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## Reducing youth crime on Salt Spring

Myranda O'Byrne and Richard Kerr release their findings in the first half of the Youth Crime Prevention Project.  
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## An award-winning engineer

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## Weather

Real sun is back in the forecast! Showers are expected today (Wednesday), but it's sun with a few clouds for the rest of the week. Highs to 9 C. (today), lows down to 0 C. on Saturday.

## Texada players tangled in legal chase

By **TANYA LESTER**  
Driftwood Staff

If legal paper contributes to the financial health of B.C. logging, then it appears Texada Land Corporation (TLC) owners and senior staff are doing their part to buoy up the industry.

Former investigative research analyst Adrian du Plessis has produced a briefcase of court documents linking Texada director Derek Trethewey to a total of at least \$270,000 of debts owing to Desert Palace, Inc. (doing business as Caesar's Palace) and private individuals, one of whom is pursuing the matter in court in Vancouver on Thursday.

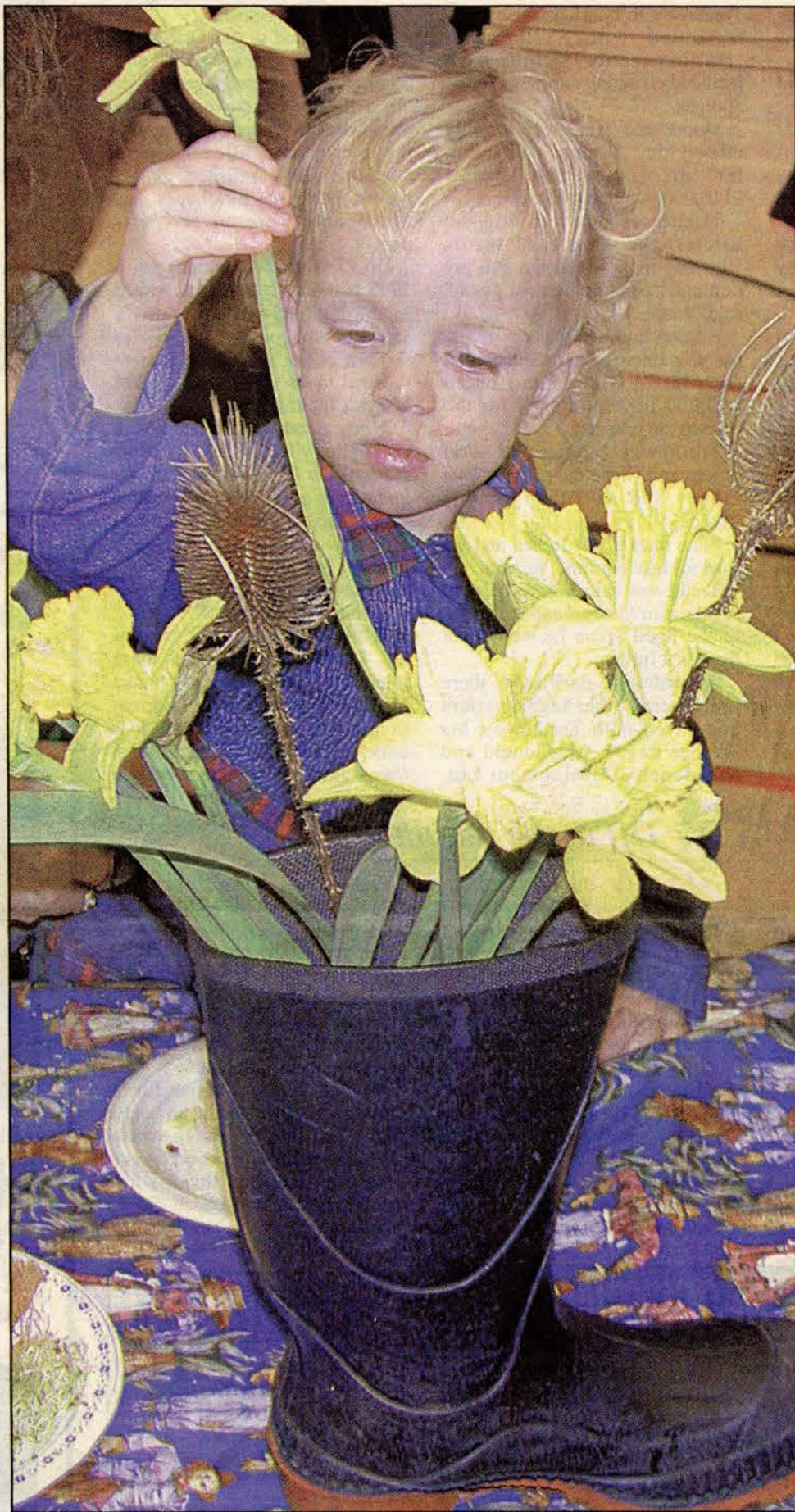
Paperwork on dealings between Nelson Skalbania and a Vancouver development that Texada director Rob Macdonald was involved with in the mid-'90s, plus a host of other documents, were brought to the Driftwood by du Plessis on Monday.

A November 18, 1998 B.C. Supreme Court default judgment ordering Trethewey to pay a \$69,986.50 (Cdn) debt plus interest and costs to Caesar's Palace, a Las Vegas gambling casino, is among the documents.

Caesar's Palace lawyer James H. Goulden told the Driftwood Tuesday that the debt has not been repaid.

A garnishing court order to a Royal Bank of Canada

**DEBTS A2**



**GUMBOOT SPRING:** Maya Bridger Denz, almost two, rearranges a gumbot bouquet of daffodils which brightens the room at Fulford Elementary School's country dance, held Saturday in the school gym.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Drunk party girls nixed

By **SUSAN LUNDY**  
Driftwood Staff

They don't attend parties to baby-sit and they're tired of holding the hands of drunken "little girls" gagging and vomiting into the toilet.

A group of Grade 12 girls met last week to decide how to deal with the invasion of younger girls at their senior high school parties.

"They are making fools of themselves and getting bad reputations," one 17-year-old told the Driftwood. "They can't handle their alcohol."

Even more serious is the alleged sexual assault of a 13-year-old girl, now under investigation by local RCMP, at one of these parties.

According to the 17-year-old (who is almost 18 and asked to remain anonymous), the incident under investigation is only one of many sex-related situations occurring between young girls attending the parties and "older guys who see them as easy targets."

"I know of one little girl who basically had sex with someone and can't even remember it she was so drunk."

The young girls are "grind dancing" with older males and taking off with them in their cars.

"It's gross to see the same older guys who used to be hitting on us now hitting on our little sisters."

The situation coincides with the release of the first half of a youth crime prevention project which pinpoints alcohol and drug abuse as the number one crime-related concern of youth and adults on Salt Spring. (See related story.)

In the report, project coordinators Myranda O'Byrne and Richard Kerr point out, "Drug and alcohol use by youth is also often linked to . . . victimization, and a range of negative health outcomes including teenage pregnancies (and) sexually-transmitted disease . . ."

The report says an informal survey of youths indicates that drug and alcohol

**YOUNG GIRLS A12**

## Island sends triple threat to judo nationals

By **MIKE LEVIN**  
Driftwood Staff

For the fifth year in a row, Salt Spring will be represented at the Canadian judo championships, but this time three islanders will hit the mats.

Fifteen-year-old Sophia Haase will make her third straight appearance in the juvenile women's event when the

championships open March 25 in Lethbridge. She will be joined by Marius Lohmann and Matt King (fighting out of the University of British Columbia). Both are 18 and will compete in the men's junior category in different weight classes.

Two others from Shaun Adams' Salt Spring club may also be included.

Gavin Hamilton, 14, and Megan Leitch, 13, are currently listed as alternates.

The selections were made following the Kamloops International tournament Saturday.

"I'm not surprised at any of them because they all earned their places,"

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# DEBTS: Trethewey court case on Thursday

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(RBC) branch in New Westminster found no money in Trethewey's account, according to a letter signed by RBC business services branch manager Wendy Gehiere and dated April 26, 1999.

"In June 1999 we conducted an examination of Mr. Trethewey to find out if he could pay the judgment and he said he had no significant assets but significant debts well in excess of any assets," said Goulden.

Trethewey described the Caesar Palace debt as a "general misunderstanding." He said a Lake Tahoe friend told him the debt had been written off.

"I was their guest at Christmas this year," said Trethewey Monday. "They flew me down. I had a great time."

Jeff Davis, spokesman for Caesar's Palace company owner Park Place Entertainment, would say little about the matter.

"We don't discuss ongoing litigation or any kind of litigation concerning customer information," Davis said.

But Goulden said his law firm is proceeding to collect the debt from Trethewey. "I'm instructed by Caesar's Palace that the debt has not been forgiven and that we are to proceed to collect."

Another unpaid debt incurred by Trethewey and going before a Vancouver court tomorrow (Thursday) concerns a personal loan with a share option of \$80,000.

California businesspeople Leo Moore and Patricia Murray lent Trethewey the money for his purchase of Carrington Estates in Abbotsford, B.C. where the Trethewey family originates.

Moore said he is taking Trethewey to court because he is frustrated with Trethewey's "stalling tactics," which have included changing attorneys several times.

Moore said Trethewey recently offered him "20 cents on the dollar" on a debt that is now \$110,000, including interest.

"Trethewey sold it (Carrington Estates) and never came across with any money, and ignored my demands for payment of loan," said Moore.

He also said two Vancouver residents named Robert Stoces and Dr. Martin Glebe contributed \$80,000 in loan money for the Carrington property.

Trethewey confirmed that Stoces and Glebe did provide loan money and said they are his friends.

"The market just turned and we (had to) take our hits," he said.

Trethewey said Moore decided to take him to court and since it is in the legal arena he would not discuss it further.

According to du Plessis, there are several other legal matters connected with Trethewey, his brother Regan, Macdonald and Macdonald Development Ltd.

project manager Jerry Bordian. They include the connection between Macdonald and Nelson Skalbania.

Du Plessis first mentioned this link at the public microphone during the meeting of concerned islanders against clear-cutting on Salt Spring last Thursday.

He explained to the Driftwood that Macdonald was vendor and Skalbania was a proposed buyer "in a highly controversial real estate deal in Vancouver" involving a property called Arbutus Gardens. (He confirmed, as did Macdonald, that Skalbania and Macdonald were never "partners.")

Du Plessis was co-winner of a 1999 National Newspaper Award in the business category for a series of Vancouver Sun articles written about a Russian mafia-backed deal involving YBM Magnex International.

When asked why he decided to go public with the Texada information, Du Plessis said, "If you know your neighbour, you understand who they are . . . you can take it with a grain of salt or a pitcher of salt . . ."

"Knowing who you're negotiating with is fundamental."

While the paper chase continues, Du Plessis encourages those interested in this issue to contact his website for ongoing information in lieu of phoning him. It is under "The TeX' Files" at <http://www.imagenisp.com/howenow>.

# JUDO STARS: Off to the nationals

From Page A1

said Adams, who had Andrew Greig win the national title in 1998.

"This is such a strong statement for all the work they have put in over the years."

Now the real effort begins.

The coach will also send five members to represent the Vancouver Island region in the B.C. Winter Games later this month.

Selections were finalized last week and include islanders Haase,

Leitch, Hamilton, Nico Lohmann, 16, and Niko Laing, 14.

The quintet will be part of a 16-member team to compete in Quesnel February 24-27. Adams was also named the team's coach.

"It is a bit crazy to look at the preparation ahead of us but I don't think it will be a problem because these kids are very disciplined," he said.

In Kamloops, King brought back the gold medal in junior men's and placed second in senior

men's while Lohmann took the silver medal in the junior event, yet was the top-ranked B.C. fighter.

Haase finished third in both juvenile and junior women's yet finished the season ranked as the top provincial competitor.

In other results, Adrian Elliott earned the silver medal in senior men's and will be sent to special training sessions by the B.C. team, Hamilton finished third, while Nico Lohmann and Leitch did not place.

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Lokesh Green is one of several Salt Spring gardeners who saves his open-pollinated plant seeds from year to year. At Seedy Saturday set for Mahon Hall February 12, the seed-savers' bounty will be available for trade or sale.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



## Seat sale starts at ArtSpring

Airlines aren't the only outfits offering seat sales these days — the Island Arts Centre Society is having a blitz sale of ArtSpring theatre seats.

ArtSpring's board and staff hope to "sell" the remaining 100 seats by February 16.

What they really mean is that for a \$1,000 donation, an elegant brass plaque, inscribed with the donor's name, will be placed on a seat of the donor's choosing.

