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Musical patriot

Emily Walsh enjoys the sun and entertains passers-by with a penny whistle rendition of O Canada. The young woman was playing music

in Centennial Park one day after school last week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Saturna launches recruitment of elementary kids

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

If you're a child aged six to 10 years, then Saturna Island wants you!

In a bid to keep their island elementary school open, some Saturna residents have launched a campaign to recruit children willing to move to the island.

Their parents can come as well.

Enrolment at the school has dropped to six students, below the minimum of eight required by the Ministry of Education to keep the school open. So school trustee Susanne Middleditch has posted an advertisement on the Internet calling for families with children aged six to 10 to move to the island.

Middleditch said she described Saturna as a beautiful island in B.C., suitable for families able to support themselves with home-based businesses or by using technological links

like the Internet. Saturna offers a friendly community and one-on-one schooling for children, she added.

Former Saturna school principal Melanie Gaines took the recruitment campaign to the Ministry of Human Resources with a letter inviting the ministry to relocate welfare recipients with elementary school age children to Saturna.

Although jobs on Saturna are scarce, she said, the island offers a safe and supportive community of approximately 300 full-time residents, individualized instruction in the two-room school and an active parents' group which raises funds for extras like swimming lessons and field trips.

Gaines acknowledged the ministry might want to keep income assistance recipients in communities where employ-

RECRUITING 2

Mainland commuter tickets added to list

The use of commuter tickets on the Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen ferry service will be discussed at a ferries advisory meeting March 31.

Commuter tickets are currently available on only one other route which links the Mainland to the islands, Comox-Powell River.

But mediator John Fryer recommended the commuter tickets in a letter to B.C. Ferry Corporation president Tom Ward.

Fryer said he had intended to include his recommendation in his final report to Dan Miller, minister responsible for B.C. Ferries, but the idea was missed due to deadlines and his long-distance drafting of the report.

He asked Ward to "seriously examine the possibility of frequent user books of tickets on route nine (Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands)."

In response to Fryer's request, the issue will be raised at the next advisory committee meeting, which will be attended by Ward and by Glen Brown, executive vice-president for inter-island services.

"If this issue is of concern to the stakeholders, it is no doubt an issue that we will address," said Clay Suddaby, manager of communications for B.C. Ferries.

Hummers, swallows return

Hummingbirds and swallows are back in force.

Several callers to the Driftwood in the past week have reported sightings of both birds. The first was Evelyn Lee, who reported seeing a swallow last Wednesday, March 11. That was seven days earlier than last year.

Hank Doerksen reported seeing a hummingbird on Sunday at Weston Lake.

Additional funds won't go into classrooms

There won't be any more teachers or books for the Gulf Islands despite the additional \$105 million in education funding announced Thursday by the province.

But the Gulf Islands' share, an estimated \$160,000, will reduce the district's deficit, projected at close to \$900,000, said superintendent Andrew Duncan.

The provincial government promised more teachers and aides in the classroom but that won't happen here, Duncan said. Nor will the extra money cut much out of the deficit.

But Duncan predicts Thursday's announcement will raise expectations. "Parents and

teachers will be looking for more support in the area of counsellors and librarians," he said. "The minister (of education) will be looking for a balanced budget — and it's not going to happen."

The additional funding gives each district \$93 more per student. In the Gulf Islands, Duncan said, that means an extra \$160,000. "That doesn't have much of an impact on a \$900,000 deficit."

Education is still severely under-funded, agreed Larry Field, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA). He said tightened budgets have eliminated elementary school librarians, counsellors and tech-

nology support, and reduced music programs, teaching staff and services to special-needs children.

Teachers will monitor the district's budget to ensure the additional funding is used to replace those programs, Field stated. "School districts have been allowed to reduce or eliminate valuable programs for students because they are not protected in the contract."

But current contracts do not allow enough flexibility for school districts, said Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston, who is also chairman of the B.C. Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA). He welcomed the

additional money, an increase of 1.6 per cent per student, but also wants districts to have more local control over how those dollars are allocated.

"School boards across the province will continue to be financially squeezed as they try to balance their budgets," he predicted. "Current contract provisions result in funds not being spent in the wisest way possible."

Representing 60 school boards, the BCPSEA is attempting to change the collective agreement with the B.C. Teachers' Federation to allow more flexibility in class size and composition,

FUNDING 2

Doctors' offices closing

Fifteen Salt Spring doctors are continuing the B.C. Medication Association action against a shortage of medical funding by either closing their offices or working without pay today.

Involved are all island physicians with practices listed in the phone book except Dr. Ron Puhky and Dr. Donald MacGregor.

By closing, doctors hope to stay under a cap on billing imposed by the province and so end or reduce the claw-back on payments to physicians. Doctors will still respond to emergencies.

The same action was taken March 6 in a bid to reduce billing to the health plan. The action will be repeated March 31.

Rural doctors protest by turning off pagers

Doctors on six islands withdrew some of their services Sunday to protest working conditions for rural doctors.

Involved in the protest are doctors Jeanne Keegan-Henry of Mayne Island, Gerry Moore and Don Williams of North and South Pender islands, Janice Mason of Saturna, Phil Foster of Cortes, Doreen Tetz of Denman Island and David Wiseman of Hornby Island.

Keegan-Henry has turned off her pager after hours and is only available for emergency care through the ambulance service. She said the other doctors participating in the protest have also reduced their services to some extent, either by not working weekends, reducing their commitment to remain on call or working only those hours for which they are paid.

"At the moment I'm offering reduced service. The alternative is no service," she said, explaining that it is becoming harder to draw doctors into rural practice due to the high workload and lower financial return.

Doctors in northern B.C. have already withdrawn some of their services. The island doctors announced at the end of February that they were joining the protest, a move which Keegan-Henry said is supported by her Mayne Island community.

OCP reaches final stages Monday

Salt Spring's local Trust committee is about to hear its last words on the new official community plan (OCP).

Bylaw 345 goes to public hearing Monday night in the multi-purpose room at Gulf Islands Secondary, providing the final opportunity for people to express their opinions about it to committee members Bev Byron, David Borrowman and David Essig.

The committee will consider giving the bylaw second and third reading at its March 25 meeting.

Byron said Monday the committee has received about 15 letters on the draft, which was released and given first reading in bylaw form last November. Only 11 people attended the March 10 open house on the OCP, she said, and some of them were not necessarily there to discuss the new plan.

There is a stark contrast between these numbers and the high level of public interest in the first draft, released in 1996. Since then attendance at meetings and open house events has decreased exponentially.

Responses from most federal, provincial and regional government agencies that must "sign off" the OCP before Municipal Affairs will approve it have also been received, said Byron.

Once passed, Bylaw 345 will repeal the current OCP created in the early 1970s, and replace it with a plan that has been about four years in the making. The process began with public workshops, surveys and volunteer focus groups which dissected topics such as the environment, tourism, island villages and infrastructure.

The OCP contains policies covering almost every aspect of land use planning on the island, which will guide formation of a replacement for present, outdated zoning bylaws.

Bylaw 345 also institutes development permit areas for environmental protection, in addition to those used for commercial development.

The public hearing begins at 7:30 p.m., with a public information display open at 6.

RECRUITING: Students to Saturna

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ment is a possibility. But she suggested there are many families where it is not possible or wise for the parent or parents to leave the home for a low-paying job.

"It would be an excellent move for the ministry to relocate several families to Saturna Island where they will be well-schooled and supported in a small, caring, safe and supportive community," she wrote.

Gaines said Monday that she is still waiting for a response from the ministry. However, she said the issue would be dis-

cussed at Monday night's meeting of the Saturna Community Club and suggested the community might help families relocating to the island find affordable accommodation.

Although she is now on sick leave, Gaines worked at Saturna Elementary from 1977 until last fall. She plans to write a follow-up letter to the ministry to reiterate her proposal to bring social assistance recipients to Saturna and has encouraged other island residents to try to bring more families to the island.



Middleditch

Weather

Wednesday: Cloudy with sunny periods. 10 per cent chance of precipitation. High 12.

Thursday: Sunny with cloudy periods. Low 2, high 13.

Friday: Mainly sunny. Low 2, high 13.

Saturday: Mainly cloudy with chance of showers. 60 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 4, high 12.

Normal temperatures for the week: low 2, high 10.

FUNDING: For deficit

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improved teacher evaluations and changes in how teachers are selected.

The BCPSEA estimates that more than 90 per cent of district budgets go to employee salaries and benefits. The current BCPSEA contract with the BCTF expires June 30.

Duncan said the \$160,000 boost to the district budget is equal to the cost of hiring two

full-time and a one-third time teacher. He also said the extra money could be wiped out next September when enrolment is projected to drop by 26 students, costing \$175,000 in revenue.

A little more money now just slows the district's slide into bankruptcy. "The financial situation will not get better because the fundamental structural problem will not get addressed," Duncan said.

FOR THE RECORD

A young soccer player whose hair had been styled to resemble a soccer ball was incorrectly identified in a photo last week. His name was Brent Easthom.



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3-year-old hurt; drinking driver charged

A three-year-old girl was treated for facial and head injuries at Lady Minto Hospital after a single vehicle accident on Cusheon Lake Road Friday.

Driver of the vehicle, a 42-year-old Salt Spring man, has been charged with impaired driving.

The accident occurred just before 4 p.m. when the driver lost control of the vehicle, sending it spinning off the side of the road into an embankment.

The child was sitting in the front passenger seat.

In other police news:

• A driver and two passengers were taken to Lady Minto Hospital and treated for back and neck injuries following a hit and run accident on Rainbow Road.

Driver Jeff Grant and two passengers were driving in a 1981 Blue Skylark at about 9 p.m. Friday when they slowed for a deer on the road.

The Buick was struck from behind by a fast-travelling vehicle which inflicted some \$4,000 worth of damage before leaving the scene.

Police say the suspect vehicle is red and possibly a Dodge Daytona. It likely sustained severe front-end damage.

Anyone with information regarding the hit and run is asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

• Sometime between 5:30 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Friday someone attempted to break into

facilities at the car wash on Park Drive. Although no money was taken, the culprit(s) pried open a coin machine, causing approximately \$300 damage.

• A stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked on Woodhall Place Thursday. The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Police say a garage door opener was also taken from the vehicle and a garage door partially opened. However, it does not appear entry to the garage was made.

• Salt Spring Middle School got a new coat of paint last week in the form of graffiti.

The graffiti appeared on the walls and windows between 4 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m.

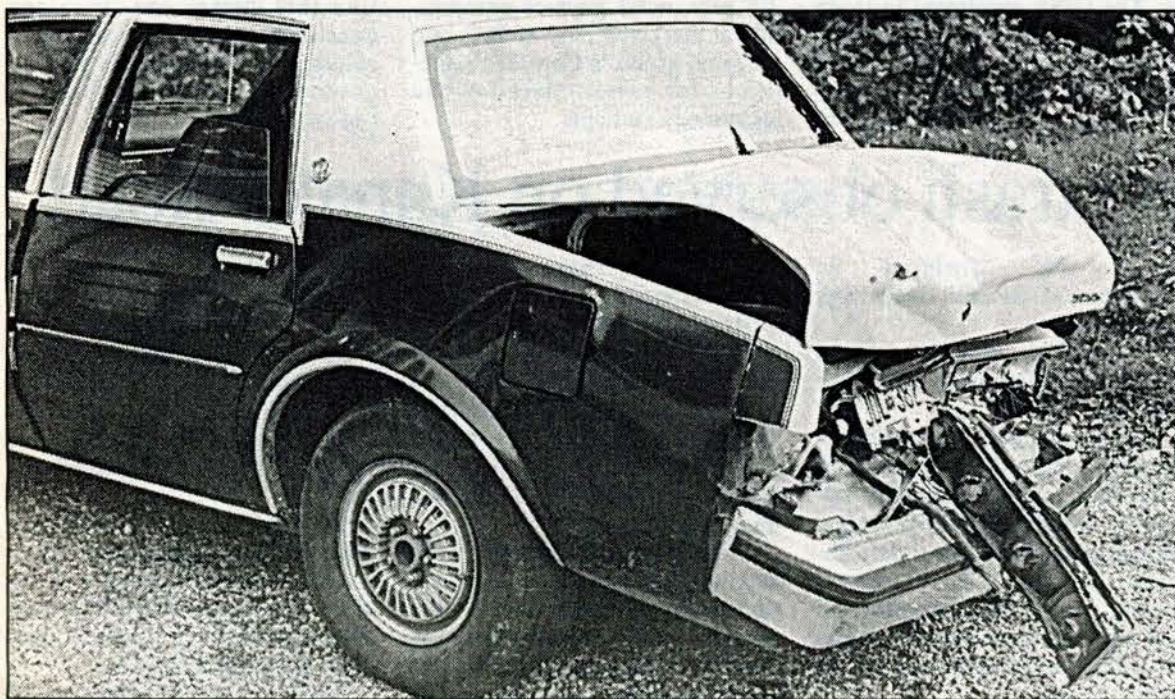
Thursday.

• The new RCMP detachment will officially open next week with a flag-raising ceremony, open house and refreshments.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony at 11 a.m. and stay for an open house which runs from noon until 4 p.m., and again between 6 and 7 p.m.

The patrol vessel Higgett will be docked in Ganges Harbour and open for public tours. A police helicopter will be landing at the detachment sometime during the afternoon.

A temporary gravel path between the new building on Lower Ganges Road and the Legion will guide visitors to refreshments served at Meaden Hall.



HIT AND RUN: Police estimate this Buick sustained about \$4,000 worth of damage after being struck by a vehicle which left the scene on Rainbow Road Friday night. The suspect vehicle is red and possibly a Dodge Daytona.

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Wilcox challenges assessment, wins for fourth consecutive year

John Wilcox is a farmer once again following recognition last week that the mobile home on his property is a dwelling for farm help.

And Wilcox hopes his battles with the B.C. Assessment Authority are winding down so he can work in his fields instead of his files.

His victory at the Salt Spring Court of Revision March 9 was the fourth time he has challenged a B.C. Assessment ruling and won.

Wilcox said he now has two large file boxes full of paper, has been in court eight times in five years and still has at least one legal battle to go: the assessment authority's challenge of last year's Court of Revision ruling supporting Wilcox's position.

Wilcox believes his has been a test case for the assessment authority. In the latest round, the Court of Revision upheld both Wilcox's farm status — removed

by the assessment authority over a paperwork dispute — and the use of a mobile on Wilcox's property as a residence by a partner in the farm.

Wilcox's presentation was detailed and convincing, said Bill Curtin, who was on the Court of Revision with chairwoman Irene Wright and Patricia O'Neill. He felt there was no question that Wilcox is operating a farm on Tripp Road and that the person now living in the mobile home is a partner in the farm, so the mobile qualifies under the act as a residence for farm help. "It's farm."

Wright said the situation on the farm had changed this year so it was not difficult to reach a decision.



Wilcox

Acting assessor Brian Wilkinson said evidence presented by Wilcox to the Court of Revision proved the farm operation beyond doubt. But he did not agree with the ruling that the mobile home should be assessed as a farm residence.

The assessment authority has repeatedly assessed the mobile home as a residential property.

Wilkinson said no decision has been made on whether the re-classification will be challenged.

Wilcox believes the assessment authority does not understand the reality of farming on Salt Spring. Economically, people may have to share a farm. "People pay to farm," he said.

Battling the assessment authority has been expensive, both in time and money. But Wilcox hopes his latest victory will prove his point.

"I just hope they don't do it again."

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Report card picture not accurate, says superintendent

Small size and a strong focus on technology counted against Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) when it was rated by the Fraser Institute's province-wide report on high schools.

GISS scored 5.6 out of 10 in the rating and 173 out of the 256 schools surveyed. But those numbers don't convey an accurate picture, said school superintendent Andrew Duncan after reviewing the report last Thursday.

"Categories jump around," he said, pointing out that in two of the Fraser Institute categories, the school's score ranged from one to eight over the five years. "This is almost certainly caused by small sample size."

The smaller the sample, the more impact each individual variation will have. Duncan pointed out that one number crunched by the report was the

difference between a school-assigned mark on the exam and the student's actual score on the exam. Schools recording a greater discrepancy received a lower score.

In that category, the GISS score was one out of 10 in 1993/94 and eight in 1995/96.

"One teacher makes a significant difference," Duncan said. He also reviews the difference between exam marks and school marks and finds a good match between the two with most teachers. But when only a few teachers are handing out the marks and one or two mark high or low, overall result is skewed much more than it would in a larger school where many teachers are grading students.

The school's focus on career preparation and technology courses also worked against its overall score since a factor rated

by the Fraser Institute was the percentage of students writing provincial exams.

"This is almost certainly caused by small sample size."

Schools where the majority of students wrote a high number of provincial exams scored higher than schools where students wrote fewer exams. But provincial exams are not given in career preparation or technology courses. The GISS enrolment in those courses is twice the provincial average, at times involving 60 to 70 per cent of students.

"We get a low score even

though we're a cutting-edge district in that subject," Duncan remarked. With the exception of 1993/94, the school scored either one or two out of 10 in that category.

High enrolment in career preparation and technology reflects the island culture, which values diversity and independent learning over traditional academics, Duncan said. It also reflects the provincial thrust towards preparing students for jobs.

Against the Fraser Institute study, Duncan puts the district's top-10 finish in the recent Grade 4, 7 and 10 province-wide Social Studies exams, the GISS team's second-place finish in the March 7-8 provincial physics competition at the University of B.C. and the wins in Skills Canada competitions for career education and technology students.

Those are also small samples but add to the picture painted by the Fraser Institute study, Duncan said.

Although social factors are less significant in the Gulf Islands, Duncan said, the survey showed private schools and those in wealthier areas were clustered at the top while those at the bottom were in poor communities, often with large native populations.

"If you look at the overall ranking, you can see socio-economic factors play a significant role. Private schools with selected populations rank higher up using this system."

He expects district staff will be examining the Fraser Institute figures. "Any time something like this comes out, it raises questions. We have to ask ourselves: are we doing the job we need to do and in which areas can we improve?"

Parents want to see survey

If students are going to be asked personal questions, parents want to look at them first.

But how parents will see the McCreary Adolescent Health Survey before it is given to district students has yet to be resolved.

Salt Spring school trustee Jane Parlee told last week's school board meeting that Salt Spring Middle School parents want to see a copy of the survey. They also want to have a meeting about it before it's handed out.

Parents can choose not to have their children participate in the survey, which includes questions on sexual activity.

Drug deals and trash observed on Kanaka Road

More than skateboarders' wheels are rumbling over the closed strip of Kanaka Road between the middle school and high school.

School trustees heard renewed requests from parents and staff last week for greater control over the area, which they maintain has become a hang-out for smokers and drug deals.

Salt Spring trustee Jane Parlee said middle school parents are not happy with February's board decision against taking over responsibility and liability for the road

from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH).

Parents are also concerned about intimidation of some students in the area.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan reported on a noon-hour visit to Kanaka Road with Salt Spring Middle School principal Bob Brownsword and vice-principal Bob McWhirter. Some young people were smoking in the area, he said, and the skateboarding equipment was not in good shape.

"The ramps have not been maintained and many are dam-

aged or worn. There is a fair bit of wood strewn around and lots of trash," Duncan observed. "I was distressed by the state of the skateboarding area. Last year the skateboarders pledged to maintain it and to self-police the area. Now it constitutes a hazard with broken wood and rusty nails."

School officials report drug dealing takes place in the area, especially in the bushes to the north, and verbal abuse is hurled at parents or staff who try to control activities on the road. The offenders appear to be high school youths along with

some who are out of school.

