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year, when he wanted $810,000 — roughly $3,000 per acre — for the same property.

Another drop occurred in January this year when the price had dropped to $810,000 — roughly $2,750 per acre. The final price, struck last week, translates to roughly $2,279 an acre. talks about the entire catchment area.

“There’s been nearly a 25 per cent drop in price in the catchment area,” said Larmour. “I think it’s a reasonable one as everyone is negotiating. All we have to do now is raise the weekly payment, translates to roughly $2,279 due for final payment next month. What we have is a small portion of the watershed property that will purchase the property. The rendezvous came after a meeting of the district with Texada and some a few names in the boiling angles to consider who has been prodded from Holman, and Nina Raginsky are part of an inventive fundraising, attempts to keep Texada loyal to its word and code of principles. This does little, however, to see the mountain-to-mountain national park on Salt Spring.

Burgoyne Valley is that Raginsky’s Adopt-A-Tree project gets a free ride in the form of an extended deadline for fundraising, which was to have expired last week.

Raginsky has set up single-handedly to purchase these covenants on older growth forest near Burgoyne Bay Road. To date, she has raised more than $20,000, and is reaching out to foundations outside Canada for monetary assistance. Aside from selective, pick-up logging on Mount Team, highly-visible cutting slated for the face of Mount Bruce, and some areas on Mount Maxwell that Texada will absolutely not hold off on, unsustainable operations are ground to a near halt.

Operations facilitator Regan Trowehey said the only losers are Dorman Timber’s crew, whose numbers have been steadily dwindling and recently dropped from 30 to 15. The logging moratorium guarantees Texada won’t cut trees in the area of interest, said Trowehey, but timber felled previously will be removed. “The deal is we would stop more development and falling but whatever is done we will pull out.” That does little, however, to curb the enthusiasm of those who have laboured long and hard to see a mountain-to-mountain national park on Salt Spring. The best news we’ve heard in months,” cheered Gary Holman of the South and West Salt Spring Conservation Partnership. “The willingness to postpone logging and negotiate on the basis of mutually agreed upon appraisals. As far as I’m concerned it’s great news.

TEXADA: ‘Best news in months’

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Last week a handful of islanders said they have been consulted about securing parkland, protecting forests and advancing sustainable logging with MacDonald and company.

The rendezvous came after more meetings — often fiery — dialogue between the secondary watershed area) and notifies Texada to diplomacy.

White, Briony Penn, Gary Holman, Nina Raginsky are just a few names in the boiling pot of inventive fundraising, which was to have expired last week. Exempted by fax on Friday to the government, March is an assurance from the government, March is a new assurance from the government. All have to do now is raise the secondary watershed area (catchment area) and notifies Texada prior to May 1, the closing date of the profit-driven development between scores of islanders and the profit-driven development company has finally given way to diplomacy.

Texada has, at last, become a willing seller.

In a written agreement delivered by fax on Friday to the Land Conservancy of B.C. — signed jointly by both MacDonald and Penn — a non-refundable $10,000 deposit, a March 30, 2001 deadline for purchase pledge, and the hiring of two third-party appraisers to hash out land values are the criteria of the deal.

Appraisers for both negotiating parties will have the right to employ independent auditors to settle any discrepancies in valuation. With an initial $25,000 payment due to Texada by March’s end, Penn said the financing must materialize or the company will give up the 1,000-acre park package and will put up the initial quarter-million cash deposit on behalf of the government, provided a green signal is on the horizon.

“What we do need before March is an assurance from the feds and the province that the biodiversity package will happen,” Penn said. One side effect
A WEEK IN THE LIFE: Dan North pushes back the seat in his car at the recycling depot, which had been emptied just one week earlier. Salt Spring recyclers keep the Rainbow Road depot hopping with activity.

FRUSTRATED BUS DRIVERS

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Drivers agreed they are at a visual disadvantage when approached by cars who intend to overtake a bus, they said, so instead drivers endeavour to make children aware of the dangers by instructing them to look left and right before getting off the bus.

Peter Price of the Beaver Point Road depot had little sympathy for drivers who intends to overtake a bus, they said, so instead drivers endeavour to make children aware of the dangers by instructing them to look left and right before getting off the bus.

“Some people are in a hurry or just don’t understand,” said transportation supervisor Ken Garner. “For some people, it just doesn’t click. But how do you miss the four big flashing lights? That’s the point that we don’t understand.”

Drivers said they will pull over periodically to let the trails of slowed-down cars pass when they are travelling, but this doesn’t seem to appease the foolhardy speeders, and once a single car rounds the bus, others tend to follow suit.

