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Altered ferry service suffers a few wrinkles

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A trial by water marked Ross Harris' first 14 days on the job as he and Salt Spring Islanders dealt with the first week of a three-week Fulford terminal closure.

The week has included water taxi service, construction noise and "deadhead" runs by the Skeena Queen.

The terminal closed Wednesday for installation of a new floating ramp and will remain closed until February 5.

Marine superintendent Harris, who took over his new job January 8, had less than a week to finalize closure arrangements. Verbal approval for Gulf Islands Water Taxi to provide passenger-only service between Fulford and Swartz Bay was given January 10 and the contract was signed January 13.

The first day of water taxi service was hampered by torrential rains which soaked passengers disembarking at Swartz Bay who had to walk from the Dolphin Road dock into the ferry terminal.

To counter the problem, Harris had arranged a shuttle from the Dolphin Road dock into the ferry terminal by 5 p.m. last

Wednesday. That service will continue in conjunction with the water taxi.

Then complaints from nearby residents about a jack hammer operating late into the night at the Fulford terminal construction poured into Harris' office.

"Residents made their presence felt," Harris observed. The construction contractor was told to operate within local noise bylaw regulations and there have been no complaints since, Harris said.

Another problem was the locking of the washroom and waiting room at the Fulford terminal. Harris said the building has now been unlocked but users are asked to stay clear of construction areas and only use the fenced-in walkway to reach the building.

Harris said he was originally concerned the Skeena Queen would have difficulty keeping to the proposed schedule for the temporary Long Harbour to Swartz Bay service, and the first week proved the concern justified.

"It seemed like an impossible schedule to keep," he said.

Due to shift changes and the

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Weedless Wednesday

Angie Bedard breaks a cigarette in half. The young woman recently quit smoking but it appears unlikely her friends are ready to fol-

low suit. Today is Weedless Wednesday — the day Canadians are asked to butt out.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trustees debate board funding of needy students' field trips

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A tricky question — the funding of school field trips when not all parents can afford the price — was debated by school trustees Wednesday following a report that the budget for Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) was being

eroded by field trip costs.

Salt Spring trustee Jane Parlee said SIMS staff raised the question but trustees quickly agreed it was a district-wide issue.

Parlee noted the board policy is that all students should participate in curriculum-based school trips and that the school should absorb

the costs for those students whose parents cannot come up with the money.

But which trips are mandatory and which qualify as optional? How can already-stretched school budgets continue to finance field trips?

Pender trustee Russ Searle said

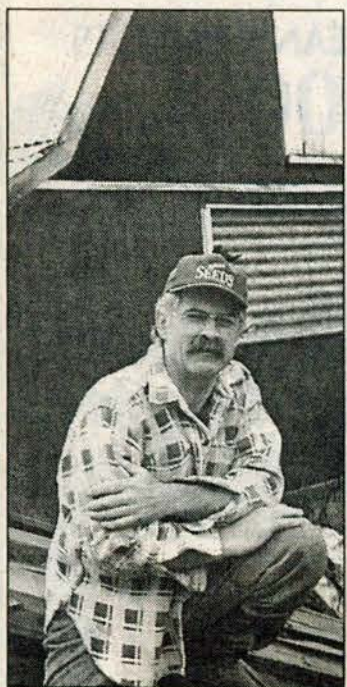
the same issue exists on Pender but so far, the school has been able to help with curriculum-based field trips while the parents, assisted at times by the school parents advisory council, cover the cost of non-curriculum-based field trips.

Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston said it can be hard to

draw the line between curriculum and non-curriculum field trips. "Is kids having fun not part of the curriculum?" he asked.

Parlee noted the cost of field trips can be up to \$600 per year per student.

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John Wilcox

Removal of Wilcox farm status deemed a 'ridiculous' move

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Farm status has been removed from John Wilcox's Duck Creek Farm on Tripp Road in what he sees as the latest in a series of attempts by B.C. Assessment to drive him and his family off their 14.9-acre farm.

But acting area assessor Brian Wilkinson said Wilcox lost the farm classification because the farm did not generate enough income to be classified as a farm. He estimated Wilcox needed \$2,503 in income to qualify as a farm, yet only reported \$870.

Wilcox said he reported an income of \$4,566.

The difference between the two figures is \$3,696 worth of farm products which Wilcox reported as being held for future sale. Included in the \$3,696 were apple nursery stock, pota-

toes and seed potatoes.

Wilkinson said assessment authority staff had some questions about the \$3,696 and contacted Wilcox in November to ask for clarification. Wilcox refused to clarify the figures, which were consequently disallowed.

The authority then removed the farm status on Wilcox's property, declaring it residential and giving it a taxable value of \$324,700 compared to the July 1, 1996 taxable value of \$140,300.

Wilcox said he directed assessment authority representatives to talk to his lawyer. He pointed out an area assessor had already visited the farm twice and apparently found everything in order, so he saw the demand for more information as harassment.

FARM STATUS 2

Scorpions girls win tournament

Scorpions girls basketball players won three games straight to win their first-ever tournament trophy.

Players competed against seven Vancouver Island teams to win the Cougar Classic Tournament held in Chemainus this weekend. Bree Cheveldave and Sheila Stacey were named MVPs.

The story can be found in the Sports and Recreation section on Page 11.

Damaged cell mattress nets fine, restitution

A 19-year-old man was arrested on Salt Spring Thursday on an outstanding warrant from Kamloops.

Richard John McGregor was lodged in cells over night and then transported to Duncan Provincial Court Friday morning.

After the accused had left, local police discovered that a mattress in his cell had been

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damaged. They subsequently charged him with willful damage.

The accused pleaded guilty to the offence and received a \$100 fine. He was also ordered to pay \$70 restitution.

In other police news:

• A 52-year-old island man was arrested January 14 at 8:45 p.m. for breach of peace and assault after an altercation with his 18-year-old son.

Police say the man was intoxicated. He was lodged in cells overnight, but no charges are pending.

• Police issued a 24-hour driving suspension to a 44-year-old

island man after stopping his vehicle Thursday, just after midnight.

• A car stolen from the Fulford Inn parking lot Friday night was recovered Saturday morning in the middle of a field.

Police received report of the stolen vehicle — a 1992 Pontiac — at around 11:30 p.m.

It was found at 8:45 a.m. in a field off Margolin Drive.

FARM STATUS: *Removed*

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"I was so irate that I felt it wouldn't be safe for them to show up at my place. I did not refuse them information. I directed them to my lawyer."

He said the report he filed to the assessment authority on October 29 was no different than reports he had filed during the previous seven years he has been trying to develop the farm.

"I reported an adequate income. I've reported it the same as I have every other year."

But because he has challenged assessment authority attempts in the past to split-zone his property into a mix of residential and farm use, Wilcox feels the assessment authority is retaliating by pulling his farm status.

Past conflicts with the assessment authority have revolved around a mobile home on the property which was, until October, occupied by Wilcox's son.

Although the Agricultural Land Commission allows a second dwelling for farm help on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land, Wilcox believes the assessment authority has tried to establish a new prece-

dent by having his farm split-zoned, with the mobile home and land designated residential.

"I believe they're out to create case law on my property in order to enforce the same regulations against other farmers," Wilcox said. Duck Creek Farm is also in the ALR, which restricts use of the land primarily to agriculture.

Wilcox has successfully and repeatedly challenged the assessment authority's previous attempts to split-zone the property, getting its designations overruled in the court of revision. Still, he feels his son was forced off the farm because of the uncertainty created by the ongoing conflict over the assessment issue. With no guarantee that he could build equity in the farm, Wilcox said, his son chose to buy a home elsewhere on the island.

Islands Farmers Institute president Chris Schmah notes the relationship between Wilcox and the assessment authority is "obviously an already irritated situation." However, he sees no reason to remove Wilcox's farm status.

He points out that since a farmer can choose to have his previous year's income considered in order to retain farm sta-

tus during a poor year, Duck Creek Farm cannot lose its farm status. If the farm qualified in 1996, it cannot be declassified in 1997.

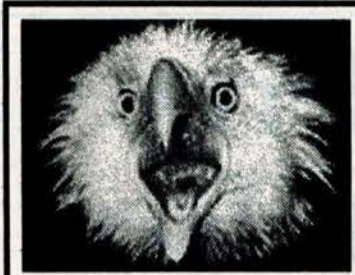
"He still qualifies," Schmah said. "I think it is totally ridiculous what they've done."

Wilcox must now re-qualify for farm status, which is likely to take time and cost money, Schmah said.

Regardless of Wilcox's reaction to the assessment authority's request for more information, Schmah questioned the professionalism of it pulling the farm's status. "I find it to be totally uncalled-for. We're expecting them to behave professionally in the assessment authority."

The farmers' institute has written the assessment authority's board of directors asking for a full review of the process and an apology to Wilcox. Schmah now wonders if the assessment authority is the body which should handle the question of farm classification.

"We're dismayed by his declassification because we're at a loss to understand it," Schmah said, adding that he expects the assessment authority's decision will be overturned by the court of revision.



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A grant given to the SWOVA Community Development and Research Society for an educational program was handed out last March, not last week as reported in the January 14 Driftwood.

The story was based on a Ministry of Women's Equality press release dated January 13 which announced the awarding of the SWOVA grant along with the awarding of grants to two other organizations.

No one from SWOVA's office could be reached for comment before the paper went to press.

Letters sent to Montreal

Partial relief from the elements may be afforded a group of Montreal school children who receive condolence letters from Salt Spring students.

Primary-age children at Salt Spring Centre School have written letters to elementary school students at Saint Bernard's school in Dollard des Ormeaux, a suburb of Montreal, expressing — in most

cases — hope that electricity will soon be restored to their homes.

Frances Deas, who teaches the school's Grade 1 students in the afternoon, says most children wrote letters centred on the loss of electricity and warmth.

Students in a second primary class worked in pairs, commenting on their experiences in the snow storm here last year.

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Waterfront values climb: others hold, drop

The assessed value of waterfront properties on Salt Spring Island is up this year as are the assessed values of properties on Galiano and Mayne islands, according to acting area assessor Brian Wilkinson.

But the values of other properties have stayed the same or are down slightly. Since the start of the year, B.C. Assessment has distributed more than 13,000 assessment notices to Gulf Island property owners, establishing the taxation values on which 1998 taxes will be based. Overall, the assessed value of property in the Gulf Islands increased to \$2.49 billion from \$2.45 billion.

But Wilkinson points out the level of growth is lower than in

previous years due to reduced market demand.

While waterfront property values climbed on Salt Spring — one waterfront home valued at \$425,000 in July 1997 was \$403,000 a year earlier while a lakefront home went to \$344,300 from \$314,000 — there were only minor shifts in other property values.

Wilkinson cited one single family home assessed at \$159,200 in July 1997, up from \$154,400 a year earlier while another was \$355,000 in July, down from \$356,100 a year earlier.

Values also fluctuated on both North and South Pender islands. Waterfront properties stayed much the same, non-waterfront

were also the same but values dropped in the Magic Lakes area. For example, a Magic Lakes home was valued at \$98,700 compared to \$103,200 a year earlier.

Waterfront property values stayed the same on Saturna while non-waterfront values decreased.

Values were up on both Mayne and Galiano islands. As examples, Wilkinson cited a non-waterfront home on Galiano valued at \$203,500 this year compared to \$196,100 a year earlier; a waterfront home valued at \$354,000 which was \$339,100 a year earlier.

On Mayne, he noted a non-waterfront home had climbed to \$123,700 from \$118,300 while a

waterfront home had reached \$231,600 from \$214,700.

Wilkinson urged anyone with questions about their assessment to contact B.C. Assessment at 1-250-479-7131 or 1-800-990-1159.

Most properties on the islands are classified as residential, totalling 11,619. Of the remainder, 408 are classified as farm land, 371 as business/other, 170 as recreational/non-profit, 112 as utilities, 49 as managed forest land, 43 as light industry and seven as unmanaged forest land.



ALL ABOARD: Deck hand Brenda Anderson, left, helps water taxi passengers board the Scholarship as it replaces the Skeena Queen on the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay ferry run. The terminal dock is currently closed.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

FERRY: Service wrinkles

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Skeena Queen crew being homeported on Salt Spring, the ferry is making three "deadhead" — unused — runs a day: one at 12:30 p.m. from Swartz Bay to Long Harbour; one at 2 p.m. from Long Harbour to Swartz Bay and one at 8:30 p.m. from Swartz Bay to Long Harbour.