Duncan offered to check again on district liability if the board takes on responsibility for the road. Secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold is to check with MOTH on how the district could get jurisdiction over the road.

He also suggested involving parents and high school peer counsellors in finding a solution. A complaint had also been received from an adjacent resident about the situation.

Trustees agreed to form an ad hoc committee to come up with recommendations for the board.

Four questions the government doesn't want answered concerning BC's health care system

Q Why are doctors closing their offices for three days in March?

A The government's budget for patient care has run out. In fact, it's run over by \$70 million dollars, and doctors must work 15 days without pay this year just so the government can balance its books. Closing our offices—just as major hospitals in BC close operating rooms—is the only way for doctors to cope with this government's chronic underfunding of health care.

Q Should the public be alarmed because doctors' offices are closed on March 18th and 31st?

A No. As they always are, doctors will be on call and emergency rooms open around the clock. But you should be alarmed about the reason for these closures: critically underfunded health care due to this government's refusal to pay for an aging and growing population. The amount of the current overrun — \$70 million — is almost exactly the amount necessary for the 4%

increase in population.

Q Is this action about increasing doctors' fees?

A No. We have taken this action because the system needs more money for patient care. Doctors are frustrated that they cannot care for their patients properly because of the acute shortage of health care funding. Already, waiting lists for people needing surgery and medical tests are dangerously long. If government funding continues to ignore BC's growing and aging population, conditions like these will only get worse.

Q Have any independent views been sought on health care funding?

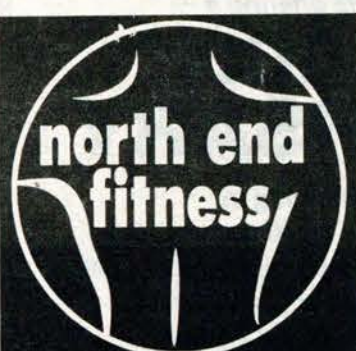
A Yes. Irwin Nathanson, QC, the mediator selected and approved by the government, said the following: "The burden of increasing health care costs should be borne by society as a whole, not by medical practitioners...The position taken by the government is untenable and should be withdrawn."

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Distant learning options on table

Impractical solutions saved the most money in a study of distance education on the Gulf Islands.

Looking at the draft report turned into the Ministry of Education by the accounting firm Deloitte and Touche last week, school superintendent Andrew Duncan said the best money-saving proposal was also the most unlikely to be implemented.

"One is radical, impractical and shows huge savings," he said. It would maximize the number of students taught by each teacher by assigning distance-learning students to fill any available classroom space allowed under the teachers' union contract.

For example, if a teacher had 20 students in a class and the contract allowed up to 25, then five distance-learning students would also be assigned.

"It's a theoretical model, not a practical model," Duncan said, adding that the accounting firm which did the study is not used to working within a union contract.

Two of the proposals did not save money. The fourth, and most likely to be implemented, would keep kindergarten to Grade 8 students in individual schools on Saturna, Mayne, Galiano and Pender and establish a community learning centre on each of those islands.

The learning centre would give high school students from those islands an option other than commuting by water taxi to Salt Spring for Grades 9 to 12. Instead, they could complete their schooling using online technology and distance learning.

Savings of \$125,000 to \$250,000 are possible if at least half the high school students on the Outer Islands chose not to attend school on Salt Spring, Duncan said. The learning centres could also be used by students who are now home-schooling, by those who have dropped out and want to return or by adults wanting to complete their Grade 12.

A meeting was held last Thursday on Mayne Island to discuss that proposal, the hiring of a new principal for Mayne Elementary-Junior Secondary School and possible reconfiguration of Outer Islands schools.

The distance learning concept and reconfiguration will be discussed at meetings next Monday on Saturna and Galiano islands.

Duncan stressed that no decisions have been made on either issue.



Violence discussed at high school workshops

Students recently attended workshops and discussions on violence at a Freedom from Fear day at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

School district superintendent Andrew Duncan reported on the March 5 event at a school board meeting last week.

The Freedom from Fear day included a videotape on school violence, workshops, discussion and a presentation by Vic High Players. Organizers included Lynda Laushway of SVOVA Community Development and Research Society and GISS teacher Kelly Knister.

Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel said SVOVA's recent anti-violence program was recognized by Women's Equality Minister Sue Hammell as a model for the rest of the province. It will be featured on the ministry's Internet web site, Boel said.

Also at last Wednesday's school board meeting:

- A letter from the Campbell River school board proved the Gulf Islands district isn't singing the budget blues alone. Directed to Education Minister Peter Ramsey, the letter criticized the government's "hollow promises and political vapours" in negotiating a new provincial contract with the B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF). Citing the government's "blinker allegiance" to the BCTF, Campbell River board vice-chairman Daryl Hagen predicted rolling over existing contracts would result in up to 40 school districts posting a deficit next year.

"Victoria is fiddling while school districts burn," Hagen stated.

- Trustees said oui to a proposed school trip to France for GISS students next October, although several regretted that not all students would be able to afford the \$2,770

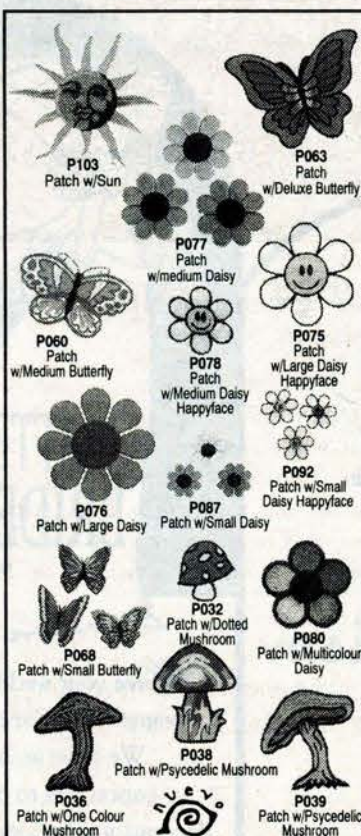
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price tag. A minimum of eight students must sign up for the trip to proceed.

Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston said the board should have been notified about the proposed trip before notices were sent home to parents.

Trustee Boel wondered if community support could be found to help lower-income students participate in the trip.

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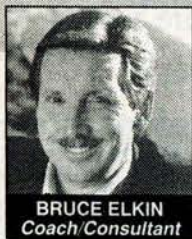
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Trust eyes smaller islands

Protecting smaller islands will become a priority for the Islands Trust.

Fear was expressed at a recent Trust Council meeting that those islands could be targeted for development.

"Some of these islands could be a destination resort in the blink of an eye," said Hornby trustee George Buvyer.

Known as lesser islands, they are not large enough to elect trustees and either fall under the jurisdiction of another, larger island — Piers Island, for example, is represented by the Salt Spring Trust Committee — or under the Trust executive committee.

Gambier trustee Kim Benson, who actually lives on the smaller Keats Island, said most of the smaller islands are "languishing under old, regional district bylaws which are inadequate." Yet residents of those islands pay the same taxes to support the Trust as residents of other islands, Benson said.

North Pender trustee George Ravenscroft suggested some of the smaller islands are ecologically fragile and may be more in need of protection than larger ones.

Trustees agreed that developing land use bylaws for lesser islands should be a priority in the 1999 budget.

Trustees also received an update on which islands are working on updating official community plans or land use bylaws, a list that includes 10 of the 13 Trust islands.

Plans for Salt Spring and Gabriola are going to public hearing this month so are almost complete.

Bowen trustee Tracy Chambers said Trust staff are "way over-committed" with so many islands working on plans or bylaws.

Planning staff have recently been reorganized into teams, based on Salt Spring's approach, with a senior planner and support staff assigned to specific islands.

Trustees expressed their regret that the manager of local planning services, Sandra Smith has decided to retire. Tribute was paid to Smith's work, which included the reorganization of the planning staff.

"When all the (planning) staff came in today, I had the awful feeling I was giving my children away," she told trustees. She also praised trustees for their courage and said it had been a privilege to work for the Trust.



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Bike-friendly islands proposed to Trust

Proposals to make the islands more "cycle-friendly" were outlined to trustees March 6 when the Islands Trust Council met on Salt Spring.

Claire Heffernan of Island Pathways asked the Trust to help fund a cycling study and transportation analysis on Salt Spring. The results, she suggested, could lead to a "blueprint for making islands more bike friendly."

The proposed study would:

- assess the current situation for cyclists on Salt Spring;
- identify short and long-term objectives for cycling on the islands, including prioritizing bike lanes, paving shoulders, developing off-road connectors along with facilities like signs, rest stops, racks, wash-

rooms, camp grounds, etc., for cyclists;

- determine how cycling facilities could be funded and developed; and
- develop an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH) to ensure a cycling infrastructure is part of the island transportation system.

Heffernan suggested the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC), Island Pathways, Islands Trust, the Capital Regional District (CRD) and possibly B.C. Ferries could fund the study.

She pointed out that bike paths have been consistently supported by Salt Spring residents in three recent surveys. In a PARC survey released earlier this year, bikes lanes were the

second highest priority among 44 per cent. In a Trust survey in 1996, 65 per cent supported bike paths as an amenity zoning benefit and in a 1992 PARC survey, bike paths were supported by 81 per cent.

However, not all trustees supported encouraging cycling on the islands.

Saturna trustee Bill Sheffield was concerned that a cyclist could be killed due to the narrow, twisting roads on his island.

Heffernan said one solution was to educate both cyclists and drivers.

Hornby trustee George Buvyer said his island worked with MOTH to have bike lanes installed but the resulting lanes were so bad that the situation was worsened, not

improved. He supported a representation to MOTH on the issue from the entire Trust.

North Pender trustee George Ravenscroft felt "bikes" should be defined since the term can include motorized bikes and mountain bikes, both of which can damage trails.

Heffernan said multi-purpose trails should serve bikes, pedestrians and equestrians. But her current focus was bike lanes adjoining existing roads. "We're talking an on-road facility."

Louise Bell said residents on Denman don't want wider roads as they already feel like a "speed bump" between Vancouver Island and Hornby.

Trust takes more time to review forest policy

Forestry policies need more time to grow. That's what Islands Trust Council decided at its March meeting, when trustees voted to defer the matter until June.

The proposed policy recognizes sustainable forestry as a traditional and valuable land use in the Trust area but suggests ecological protection be given priority. The policy also urges the provincial government to designate ecosystem reserves, eliminate non-native species in forests, implement education and

local decision-making and protect the ecological integrity of forest stands and landscapes.

Denman trustee Louise Bell said the new policy had lost some of the focus from the original presentation, drafted by Denman Island residents. She wanted more time to review it, an opinion echoed by trustee Ian Ross.

"It's obvious to me that this discussion is a litmus test showing that this is not ready," said Trust chairman David Essig.

Eight trustees volunteered to sit on a subcommittee to work on the policy for review at the June council meeting.

Protection of the islands' natural areas also figured in an update on a Trust bid to offer a natural area tax incentive. Requiring the cooperation of the provincial government and the B.C. Assessment Authority, such an incentive would offer lower taxes on land maintained in its natural state.

Kim Benson presented a videotape on the proposal, copies of

which were distributed to trustees, that will be used to seek support for the idea from the Sunshine Coast and the Capital Regional districts.

Turning to the issue of Crown lands on islands, trustees received a staff briefing outlining a possible interagency program to protect natural features on Crown land. Under the program, the Trust would work with the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy, B.C. Parks and the provincial ministries of forest and environment.

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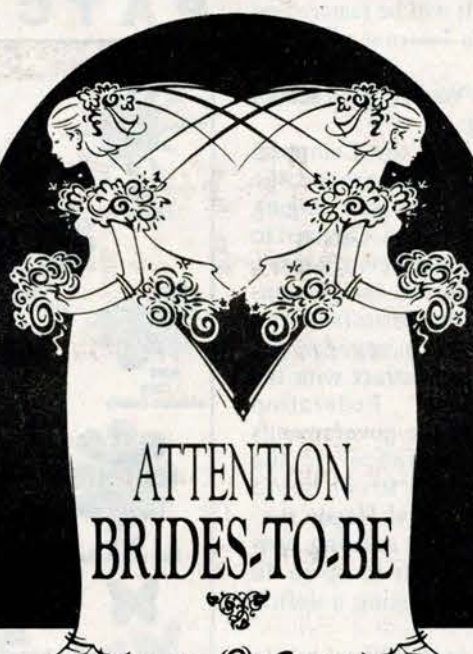
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Island delegates find 'home' in Yamanaka

An ocean away, Salt Spring's Janet Stepaniuk found a place surprisingly like home.

Chamber of Commerce president Stepaniuk was in Japan earlier this month as a member of an 11-person exchange delegation to Yamanaka, a mountainside community in Ishikawa Prefecture.

She admitted she didn't expect to find so many similarities between Salt Spring and the Japanese community, though she knew from the Japanese who had visited Salt Spring that the island was very similar to their home.

"Going to Yamanaka was like going to Salt Spring except everyone was Japanese," she said Monday. "I was very surprised that the business section of Yamanaka that we stayed in was just like Salt Spring."

Stepaniuk discovered many small, owner-operated businesses from which the business people made just enough to support themselves and their families — a common feature of Salt Spring.

The community has 10,000 residents and, again like Salt Spring, relies on tourism and the arts for income. Several delegations from Yamanaka have visited Salt Spring but this month's trip was the first return visit by Salt Spring residents.

The visit was packed into four 18-hour days and six-hour nights. Seven of the delegates were sponsored through a grant from the regional government. Included in the trip were Stepaniuk, chamber manager Melva Geldreich, Barry Green, Mary Koroscil, Gary and Beth Cherneff, Tom and Yvonne Toynbee, translator Rumiko Kanesaka, and Jill and Duart Campbell.

Development of a series of exchanges between the two communities has been spearheaded in Yamanaka by Masanori Kamiguchi, president of the Yamanaka Commerce and Industry Society.

"He fell in love with Salt Spring four years ago when he stayed at Hastings House," Stepaniuk said. "They felt that Salt Spring most closely resembled their town."

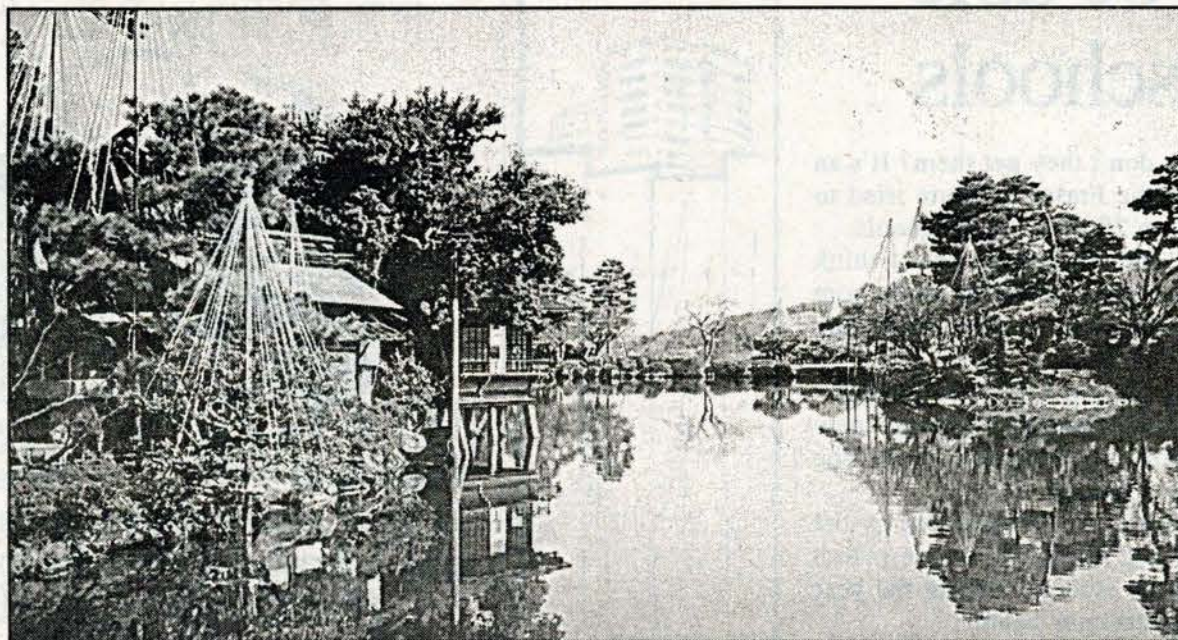
During their visit the delegates visited the Salt Spring Island-Yamanaka Friendship Art Gallery which displays the art of both communities, and stayed in the upscale Japanese country inns where rooms cost \$500 per night but include royal service along with breakfast and dinner. They also enjoyed the exuberance of a Japanese Karaoke bar, discovered the beauty of the mountains, hot springs and shrines, toured the legislative assembly, met vice-governor Sota Iwamoto and visited some of the area's outstanding artisans in their home-based studios.

Stepaniuk discovered Japanese taxes are high but only on luxury items. For example, coffee from a vending machine was \$1.50 but in a fancy hotel it could cost as much as \$10. The more expensive the item, the higher the tax.

"They tax the luxury, they tax the rich, they don't tax the poor," she observed. The attitude seemed to be "if you can afford to pay, you should pay."

Stepaniuk was struck by the generosity of residents. One artisan presented her with a lacquered hair clip which he had made for her after meeting her the previous day.

Stepaniuk was also impressed



EASTERN EXCHANGE: The beauty of Yamanaka, above, reflects the natural beauty of Salt Spring, proving one more similarity between the two communities, both of which rely on tourism and arts. Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Janet Stepaniuk, right, displays some of the souvenirs and hand-crafted lacquer ware she brought back from a chamber exchange trip earlier this month.



by the expertise of the artisans, who turned out pottery, paintings, and thin shells of wood for lacquer ware with consummate speed and skill.

Future exchanges are planned between both communities and youth exchanges are being discussed, Stepaniuk said.

Geldreich said the chamber will hold an information meeting to display the work of the Japanese artisans and to share information about Yamanaka.

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We must be able to grade schools

Schools give out grades, so why don't they get them? It's an obvious question and one that the Fraser Institute tried to answer with its recent report card on 256 B.C. high schools.

To come up with its rankings, the Vancouver-based think tank determined how well the school was doing at its core curriculum: graduating students who had learned what they were supposed to have learned.

The final exams administered by the province gave the institute an instant yardstick to measure whether students knew their stuff by the time they picked up their diplomas. The institute also looked at a few related factors.

How closely did the subject mark given to a student by the school match the result on the final exam? A strong match suggested course work completed by students during the year was at the same standard as the government exam.

How many final exams were written per student? A higher figure suggested students were being directed to the more academic courses in the curriculum, which require government examinations.

What percentage of the Grade 12 population graduated? Fewer failures suggested the school is doing a better job.

And the results of the survey were certainly interesting and informative, especially for those parents who favour schools that offer a strong academic program oriented toward post-secondary education.

The local high school fell in the middle of the pack, scoring 5.6 overall out of 10, and placing 173 out of 256. Because many schools had the same score, the 256 schools surveyed fell into one of 44 groups. Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) was in the 23rd group.

The results show there is some work to be done at GISS to beef up the school's showing in exams. But the results show even more about the assumptions on which the survey was based.

First, a good school was defined as one in which the greatest number of students received the highest marks on provincial exams. By setting that as the measurement, the Fraser Institute was presuming that the next step after secondary education is post-secondary education, for which those high exam marks are an asset.

Preparing students for further education is a worthwhile goal but it is not the only goal, especially in the work world of the '90s.

Education in technology and trades can be equally or more valuable for young people. But strong programs in both those areas worked against GISS, since those courses do not require provincial exams and therefore lowered the school's overall score.

