsey.

The Scorpions opened the game strongly, scoring two early goals and leading 2-1 at the half against a slower opponent. But the team appeared distracted in the second frame and fell away from its game plan as Shawnigan Lake tied the score and went ahead in the final 15 minutes.

The defeat moved GISS to a 4-2 record, the previous loss coming during a shootout with Frances Kelsey.

"We were well-prepared but we haven't had a real pressure game so far this season and (the players) didn't respond to being down," said Scorpions coach Doug Pearson.

"It was probably a good lesson for them, learning how to lose."

Mandu Goebel opened the scoring in the third minute with a powerful right-footed blast in the right corner of the goal.

The guests tied the score eight minutes later off a penalty kick awarded for a defensive foul in the Salt Spring crease.

Keeper Jonathon McDonald got a hand on the ball but it wasn't enough to keep it from sliding into the net.

Scorpions regained their lead in

the 13th minute when Chris Langdon exploited a Shawnigan defensive lapse. He stole the ball from a defender just off the left edge of the crease, took two steps and bounced it over the line.

The rest of the half was spirited with both sides preferring to push up and focus on offense.

The trend foreshadowed the ultimate result as Shawnigan took increasing control of the play. The 2-1 lead at half time flattered Salt Spring.

The second half started in the same vein, featuring mostly scrambly, individual efforts.

Shawnigan finally knotted the score in the 58th minute. Left alone in the crease, a team forward angled a header past McDonald.

GISS managed a brief rally 10 minutes later following a Goebel header that trickled just past the right post.

But in the 72nd minute a Shawnigan forward again snuck behind the Scorpions' defense for an unimpeded shot on net. McDonald got a hand on the ball but not enough to keep it from sliding into the top corner.

The GISS keeper produced the home team's best performance and was primarily responsible for keeping the score tight.

"Shawnigan played really well, better than the last time we saw them," said Pearson. "I think we panicked a bit when they kept coming back at us. We didn't reorganize properly."

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# Slugs hockey team downed twice

It was a case of flash and crash for the Salt Spring Slugs in a pair of games during the week in Old Boys hockey action.

Stung by ferry delays and a short bench Thursday, the Slugs exploded early before settling into an 8-4 defeat at the hands of Sidney's Shoreline Bruins Thursday at Panorama arena.

Sunday the hangover continued as the Slugs frittered away an early lead against Mill Bay Saints to absorb an 8-3 loss at Fuller Lake Arena.

In the first game the Slugs sat at the Vesuvius pier for an hour and ended up having to change into

their gear in the team van on the ride over. The delay forced a couple of players to not make the trip.

Arriving half an hour late, the Slugs found some untapped energy and raced to a 4-0 lead during the first 10 minutes on a pair of goals by Bobby Akerman and solos from Todd McIntyre and a loan-player from Sidney, whose named escaped the Salt Spring players.

But the tank soon emptied and Shoreline tallied eight unanswered markers to take the victory.

The second contest followed a similar script, with McIntyre's opening goal low to the glove

hand spotting the Slugs to a lead.

The Saints took a 2-1 lead before Paul Sinclair equalized on a slapshot from the point.

But then Mill Bay scored six straight to ensure the decision. Scott Wood scored to round out Salt Spring's total.

The team has a week-long break before getting back into action with three contests: November 5 against Sidney's Squid Roe in Sidney, November 7 versus Lake Cowichan Express at Fuller Lake Arena and November 8 against Shoreline Bruins, also at Fuller Lake.

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## Girls take sixth in tourney

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions junior girls volleyballers split four league games against Duncan Christian and Chemainus Thursday at Duncan Christian.

In an eight-team tournament at GISS Saturday, the locals finished in sixth spot overall. In league play, GISS dropped its first two contests against Duncan Christian by 15-10 and 15-9 scores before roaring back to down Chemainus by margins of 15-3 and 15-5.

In the one-day tournament, the Scorpions finished fourth in their pool and recorded a 1-2 record in playoff action.

The tournament was won by Clairmont in a two-set victory over Belmont.

## Penalty shot kills game

It was a game that should have ended in a tie, but a controversial penalty shot early in the first half spelled defeat for Sea Otter Old Boys Saturday against Gorge in Victoria.