The 12:30 and 2 p.m. sailings occur to allow for mid-day shift changes, while the 8:30 p.m. sailing returns the afternoon shift home to Salt Spring.

Harris described the three sailings as being at the manager's discretion: passengers will be taken if there are overloads or if emergency situations develop.

But if the three sailings were set up to take traffic every time, Harris said, it would be impossible to meet the posted schedule. An empty Skeena Queen can complete the trip faster and is able to make the shift changes possible at a lower cost than any other alternative, Harris said.

It can be a tight squeeze. On Monday night, the Skeena only

reached the Long Harbour terminal five minutes ahead of the Queen of Nanaimo. The crew leapt off and the Skeena pulled out so the ferry from Tsawwassen could berth.

Another problem has been weight restrictions on the Long Harbour dock. The normal weight restriction on the dock is 23,700 kg but Gulf Islands manager Tom David said that limit has been relaxed by B.C. Ferries head office engineers during the Fulford terminal closure.

Temporarily, the Long Harbour ramp is allowed to take five-axle semi-trailers which weigh up to 39,500 kg. Tridem axle trucks are not allowed.

On Saturday, the Skeena Queen was delayed until ferry crews could get a ruling from a head office engineer on whether the ramp could handle a cement truck.

The final wrinkle in the ad hoc ferry service occurred Sunday, when the water taxi was moved from the Fulford government dock to the Fulford marina because a fuel barge was at the government dock.

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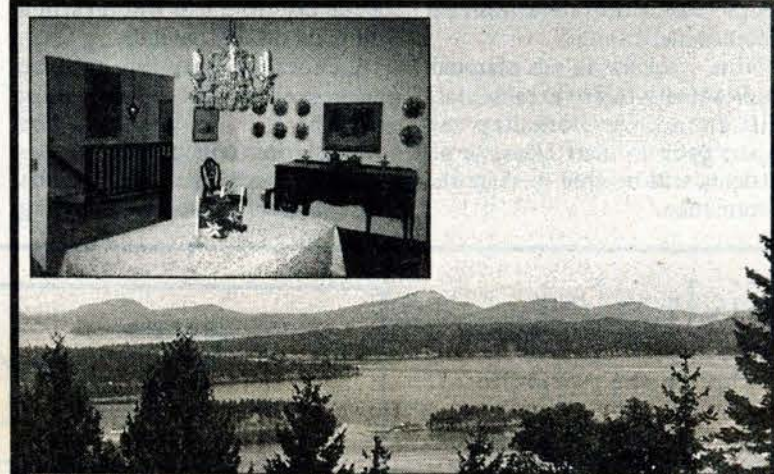
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Courthouse building value reviewed

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"We've already determined the building is surplus to our requirements," B.C. Buildings Corporation (BCBC) public information manager Graham Duggan said Monday.

BCBC is now conducting an environmental audit of the building and having an appraisal done to determine the building's value.

The building will be offered first to other levels of government and, if not purchased, will be placed on the market, Duggan said.

The Capital Regional District is considering purchase of the building for office space and also in a bid to bring provincial court hearings back to Salt Spring.

The former courthouse space inside the building has been closed since August, when island court cases were transferred to Duncan as a cost-cutting measure by the attorney-general's department.

Duggan said some provision will have to be made for the remaining government tenants in the building, the government agent and a visiting office for the Ministry of Human Resources, if the building is sold.

Dock issue needs meeting

A meeting between regional district representatives, Transport Canada and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans is needed to resolve concerns over west coast dock divestiture, notes Outer Islands Capital Regional District (CRD) director Jacques Campbell.

The Union of B.C. Municipalities is being asked to coordinate the meeting, to which representatives from 13 coastal regional districts will be invited.

Campbell said concerns in the Outer Islands, where 12 ports are being divested by either Transport Canada and/or Fisheries and Oceans, include the need for a 10-year planning period, provision of funds for insurance and some contingency funding to support local groups taking over the docks.

On Wednesday, the CRD Board agreed to sign a letter on behalf of the outer islands requesting the joint meeting.

Also at Wednesday's CRD meeting, approval was given for CRD Parks to join the South and West Salt Spring Island Conservation Partnership. The group is working to preserve up to 6,000 hectares (14,820 acres) of land on the southwest corner of the island.

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School board considers facilities requests for preschool, camping, wedding reception

Three bids for use of school facilities, one for land and two for space at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), were handled by school trustees Wednesday.

The Salt Spring Preschool Society submitted a request to use school district property on Drake Road to house its cooperative preschool.

The preschool has operated in the Salt Spring Community Services Society building for more than 20 years but has been asked to leave by the end of June 1999.

Salt Spring trustee Jane Parlee, who is also executive director of the community society, said the preschool has been an excellent tenant but the society now needs the space for its own programs. Due to cutbacks in government funding, Parlee said, the society cannot afford to rent space else-

where, so must ask the preschool to leave.

The Drake Road property now houses Phoenix School. Secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold said the property was originally acquired by the district as a possible site should a new elementary school be required for the island. He noted such a school is at least 10 years away.

Or, he said, the district may want to sell the property if it is not needed for a school. Allowing the preschool to establish a building on the grounds could hamper future plans for the site, Scotvold said. "I think there's some hard questions to ask."

Trustees referred the request to the board's operations committee.

Also referred to the operations committee was a request from the Salt Spring Chamber of

Commerce to offer GISS as a camping stop for a group of cyclists visiting the island July 14 and 15.

Chamber of Commerce manager Melva Geldreich said the Tour B.C. cycling company is looking for a place on Salt Spring where 50 to 300 cyclists could camp, shower and have meals. Geldreich noted the school has showers, washrooms, a cafeteria and a field for camping.

Although the cafeteria would not be available since it is closed over the summer, trustees were cautiously supportive of the request.

Trustee Judith Boel pointed out many schools do host groups camping out in their gymnasiums for a fee while Parlee observed that offering accommodation/workshops at the school over the summer had been one of the ideas

raised during a brainstorming session on the district's budget problems.

Pender trustee Russ Searle also liked the idea as long as the school facilities could be protected from damage.

Scotvold noted the idea may not be financially viable once all the costs are included. He pointed out that the fees charged to community groups for school use don't cover costs.

Searle said he would like to see the policy committee review the fees paid for use of school facilities.

Trustees did approve the use of the GISS multi-purpose room for a wedding reception. An employee had applied to use the facility. Trustees agreed, provided appropriate insurance and a liquor licence is in place.

Student numbers drop

Full-time enrolment at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) dropped between September and November, noted school trustee Jane Parlee at a school board meeting last week.

Parlee wondered if setting up an alternative high school would have helped keep those students in the public school system.

District-wide, enrolment in November was 1,788 students compared to 1,811 in September. GISS lost the most students, going to 595 in November from 614 in September.

Parlee suggested GISS principal Eric McMahon be asked to report to the school board on the drop in enrolment.

FIELD TRIPS

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Fernwood principal Bruce Stewart said the cost, timing and numbers of field trips need to be coordinated, ideally at the beginning of the year so parents can plan ahead. If parent advisory councils will be asked to assist lower-income families with field trips costs, the councils need to know which field trips are planned.

Another problem raised during the discussion was the short notice often given for field trips, especially for families living from paycheque to paycheque. It can be difficult for a family to suddenly find a few hundred dollars for field trips in the family budget.

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students council co-president Matt Hayes pointed out not all trips are planned at the start of the school year. The students council is now trying to organize a school trip but details have not been finalized.

Concern was also raised that some families who need help may not apply for it, either out of pride or because they are unaware that assistance is available, and those students miss the trips.

Parlee wondered what provision should be made for students left behind when 80 to 85 per cent of their classmates have gone on a field trip. A teacher cannot cover new material and sometimes the teacher has also gone on the trip.

Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Larry Field said he would like to know how much money is being taken from school funds to finance field trips.

He also suggested the board invite teacher input on the issue.

Board vice-chairwoman Judith Boel recommended getting information from each school on how field trip costs are handled.

Hingston noted this is not the first time the question of school field trips has been raised. "This is a Pandora's box," he observed. "I don't know if there is a one-price-fits-all solution."

Trustees agreed to pass the issue to the programs committee for further discussion.

Parlee also asked whether school fundraising efforts should include revenue from gambling. Although participation in casino nights can raise significant amounts of money, she said concern has been expressed about the ethics of raising money through gambling.

At the same meeting, trustees approved a five-day trip to Edmonton, Alberta, for the SIMS band. The trip includes a performance at the West Edmonton Mall.

Estimated cost is \$250 per student although details of accommodation have not been resolved.

Stewart pointed out notices about the trip had already been sent home with students although the trip had not been officially approved by the school board. He suggested the notices should not be distributed until the approvals are obtained.

Although the board approved the trip, Parlee said, trustees were not in favour of parents not knowing exactly how much the trip will cost since accommodation arrangements had not been made.

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Weedless Wednesday: smokers urged to give up a 'costly' habit

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

Today is the day Canadians are asked to butt out.

And for smokers trying to quit the habit on Weedless Wednesday — it could be a long day.

Research on addiction show that nicotine works much like heroin, cocaine and alcohol, producing pleasurable sensations and physical dependency as it operates through the central nervous system.

Withdrawal symptoms can include irritability, depression and anxiety, plus physical discomfort including a phlegm cough, stomach cramps and headaches.

Symptoms usually disappear within a few weeks.

But the going can be tough and according to island doctor Holly Slakov, many people attempt to quit several times before they succeed.

Although there are numerous aids to help the smoker kick the habit, Slakov believes the most important motivator is a true desire to quit.

"I've seen people quit cold turkey, with patches, gum, hypnosis or acupuncture," she says. "It doesn't matter what method they use. Usually they manage to quit because they have finally come to a place where they really want to stop."

Support and sometimes counselling are imperative for the smoker attempting to quit, says Slakov. She notes that smokers have both a physical addiction to break plus behavioural patterns.

In addition to encouraging smokers to pursue other avenues such as acupuncture or hypnosis, Slakov often prescribes nicotine patches as a quitting aid. Patches send an ongoing, gradually-smaller level of nicotine into the blood, allowing the smoker to address the behavioural part of his habit as he is gradually weaned from the nicotine.

The patches program, sold in two-week installments, can last up to 10 weeks, depending on the amount the smoker has consumed per day. Manufacturers recommend smokers use the highest level of nicotine-producing patches — 21 milligrams, equivalent to one pack of cigarettes — for six weeks, and the second and third levels, 14 mg and seven mg, for two weeks each.

"Ten weeks to freedom," notes island pharmacist Tom Farup, who has seen numerous people successfully quit smoking using the patches. "The success rate is probably higher than any other method."

Still, the patches are costly: a 10-week program will cost close to \$350, or about the same amount it costs to purchase cigarettes.

Smokers put kids' health at risk

Smoking harms children too. The focus of this year's National Non-Smoking Week (January 19-26) looks closely at the effect secondhand smoke — called Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) — has on children.

According to a press release from the Capital Regional District Tobacco Free Task Force, young children are particularly sensitive to the adverse affects of ETS, in part because their lungs are not as developed as adults and partly because they breathe much faster.

Physical hazards also exist to the unborn child. Pregnant women who smoke or are constantly exposed to



BORN NON-SMOKER: Ryan Andrew West will have to grow into his B.C. Lung Association "I'm a Born Non-Smoker" bib, given in recognition of National Non-Smoking Week. Nurse Gillian Mouat, left, is shown with mom Line West. Ryan is the second son for Line and Paul West of Galiano, joining two-year-old Joshua. He was born January 14 at Lady Minto Hospital.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

The personal cost of smoking is only one reason to quit. Tobacco smoking is also deadly and expensive on a more global level. Statistics show that 5,300 people die each year in British Columbia from smoking-related illnesses.

Furthermore, up to \$1.5 billion is spent annually on smoking-related costs — three times the amount collected by sales tax revenue on cigarettes.

Tobacco smoking causes cancer and heart failure. It is linked to numerous degenerative diseases such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, respiratory ailments, angina, diarrhea, heartburn and peptic ulcers.

According to the book Prescription for Nutritional Healing by James F. Bach and Phyllis A. Bach, (available at Natureworks Natural Foods), "the ingredients that make up a cigarette should be an immediate signal to the smoker or would-be smoker that the habit is dangerous. Along with traces of certain gases with unknown effects, tobacco smoke contains nicotine, carbon monoxide, carcinogens and irritant substances."