The Fraser Institute report card also revealed a dramatic if expected correlation between academic excellence and socio-economic factors. At the top were the private schools and those in wealthier communities and at the bottom were rural schools that serve communities beset by poverty and social problems.

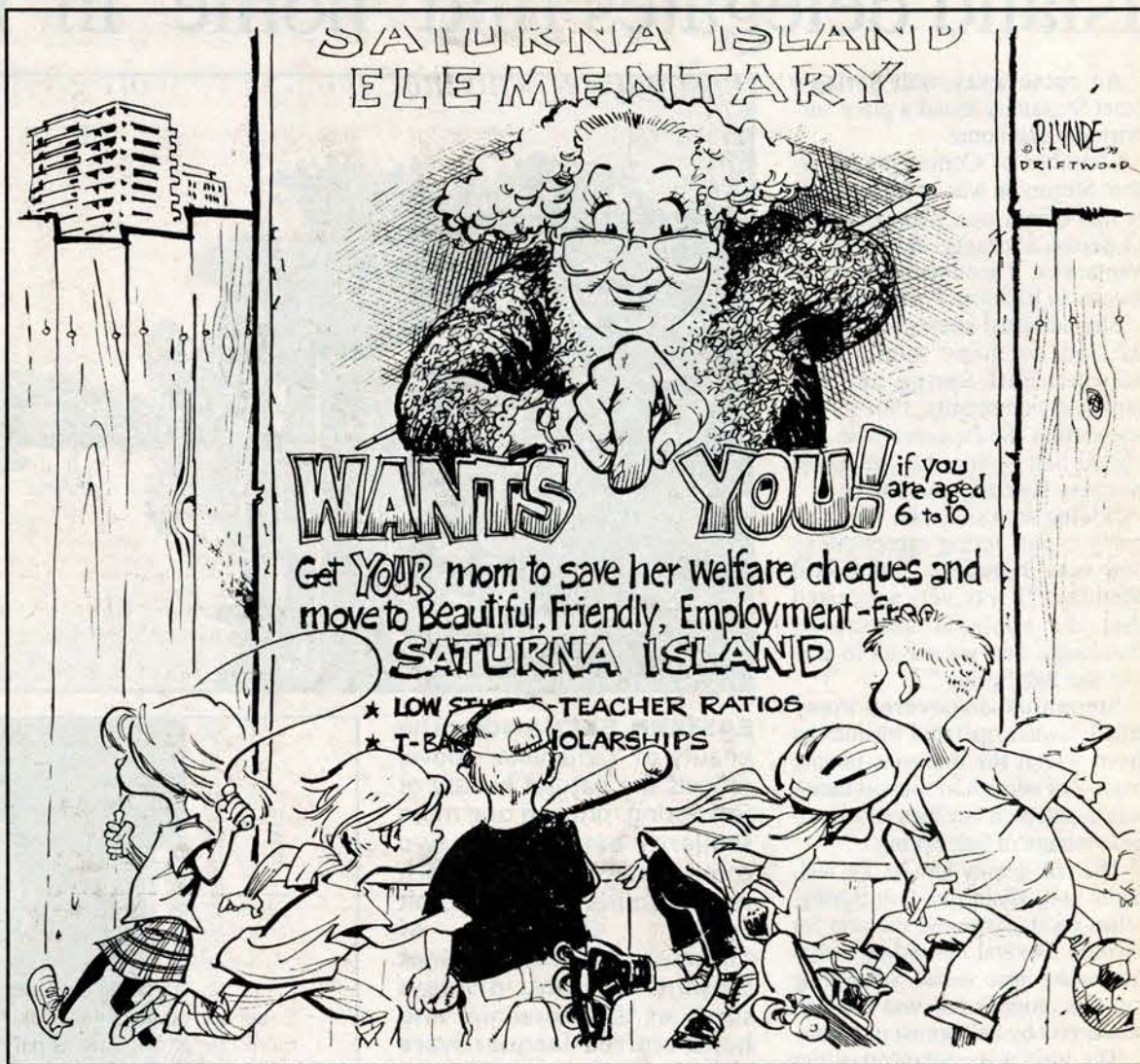
It was no surprise that the private St. Margaret's Academy was at the top of the list and the public George M. Dawson Secondary in Haida Gwaii-Queen Charlotte was at the bottom. Overall, excellence in education was better demonstrated by the handful of public high schools from middle-class areas that squeaked into the top 25, among the rich and private.

These observations on the Fraser Institute report card don't mean we found the report invalid. We found it valuable for what it did reveal. But we also feel it is just part of the job, like a report card that only measures a few subjects and says nothing about the remainder or about attitude and work habits.

The public education system has tended to resist accountability, despite a growing desire from the taxpayers who finance it to see some indication of value for their money.

Perhaps a joint effort by the education bureaucracy, the B.C. Teachers' Federation, the B.C. School Trustees Association and community or business-based organizations like the Fraser Institute could establish a more comprehensive way of assessing the performance of our schools.

Such an assessment is essential. We already know our students can fail school: what we still have no way of knowing is if our schools are failing students.



No surprises in politics — donor contributed to NDP and Liberals

By TOM VARZELIOTIS

Liberal leader Gordon Campbell could hardly contain his anger upon discovering that Canadian Woodworks Ltd. had received a \$4-million loan from the provincial government.

Just a few short weeks earlier, the company's president Arnold Zwiers had contributed \$4,000 to Paul Ramsey's defence against citizens attempting to recall him.

Ramsey said he knew nothing about the \$4,000 and he assured people there was no link between the loan and the contribution. There is no reason to believe otherwise — after all it has become traditional with politicians to declare ignorance of those who underwrite their way to power. Only citizens with suspicious minds entertain thoughts about political contributions buying political influence for the donors.

Once the Liberals sought to make political hay by insinuating that the NDP government loaned public money to Zwiers in return for helping the NDP repel the irreverent citizens who sought to destabilize the government, Zwiers could not stand idle any longer. Guns blazing, he came out to defend the integrity of Ramsey and the NDP. He promptly divulged that he had also donated money to the Liberals!

It wasn't a revelation, he surprised no one but the incurably naive. Indeed, it is a practice of those who underwrite politicians and parties, to give money, if not to all sides, at least to all the serious contenders. Again, those citizens of a suspicious disposition fail to see that these donors do it for the sake of democracy, accusing them of "hedging their bets," instead. Yet we all know that donors to political parties are benefactors, spending their money to help society govern itself democratically.

The first inference one makes from Zwiers' disclosure is that since he paid money to the Liberals, Campbell should have kept his mouth shut. But this assumes that when Campbell sang indignation about the alleged influence transaction, he was aware of Zwiers' contribution to the Liberals. Yet there is no



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evidence Campbell guards his ignorance of contributors to his party less vigorously than Ramsey and Clark safeguard their unawareness of who bankrolls the NDP. To believe that such ignorance of contributions is not absolute and uni-

versal would be scary, for it is this very ignorance that keeps politicians virtuous and protects society from being ruled by politicians sold out to special interest groups.

Presumably, these disclosures of what could amount to bribery of people in places of high public trust will lead to nothing. After all, the attorney-general's ministry is overworked as it is, fighting infractions to political correctness and so on. The last thing they need is the trouble of launching an investigation of influence peddling.

In the absence of this, perhaps we can hope that a repeat performance is not in the works for the Six Mile Ranch proposal. This, as everyone knows, is the development proposal in the Kamloops area for which the NDP has agreed to circumvent the Agricultural Land Commission so as to let a large parcel of farmland be made into a resort, throwing in an extra 45 hectares of public lands for free to developers (they call it a "tradeoff" for water rights which the developers no longer have any use for).

To reassure those of us who don't have suspicious minds, and surprise those of us who do, the premier could pull a move made from integrity rather than political desperation. It would be a remarkable feat for Glen Clark to reassure the people of British Columbia that the developers of the Six Mile Ranch, who it appears have won their battle to proceed, have not and will not be making donations to the political party which has granted them this windfall.

Doing so might even win him a few votes from that overly-paranoid minority who hold the irrational belief that politicians sometimes put their own interests ahead of the public's.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

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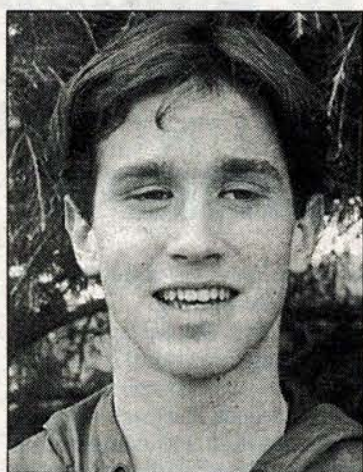
SALT SPRING SAYS

GISS students say: *Do you agree with the 5.6 out of 10 score given to the high school by the Fraser Institute report?*



Matt Gee, 17

Our school is way too narrow. It's focused on one aspect, which is technology.



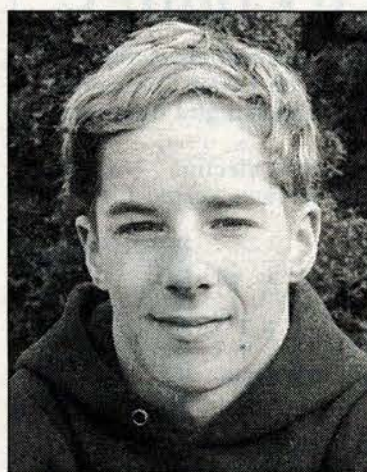
Jesse Hlady, 17

I agree because the school sucks. The teachers are useless and our curriculum stinks and we don't have any school spirit at all. Dougy Pearson rules.



Corry Schwagly, 16

I agree because it's the teachers lacking teaching skills although we have some good teachers.



Chris Hill, 15

I think kids should be able to go to school and not worry about what people say about their grades and stuff.



Kyla Dares, 15

I think that they don't teach you anything.

Letters to the Editor

Musical support

The executive of the Salt Spring Music Guild would like to congratulate the students who participated last Sunday afternoon in the recital at the Baptist church.

Our thanks to them and their teachers for all their hard work which made the afternoon such a success. We would also like to thank the parents for their enthusiastic support.

And finally, a special word of thanks to Lawrie Neish and the Community Arts Council for help in defraying the expenses incurred in staging the recital.

**NANCY JAMES,
SHIRLEY BUNYAN,
TILLY CRAWLEY,
SUSAN MONAGHAN,
Salt Spring Music Guild**

Career update

This is a short note to let people know what has been happening in the career education department at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) lately.

Jemaica Wrate and Franziska Satzinger accompanied Const. Gerard Choquette and Chuck Hamilton of the Ganges RCMP detachment to the third annual B.C.

Youth Police Network Training Symposium at Camp Elphinstone in Gibsons, B.C. Over 350 participants from around the province attended the four-day event. The focus of this year's symposium was "safe schools, safe communities." As luck would have it, the RCMP helicopter was available to fly the foursome to and from Gibsons.

Rebecca Forbes and Nicky Ruddell were selected to represent Gulf Islands Secondary School at a two-day seminar on health care careers, sponsored by the School of Health and Human Sciences. Both girls are now planning to enter the School of Nursing at Camosun in the fall.

Leslie Carson, a student in Grade 10, spent a week at the BCIT School of Broadcast Journalism. All reports from Burnaby indicate that she was learning a lot and having a great time in the post-secondary world.

Segovia Smith, Adam Brooker and Patrick Callas continue to work with Imagen, our Internet provider. These students are learning sales, service, NT training, web page design and customer support.

The Career Preparation Computer Assisted Drafting 11/12 class is working on a design of a

recreation centre for Salt Spring Island. Under the direction of their teacher, and local building designer Pat Mussell, the students will make a 3-D model of the building as part of their course.

Caitlin Brownrigg spent a weekend on the set of *Disturbing Behaviour*, a feature film being made in Vancouver. Caitlin has spent much time on stage here on Salt Spring, and has been awaiting an opportunity to see how the "reel" world of film works.

Since the semester turnaround we have had a total of 64 work experience placements in the community: 25 placements in sales and service occupations, 27 placements in the trades, eight in art, culture, recreation and sports, and four in natural and applied science.

Over 30 tradespeople accepted our invitation to the March 12 secondary school apprenticeship program luncheon and almost 60 employers have come forward to offer their services in May when we will be doing our Grade 10 work experience week.

Great kids! Great community!
**SCOTT BERGSTROME and
MAGGIE ALLISON,
Career Education,
GISS**

Wake up

The Fraser Institute report on Gulf Islands Secondary School standings in the province is verification of what I and many others have felt for a long time.

Why are our students allowed to have such a disgraceful showing? Surely our students are at least as bright as any others in B.C., if not the world. Why do we accept being near the bottom of the barrel in world standards of education?

St. Margaret's School put on a good show and the reason for this is the school's high expectations and discipline that requires students to fill every class with useful subjects, and teachers to teach them effectively.

When our school places so low in the province standings, it's about time some of the teachers, the principal and school board woke up. I find, from personal experience, that this school is in unbelievable disarray. Students wander the halls at all hours, have blank periods when they wander off downtown and have virtually no homework. These kids do what they're taught, which is very little.

It is my feeling that the prin-

cipal and teachers should be thoroughly ashamed of their laid-back, lacklustre performance. It's time they took a real interest in the students and aimed for the highest standards in the world.

What excuse can we have for being anything but the best? We need passionate and aggressive teaching in the schools. Help those that are struggling and behind, not just the "A" students — they don't need it.

If we don't wake up and make the teachers and principals responsible for their actions, we will become servants to the rest of the world. If salaries were attached to performance and results, we would see a dramatic improvement in our children's future and in their marks.

Make the kids work harder and they'll feel someone cares, and will respond with brilliance. There's no reason on earth that a school like St. Margaret's should do better than GISS. The only difference is determination.

Wake up, School District 64.
**JON PAGE,
Ganges**

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Pink camellias bloom in the sun in front of the Curiosity Shop

Province in shambles: it's time for a change

VICTORIA — When Premier Glen Clark and his merry band of social democrats face the legislature on March 24 or thereabouts, they will be a party bereft of a meaningful constituency.

Whoever voted for the NDP in the last election — special interest groups, swing voters, public servants scared for their jobs and plain folks who thought, "Ah, what the heck, give them another chance," will by now feel somewhat betrayed by the party that promised balanced budgets and jobs, and delivered neither.

The business community, from the small mom-and-pop operators to the high-rolling Jimmy Pattisons, never did and never will support the NDP, which leaves the hard-core supporters who, having dwindled to a minimum, will not be able to carve out another term for Clark.

Nor can the NDP count anymore on its traditionally biggest ally: the fractured right-wing vote. The Reform Party of B.C. has no members left in the legislature, and the party itself is deadlier than a door nail, pompous pronouncements by its leader Wilf Hanni notwithstanding.

Much of the problem the NDP is facing can be laid at the doorstep of the leader. Clark has abandoned most of the groups that tended to support the NDP.

To mend fences with the forest industry, he is drastically weakening the Forest Practices Code and providing stumpage relief to forest companies, which alienates most environmental groups.

To keep the deficit from going even higher than the projected \$187 million, he has told public servants they won't get a raise for the next two years.

The unemployed have little hope of finding jobs, particularly young people who will be flooding the job market during the summer holidays. Job creation statistics released last November showed that British Columbia was tied for last place with Prince Edward Island with 0.3 per cent.

The only thing the NDP is very adept at is to create the illusion that all's well in British Columbia. It's hard to sit through a prime-time TV show without being brainwashed by those slick ads, touting some value-added company that created a few jobs, and telling us "it's working."

Well, it isn't working, not even in the premier's wildest dreams. British Columbia is a hair's breadth away from a recession. Even Clark seems to know that. In an interview with the CBC last week, he started to say that a recession might be lurking in the rafters, but after the first syllable, he caught himself and substituted a less foreboding word.

The biggest problem for this government, however, is that it has no vision, no ideas, no clear concept of where it wants to lead the province. You might have disagreed with the previous NDP government under Mike Harcourt, but it did have a vision.

You may argue with the need or the sensibility of doubling British Columbia's park land, but future generations will not.

You may disagree with the Forest Practices Code, but considering the international pressure brought on British Columbia and the never-ending confrontations in the forests between industry and environmentalists, something had to be done. And the Harcourt government did something.

If the Clark government will be remembered for one thing, it is the expansion of gambling or rather its attempt to expand gambling, not the legacy I would want to leave behind. Sorry, nothing else comes to mind, although, I'm sure the premier would have a few suggestions.

Unless this government performs a few miracles over the next two years or so, it will be defeated, and rightly so.

I am a firm believer that no government should be in power for more than two terms. A government performing poorly reinforces that belief. And this government has performed poorly.

As Dave Barrett's slogan said in the 1972 election which unseated W.A.C. Bennett's government after 20 years in power: "It's time for a change."

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CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



Trust amends policy to stress opposition to gambling here

Casino gambling is not appropriate in the Gulf Islands.

Islands Trust representatives approved a policy amendment at the March 5-7 council meeting to state their objection to Vegas-like gambling facilities. The amendment states "destination gaming facilities such as casinos and commercial bingo halls are not appropriate to and should not be located in the Trust area."

Meanwhile, in other policy changes, trustees approved policies calling for preservation of tree cover, encouraging the B.C. Forest Land Commission (FLC) not to subdivide land in the provincial Forest Land Reserve (FLR) and asking the FLC to approve applications from property owners to have their forestry land included in the FLR.

A final set of policy changes completed amendments to the agricultural policy, addressing concerns raised by the Agricultural Land Commission.

The first reworded policy states that natural wetlands in the Trust area that have not been altered in the past for agriculture — including those in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) — should not be drained, filled or degraded.

The second directs local Trust committees to design roads and servicing corridors to avoid agricultural lands "unless the need for the road outweighs agricultural considerations, in which case appropriate mitigation measures shall be required to derive a net benefit to agriculture."

The change did not alter the mean-

TRUST COUNCIL BRIEFS

ing of the previous policy but did strengthen the wording.

In other Trust Council business:

• The Trust Fund Board is richer by 53 Lasqueti acres, council vice-chairwoman Melinda Auerbach reported, since a donation was completed in December. She added that the board is finalizing eight covenants, negotiating a potential donation and one Crown land transfer.

Trust Fund program coordinator Carolyn Stewart said there is an anonymous donor willing to give \$50,000 towards the McFadden Creek Heronry project on Salt Spring provided matching funds can be found. The Trust Fund is also trying to raise funds to purchase the Brooks Point property on South Pender Island and requires \$275,000 more by the end of June. A third fundraising project to purchase South Winchelsea Island requires a further \$560,000.

• Trustees agreed to send a message to the environment ministry supporting an amendment to the Occupiers Liability Act. The amendment would reduce the legal liability for private land owners who allow the public to use established trails or pathways over their property.

• Asian leaders have some knowl-

edge of the Gulf Islands following last November's Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference. Galiano trustee Debbie Holmes distributed a copy of a limited-edition embossed print featuring the islands, framed copies of which were given to each of the heads of state attending the conference.

• Trustees agreed to the appointment of the Victoria-based law firm Lidstone, Young and Anderson as Trust legal counsel for the next three years with an option for a further two-year renewal. The firm was selected following a review of applications and written responses from five firms which practise municipal law.

• The next Trust Council meeting will be June 4 and 5 on Gabriola Island.



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120 attend MAI forum

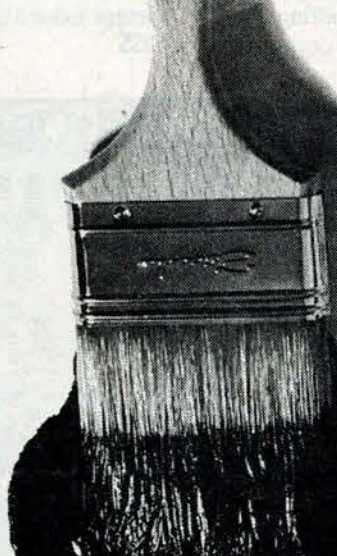
More than 120 people attended the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) public forum at All Saints By-the-Sea Saturday.