The plaques have recently arrived at ArtSpring.

The first several buyers paying the \$1,000 tax-deductible donation will also result in matching funds from other generous donors, and will receive a \$15 credit voucher for any ArtSpring-sponsored event in 2000.

Both new and previous seat purchasers are encouraged to visit ArtSpring between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, to consult the seating chart if they want a particular seat to hold their plaque. (Otherwise, plaques will be assigned to the best available seats.)

Plaques can also be inscribed to remember a friend or loved one, or may even be granted anonymously.

The seat sale is also part of ArtSpring's effort to remain debt free, says Victoria Olchowecki, the new president of the Island Arts Centre Society.

For more information, call the facility's administrative assistant, Paul Gravett, at 537-2125.

## Ferry switch creates only minor overloads

Following a deluge of ferry overloads at Fulford Harbour January 31, the route's smaller vessel has been able to handle almost all traffic service between Salt Spring and Swartz Bay.

The only problems have been on the day's most popular sailing.

B.C. Ferries figures show 34 vehicles were left behind during three runs on the day that the Skeena Queen was taken out of service and replaced by the Bowen Queen.

Last Wednesday, 18 vehicles and two semi-trailers were unable to board the 9:50 a.m. sailing and six vehicles missed the boat Sunday, also at 9:50 a.m.

Similar overloads happened on

the 4:50 p.m. return trip from Swartz on February 1 and 3.

The corporation says it will monitor these and usage figures during the rest of February before deciding on how many daily runs the route needs for peak efficiency.

Salt Spring was left with eight runs to and from Fulford Harbour following the vessel changeover to save on expenses but, says the corporation, also to provide better connections on the Tsawwassen-Swartz-Fulford run.

"Five of the (times) make it easier for people to transfer from Tsawwassen," said corporation spokeswoman Nancy Cameron. "This is one of the things people wanted."

## Burn week: batteries, kids are focus

If you do one thing this week, check the battery on your smoke alarm.

It's the one thing the provincial Office of the Fire Commissioner wants B.C. residents to do during Burn Awareness Week, which started Monday.

Much of the emphasis is on children, and awareness kits have been sent to elementary schools.

Kids aged one to 14 years have the second-highest incidence of burn injuries from fire and flammable liquids, which is why it is important to teach them about matches, lighters and hot liquids.

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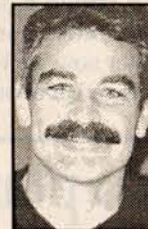


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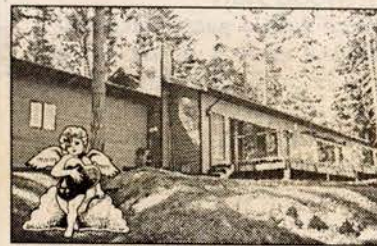
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• A new term has risen in the world of health. It's "junk science". It applies to any quick-fix nutritional solutions, simple solutions for complex problems, recommendations based on limited scientific studies and use of personal testimonials rather than scientific proof. Bottom line: be skeptical and go the reliable sources for your health information.

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# Texada and NSSWW dicker over price of Maxwell land

Negotiations between Texada Land Corporation and North Salt Spring Waterworks for a 48-acre property abutting Maxwell Lake continue to focus on what both sides see as a fair price.

"They have come down in price from their original figure, to their credit, but we have to get our own appraisal because we are dealing with public money," said waterworks manager Mike Larmour. "Right now we're hoping they will put together another package."

The property on the south-east corner of the lake was assessed at \$1.7 million for Texada by Re/Max, although Texada director Rob Macdonald explained that the figure is now considered a bit high by all sides because of residential restrictions in the watershed-designated land that weren't originally factored in.

Macdonald said Larmour had suggested a price of \$500,000 for the land with a tax write-off of up to 30 per cent for the value of

the timber, estimated at about \$700,000.

Community utilities are allowed to offer such write-offs. Yet whatever the price, Larmour is not overly optimistic about the possible purchase.

"At this point we are unsure about whether this will actually happen," he said. "It's a lot of money for a small water system."

Macdonald indicated the \$500,000 figure was not enough but that he was trying to be as flexible as possible to get the property into the water company's hands.

"We would even finance it for them over time because we don't need the money now," he said "I think we'd like to have this thing worked out within 60 days."

Larmour has also written letters to the ministries of forests and the environment asking for help.

"We have to try because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We appreciate that (Texada) is talking because if the land goes into some other private hands, who knows what will happen," he said.

"The Trust's zoning (1,000-foot setback from the lake) helps. We will look at anything to make it economically feasible."

## No plans for Burgoyne — yet

Rob Macdonald said Monday there were no short-term plans to sell off or develop any of Texada's residential plots in Burgoyne Bay.

However, he added, the company may by the summer lump some of the properties together for sale as a package.

Company action will depend on the outcome of current discussions

with the Capital Regional District over the possibility of selling some lots as parkland or adding covenants as part of a development deal.

"The ball remains in their court. If they want to pay us over time for some of this land then that's OK," Macdonald said.

## Anti-clear-cutters visited by WCWC heavyweight

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

Even with a gentle face and a diamond earring in his left ear there is no doubt that Joe Foy could crack you like a walnut.

An environmental activist with the Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC), Foy likes to invoke the "pain or pleasure" methods necessary when dealing with developers moving into ecologically sensitive areas.

He's come to Salt Spring at the request of hundreds of residents who fear what Texada Land Corporation is doing to the island's south-end forests.

"What I'm seeing is a rush to log. They are hurting the environment and jacking up the price of land," the WCWC director said. "Basically Texada is not being a good neighbour."

"There are lots of ways to bring them to the table, such as a government threat of expropriation, where we can make it so there is too much pain for Texada (to continue). Let's just say it's up to (activists) to make them act with enlightened self-interest."

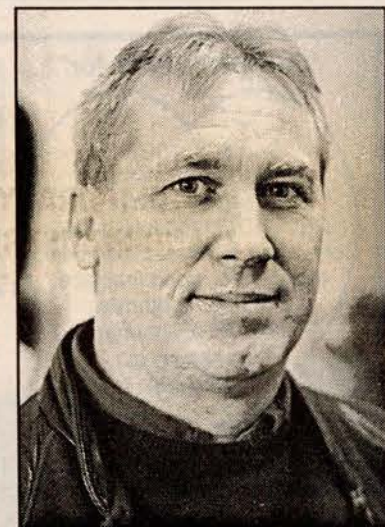
Foy should be made to wear a sign that says "Approach at own risk".

Yet behind his bottom-line armour lurks a passionate yet level-headed advocate for the type of social change that benefits the many rather than the few.

"People all over the province are going through the same thing (as Salt Spring). The WCWC is a tool for these people to organize, through research and education," Foy said.

One way is to use the committee's 27,000 members and its publications to create the type of grassroots pressure that politicians can't ignore.

It's the type of pressure that



Joe Foy

Photo by Mike Levin

worked successfully in the Clayoquot Sound and is now aimed at Burns Bog and the Stoltmann wilderness.

"This type of thing reveals an absolute lack of laws and regulations. But Canadians have a tradition of looking past the backyard fence," Foy said. "What is happening here is the best proof for the need of a severe rewriting of private-land logging laws."

The WCWC usually deals with conservation on public land. Texada is a private land-owner, but Foy feels the problem is big enough to "learn more about it and do an information paper to get it out to a larger audience."

"Short of going for a political miracle, the message that Texada must get is that they'll get further ahead by not wrecking the land."

But it takes money to either buy the land for conservation purposes or to support lobby groups pressing for regulatory changes.

Either way Foy feels it will take more than a small community to actually have any effect.

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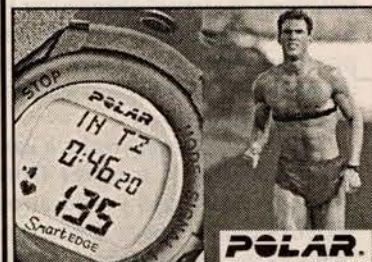
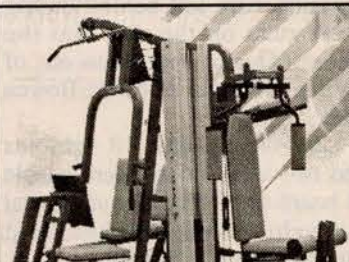


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**TREES AND TRUST:** Opponents of clear-cut logging on Salt Spring take their concerns to the Islands Trust office in a rally Friday afternoon. Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Big donations, little donations accepted for land acquisition

By **TANYA LESTER**  
Driftwood Staff

Islanders advocating land acquisition and opposed to clear-cutting may well be dancing — around the May pole or elsewhere — on May 1 if they manage to raise the \$500,000 needed to seriously begin land purchase negotiations with Texada.

The May Day Campaign was announced last Thursday evening at Gulf Islands Secondary School during one of the ongoing public meetings on the issue. It was sandwiched between questions and comments — at the public microphone where line-ups were continual throughout the evening — from among the over 200 concerned islanders who attended.

One of these was Adrian du Plessis, who outlined information he had obtained about the backgrounds of some of the key players in Texada — (see separate story).

"It's not just big donations but little donations of \$5 and \$10, too, (that we're interested in)," said Elizabeth White, when she made the announcement.

To date, \$140,000 has been donated and pledged by over 100 groups and individuals, said White, who is the Salt Spring Appeal volunteer fundraiser.

White later told the Driftwood that \$500,000 is the amount The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLCBC) executive director Bill Turner believes is needed to be considered as a serious land purchase contender by Texada owners.

The appraised value of the Texada land is \$30 million with a price tag of another \$30 million put on the property's standing timber by the logging corporation, said Turner, who also spoke at the meeting.

White said a detailed prospectus with information concerning values of land parcels within the Texada property is near completion. These parcels can be considered by individuals and groups who would comply with land covenants specified by TLCBC when making a pledge for purchase.

Anyone interested in making a pledge can identify a specific land parcel (i.e. Maxwell Lake watershed) which the group or individual would like to purchase or contribute money towards, said White.

She said a pledge form is signed by the contributor but no money is required up front. When money is needed, it will be requested with 21 days notice.

The Community Forest Group (CFG) and those interested in establishing farm trusts are two groups considering purchase of Texada land parcels.

CFG spokesman Andrew Lewis told the audience his group formed because of an interest in the spiritual, physical and economic health of the forest and the Salt Spring community.

"Community forest is a working forest managed by islanders to work for the island," Lewis said. It is forestry which is ecologically sustainable.

Lewis said the project would provide educational facets, research opportunities, direct and indirect employment, and tourism opportunities.

Community forests are also being developed on Cortez and Denman islands as well as many communities in the B.C. Interior.

Lewis said most are operating on Crown land with the one on Denman being privately owned. More information on CFG plans can be obtained from <http://www.savesaltspring.com>.

Kate McEwen from Island Natural Growers spoke about the farm trust concept and indicated that parts of Texada land are suitable for agriculture.

She said a farm trust would be a non-profit organization that could give farmers access to land that they could not otherwise afford. The trust could be the setting for demonstration and teaching farms.

"You end up with a working

landscape," McEwen said.

To make a farm trust feasible, it would need interest from organic farmers and public money, she said.

Those opposed to the clear-cutting will also be establishing an information and fundraising office in a rental space above Barb's Buns in Ganges scheduled to open during the last week of February.


Upcoming fundraising events include a Natural Health Fair at Fulford Hall on February 13 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. At least 40 percent of the proceeds will go to land acquisition efforts.

On February 18, musicians Valdy, Bill Henderson, Alan Moberg, Susan Cogan and Tom Hooper will be performing in a fundraiser at ArtSpring.


"Woodstop," an all-day/all-night community music festival featuring bands, performance art, poetry and clowns, will run on February 26 at Beaver Point Hall. Volunteers are needed for this festival. People should call Susheela at 537-4240, or Diane at 537-3031.

Also, Barry Livingston is organizing a fundraising Sacred Arts Festival of music, dance and poetry reading in March.

The next public meeting for those concerned with the clear-cutting will be at Fulford Hall on Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m.