The call was the second tough decision in two games for the Salt Spring team. It came before the 15-minute mark, and Gorge held on for the 1-0 decision at Hampton Park.

"It was actually a very good, close game with lots of chances on both sides," said Sea Otter's Pete Bantel. "We would have preferred to see it end in a tie."

Following the lone goal, Salt

Spring picked up the pace and flooded the Gorge keeper with shots.

Dave Norget's header barely missed crossing the line, and Bantel fired one just over the crossbar late in the going.

"They hit a post too, so I'd say it was pretty even," said Bantel. "Their keeper was this big guy and he had a heck of a game."

The Old Boys dropped their second one-goal game in a row and will try to get back into the win column against Oak Bay Sunday at Arbutus High School in Victoria.

## School hosts tournament

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys will host a two-day volleyball tournament Friday and Saturday as preparation for the North Island championships the following weekend.

The Scorpions' first game will take place at 2 p.m. Friday against Esquimalt. The locals take on

Credo at 3 p.m. and Parklands at 6 p.m.

Saturday GISS faces Cowichan High at 10:30 a.m., Lake Cowichan at 11:30 a.m. and Brooks at 3:30 p.m.

The North Island playoffs will take place November 6 at Woodlands in Nanaimo.

## SOCCER ROUND-UP

### Under-14 Boys:

In a game featuring Salt Spring's Under-14 boys team, the locals were nipped 2-1 by Juan de Fuca Saturday in Metchosin.

Salt Spring dominated most of the play, thanks to a strong passing game, but had trouble finding the back of Juan de Fuca's net.

Chris Gottaas tallied for the guests on a breakaway and helped Salt Spring pin its opponents in their own end for much of the two halves.

### Under-19 Girls:

Missing a big chunk of their defensive corps, Salt Spring Slashers surrendered their first goal of the season.

But the offense responded magnificently, scoring seven times in a 7-1 decision over Cowichan Sunday in Cowichan.

Slashers tallied three first-half markers, two by Tanisha Van

Pelt and a solo by Joelle Morrison, and appeared headed for a result that has become quite familiar for a team which has aged well during years of playing together.

Salt Spring ran away with the contest in the second stanza, with Robin Morris scoring her first of the season and the remaining goals coming from Kate McNair, Molly Lynes-Ford and Stephanie Collette.

The Slashers surrendered their season-long shutout late in the game when Cowichan became the first team to solve Salt Spring's defense.

### Under-14 Girls:

Salt Spring Strikers and Bays United were tired teams at the end of their game Saturday at Portlock Park.

The contest seemed like 90 minutes of end-to-end action, and ended in disappointment for the locals as they absorbed a 2-0 defeat.

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## Announcements

### 5 BIRTHS

#### IT'S A BOY!

Murray, Dawn, Jesse and Ben proudly announce the birth of son and baby brother Daniel Geoffrey Hage Hunter.

Born October 18 at 4:28am at Lady Minto Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces.

Special thanks and appreciation to Kelly Hayes and Eryn Rafferty for wonderful loving support in an unexpected and speedy situation. Heartfelt thanks to Maggie Ramsey and Jules Atkins for continuing care, Sylvia Louman and Karen Corley for help "Above and Beyond" and Doctor McNie, Gail and the staff at Lady Minto for bringing Daniel safely into the world.

To all our friends who have been bringing meals, washing dishes, watching kids and giving in so many ways, thank you from the heart. We love you all.

### 6 DEATHS

**HULL:** LAVINA Edgar, passed away peacefully at Saanich Peninsula Hospital extended care on October 10, 1998. Survived by her husband Donald and 2 sons: Jack Ready, Dennis Ready and one daughter Patricia Blow. Family service to be held at later date. Arrangements in care of Hayward's Funeral Services.

### 8 CARDS OF THANKS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS of the late Mr. Ian George Bolton, wish to thank the fire department, paramedics, Dr. Shklanka and Nursing staff for their efforts and compassion.

### 10 CELEBRATIONS

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**BOOK LAUNCH.** Charles Kahn's "Salt Spring: The Story of an Island" Saturday, November 7, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Mahon Hall, Ganges. Everyone welcome! Historical display, refreshments & signed books available. A portion of the proceeds from book sales at this event will be donated to the Salt Spring Island Historical Society.