According to Sonya Kofler of Salt Spring's MAI coalition, the forum allowed islanders to participate in discussions about how the MAI will impact various dimensions of their lives, write letters to politicians and draft strategies to impact the MAI process. They also heard speakers highlight key issues about the agreement and the process being used to bring it to

completion.

Kofler notes that action opposing the MAI is taking place across the country. On Saturday at 1 p.m. a public rally is set for Centennial Square on the corner of Douglas and Pandora in Victoria. Islanders should call Valerie Rampone at 653-4017 if they wish to carpool to attend the event.

On March 19, numerous MPs' offices across Canada will be converted into "MAI information stations" where citizens will distribute information to the public.



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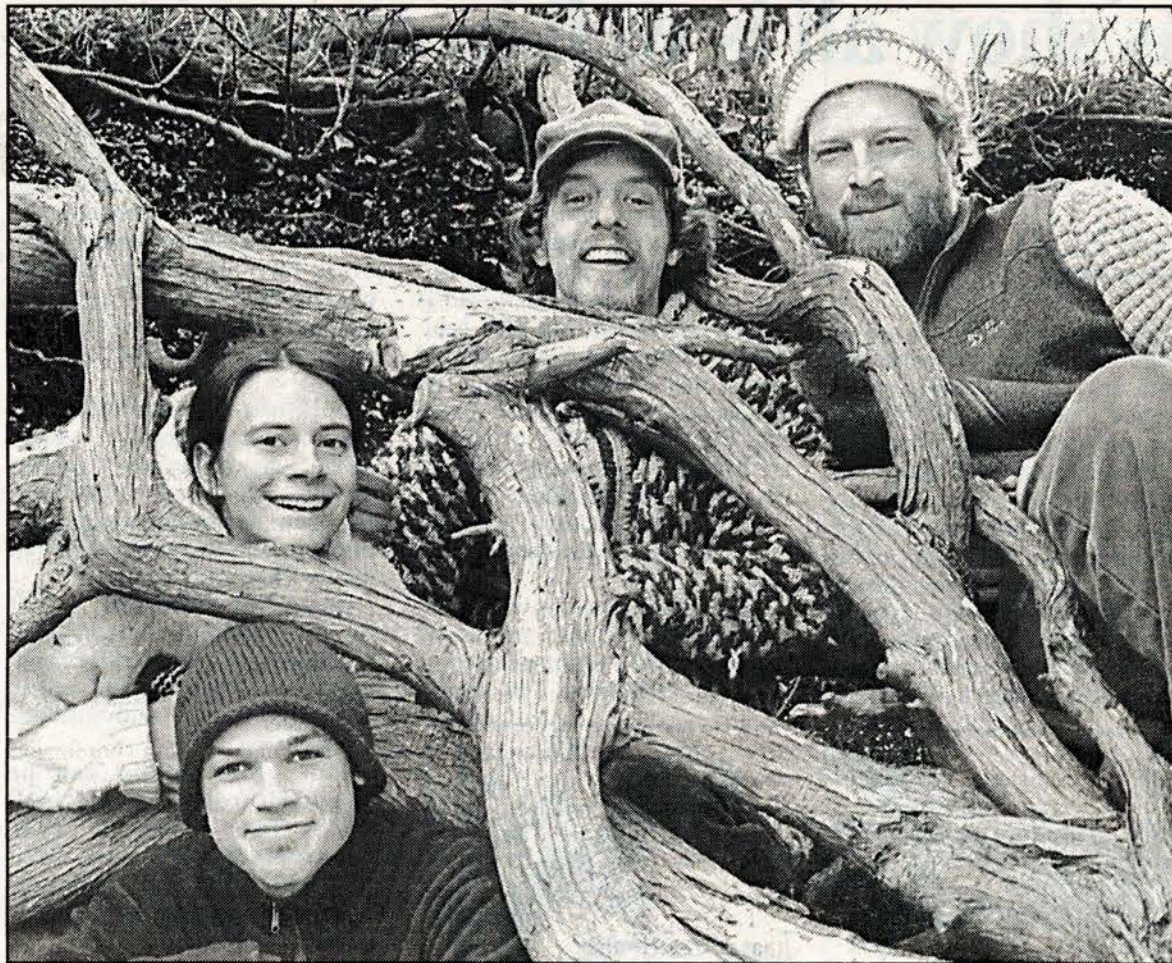
Information packages have been mailed out to all
District Grade 5 students this week

Clam harvest controlled

Clam-digging in the closed Booth Bay beach area was authorized by the Department of Fisheries last Wednesday but that doesn't mean the beach is open to casual clam-digging.

The permit allowed Coopers Cove Farm to conduct what is known as a depuration harvest of clams. Because the area is closed due to contamination, the clams will be treated, either with purified water or with ultra-violet light. After treatment, the clams will be tested for contaminants and, if the contamination is removed, the clams are sold.

Depuration harvests are strictly controlled, said Fisheries enforcement officer Willi Jansen. The area involved and time of the harvest is identified. Not all contaminated clams can be purified. For anyone except the few companies licensed for depuration harvesting, Jansen stressed that clam-digging in Booth Bay is still prohibited.



Rooted

A fallen cedar on Beddis Beach provides a natural play area for kids of all ages. Here, clockwise from bottom, Jonas Becklbee, Jamie

Murrell, Garry Rivard and Ben Clarke sought an adventure of the knotty kind last weekend.

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Greenwoods will share services with hospital

A new financial arrangement between Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital will save money, according to the society that runs Greenwoods.

Following the retirement of Greenwoods business manager Janet Wales at the end of January, the care facility has agreed to share financial management and administrative support services with the Salt Spring hospital.

"As well as realizing a substantial cost saving," notes a press release from the Greenwoods board, "the move to share services with other facilities in the Capital Health Region is in keeping with the government's mandate for 'better care and regionalization.'"

Jim Deas, local finance manager for the Capital Health Region, and Diana Hayes, Lady Minto Hospital administrative assistant, will be providing the new services for Greenwoods.

In other Greenwoods board news:

- The board is currently reviewing a proposed "affiliation agreement" with the Capital Health Region.


Under the proposed agreement, Greenwoods would retain its board and society. However, the "benefits and efficiencies of being affiliated with the Capital Health Board would be accessible."

The move follows last April's amalgamation of Lady Minto Hospital and the Capital Health Region. Under the new structure, Lady Minto no longer has a separate board and society.

- Greenwoods is preparing an equipment needs list for fundraising in 1998. The board has already agreed to move ahead with a storage room expansion project.

- Seventeen seniors are waiting for rooms in Greenwoods, while two new admissions have recently occurred.

- A need for additional on-call registered nurses has prompted the board to advertise for new staff.



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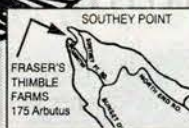
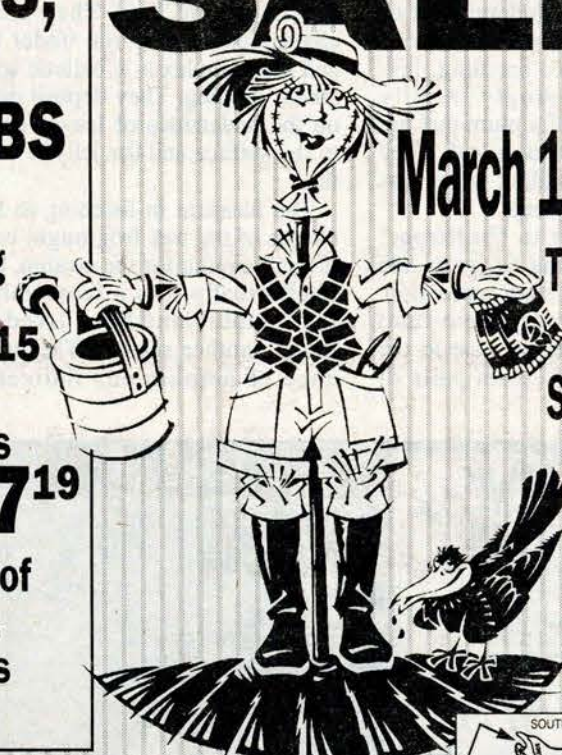
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Amphibians show all is well in eco-system

As you read this, hold up your right hand and repeat the following verse. "This little treefrog went to the swamp; (wiggle your little finger) this red-legged frog stayed home; (ring finger) this long-toed salamander ate small bugs; (big finger) this bullfrog should have none; (pointer) and this rough-skinned newt crossed the road safely on the way to the swamp." (thumb)

In some places you might have to do it secretly. Poetry containing amphibians can get you into trouble; I think they used to burn people for less. But if you can successfully remember this verse, you will have a catchy way of remembering the natural history of the amphibians on the Gulf Islands.

The Pacific treefrog is unmistakable in March. If you live next to a swamp, you will know that it is the season of frenzied orgy or "amplexus," the polite name for their lovemaking position.

With their thin, sensitive skins, this damp, mild weather provides optimum conditions for them to move to the swamps from their trees and breed. "Reck-its" (a loud croak for a frog the size of a little finger) explode from the swamp heralding our most common native frog. They are bright green to brown depending on their mood. They have a distinctive black eye stripe and adhesive disks on the ends of their toes for climbing trees. They lay their eggs around the margins of swamps in loose clumps of jelly.

The red-legged frog is a bigger frog (ring finger) whose legs and lower belly are bright red on the underside. Their mating chorus is quite soft and they can be elusive, diving down to the bottom of the pond after being spotted. They have clusters of eggs the size of cantaloupes and the tadpoles are twice the size of tree frogs. They live by swamps all year round and don't migrate en masse to breed.

The long-toed salamander, which the First Nations people called more appropriately "Gold on the Back," grows to the size of your big finger. I have seen a few on the island but they are also elusive as they live underground or deep in decayed logs. They move to the swamps for breeding, laying large eggs singly in jelly masses the size of a plum that are attached to stones or a leaf. They are usually in shallow water less than half a metre deep.

When you get to "bullfrog," shake your pointing finger up and down and wear a stern expression. American bullfrogs (jug-o-rum) have spread from the east to the west via the ice cream pails of

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WITH BRIONY PENN



junior biologists. These are big frogs and unlikely to be confused with any native species except maybe a western toad which I have yet to find on the island.

The toad has rough warty skin, unlike the frogs. Toads lay their eggs in strings not clusters. Bullfrogs are like many of the invasive species on the islands, beautiful in their own right but they completely decimate other species. They are even known to eat ducklings. Don't release bull-

well-being in the ecosystem since their skins absorb water, oxygen and all substances therein. Amphibians are referred to as the "canaries in the mine" with their loss preceding a greater ecological collapse. Since the world is losing amphibians and their habitat at an alarming rate we should know that we are in trouble. In response, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has organized a task force on declining amphibian populations. There is an active group for B.C. and the co-ordinator is Stan Orchard.

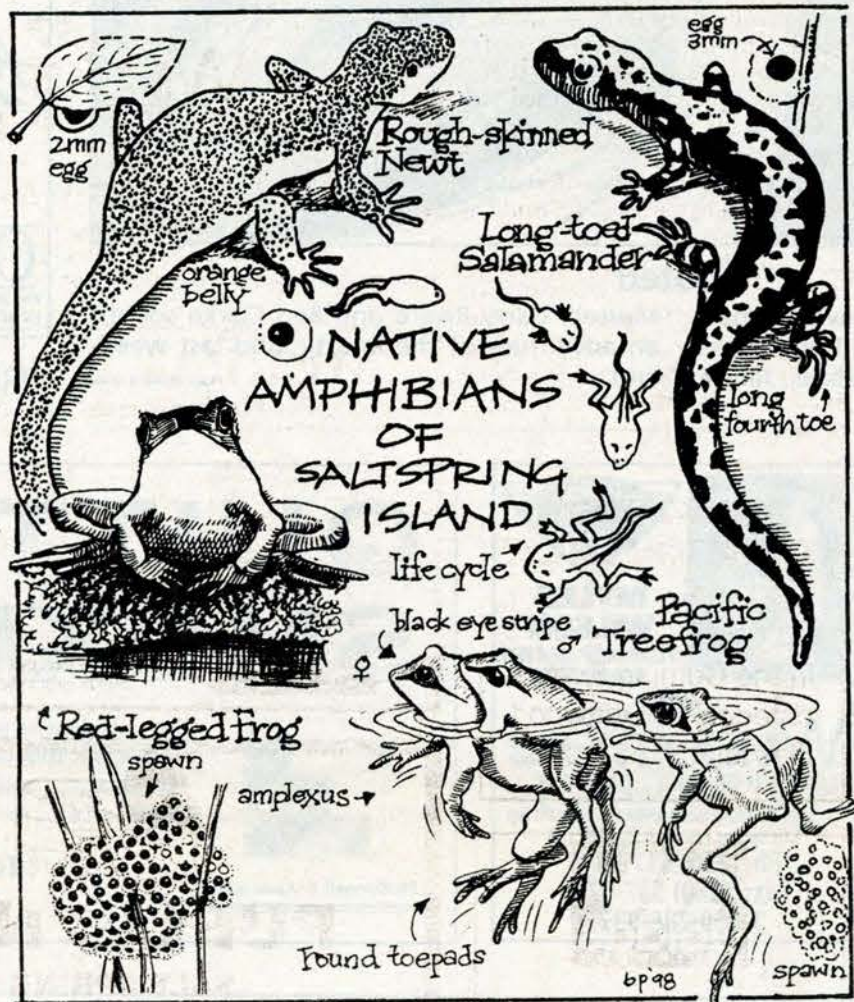
The group has set up a monitoring program and they can always do with some swamp watchers to monitor amphibians. I am hoping

to document rough-skinned newts crawling around Ganges — the ones that eat slugs. Locate a local swamp or pond and observe the area for the various amphibians. Since they all have an aquatic phase in spring when they breed, this is the best time to observe the adults, eggs and/or larvae (tadpoles).

Folklore on amphibians is immense. They were the symbol of life, kings of the world, mother goddesses for every culture until the New Testament when they became equated with unclean spirits. They got it wrong.

So back to the rhyme; pass it on; drive carefully around frogs and newts; think carefully about what you pour into the water, blow into the sky and bulldoze into oblivion.

More information can be obtained from Stan Orchard IUCN Task Force #27-2891 Craigowan Road, Victoria, B.C. V9B 1M9 #386-7510. Phone me with any sightings, too, at 653-4880.



Salt Spring amphibians

frogs in any of our lakes.

Finally my favourite, the rough-skinned newt — as fat and long as your thumb and palm. These adult newts are presently on the march (slowly) to their breeding swamps. The most common viewing is on a road between swamp and forest where they customarily get run over by unobservant motorists. They have bright orange bellies, rough brown backs and humanoid toes. They are a charm for all children under 82 and their amplexus is balletic with tender groping. They deposit eggs on the undersides of leaves close to the surface and the jelly is very thin.

The pleasure in listening to the chorus of the tree frog might be a primal longing for the swamp, but intellectually it is a reassurance that amphibians have lived to breed another season. The presence of amphibians indicates

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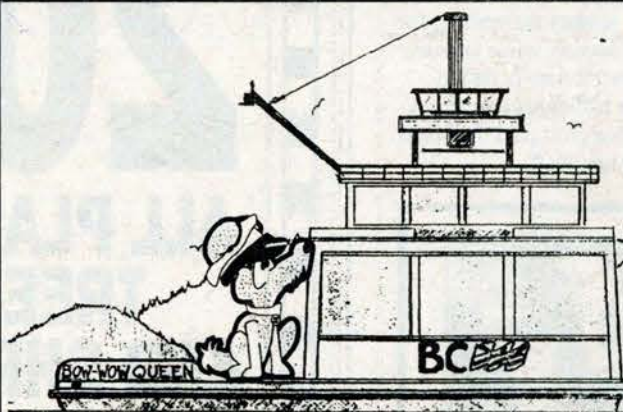
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Island man treks across nation, hoping to improve global unity

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Rod McGuckin is defending the world one step at a time.

The Salt Spring man is planning to lace up his walking shoes and make a five-month trek across Canada to raise awareness about the need for global unity.

More people worldwide must work together to reduce the greed, fear, strife, war, poverty and pollution that is destroying the planet, says McGuckin. It doesn't have to mean dropping everything to become an activist. He feels every positive change, no matter how small, can alter the present course, and every action has a ripple effect.

People could start by becoming aware of the negative parts of their programming.

"We are operating from a place of greed, jealousy and fear — it's part of the programming," he says. "As long as we keep operating from that place and justifying our behaviour out of not having enough, the whole thing is going to go down the tubes."

Even if people are not worried about the current state of the world, he hopes they will make changes out of compassion for future genera-



Rod McGuckin

tions.

McGuckin is definitely not an attention-hungry publicity hound, nor a hard-core activist. He seems uneasy even around the edges of a spotlight. But his motivation is strong and simple. He believes he can have a positive effect on the world by raising public awareness of its plight. The alternative is to do nothing and live with the knowledge that he could have made a difference and chose not to.

"If we all sit there in our com-

fortable lives and say 'I'll wait until the addition is done,' or 'I'll wait until I pay off the mortgage,' it's not going to happen."

The time is right for McGuckin, a self-employed carpenter and cabinet-maker, who needs to complete some work obligations before leaving the island on June 1.

To demonstrate his commitment to the idea, he plans to sell as many of his personal possessions as possible to raise funds, including his truck. Realizing a support vehicle is necessary, he is looking into acquiring an inexpensive van.

But McGuckin knows he can't really do it all alone, and community support in any form — ideas, goods and financial support of which he promises to keep strict account — would be appreciated.

One of his ideas is to set up a "global unity trust fund" that would direct monies into cost-effective projects in the developing world, and into preserving sacred sites in Canada. He hopes one or more individuals could take responsibility for setting up that plan.

Anyone interested in McGuckin's global unity walk and fund can call him at 537-5497 between 5:30 and 10 p.m.

Future of parks discussed

Members of the general public who attended the regional parks information meeting in Ganges Thursday could have been counted on the fingers of one hand.

But the turn-out was better from the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC), seven of whom met with regional parks staff Thursday afternoon to share their ideas for future parks on Salt Spring.

Topics included:

- the potential for regional trails to link with Salt Spring's existing and proposed linear park/trail network;
- a regional park on St. Mary Lake with a safe access to the water for swimming;
- acquisition of the Ford Lake Crown land parcel, 100 acres above Ford Lake, which adjoins 80 acres of land which may be dedicated for park if a subdivision on Stewart Road is approved; and
- the ongoing interest in acquiring the privately owned Walker Hook waterfront.

The meeting with PARC and the evening meeting launched an 18-month update of the 10-year-old regional parks plan.

The update will include a random survey of 3,500 households in the regional district plus information collected at public meetings.

PARC administrator Tony Hume said he was disappointed that so few people attended the public meeting.

APPOINTMENT



Tony Richards, Publisher and Managing Editor of the Gulf Islands Driftwood, welcomes Rick MacKinnon to the newspaper staff. Rick's appointment as General Manager of the newspaper took effect Monday, March 9. He will be responsible for the sales, accounting and circulation functions of the newspaper. Rick brings 20 years of experience in newspaper advertising sales, most recently as a Sales Manager with the Vancouver Sun and Province. He started his newspaper career as a retail sales representative with the Edmonton Journal. Prior to that he was a Sales Manager with Woodward's Stores Ltd. in Edmonton for nine years.