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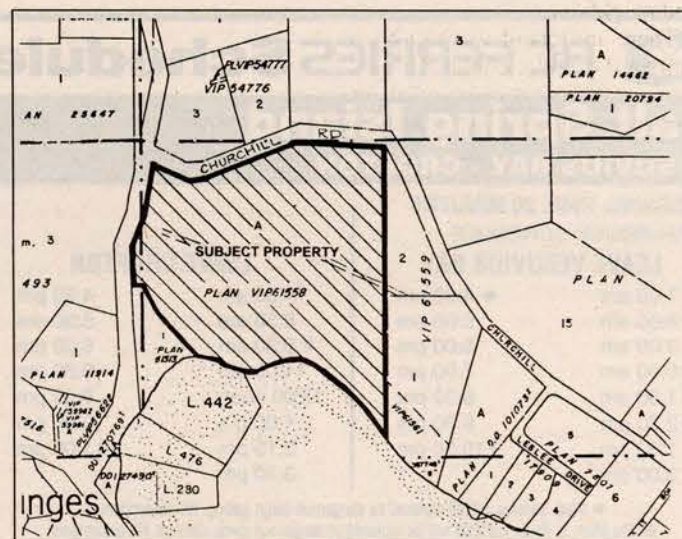
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## NOTICE

### SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE PERMIT TUP-01-00

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider a Resolution to issue a Temporary Commercial Use Permit pursuant to Section 975 of the Municipal Act for Lot A, Section 3, Range 4 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP61558. The purpose of the Permit is to allow for a 64 square metre (688 square feet) exterior dining patio to be enclosed and attached to an existing restaurant facility.

The location of the property subject to the proposed Permit is shown on the following sketch:



The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider the proposed Permit on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 11:00 a.m., in Room 1204, 115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Ganges. A copy of the proposed Permit may be inspected at the Salt Spring Island office of the Islands Trust, Unit 1206, Grace Point Square, Ganges, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Monday, February 14, 2000, and continuing up to and including Thursday, February 24, 2000.

The proposed Permit may also be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Monday, February 14, 2000, and continuing up to and including Thursday, February 24, 2000.

Robyn Addison  
Secretary

# Stewardship program up and running

An exciting new land stewardship project is under way on Salt Spring, bolstered by a final piece of government funding received at the end of January.

Environment Canada approved a grant for half of the project's total \$88,000 cost.

It involves gathering information on sensitive eco-systems and producing maps of the areas. Private landowners will then be contacted

and offered consultations on how to better care for and restore their land.

Educational materials and workshops will also be offered to the public.

Christy Wilson is the project's part-time coordinator. Her experience in stewardship programs includes coordinating the freshwater and intertidal stewardship projects for the Cowichan Community

Land Trust.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy has been working for almost a year on the project plan and funding proposal, led by members Maggie Ziegler, Ann Richardson, Maureen Milburn and Maureen Bendick.

Assistance came locally from the Salt Spring Foundation, Richard Murakami and many organizations in the South and

West Partnership. Funds were also provided by the Real Estate Foundation and Mountain Equipment Co-op.

More information can be obtained from the Conservancy at 538-0318.

Conservancy vice-president Maureen Bendick says the stewardship committee will keep the island informed about the issues and progress of the project.

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# MOTH hold-up delays incorporation release

Salt Spring's incorporation study faces a delay at the hands of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH).

The local committee and its consultant Tom Reid are waiting for MOTH officials to provide figures on how much financial support the ministry would grant to Salt Spring if it incorporates. Specifically, said committee vice-chairwoman Judy Norget, confirmation on whether or not MOTH will continue to maintain the roads between ferry routes and its two provincial parks is needed.

The answer has a significant bearing on the amount of funds an island municipality would need to raise through property taxes.

Norget said the committee hopes to have the information from MOTH by the end of February, making report completion possible by the first week of March.

# Committee takes over after board resignation

Six Salt Springers have formed a transition committee to take the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council through to a February 20 meeting, at which time an interim board will be named.

The committee is comprised of Marlene Smith, April Curtis, Ken McKenzie, Illtyd Perkins, Gary Railer and April Steel.

It will service the council following the resignation of the previous board two weeks ago.

# Breast-screening clinic set; islanders should book now

Women should start making plans for the Salt Spring visit of the mobile mammography screening unit in March.

The B.C. Cancer Agency's screening mammography program will be at the local courthouse from March 14-24.

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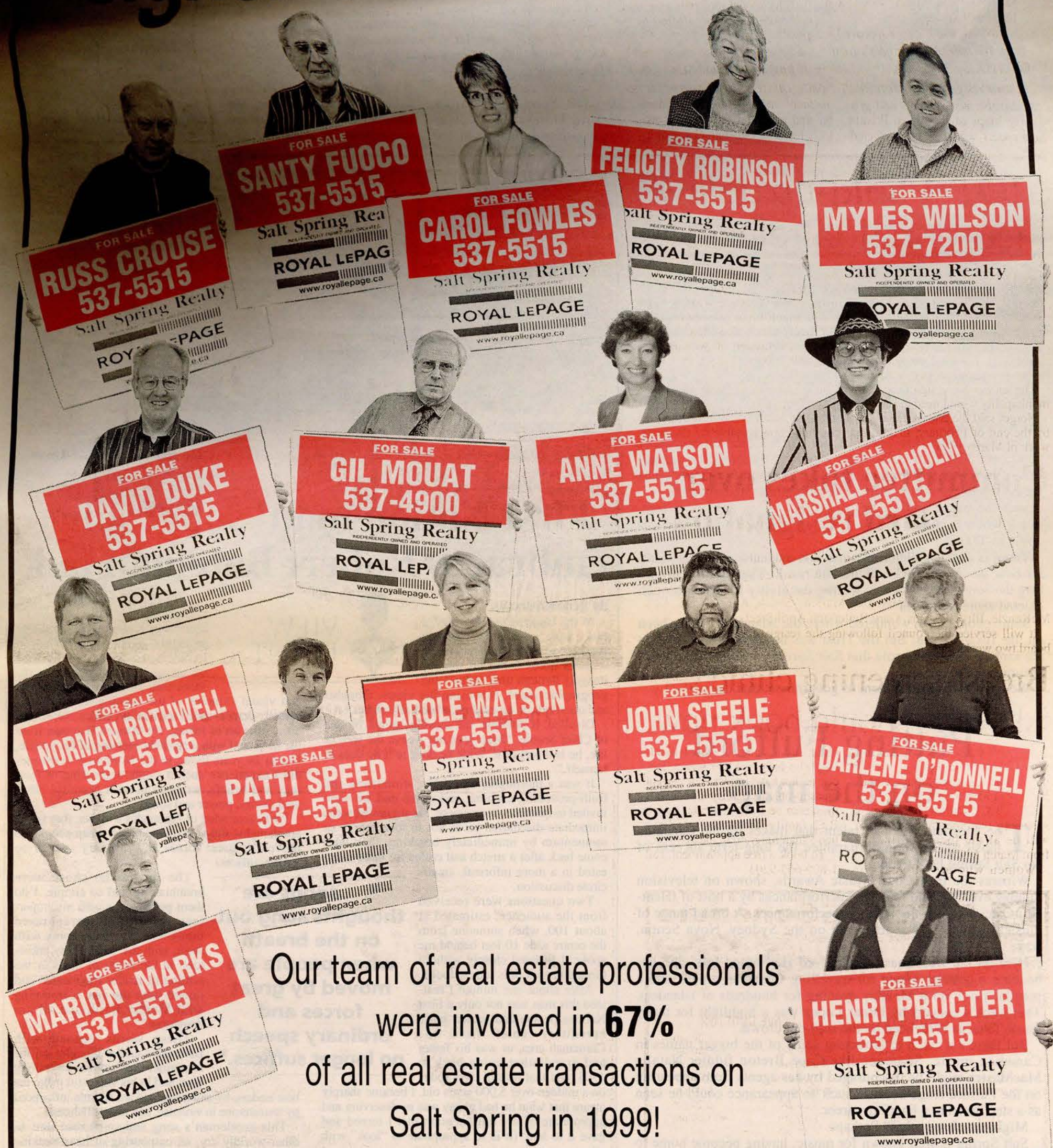
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## We have no voice

Islanders who have any concern at all about the Texada logging issue are among those who should prepare to give serious thought to the matter of local government.

It doesn't matter if you love logging or hate it. The point at issue is the process we have to deal with matters such as this. There simply isn't one.

Before anyone should jump to the conclusion that we are in favour of incorporating Salt Spring as a municipality, let us make the assurance that we are not.

Insufficient information is available to anyone to decide whether electing a mayor and council would improve the quality of life for Salt Spring Islanders.

But the deficiencies of the current system are evident and must be considered in the final decision over incorporation, should such a decision be put before the public for a vote.

In hindsight we would suggest that had there been a strong and effective municipal council in place when the Texada lands were sold last fall, the community would be the better for it.

Texada Land Corporation would have been able to speak to the community through its councillors. And the community would have been able to state clearly and with one voice the importance of preserving some of the company's land holdings.

Perhaps an agreement could have been reached on the dedication of parkland, or on the trade-off of residential densities in exchange for preserved green space.

A democratically-elected and representative council would have been in a position to negotiate terms on behalf of the community, terms that could have satisfied at least some of the concerns over the logging.

Let's not forget that Texada Land Corporation has the upper hand here. The firm is the legal owner of the property, regardless of how you feel about the principle of land ownership. The legal system that helps protect us from chaos and anarchy, preserves the peace and creates order also gives us certain freedoms when it comes to the use of property. Those freedoms apply to Texada.

There is nothing illegal in what it is currently doing, no matter how much we might dislike the result. The solution to getting the result we want is in having the ability to speak through elected representatives.

Some people have wondered where the Islands Trust has been on the Texada issue. But the Trust was not designed to take on the kind of leadership role that Salt Spring so desperately needs at times like these.

We have to look for a form of government that does.

## Putting Fulford on the map

The enormous pool of talent that makes up the Canadian music scene should guarantee the long-term success of the Salt Spring Folk Club.

Witness the East Coast Music Awards, shown on television Sunday evening, and featuring performances by a host of talented musicians from the Atlantic performances. A broad range of musical genres was represented on the Sydney, Nova Scotia, stage.

Here on the west coast, the Fulford Hall-based folk club has become a popular venue for travelling Canadian artists, and a popular place on a Monday evening for hundreds of islanders. This week's concert by Oscar Lopez was a highlight for many music fans, as evidenced by the sold-out crowd.

But there's a catch to attracting some of the bigger names in Canadian music. Someone like Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster might be discouraged by her agents from appearing on the Fulford stage because such an appearance could be seen as a step down in a budding career.

Might we change that? Perhaps.

Salt Spring is well known for music, having become home to artists with an international reputation. And Fulford Hall is a known entity on the Canadian folk club circuit.

With the right kind of promotional mix the Salt Spring Folk Club could come to be regarded as a key venue for touring musicians. There is already strong support here for developing cultural tourism as our economic mainstay.

A collaborative marketing effort could create a win-win situation for everyone: musicians, audiences and those who rely on the tourist industry.

That latter category includes all of us.



Chris Kodaly and Janette Grey at All Saint's weekly Music and Munch

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## First Nation man's song, spirit embraces Robert Bateman talk

By RON HAWKINS

At the United Church Friday, a talk was given by Robert Bateman in which he freewheeled without notes using art history imagery through time, culture and geographic space, espousing his views, thoughts and questions on an esoteric breadth of subject.

Distilled, if possible, the message might be that of Chief Seattle: "Man does not weave the web of life, he is a part of it. What he does to it he does to himself."

It was a thoroughly agreeable, stimulating and truth-provoking evening, and at the end we were invited to question or comment. He suggested some immediate discussion so as not to lose energy or momentum by immediately breaking, then later come back after a stretch and coffee for those interested in a more informal, small-circle discussion.

Two questions were received from the audience, estimated at about 100, when someone from the centre aisle 10 feet behind me spoke. I listened closely without turning to look (it is rude to look).

After about one minute I realized this man was not only a First Nations person and healer, but a hereditary chief from the Carmanah area, as was his father and grandfather going back to 1905, and that he still lives today on a midden over 5,000 years old. I became sharply aware that what he had to say was so deserving and appropriate of my full attention that I turned and gave it to him. (It is so appropriate to "look" with all our senses.)

In retrospect, I realize this man was out of his head, so unlike the rest of us intellectualized, western "WASPs" who had been probing Bateman from our heads. Here was a guy who wasn't questioning, wasn't proselytizing, wasn't correcting or condemning, wasn't doing anything more than acknowledging, expressing his gratitude and worshipping the wisdom of his culture through heart and spirit. What an amazing grace!

I appreciated how spontaneous and courteous he



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was, unencumbered by self-consciousness, how fully he gave of himself in a church full of white strangers. What irony! What an unanticipated, undeserved, beautiful act of love and human spirit.