The book also notes that although smokers claim smoking relaxes them, nicotine actually causes heart palpitations and a generalized feeling of anxiety.

And, says Slakov, teens should know that the same aspect of tobacco smoking which causes clogged arteries and can lead to a heart

attack or stroke, also inhibits blood flow to the penis.

Men who have smoked for years are therefore more likely to have abnormally low penile blood pressure, which contributes to the inability to have an erection.

Add that to other potential health problems and costs, and butting out on Weedless Wednesday could be a life-saving decision.

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Defining a farm

When is farm land not farm land? Finding the answer to that question seems to be a problem for B.C. Assessment.

According to the provincial agency responsible for assessing land for taxation purposes, the 14.9 acres of Agricultural Land Reserve property known as Duck Creek Farm is residential, a decision that looks suspiciously like retaliation for owner John Wilcox's repeated challenges of past assessment authority rulings.

The assessment authority has to play by the rules. And that means not declassifying a farm on the slightest of pretexts — or in a bid to bring in more revenue for a cash-hungry government.

Wilcox has submitted a report indicating the land is being farmed and that sales of farm products meet the requirements for farm tax status.

But that's not the only issue here. If Wilcox's land is deemed residential, he should be able to develop it accordingly. He cannot, however, because it is in the land reserve.

Surely, therefore, it's a farm.

Case closed.

Much ado about smoke

Moderation. That's the current lifestyle watchword, replacing the harsher thou-shalts and thou-shalt-nots of the past.

It's a good watchword, since it allows for a few minor vices here and there while gently nudging folks into healthier choices. After all, there's nothing quite like declaring something forbidden fruit to increase the appetite for it.

These days, few fruits are frowned upon quite as much as those little cylinders of tobacco and their colleague in crime, second-hand smoke. Better to be caught with a smoking gun in your hand than a smoking cigarette.

But despite all the evidence of health risk and the increasingly blunt warnings on cigarette packages, some people continue to smoke, just as they continue to ride motorcycles without helmets, drink alcohol and drive motor vehicles or shoot addictive drugs into their veins.

To protect people against themselves, society tends to pass laws against the most damaging excesses: requiring helmets, lifting licences from drunk drivers, banning certain drugs.

But cigarettes fall into a hazy area — and we're not only talking second-hand smoke.

First, they are not illegal. Second, the cash-strapped government collects a fair whack in sin taxes from smokers and is likely loath to give up that income. Third, figures on second-hand smoke impacts still show smoking tends to kill smokers much more than non-smokers, making it a self-inflicted sentence.

Cigarettes fall into that area of democracy which permits the sometimes foolish exercise of free will — allowing people to continue consuming French fries, flopping on the couch to watch TV and picking up one-night stands at the bar.

Perhaps cigarettes should be banned outright. Substantial evidence shows that so-called cancer sticks are aptly named.

And while we agree that smoking is not good and that no one should be forced into a position of breathing second-hand smoke, we also see a disturbing similarity between some of the speculative science behind second-hand-smoke dangers and the speculative science that once upheld tobacco companies' claims that smoking was not harmful.

Both are extreme positions and therefore prone to reach for rhetoric over reason.

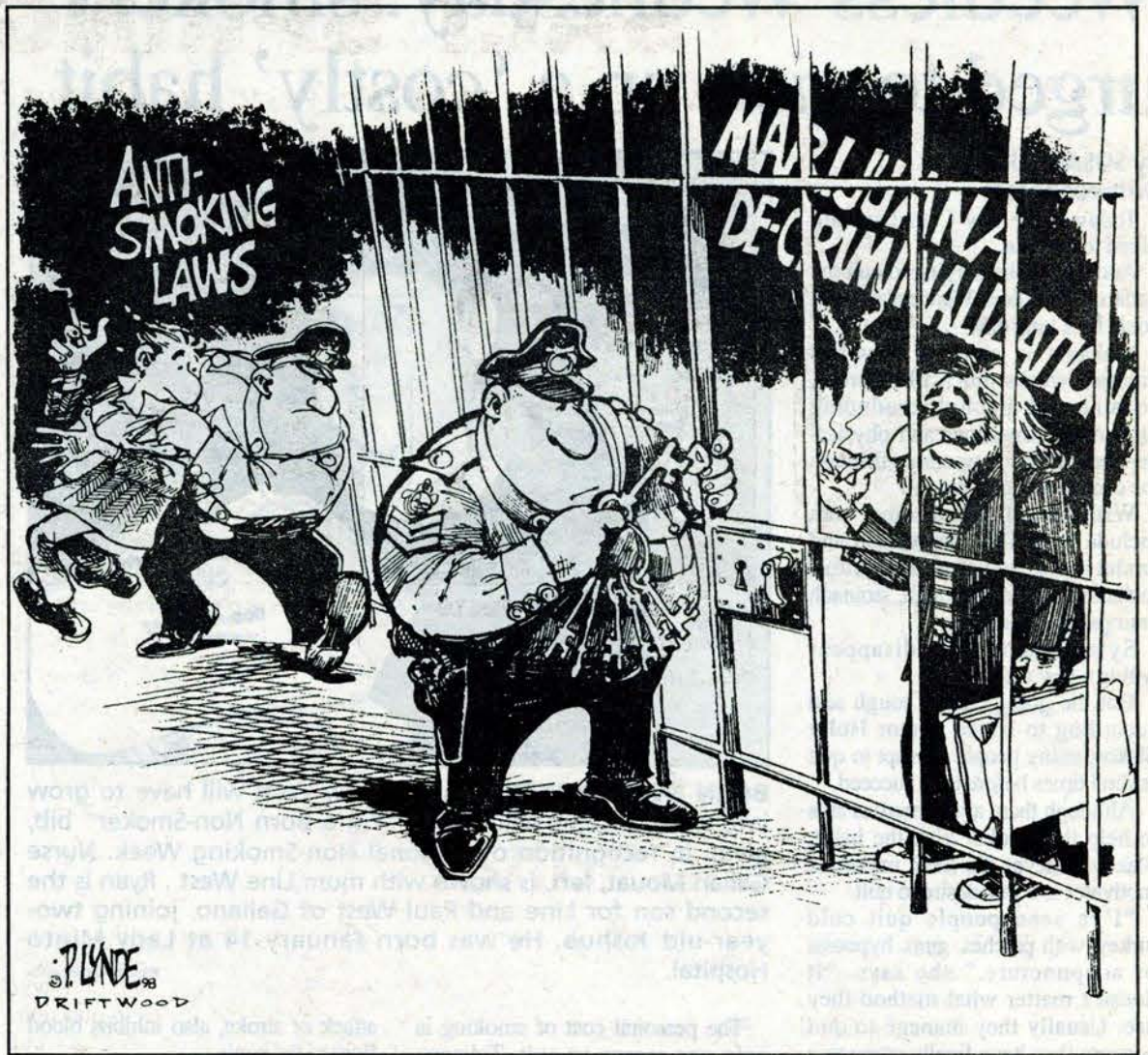
Still, we support campaigns to encourage smokers to butt out and agree with regulations that have eliminated smoking in workplaces, public buildings and enclosed spaces like airplanes and buses. But we think it is time to practise a little moderation.

Specifically, we question the wisdom of laws which prohibit smoking in pubs and restaurants. (Such a prohibition will take effect in the Gulf Islands next year.) Attending pubs and restaurants is voluntary.

As more people give up smoking, more and more restaurants are responding to market demand by becoming primarily or entirely non-smoking. We expect the same should occur naturally in pubs and bars, should they want to keep an increasingly non-smoking population coming through their doors.

And that is how the issue should be handled.

Cigarettes are not illegal. As long as the government allows the sale and consumption of the product, it cannot justifiably restrict voluntary use, abuse or exposure to either cigarettes or to second-hand smoke — any more than it can ban fried eggs and bacon.



School librarians, libraries teach kids unique and important skills

By CAROL EYLES

I cannot let Hubert Beyer's comments in the January 14 Driftwood go unchallenged. I confess to a vested interest as I have worked as a teacher-librarian in School District 64 since 1986.

Why have a school library? Well, it's actually not very easy for school children to visit our local public library. It is only open for one hour after school and a majority of students live out of the central Ganges area and need to take the school bus home. We have no public transportation system. On Saturdays, how many children would be expected to choose library research over their team's soccer match?

Our local library supports the larger community's needs very well, from pre-school storytime to large print and books on tape. However, it does not have a comprehensive, up-to-date non-fiction collection that supports the elementary school program, nor should it — that's not its mandate. How many public libraries would have five or six copies of an age-appropriate book on beach studies for students to take on a class excursion or enough books on Ancient Egypt at a grade 6-7 level for each student in the class to complete individual projects?

I would suggest that when Mr. Beyer was growing up, television was not the ubiquitous entity it has become today. I think I am younger than Mr. Beyer and it certainly was not for me. We read and played word games for entertainment, and still do, but that is no longer the norm. Reading is work until it becomes habit for many people and most children would rather be entertained than work in their out-of-school times. I may deplore this, but the best place for me to do something about it is in the school library.

As a teacher-librarian I not only help students but also help teachers to help students. When a student comes in asking for "the shortest book you've got. I have to do a book report," it's my job and pleasure to find him a book that he will not only read but enjoy, but that will bring him back asking for more.

When a teacher assigns a class project of a travel



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brochure on a country of choice, it is my responsibility to ensure that students have accurate, information that they can understand. When a teacher shows me a report that has been obviously plagiarized or copied wholesale off Internet resources, it is my job to gently explain to the student about author's rights and make sure that the information used is appropriate and demonstrates a personal understanding of the subject. The only way I can do this is to be on site when the need arises.

Not many public librarians would have the time to perform these services for one student let alone 1,500 in our school district. They too are under attack from restricted budgets and they are not teachers conversant with the curriculum and the development stages of school children.

It would be wonderful if all parents could provide the resources their children need and the time to work with them on all these skills, but we are not living in the 1950s. The '90s have a far different economic reality for most families and we are only fooling ourselves and denying our children if we pretend otherwise.

Are school librarians and professional teacher-librarians going to make the difference between literacy and illiteracy? For most children, probably not. Will they

make the difference between children who just don't know and children who know how to find out? Absolutely!

Our education system is in big trouble, Mr. Beyer. We are cutting the very services that will create functional, fulfilled adults able to adapt to a rapidly changing world.

Just because you went to a school without a library doesn't mean that was the best situation for you or that it is optimal for today's students. Perhaps if you had you would have achieved a more balanced viewpoint.

The writer is a teacher-librarian currently on leave of absence

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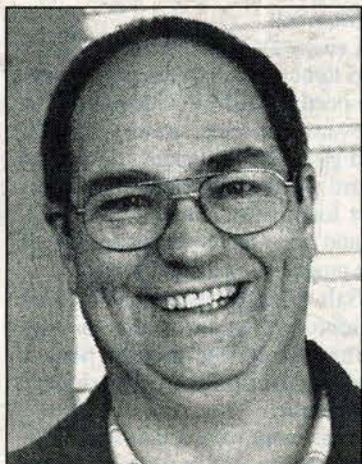
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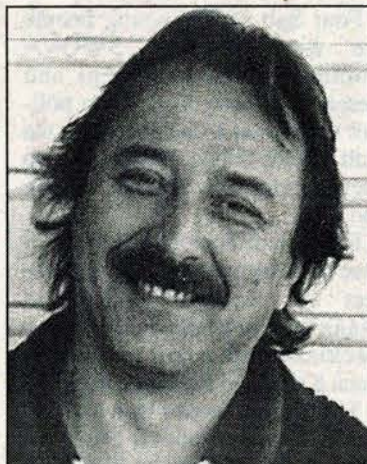
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Open up a museum, a local history museum with a nautical flavour, in Ganges Harbour.



Gerard Choquette

I'd make a seafood restaurant out of it.



George Puharich

Set up a private ferry service between Fulford and Swartz Bay. I'd turn the upstairs into a casino and snack bar — Salt Spring Roasting Company III.



Chris (Crispy) Supina

I'd start an outward bound program for young people to get them off the street and keep them out of trouble.



Gary (Hurricane) Galligan

I'd live on it. It would be a live-aboard home. You could have some wild parties on that thing.