When asked about solutions, Garner suggested placing a reminder in motorists’ annual insurance paperwork. He also reminded drivers to slow down at the sight of amber lights, which proves futile.

But unfortunately, even that request exudes a tinge of resignation in his history has taught most drivers to expect the worst.

“Some or later something’s gonna happen — that’s the bottom line — that’s what’s bothering most people here,” Garner said.

“One day is gonna happen and some kid is going to get run over. And what a sick feeling that would be.”

A WEEK IN THE LIFE: Dan North pushes back the seat in his car at the recycling depot, which had been emptied just one week earlier. Salt Spring recyclers keep the Rainbow Road depot hopping with activity. Photo by Dennis Lord.
Rebuilding of Long Harbour dock forces cancellation of ferry run

If you’re headed for the Mainland or Outer Islands, you’ll have to forego hopping on the Long Harbour ferry from February 20 to March 15.

B.C. Ferries reminds customers that Salt Spring’s Long Harbour runs will be closed and out of service for over three weeks due to a dock rebuild.

New ramps with increased load capacity are to be installed, and aging dock structures will be replaced to meet design code requirements.

“This work emphasizes our commitment to continued service between Long Harbour, Tsawwassen and the Outer Gulf Islands,” said marine superintendent Captain Trafford Taylor. “We intend to retain this vital link between the Gulf Islands and the lower mainland.”

Passengers travelling between Tsawwassen and Salt Spring Island can use the throughfare option via Swartz Bay and Salt Spring’s Fulford Harbour.

B.C. Ferries staff will make every effort to assist with connecting traffic at Swartz Bay, states press material.

The 6:20 a.m. sailing from Fulford Harbour to Swartz Bay will be changed to an earlier 5:30 a.m. to allow ample time for those passengers wishing to connect with the 7 a.m. vessel from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen.

Another option is to use a combination of the Vesuvius and Crofton route and the Duke Point and Tsawwassen route, ferry administrators said.

People wishing to travel from Tsawwassen, Galiano, Saturna, Mayne and the Pender Islands will enjoy uninterrupted ferry service on the regular winter schedule.

Queen of Nanaimo will tie up alongside the Long Harbour dock at night and sail without passengers or vehicles to the Pender Islands in time for the first scheduled sailing of the day.

The Long Harbour dock should be finished by March 16 for regular service between Tsawwassen and Salt Spring Island for the commencement of the spring break holidays.

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*Please note that the application deadline for the Northwest Territories and Nunavut is April 6, 2001.*
Head nurses retire

Lady Minto Hospital said goodbye to two head nurses last week, as Marg Pickard and Claire Sellar retired from their nursing careers. A spontaneous lunch-time party with hooters, balloons and flowers marked the final day of work for Pickard, who has been at the Salt Spring hospital for close to 14 years, most recently as head nurse of acute care.

"It ended up being a wonderful day," said Karen Davies, manager of patient care at the hospital. A more formal retirement party will take place later this month.

In a reversal of celebrations, Sellar's formal party took place at Meaden Hall two weekends ago, while her last day at work didn't occur until the end of the month. Between 50 and 60 people attended the party, which Davies described as a "great bash."

Sellar, head of extended care, has worked at Lady Minto Hospital for eight seasons. Gaynor Jones, who has worked at the local hospital as a general duty nurse since late 1995 and has lots of management experience, takes over the new position of coordinator of all patient care.

Posts replace controversial gate

The once-controversial gate at Bedds Beach is out, and vehicle-impeding posts are in.

At the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) January 29 meeting, acting administrator Carin Perrins said the new posts are in.
Trustees studying cell phone report

With the Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission (APC) cell-phone homework assignment completed, local trustees Ben Byron and David Borrowman are mulling over its contents.

Members of the group known as Island Residents Opposed to Cell Phone Antennae (IROCA) were pleased with one main recommendation in the APC report, discussed at the January 25 Local Trust Committee meeting, and less pleased with another.

Enid Turner approved of the recommendation that antennae not be installed within 500 metres (1,640 feet) of any “facility concerned with continuous human activity.”

However, even with a power density level of two microwatts per square centimetre — low by the federal government’s Safety Code 6 standard — Turner felt that was “cutting it a bit fine.”

Trustee Byron pointed out that the APC’s suggestion is 100 times lower than Safety Code 6. Turner said IROCA suggested a 0.1 microwatt level.

IROCA member Chris Anderson said he was glad to see the APC moving in the right direction, “but there is a lot of evidence of adverse biological effects at well below two (microwatts).”

The only safe level is “zero,” he said.