More than all the rich intellectual and visual stimulus of the evening this response actually demonstrated spirituality, ethics, nature and art . . . the art of loving. He thanked Bateman from the heart and with a spiritual blessing of his people. Not in 24 years living in the Northwest Territories did I experience such a single outpouring of feelings and beliefs, wrapped in such beautiful bilingual poetry, prayer and song.

I was reminded of Opingaliq's views, that songs are thoughts sung out on the breath when people are moved by great forces and ordinary speech no longer suffices.

**"...songs are thoughts sung out on the breath when people are moved by great forces and ordinary speech no longer suffices."**

The images he chose were breathtaking and so simple. I do them poor justice with my imperfect, recollected, paraphrased thoughts: "My body joins with spirit, with the spirit of my ancestors, in the flight of birds or the settling of matter fragmented and joined with the sea, a rejoining with Mother Earth and all her daughters."

These words echoed with Bateman's earlier thoughts on the feminine, that women have long been and in his view still make the

best leaders, by and large, and are so little influenced by testosterone in violence, lust and selfishness.

This gentleman's song and spirit rose into an other-worldly cry, an outpouring of heart-seeking connection. I was overwhelmed, unable to look or hold my head. Tears from a deep place began slipping from closed eyes. I suspect this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me, sculpted from grace and chance. Words could not serve me later, were absolutely extraneous, inappropriate, irrelevant.

The session adjourned without further discussion, Bateman and this stranger embracing in the middle of the aisle in warm silence.

*The writer lives on Salt Spring.*

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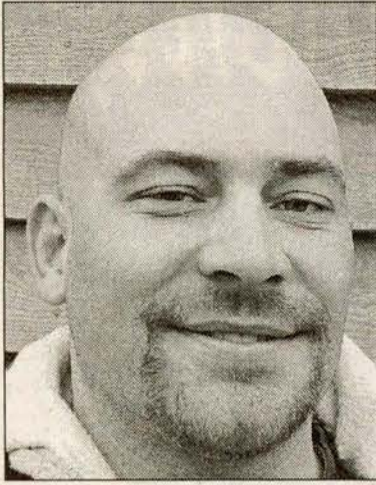
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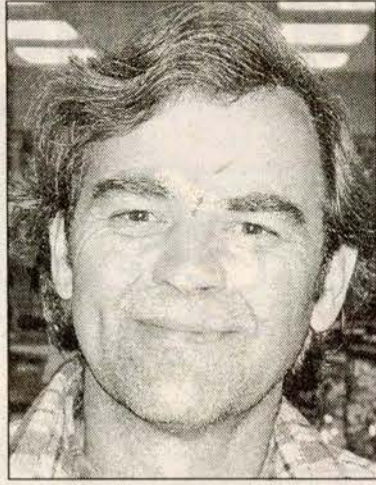
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*Vanessa Maria Furano — for being who she is and allowing me to do the same. Thanks, sugar!*



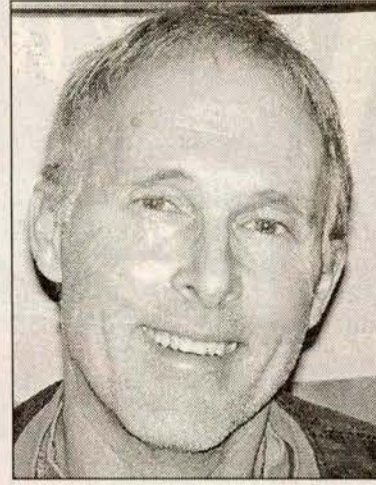
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*I would take one big arrow and make everyone love each other, with no limitations or rules! (For Valentine's Day and every day if possible.)*



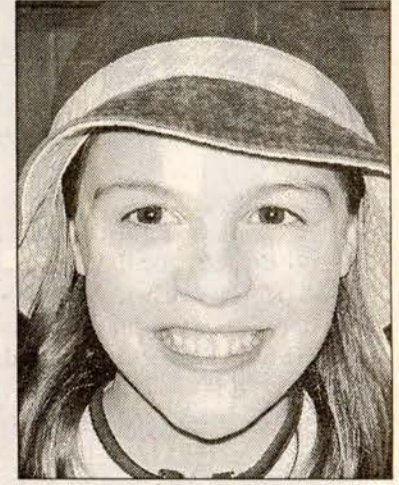
**Drew Clarke**

*My mom, whose birthday is on Valentine's Day, because I love her.*



**David Keim**

*I would shoot my arrow — dripped, dripping with my heart's blood — some divine staining the garment of your raiment, never washed, ever remembered thoughts of you... (for Isabella).*



**Gabriella Mitchell**

*I would shoot an arrow through the earth and spread peace, love and joy throughout the world.*

## Letters to the Editor

### People united

As I write this I am recalling the events of Friday, February 4 when we (the preservationist community) marched on the Islands Trust office with the stated intention of "supporting them in upholding their mandate to 'preserve and protect' before there's nothing left to 'preserve and protect'."

Of course we know that there's only so much they can do, so we're trying to raise funds and public will to purchase the Texada Land holdings or at least the most sensitive and fragile portions of those lands for preservation and the rest for local use by island residents. We are trying to speak on behalf of the interests of Salt Springers in general, but we cannot because we are just a small, vocal, passionate majority on the island. The government will pay no attention to our concerns or their mandate to identify and preserve unique habitats for the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy unless we can present a united front as a community of islanders with diverse needs, talents and habits of mind.

On Friday, preservationists chanted "The people, united, will never be defeated!" And I suspect there is some truth in that slogan.

I can only hope so, but it rang hol-

low in my ears as I tried to muster the necessary enthusiasm to support that staged media event and the cause for which it was enacted.

I didn't figure out why until I wandered off to gather my thoughts and started talking to a logger who was standing there shaking his head in dismay at the spectacle we presented. He sounded off about how he had been shut down when he tried to present his views to the now-defunct "Direct Action Committee" and he called us a bunch of hypocrites for saying we want unity on one hand and creating a "war in the woods" on the other.

There are many good reasons to purchase those lands for preservation and local use of its resource potential. We just have to come together as a community at large to find areas of agreement on what should be done to further all our interests in dealing with the current absentee landlords — who are neither demons nor saints but people like us, but perhaps not like how we want to think of ourselves.

We must move past this divisive politics and cliques of one-upmanship and listen to each other. Talk to your island neighbours. The people, united, can never be defeated. Let's work towards a true win-win situa-

tion for all of us.

**JULIA LERNER,**  
Salt Spring

### Terminology

On the front page of your January 4 edition you headlined an article on the protest at Burgoyne Bay: "Early morning action is anti-loggers' first blast."

Then you continued in your article using the term "anti-logging activists."

Upon reading this, I immediately phoned your office to protest such terminology and informed you that people are not "anti-loggers" nor are they "anti-logging."

In your edition of January 26 I read, "Howard, Royal and Konig spoke out on the issue because they were tired of loggers being painted as evil."

I suggest it is you who helped do the painting.

"Environmentalists" (another word coined by the media) have always tried to befriend loggers, encouraging them to form their own companies and practise sustainable forestry.

Now we have a lot of unemployed forestry workers. Some are being retrained in a new area of work called "restoration" i.e. cleaning up

the messes left by the big companies.

I'd like to remind Mr.(s) Konig, Royal and Howard that people have been protesting the forest practices up-coast for many years. In 1993, over 800 people put themselves up for arrest. They came from all walks of life, some were over 70 years old, and some were from Salt Spring.

Local people were not too happy about it all but since then they've done some contemplating. Here is the good news: the town of Tofino recently passed a resolution to buy only "certified" sustainable harvested wood products.

It is a new bylaw! They are the first municipality in Canada to do so.

**M.S. JOHNSTONE,**  
Salt Spring

### No strings

Since the beginning of last December, travellers along Lower Ganges Road may have noticed a sign outside the Anglican church that says, Soup's On! Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m. The sign also invites anyone who is hungry to enjoy a bowl of soup and a sandwich without cost.

Let me share some of the comments that this sign has engendered.

"You shouldn't put 'hungry' because people have their pride!"

"No-one wants to own the fact that they are in need."

"Some people won't come because they think that there must be a religious catch!"

"They won't come even if they're starving because it's in a church."

Just for the record, let me assure those who are fearful that God will come out and grab them if they enter the Anglican centre: She won't!

They might, however, enjoy a pleasant meal amongst people whose only goal is to see that everyone's hunger is assuaged.

They'll be given a warm welcome, seated at an inviting table, served with a bowl of home-made soup, and offered sandwiches and a beverage.

So let me invite you to come and see for yourselves.

Soup's on! Tuesdays from 11:30 to 1 at the Anglican Centre.

We welcome the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, children and seniors, or even newcomers to Salt Spring who would like to meet some friendly people.

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**GLORIA DORWORTH,**  
for the Anglican Parish

**MORE LETTERS A11**

## Removal of residential rights could spark more court cases

By **BARBARA GEARY**

The outcome of November's election on Galiano was crucial, not only for the people of the Gulf Islands but for the whole province of British Columbia.

Residential property rights are at stake.

MacMillan Bloedel once owned close to 8,000 acres of forest land on Galiano Island. In the mid-'80s it attempted to modify its forestry practices to every extent possible to accommodate a small group of island residents. However, as each goal was achieved, the goalposts were moved and further long-term stipulations and unrealistic expectations were demanded. There was no compromise and it became clear that if these requested measures were adopted, it would diminish the economic viability for the Galiano forest lands.

In 1989 MacMillan Bloedel approached the Islands Trust with a plan. The proposal consisted of a dedication of 1,000 acres to parkland, 300-350 residential lots of approximately five acres each, and the remaining 5,000 dedicated to a registered tree farm in perpetuity. There was no support for



this concept by the local Trust committee. A small group of islanders would no longer allow Mac-Blo to carry out proper forestry practices, they could not develop the lands, so the only other possibility given was to convert their lands to a "community forest." The newly formed Galiano Conservancy was granted a year to come forward with a mutually acceptable plan to purchase Mac-Blo forest lands.

By 1990-91, Mac-Blo had no choice but to sell its Galiano forest lands with existing rights. That included one dwelling per 20 acres, with a declaration that local trustees were proposing a new bylaw to change existing rights. Margaret Griffiths and Diane Cragg, trustees at that time, then passed bylaws #81-85, which changed the permitted density from 20 acres to 20 hectares (approximately 50 acres).

MacMillan-Bloedel proceeded to take the Galiano Island Trust Committee to court to contest these bylaws. In 1993 the bylaws were found to be "discriminatory and passed in bad faith and declared void for illegality." The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee, with the support of the Islands Trust, filed an appeal to overturn the ruling of the Honorable Mr. Justice Paris and won the appeal in 1995.

During this period the Galiano community set out to find a compromise with a new official community plan (OCP). This took years, with input from over 100 people belonging to various groups within the community. The new OCP when finalized stated: "One dwelling unit shall be permitted per lot with an additional dwelling for every 20 hectares (49.4 acres) of lot area over 20 hectares." This was the community's solution. It would have brought 140 homes to Galiano, on approximately 8,000 acres, hardly a "strip development". This accommodated all forest lot owners and satisfied most people. In 1995 the OCP was signed by the Minister of

Municipal Affairs. It has not yet been enacted upon.

When the local Trust committee won its appeal in 1995, mayhem resulted, leaving many people in a vulnerable position. Homes that had been built legally were now declared non-conforming. People who owned 20 acre lots could not meet the new criteria of the bylaws so their properties were devalued. A road built at great expense to meet highway standards to satisfy the requirements of the subdivision approval officer, was no longer needed, as the trustees disallowed the application to progress any further. These law-abiding, tax-paying citizens were left out in the cold, but they continued to work closely with the trustees hoping for a just solution.

Last year, trustees Margaret Griffiths and Debbie Holmes drafted Bylaw #124 to amend the OCP. Their proposed bylaw not only removes residential rights but also expropriates private property. At this very moment, the bylaw sits on the minister's desk awaiting his approval. If signed, this proposed bylaw could well bring about another series of court

cases 10 years later.

There are a total of 97 forest lots on Galiano. This bylaw forces 58 owners of small, legally existing lots of approximately 20 acres each to build on five acre parcels of land chosen by the local trustees, with their remaining 15 acres being donated to a "community forest," without compensation. I feel assured this will not be allowed to happen in Canada.