**TOLTEK WISDOM** Workshop. Doña Bernadette Vigil returns to Salt Spring on October 30 & 31 to teach the Toltec Path of Inner Strength, Clarity and Personal Freedom. Come to an introductory lecture at 181 Beaver Point Road, near Fulford, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Friday October 30. Admission by donation. The Workshop is Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 181 Beaver Point Road. Fee is \$60. Weekly sessions will continue and support the practice. For more information 537-2840 or 653-9427.

**GOLDEN HANDS Bazaar**, Saturday, November 7. Lower Central Hall, 11:30 - 2 p.m. Crafts, bake table, white elephant, tea, Raffle.

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FOR RENT. Lovely 2 bedroom furnished house. Vesuvius. W/D. November 1 - March 25. \$490 plus utilities. 537-4663.

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692 ft<sup>2</sup>  
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## Auxiliaries tackle training operations

Ganges Coast Guard was left waiting by the phone during a quiet week in local waters.

But the break did give members a chance to provide training for the coast guard's auxiliary force, which is becoming increasingly important in local missions.

The auxiliary supplements the regular crews, allowing the coast guard to respond to calls with at least two vessels. The need was highlighted October 16 when three red emergency flares were spotted off Ladysmith.

The coast guard responded at 9 p.m. and searched in heavy drizzle and poor visibility until 2 a.m. No sign of anyone in distress was found.

"It is times like that when the auxiliary is invaluable for a thorough search," says the coast guard's Ian Kyle. "Without them we'd have a problem crewing enough vessels."

Kyle also pointed out that the incident underscored the growing use of flares as a hoax.

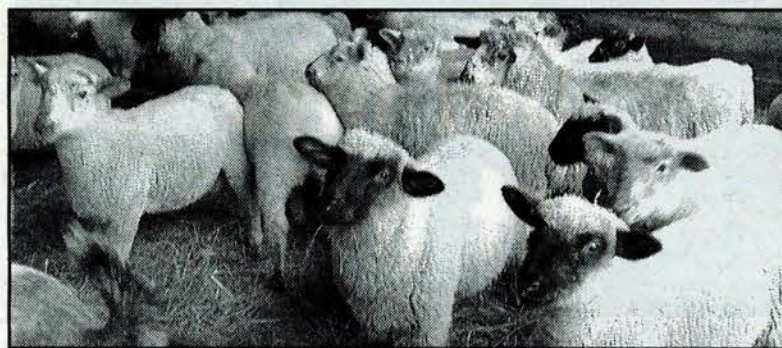
"It's becoming a chronic problem, and I don't think people understand the horrendous (tax) cost of having us come out and search for nothing," he says.



### Lambskin cushion

Model sheep relaxes in contrived "deck chair" for demonstration of maintenance chores which can be undertaken without strain or stress to animal or handler. The Salt Spring Island Sheep Breeders Association, a committee of the Islands Farmers Institute, met for a basic sheep management course at the Sunset Farm barn of sheep farmer Sandy Robley who gave the program to more than two dozen attendees. Pictured from left, Marg Threlfall, chairman of the committee, Tony Threlfall, committee liaison to the institute, Kristy Robley and Sandy Robley.

Photos by Alice Richards



## More letters

### Full info

Allegations that confidential reports and letters, filed by Health Canada scientists investigating BGH, have been locked up or removed have given rise to charges that some members of Health Canada may be sympathetic to Monsanto, manufacturers of the drug.

This information was released last week on the CBC program As It Happens by Senator Eugene Whelan, who had drawn attention to it in the May and June meetings of the Senate. He voiced his shock and disbelief that such an irregularity could have taken place in Canada. He confirmed that he had spoken to Allan Rock, Minister of Health who, in turn, had assured him that it was still illegal to import BGH into this country. As to allegations that Health Canada had deliberately mislaid reports filed by their scientists, the minister was unwilling to comment.

Because the board of enquiry is required to make a report to Health Canada at the end of October, it is important that the government is alerted in time to demand that all information about BGH be given to the House.

Questions should also be put to

the Minister of Health about the allegation that Health Canada may have kept back information on the drug because it would prevent Monsanto from marketing its product in Canada.