Once trustees have adopted their guidelines, they will notify industry Canada and companies interested in installing antennae on Salt Spring.

Borrowman described the three-page APC document as “an excellent and extremely helpful report.”

He said if the levels are adopted it would make Salt Spring Island “one of the most cautiously protected communities in Canada.

Rotary helps victims

Local Rotarians are fundraising to provide assistance to victims of earthquakes in India and San Salvo.

The Rotary Club of Salt Spring has joined clubs worldwide in an effort to provide emergency aid in the wake of the two earthquakes. Donations can be made to club members or at the Bank of Montreal, the CIBC and Island Savings. Receipts will be issued for donations of $10 or more.

Club director Tony McEwen says none of the money raised will be used for administration costs. The money will be sent directly to Rotary Clubs in the affected areas.

VALENTINE’S FITNESS CLASS

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SEEDY EXCHANGE: Lokesh Green is shown in his garden as a reminder to islanders that Seedly Saturday takes place this weekend at the Farmers Institute. The annual seed exchange is sponsored by the Island Natural Growers.

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Protecting our water

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Jubilee justice seeks to right IMF wrongs

BY EILEEN WITTEWAAL

An elementary school class discusses the biggest hopes the children have. Young Peter says his biggest hope is for a peaceful world and others agree. That right Peter tells his family about the class. His parents support his choice as clear the table after a satisfying dinner in their comfortable, safe home. They also help little Shirley take the medication for her asthmatic condition, thankful that medicare makes it affordable for them.

Ten-year-old Pedro, in what seems like another world, gets up from a fitful sleep and tiptoes out of his room. He remembers yesterday when he couldn’t fall asleep because of a sharp pain in his stomach. He gets up to tiptoe out of the house carefully and with much care as he hopes the sounds of the soldiers, hoping he will return safely that night. It is payday and he prays there will be more than the usual hunger mixed with the usual poverty. He is one of two young sisters and his mother worked in the textile factory.

Pedro works in a textile factory. His stomach rumbles with the thought of his five-year-old sisters and two young children who are unable to eat. His biggest hope is for a peaceful world and others agree. That’s why Pedro tells his family about the class. His parents support his choice and then clear the table after a satisfying dinner in their comfortable, safe home. They also help little Shirley take the medication for her asthmatic condition, thankful that medicare makes it affordable for them.

In Pedro’s Honduras, between 1950 and 1980, the per-capita income had risen, and most people had enough to eat. Children had a greater chance of going to school instead of working in fields or factories. Health care helped life expectancy rise at least 10 years, as did in most countries of the world. But since 1980, incomes and life expectancies have gone back to the 1950s level, in all of which are highly indebted Poor Countries.

But what has happened to the improvement that had occurred up to 1980?

The World Bank and IMF (International Monetary Fund) began in 1945 to fund post-war reconstruction and development projects, by lending money to nations.

But in the early 1980s, with the five-fold increase in oil prices and a similar jump in interest rates, most Third World nations rushed to the World Bank and IMF for help from their rapidly escalating debt load.

However, instead of debt relief, they got a long list of structural adjustment policies (called SAPs) in return for capital. In other words, instead of giving poorer countries debt relief, these agencies became debt collectors for the loans made by richer countries.

Also, the richer countries, as usual, controlled trade. They forced down the prices of what the poorer countries produced to offset the higher interest rates and of all prices in their own countries. Dictators and their cronies were encouraged when they supported these policies, and the poor majority were left to pay.

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Our multitudes of wars have been fought over who will control land and resources. As the winner “takes all”, peace is temporary.

Phillipino sociologist Walden Bello says, in the last edition of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives’ Monitor, “That the IMF and World Bank in Washington could take place only under heavy police protection speaks volumes about the tattered legitimacy of the two institutions.”

They no longer help the reconstruction of all countries who need it. The Canadian churches Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice report calls it “the re-colonization of the Third World.”

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When Honduras was saddled with $15 billion (US) in foreign debt, it was hit by Hurricane Mitch. The Indian Ocean tsunamis and Katrina. Our country, in the aftermath of the Walkerton water disaster, the national level of public consciousness over the protection of community water supplies is at an all-time high. And well it should, though that’s little consolation to the grieving relatives and friends of the Walkerton victims. However, perhaps they will find some consolation should increased interest in water protection lead to sound and lasting improvements.

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We asked: What other era would you live in and who or what would you be?

Rich Lopushinsky

Oh, I’ve been here from the beginning… I’d go back and ask Lucifer, “You sure we want to do this?”

Reid Collins

I think I would have more suited to one hundred years ago, doing the same things I am now.