Their proposed bylaw allows for 327 dwellings on five acre lots, plus 3,270 acres of "donated" land for a "community forest" and 2,000 acres of parkland, already acquired. Recognize this proposal? We have come full circle in 10 years to get back to square one. Well, not quite. Mac-Blo's plan would have succeeded, this proposed bylaw cannot.

With an unshakable belief in natural justice, a proposed bylaw to expropriate private land without compensation would not be moral. I believe that the minister should not sign this bylaw.

Wake up, people of British Columbia, it could be your property next.

*The writer is a Galiano Island resident.*

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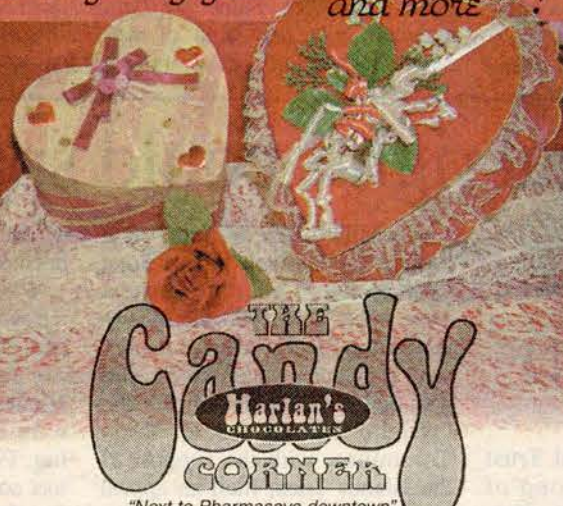
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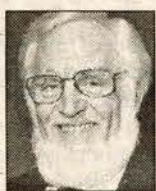
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# Diverse six-pack looking for better government

VICTORIA — Ask any British Columbian mildly interested in politics and the democratic process whether the current system works and he'll likely inquire if you're out on a day pass.

## CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



make government in British Columbia more democratic, responsive and accountable. Named the Ad-hoc Committee on the Provincial Constitution, the committee members will make recommendations aimed at a fundamental overhaul of the provincial government.

Convinced that British Columbia desperately needs a better system of government, the committee hopes to stimulate broad-based public debate and discussion on a long list of topics from fixed election dates to electoral reform.

The committee members aren't political neophytes.

The system, it is generally agreed, doesn't work. The wheels fell off it long ago.

For more than a decade now, B.C. politics has been racked by scandal, turmoil and confusion. Scandals have dominated the news. Three premiers have been forced to resign. The economy is in tatters. And public cynicism is rampant.

The question is: what are we going to do about it? Throwing the rascals out alone won't bring about fundamental change, which is needed to restore confidence in the democratic process. We've been there, done that, and no change occurred. Changes to the very core of how we govern ourselves are necessary.

And a group of British Columbians are doing more than give lip service to the demand for change. They've formed a committee to suggest ideas on how to

that will empower people and make government more effective."

Mair of open-line fame, says, "After nearly 10 years of political turmoil, the forced resignation of three premiers, and massive mismanagement of the economy, people trust no one, and feel disconnected from the political system. We must mobilize citizens to demand that significant improvements be made."

The committee's agenda covers topics such as the size of and appointments to cabinet, appointments to Crown corporations, the judiciary, an independent Crown counsel, balanced budget legislation, direct democracy measures, definition of confidence motions, a fixed legislative calendar, separation of the executive and legislative branches, electoral reform, and more.

Lauk, a former NDP cabinet minister, says, "Trust in government must be restored. It is imperative that over the next two years British Columbians discuss the fundamentals of good government." As for the rest of the committee, Loenen is a former Social Credit MLA, Mel Smith a constitutional expert and Bud Smith a

former Socred cabinet minister.

The committee expects to publish a report by next June and its members hope their example will stimulate others to put forward constructive ideas on how to empower people and make government accountable.

I have, on occasion, been critical of every one of the members of this committee, which isn't surprising since all but one have been active in politics as members of B.C.'s legislature, which makes criticism unavoidable.

Mel Smith has been the target of my barbs because his take on native land claims and treaties differs considerably from mine.

But I have no hesitation endorsing their crusade for a better system of government. God knows we need it, and the combined experience of these six guys, who in their present incarnation, have no axe to grind, could serve us all well.

Let the suggestions come forth and let the public debate begin.

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# Letters

## Sustainable?

I am writing in response to Aarran James' (Rainbow) question that he would like to ask Salt Spring Islanders (from last week's Driftwood). The question was: "How can we create a sustainable community?"

I strongly feel that if people who commit hideous crimes against someone in the community would act responsibly and come forward to be held accountable for what they have done it would be a big step towards creating a safe, healthy, sustainable community for everyone!

LYNN DEMERS, ALLI HAMES, Salt Spring

## Success

We who organized last weekend's community celebration, Our Island, Our World, greatly appreciate the cooperation of your paper in getting the news of our event to our fellow islanders.

Generally, those in attendance found the films thought-provoking, the food delicious, the music infectious, and the chance to learn more about the many volunteer groups in the community truly enlightening.

Thank you for your help in making it a success.

MAGGIE SCHUBART, Salt Spring Celebration Coalition

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# Hard drugs and alcohol abuse among locals' major concerns

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

A growing availability of cocaine, heroin, LSD, crack and locally grown marijuana on Salt Spring, plus ongoing alcohol abuse, are the top crime-related concerns among youth and adults on Salt Spring.

This is the preliminary finding of Richard Kerr and Myranda O'Byrne, coordinators of the Salt Spring Island Youth Crime Prevention Project.

"We have met with a lot of parents who are concerned (about youth crime), but there are many who don't know what the reality is," O'Byrne says.

The reality, she adds, is easy access to hard drugs. "We've heard Salt Spring described as the drug capital of Canada."

And while the drug trade is still a local venture, police are concerned that the island's growing reputation for drug use could attract big-time dealers.

Currently, Kerr says, local dealers are travelling off-island, meeting with biker gang-type dealers and bringing the drugs back to Salt Spring. But if the market here is deemed big enough, the dealers might cut out the middle man and move in themselves.

"Our feeling is that it is not too late to change the situation if the community wants to prevent that from happening," Kerr says.

But for social changes to occur, the community needs attitude changes, O'Byrne says. "There needs to be a cultural shift — all of our thinking needs to change."

She believes part of the problem exists with many adults' lax or condoning attitude toward the use of pot and alcohol — or "gateway" drugs.

"There is a proven connection between pot and harder drugs," she says. "Even cigarettes — it's pretty hard to smoke dope if you don't smoke cigarettes."

Kerr has noted, however, that even among adults who believe in the legalization of marijuana, there exists some recognition that youth do not have the necessary regard for "control and moderation."

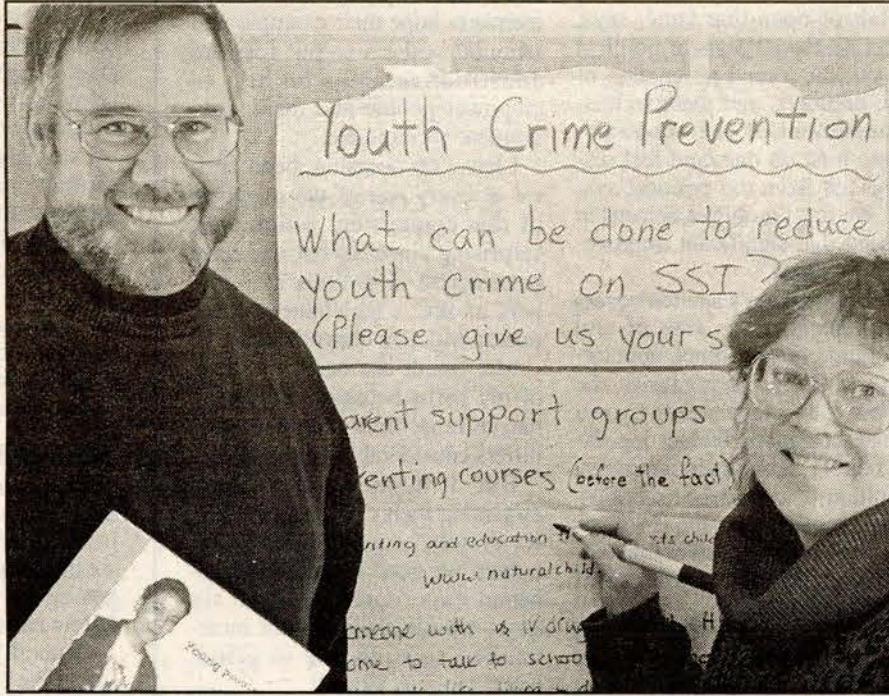
"There is a difference between those who have a glass of red wine with dinner and those who drink to get hammered," Kerr says. "I've had youths say, 'if we're not going to get drunk, what's the point of drinking?'"

Kerr and O'Byrne have spent the past eight weeks speaking locally to about 200 youths and an equivalent number of adults. They surveyed professionals who deal with youth such as police, teachers and youth workers, met with various school PACs (Parents Advisory Committees), and worked with students in the high school.

In the next two months, they plan to broaden their meetings, holding at least three public forums, and move into the middle school.

Although the initial focus of the project was youth crime prevention, the two have found it necessary to widen their mandate and include the protection of youth from crime.

"We want to see youths as happy, healthy, productive members of our community."



Richard Kerr, Myranda O'Byrne: Youth Crime Prevention Project

Photo by Derrick Lundy

In working on the project, Kerr's biggest surprise has been the extent of drug and alcohol abuse in early grades. The "stumbling block" for O'Byrne has been the community's condoning of this abuse.

"It is accepted as a way of life, and I think that's very sad," she says.

Kerr is also amazed by how far the "no ratting" rule extends.

"It's one thing not to tell when someone puts chewing gum on your seat, but this extends to assault, arson and people selling drugs to kids in Grade 7."

"We need to see that things that cause harm get reported," O'Byrne adds. And if youths don't feel comfortable reporting crimes to police, there needs to be trusted adults in their lives with whom they can confide.

Adults must take an active role in preventing youth crime, the two have concluded.

At the very outset, O'Byrne says, "Adults need to be good role models, not going around drunk and stoned."

And parents need to establish open, honest and respectful dialogue with their children and teens.

"Some parents find they can't communicate with their teens so they give up and stop the dialogue. But the kids still need their parents."

It is too early to determine what strategies for community recovery the final report will recommend; however, Kerr and O'Byrne have pin-pointed several "good things being done" here, such as the Community Justice (Diversion) program.

Over the next two months they plan to look at pioneering projects occurring in other rural communities across North America, "raise awareness of the issues involved in youth crime, identify risk and prevention factors, and build on current efforts for preventing youth crime."

One aspect of the project which has inspired both Kerr and O'Byrne is the group of young people with whom they have been working.

"We have been totally delighted with our youth team volunteers," O'Byrne says. "They have been open and honest and are as baffled by the solutions as we are."

O'Byrne has so far been working with about 18 high school volunteers, from Grades 9 to 12. This month she begins working in the middle school, recruiting volunteers from younger students.

Volunteers from across the community are still welcome in the youth crime project. Anyone interested can contact O'Byrne at 537-9328 or Kerr at 537-9432.

## Contributors:

Several factors on Salt Spring have been identified as contributing to youth crime.

- These include:
- parents who lack parenting skills;
  - families where conflict and/or drug and alcohol abuse is present;
  - lack of good role models for youth;
  - inadequate life skills;
  - peer pressure;
  - TV, movies and videos which portray drug and alcohol use, violence and crime;
  - a lack of affordable things to do that don't involve drug and alcohol use.

## Strategies:

While the second half of the Youth Crime Prevention Project will focus on strategies which Salt Spring can adopt to prevent youth crime, several suggestions have already been made.

- These include:
- parenting skills programs;
  - parent support groups;
  - affordable recreational facilities that are open late;
  - public education about the risks and consequences associated with youth drug and alcohol use;
  - Effective Behavior programs in schools to encourage civility and respect for others;
  - alternative education — to reduce school drop-out rates;
  - more adults of all ages taking interest in youth as positive role models and mentors;
  - life skills development for youth, including off-island learning and recreational activities;
  - more support for troubled youth and children, and;
  - community support for single parents.

# PARTY GIRLS: not welcome

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abuse often begins as early as Grade 7 for some children.

Parties on Salt Spring have traditionally included a broadly-aged assortment of people who gather to dance, drink and listen to music.

But in the past, the 17-year-old says, girls began attending these parties the summer before they entered Grade 11. Now, often at the urging of older males, it is common to see a group of Grade 9 and younger girls at these parties. (It is important not to paint all 13- and 14-year-old girls with the same brush — many spend their weekend in other pursuits.)