Letters to the Editor

Boiled over

Since my contribution to the Cinderella and the Three Bears pantomime was so small a part in the whole fabulous enterprise, (and my publicity colleague's name should rightly precede mine on the program since she did most of the work!), I believe I may comfortably pen my accolades without fear of appearing to blow my own horn.

It was last spring that Murray Shoolbraid divulged to his friends in Readers' Theatre that he was writing a pantomime — all conveyed in his usual humble asides, but interest was stirred and, once the initial announcement was made in the Driftwood with an appeal for cast and crew, the pot began to simmer.

The unique thing about pantomime is that the audience is very much a part of the show and is a vital part of its success. Thus the brilliant transformation of the Activity Centre by Simon Henson and all his helpers. Throughout the casting and rehearsal period, a truly dedicated producer, Jeanne Pascale, threw every effort into her multi-faceted job as overseer to the entire production and I was privileged indeed to watch Michael Armstrong's direction and marvelled at his incredible insight as to the best way possible to present Murray's delightful script.

This was surely a tour de force for the Shoolbraid family with Murray responsible for the words and music, Kristin demonstrating her fine vocal ability and dazzlingly innovative artwork in props and costumes, their sons, Rod and Malcolm, were a vital part of the orchestra that was augmented by the wonderful Stone family and others.

I can't mention everyone who should be mentioned and can only say that the panto attracted the cream of Salt Spring's theatrical talent as dozens of dedicated, imaginative people came together simply to be part of this unique venture.

I think the final result went beyond all our wildest dreams. Remember, this was put on as a Core Inn benefit and so much hung on its success.

I watched it on the evening of January 9 seated between my family and friends from Readers' Theatre. By the interval, I knew we had a winner and, overcome with relief, indulged in a few tears of joy. You could say the simmering pot boiled over.

"By George!" I thought blowing my nose. "They've done it!"

FLORENCE REID,
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DREW CLARKE,
Ganges

Selling the ferries

Le plus ça change reste le même, which translates to the second official language as: "The more things change the more things remain the same."

Unfortunately as it is, this line amounts to a prophesy of the first coming of turn-of-the-millennium Canadian politicians.

If you still doubt that our political system has been stripped of its capacity to produce change, just look at the sameness we got through the changeover from Brian, the bilingual "boy from Baie Comeau," to Jean, the non-lingual "jeune homme de Shawinigan." And if you think sameness is confined to Ottawa, take a look at Victoria.

A few years ago, accounting artist Bill Bennett sold several ships from the ferry system to private interests and then leased them back for our conveyance. The optics were good, the debt of the province was reduced instantly, the Socreds would have so much more to fool the people with come election time. The private interests were making money and one suspects they expressed their satisfaction with the functioning of our democratic system with a generous donation to the Social Credit party.

The Socred "capitalists" are gone, we are now ruled by the NDP "socialists." And what does Glen Clark do that is different from Bill Bennett? He sells the new ferries now under construction to private interests and leases them back for our conveyance! Presto, the provincial debt (yes, it is "provincial!") is drastically reduced and this makes good optics to be shown the people come election time.

Are we witnessing good finan-

cial management of our public affairs by the NDP? Unfortunately the answer is "no." Not only will we pay for the ferries in question, but on top of it we will fork out the profit the new owners of "our" ferries will extract from us. Every time we ride the ferries, the Americans to whom Clark is selling the ships will make money from us, from you and me, not because of the financial acumen of Glen Clark as much as because of his desire to prevail over his unworthy opponents come election time.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
Salt Spring

Looking back

It's always interesting looking back at the Driftwood's Year in Review. Also interesting is what is and isn't considered noteworthy or representative of another year gone by.

Surely, by most any criteria, the creation of the Gulf Island's first wildlife rehabilitation centre is every bit as important as the theft of a baseball cap, teenage vandalism or an arts centre that still has not opened.

In March of 1997, Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre purchased four acres of property on Langs Road. A frenzy of construction began and by mid-April we were treating patients. We earned charitable status and passed examinations and inspections to become permitted by the federal and provincial governments.

In the last nine months, the wildlife centre has cared for more than 80 animals. We have rescued orphaned seal pups dying on the beach. We care for fawns starving under your houses and hawks that

have crashed into your windows. We have captured downed eagles in your yard and have removed bats and mink from your businesses. When you injure a deer with your automobile, we are out in the night rain searching for the struggling animal.

What was once just a small house is now a fully-equipped clinic with an examination room, homeopathic pharmacy, intensive care ward and office. We have built a fabulous harbour seal facility capable of caring for 40 to 50 pups in a season. The wildlife centre has a large food preparation kitchen, a 2,500-square-foot fawn pen, four bird-of-prey enclosures, a song bird aviary and the beginning of our raccoon enclosures.

For those of us involved with the wildlife centre, 1997 was a monumental year. I can only assume that not being included in the Year in Review was a mere oversight.

L. WELLS,
Harrison Avenue

Life quality

I feel fortunate to have been able to attend a weekend lecture and discussion session called Beyond Jobs/Preparing for Full Unemployment at the University of Victoria. This event was hosted by the Victoria chapter of the Quality of Life Network, a global alliance.

Speakers addressed questions such as: "What is Right-livelihood and will it pay the bills?" "What is the Love Economy?" "Why do war and disasters rate so high on the gross national product, but sustained health, peace and well-being count as having little or no significant value by global econo-

mists?"

The panel included ex-premier Dave Barrett; editor of Yes! magazine, Sarah Van Gelder; economist/futurist Robert Theobald and philosopher/priest Rolf Hasenack.

Public input was encouraged. Fifty people came Saturday for a circle discussion with the lecturers — there was even a "massage-train" at the break — something I truly never thought I would see off the shores of Salt Spring, let alone in a lounge at the university with half the participants not in tie-dye but in Harris tweed.

Today I saw a play about a girl named Cinders, Three Bears and all their friends of the Wild Woods. This play was put on by some of the most talented and caring people of any time, anywhere. It was put on to raise finances so that the youth of this community can have somewhere to go, to be themselves and call their own — the Core Inn.

This production exemplifies what this inspiring symposium was all about; the innovative ways we can come together as a community and support one another — grassroots community development.

Most people only dream about the quality of life enjoyed here on Salt Spring. I applaud our wonderful community for the many diverse ways we show we care! I encourage all who are interested in issues relating to the "quality of life" (looking after the young ones, old ones and all the rest in between — all life) to learn all they can about community development. Also, people are welcome to phone me at 653-9497 for contact numbers.

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New approach needed in war against drugs

VICTORIA — Soon the war on drugs will surpass the 30-Year War in duration, and what have we got to show for the vast amounts of money spent? Nothing.

More and more resources are committed to the war on drugs. Yet people continue to die in ever greater numbers from the horrors of cocaine and heroin addiction. And crime to provide the money that fuels the addiction is rising.

Vancouver's downtown east side is the worst spot in the developed world for the rapid spread of the AIDS virus mainly because there are so many drug addicts sharing dirty needles.

Vancouver is also believed to have 10 times as many drug traffickers as any other place in Canada. In the past five years, 1,470 people have died in British Columbia from drug overdoses.

To stop the wave of property crime that invariably accompanies a rise in drug use, Vancouver Mayor Philip Owen is moving an additional 100 desk-bound officers to the streets.

It should be clear to any thinking person that the war on drugs is lost and that a radically different approach is needed to battle drug addiction. And the first step must be to tackle drug addiction as a health issue, not a crime.

Last year, the province's chief coroner, Vince Cain, recommended the decriminalization of drugs. He also said one way to stem the tide of rising property crime is to take the profit out of drugs by making them available to addicts free of charge.

Another voice spoke out last week in favour of a new approach to the drug problem. The voice is that of Gil Puder, a Vancouver police constable who has spent most of his law-enforcement career fighting the war on drugs.

For 15 years, Puder has been busting drug dealers. And for 15 years, he has seen people die in the gutters from the effects of hard drugs.

In a letter to the Vancouver Sun, Puder publicly called for the decriminalization of heroin and cocaine, saying that drug abuse is a health issue rather than a criminal one.

It takes guts for a police officer to do what Puder did, and he admits that it was probably not a good career move, but then, he adds, "I'm not trying to be chief."

Puder says he is tired of the violence and death that are the hallmarks of the war on drugs. A few years after he joined the force, he shot and killed an addict who robbed a bank. In 1987, Sergeant Larry Young, a good friend, was shot during a drug raid.

Last November, a young drug addict had died and he had to break the news to his mother, an immigrant from Eastern Europe who had already lost her husband and was now all alone.

Puder didn't pull punches in his letter to the newspaper. He accused the federal government of being more frightened by the Reform Party and its get-tough stance than by the horrific drug problem. And B.C. Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh, he said, would "rather talk tough than count the bodies."

Puder says his views are quietly shared by many of his fellow officers, many of whom congratulated him on going public with his views.

Unfortunately, there is no sign that the law makers are going to listen to people like coroner Cain and police constable Puder, but there are ways to make them pay attention. It's called public pressure.

If there's anything politicians are aware of it's the mood of the public. If the proponents of viewing drug addiction as a health issue and not a criminal one succeed in convincing the public, the politicians will soon make for the front of the line and say: follow me.

Puder should get a medal for having the courage to speak his convictions. And the rest of us have every reason to take him seriously, because the conventional war on drugs is lost.

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CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



Youths, SWOVA help develop GISS policies

Four Salt Spring young people are working with SWOVA Community Development and Research Society to develop policies which could be adopted by the Gulf Islands School District to help prevent violence against women and girls.

Hired from now until the end of June to work part-time on the project are youth coordinators Franziska Satzinger and Sarah Becklake and youth evaluators Dana Kallip and Rose Atkins.

The project, funded by a \$14,360 grant from the federal Status of Women, was sparked by SWOVA's year-long anti-violence education program in the district, coordinator Lynda Laushway told the Gulf Islands School Board last

Wednesday.

Laushway said one need identified through the current project was the need for district-wide policies to prevent violence against women and girls. At the January 14 school board meeting, she outlined the project for trustees and said SWOVA would bring recommendations from the project back to the board.

Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel volunteered to sit on the steering committee for the project. Boel is also on the district's policy advisory committee.

Laushway said a day-long program on violence prevention will be presented at Gulf Islands Secondary School early in March. The anti-violence education program winds up at the end of March, she noted.

District approves PR group

Forming a community relations committee was approved last Wednesday by school trustees.

Salt Spring trustees Judith Boel and Jane Parlee agreed to sit on the committee, which will combine the work of the communications committee and the employee relations committee. It will take on public relations work.

Trustees also referred one issue to the new committee: a request from the McCreary Centre Society to do a survey on adolescent health issues in the school district. Both Boel and Parlee noted previous surveys by the group had been controversial and that this survey includes questions on sexual activity which could upset some parents.

Trustees also agreed to consider forming a finance committee and to refer discussion of the budget to the education advisory committee in order to get wider input on financial issues.

Chairwoman May McKenzie noted the district did have a budget advisory committee involving staff and community representatives until the "first big crunch." At that point, there didn't seem to be any point (to the committee) since we had no money."

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STARTING POINT: Gulf Islands Secondary School ski team member Kevin Waldie is ready to go in competition on Mount Washington. Assisted by Waldie's second and fourth place finishes in the first two races of the season, the team is now in third place overall.

Island skiers race to third in league

Snow may often be in short supply on Salt Spring but that's not hampering the performance of the Gulf Islands Secondary School ski team.

The team's eight members have scored well in season-opening races at Mount Washington, placing third overall in league standings in the Vancouver Island division.

Coach Deborah Nostdal said the team has developed significantly in its past five years.

"When we started, we were placing quite low," she said, noting that the students train hard and are very motivated. "The students are doing really well."

The team has participated in three B.C. School Sports competitions, one on January 5, one on January 12 and the third this past weekend.

In the first meet, Grade 9 student Kevin Waldie placed second and at the January 12 meet, he placed fourth. This past weekend he placed first in a slalom race.

Grade 10 student Rupert Oldroyd placed in the top 15 out of 45 to 50 competitors in the first two races and came seventh last weekend.

Also contributing to the team's overall success are Grade 11 students Peter Millerd and Robin Bardon, Grade 10 students Maya Griggs, Christy Robley and Kirti Janyk and Grade 7 student Andrew McKeachie, who has joined the team from Salt Spring Island Middle School.