Kim Steadman

I’d be a pharaoh in the times of the Egyptian pyramids.

Marcie Jackie Berner

Sandy Harkema

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Salt Spring says

Letters to the Editor

Communication

In the early morning of January 13 my mother fell and broke her hip. After a quick and thorough surgery had been successful. I would check in to let him know of the problem. He was admitted at 11 a.m. at 1:30 my mother fell and broke her hip. After a quick and thorough surgery had been successful. I would check in to let him know of the problem. He was admitted at 11 a.m.

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At 8:30 I tried phoning, but the line was busy — over and over I tried to reach him. Finally, a call to 1-800 successfu and promised my grandmother that every two hours I would check in to let him know what was happening.

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SANDY HARKEMA

Clean and pure

In connection with Mike Lamourt’s assertions about excess phosphates in our drinking water (a.k.a. St. Mary Lake for most of us north of Ganges’), one possible solution might be to have all the septic tanks of properties bordering the lake pumped out, pronto, and to set up inspections and pump-out schedules according to the volume of effluent, every two years. Probable issue is the cost of equipment and the work of household cleaners or bleach.

There are alternatives, and we can’t call to do the Cowichan General Hospital.

We had phoned to find out how mom was doing, and said he’d leave his cell phone on just in case. At 9 p.m. mom had surgery, and the nurse let me in quickly to see her at 10. Her first words were “I’m alive”. With huge relief we now had to get the word to both my family and Grandpys Ray. A quick phone call to Brian Little at 0205K and Brian drove to my house to pass on the good news. My husband could then let Grandpa know all was well.

What a night! It’s not till you’re personally affected by something that you realize the need for emergency communication. I know that this will now be an important topic on many future discussions.

Many thanks to Brian Little.

Harkema

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OAPO woes

The expropriation of Old Age Pensions accommodation continues.

In the classified columns of January 24 Driftwood there was a notice of two small offices for rent at Central Hall, one at $100 and a larger one at $175. The notice was given to the OAP in 1949. Known as the Arnold Humes Craft Room. Not only was the whole extension of Central Hall funded from grants for OAP seniors, but that particular room was enlarged by the pensioners completing the construction work themselves under the guidance of Arnold Humes. Some money was donated by the hall society to help the pensioners toward material costs.

The pensioners have not used the room for a while since all our craft equipment has disappeared from there, and we would not chance storing any equipment in the room for that reason. The only group without a key to it is the OAP.

We do not object to the room being made of, but a request for permission or simple notification would have been appropriate. Not just remove our pensioners from the name of the OAP 10 Branch. The organization of Tai Chi for Seniors class has been donating monthly to the hall for the past seven years.

One hall society board gave the room to the pensioners, and the present board took it away after the pensioners worked to enlarge it. “Indian Givers,” is that the “politically correct” phrase.

The hall society donated to the Salt Spring Pensioner in Memoriam and thanks to Arnold Humes who died of cancer shortly after the whole extension of the craft room was completed. Under the terms of federal and B.C. agreements, mutual agreements are reached that the bank society must provide accommodation and storage space for OAP seniors. Without such an agreement with the OAP no funding would have been granted to the hall in 1976 for renovations costs.

RON MILTON
Secretary Treasurer
OAPO Branch 31

Disbelief

A sense of disbelief and shame throughout the country when the supreme court upheld a sentence of life in prison with no parole for 10 years for Robert Latimer, for committing an act that most of us would regard as both criminal and merciful.

About a week later we hear of a habitual criminal who killed a bystander in a hit and run with a stolen car, receiving a six-year sentence, and boasting that he would be out on parole in 18 months.

In the Latimer case three children were deprived of a loving father, a wife is being deprived of a loving husband, a farm is being deprived of a man that is a co-operative society and will be asked to bear the costs of incorporation estimated to be in the range of $600,000.

If you believe, as I do, that there has been a gross miscarriage of justice here, please let your opinion be known to any member of the federal cabinet by letter (no postage necessary), addressed to House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A1, or by fax or e-mail addresses all available on the Web. The federal cabinet has the power to grant clemency.

A website for Mr. Latimer has been set up with the simple address: world robertlatimer.com.

For his support we could send to “The Latimer Family fund,” Box 819, Wilkie, Saskatchewan S0K 4W0.

Let it be known that most people in both justice and mercy view-scape.

BRIAN FINNEMORE,
Fulford Valley, Salt Spring.