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APPOINTMENTS**

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is seeking individuals who are interested in sitting on the Salt Spring Island Advisory Agricultural Committee (AAC) for a one-year or two-year term. The AAC will meet on a regular basis to advise on agricultural issues affecting the community. It will provide the LTC and development applicants with technical and other comments regarding agriculture and agricultural land use. The Committee will identify ways that the LTC can encourage and support farming in the community, consistent with good farming practices.

The AAC may be requested to review and comment on the following types of development applications and land use matters:

- applications to the Agricultural Land Commission which are to be considered by the LTC;
- applications to amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) or Zoning Bylaw;
- subdivisions in the Agricultural land Reserve, or on lands which may significantly affect farm lands;
- any comprehensive review of the OCP or Land Use Bylaws.

While a professional background or work experience in a related field would be an asset, the LTC is interested in hearing from anyone who can contribute a broad understanding of the island and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character.

Those interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Agricultural Committee, or in finding out more about its mandate, are asked to write before March 31, 1998 to:

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Baseball season hits first base

Salt Spring families wanting to get into the swing of the baseball season should register at Portlock Park this week.

The official registration deadline for all baseball and softball league play is Friday, although late entrants will be considered.

But as baseball association president Darin Craig said last week, it would be "a great help" to organizers if children were registered by Friday so team lists can be compiled.

A definite season start date has not yet been set, but will likely be right after the Easter break in mid-April.

Craig also wanted to apologize on behalf of the executive for any "glitches" that have occurred in getting the season off the ground. Almost everyone involved this year is new to the job, he explained.

Registration is even being handled for the first time by Parks and Rec staff. In the past, Craig said, registration took place outside Ganges Village Market. This year, people must register at the Parks and Rec office at Portlock Park, bringing the participating child's birth certificate (or a copy, unless a copy is already on file).

If a new group of volunteers had not come forward there would not have been any baseball or softball for younger players on Salt Spring this year.

But more parent participation and support would be appreciated, said Craig.

Anyone with questions about baseball league play should call Craig at 537-4049. For girls softball inquiries, call Kathy Kendall or Mike Davis at 537-5271.

Track, field athletes warming up

It's time for track and field athletes to get warmed up.

Salt Spring Track and Field Club training starts on March 24 at 5 p.m. at Portlock Park.

Training will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m. with weekends sessions added after the end of soccer season.

For details on training, membership and competition schedules, phone Richard Bennett at 537-4441.

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9:00am Step n' Strength
- Brenda
9:00am Prime Time
- Rosemary or Ila Mae

TUESDAYS

9:00am Total Body Conditioning
- Betty Lou
5:30pm Step n' Tone
- Damaris

WEDNESDAYS

7:45am Pump Primers
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9:00am Total Body Conditioning
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ISLANDS TRUST SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the public, including all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following Proposed Bylaw, will be afforded an opportunity to be heard respecting matters contained therein at the Public Hearing to be held at the **Multi-purpose Room** of

Gulf Islands Secondary School, 232 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island on Monday, March 23, 1998, commencing at 7:30 p.m. A Public Information Display will be held at the same location prior to the Public Hearing, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 345 - Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 345, 1997.

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 345 is to repeal "Official Community Plan (Salt Spring Island), Bylaw No. 200, 1988" as amended, and replace it with a new Official Community Plan under the authority of the *Municipal Act*. The Plan will provide guidance in all future land use decisions undertaken by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee for the area covered by the Plan, including Salt Spring Island; Channel Islands; Deadman, First Sister, Goat, Grace, Idol, Russell, Second Sister and Third Sister Islands; Isabella Islets; and other named and un-named islands and islets, or other land areas and the surface of water surrounding Salt Spring Island within the boundaries of Electoral Area "F".

Proposed Bylaw No. 345 consists of 27 Schedules. Schedule A is the policy document, in two volumes, which contain general statements of broad objectives and policies respecting the form and character of existing and proposed land use and servicing requirements in the area covered by the Plan.

Matters discussed in the statements include, but are not restricted to: the type and location of residential, agricultural, public lands and facilities, institutional, commercial and industrial land uses. Policies and objectives for: home based businesses; affordable housing, rental housing and special needs housing; forestry; public recreational lands; parks and recreation; environmental management; villages; heritage resources, natural hazards and shoreline areas are also included.

Services such as transportation, water supply systems, and waste management systems are also addressed. In addition, the policy document provides: areas, justification, objectives, conditions, guidelines and exemptions for Development Permits and Heritage Alteration Permits. Schedule A also contains a Schedule of Protected Heritage Properties pursuant to Section 880(3)(b) of the *Municipal Act*. Areas and conditions where temporary commercial and industrial use permits may be issued are also described.

Schedules 1 through 26 inclusive are maps. Schedule 1 is a map that defines the area that is subject to the Official Community Plan and shows map designations for land and shoreline use. Schedules 2 through 26 are described as follows:

Schedule 2 - Map 2	Existing Community Facilities
Schedule 3 - Map 3	Existing Transportation Network and Road Standards
Schedule 4 - Map 4	Potential Cycle Routes
Schedule 5 - Map 5	Potential Public Transit Routes
Schedule 6 - Map 6	Potable Water Supply
Schedule 7 - Map 7	Existing Waste Management Facilities
Schedule 8 - Map 8	Supported Inclusions in the Ganges Sewered Area
Schedule 9 - Map 9a	Environmentally Sensitive Ecosystems
Map 9b	Areas of High Biodiversity
Schedule 10 - Map 10	Environmentally Sensitive Habitat - Nest Sites, Seal Haulouts, Herring Spawning and Clam Beds
Schedule 11 - Map 11	Environmentally Sensitive Shoreline Areas
Schedule 12 - Map 12	Potential and Existing Freshwater Fish Habitat
Schedule 13 - Map 13	Areas with High Surface Erosion Hazard
Schedule 14 - Map 14	Areas with High Slope Stability Hazard
Map 14a	Sand and Gravel Deposits
Schedule 15 - Map 15	Heritage and Scenic Road Segments
Schedule 16 - Map 16	Development Permit Area 1 - Island Villages
Schedule 17 - Map 17	Ganges Public Pathway System
Schedule 18 - Map 18	Recommended Walkways leading from Fulford Village
Schedule 19 - Map 19	Development Permit Area 2 - Non-village Commercial and Industrial
Schedule 20 - Map 20	Development Permit Area 3 - Shoreline
Schedule 21 - Map 21	Development Permit Area 4 - Lakes, Streams and Wetlands
Schedule 22 - Map 22	Development Permit Area 5 - Community Well Capture Zones
Schedule 23 - Map 23	Development Permit Area 6 - High Slope Instability Hazard
Schedule 24 - Map 24	Development Permit Area 6 - High Surface Erosion Hazard
Schedule 25 - Map 25	Heritage Conservation Area 1 - Ganges Village Core
Schedule 26 - Map 26	Transfer of Development Potential - Donor and Receiving Areas

A copy of the Proposed Bylaw, and relevant background documents may be inspected at #1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing March 11, 1998, up to and including March 23rd, 1998. The Proposed Bylaw may also be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca>

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, a copy of the Proposed Bylaw may be inspected at the Victoria Office of the Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing March 11, 1998, up to and including March 23rd, 1998.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the Ganges office of the Islands Trust at #1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9, prior to 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 23rd, 1998;
2. after 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 23rd, 1998, to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

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

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

Robyn Addison
Secretary



On to the semi-finals

Goalkeeper Jared Hazenboom leaps to clear the ball and preserve a shutout Sunday when the under-19 boys' soccer team notched a 7-0 quarter-final victory over Lakehill Silver. The team advances to a District Cup semi-final March 29 at Portlock Park against Gordon Head.

Photo by Tony Richards

Underdog 86ers come out flying but drop 7-4 loss to Juan de Fuca

By PATRICK AKERMAN
Driftwood Contributor

They may have been the underdogs but the Salt Spring 86ers didn't play like it in the qualifying game for the District Cup against Juan de Fuca Saturday.

Salt Spring's under-12 silver boys team played their hearts out in the match with Juan de Fuca, one of the top gold-level teams from lower Vancouver Island, but came out on the short end of a 7-4 score at Portlock Park.

The 86ers started out slow, possibly feeling intimidated by the second-place B.C. District Cup team, and Juan de Fuca controlled play in the first 10 minutes.

After Ryan O'Donnell barely touched one of the opposition players in the 18-yard box, Juan de Fuca scored on a penalty shot. That seemed to spark Salt Spring and, only two minutes later, Gordie Akerman scored on a blast from high in the 18-yard box. Shortly after that Daniel Scotton scored off a rebound from Jimmy Severn.

Leading 2-1, Salt Spring's defence kicked in. Garner Lee, Phil Wilson, Jordy Morrison, Edward Perkins and Timmy Byron held onto the lead through to half time.

The boys came out strong in the second half but Juan de Fuca managed to squeak a goal by keeper Bryan Hunsberger who was stopping shots left and right. Salt Spring boys would not give up and after the midfield of Kelly Portingale, O'Donnell, Brook Speed and Jon Wilson worked the ball up deep in Juan de Fuca's end, Gordie Akerman stole the ball from a defender and scored his second goal to tie the game once again.

Late in regulation time, Juan de Fuca showed why they were on top of the gold division by scoring on a rocket of a shot from outside the 18-yard box. With only three minutes left and down 4-3, Salt Spring had to do something quick.

After consulting with assistant coaches Gord Speed and Patrick Akerman, head coach Brenda Akerman decided to play four forwards and move everyone else up. That paid off right away with forwards Severn, Mike Horn, Kevin Lee and Gordie Akerman pressing hard.

Scotton scored his second goal to tie the game at 4. Because this was a District Cup game, it had to go into extra time. Although Salt Spring's team was getting tired

and missing three key defence-men, Kyle Wilkinson, Darren Roop and Bradon Dragomir, the boys kept pressing and working hard.

Juan de Fuca caught a break after a hand ball went undetected by the referee in front of Salt Spring's goal and they tallied to make the score 5-4. The game was very close for the rest of the overtime period but Salt Spring got bit by two bad breaks and finally fell 7-4.

The 86ers had a great year winning first place in the lower Vancouver Island silver division and will finish off the season with two tournaments, one in Cowichan and another on Salt Spring later in the spring.



Mayne runner takes top spot

Mayne Island's Tyler Cocker finished ahead of more than 60 runners to win the Vancouver Island running championships last week.

The Grade 8 student won the race in Campbell River by a convincing 30 seconds ahead of his nearest follower.

Cocker had also previously won the mid-island championships held at George Bonner Middle School.

Two Mayne students with less running experience, Danika Schurm and Errol Bruce, showed promise by finishing the mid-island competition in 10th and 15th respectively in the Grade 7 division.

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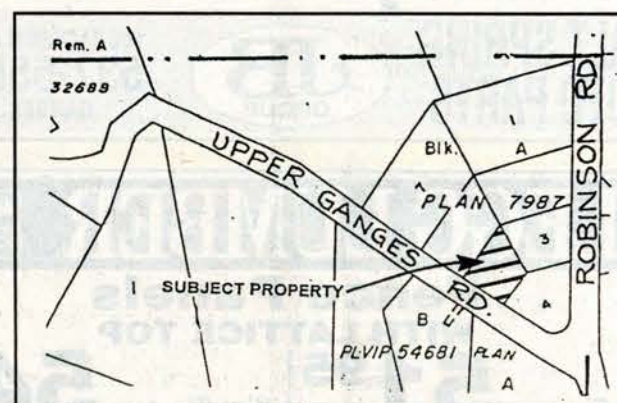


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NOTICE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE PERMIT TUP-01-98

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 5, Block A, Section 5, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 7987, commonly known as 320 Upper Ganges Road. The purpose of the Permit is to allow for the operation of a funeral facility, excluding a chapel, occupying 1300 square feet of the upper floor of an existing building on the subject parcel.

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, March 26, 1998. 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 Friday, March 13, 1998, and continuing up to and including Wednesday, March 25, 1998.

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 Friday, March 13, 1998, and continuing up to and including Wednesday, March 25, 1998.

Robyn Addison
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Tour B.C. organizers, who requested the space, balked at the price tag applied by the Gulf

Islands School District.

Campers hoped to find an overnight spot on the island for between \$10 and \$15.

The school district's request for \$40 per cyclist turned out to be a bit too rich for the tour group.

BRIDGE TRICKS

Blanche Poborsa and Joan Conlan won the Gulf Islands Bridge Club championships on March 2.

They were followed closely by Yvonne Sollitt and Toni Luton, and the team of Shirley Love and Isabelle Richardson tied for third place with Fred Struve and Irene Hawksworth.

Pat Warman and Jim Burford took top honours on March 9, with Struve and Hawksworth in second place.

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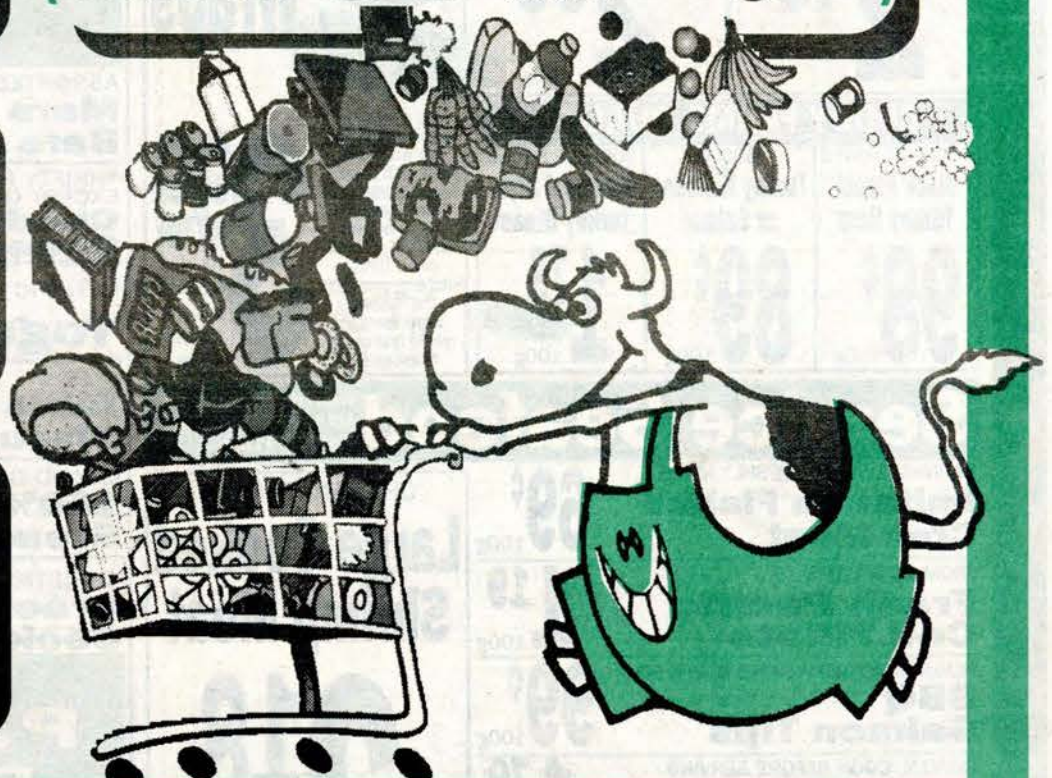
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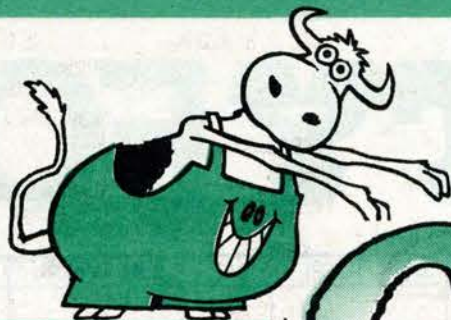
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- **The Last Annual Salt Spring Erotic Literary Evening** — 12 writers and performers of various genres will participate in this special benefit for Theatre Alive. Blues performed by Kelly Kavanagh. Saturday, March 21 at Meaden Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15, available in advance only at Volume II Books and Island Books Plus. Must be 19 years or older.
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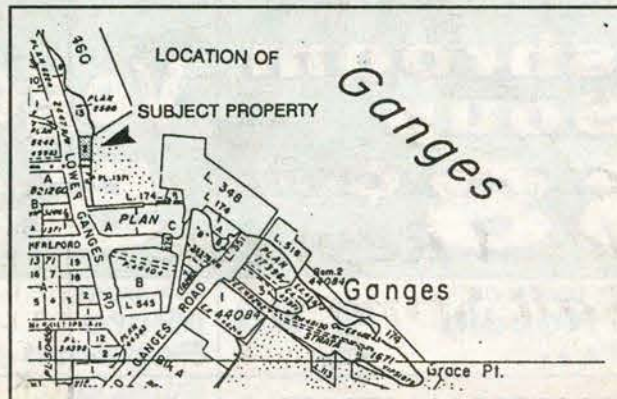
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Bateman will introduce Wolfe and his work. The evening is a benefit for ArtSpring and is the start of a spring campaign to finish the island's arts centre.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Phalluses venture out this year
at Mahon Hall Eros '98 art showBy GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring artists went the whole way with the Eros '98 art show, which continues at Mahon Hall until March 22.

Bodies in all manner of desirous shape, solo or entwined with others; facial expressions of serene satisfaction; lots of imagination; and, yes, at last, the phalluses which were too coy to venture out for last year's exhibit — all were displayed in florid abundance.

At Eros '98, penis images seem to be everywhere: in oil, wood, clay, sea critter photographs and even light fixtures. Babe Bennett, of CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, and spokeswoman for all "you gals" out there, would be pleased. I know I was.

Patricia Balsor took her in-flight, clay cherubs to lusty vistas with a piece which asks, "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?"

Among my favourites were Chai Duncan's three carved wood and acrylic-painted pieces — *Seventh Wet Dream*, *Underworld* and *Mecca*.

Use of natural or found materials worked wonders for me, as in Barbara Watson's "The wave that moved ..." Attached to a large, rusty piece of aluminum roofing was a rock embraced by a tentacle and flowing piece of kelp — the sea truly boils with life-spawning eroticism.

Morley Myers' hefty chunk of beach log used to create *A Bit of a Twist* even invited sniffing; driftwood was perfect for Bill Rhodes' *The Mermaid*; Ben Goodman shaped wood exquisitely in *Combined Spaces*; and Tom Flemons successfully found eroticism in fleshing out a burl.

Kathleen Horsdal managed to capture the sense of relaxed post-coital bliss on the face of her life-sized sculpture called *Afterglow*, and a single fallen leaf from a rose in hand was a bewitching detail.

Gerda Lattey contributed beautiful soapstone and alabaster sculptures, and David Halliwell's alabaster *To Dance With a Gemini*

was also engrossing.

I liked the effect of Margaret McKenzie's *Gaia Series*, paintings of figures which appear as rounded sculpture themselves. And don't miss Jan Sharkey Thomas' two amazing oil paintings, *Virgo* and *Associated Rediffusion*, in the upstairs part of the hall.

A number of artists chose the playful route: Diana Thompson's three constructions using water-logged condoms, a waterfall of balloons and baby bottle nipples; or Karen Eagle's painting of what the *Mona Lisa* would look like as a male with well-developed abdominal muscles.

Then there was Jennifer Joiner's colourful paper mache pieces which reminded me of prancing caterpillars.