Kerr says Salt Spring demographics result in a high ratio of males aged 20-24 here compared to their female counterparts, most of whom have left the island to work or attend school.

While it is important not to label every man in this age group, Kerr stresses, it is often these males who are "hosting the parties, getting the booze and creating some of the problem."

The situation has a chain reaction among young teens: the older guys invite the younger girls who, in turn, draw young males to the parties, spurring them into premature alcohol abuse as well.

The 17-year-old says: "I can't even have fun anymore because I'm worried about where my little cousin is or where that other little girl is. None of us (older girls) want them there."

The Grade 12 girls feel they have to baby-sit the younger ones — "hold their hair away from their faces as they throw-up in the bathroom," and steer them away from preying males.

The young girls' inexperience with alcohol exacerbates the problem.

"We learned our limits in private — hanging out and having a beer or two. When you're ready to handle it, that's when you go out," the 17-year-old says.

Community Services Society youth worker Norma Thompson agrees.

"A 17-year-old has developed more of a tolerance," she says. "When kids are just starting to drink, one beer can put them into a state of impairedness."

Girls in their early teens are very impressionable, Thompson adds — it's a big deal to be invited to a party by an older boy because the young girls "really want to fit in. But this is also when they get taken advantage of."

In addition to having physical limitations, young teens do not have the maturity to handle alcohol, O'Byrne says. "They don't think ahead, they don't plan for a designated driver, they have no place to sleep."

The Grade 12 girls wonder why parents aren't holding tighter reins on their daughters — checking up on them and ensuring their safety.

"There is definitely a part of Salt Spring that thinks youth drinking is just part of growing up," says local RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire. "(They think that) as long as they take drinking and driving precautions, everything will be all right."

But grabbing car keys from potential impaired drivers does not prevent the sexual assaults, physical assaults and drug abuse that often accompanies alcohol abuse at these parties.

Young teens really need parental guidance, O'Byrne says, even though the temptation is to grant them more freedom at this age. And parents should support each other in determining whether or not teens are at the location they said they'd be.

"It needs to become part of the parental culture to check up on them," she says.

In the next few months, parents may have no choice but to deal with their drunk young teenagers. The Grade 12 girls who met last week agreed to put the problematic girls in taxis and send them home.

"The parents will have to pay for it; they'll get woken up at whatever hour and have to deal with this drunk girl."

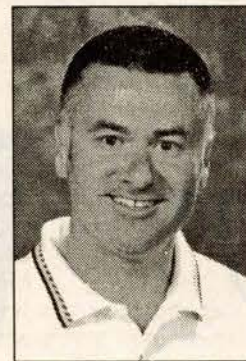
Thompson thinks this is an excellent solution — "They'd be doing them a favour," she says.

In the meantime, older guys who see the young girls as easy targets should make themselves aware of the law, police advise.

According to the Criminal Code, the age of "consent" for a girl to have sex is 14. In other words, it is not a defence for a male to claim a 13-year-old girl agreed to have sex with him. (However, the law can be challenged if the male is less than two years older than girl and if she is over 12.)

And young girls should think twice before they start drinking at older kids' parties. They might find themselves in taxis on their way home to their parents or, worse, they could wake up the next morning to find themselves victims of sexual assault.

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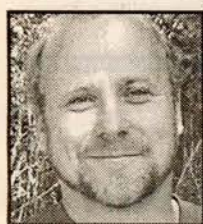
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### Smooth play gives SIMS well-earned win

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) gave Duncan Christian a lesson in hitting the open player in a 69-13 Grade 8 girls basketball victory Thursday at SIMS.

It didn't hurt that the locals held a hot hand from the field, connecting on a great percentage to run up a 36-2 lead by halftime.

Most of the offensive surge came on layups after steals but it was also built around unselfish play that created excellent passing to find players left unguarded.

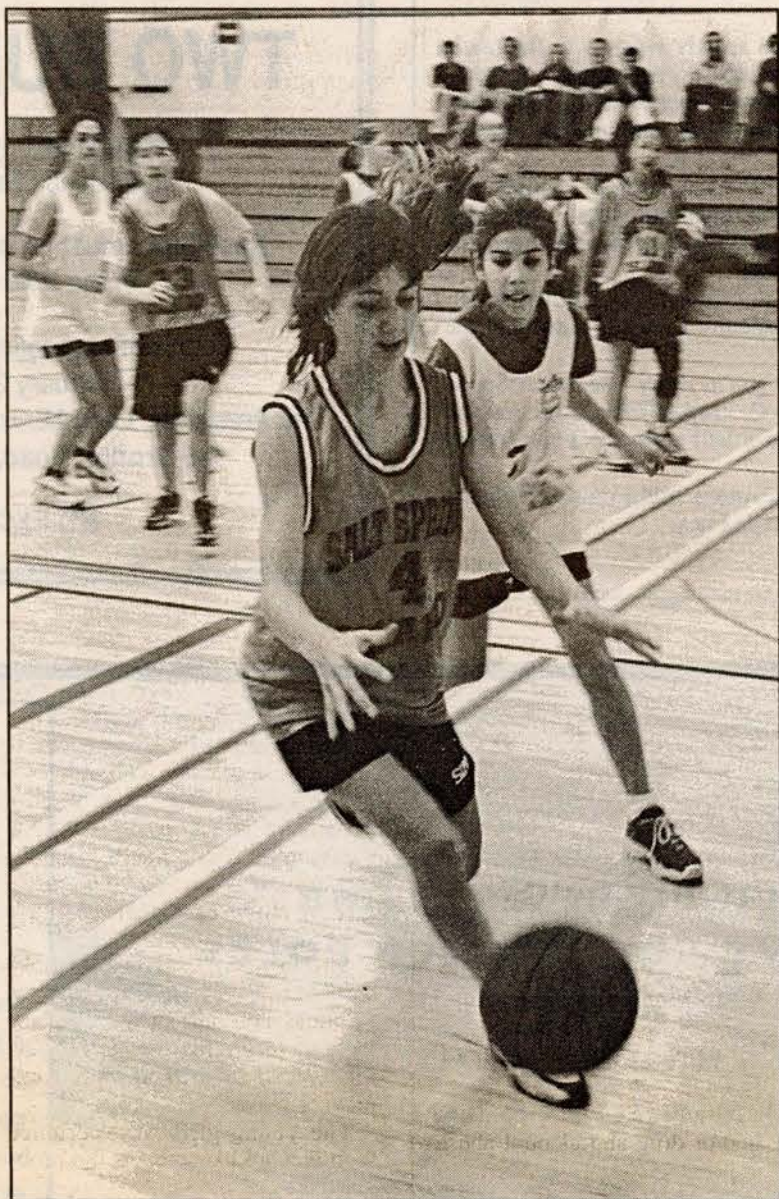
Court general Bliss Wiebe spent much of the game shovelling the ball inside to Caitlin Taylor and Kaiti Reynolds for easy buckets but also found lots of roaming room herself.

Wiebe finished as the game's top scorer with 13. Taylor finished with 11 and Reynolds 10 while four others contributed eight in a well-balanced attack.

What the game came down to ultimately was experience. Duncan Christian did not have the same sort of discipline to run with SIMS. Time and time again they squandered opportunities by watching the floor instead of their teammates.

It showed as the winners blanked their guests 12-0 throughout the entire first quarter. Even when the pace of the game increased, SIMS was able to adapt better and was never in jeopardy of losing.

The girls played Lake Cowichan Tuesday.



**BALL CONTROL:** It was a case of better preparation for SIMS Grade 8 girls basketball team when they took a decisive 69-13 win over Duncan Christian Thursday at the middle school. Marlo Hume (4) and her teammates were able to exercise near-total ball control over their opponents.

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### Short-staffed Scorpion boys suffer

With a severely curtailed bench, Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys hoop team ran into some heavy hitters at a Frances Kelsey tournament and could only manage a 2-2 record over the weekend.

Friday the Scorpions had to face two of the province's top-rated teams with a scant two-hour break in between. And with only seven healthy players available to coaches John Callas and Myles Wilson, the inevitable happened.

First up was Ladysmith in a tight game that was only decided late and in Ladysmith's favour by a 62-53 score.

Jesse McEachern potted 18 to lead GISS while Sam

Hannah finished with 14.

Next came Lambrick Park. The Scorpions held a two-point lead at the half but fatigue caught up with them in the third quarter. Despite Rhys Beasley's and Hannah's 18 points each, the islanders had to settle for the low side of a 79-58 score.

GISS next ran into two familiar opponents Saturday, easily running by the host team 71-38 on Hannah's 21 points and then defeating Chemainus 65-40. Beasley led all scorers with 20 while Alex Lemay added 18.

The Chemainus game was also used to count for a previously delayed league contest. The win put GISS into a first-place tussle with Brentwood Tuesday, playing on the Scorpions' home court.

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### Baseball group gets executive

Salt Spring's minor baseball and girls softball association managed to find a new executive Thursday when Gordon Lee agreed to take over as president and Bill Miles stepped up to be the vice-president.

Roy Kinnear, Simon Henson, John Pinchin, Brian Little, Ben Berry and Terry Munroe were elected as directors.

With leadership under control the season is set to begin April 10.

Deadline for registrations is March 10; forms are available at the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission office at Portlock Park.

### SIMS floats to the top

Two victories in Grade 8 boys basketball league action last week kept Salt Spring Middle School at the top of the standings, and at least one team would prefer not to see the islanders again.

January 31 SIMS travelled to Queen of Angels and dropped a 101-9 defeat on its host.

The competition was much tougher Wednesday at Mount Prevost as the islanders had to regroup after a slow start to emerge with a 51-39 victory.

SIMS had only seven players and found itself down by eight in the first quarter before grabbing the lead at the half and maintaining it through the final whistle.

"Gordie Akerman had a standout game, controlling both ends," said coach Lindsay McQueen. "He really helped the team wake up after the slow start."

The team travelled to Quamichan Monday and will trek to George Bonner next Monday before returning for the league finale against Brentwood on Salt Spring.

### Junior boys take easy road to wins

Gulf Islands Secondary School junior boys basketball Scorpions took a pair of wins last week without even suiting up.

Brentwood and Shawnigan Lake forfeited their on-island games, leaving the local squad a step closer to top seeding in the mid-island tournament starting Thursday in Cowichan.

### Tornadoes blue over Lightning victory

Salt Spring Middle School's Grade 7 Blue Lightning held off a determined Tornadoes squad last Wednesday to take a 32-25 victory in Tsunami intramural basketball.

In Grade 6 action on the same day, the Breakers downed the Sea Devils 38-25.

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## Geezers overcome boys of winter

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

There is nothing like a game of soccer to bring out the boy in a bunch of rapidly aging men.

It is what keeps bringing 71-year-old Al Wardle back to the field even when his Gordon Head Class Act over-40 squad loses as they did Sunday to the Salt Spring Geezers by a 4-1 score at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

"The biggest difference is how much better the skill is today, which means it is attack, attack, attack," said Wardle, who started playing soccer in the U.K. in 1933. "But I wouldn't be out here if I didn't enjoy it. As long as they let me anyway."

Wardle played a solid match at his defensive position but still couldn't keep Salt Spring's front line of Rainer Funk, Doug Pearson and Gord Speed from creating a dozen good chances in Class Act's end.

The chances started early but it wasn't until the midway point of the first half that the Geezers were able to capitalize.

Pearson put a floating cross into the crease in the 20th minute but, when it slipped out of the keeper's hands, Funk was right on the line to butt it across with his chest.

Two minutes later, midfield general Damien Brazier also capitalized on a run up the right side when he chipped a perfect shot from 18 metres across the crease and into the top left-hand corner.

Brazier choreographed a near-dominance for Salt Spring through the middle of the field right from the opening whistle.

Gordon Head used speedy wingers to find their chances off excellent crosses, pulling back to within one in the 26th minute when a scuffle in the box sent a squib kick off the post and into the back of the Geezers' net.

Class Act opened the second half strongly and were pushing for the equalizer when a fingertip save by Geezer keeper Siegfried Karl deflated the balloon midway through.

Both teams were surprisingly fit considering neither had played since early December and kept the play at a high level.

But the islanders put it away late when Speed easily beat Class Act's keeper from 12 metres and seconds later tapped a ball across to Funk for his second marker.

The locals move into a night contest tonight (Wednesday) in Juan de Fuca.