Good things are happening regarding our hard work to save the Texada lands this past year. We bought Lot 9, the primary water shed of Maxwell Lake. The Nature Trust of B.C. just bought Lot 3, 80 acres of Garry oak meadow on the north shore of Burgoyne Bay, and they are negotiating the rest of the north shore. Texada has agreed to stop logging in Burgoyne Bay until March 30, giving us time to purchase it for the biodiversity package. This is fantastic!

However, Lot 57, the former Welwood property, will continue to be logged. This is our gorgeous “view-scape” in Fulford Valley, which you see as you drive down Lee’s Hill. Currently it looks like a moth-eaten bit of cloth with giant holes of clearcut. The cut branches are green even this come July, they will turn brown. Texada plans to continue logging this steep slope, in spite of their promise to our community to respect our “view-scapes.” This was clearly stated in their Code of Principals which they proudly gave to our community a year ago.

Salt Spring Island thrives on tourism. Who, honestly, will feel great coming to an island ravaged by industrial logging?

What you can do:

• Encourage the Capital Regional District (CRD) to come back to the table to purchase Lot 57. Call or write Jeff Ward, CRD, 490 Atkins Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8B 2Z5 Phone: 1-250-478-1444

Call or write Rob MacDonald, the Texada Land Corporation, 938 Hoose Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 1N9, 1-604-331-4618.

Thank him for stopping the logging by the end of May until March 30. Request that he stop logging in Lot 57 if the CRD comes back to the table.

Request that he honour his Code of Principals and his promise to respect the view-scapes of our island.

TAMAR GRIGGS,
Bold Buff, Salt Spring

PARC move

I am an instructor who offered courses through PARC. Originally, I was opposed to PARC’s plan to stop coordinating community leisure programs. I now understand and support the reasoning behind it.

What people have been referring to, as “affordable” programs sponsored by PARC are, in fact, “subsidized” programs. The only way that I could offer my sailing program and include a fee to PARC that would offset PARC’s costs, was by discounting my program by about 25 per cent when compared with the cost of the identical program offered by private sailing schools in Vancouver and Victoria.

PARC understands that the only way to compensate instructors fairly and cover their own costs is to increase the extent to which programs are subsidized out of property taxes. So, people calling for “affordable” PARC programs or, for that matter, any “affordable” services on Salt Spring are, in fact, asking property owners to subsidize their activities. Other municipalities may be able to extend services because they have significant commercial and industrial tax bases. Salt Spring does not. PARC has wisely decided not to do what it cannot afford to do.

This issue is yet another caution to property owners when they consider the question of municipal incorporation.

Services that are now offered as a matter of discretion by public agencies will become an obligation following municipal incorporation. Demands for expanded community services on Salt Spring are simply an unfair imposition on the island’s property owners.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
Salt Spring
Health in jeopardy

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ALAN ROBERTSON, Wildwood Crescent

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Compare ferries: ‘we should be mad as hell’

By PAUL MINVILLE

Special to the Driftwood

I have recently learned that Salt Spring Islanders are second-class citi-
zens in the eyes of the B.C. Ferry Corporation and, by extension, the
provincial government. I experienced the first glimmering of this sad fact
on a trip through the B.C. Interior with my wife, Lorena.

It happened when we crossed the Arrow Lakes on a cable ferry
between Needles and Fauquier. It’s a shuttle service by day, an on-demand
service by night. It’s a short run, about 10 minutes, and it’s free.

I’d heard about the highways minis-
tery’s free ferry services around the
province, but this was the first time
we actually encountered this tax-
supported service. It ranked a bit, but
I had some difficulty equating this short, uncomplicated service across
a narrow lake with the more complicat-
ed operation between Salt Spring and
Vancouver Island.

We continued on to Balfour, where
we just missed the ferry running across Kootenay Lake to Kootenay
Bay. We could have driven to Creston, but a local service station owner told
me it was an extra 50 miles (80 kilo-
meters) to the imperially challenged
around the lake. So the short wait for
me it

the Balfour-Kootenay Bay run is the
“Coffee Shop”:

"We're mad as hell,"

sentry operation between Salt Spring and
Vancouver Island.

“We're mad as hell,”

and Kootenay Lake area residents

wanting our space (or being

compensated) is too much to hope

for.

Salt Spring’s Skeena
Queen was launched last
year because, as the cap-

tain said, it was too expensive for B.C.
Ferries to staff on such a short run. As
they didn’t even include a snack
dish on the Skeena Queen.

Unlike the uncomfortable, badly-lit,
noisy boxes that served as hamburgers,
hot dogs and punch
cal, all served up by not one but two
young women! The bigger surprise
was that Salt Spring Island a noisy,
uncomfortable barge, while Bowen and Outer Gulf Islanders and
Kootenay Lake area residents enjoy luxurious vessels with cafeteria
service.