(Readers can obtain a copy of the transcript of Senator Whelan's report to the Senate by telephoning 1-800-267-7362).

DAVID MASSY,  
Old Scott Road

### Heresy

"There is no worse heresy than that the office sanctifies the holder of it," a lord replies to those who say that Mulroney is deserving of the Order of Canada because he occupied the prime minister's office.

This is a man who at the apex of his career was known nationwide as Lyin' Brian, a man whose reputation became so devastated by an intergovernmental letter as to require a \$5-million patch, (paid for willy-nilly from our pockets, to boot!)

Of course, the lord in question is Lord Acton, better known for his discovery that power corrupts the power holders, politicians being no exception.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,  
Salt Spring

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YOGA GANGES. November only. Class 7:30 - 9 p.m. Downstairs All Saints by the Sea. Usual times resume December 7 - 8:30 p.m. \$8 Drop-In. All levels welcome. Call Celeste 537-5667.

BOAT SHED rental, \$75. Bird's nest Daycare - South end. Video of family for Christmas Presents, or events for cable (broadcast quality Hi8 camera). 653-9973.

FOUND BROOCH on Reynolds Road. 653-9964.

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DOÑA BERNADETTE Vigil returns to Salt Spring on October 30 & 31 to teach the Toltec Path of Inner Strength, Personal Freedom, and Self Awareness. For information 537-2840, see "coming events".

HUMMINGBIRD HAVEN, Salt Spring's new metaphysical studio, on Churchill, open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Drop by and browse. For more info 537-5537.

GEEZER COSTUME Party. Friday, October 30, 8:30 p.m. Lions Hall. See ad in Coming Events.

VENDORS WANTED for Salt Spring Centre Christmas Craft Show. December 19, 20. Contact Sid Filkow. 537-9596.

FOR SALE: fresh trolled caught chum salmon. Today until supply lasts. \$1.00/lb CFV Rental, Centennial dock.

SUZUKI PIANO. Mayana has openings in pre-piano class for 3 - 5 year olds and private lessons from age 5. Observe students at work to see if this is the program for you. Mayana Williamson, B Mus. 537-9293.

BOUZOUKI will be closed from November 2 - November 8. Sorry for any inconvenience. We'll see you all Monday, November 9. Georgia & Steve.

OFFBEAT TASKS. Weird Projects. Odd jobs. Inside or Outside. Call Bob 653-9828.

ROOM FOR rent in fully furnished 2 bedroom home, minutes to town. \$275 month plus 1/2 utilities. Call Brent 537-1938.

FOR RENT. Immediate occupancy, small 3 bedroom house, close to Ganges, \$725. 653-4201.

FOR SALE: smaller, older, camper trailer, sleeps 4, kitchen and porta-potty, good condition. \$600 obo: call 537-2891.

FOR SALE: 1978 Volkswagen Getaway Van, 2 litre fuel injected, good shape with lots of new stuff. Phone Brian at 537-5657.

TINY, STUDIO/ GUEST house, suits 1. Furnished or not. Sleeping loft, shower, wood/ electric heat. \$375 plus utilities. References. 653-9201.

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FAMILY PLACE "Nobody's Perfect". Parent Support Program for families with children under 7. "Free"! Starts: November 3 - 3 December 8. Tuesdays 1 - 3 p.m. Fulford School. Snacks and Daycare provided. Call 537-9176 to register.

VERY LARGE, 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex in family area. N/P, \$710 includes garbage & water. References required. 537-2833.

THINK MEXICO!! Eight passenger "Ford Hotel," '86 Club Wagon with 351 at EW&L, wooden floorboards, offers to \$4800, 653-4689 or valdy@saltspring.com

POTTERS' GUILD Potluck 6:30 p.m. October 29 at Judy Weeden's, 130 Primrose Lane (off Whims). Paper kiln will be firing that day and opened during evening. 537-5403.

HELP WANTED: Motivated first cook, flexible hours, drop resume to Manager, Fulford Inn.

WINTER'S COMING! If you need help with garden cleanup, firewood (bucking or splitting) or anything else, I'd love to help. Shawn @ 537-1904.