Waldie skis to top spots

A Salt Spring skier is making his mark in provincial ski competitions with a third and fourth placing in the juvenile division.

In the first B.C. Alpine competition of the year as a member of the Mount Washington Racers Ski Club, Kevin Waldie placed third in a January 10 race and fourth in a race on January 11. Both races in the Midland-Walwyn Juvenile Ski Series were held at Mount Washington.

Racing in the 13-14 year-old division, Waldie competed against 80 skiers from a number of clubs, including Whistler, Blackcomb, Mount Seymour, Hemlock Valley and Grouse Mountain.

He has been racing for five years and is also a member of the Gulf Islands Secondary School ski team.

Scorpions take trophy

Local high school athletes are passing their prowess from the soccer field to the basketball court.

Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior girls basketball team won the Cougar Classic tournament in Chemainus last weekend.

The Scorpions team, coached by Kellie Booth, won three games straight to win its first-ever trophy.

In their first game, the girls took on the AA-rated Reynolds Secondary School team from Victoria. Scorpion Randi Outerbridge was high scorer with 19 points and had great rebounds. Bree Cheveldave followed with 17 points and was named game MVP.

According to Booth, Helen Stacey and Jill Speed did their jobs and came through when they were needed. Final score was 60-52.

In the second game the Scorpions went up against Shawnigan Lake Private School in a hard-fought match which saw Shawnigan Lake ahead 43-40 at half-time. Cheveldave was high scorer with 17 points. Booth said Sheila Stacey played her best game of the season, scoring 14

points and being named the game's MVP. Ulla Kyttala and Tanisha Van Pelt played great defence that contributed to the Scorpions winning 67-61.

The third and final match for the championship put the Scorpions against the Chemainus Cougars, for the most exciting game of the weekend. In the first half, the Cougars' three top players had control of the game, scoring five three-pointers. At half-time, Booth gave the girls some new strategy which helped them stop the Cougars dead in their tracks.

Cheveldave led the team, scoring 24 points and again receiving game MVP honours. Outerbridge also played another great game, scoring 15 points.

Lisa Baker was a strong player, noted Booth, and when she fouled out at the end of the last quarter, Joelle Morrison stepped in and played well in the last crucial minutes. Sarah Cameron was playing an aggressive game when she sprained her ankle and could not continue.

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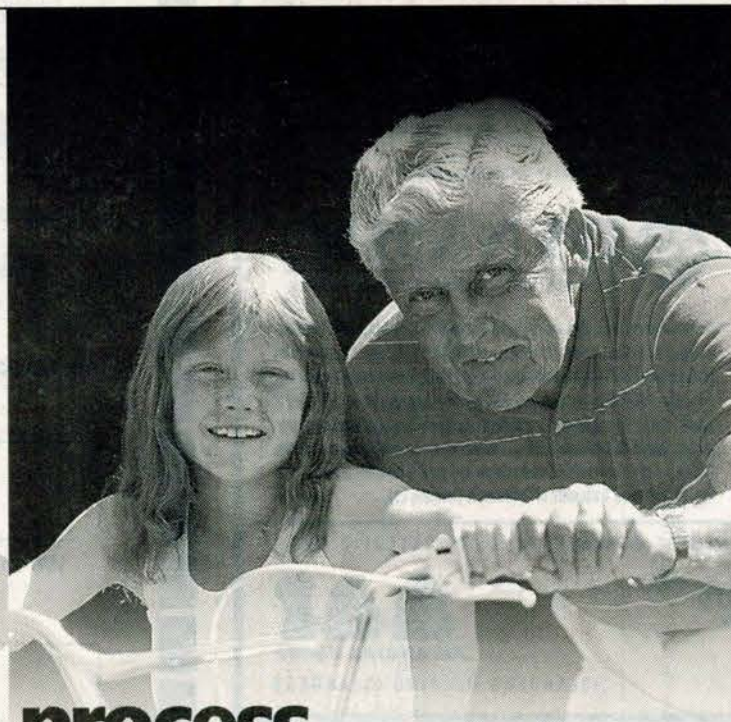
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19 students graduate from squadron class

Members and guests of the Salt Spring Power and Sail Squadron gathered Friday to congratulate 19 successful graduates of the fall boating course.

Presenting certificates was district commander John Bishop, who was introduced by squadron training officer Brian Tolman and commander Jim Andrews of the Salt Spring squadron.

Following certificate presentations, Bishop led graduates who chose to become squadron members through a pledging ceremony.

John Gunn, who attained the highest marks in the boating examination, won the Peter Bingham Award which gives him the opportunity of taking a more advanced squadron course at no cost.

Following refreshments, squadron historian Harold Helm, an active member of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron since 1964, spoke on the origin of Salt Spring squadron flags.

Guest speaker of the event was Dave Betts, who gave an entertaining account of his life associated with boating, from his days as an apprentice in the 1950s to life as a boatbuilder and now as the owner of a boat repair business.

"He gave some badly-needed advice to the boaters who are interested in doing their own repairs," states a squadron press release. "And to those who would seek help from him and those who would like to leave all the work to him."

A new boating course begins February 3.



CLASS OVER: Successful graduates of a Salt Spring Power and Sail Squadron boating course were honoured at a graduation ceremony Friday night.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Bowler knocks 'bedposts'

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

Jamie Sayer knocked down aces or "bedposts" on Thursday evening. It was the first time I had seen it happen in the five years I've been writing this column. Congratulations!

Also, an important note for all islanders with some time to fill in their week: our Tuesday and Friday seniors leagues could sure use you. We should probably start calling these leagues "middlers." Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy these great groups of bowlers. No experience is necessary.

Monday Special Olympics: Gloria Dale 178, 230, Sharon Way 166, 164, Mahjor Bains 190.

Circus league: Gordon Ruckle 216, 236, Sam Cochrane 213, Jonah Marshall 201, Tony Farr 265, Inez Farr 210.

Tuesday morning seniors: Snowed out ... too bad!

Tuesday afternoon seniors: ditto!

Tuesday business women's league: Ruth Hume 210, 220.

Wednesday Special Olympics: Jim Beck 159.

Wednesday ladies: Deanna Marleau 203, Margaret Baker 279/646.

Golf ladies: Josie Alexich 220.

Looney tunes: Doug Sykes 222, 203, Sharon Sykes 228, Jamie Sayer 240, Milt Bochmer 210, Ron Cunningham 201.

Friday afternoon seniors: Madalene Jory 200, 268/640, Gordon Parsons 274/643, Ken Robinson 299/658.

Children's leagues: Nicholas Watkins 138, 109, 109, 115, Edward Ritson 121, 104, Jesse Hume 100, 104, Kaitlan Thiele 77, 97, 87, Ryan Clemente

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103, 75, Chris Cairns 105, Jordan Borth 107, David Piperno 87, Justine Watkins 100, 75.

Island judo competitors win gold

Salt Spring Judo Club continues to shine at regional competitions.

In Campbell River last weekend, eight competitors gave strong performances and captured four medals.

Seventeen-year-old Andrew Greig, who is expected to repre-

sent B.C. in national competitions this spring, won two gold medals in the junior and senior men's divisions.

Coach Shaun Adams said Megan Leitch, 11, gave "a terrific performance" in winning a gold medal against some high-ranking

competition.

Yoni Marmorstein, age 9, won a bronze medal and only lost matches against two of the best judo athletes in the province.

Sol Ruben, Calum Adams, Cam Beals, Travis Beals and Matt King also competed in the tournament.

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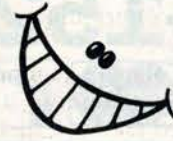
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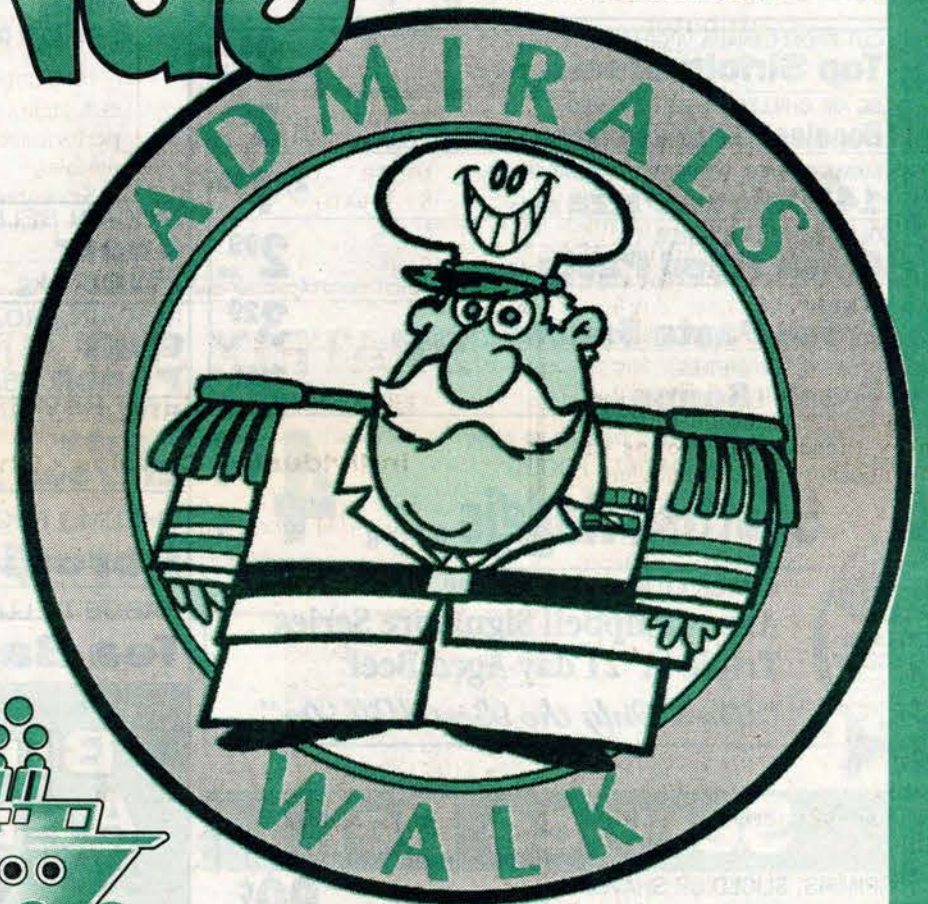
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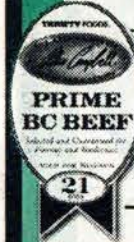
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Children's art show February

Calling all kids with crayons, clay, paint and paper — the First Annual Valentines Day Kids Art Show wants a flood of artwork from Salt Spring children.