Why are we paying through the nose for shoalier service (and being
threatened intermittently with price hikes) when our Interior brethren are
riding for free?

And why aren’t Salt Springers on
their feet screaming, “We’re mad as
hell and we’re not going to take it any-
more!”

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Ins and outs of lambing at sheep breeders event

Preparations for the lambing season get under way here next week with a Salt Spring Sheep Breeders meeting.

Set for February 17, in an island barn, the meeting will discuss the "practicalities of preparations for the lambing season," according to information from the sheep breeders' group.

Several experienced sheep breeders will be available to answer questions. The goal of the group — a committee of the Islands Farmers' Institute — is to "provide a safe, healthy lambing season, saving as many lambs and ewes as possible."

Although the meeting will help new and prospective sheep breeders the most, the groups says: "We have found that these discussions also benefit experienced farmers, as each year brings new situations and solutions. We all learn a great deal by sharing experiences and information.

Those who want to participate or obtain further information should call Margaret Threlfall at 537-4535. There is no charge for this event.
Adding the ‘country’ to the club

Fifty years ago

A 67-year-old man died from injuries he suffered when his small camp was hit by smoke from a smoldering mattress on his bed. The man was believed to have fallen from his bed or crawled under the bed to escape the flames at approximately 4 a.m.

Two men from Vancouver were injured in a car accident beside St. Mary Lake. The vehicle, driven by Robert Byng-Hall of Vancouver, crashed into a tree near the north end of the lake and overturned, striking a concrete bridge piling and killing one of the passengers in the car.

Fifteen years ago

A flooded and frozen field just off Fornes Road in the Burgoys area, kept ice enthusiasts happy for several days. Hockey players Alvaro Sanchez and Ben Rompre were playing the puck toward a net they had placed in their makeshift hockey field. The spontaneous ice rink was created on the heels of a two-week cold snap, which had islands digging out their mittens and snow shoes out of storage while dealing with frozen pipes, empty oil tanks and stranded cars.

Don’t Let Volatility Keep You Out of the Market

If you invest in stocks, you know that the market can be taking investors for a bumpy ride lately.

What’s going on here? It’s a word: volatility. And it can be unkind. How can you avoid the type of “reactive” investing that is caused by market volatility? Consider the following ideas:

- **Give Diversification a Chance to Succeed**
  Diversification is essential to investment success. But it’s not a get-rich-quick strategy. In a well-diversified portfolio, some of your holdings will be going up, while at the same time others may be going down. This natural variation in the portfolio’s growth rate will, over time, reduce the growth of your investment.

- **Don’t Overreact to Temporary Setbacks**
  Different sectors go through periods of ups and downs. For example, the current market environment has been difficult for financial services, real estate, health care companies and consumer goods. Should you sell your holdings in these areas? Before you do, you should realize that these sectors experienced a similar downturn in the early 1990s and investors who pulled out then eventually missed a period of tremendous growth. This long-term outlook for these sectors remains attractive.

- **Seek Good Companies at Attractive Prices**
  It sounds simple, but too many people ignore this basic axiom of investing. Try to find those companies whose management is strong and whose products are well-positioned for the future. Look for companies that are reasonably priced, as measured by their price-to-earnings ratio and other factors. Remember, the higher a company’s P/E, the more you are paying for its expected growth—and the greater the downside potential.

- **Look Beyond the “Hype”**
  Sometimes, one particular market sector will seize most of the investing public’s attention. Right now, it’s technology. Unfortunately, attention isn’t always knowledge. The truth is that many areas of technology do offer tremendous growth opportunities for investors in the long term. Yet, over the next several years, there also may be a shake-up in some segments, particularly among those companies on the fringe of the Internet. As an informed investor, you should think about the entire story—not just the headlines.

- **Follow these few basic guidelines**
  You’ll go a long way toward reducing the jitters that can accompany the stock market’s volatility. And, the calmer you are, the better your decisions will be.

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THURSDAY, FEB 8

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13 The Detective (1968, Drama) A detective is asked by a woman to solve the murder of her husband. Burt Lancaster, Jack Nicholson (2h)

13 Miss Julie (1995, Drama) The relationship between a maid and her employer is complicated by a love affair. Colin Firth, Juliette Binoche (2h)


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By LEAH McCOLL
Driftwood Contributor

I used to think that being accepted into a little clique of people would make my life a lot easier. I thought that if I had enough money together and designer clothes, and smeared makeup on my face that I could get in with the "cool crowd" and everyone then on would be smooth sailing.