## Scorpions win stinker against Brentwood

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) got its gym back in use last week but something stale was left hanging in the air.

It descended on the senior girls basketball Scorpions and their Brentwood guests in a game that left both teams shaking their heads at sloppy play and abysmal shooting.

The only good news was a 43-32 victory for the hosts after trailing for most of three quarters and shooting 20 for 81 from the field.

"We missed Clare (Rustad) and Christy (Robley) and with exams everyone wanted to be studying," said captain Annette Wright, who only found her usual court presence late in the game. "I think we all want to forget this one."

GISS' two-for-14 effort in the first plodding quarter was an early warning sign that game focus was left somewhere outside the school grounds. Brentwood wasn't much better but managed to hit a desperation three-pointer at the buzzer for an 11-4 lead.

The Scorpions switched successfully to a full-court press early in the second period and managed to climb back to within one point before Wright picked up her third foul and was relegated to the bench.

Then the Scorpions missed layup after layup and only the strong rebounding of Emily Bond managed to keep Brentwood from padding its lead.

Wright's return in the third sparked an offensive surge that produced shots but few baskets as the hosts only managed seven baskets on 28 attempts.

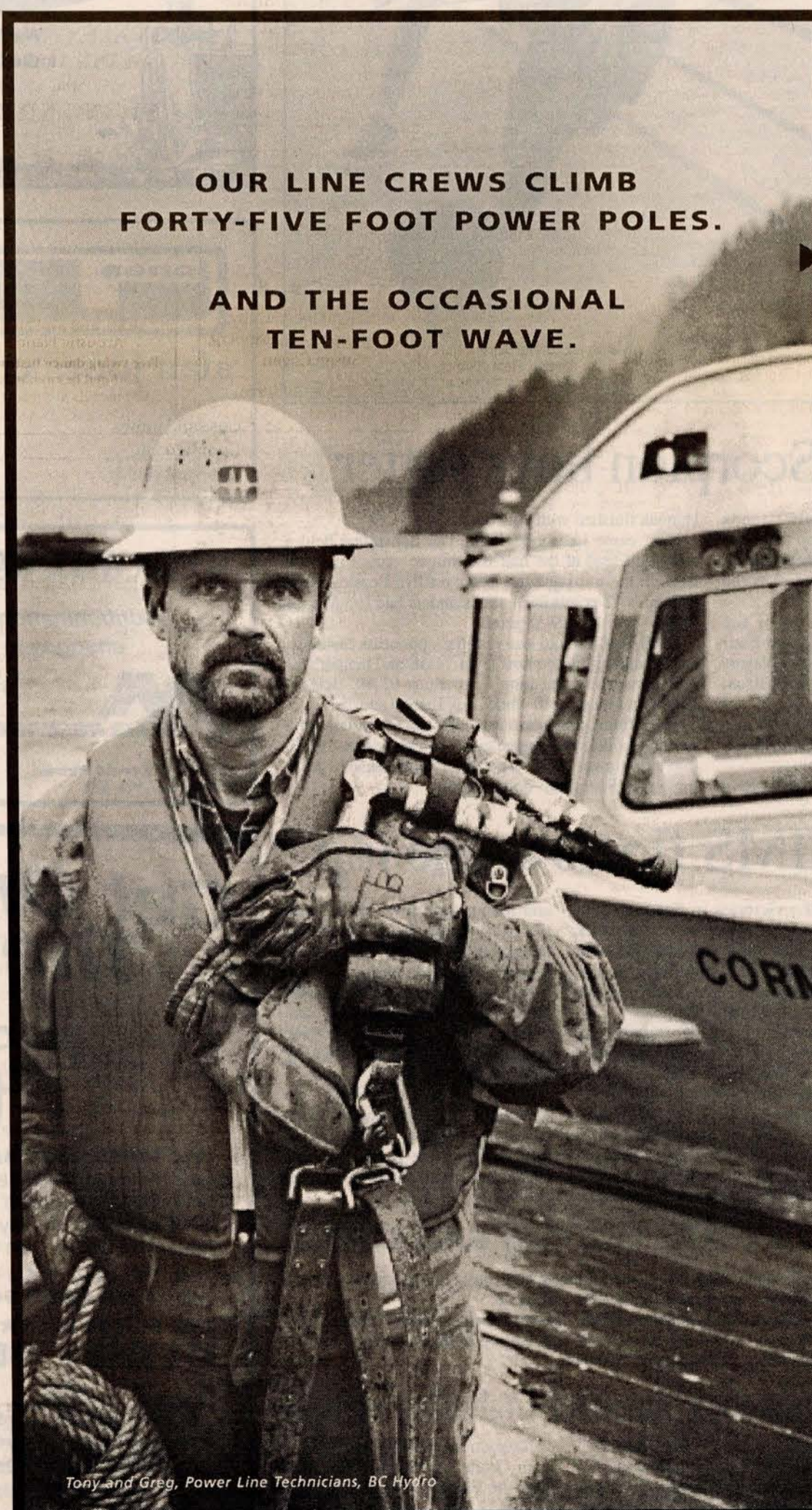
Even still it was enough for GISS to grab its first lead — 29-28 — at the break.

Wright finished with 22 points to lead all scorers but had few rebounds and fewer blocks. Fortunately, they were not needed as Brentwood fell apart in the late stages and never mounted a serious challenge after Jenn Keating hit two free throws for a 39-32 lead with just over three minutes remaining.

Cynthia Cameron contributed 10 points for the hosts who played Frances Kelsey Monday, Chémainus Tuesday and host Shawnigan Lake Friday to round out their league season.

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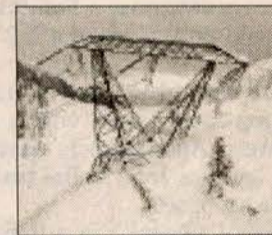
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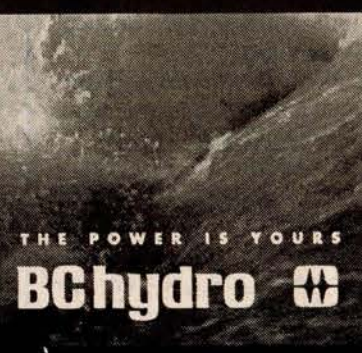


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**Announcements**


**5 BIRTHS**

WELCOME TO the World, Hayden MacDonald Wood! Born at home February 6th to ecstatic parents Jen and Adam. Thank you to Maggie, Kelly and our great friend Jen for all their help and an extra special thanks to our midwife Jules for all her amazing support and care.

**6 DEATHS**

FOWLER, (Pegs) Margaret Wyld (nee Edden) passed away peacefully January 29, 2000 at the Lady Minto Hospital. Born in Cambridge England May 8, 1916. Predeceased by her husband Leslie in 1991. Survived by her daughter Jennifer Quick (Ralph) of Salt Spring Island, sons Graham of Montreal and Tony (Terry Anderson) of Russell, Ontario. Also survived by 4 grandchildren Laura, Kevin, Nathan & Leigh-Anne and sister-in-law Betty Fowler of Delta B.C. No service by request. Memorial tea will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation would be greatly appreciated. The family wishes to thank Drs. Jim Buchan and Paula Ryan, and most especially all of the acute care staff at the Lady Minto Hospital for the wonderful care and compassion shown to us all.

(CPT.) SIDNEY FRASER, passed away surrounded by family, January 31. Born Liverpool England. Survived by loving wife Doreen. Cherished father and father-in-law to David and Leah, Danny and Elaine, Scott and Nadine and Richard and Nancy. Grandpa to Sarah, Gordon and Kaitlin; Cecelia, Jeff and Emily; James, Thomas, Sidney and Will. Survived by brother Eric (Ruth). Predeceased by brothers Norman and Frank. The family would like to thank the doctors and staffs of Lady Minto, Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals, whose care and dedication gave us an additional 14 years, and brought an entire generation of joy to his life. No service will be held. Donations in lieu of flowers to be sent to Lady Minto Hospital. Thanks to family and friends for their wishes and kindness.




"MINTEN - Elizabeth Cornelia (nee Grijsbach), passed away peacefully on February 5, 2000 at the Victoria General Hospital at the age of 84 years, with family members at her side. Elizabeth ("Bets") Minten was predeceased by her husband, Wim. For many years Bets and Wim Minten owned and operated EMBE Bakery in Ganges. Elizabeth Minten will be lovingly remembered by her five children John (Colleen), Peter (Glenda), Marion (Maury), Joe (Wendy), Angela, and by her 13 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She will also be missed by her many friends and relatives in Holland, including her sister Tini Biemans. Special thanks to Dr. McGregor and the hospital staff for their kind support and care.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9th, 2000 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Saanich. Bets Minten wished to be buried on Salt Spring Island and a gravesite service will be conducted by Father Doucet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Central Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C.

**7 IN MEMORIAM**

ROB LEHMAN, died February 11, 1990, missed by those who loved him, remembered by those who knew him. You will always be with us. Beth Portingale, and the Jellyfish.

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Victoria, B.C.  
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**1-800-663-7892**



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**8 CARDS OF THANKS**

MY SINCERE thanks to the Lady Minto Hospital staff, nurses, Dr. Karen Shkianka, Bob Crossland for the loving care given Gordon Parsons. Not forgotten, the home nurses and many friends.

WARM AND enthusiastic thanks to students Adam Tamboline (in charge), Shannon Anderson, Josie Ball, Amanda Bell, Zoe Chalmers, Thomas Clements, Stephanie Coultier, Natasha Gross, Rachelle Herman, Derek Kitchen, Erin and Shannon Mutz, Puto Okuda, Sunny and Tyler Sayer, Justine Simons and Jay Troop for their excellent cooking and efficient serving for the video festival, "Our Island, Our World". Chef Al Irving was very helpful in the planning as well as the execution, and it added greatly to the success of the occasion.

A GREAT BIG thank you to the Driftwood; the Barnacle; the GISS staff; Renata, School Board facilities; Bruce Elkin; Ray Hill; Scott Iverson; Al Rycroft; Harry Warner; Jewel Eldstrom; Cherie Geauvreau; Ted Baker and the Latterday Saints; Fred Powell, Omatepe Coffee; the musicians; IDERA; Island Star Video; Barb's Buns; Salt Spring Roasting Company; Lightning Press; Ganges Village Market; Thrifty Foods; Foxglove; Windsor Plywood Acoustic Planet; Jamie Squier and the chair movers; Kathy Young; ArtSpring; the Chamber of Commerce and to the many volunteers who helped in so many ways, from the organizers of "Our Island, Our World".

SPECIAL THANKS to the Salt Spring Centre, Driftwood, Barnacle and all who support us in our show. It's wonderful to feel the love of this island community. Ahava and Mahaka Shira.

**Notices**

**20 COMING EVENTS**

YES, FERNWOOD Elementary School will continue collecting your old Victoria B.C. Tel phone books. Please drop off your book at one of the following places. Patterson's Store, Thrifty Foods, Vesuvius Store or contact a Fernwood student. This activity raises money for the Greenhouse project.

MARKET IN The Park. All seasonal vendors wanting to renew their application have until February 28. Fee \$120. Day vendors can apply the first Saturday, April 1. Further inquiries 537-4448.

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at <http://www.gulfislands.net>. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

G.I.S.S. - P.A.C. meeting Tonight, Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m. Focus: presentation on youth crime prevention and related issues. See you there. Info: 537-1008.

**20 COMING EVENTS**

CALLING WOMEN Artists to a Celebration of Women in the Year 2000. Visual artists for a one week show at ArtSpring, March 4-11. Call Victoria 537-0061. Performing Artists for the opening night event Sunday March 5, 4-7 p.m. Call ahava 537-4510. Sponsored by SWOVA.

TANGO WORKSHOPS: teacher Liliana Kleiner, February 18, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Beginners \$25, 9-12 pm. Dance \$5. Feb. 19, 3 sessions \$20 ea. 10-12, 12:30 - 2:30, 3-5. Phone Margie Korrison at 537-2707 to pre-register.

JUDO: MARTIAL art, combative Olympic sport; grappling, competition preparation, conditioning, stretching. Mon. & Weds. 6-12 yrs., 4:30 - 6 p.m., \$30 monthly. 13-92 yrs., 7:15 - 9:30. \$35 monthly. Start any time. Call Shaun, 537-4942 or drop by the Dojo.

BAKING CLASSES - learn how to bake for your own bakery. Interested fee \$35. Call Dieters German Bakery today. Info, 537-9525.