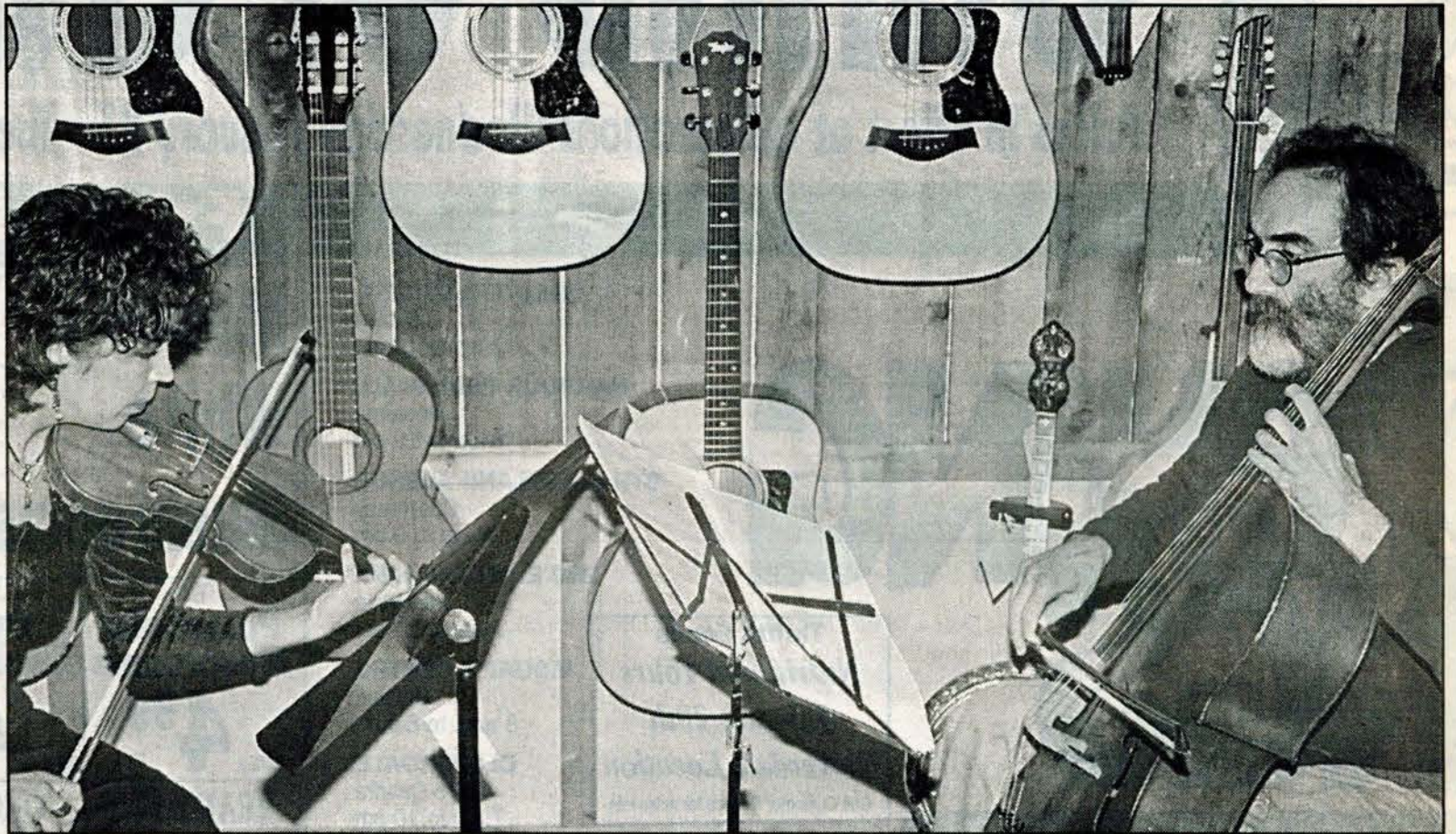
Wendy Gilson of Art and Garlic Productions has organized the event simply to showcase young people's artwork. With three children and familiarity with numerous others, Gilson sees all kinds of amazing creations, but she knows many people don't get that chance.

The art show is set for Saturday, February 14 at Hart Bradley Hall, from 1 to 4 p.m., but entries must be submitted by February 7. Entry forms are available at et cetera on Hereford Avenue or at schools until January 31.

The show is bound by few rules. Any media is welcomed; group entries are an option; there is no limit to submissions per person. The only guideline is that work must be ready for display — framed or matted, for example.

Kids are also urged to enter early because space is limited.

Call Gilson at 537-1541 for more information.



Singing strings

Musicians Marcelle Nokony and Doug Kent perform at the opening celebration of Acoustic Planet Music held Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at the new store's Ganges location.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Odd Men Out CD features Brunette's charismatic talent

Odd Men Out is a trip.

One glimpse of the CD jacket and the journey has begun, and by the end the beginning has become true again.

The graphics on the jacket highlight a guy resembling Ron Brunette sending light, life and love to Earth through song, set against a nicely-detailed shot of a section of our solar system. The journey called Changes moves from jazz standards through local folklore and even experimental forms to bring the late Brunette

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back to Earth in sound and soul.

Filthy McNasty is Brunette's trademark song. His distinctive voice and witty performance style are clear here as he weaves this tale of Nanaimo's own conundrum. How he twists his tongue around those words so quickly no one knows.

Well You Needn't, by Emerson

and Monk, is an up-tempo tune with a message. Brunette's voice builds to a crescendo and then actually creates the effect of falling during the third verse. His flamboyant voice is nicely offset with impeccable technical performances by Mike Simpson on keyboards and Ian Van Wyck on bass. The last verse counsels, "You want to get high well you needn't, just keep yourself under control, step out of your mind for a minute and feel the distances you go."

Van Wyck uses his bow on bass to introduce Goodbye Pork Pie Hat with richly-textured sound. This is a slow, somewhat ponder-

ous tune which lends a stark contrast to the next piece.

Jordu emphasizes just what Brunette can do with his voice. Although there are no words, he sings this song from start to finish while showcasing his ability to create a myriad of different sounds without missing a note.

Soul Eyes is an original piece in which Brunette takes this talent even further by singing his own trumpet solo. Although he doesn't have a powerful voice, he is obviously an extremely charismatic performer, and his humour shines through in his sounds.

The following two songs seem

like opposite sides of the same piece. Bar Talk is a continuous flow of expressive music which actually tells a story, while Rubber Band is a spoken story with dissonant music used to create effect. Rubber Band is disturbing in light of Brunette's uncanny death. He asks the listener to "come on along ... out over the edge," and leaves with "If this is heaven then where is hell? If this is magic who can tell? Deep and far away we're here to stay."

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Diana Dean Renaissance-style paintings on display at studio

The world of Salt Spring artist Diana Dean, rich colours and images reminiscent of an Italian Renaissance master, will be on display this weekend during her annual studio show at 135 North View Road.

Included in the show are new works which will be shipped to Toronto for an exhibition slated for February 21 to March 5 at Nancy Poole's Studio. But Salt Spring residents will get a preview of the works, which have been in progress for the past three years.

Four canvases from Dean's Banquet Series will be displayed. Of the 10 massive works, eight measure 7X5 feet and two are 9X7 feet.

Islanders may recognize portraits of Salt Spring residents among the works or representations of island scenes which have been given a classical twist, such as Jacob and the Angel, Dante and Beatrice and Gulf Island Getaway.

Dean uses her expertise in oils to create a meld of Renaissance and modern day images. The combination is especially striking in works of social commentary, including a work called



DANTE ON SALT SPRING: A Gulf Island landscape fits smoothly into this Renaissance-inspired scene in Salt Spring artist Diana Dean's work, Dante and Beatrice. Dean is hosting a studio show of her work this Friday to Sunday.

Transition and another called Clayoquot: Morning of the Night Watch.

Rich in depth and use of colour to convey light, Dean's recent works also include an emphasis on architecture and unexpected delights, such as the spill of sunrise on an angel and the delicate feathering of the angel's wings;

the reclining cloud behind Dante and Beatrice or a man wearing a tie among 15th-century diners.

The show is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Dean's North View Road studio, off North End Road. Previous work and drawings will be available at studio prices.

For information, call 537-9587.

Retrospective of Esther Travis art

In memory of artist Esther Travis, who passed away suddenly last November, the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists is mounting a retrospective of her work from January 21 to 30.

The show takes place at 131 McPhillips Avenue in Ganges.

"When Esther died, we lost a unique treasure and an exceptional artist," says alliance representative Nicola Wheston. "Esther inspired us all with her warmth and her sense of humour. She was a moving force behind the Eros shows, for which she produced very finely rendered work that was highly erotic, subtly disturbing and also very witty."

Versatile, dynamic and a consummate artisan, Travis worked in a wide range of media, in both

two and three dimensions, to express her particular view of the world. Visitors to the erotic festivals' Eros shows may remember peeking into her "boxes" — wood and Plexiglas set pieces that contained tiny, intricately-detailed scenarios.

"It was typical of Travis' humour that viewers became voyeurs, participating in an implied narrative through spy holes placed on the top of side of boxes," says Wheston.

Beyond the boxes, Travis' paintings covered a wide range of subjects, from still-lives to portraiture, often with a surrealistic edge. Her most recent paintings had a jewel-like quality in their intense colours. Prior to her death, she was working on a series of urban street scenes,

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- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Wednesday evening is Blue Grass Music evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Third Degree perform on Friday and Saturday, January 23 and 24.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Oliver and the Elements perform on Friday and Saturday, January 23 and 24.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Vesuvius Inn** — Simone Inertia and the Procrastinators perform on Saturday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Peter Taschuk Trio, January 25, 7 p.m.
- **Fulford Inn** — Unplugged with Randy, Graeme and Buck every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Originals, traditional, new and old!
- **Harbour House Lounge** — Super Bowl Party on Sunday, January 25.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Tuesday evening is the Celtic Music Circle from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Cinema

- **The Sweet Hereafter** — The most honoured film at Cannes and winner of eight out of 16 of its nominations for Genies. This Canadian film by Atom Egoyan is about a tragic accident in a small town in B.C. We are honoured this week to have actor Bruce Greenwood join us for a

discussion and question period on Friday, January 23. Playing Friday, Sunday and Monday, January 23, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday, January 27 at 9:15 p.m. 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated 14A, B.C. warning: coarse language and nudity. Cinema Central.

- **Tomorrow Never Dies** — Bond is held over! Three more chances to see Pierce Brosnan as the slick 007 in a fun action flick. Parents: Please respect B.C. film classifications. 14A means adults should accompany children 14 and younger. Playing Saturday, January 24 at 9:15 p.m.; Sunday, January 25 at 4 p.m., and Tuesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. 2 hours. Rated 14A, B.C. warning: violence. Cinema Central.
- **Home Alone 3** — A new kid, a new house and a lot more excitement! Alex, a resourceful eight-year-old, defends his suburban home from thieves who are after a microchip that is hidden in his remote control toy car. The kids will love it. Playing Saturday, January 24 at 4 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, January 25 at 2 p.m. 1 hour, 40 minutes. Rated General, B.C. advisory: violence. Cinema Central.

Family

- **Pre-School Storytime** — Mary Hawkins Library, every Monday at 10 a.m. The more the merrier!
- **Storytime at West of the Moon** — Every Tuesday morning. Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join us!

Community TV

- **Wednesday, January 21** — 1

p.m., Cable in the Classroom: Jobs 1 2 3, episode 2 re-broadcast. Episode 2 of a three-part series directed at high school students 7:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji

- **Sunday, January 25** — 7:45 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji (all new for 1998)
- **Wednesday, January 28** — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom: Jobs 1 2 3. Final of three-part series aiming at helping high school students ready themselves for the job market 7:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji

Galleries

- **Memorial Art Show** — An art show in memory of Esther Travis will be held from Wednesday, January 21 until Friday, January 30. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 131 McPhillips Avenue, opposite the Core Inn.

Grab Bag

- **Burns Night** — Robbie Burns Night at the Legion, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Pipe Band, will be on Saturday, January 24. 6 p.m. social, 7:30 p.m. dinner, at Meaden Hall, Blain Road. Tickets \$20. Featuring the Triskele Celtic Band.
- **Thunderbird Gallery** — An evening soirée to honour Robbie Burns will be held on Saturday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. Featuring single malt scotch tasting with Steve Coopman; Highland canapes by chef Doug Adsit, and new works by stone sculptor Morley Myers. Tickets \$25.

Erotic art on agenda

Discussion of the erotic festival's art show was one agenda item at the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists' annual general meeting Thursday. The show is set for March 14 to 22.

The group also hopes to stage exhibitions in April and May. In addition, a retrospective of the work of the late Esther Travis opens at 131 McPhillips Avenue today (Wednesday).

Also at Thursday's meeting, Bill Rhodes and June Boe were elected as directors. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting.

People and Community

Islanders at work and play are featured each week in the pages of Driftwood - your community newspaper.

Weaving, spinning classes offered

Islanders inspired to weave or spin can learn the craft at several upcoming classes.

Weaving lessons will begin January 26 at the Sophisticated Cow in Ganges. Prospective students should call 537-0070 to register.

A class for junior weavers is also pending; further information can be obtained by calling Victoria Olchowecki at 537-1528.

Spinning lessons for juniors are scheduled to begin February 28. For further information, call Mary Paddon at 537-5137.



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Having fun making music: band will present its best

It's been five good years for Bandemonium and members want to share the best of them at their fifth annual Celebration of the Band concert.

Set for January 31 and February 1, the community band concert traditionally warms up islanders just when they have had enough of the winter season.

This year the band has reached into its now-extensive repertoire and polished up some favourite pieces for the five-year retrospective concert.

Those include Vaughan Williams' Folk Song Suite, Pirates of Penzance Overture, Poet and Peasant Overture, the Dixieland tune That's a Plenty and the percussion-crazy Rainy Day Samba.

As an example of how far Bandemonium has come in its six years of playing, French horn player Richard Moses brought the band what he thought would be a difficult piece — Proclamation and Symphonic Decree by Ed Hucceby. Rather than struggling with the new music, Moses reports that "the first time they put it on the (music) stand they read right through it."