I finally saved up enough pennies and abandoned Value Village for the more expensive look, found myself in the deepest, darkest depths of a mall/labyrinth, after going round and round in circles saying, "I'm having the weirdest deja vu, haven't we passed these stores already? Oh, God, they all look the same! We'll never get out of here alive!"

But I digress. When I finally went through all the loopholes and got my hands on the latest fashion trends it turned out that it wasn't a trend anymore and I was stuck back at square one with an over-priced shirt and a 'holic in my wallet. After reaching a point of sheer exhaustion from running around like a chicken with its head cut off, trying to keep up with what was in and what was out, I gave up and went back to wearing corduroy. Oh well, at least they're back in style now.

Clothes weren't my only problem. It seemed that I had been blessed with one of those oddities that set me apart from the rest of my peers, otherwise known as the "Synicrome".

On your trip to Lornerville there are a lot of things to do, such as writing poetry after being inspired by late nights of reading Sylvia Plath, reading until the{ }"{ }"{ } insertion of time to read, read, read as well as daydream with clouds; taking long, middle-of-the-night walks and just proceed pondering the meaning of the universe or how they got the caramel into the chocolate bar. Unfortunately companionship wasn't one of the items on the list.

Those weren't the funniest of times (although I'm sure they built character with something like it) until I made my first best friend. When you're a kid, best friends come and go quickly as fashions. In one day, out the next. As you get older though, a best friend is as good as gold, yet far more precious.

I have had the privilege of keeping mine for a long time and I don't expect to ever lose touch with her, even if we end up living on opposite sides of the globe.
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Sweet Stakes
Fulford Elementary School buzzed with activity Friday night as islanders young and old flocked to the annual country dance and auction. Seen here, clockwise from top are, dancers enjoying the lively band; Jordy Sharp on stand-up bass; Candice Snow-Rosen; children watching gumboot dancers; and Georgia Tatnall dressed to party.

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Youth theatre alive and well with six shows set for spring

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Youth theatre has sprung to life on Salt Spring with six school-based productions set for this spring.

Two of the five shows are original adaptations of well-loved stories, while a third is complete-ly original — penned by Stage Coach Theatre School director Margaret Jardine.

And two feature brand new musical scores written by Salt Spring's Ramesh Meyers.

"I see it as very positive," says director at the time to hit Stage Coach School. "I love to see kids act-ing."

Kicking off this year's youth theatre season is Gulf Islands Secondary School's (GISSS) March staging of the musical Grease, made famous by the long-running Broadway show and 1970s hit movie starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton John.

Director Christina Pittman said the 28-member cast of grades 9 to 12 students includes some highly talented singers, actors and dancers.

Choreography for the musical is "spectacular," she adds.

Grease runs at ArtSpring, beginning at 7:30 p.m. March 1-3 and Saturday, March 2.

The final two shows — Oliver Twist by Salt Spring Elementary School students and The Nightingale by Salt Spring Centre youth — are set to run the first and last weekends in May.

Four shows of the musical Oliver Twist are being presented under the direction of parent Mike Krayenhoff. Grades 4 and 5 students have been given the bigger parts in the show, with younger students filling out the chorus.

To accommodate "so many really talented kids," says Krayenhoff, the lead roles have been double cast — with each young actor performing two of the four shows. To "equal things out," those in the smaller roles get to participate in each of the two evenings and two matinee performances.

This version of Oliver Twist, written specifically for elementary school casts, is shorter than the musical Oliver, and includes different music.

Krayenhoff is excited about the show, which features "lots of new faces — kids who have never acted before."

Salt Spring Elementary School's major production was Annie, staged in the spring of 1999. Moving from an original adaptation of Peter Pan last year, to another original performance this year, Salt Spring Centre School students are staging The Nightingale May 25-26 at ArtSpring.

Adapted from a Hans Christian Andersen story by Salt Spring performer and Centre school teacher Yiana Belkalopoulos, The Nightingale features original music written by Meyers.

Belkalopoulos, who is directing the play, says a "delightful tinkle" went up her spine when she first read the story.

"It had all the elements of a magical, musical fantasy, compassionately woven with a true to life story of struggle, friendship and 19th century Chinese history," she says. "We've begun rehearsals, taking an integrated arts in education approach to the process. Our work is under way, and there is much commitment and joy happening around it."

At this point, the different directors do not appear concerned that the tangle of youth shows this spring will limit audiences.

"Hopefully, the kids will all turn out to see the other performances," Krayenhoff says. "It's part of the learning process."