CANDLES, CANDLES and more candles have finally arrived at Save-On Saltspring in Gasoline Alley.

APOLOGIES TO anyone disturbed by loud music near the Activity Centre on Saturday, October 24, from the Salt Spring Centre School Dance-a-Thon.

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.

HYDRAULIC HOSE crimping, fittings & hose available, Harold Harkema Repairs. 537-4559.

WANTED TO rent, small wood-working shop. Call Bob 653-9828.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY Night, Tuesday evenings. Any ladies interested please call Janice. 537-2438.

1 ROOM AVAILABLE in south end home, \$275, utilities included. 653-9766.

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FOR SALE: 84 Toyota Camray, 4 door hatchback. Runs well, good island car! \$800, 653-9766.

CLEARANCE SALE of Fruit-of-the-Loom T-shirts starting at \$6. Sweatshirts & sweatpants (limited quantities) for only \$8. Save-On Saltspring in Gasoline Alley.

COMMUNITY MEETING with expert guest speakers to discuss development of a "Coordinated Community Response to Abuse and Neglect of Adults". Thursday, November 5, 1 - 4 p.m. Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet. Everyone Welcome. More info? Call Rhema @ 537-4126.

SNOOKER TABLE, 9 x 5, composition type, excellent condition, \$800 obo. Lady's Mountainmac, medium long, almost unused, \$125. Hay, 1998, stored in barn, \$3.50 bale. Horse manure, minimal shavings, \$20 per half ton, U load. 537-2377

SENIORS. IT'S never too late to dance. Come and learn modern dance taught by Sara Fawcett. For more information call 537-2060.

JAZZ DANCE, beginning classes now being taught by Sara Fawcett at Ganges High School, dance room, Mondays from 3 - 4:30. A great workout. Creative & fun choreography. Call 537-2060 or drop in.

PACIFIC ENERGY wood stove, Cottage, CSA \$300. Mother Earth stove, \$150. Both in good condition. 537-8928.

WILLY P BENNETT in concert, Monday, November 2. The Lions Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets at Acoustic Planet Music, 537-9668.

KID'S DANCE. Modern & Jazz classes. Ages 5 to 9 or 10 - 14. Classes will be taught by Sara Fawcett. For information call 537-2060.

TERRA BELLA. Pottery by Meredith Fawcett and quality teas, now open in Fulford Harbour, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, from 10 - 5:30. and during the week, on occasion, please call. Come and have a look. 653-2024.

TANGO LESSONS! Car pool to Victoria, begins November 3. Information, 653-9631.

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SUPERB CARPETS at Calypso Carpet. Selected pieces. Hand knotted and woven Turkish, Afghan and Iranian. Sid Filkow Tribal Rugs and Kilims.

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PIANO SALE. Yamaha grand, \$10,000. Sojen \$3,000. 2 reconditioned pianos, rent or lease, \$1,900 or \$1,700 cash or Visa. Ken Ackerman Piano Service. 537-4533.

BEFORE YOU buy toys from the catalogues coming to your door...check West of the Moon. We have a lot of them and...you don't pay shipping. 537-1966.

TO ALL of you who asked, we now have an answer! The 10th anniversary "Garage Sale of Frames" is coming Saturday, November 7th from 10 til 3, at "A Thousand Words Picture Framing"! We'll have a huge assortment of ready-made frames, glass included, in all sizes and styles at 50% or more off the regular price. Stock up for those Christmas projects. That's Saturday, November 7th from 10 til 3 at 785 Fulford-Ganges Road. Call Elaine or Krista at 537-5131 for details.

TOFINO, CHESTERMAN Beach vacation rental. Check out the winter storms. Reduced winter rates. Call John Gossett. 537-1129.

2 BEDROOM COTTAGE plus den, fireplace; on St Mary Lake. November 1 - July 99. Non-smoking. \$750. (604) 924-9279. (Leave message for Suzanne).

THE VESUVIUS Pub has just landed a major sports activity! It promises to provide a "ton" of fun for anyone who can hold a "stick" (cue). OK OK, so it's a pool table imported from Ganges, but it's now at the Vesuvius Pub waiting for all it's "old friends." Come down and enjoy the fun everyday from 11 am to 11 pm.