The existence of Bandemonium on Salt Spring sealed Moses' decision to move here more than a year ago. He was surprised that a community of this size had a 50-piece concert band. "It's still the most



BRASS BLAST: Trumpet players Murray Hunter, left, and Ron Nordine are two of many Bandemonium members getting ready for the group's fifth annual Celebration of the Band concert set for January 31 and February 1.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

fun of anything I do," he says.

Band member Murray Hunter stresses that having fun while making music is the whole idea behind the group. He adds that the band gets stronger every year, and Bandemonium's success is a testament to the vision of its directors Derrick and Wendy Milton, who initiated the group six years ago.

Moses says the Miltons have what it takes to lead a community band.

"You have to have enormous patience, a gift for educating and a sense of humour."

He has seen band conductors in other communities "worn

down" after two years.

For the third year in a row, Arthur Black will be master of ceremonies for the Saturday night concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose area.

The Sunday afternoon concert will feature more selections from the Big Band, which plays swing and Dixieland jazz numbers. Sunday's show starts at 2 p.m.

The Big Band has 15 players whose songs will include I Can't Get Started, How High the Moon, Little Brown Jug and, likely on Sunday, the compulsively toe-tapping In the Mood.

Beverages and baked goods will be available at both concerts.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and are available at Murray's Brewplace, Sharon's and Music Emporium.

Triskele Celtic Band honours Robbie Burns

Islanders are being encouraged to polish up their Scottish dialects for Robbie Burns Night at the Legion Saturday.

Celebrants will be led in legendary music, poetry and ambiance by Triskele Celtic Band for an evening which begins at 6 p.m.

According to Triskele member Myranda O'Byrne, Burns was a rather notorious Scottish poet, "famed for his drinking and carousing lifestyle yet well loved by the Scots for his preservation of their language during a time when Scotland was fast being Anglicized by England and the language and lore were in danger of dying out. Burns felt compelled to capture the disappearing Scottish country dialect in poetry and song."

Burns' first book of poems, which was called Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect, was an immediate success after it was published in 1786. "However," says O'Byrne, "his scathing verses about the church, support for the Republican cause of the French Revolution and enthusiasm for liberty and social justice, combined with his blunt manner of speech and bristling independence, kept potential aristocratic financial backers to a minimum."

In spite of his hardships, Burns contributed more than 200 songs to the Scots Musical Museum and wrote a further 100 songs for Select Collection of Original Scottish Airs. Among these collections are favourites such as Comin' Thro' the Rye, Scots Wha Hae and The Banks o' Doon.

O'Byrne notes that "Burns immortalized Scotland's countryside and humble farm life and his love songs continue to evoke sentiment across the span of time."

Triskele's music does the same, and varies from traditional songs and danceable jigs and reels to sentimental love ballads to sing-a-long favourites. The four musicians play a variety of instruments including guitar, bodhran, spoons, dulcimer, mando-cello, mandola, mandolin, autoharp, banjo, harmonica, recorder and penny whistle.

Whether it's a spontaneous jig performance to Kesh Jig, clapping in time to Scotland the Brave or singing along to Will Ye Go, Lassie, Go?, Triskele touches the Celtic in everyone.

Tickets for Robbie Burns Night are \$20 and available at the Legion bar.

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B.C. Ferry worker Faedra Campbell was raised on Saturna Island and attended high school on Salt Spring. The 24-year-old claims she is a social butterfly who enjoys fun, friends, hiking and her cell phone. She says Salt Spring is the place to live, but she would like to visit Greece. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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'Minor' detail spoils Cuban land dream

Long ago when the world was young, Avril and I went to Cuba for a holiday.

Cuba was run by a dictator, Batista, backed up by the Mafia. In Havana the casinos were state-owned, as were the brothels, and were run by Las Vegas imports. George Raft, an aging film star, was employed as a host and greeter.

There was poverty and little boys were trying to sell their 10-year-old sisters to tourists. Rum was a dollar a bottle and Ernest Hemingway could be found nightly in a bar called Sloppy Joe's. Ernest had won fame by inventing the daiquiri, a mixture of rum and lime. He was creative.

Coming from Scottish Presbyterian origins, we found this difficult and took flight to a little island off the coast called the Isle of Pines. The plane held 10 and the pilot sipped from a bottle of rum, held in one hand, all the way across. The aircraft made strange sounds, had two noisy propellers, and we were not reassured by the pilot's insistence that all was well since he had just put in a new elastic band. Cuban humour!

The Isle of Pines was a paradise, average temperature 75° F. There was six feet of top soil and if you hammered in a fence post it would start to grow. The people were charming, relaxed and laid back.

We looked at each other. We wanted to stay forever. Our fantasy had been realized.

Next day we bought 20 acres in a lush valley with a stream full of brook trout. The owner was an

ALEX MITCHELL



ancient, illiterate farmer who signed the offer to purchase with a thumb print. "I am no scholar," he apologized.

To celebrate the event he took us to a secluded restaurant in the hills. It was four acres of scenic ambiance, had a cement dance floor, a juke box, a bar and an antique piano. Surrounding the lot were five little bungalows. I was overwhelmed, I coveted it.

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What girls? The bungalows! It was a house of ill repute!

I was intrigued. I could have my very own brothel with a bar and Avril could play the piano.

Alas, the story has a sad ending. My love was less than enthusiastic and with a sigh I let go of my dream. The following year Castro came down from the hills and our land was confiscated.

I didn't mind too much as I had always been a socialist and would have made a rotten capitalist.

Sometimes, though, I look back nostalgically at what might have been.

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

JAN. 26: Lady Minto Hospital Aux. general meeting, United Church Hall, 2pm.

JAN. 28: Salt Spring Health Forum, Lady Minto meeting rm. 4pm.

JAN. 28: Wilf Allan on Genealogy, SS Seniors, 2pm.

FEB. 4: Music & munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm.

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

EVERY THURSDAY

- Parkinsons' Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.
- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14.
- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
- Games afternoon, SS Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- A Course in Miracles, study group, 552 Rainbow Rd. #A, 10-11:30.

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

EVERY SATURDAY

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.

EVERY MONDAY

- Free blood pressure clinic, SS Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
- Spanish conversation group, SS Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
- Bandemonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.
- Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm
- Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- Autumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.
- Children's storytime, Mary Hawkins Library, 10am.
- Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea mo.)
- Grief Recovery seminars, United Church, 7pm (Jan. 19-Feb. 23)

EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.
- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 4:30-6. Archery lessons 3:30-4:30.
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, SS Health Unit behind Lady Minto Hosp. 4:30-6:30pm.
- French conversation, Croftonbrook, 10:15am - 11:45am.

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Staying dry

Gale Hingston enjoys a walk down Beaver Point Road, undisturbed by the rain and protected from the elements by a huge, colourful umbrella.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Presentation by musical pair spellbinds Saturna audience

Saturna music lovers spent an evening under the spell of Keith MacLeod and Anita Wilson as they filled the Community Hall with the rich tones of the clarinet and piano.

The theme and flavour of their performance was French with the exception of some exquisite Viennese waltzes.

From the haunting tones of Oliver Messiaen's *Abime des oiseaux*, on the clarinet, to the rich narrative preludes of Claude Debussy, performed on the piano, the evening was magical.

MacLeod, the principal clarinet of the Victoria Symphony, brought with him a wealth of experience and skill. He has performed with symphonies in Milwaukee, Calgary, the Atlantic, Winnipeg, Seattle and Vancouver and has appeared on the CBC as a recitalist and chamber musician.

He currently teaches clarinet for the Victoria Conservatory and the Courtenay Youth Music Centre. He has vast experience as a teacher at university, college and conservatories throughout the Pacific Northwest and even in Spain.

Wilson is an accomplished pianist and although her youth disallows a long string of credits she is a very active soloist and accompanist. She has performed with the Victoria Symphony and the Victoria Civic Orchestra.

Special thanks were offered to Cunliff and Mary Barnett for providing accommodation for the performers, Rene House for hosting the reception at Breezy Bay Bed and Breakfast following their performance and to Terry Danyliw

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WITH GAIL TRAFFORD



for having the piano tuned and keeping the hall at an even temperature for three days in order to assure the instrument was in optimum condition for the performance.

Master plan

The Saturna Parks and Recreation Commission brought its master plan before the community Sunday with positive results. Although a few changes in wording were recommended, the thrust of the document was given a favourable response by the meeting.

The large map designating land that the community would like to one day acquire for parks, if they become available, will be posted at the Saturna General Store. Suggestions are solicited from the public during the next month for additions to the map or deletions. Suggestions may be submitted to Flora House at the Post Office or to Jon Guy. The second draft of the master plan and the map designations will be discussed at a meeting to be scheduled in February.

Burns night

Robbie Burns fans will be treated to a dinner in honour of the bard, January 24. This event is sponsored by the local Lions club and comes complete with all the pomp and glory of the traditional celebration. Tickets are selling quickly to this popular event.

Wellness Fair set for March

Salt Spring's 1998 Wellness Fair is a one-stop marketplace for people wanting to assume responsibility for their personal well-being.

Salt Spring's Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, Wellness Program, Registered Nurses Association of B.C. and the Salt Spring Island Health Association are sponsors of the March 28 event.

Any health care practitioners wanting to participate in the Wellness Fair should register their interest as soon as possible by calling Penny Polden at 537-5561 or expressing interest in writing to Wellness Fair 1998, c/o Salt Spring Seniors, 879 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V4.

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Chuck Horel leaves legacy of love for family, community and country

Charles Robert Horel, known as Chuck to most of his friends, died last Wednesday at Lady Minto Hospital.

A memorial service is set for Meaden Hall at the Legion in Ganges at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Chuck was born May 25, 1921, in Ladner, the youngest of three children born to Winnifred and Howard Horel, and grandson of Salt Spring pioneer Charles Horel, who settled on Salt Spring in 1878.

In 1924, Winnifred and Howard returned to Salt Spring with their family to start a portable sawmill business. After a couple of years of prosperity, the business fell victim to the Great Depression.

As Chuck's daughter Glynnis Horel explains, Winnifred left Salt Spring to find work elsewhere, while the children stayed with their father to earn what they could with the sawmill. Chuck and his brother and sister attended whichever of the island's one-room schoolhouses happened to be closest to the sawmill.

Work at the sawmill came first, and school attendance was sporadic. Despite this, Chuck was reading at age three and managed to keep abreast of his grade level. His parents' eventual divorce resulted in his attending a private school in Duncan for awhile. He regarded this as a "prison" and escaped. He did not attend school for almost a year, then two sisters at the school talked him into studying for his exams the last three months of his Grade 8 year. He completed his studies and wrote his provincial exams, achieving the highest scores on Vancouver Island.

After completing high school, Chuck started a journalism course at Western Washington University in Bellingham. When the war broke out, he interrupted his studies to enlist in the Canadian Scottish Regiment of His Majesty's Armed Forces. After two years in training camps on Vancouver Island and Nova Scotia, his unit was sent to England to prepare for the Normandy invasion. Shortly after his arrival in England, he was sent to London for a course with British Intelligence on cipher machines. He became a sergeant-major in the cipher section of the Third Canadian Division and was on the beach at Normandy on D-Day.

After the war, Chuck returned briefly to Salt Spring before enter-



Chuck Horel

ing the University of British Columbia where in 1949 he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English and Sociology. He began seeing his childhood friend and native Salt Spring Islander, Natalie Jameski, who was working as a nurse.

With marriage imminent, Chuck took a job with General Motors. He and Natalie were married in September 1949 and moved to Calgary. Six years and three children later, they moved to Kamloops where Chuck worked as an insurance adjuster, travelling throughout the interior of B.C.

But both Natalie and Chuck had family roots on Salt Spring and, after five years in Kamloops, they moved back to Salt Spring where Chuck went to work for Gavin Mouat. On Mouat's retirement, Chuck and his good friend Rod Pringle continued in business together.

During this time, Chuck was an active member of the island community, especially with the chamber of commerce where he served as president for three years. He lobbied actively for a proper sewage treatment plant in Ganges from the early '60s. He was chairman of the Cusheon Lake Tidal Wave Prevention Society and proud of the society's many successful years in achieving its objective.

Ill health forced Chuck to retire early but he remained active on his farm at Cusheon Lake and later on acreage at Beaver Point.