**SALT SPRING ISLAND ROD & GUN CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 9 - 8 pm  
221 Long Harbour Road  
*Please attend - all welcome*

**Benefit Concert FOR LAND CONSERVANCY FUND**  
ArtSpring  
Fri. Feb. 18 ~ 8pm  
Bill Henderson, Valdy, Tom Hooper, Alan Moberg, Susan Cogan.  
Tix \$15 @ ArtSpring & Acoustic Planet

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PARC is sponsoring a one hour fitness class suitable for all levels to fundraise for the B.C. Heart & Stroke Foundation. Join all PARC fitness instructors at Fulford Community Hall on Monday, February 14 from 9 - 10am. The class will follow with refreshments and door prizes. Participation is by donation.



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**20 COMING EVENTS**

**SALT SPRING ISLAND ROD & GUN CLUB ANNUAL GAME DINNER**  
Sat., Feb. 19~ Dinner 7pm  
Tickets/Reservations  
653-4495 or 537-2409 (eves)

**ACTIVE P.A.S.S. presents DEBBI TOOLE in "A LADY OF LETTERS"**  
- by Alan Bennett  
**FINAL 2 PERFORMANCES**  
Feb. 11, 12  
at THE STUDIO ~ 8pm  
116 Langley Rd. in Vesuvius  
Tickets \$10 at et cetera  
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**VALENTINE'S SWING DANCE!**  
with  
**SWING SHIFT**  
  
Saturday, Feb. 12  
FULFORD HALL  
\$10 ticket  
Doors open 7:30pm  
Door ticket sales end at 8:30pm  
Tickets also available at Acoustic Planet.  
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Open to music students of all ages and instruments!  
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**Requirements**  
1. Must be a resident of Salt Spring Island, B.C.  
2. Must be currently studying music - privately or through GISS or SIMS.  
3. Must choose a solo that has an available accompaniment for concert band, (confirm with Dawn Hage at 537-1388).  
4. Registration forms must be completed & returned by **March 1, 2000**. Registration forms are available at Acoustic Planet and from Dawn Hage.  
**Audition Date:**  
March 25/26, 2000  
Time & Place T.B.A.  
All instruments, including voice, strings, and piano as well as woodwinds, brass, and percussion are welcome to audition. No age restrictions.  
Any questions or for more info, please call  
**Dawn Hage at 537-1388**

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**537-9117**

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Social Club presents  
**VALENTINE DANCE**  
Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000  
Meaden Hall - Lower Legion  
7:00 to 10:00pm  
Dance music by THE ISLANDERS  
Phil Fischer and Friends  
Tickets: \$11 ~ available at LOVE MY KITCHEN & PATTERSON'S STORE  
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**NATURAL HEALING FAIR**  
Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000  
11 - 6pm  
at Fulford Hall  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS**

Notice is hereby given that Creditors and others having claims against the estate of **BRIAN EDWARD BURKE**, deceased, formerly of 231 Chu-An Dr., Salt Spring Island, B.C., are hereby required to send full particulars of such claims to the undersigned Executor at #2 - 445 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver B.C., V5Y 1L3, before March 20, 2000 after which date the estate's assets will be distributed having regard only to the claims which that have been received.

Executor; Alec Caulfield Burke, c/o Burke & Jones, Barristers & Solicitors, #2 - 445 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver B.C., V5Y 1L3

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS RE: ERNEST AULT JENKINS, Deceased,**

Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **ERNEST AULT JENKINS**, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned solicitor at #1 - 105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5, on or before March 15, 2000, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed, having regard only to claims that have been received.

**IAN H. CLEMENT**, Executor of, and Solicitor to, the estate. #1 - 105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5 250-537-5505

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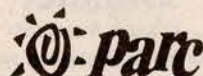
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**117 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"**

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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS**

**Salt Spring** 537-2270  
**Galiano** 539-2222  
**Pender** 629-3631  
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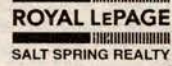
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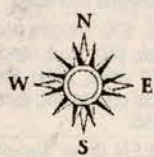
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SEEDY SATURDAY, Saturday, Feb. 12, 10-2. Mahon Hall. Bring your seeds, buy some seeds. A community seed exchange - the best for your garden. Call Terry, 653-4099.

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WANTED: LARGE used pottery kiln in good condition. Please contact Rainbow, 537-9298.

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DON'T BE left in the parking lot with your Valentine... limited tickets available to the Tragically Hick Valentine Dance, Saturday, February 12th at the Harbour House Hotel. Advance tickets at the Harbour House front desk. Doors open at 8 p.m.

ANTIQUE CHINA cabinet, maple, \$300. Kitchen table, \$25. Survival suit, never used, \$250. Weight lifting bench with weights & bars, \$50. Woodstove, \$25. Cast iron kettle, \$15. 537-4482.

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SS HOURS: Potluck - Thursday, Feb. 10th, United Church basement, 6 p.m. See "The Money Masters" video on banking control. Earn one hour! 538-0345.

JAMBALAYA WILL be closed February 8 until mid-March, with the possible exception of some week-ends. For current information, please call 653-9998.

WATERPROOF HUMMINGBIRD VHF radio, Lowrance Globalnav 12 channel receiver. G.P.S. 537-4035.

AT THE Folk Club, Monday night, Oscar Lopez Concert, we found a painted scarf, and silver earring. Owner may claim by calling 537-8311.

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# Father's death spells trouble for teamsters

When Gillian Cobanli's father died in England recently she joined the rest of her family at his funeral service.

Among the mourners was a group of elderly men who appeared to be inconsolable. Their grief was written all over their faces and echoed in their actions and their anxieties.

Gill sought to assuage such concern and to reassure them.

"Come on now," she said. "Dad was 92 years old. He had enjoyed a long and happy life! Think of those years and cheer up!"

It was not simply his death that was worrying them, explained one of the group.

They were at their wits' end trying to figure who might replace him on the bowling team.

## Recording records

I'm a magician. Last weekend I dusted off my video recorder after having abandoned it for about five years. I set it up to record two programs while I gadded.

Next morning I reviewed my successes.

It was set to come on at 7 p.m. and, after working for an hour, to start out again about 10 p.m.

I have some 15 minutes of advertising, all beautifully rendered.

A short pause follows the introduction of the show I sought. I have an excellent opening scene and the picture fades to start out on the second show.

I now have my own detective game.

I know it wasn't the butler with his pitchfork, but I never did find out who did what to whom. Maybe nobody did nothing to nobody.

The whole thing was very frustrating because I thought I had figured out the process and without human guidance.

It's not even a new experience. That's how it used to work out. In fact, that's the reason it has lain around for the past five years. Nevertheless, I'm not beaten yet. What's on next weekend?

## Mentor's final word

At least, I hope it is! That mentor done told me that Agriculture Minister Corky Evans is the man to watch in the New Democrats' leadership race.

Capable, personable and charged with humour, he described Evans.

## TO BE FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



### A magnificent meal

Last Friday I cooked a trout. Like all trout, it was a cold, slimy grey beast. It was cold because it had spent quite a few nights in the freezer and that's a good place for a dead trout.

I don't know who killed it or what it died of and I didn't like to ask in case they got nervous and figured I was one of the "Save Our Trout" boys and it might have been a sore point with the vendor because it looked like it could have been stabbed.

It's coming to a sad state of affairs when not even a trout can walk the streets without risking a knife in the back. But there it is and there's little enough a cheap scribbler like me can do about it.

I used to have a friend who was a trout-lover.

She would gloat as she loaded a couple of trout into my ice-box. And when they had left their frozen home she would lovingly lay them out in the pan, heads, tails, feathers and bones.

Then she would sound her ringing challenge.

"Go on! A few bones won't hurt you."

You should've been there. There's me with a plate of trout meat and bones. And a mouthful of bones to boot. Just where the boots come into this deadly picture I haven't figured yet, but it's like eating prickly spaghetti.

There she would sit, watching me on the sly, just waiting for that dread moment when I would choke on a fistful of trout bones.

I never did figure why anyone would conspire with a dead fish to put an end to my misery.

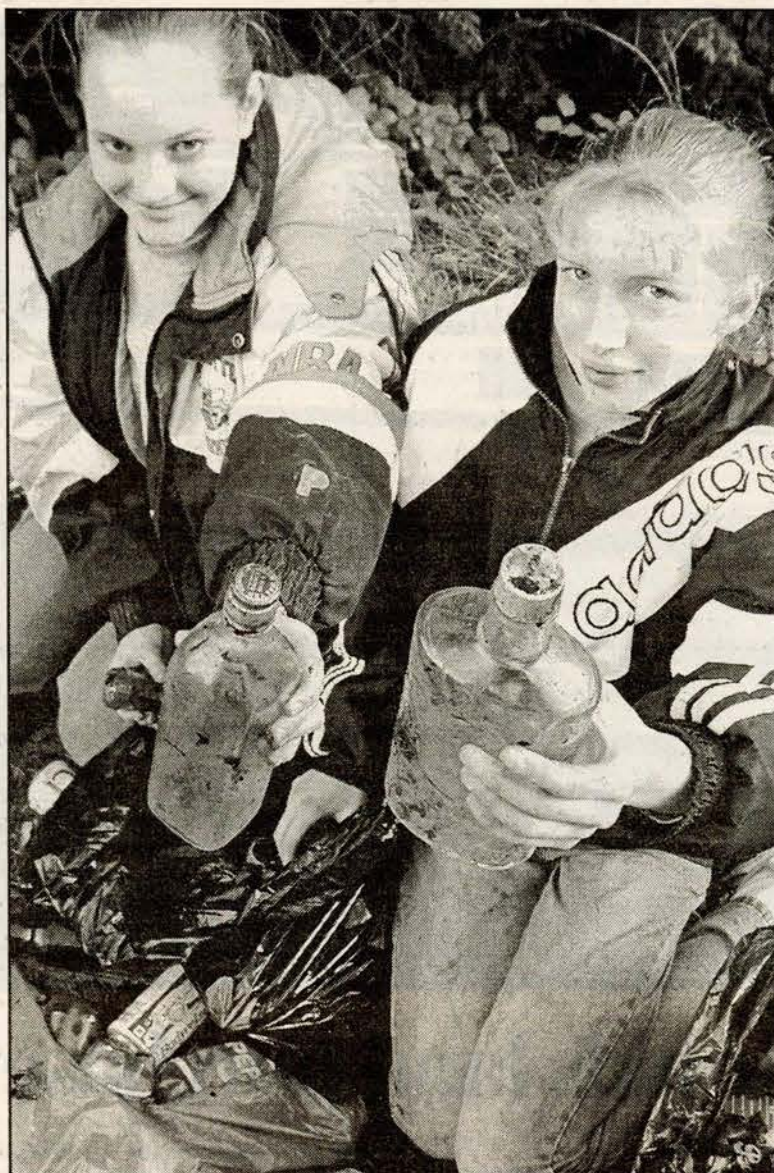
But I don't have to no more! I bought a trout, parked it in the freezer, thawed it out. And that's another thing: why does "thaw" go with "out?" Reckon I could thaw it out without "out."

That fish was a credit to the race of trout. Well-born, well-stabbed, well-cleaned, well-cooked, well-seasoned, it was well-enjoyed.

Not a stray trout bone in sight.

You see, I had listened to my tormenter. And the fish was well-filleted as well as cooked.

I guess she's not gunning for me after all!



### Bottles bagged

Heather Stewart and Megan Caron collect bottles to raise money for school activities. The two were seen combing Salt Spring ditches last week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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**Sunday reflection**  
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## Healing fair aids land purchase

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Organizers promise plenty of pampering treats at the fair, including on-the-spot treatments in areas such as reflexology, ear coning, accupressure and even a steam tent for massage, which will be provided by Skin

Sensations.

Gift certificates, herbal products and people answering questions about natural health care will also be available.

It runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is free.

The fair is a collaborative effort of the island's natural health and healing specialists, who are donating a minimum of

40 per cent of the proceeds directly to The Land Conservancy of B.C.'s Salt Spring Appeal to help purchase sensitive lands in Texada Land Corporation's holdings.

An information table on the appeal and lands issue will also be set up.

For more details, call Tine Cruickshank at 653-9856.

## Meeting for equinox dance scheduled for February 19

A dusk-to-dawn dancing and drumming event is being planned for the spring equinox, with an orientation meeting set for February 19.

Called the Long Dance 2000, it will celebrate the equinox with a shamanic journey which promises to deepen people's connection to themselves, their community and the earth.

The orientation session will be held at The Steps of Darien, 112 Harrison Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

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