ANCIENT LOVEMAKING Secrets - The Journey Toward Immortality by Sifu James McNeil is now available in all local book stores or call 653-9116 or e-mail: littlenineheaven@hotmail.com to get your copy now.

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TECHNOLOGY, QUALITY used, GE (Panasonic) Super-VHS Camcorder \$850, Canon A1 Camcorder \$200 (needs work!), two 2 hr. Canon A1 battery packs \$50 each, Roland MT32 Midi Sound Module, \$200, Yamaha TX81Z Midi Sound Module, \$200, HP 500C colour printer \$175, 3/4" JVC Porta-VideoRecorder (vintage), Phone 537-9701.

SOME SATELLITE companies charge up to \$50 to come out to your property. True North Satellites always offers Free site surveys! Over 300 dishes installed on Saltspring. Call 653-9190 anytime.

TANNING SPECIAL at North End Fitness! Twelve sessions for the price of ten. Non-members welcome! 537-5217.

LOST SEAL-Point Siamese, Beddis Road & Cusheon Lake Rd area, please phone 537-4416.

LOST - AGES ago - clip on sunglasses and now a favourite green, stone pendant hanging on a cord. 653-2303.

TWO BEDROOM cottage for rent. Wood & electric heat. Cat OK, N/S, \$600 per month. 537-1968.

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**Spirit Week**

These Gulf Islands Secondary School students were looking spirited at lunch time on Tuesday, and for good reason: it's Spirit Week at the local high school. On Tuesday it was funky hair and hat day, and students enjoyed a pie-eating contest. Other events this week will be fly-on-the-wall today (Wednesday), a pumpkin carving contest on Thursday and a Hallowe'en costume contest on Friday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Orchestra would play 'til midnight for \$10**

**Thirty-five years ago**

The Gulf Islands Orchestra added a Hammond organ to its ensemble and was looking for engagements. They offered the entire orchestra for a fee of \$10 and would play until midnight, presumably starting after the evening meal.

A group called the North End Neighbours pulled together for the fourth year in a row to collect 14 cartons of used clothing. With the help of Mouats' Trucking Service, the clothing was given to the Unitarian Service Branch Committee and its executive director, Lotta Hitschmanova, and was destined for a famine-struck Korea.

**Thirty years ago**

Given a three-minute shopping spree at Ben's Lucky Dollar, Fred Kirkham wheeled out of the store with \$95.97 worth of groceries. The spree was the prize from a Lions Club contest, and Kirkham collected the loot on behalf of his wife, who had won it.

**Twenty-five years ago**

After more than a year's worth of bureaucratic interference, locals Dave and Sheila Roberts were able to finalize their adoption of Korean orphan Kim Kum Ju. Given the English name Julie, the young girl

joined the Roberts' five other children.

**Twenty years ago**

A new play group for pre-school kids was started by two local women. Jezrah Hearne and Sandra McNie planned to offer twice-weekly sessions for a cost of about \$6 a month.

Jack and Wendy Hughes added another boat to their water taxi service. The new vessel N the Ganges Flyer N may not have been the prettiest one in the fleet but it was fitted with all the modern features, such as radar.

**Fifteen years ago**

Foot passengers trying to board a full Queen of Tsawwassen at Mayne Island took matters into their own hands when they were denied access. They charged the boat, causing several injuries. Several were arrested by police when the ferry docked at Tsawwassen.

**Ten years ago**

Local police seized 60 pounds (27.2 kg) of marijuana from a Cusheon Lake property. The haul had an estimated street value of \$47,000.

After losing 23 of her 100 sheep to a renegade dog, Gwen Ruckle reported that the killer had

finally disappeared. Traps and armed neighbours failed to find the creature, which was estimated to be more than 100 pounds (45.4 kg).

**Five years ago**

Hereford and McPhillips avenues were closed for at least one day as highways crews worked

to change the roads into one-way passages.

A mysterious substance turned the Ganges boat basin milky white. An Environment Canada emergencies impact biologist took samples to find out what the cause was, but weeks later there was still no answer.

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**FLASH BACK:** The year was 1978 and Jack Hughes with his former wife Wendy had just added another boat to their water taxi service. This picture of Jack Hughes with the Ganges Flyer appeared in the Driftwood 20 years ago.

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