Even late in life, Chuck never passed up a chance to learn something new. At age 60 he took up horseback riding and had many adventures on his horse Fancy.

In his 60s and 70s, Chuck took up woodworking, completing extensive cabinetry and furnishings within his home and crafting treasured articles of furniture for his children, nephews and nieces. At 75 years of age he learned to use a computer.

Chuck leaves behind his wife Natalie, their five children and eight grandchildren. His daughter Glynnis said, "The legacy he leaves to us, his family, is his clever wit and ready humour, his courage in the face of unrelenting illness, his passionate love for family, community and country, and the knowledge that with determination and strength of will, you can face anything and survive."

At Chuck's request, his remains will rest by the little white church in Burgoyne Valley built by his grandfather namesake.

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Announcements

5 BIRTHS

PROUD PARENTS, Ken & Cheryl Marr, are very happy to announce the arrival of their first child, Kevin Edward Spencer Marr, 8 lbs. 13 oz. on Friday, January 16 at Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital. Kevin is first grandchild of Ed & Shirley Hink of Coquitlam and Spencer & Isobel Marr of Victoria. Special thanks to Dr. Berg, Dr. Cooper and Barb Pellerin as well as the Nursing staff at both CVRH and Lady Minto.

MCLEOD: MEREDITH and Garry are thrilled to announce the early and safe arrival of their first child Gregory Hugh on January 6, 1998. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses in the SCN at VGH.

6 DEATHS

CHARLIE PEARCY'S memorial tea will be held on Saturday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints by-the-Sea. Please come and help celebrate Charlie's life.

JAVORSKI, JACOB Carl - at home in Summerland, BC on January 14, 1998, age 77. Husband of 53 years to Catherine Javorski. Father of Patricia, Mary, Ellen and Leslie Javorski. Father-in-law of David Lemon, Robert Redfeild and Craig Lahmer. Also survived by sisters Mary Ransome and Rose Tessier. Brother-in-law of Eleanor Caldwell and Charles Caldwell. Grandfather to Fiona, Ian, Alexander, Signe (Karl Brown), Lisbeth, Catherine and Rita. Jake served in the RCAF and was an active member in the Royal Canadian Legion and awarded the MSM. He also enjoyed his membership in the Royal Canadian Air Force Association. His family and his many friends will miss him dearly. Memorial service to be held at Branch 22, Summerland, Royal Canadian Legion on January 24, 1998 at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Hemochromatosis Society, 272-7000 Minoru Blvd., Richmond, BC, V6Y 3Z5.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

WE WOULD sincerely like to thank everyone at Lady Minto Hospital and especially all the nurses and volunteers who cared for Lyn for eight years as if she was their own and for the kindness they gave to us as a family, through the good times and the bad times. Special thanks to all the homemakers who looked after Lyn before she went to the E.C.U. at Lady Minto, to all our relatives and friends for the support and caring they gave us as a family, both before and after she died. And a big thank you to my sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Sonny Slater, from Thunder Bay, for being here when I needed you. Dennis Andrews & Family.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES and Choices want to thank Barb's Buns, Roasting Co, Sweet Arts, Embe, Thrifty's and G.V.M. for their donation of baked goods for our fund raiser to send developmentally challenged adults to camp this summer.

THANKS BUD for hearing the smoke alarm and the Firemen for your fast response to the small fire in my home while I was away. I'm glad I have a home to come home to. Danna & Michael Britton.

HEARTFELT THANKS to the friends, healers and medicine people who have shown me so much support and kindness since the passing of my son, Jesse. To Mike, Michelle, Diana and Sheila, special thanks for being there; also to Joyanna, Dave and Shiya for your wise, healing ways; to Judith and Myranda for your loving assistance with the beautiful ceremony at Beaver Point Hall, and to the children, parents, and staff of Fulford School, Tree Frog Daycare and Little Red School House. You were all very special to a special little boy and for that I am truly grateful. With Love, Caren Larsson.

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We omitted to mention **Windermere Salt Spring Realty** in our Polar Bear thanks

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

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CREATIVE MEDITATION evening with David Large. Topics: Dreams, intuition, habits and goal setting. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. January 27, 1998. Tickets, Purple Parrot Restaurant. Level I Seminar to follow February 1. 537-4318.

BURNS NIGHT. Royal Canadian Legion Pipe Band. 24 January 1998. 6 pm Social, 7:30 pm Dinner, at Meaden Hall, Blain Road, Ganges. Tickets \$20.00. Contact 537-4283, 653-9481 or at Legion Bar. Featuring Triskele Celtic Band.

SWOVA COMMUNITY Development and Research Society Annual General Meeting Thursday, January 29, 1998, 7 p.m., Community Services Society, 268 Fulford-Ganges Road. All women welcome.

PAT GUNN, an experienced spiritualist medium offers: a demonstration of Clairvoyance. Giving survival evidence of life after death, January 30, 2 to 4 p.m., 212 Park Dr. Workshop - Exploring Your Psychic Potential. Join us in a one day workshop. Learn how to work with your own psychic abilities. January 31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost \$40. For further information and address, please call 537-2154 evenings.

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YOGA - MOVEMENT as prayer (all levels). Salt Spring Centre with Ursula Haywood. Thursday, January 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m. 653-9312. Or SS Centre, 537-2326.

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11 COMING EVENTS

ALLISON REES Workshops; Registration deadline extended to Friday, February 13. Topics are: Managing feelings through communication; Sidestepping the power struggle; Self-Esteem in parent and child. \$5.00 per workshop or \$12.00 for 3. Register at SSI Co-op Preschool, Community Center. Information: Holly 537-1538. Event February 20 & 21.

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MEETING

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Tuesday, Jan. 27
7:30pm
to further discuss the status of Mahon Hall

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SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Thurs, Jan. 22/98
TIME: 1:00pm
PLACE: Room 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges, B.C.

The public is invited to attend, and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Local Trust Committee on any matter of interest. An agenda for the meeting will be posted on Monday, January 19, 1998, at the Islands Trust Office, Room 1206, Grace Point Square.

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23 IN MEMORIAM

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Andrews, Marilyn (Lyn) nee (Akerman) July 22, 1944 - December 29, 1997

Lyn was born on Salt Spring Island, the fourth of eleven brothers and sisters. As there was no school in Fulford at that time, she completed grades one to twelve at the old elementary school in Ganges. After graduation she took her nurses training in Victoria. She and her friend Shirley Smith (nee Zicker) then travelled to Port Arthur, Ontario, where we met. We stayed in Port Arthur for a year, then got married and spent our honeymoon on Salt Spring with her family. When we returned to Port Arthur, Lyn resumed nursing at a senior's home. Lyn always wished to return and live on the island and we hoped it might be possible in five or ten years. Three months after returning from our honeymoon, I came home from work one day and asked how long it would take her to pack. Needless to say, she was packed in three days and we returned to Salt Spring where we raised three beautiful children and made our life ever since.

Lyn touched people in many ways. She never ever complained about her sickness and always had a positive attitude about what she was dealt in life. She always worried about everyone else and never about herself. She was always there if someone needed her. I can't ever remember going up to the hospital to visit that she didn't have a smile on her face. I pray that the courage she displayed will be an inspiration to all who came in touch with her. She always would say to me that there was someone worse off than she was.

Lyn - as a mother, wife and friend - YOU WILL BE LOVED AND MISSED.



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35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL



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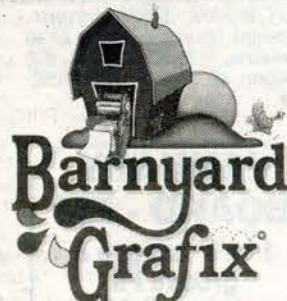
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APPLICATION FOR PESTICIDE USE PERMIT

BC Parks - South Vancouver Island District, 2930 Trans Canada Highway, Victoria, BC, V9E 1K3, has applied for a Pesticide Use Permit (Application No. 138-201-98) to apply Killlex (2,4-D, Mecoprop, decamba) to a maximum of 0.09ha, in Ruckle Provincial Park on Saltspring Island. The purpose of this treatment is to protect native species and provide public safety through the eradication of Carpet Burweed (Soliva sessilis) an introduction and invasive species native to South America.

The Killlex would be applied by back pack sprayer in a 3 hr. period within a proposed project window of March 2 to 6, 1998. A copy of the application and maps of the proposed treatment areas may be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the BC Parks Office, 2930 Trans Canada Highway, Victoria BC. For additional information, contact Chris Kissinger, Resource Officer, at 250-391-2319.

A person wishing to contribute information about this site for the evaluation of this application for a use permit must send written copies of this information to both the applicant and the regional manager of Pesticide Control Program, 2080-A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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Active community member dies on Galiano

Islanders were saddened this week by the sudden death of John Farr. Property owners here since 1987, John and his wife Gabriele came to the island to live full-time only four years ago. Recently playing an increasing part in community endeavours, they were both enjoying island life. A volunteer for GIRR (Galiano Recycling) for some time, John was the current coordinator, a position he took very seriously. His efforts on behalf of GIRR were appreciated by all.

Early last year John made his debut on the stage, playing the part of Colonel Pickering in the Galiano Players production of My Fair Lady. His premier performance was a strong one. Some will remember that several years ago when islanders were attempting to purchase Bodega Ridge as a protected park area, John and his wife assisted Gabriele's sister Virginia Babrien and her husband Ottman in the preparation of a German dinner, one of a series of ethnic meals held in private homes as fundraisers. It was a

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grand affair and there was John in black tie and tails, the perfect wine waiter.

John was born in Hong Kong, where his father was the consultant radiologist at Queen Mary Hospital. John worked for 20 years for Surrey Mental Health Service as a psychiatric social worker.

His sister Lis flew from Great Britain to attend a semi-private service of remembrance held here on Saturday. His friend of over 40 years — Tony Gomersall — also flew from Great Britain. The Reverend Margaret Edgar led prayers.

Church news

A bequest from the estate of the late Dora Jones was received recently by the church treasurer.

A resident on Galiano for almost 50 years, Jones was known here for her interest in others and the betterment of life for all. She was known for the

venue. Play subjects are Noah and the Ark, a Canadian folk tale and a Hans Christian Anderson story. The parents advisory committee is sponsoring the event.

Robbie Burns supper

The North Galiano Community Association's annual Robbie Burns supper is scheduled for Saturday, February 7 at 6 p.m. Tickets for this popular event are \$20 per person and are selling quickly.

Phone Clair Switzer at 539-2716 to reserve your place — the hall is small and numbers limited.

Saint Margaret's Friends Group meets in the church meeting room every first and third Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A duty the friends have taken on is the preparation and distribution of food packages for those in need. Three have been given out since the beginning of January. Articles suitable for distribution are always in demand, so people are urged to bring anything they can contribute to the Wednesday gatherings or phone Irene Frith at 539-3171.

Regular church services are held on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. Reverend Rob or Reverend Ellen Willingham presiding. All are welcome.

Drama classes

Three short plays are now in rehearsal by the students of Galiano's school. They will be performed in March, just prior to spring break.

Director and drama instructor is David Clothier, known here for his work as actor, director and stage technician. In costume and with music and dance, the plays will be performed in the Activity Centre — convenient for rehearsals and as a production

Guild sets spring agenda

A tea towel and napkin exchange, tapestry lecture and field trip to Victoria are among coming events planned by the Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild.

The spring program was presented at the guild's January business meeting.

According to a press release from the guild, this year's projects will include a tea towel and napkin exchange and creation of a series of hand-woven calendars.

A second planning meeting for these projects will be held tomorrow (Thursday).

January will wrap up with a discussion on tapestry restoration led by Stan Derelian.

The focus on tapestry will continue throughout February with a lecture and slide presentation by local tapestry weaver Paul Gravette on February 12. The group also hopes to have former islander Aino Tamm give a tapestry presentation

on February 26.

The guild's monthly business meeting and a show-and-tell event will be held February 5.

In March, the group will switch directions by exploring the possibilities of inkle weaving and knitting, and weaving with homespun yarns.

A field trip to the British Columbia Royal Museum in Victoria is planned for April and, in May, the group will examine sprinkle dyeing, tie-died warps, and blending fibres and colours in spinning.

Tapestry and transparencies are among the subjects of upcoming workshops.

Guild meetings are held Thursday mornings at the Baptist Church on Lower Ganges Road. Spinning meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Sophisticated Cow.

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