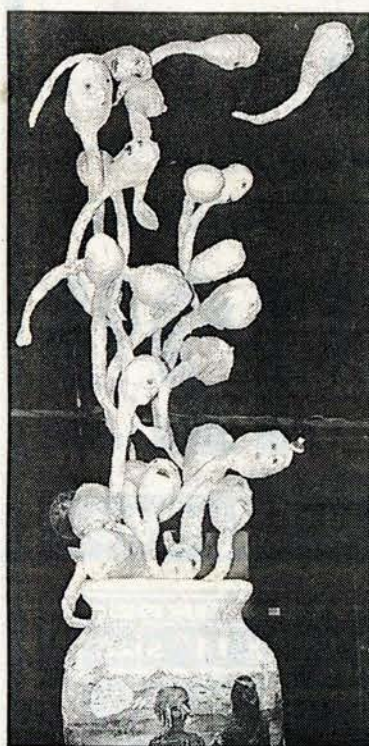
The show was dedicated to the late Esther Travis, a masterful artist who died before her time last

November and whose work inspired viewers and fellow artists. Travis' contributions to Eros '98 included the light fixture — make sure you pull the cord — her famous through-the-keyhole boxes, and a series of powerful paintings.

In contrast, several artists' names were completely unfamiliar yet they contributed so much to the show.

Hopefully the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists, sponsors of the Eros '98 art show, won't follow the lead of their literary counterparts, who feel erotic literary evenings should be terminated while they are still able to attract a sell-out audience.

Judging by the new territory covered in this year's art extravaganza, it should be quite some time before visual artists' energy on this subject is spent.



Erotic art

Melissa Searcy stands with an untitled, life-size sculpture — one of many artistic creations gracing the Eros '98 art show at Mahon Hall. At left is a work by Bill Rhodes called "The Race," created out of paper mache. The show runs until Sunday.

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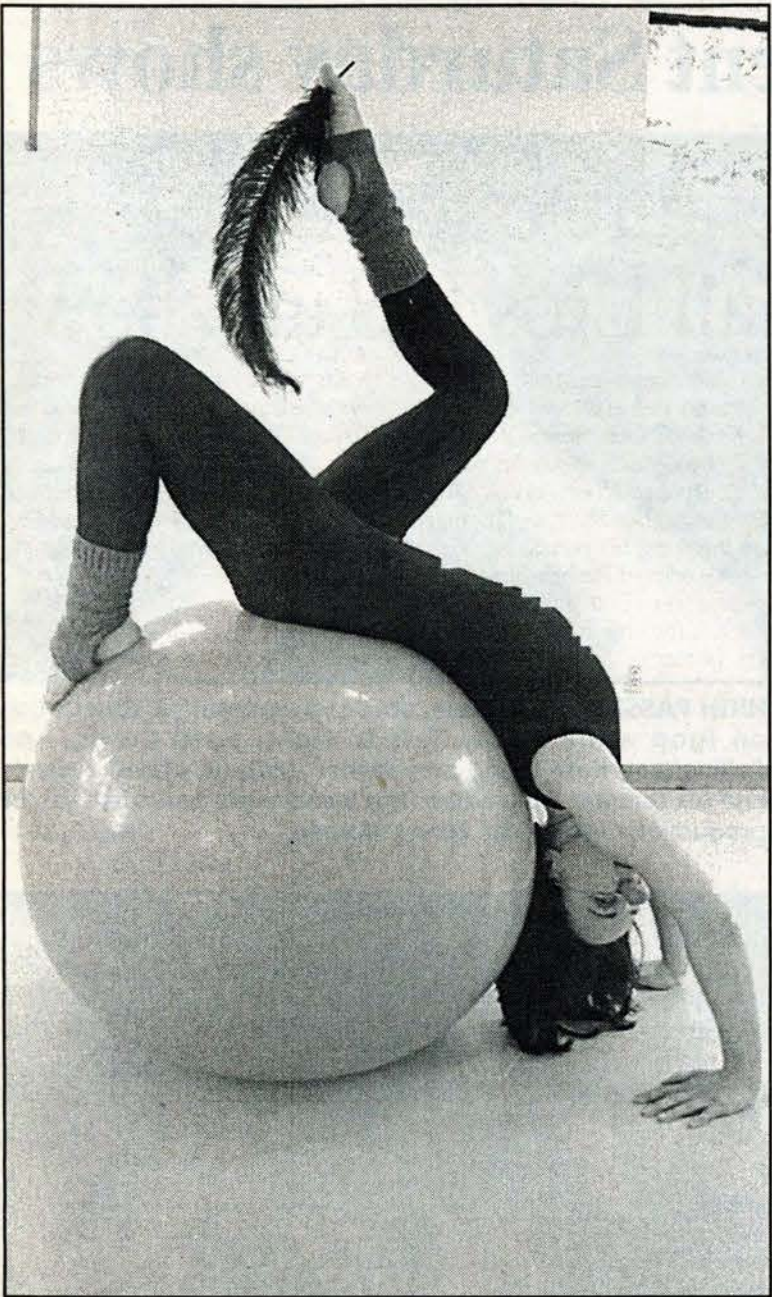
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Clowning around

Yiana Belkalopoulos finds herself over a ball as she readies for her part as a clown in an Eros '98 production set for the end of the month. Dancers, clowns and musicians will take the stage for Throb Gallery, billed as pulsing, beating, vibrating art.

Photo by Tony Richards

Steamy material sends erotic literary event out with a bang

Saturday's Erotic Literary Evening might be the last one planned, but organizers intend to make it of epic size and proportion.

Salt Spring poet and novelist Brian Brett, co-organizer of the wildly-successful event for the previous three years, says the group wants "to quit while we are ahead, as it were, and go out with a bang."

Brett, fresh from a term as writer-in-residence in the Yukon, will also be this year's master of ceremonies at the cabaret-style event at Meaden Hall. Twelve writers from the Gulf Islands and beyond are reading from their most provoking or steamiest works. The literary evening honours Freedom to Read Week, which invites Canadians to celebrate the material they are allowed to read and to consider why so much is withheld from them through censorship.

Writers include best-selling novelist William Deverell from Pender, whose newest book is *Trial of Passion*, a courtroom drama and erotic exploration of political correctness set in Vancouver and on a fictitious Gulf Island.

Canada's most famous literary couple, Lorna Crozier and Patrick Lane, will return to kiss the annual evening goodbye with their stunning and always beautiful variations on the theme of erotic love.

Also making the trek are Sharon Thesen, the Vancouver poet twice nominated for a Governor General's award, plus two of Quill and Quire magazine's latest "writers to watch" — Esta Spalding and Gregory Scofield.

Spalding's book *Anchoress and Carrying Place* caught everyone's attention when it was released, and Scofield is a B.C. Book Prize winner and recipient of several other honours. His works include *Love Medicine* and

One Song, and *Native Canadiana: Songs from the Urban Rez*. Scofield has been called a political poet, an angry poet, a Metis poet, an ex-street poet and a gay poet.

Also featured are novelist George Payerle, author of *The Afterpeople* and *Unknown Soldier*, whose unreleased manuscript *By the Bank of Babylon* has been in construction for a decade and is already a legend in the industry.

Heidi Greco, whose work was featured in the book *Siren Tattoo: A Poetry Triptych*, and included in the anthology *Friendly Erotica: A Question of Boundaries*, is also on the bill.

Sally Ireland, the author and principal performer of the legendary monologue *The Woman Who Was Afraid of Tornadoes*, and who has just released an exciting new novel called *Fox's Nose*, is venturing to Salt Spring from Mayne.

Two participants — Kevin Patterson and Sheila McMaster — will carry the Salt Spring torch for the evening.

McMaster's work has appeared in American, Canadian and Japanese publications, and she has produced a book of powerful poetry called *Shards of a Woman*.

Patterson, published in numerous Canadian magazines, recently completed a collection of short fiction and a travel narrative about a 10,000-mile voyage he made on the Pacific in his sailboat the *Sea Mouse*.

Even Brett is threatening to read excerpts from the outrageous *Eskimo Nell*, a poem often attributed to Robert Service, plus a "lesbian love poem" written by Isadora Duncan.

This year's event is a benefit for Theatre Alive!

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show on at 8 p.m.

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By DERRICK LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Looking through the camera at two different island productions Saturday night, a common denominator spanned the generations as Salt Spring Centre School presented MacBeth, and Eros '98 staged Some Funny Women.

Both productions displayed a lot of talent.

It was unfortunate that I could catch only a few scenes of MacBeth and the second half of Some Funny Women. But I left both shows filled with admiration and pride.

A dungeon-dark Fulford Hall, lit at the back by candles, created an immediate ambience for Shakespeare's dark play. As I carried my camera toward the stage, I was struck by the authenticity and detail of the costumes, right down to rings glimmering on fingers and leather-tied pants.

Despite the complexity of the play and the backwardness of the

Shakespearean words, these students, ranging in age from 10 to 13, were easily able to keep someone unfamiliar with the play (like me) aware of what was happening at all times. They knew their lines and delivered them with confidence.

Asher Squire and Metta McLeod shone as MacBeth and Lady MacBeth; they displayed an excellent ability to take difficult material and bring it forth to the lay person, allowing him to feel the emotions. Daniel Wood was well cast in the role of Duncan, especially for his impressive height. Brother Josh Wood excelled in his small comic role; Mason Bennett, as MacDuff, is commended for his exuberance and Melaina Haas (Banquo) was outstanding — forthright and clear. Also noted was a well-versed Elan Squire as Malcolm.

Set changes were quick and precise; it was apparent the entire cast enjoyed the second of the two-

night production.

I left with an overall sensing that these were young, upcoming professionals who, without a doubt, shone in the darkness.

An entirely different atmosphere met me at the brighter, jam-packed Activity Centre in Ganges. The sound of heckles and laughter set me up for a seedy, erotic flavour even before I walked through the door.

I entered the room in time for the final act of the first half — Deb Toole, draped in a red feather boa, was passionate in describing a love of food that started with breakfast foreplay, moved with increased energy through lunch and snacks and ended with the grand finale of an orgasmic spaghetti dinner.

Toole used contagious expressions and tone to take us through her sexual adventure and from what I saw, it was the very best of an all-round hilarious show. My cheeks froze in a laughing position.

In the second half it became obvious that penises are now in vogue, and a few of the acts — such as the one featuring skewered hotdogs — made a few men wince in their seats.

Second-act curtains opened on a group of virginal-looking, white-clad women, chanting religious intonations and holding sex toys, while nun Mary Williamson stood to the side sensuously devouring a banana.

When the scene switched we saw a weekend sex seminar for women, joined peripherally by "Dick," the red, polyester maintenance man (Arvid Chalmers).

Williamson portrayed herself as the oldest virgin alive, despite the presence at the seminar of her sexually-bumblng daughter (Laurie Clarke).

Clarke's character put the audience in stitches of uncontrolled laughter as each seminar member displayed lubricants, lingerie and sex toys. Clarke brought Raid as a lubricant and a traffic cone for a sex toy.

The seminar wrapped up with



HIGH PASSION: Deb Toole, above, gives orgasmic dissertation on food while below, left to right, April Curtis, Ann Cullingham, Kate Bragg and Rachel Jacobson attend a weekend sex seminar for women. The scenes were part of a Eros '98 production called Some Funny Women.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



each participant taking a turn with the penis-shaped talking stick. Clarke, of course, mistook it for a microphone and gave it a good slap, once again causing a few men to twitch uncomfortably.

I left this show struck by the courage of these women to abandon their egos and "let it all hang out," from their costumes to their lines. Hats off to Kate Bragg, Rachel Jacobson, Ann Cullingham, April Curtis, Toole, Williamson, and Clarke.

The feeling I got from the very

diverse crowd was appreciation of an opportunity to laugh at something too often treated really seriously.

These were obviously very talented actors, who created an atmosphere of hilarity poking fun at a national pastime. They were very funny women.

From the dark to the light, and young to old, Salt Spring is blessed with talent.



HIGH EMOTIONS: Lady MacBeth, Metta McLeod and MacBeth, Asher Squire, give outstanding performances at the Salt Spring Centre School production of the Shakespearean play. The school staged MacBeth at Fulford Hall, Friday and Saturday nights.

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Wizard of Oz at Fernwood

Fernwood School students work on a scene from *The Wizard of Oz*, which runs for two nights March 26 and 27. From left are Sara

Mackay as the cowardly lion, Lowell Rockliffe as Toto the dog, Kimberly Krieger as Dorothy and Meaghen Toole as the witch. Photo by Tony Richards

Best of student films screened

Between Stars of the Islands film festival and movies aimed at the younger crowd out of school on spring break, Cinema Central is focussed on youth entertainment this week.

The first of two film festival weekends features the work of up-and-coming film and video creators, including the best from the Gulf Islands Film and Television School (GIFTS) and Gulf Islands Secondary School's (GISS) production technology program.

Batches of short videos and films will be shown at Cinema Central at 3 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, and on Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

Event publicist Andrea Rankin said Monday that organizers are thrilled to have received about one hour's worth of award-winning work from GIFTS and are banking on the same luck from GISS.

The GISS program sees students produce videos in several categories: documentary, music, promotional and teaching videos used in classrooms. Three of the teaching videos made in the past explored the life and times of Louis Riel, the language of Shakespeare and how to build a telescope.

Rankin points out that graduates of the high school program have met success working in the field.

Former Salt Spring resident Jos Oman, 25, now a student of UBC's

film school, will do a presentation at this weekend's festival. Next weekend he flies to Toronto to accept an award from the Canadian Cinematographers' Association for his work on the film *Jack and Jill*. It is one of the top three student-made films in the country this year. Last year, his first in the program, he was named UBC's top cinematographer.

Past GISS grads Brett Gaylor and Jeremy Miller do computer animation work at GIFTS, and Miller works for Vancouver-based Mainframe Entertainment Inc., one of the top animation companies in North America, which created the TV show called *ReBoot*.

Another GISS grad, Rob McMahon, has won an ICBC-sponsored competition for best commercial.

Next weekend the focus is on the work of more experienced artists with Gulf Islands connections, including some mentors of GIFTS youth students.

March 28-29 films will be shown in blocks of themes: environmental, experimental and women's issues.

In the environmental category are films such as *Velcro Ripper's Bones of the Forest*, a feature-length documentary that looks at forests through the eyes of the elders.

Bianca Barnes' two short films contrast new methods of logging to those used by a man who has selectively logged his property for 30 years.

Rankin says the "women's issues" films will appeal to everyone. They include a piece by Kristina Estable of Salt Spring about midwife Maggie Ramsey, and Ann Popperwell's powerful, compelling film about women in abusive situations called *Why Don't You Just Leave?*

Gail Noonan of Saturna will be represented by her witty animation videos about two female concerns — *Your Name in Cellulite*, which won a Telefilm Canada Award, and *Menopause Song*.

Experimental films include computer animation and hologram videos by Saturna's Al Razoutis, and the "cameraless" films of Richard Reeves from Pender.




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Powder Blues, Hick play pub

Another world-class act is coming to the Harbour House Hotel's Wheelhouse Pub when Powder Blues performs Saturday.

The band is celebrating 20 years since it was formed, and 18 years since its debut album *Uncut* was released. That first album produced four top-10 hits and went double platinum.

Tickets for the Salt Spring show are \$12 and available in advance only at the front desk at the Harbour House Hotel.

Meanwhile, a country music band will play in the pub on Friday night.

Kenny Byron and The Tragically Hick return to the Wheelhouse Pub with their upbeat style of country music. The Salt Spring band has earned a loyal following since its first public performance 15 months ago.

There is no cover charge.

Heavenly musicians bring magic to show

There are Angels incarnate on Salt Spring today.

Sunday's Concert of Young Artists brought the community together to witness the sounds of spirit which are manifest in the tremendously talented young musicians of this sparkling isle.

Alex McLaren plays the traditional Irish fiddle tune Harvest Home, and his magnificent young hands bring a spark of pure magic to an event which proves that humanity is actually evolving toward true divinity.

Genny Mae McGregor is the first of several students to play the Community Arts Council's grand piano. Her tender rendition of Big Teddy, Little Teddy is delightfully, expressively pianissimo, which provides wonderful contrast to the next performer, Alex Perkins, who plays somewhat forte a bold and dramatic arrangement of Gold Doubloons complete with daring pauses to strengthen the effect.

Then Kristen Teebles plays the Theme from Borodin on the recorder. In this haunting, meditative song she demonstrates incredible control of her breath, and in La Bella Bimba she uses that control to take the audience on a journey of peace and contemplation.

Haley Heinekey's performance of The Magic Man animates spirit; as she tickles the keys she exudes such confidence that one can almost see the man dancing at her command. Then the complex and sophisticated song Cats, which comes complete with a twisted ending, and it's obvious that she's a natural. This girl was born to perform.

Brad Cronin has a special interest in Bartok. He performs Rhythmic Dance with impeccable timing after his special preface limerick:

There was a composer named

Bartok

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And wrote pieces far wilder than

Bach.

He plays Toccata with equal polish, leaving no doubt that within this gifted young man resides all the wisdom of the ages.

Angels, as manifestations of divine love, create heaven wherever they are, and this we see clearly in the form of five-year-old Nicole Pal. She plays March in G on her violin with a calm, steady assurance equalled only in the wisest of sages.

Salt Spring Strings are going to corner the Celtic music market with their rendition of Swallow Tail Jig. They are Alex McLaren, Brett Savin, Madeline McPherson, Nora Perkins, Casey McKerrill, Nicole Pal, Amanda Hoy, Kristy Cramer, and accompanist Doug Kent on cello. You might want to book them soon for your next dance, because they're hot!

Anna Delahyè on piano sends shivers of delight up and down the

MUSIC WITH KERRY ROTH



old spine with Wind, by Philip Lambro. Tiera Machell becomes a part of the piano and the piano is an extension of Tiera as she shares Jandussek's Sonatina in G Major.

Then Tiera's brother Aryn shows the same incredible focus playing Nancy Tefler's Fantasy. Tefler herself provided Aryn with the composition, but it is his discipline which pulled off this post-modern tapestry of sound with the utmost of eloquence. Against an elegant canvas of subtle sounds and elegant twists of tone lie dramatic dialogues in an almost familiar musical tongue and a quiet development of suspense, culminating in a welcome surprise.

Michael Powell plays Chopin's Fantasy Impromptu, which is as difficult a piece as Chopin has written, and he does it with class. It is tempting and teasing, sometimes tripping along like a babbling brook, but more often rushing on with the absolute abandon of the waters of the Niagara Falls. It's a song of many layers and Michael plays it with all due attention to the finer details and the subtle nuances which make it a masterpiece. A master pianist is in the making in Michael.

Fantasy Impromptu is yin as Nocturne in E Minor is yang, and Franziska Satzinger plays the other side of Chopin with the same absolute mastery as Michael. She plays it by heart from the heart as if the piece has become a part of her very self. The blissful delight of dreams comes to life in her fluid, floating delivery.

Both Franziska and Michael are eligible to take their ARCP, and both have decided to wait, but gifts like these do not go unnoticed in the universe, so perhaps the hallowed halls of the industry will open to reveal fruitful careers for the two of them.

Of all the angels who dared to go on stage, however, there is one who stands apart as both musician and composer, and his name is Misha Meagley. He is one of those rare people gifted with an incredible musical genius and he wastes no time putting it to good use. He played Daniel Gottlieb Turk's Youthful Joy with — you got it — youthful joy, then he shared two of his own compositions: Grasshopper and To Mozart. To Mozart is truly uncanny for the parallels which exist between the two if not in magnitude then certainly in essence, form and function.

Angels have lived on and around Earth for quite some time, but rarely if ever has any one place enjoyed an abundance of divinity like we do here on Salt Spring Island.

Space does not permit further discussion of the Concert of Young Artists, but let it be known that there were many more fine talents to delight the senses.



MUSICAL MAGICIAN: Young musician-composer Misha Meagley entranced concert-goers Sunday as he presented Youthful Joy on the piano, followed by two of his own compositions: To Mozart and Grasshopper. He was among the many young musicians who performed Sunday at the Salt Spring Baptist Church.

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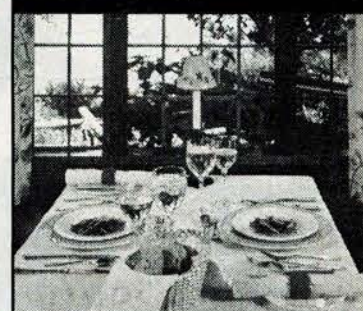
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It takes place at 7 p.m. in All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church.

Bruce Elkin of Earthways Institute says the "breathtaking show" combines magnificent wilderness photography with inspirational music and narration celebrating the history of B.C. conservation successes.

Careless will provide a personal, behind-the-scenes glimpse into critical moments in nine significant wilderness conservation campaigns. As well as showing magnificent images of areas such as Tatshenshin, Nitinat Triangle, Spatsizi, the Purcell Mountains and the Rockies, Careless will discuss strategies that achieve broadly-accepted environmental victories.

He will also share personal reminiscences of political leaders such as Prime Minister Jean Chretien and U.S. Vice-president Al Gore along with explaining why protecting wilderness is crucial to the survival of nature and humanity.

A strong believer in both the economic and ecological value of wilderness, Careless is executive director of B.C. Spaces for Nature and serves on the board of Forest Renewal B.C. He is currently touring the province in support of his organization's new program called Jobs and the Environment, an action plan for British Columbia communities and the choices they can make to promote economic diversity and health.

Admission to A Celebration of Wilderness is by donation.

Volume II bookstore and Raincoast Books will have copies of To Save the Wild Earth for sale at the event and Careless will be available for signing.

For more information, call Elkin at 537-1177.



Flower child

Vaughan Good peaks from behind a lush cover of spring blossoms as he climbs one of the pink-bloomed trees now dotting Centennial Park in Ganges.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Coast guard auxiliary for Galiano proposed

Ganges Coast Guard is anticipating the formation of an auxiliary group based on Galiano which will be part of the Gulf Islands unit following a meeting held Thursday on Galiano.

Hosted by the RCMP, the meeting drew more than 20 people, including volunteer firefighters, health officials, boat owners — including a commercial tug operator — and people with a history in the marine industry.

"There was a really strong group of people," said Ganges

Coast Guard officer in charge Ian Kyle. "The one thing I noticed was the level of enthusiasm."

Also at the meeting were Gulf Islands unit leader Al Landess, deputy unit leader Brian Wolfe-Milner, zone director Peter Ho and Pacific Region Coast Guard auxiliary vice-president Craig Dunn.

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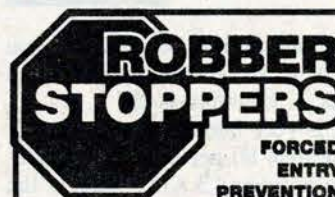
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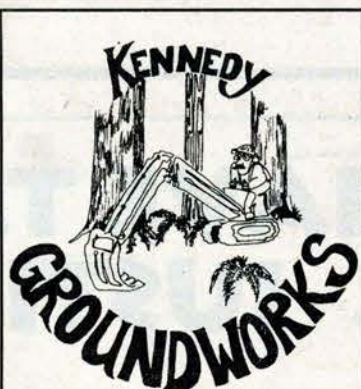
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MAR. 23: Lady Minto Hospital Aux. annual meeting, United Church Hall, 2pm.

MAR. 24: Alice Hammett Bridge Spring Luncheon, SS Golf Club, 12 noon.

MAR. 25: Dr. Ian Chisholm-Wellness speaker on eye problems with primary diseases. Salt Spring Seniors, 2pm free! All Welcome!

MAR. 25-APR. 3: Mobile Mammography Unit, behind Lady Minto Hospital.

MAR. 28: Wellness Fair, Activity Centre, 10am-3pm.

MAR. 28: The Lloyd English Swing Trio, Legion, 8:30pm.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, SS Seniors bldg. 11am

- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.

- Stamp Collectors all ages, SS Seniors, 10am.

- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)

- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.

- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.

- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)

- Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, SS Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)

- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.

- SSI Painters' Guild meetings, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon

- Salt Spring Health Assoc., Lady Minto meeting rm, 4pm-5:30pm, (4th Wed. of every month)

EVERY THURSDAY

- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)

- Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.

- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.

- Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14.

- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.

- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.

- Games afternoon, SS Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.

- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.

- A Course in Miracles, study group, 552 Rainbow Rd. #A, 10-11:30.

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY MONDAY

- Free blood pressure clinic, SS Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)

- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.

- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.

- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.

- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am

- Spanish conversation group, SS Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)

- SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)

- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.

- Bandemonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.

- Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm

- Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.

- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.

- Autumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.

- Children's storytime, Mary Hawkins Library, 10am.

- Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea. mo.)

- Grief Recovery seminars, United Church, 7pm (Jan. 19-Feb. 23)

- Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.

- Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.

- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 4:30-6. Archery lessons 3:30-4:30.

- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm

- Planned Parenthood Clinic, SS Health Unit behind Lady Minto Hosp. 4:30-6:30pm.

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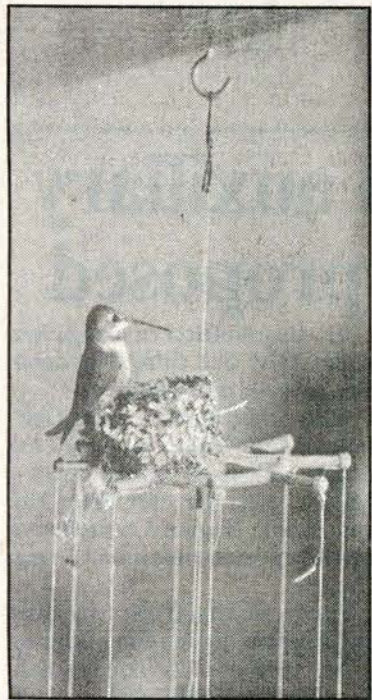
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* **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.

* **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.

* **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.

* **CLIMBING WALL HOURS:** Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm.
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Hummingbird

Photo by Jonathan Grant

Hummingbirds return from Mexico vacation

BY LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

Once again it's time to put out your hummingbird feeders for the annual air show. The hummers have just flown in from Mexico, and man, are their arms tired.

Seriously, folks, these little guys must really be tuckered. Imagine a migrational flight from Mexico to the Gulf Islands! That's quite a feat for less than four inches of feather and bone.

There's some thought migrating rufous hummingbirds prefer to island hop across the Gulf Islands on their way to southern Vancouver Island rather than crossing the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

At least that's what Bob Waldon of Alert Bay thinks and he's gathering data through his project "Hummertrack" to prove it. A group of Gulf Islanders are recording first sightings and the informa-

OUR BETTER NATURE

tion will be relayed to a computerized mapping system which will precisely track the hummingbird migration.

It's the male hummingbirds that get here first, and they immediately start arguing over who-gets-what feeding territory. It's a real squabble.

Then, as the females arrive, the belligerent males have a choice. They can either defend their beloved territories or court girls. If another male enters their area, he'll be frantically buzzed away.

If a female comes by, she'll likely be wooed by a courtship flight consisting of arc formations cumulating in a screaming dive bomb straight by her perch. Either fighting or fighting is exhausting for the male

hummingbird, but it's hugely entertaining for everyone else.

After the females have been won over, the males go back full-time to their territorial battles and the little woman is left to house and feed the family. She'll concoct a tiny fairy cup of a nest on a branch or occasionally choose a more imaginative site like the wire of a light bulb or the top of a wind chime.

Since hummingbirds burn up calories by the ton, please help them by putting out your feeders now. Fill your feeders with a simple solution of white sugar by dissolving one cup of white sugar in four cups of boiling water. Any unused portion can be stored in the fridge. Don't use honey, brown sugar or food colouring — that can harm the birds. Do make sure the solution and feeders all stay squeaky clean.

Ordinarily at this time of year, rufous hummingbirds would depend

upon nectar from native flowering plants, but our homes and gardens have displaced a lot of the original plants that would have fed them.

Consider planting some red flowering currant (*ribes sanguineum*) into your garden as a future natural source. Other native plants hummers like include salmonberry (*rubus spectabilis*) and red elderberry (*sambucus racemosa*).

For a complete hummingbird garden list, join Naturescape British Columbia. That group will send you a super package on caring for wildlife habitat. Call 1-800-387-9853.

Once your feeders — or gardens — have attracted the hummers, you can sit back and enjoy the show. How can you resist watching a living jewel that hovers, darts sideways and flies straight up and down like a tiny helicopter? It's the best air show of all.

Guardian angels here to guide and guard us

Affirmation of the week: I have the divine ability to attract what I need in my life.

I am often asked how I feel about guardian angels and their roles in our lives.

First, I will explain my interpretation of guardian angels and the process that brings them to us.

I am a medium (the middle person between individuals and the departed) and during a session with a client I will feel a presence with us. When asked how I would describe this — do I see them, do I hear them, what happens — I would have to say many of the above occur. Quite often there is a warm, peaceful feeling or energy followed by slight physical pains, i.e. chest tightness or headaches and sometimes just a plain tired feeling.

I now am aware that we are about to begin a session with one who has passed away, a spirit, a guide and of course, they are dead. I myself do not like the word "dead," so I refer to them as guardian angels — they are here to guide us and guard us.

Messages from the other side are very comforting and quite often bring closures to relationships that we had and didn't have the chance, through loss, to express our feelings and thoughts about. When a session is complete I suggest to my client to continue the awareness and feeling of never being alone by talking to their guardian angels and of course I am always asked, "How?"

My answer is: "Just as you are talking to me now."

They are at our side and come to us in many interesting ways and most often at 3 a.m. in the morning.

During my talks I say, "You go to bed at night, you awaken, there is no

MESSENGER FILES

WITH CAROLE MATTHEWS



noise or reason to be awake ... you lay there and inevitably check the clock ... what time is it?"

It is very interesting to note that more than 80 per cent of the audience answers "3 a.m." This is the time when our guardian angels choose to come to us in different ways and for many reasons.

I would like to share with you a poem that has had quite an impact on audiences and the listeners to my radio show.

"The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you./ Don't go back to sleep./ You must ask for what you really want./ Don't go back to sleep./ People are going back and forth across the doorsill / Where the two worlds touch./

The door is wide and open, / Don't go back to sleep." By Rumi from Open Secrets

It is a beautiful poem with a wonderful message. I suggest that this is the time to be relaxed, open to the idea that there are angels around us and not to be alarmed. Remember, they are here to guard us and to guide us.

As the poem says, "Ask for what you really want." It could be direction with a decision that has been worrying you, help for a family member or just a thank-you to them for being there.

I recommend the books: Talking to Heaven by James Van Praagh and a new one I am thoroughly enjoying, Hello from Heaven by Bill and Judy Guggenheim.

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Saturna Island fondly remembers longtime islander

Marjorie Blaine, a Saturna Islander for 35 years, passed away in Coquitlam March 7.

Blaine lived in the city with family for the past two years due to health problems. However, she kept her island home since she loved to visit her friends and spend time in her garden.

Blaine is remembered with fondness by those who knew her. She was a very private person but was close to her friends. Her garden was spectacular with blooms year-round and she generously shared her vegetables and flowers with friends and neighbours.

Blaine served in the altar guild at St. Christopher's Church and provided lovingly-arranged bouquets from the flowers in her own garden. She was also an active member of the Women's Club where her baking was offered for many fundraising events over the years.

Although she had no children of her own, the youngsters of the island were of special interest to Blaine. She regularly attended school Christmas performances and treated the children generously at Hallowe'en.

Guests in her home both young and old were offered fresh-baked cookies and sweets.

Before retiring to Saturna, Blaine worked in Vancouver as an office supervisor and trainer. Her career spanned the time when computers were first introduced to the office, and she fascinated friends for hours with stories of her working life and childhood.

Predeceased by her husband Fergus (Fergie), she will be missed by her large extended family, including many dear ones from Scotland who loved to visit the Blaines on Saturna.

A March 22 memorial and tea will be held for Blaine on Saturna. The Women's Club invite everyone to join them and the family at noon for tea at the Community Hall. Following tea a memorial service will be conducted at St. Christopher's. All are welcome to pay their respects.

Coming events

Saturday is clean-out day for many Saturna residents and the Saturday market group is holding a spring flea market. Call Gord

SATURNA NOTES

WITH GAIL TRAFFORD



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Some are put on the shelves but most will end up at sales like the flea market on Saturday to raise money to buy new bestsellers.

Easter plans are already in the works. The Women's Club and the Saturna Parents Advisory Council already have raffle tickets on sale with prizes from several local businesses. Tickets can be purchased at either store or from any member of either organization. The draw will be made at the bake sale and tea on Saturday, April 11, hosted by the two groups.

Everyone on the island is invited to bake something for the sale or to donate plants for the plant table. Proceeds from the sale are split between the two groups and all money goes to local worthy causes.

This sale is more than a fundraiser. It is also an important community social event. Neighbours meet for tea and conversation while the children participate in the cake walk. Island guests are urged to arrive early since the goodies tend to sell out in very short order.

For the first time in decades there will be a Good Friday and Easter Sunday church service at St. Christopher's church. Rev. Bruce Bryant-Scott will officiate for both services. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Lions Club Crab Fest will also be held on the Easter weekend. Saturday evening a delicious feast of fresh cooked crab, salad and rice will be served up by the club. Dancing will follow dinner. Tickets will be available in advance at both stores.

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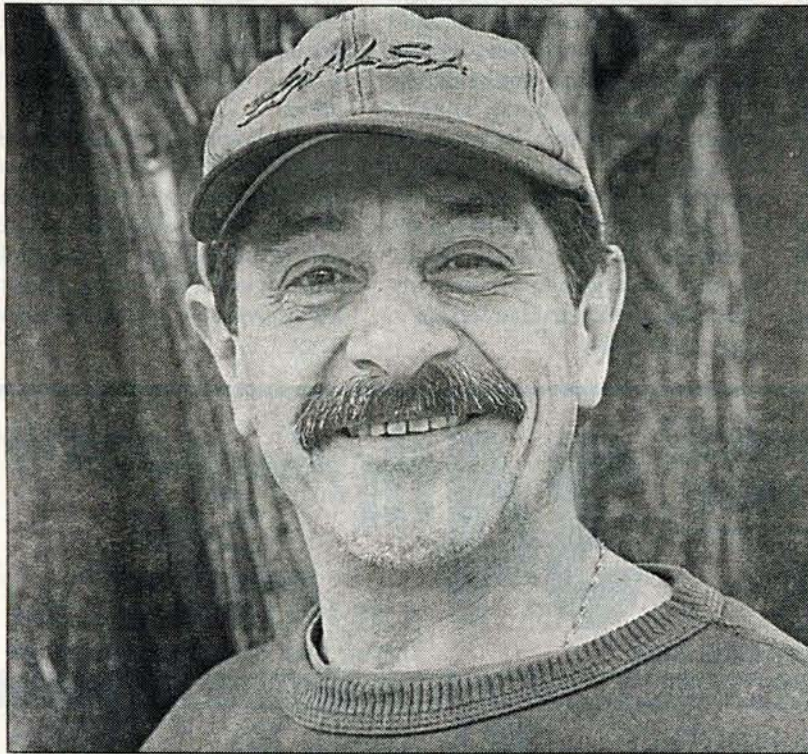
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ISLAND FACES



Born in Mexico, Eduardo Canales has lived on Salt Spring with his two daughters for 13 years, working mostly in the hospitality industry. Canales was a waiter at the former Booth Bay Resort, and a cook at the former Ship's Anchor. He now runs Flying Burritos, a popular Mexican food caravan seen at most community events.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Animal control officer resigns

Galiano has lost its animal control officer — Annie Nicholls resigned in protest last week.

Holding the position since the transfer of our former Capital Regional District (CRD) officer to Salt Spring more than a year ago, Nicholls has been paid for only six hours a week, not really enough to compensate for the time she spent on the job. The pay certainly bore no relation to the devotion to animal welfare she has exhibited here — on the job and off.

CRD decision-makers may not be aware of the cat sterilization project which has been taking place here, but they should be.

Part-time residents with pets sometimes have to set out for the ferry without their pets — puss is not around at departure time. Some of the animals hang around the cottage and can be found next weekend or on subsequent visits. Others take to the wilds and live on birds and mice — quite happily during the warm summer months. Not neutered, as many of them are, they reproduce and the feline population grows by leaps and bounds. The problems then begin: too many cats, too little food. Cold weather aggravates the situation and the suffering begins.

To alleviate these problems, Nicholls and several other volunteers aided by the local vet have launched a wild cat sterilization program. No CRD funds (that is, property taxes) are used. Fourteen forest cats were serviced in this

GALIANO NOTES

WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



way just a month ago.

Nicholls believes in humane animal control, as do a lot of other Galianoites. She has the support and respect of local people who genuinely feel she has been an excellent animal control officer. They find it hard to believe that things will be better when animal problems here have to be reported to Salt Spring and control matters are dealt with by the already busy CRD officer on that island. Galiano taxpayers are also not happy with their tax dollars being spent by distant decision-makers not conversant with local needs.

It might, islanders feel, be informative for these decision makers to examine the total funds brought in by local dog licensing fees and prepare the area's budget accordingly. Licensing fees brought in \$4,000 the year before Nicholls took the job, and \$7,800 last year. It seems to most islanders that their animal control officer is doing a good job, so why then the cut-back?

Thievery

Islanders are urged to lock their doors when they are away from home. It is suggested as well that neighbours be alerted when absences from home are planned.

Following the weekend of March 7 and 8 it was discovered some specialized tools had been removed from a locked shed belonging to a householder at Retreat Cove. The owners were absent that weekend attending a family gathering on Vancouver Island. Their house was not entered, but next door a week-end's cottage was ransacked and electronic appliances, audio equipment and recordings taken.

A third break and enter also discovered about this time was on a property somewhat further north. An incident of shoplifting was reported that weekend as well by commercial outlets at Sturdies Bay.

Flowers and birds

Spring must be just around the corner, reports of hummingbird sightings are now numerous.

The first of the year to be seen in our garden was on March 8. A flowering currant bush was the attraction. So far the hummingbird feeder has been ignored.

Local herring fisherman caught in native dispute

A Salt Spring herring fisherman was among those affected by a native Indian protest in the Queen Charlottes last weekend.

Seine fisherman Michel Jutras was fishing roe herring during an opening Sunday when members of the Haida nation attempted to disrupt the fishery. Jutras said in a telephone interview from Prince Rupert on Tuesday that protesters used seal bombs dropped from speed boats to scare fish from the nets. He said the protest had little effect on the fishery other than to delay it.

Jutras said the aboriginals "want all the Charlottes for themselves . . . and the cheques to keep com-

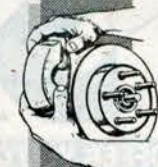
ing." But, he added, he holds the federal government responsible.

"I blame the government for being soft in the head."

About a dozen seiners were on hand for the opening, located at Skincuttle Inlet, about 60 miles south of Queen Charlotte City. Two of the vessels had their nets damaged by propellers on the protest boats.

Jutras said about half the seine fishermen themselves were Indian.

Another herring fishery — for roe on kelp — is set to open in the Charlottes, and Jutras said Indians have indicated they will protest against that one, too.



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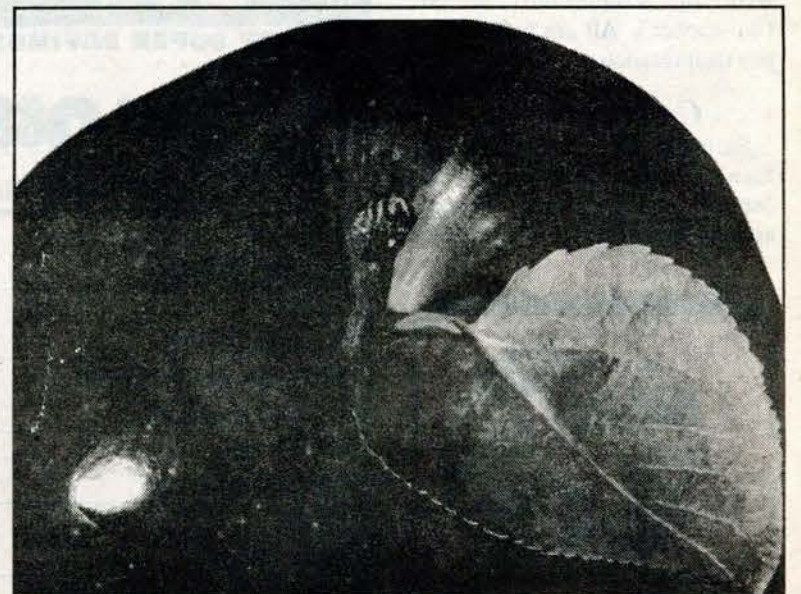


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5 BIRTHS

CORI-LEE KITCHEN is proud to announce the early arrival of her baby sister Jordon Ann. Born January 28, 1998, weighing 6 lb. 3 1/2 oz. at Cowichan District Hospital. Proud parents are Dionne and Mike. Proud grandma Cheryl Gillespie.

6 DEATHS

SAMPSON: HAROLD Henry, on March 9, 1998, in Victoria, at the age of 81 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Margery (nee Dempster); his children, Margaret (Neil) Atchison, Douglas, Phyllis (Ed Alexander); grandchildren, Troy (Penny), Tannis, Lane, Julia and Megan; great-grandchildren, Adam (predeceased in 1994) and Ashley; ten brothers; two sisters; many nieces, nephews and friends. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Royal Jubilee Hospital for all their help, support and care. Funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Canon D.L. Malins from the Church of St. Luke, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, on Friday, March 13, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. followed by interment at Colwood Cemetery. Flowers are gratefully declined, tributes, if desired, in Harold's name, may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association, 930 Pandora Ave., Victoria, BC, V8V 3P3. McCall's 385-4465.

Lena C. Patton

June 11, 1901 -
March 2, 1998

Lena Patton was born at Little River, Nova Scotia, and was the last member of a family of 12 children. A true Christian, she was influenced throughout her life by the Baptist faith of her family.

She spent her life as a care-giver, looking after children and young adults in various home-stay settings across the country. Never marrying, she seemed to know when family members were ill and she would just "turn up" to help.

Her nieces and nephews remember her for the special small gifts and books she would send them as they were growing up.

Lena enjoyed life at Greenwood's Intermediate Care on Salt Spring for the past five years where she passed away on March 2, 1998.

This poem echoes her life and commitment.

Another day has come and gone,
The light of evening dies
Be with me Lord when I lie down
And bless me when I rise.

If I am wakeful on my bed
My thoughts lift up to Thee
Oh! may Thy Word which I have read
Refresh and strengthen me.

And may the Holy Word I Love
My thoughts and actions raise
And may Thy Holy Spirit, Lord,
Direct and rule my ways.

And when my soul must take its flight
Be with me all the way
Right through the night until the light
Breaks clear, and it is day.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE LITTLE RED School House would like to thank Andrew from Accent Electric and Barry from Moby's for their time, materials and installation of our new baseboard heaters.

WE WOULD like to extend our thanks to the staff and volunteers at Greenwood's for the care & attention given to our Aunt Lena Patton during the past 5 years. Thanks too, to Dr. Woodley for his understanding and care. In Lena's own words, "Thank you for all your Loving Kindness." Harris & Dorothy & family.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THANKS TO FIREMEN Rich Bahry, Dan Kerry and Ken Akerman; Brian and Sidney of EHS; nurse Fran and Doctor Shklanka; & Ernie Morris for the care and help after my attempt to fly failed. Alan Davidson.

SSI ROD & GUN would like to thank the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club for their donation of a draw prize for our 3D shoot held on March 8. We apologize for the omission in last week's thank you note.

SALTSPRING COMMUNITY Theatre expresses heartfelt appreciation to Calypso Carpets, Driftwood Publishing, et cetera, Eve's Attic, Great Ganges Junk Co., Island Books Plus, Island Star Video, KIS Office Services, Mobile Market, Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd., Naikai Gallery, S.S. Linen and Dry Cleaners, S.S. Roasting Co., Skin Sensations, Studio 103, Wolf Kranz Jewels for sponsoring an Ad "On Air".

YAY! YAY! Many thanks to the Coalition to Expose the MAI, Multilateral Agreement on Investment for a most enlightening day March 14. Thanks to the epitome of public servants Noel Schacter, Director of BC International Branch, Ministry of Employment and Investment, for serving us so well with his analysis of the MAI. Thanks to Saanich-Gulf Island M.P. Gary Lunn for comments on the Liberal governments secrecy re: MAI. Thanks to Vancouver lawyer, Connie Fogal, for her passion in spearheading a court challenge of the MAI. Thanks to MAI Day organizing committee Rosemary and John Baxter, Dorothy Cutting, Jewel Eldstrom, Cherie Geauvreau, Sonya Kofler, Nora Layard, Art Morton, Valerie Rampone, Al Schreiber of Galiano, Maggie Schubart and Bob Wild. Thanks to Margaret Fulton for chairing the day, Mary Williamson for her humour, The Raging Grannies for their songs, The Ometepe Gulf Islands Friendship Association for the coffee, All Saints by-the-Sea for their space, Virginia and Ray Newman for audiotaping the event, The Driftwood's Valerie Lennox, the Island Tides' Christa Grace-Warrick, and Galiano's Active Page for their articles. Thanks to the focus group leaders and assistants Phyllis Bolton, Health; Jewel Eldstrom, Financial; Connie Fogal, Sovereignty; Denys James, Culture; Dan Jason, Agriculture; Sonya Kofler, Jobs & Labour; Nora Layard, Environment; Debbie Miller, Education; Rita Cumming, Ron Harmer, Mallory Pred and more. Thanks for the financial generosity, especially the anonymous donor who largely funded MAI Day! MAI Day! in memory of two fine politically concerned citizens David Spencer and Hank Schubart. Coalition Members: Anglican Church Council, G.I. Teachers' Association, Heart, Island Paddlers, Ometepe Gulf Islands Friendship Association, Raging Grannies, Salt Spring Conservancy, Salt Spring Natural Growers, 10 Days for Global Justice, United Church, Voice of Women for Peace, Waterbird Watch Collective.

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10 CELEBRATIONS

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It's Wes' 65th
Birthday today
Wed., March 18
P.S. Birthday Kisses
only \$1.00

(Thursday & Friday)
Proceeds To Charity



Windsor Plywood

11 COMING EVENTS

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

CAROLE MATTHEWS Psychic taking appointments month of March, 537-2031. Join Carole on the Messenger Files radio show, AM 900, Saturday, 7 - 9 p.m. Call 1-888-594-8255.

ARTCAMP '98 JULY 19-23, 26-30, August 3-7, 8:45 - 4:00 p.m. daily. A unique and exciting opportunity for children ages 6 - 12 years to experience the creative and performing arts. Sculpting, painting, music, theatre. Professional instructors with student assistants. Call 537-1211 for brochure.

COMBINED ANNUAL General Meeting for the South Salt Spring Residents Association and The Fulford Community Hall to take place March 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Fulford Hall.

P.U.G.S. - PC Users Group of Salt Spring, meets Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. in Seniors for Seniors building, 379 Lower Ganges Road. Program: Everything you wanted to know about software (but didn't know whom to ask.) Everyone welcome. \$2 covers goodies and software draw. Info: 537-5145 or 653-9069.

FUN-PLAYSHOPS FOR grownups. Unique combination of theatre, movement, art, etc., with Beatrix Satzing, therapist, and Yvonne Adalian, actor. Sunday, March 22, 12-3, \$20. 537-5396.

REIKI CLASS. March 20 - 22. Free talk, March 20, 7 p.m. Information, Leslie Wallace, Reiki Master, 653-9631.

BUDDHIST MEDITATION and view on Kindness, Clarity & Insight from perspective of Dalai Lama, 6 Tuesdays starting March 31, \$58. Information, Matthew Coleman, 537-2378.

SALT SPRING Island Golf & Country Club Ladies Spring Luncheon. Tuesday, March 31, 1998 at 12:30. Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 26. Tickets will be available at the Pro Shop.

ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting, Scott Point Waterworks District, March 28, 1998. 7:30 p.m., Pavilion of Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 241 Scott Point Drive.

WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ask about God, how will you answer? Help your child build a spiritual foundation. For a free book, ECKANKAR, 1-800-LOVE-GOD, extension 399.

11 COMING EVENTS

SPRING FELDENKRAIS® Awareness Through Movement® classes with Alice Friedman begin again Monday March 23!! Help break inefficient patterns and improve performance. Reduce stress and relieve pain. Increase flexibility. Learn to move more comfortably. Enjoy yourself. Mondays: 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. #202 Lancer Building. For information and registration please call: 537-2343 or 653-4332. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

WELLNESS SPEAKER: Dr. Ian Chisholm on eye problems associated with primary diseases, eg. diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure and stroke. Free! At Seniors - Wednesday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

SPRINGBREAK SPECIALS at Traders Trove next to Fulford Inn. Wednesday, March 18, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Local art and clothing. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MEADOW MEDICINE with Doreen Minshall. Sunday, March 22, 1998, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 212 Park Drive. Hands-on herbal review, ID, process, making effective tinctures, plus. \$30. Preregister please. 537-2154.

DANCE-A-THON, SATURDAY, April 4, 4 p.m. - 4 a.m., Activity Centre. Win \$, prizes given away to contestants every half hour! Contestants need a sponsor form, for-fun dancers need a ticket. Both available from Acoustic Planet, Fulford Roasters, S.S. Centre School. Phone 537-9130 or 537-1630 for more info.

Alliance of Salt Spring Artists present

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An Exhibit of Paintings, Sculpture and Mixed Media

A unique opportunity to receive critiques of your work! Respected art curators from Vancouver and Victoria will jury exhibit and provide feedback to artists. ALL WORK WILL BE EXHIBITED

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Diana Thompson 537-5130
or Ben Goodman 537-8980

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CALL FOR ENTRIES

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Commerce info centre,
or by calling 537-2053.

ENTRY DEADLINE
FRI., MARCH 20/98
NO LATER!

11 COMING EVENTS

EROS '98 presents

Throb Gallery



March 27 & 28

Mahon Hall 8pm

Tickets \$12. - at Island Books Plus
Dance Theater Clowns

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at Central Hall

Thurs. 7-8pm SS Elem. School
Orca Room

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SALT SPRING ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

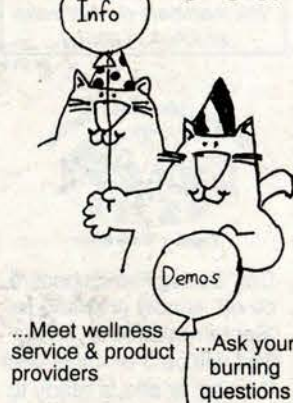
The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Public Library Association (Mary Hawkins Memorial Library) will be held in the downstairs hall, Salt Spring United Church, Ganges, B.C., on THURSDAY, MARCH 19 AT 3:00PM for the following purposes:

1. To receive the report of the Chairman of the Library Board.
2. To receive the reports of the Secretary, the Treasurer and others.

3. To elect the requisite number of members for 1998 to fill the vacancies thereon.
4. To transact such other business as may arise.

By order of the Library Board.
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Saturday, March 28th
10 am - 4 pm
Salt Spring Elementary
Activity Centre
Admission is Free
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Call Jeff or Damaris
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11 COMING EVENTS

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

Introductory talk
"People in Grief"
 Dr. Barry Cooke
Sunday April 5,
2:15 - 3:30pm
 All Saints Anglican Centre
 Next Grief Recovery Sessions
Tuesdays, Apr. 14-May 19
7 - 9pm
 Trained facilitators
Info & registration 537-2171

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Swing Dance (Jive)

Level I 6 classes
 Weds. Mar. 25 - April 29
7:30 - 9pm \$30
 Lions Hall, Bonnet Ave.
 Heather Martin/ Morley Myers
Phone 653-9729
soon to register

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Kenny Byron & The Tragically Hick

One night only:
Friday, March 20
 in the
Harbour House Pub
 Come & dance to the music
 of Salt Spring's own
 country band!

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**SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider further Readings of proposed Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 345, together with other matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Thurs, Mar. 26/98
TIME: 1:00pm
PLACE: Room 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges, B.C.

The public is invited to attend, and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Local Trust Committee on any matter of interest. An agenda for the meeting will be posted on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the Islands Trust Office, Room 1206, Grace Point Square.

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LADY MINTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SOCIETY
1998 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 will be held on
March 23, 1998
 at 2:00 p.m.
UNITED CHURCH HALL
 Will members please make an effort to attend.

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Salt Spring Pre-School, a co-op, is now enrolling for September 1998. If your child will be 3 or 4 this year then he or she is ready to learn through play with our wonderful teacher Barb. Spaces are limited so don't delay. For more information please call Lisa 537-8908

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11 COMING EVENTS

the Salt Spring Island Conservancy

Our first members evening features **Kate McEwan** introducing the **Naturescape Program & Derek Marvin** talking about local butterflies & their habitats.
March 23, 7-9pm
High School Global Room
 Information **653-9202**.
 Remember please, donations of items for the "Deja Vu" sale April 25, for pickup call **653-4527 or 537-9890**

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14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-888-324-3299.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Edwina MacLean, 537-4316.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"

Donations of cash, property or life insurance now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. "In Memoriam" gifts will be acknowledged with a card. Include names and addresses of recipient, next of kin and donor for tax receipt. Scholarships, land for parks, and relief of hardship are but a few directions in which your foundation serves the community. Please mail donations and requests for information to The Salt Spring Island Foundation, #2 - 110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2S5 or call Bob Rush at 537-2501.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

Salt Spring 537-2270

Galiano 539-2222

Pender 629-6946

Women's only - Thursday nights 5:15 p.m. Please call 537-1733 or 537-2993.
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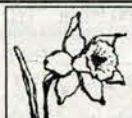
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 or 1-800-663-2524



26 LEGALS

Put to tender Grounds keeping contract for Crofton Brook. WCB is required. For more information call 537-2360.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: CHILD'S red hat in Pharmasave parking lot, phone 537-5616.

LOST: GREY Polar fleece Adidas Jacket at Portlock Park. Saturday, March 7. Also a reversible Adidas winter coat at Portlock Park, February 18. Please call 537-4570.

FOUND: Camera left at Baptist Church. 537-1239.

REWARD: LOST black wallet with all my I.D. If found please call Kristi Spencer 537-5848.

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

LOCAL? HAVE a business, small or large? Have a product or merchandise for sale? Please call me 537-5790.

PERSONAL TAX RETURNS (only) - Most basic tax returns can be done by fax, telephone or mail for \$25. James Mackey, CGA. Toll-free 1-800-445-2139.

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The following quotation is presented in connection with the observance of the Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21).
 "The diversity in the human family should be the cause of love and harmony, as it is in music where many different notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord. If you meet those of a different race and colour from yourself, do not mistrust them and withdraw yourself into your shell of conventionality, but rather be glad and show them kindness."
 ('abdu'l-Bahá: Ibid., p. 32)
 Tablets of Abdul Baha Vol. II.

The Bahai's of Salt Spring
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Tony Threlfall 537-4535

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 • cut lawns
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the Salt Spring Island Conservancy
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NORTH END Fitness is looking for a student for part-time work at the centre for a variety of duties. Possible full time in summer. Please bring resumé into North End Fitness. No phone calls please.

THE NEWLY formed Salt Spring Island Community Diversion Program is seeking a Coordinator to implement and direct this program, which has been established to provide an alternative to court proceedings for citizens involved in criminal actions. Currently a volunteer position, requirements include: knowledge of the criminal justice system; experience providing social services to adults and youth; coordination of volunteers; liaison with community resources; administration; and public relations. Please send resume and cover letter to The Salt Spring Island Community Diversion Program, 401 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V4. Attention: Meredith Knox. Closing date is April 1, 1998.

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 Reduce Reuse Recycle

55 HELP WANTED

PART TIME Office position at Everlasting Summer. Organizational ability, book-keeping, sales & computer skills an asset. Resumes 194 McLennan, V8K 1X2. Fax 653-9419.

PART TIME experienced nanny, needed in my home. Tuesday & Thursday mornings and all day Wednesday. Own transportation necessary. Call Kelly 537-5573.

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C.H.R. LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL

TENDERS ARE INVITED for Gardening/Grounds Maintenance at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, 135 Crofton Rd, Salt Spring Island B.C. V8K 1T1.

Documentation available from Maintenance Supervisor. Site visit mandatory on March 25/98 at 11:00am. Bidding to close March 31/98 at 12:00 noon.

Direct inquiries to: Maintenance Supervisor: Paul Sadler 537-5545, ext. 132, or C.H.R. Plant Manager: Doug Hull (250) 544-5007

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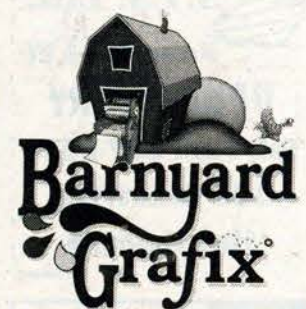
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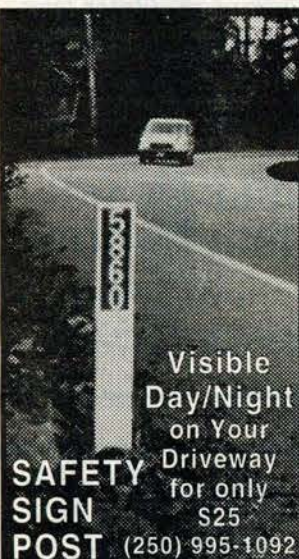
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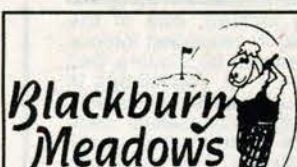
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nice view, walk to Fulford, suit-
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cabin, south end, ocean view,
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DEATHS

ADAMSON: LOUISE Margaret, suddenly on March 3, 1998 at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria. Deeply missed and ever remembered by her devoted husband, Douglas Sieberg, her loving mother, Georgina, and her dear brother Martin and his wife Margaret. Louise was born in Calgary and moved to Victoria in 1983. She and Doug, who were married at the North Pole in 1994, made their home on Salt Spring Island. She delighted in her garden, her pets and, in addition to her work at the Institute of Ocean Sciences, she created beautiful works of Fabric Art. She will be sadly missed by her step-children Danny, Jenny, Steve and Deb and her many friends. Funeral services were held in Victoria on March 7.

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GLORIA NYE (one of us three sisters who owned Salt Spring Cinema), has a special birthday coming in April. You can extend your best wishes (Along with illustrations & photos) to her, on a scroll located in Cinema Central's Lobby until April 8. It will then be taken to Ontario to be presented at a big surprise party. Let's make her jaw drop!! Louise 537-2928.

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