Also part of the learning curve — and another indication of the trend toward youth theatre here — is an acting class for youths being offered by Vaughn Fulford.

Response to his "Acting Schmackenting" class for six- to 12-year-olds was so strong, Fulford cut the session into two separate classes.

Youth theatre, it seems, has arrived on Salt Spring.
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wed FEB. 7
• Young Jazz Players, Music & Munch, All Saints, 12:10 p.m.
• Wednesday Night LIVE! Moby’s, 9 p.m.
• Salt Spring Genealogy Group meets, Salt Spring Seniors, 7-30 p.m.

thurs FEB. 8
• Mama’s & Papa’s Night, Corner Inn Cafe, 5-8 p.m. (families)
• Bingo, Meaden Hall, 7 p.m.
• Library board meets, 4:30 p.m.
• Community Meditation, United Church, 11:30-12:30 p.m.
• Community Gathering, United Church, 5:30 p.m.
• Seniors Sing-along, Salt Spring Seniors, 2 p.m.

fri FEB. 9
• Auntie Kate & The Unlucky Ones of Funk (unplugged) at the Harbour House, 8-11:30 p.m.
• An Evening With Julie: Karaoke at the Legion
• Our Island, Our World Film Fest, GISS, 10:5 (activities)
• Vipassana Meditation group, the Barn, 7:30-9 p.m.
• Salt Spring Island VALENTINE’S BALL celebrates Saint Valentine’s Day, gala dinner dance, at the Harbour House, 8-11 p.m.

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• Our Island, Our World Film Fest, GISS, 10:5 (activities)
• Seedy Saturday, Farmers Institute, 10-3 (activities)
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• Our Island, Our World Film Fest, GISS
• Choral Evensong, All Saints, 4 p.m.
• Moby’s Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m. with Monik Nordine Trio
• Other Brothers, Fulford Inn, 6-9 p.m.
• Pottery workshop with Lynne Johnson, ArtSpring

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• Bill Morrissey, SS Folk Club, Fulford Hall, 7:30 p.m.
• Vipassana Meditation group, the Barn, 7:30-9 p.m.

tues FEB. 13
• Just for Women workshop, Harbour House, 1:30-8 p.m.
• Pleasure of Being Single, Bodyworks, 7-9 p.m. (families)
• Winter Pool Party, Legion
• Drop-in floor hockey, Fulford Hall, 7 p.m.

wed FEB. 14

thurs FEB. 15
• For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m.
• Moby’s Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m.
• Bingo, Meaden Hall, 7 p.m.
• BINGO for Seniors, Fulford Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
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fri FEB. 16
• For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m.
• Roller-bling, Fulford Hall, 7-30 p.m.
• Bingo for seniors, Fulford Hall, 7-30 p.m.

sat FEB. 17
• For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m.
• Harbour House entertainment in the lounge
• Drop-in floor hockey, Fulford Hall, 7 p.m.

sun FEB. 18
• For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m.
• Newcomers Walk, Centennial Park Buzzy, 11 a.m.
• Moby’s Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m.
• Other Brothers, Fulford Inn, 6-9 p.m.
• Drop-in floor hockey, Fulford Hall, 7 p.m.

mon FEB. 19
• Vipassana Meditation group, the Barn, 7:30-9 p.m.
• Salt Spring Health Committee meets, Lady Minto meeting room, 9-10:30 a.m.

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the Driftwood by noon Monday preceding publication.
Pianist
Thursday, February 13
from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the Lobby of the HAMS Ganges Lounge at the Harbour House, 537-9571.

Just For Women Investment Workshop
Fridays, February 13, 1, 2 or 4 p.m. Call 877-665-9797 to reserve a seat.

Raffle drawings to be held every Friday at Fullard, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Argentina Tango group meets at Lions Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:45 to 8 for season ticket holders. Call 537-3977 for information.


ArtSpring Film Society
A screening of films called Inuit Time. Facilitated by teacher Kim Hunter. For aged 6 and up. Call PARC teacher and games enthusiast 537-0028.

Satish Spring Gardens Group meets at Satell Spring on February 13 (and every Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.). Call Mr. Davidson, 537-9777 for information.
Feast of films set for weekend

Our Island, Our World - Living Creatively Film Festival - 2001 takes place this weekend — February 9, 10, 11 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 9
6 pm: Afghani Feast, GISS Cafeteria
8:15 pm: Feature film in the Multipurpose Room: "Inuit Observations on Climate Change"
Saturday, February 10
In the Multipurpose Room:
10 am to 5 pm: Volunteer Fair featuring over 25 community volunteer groups.
12:30 pm: Raging Grannies
Films in the Drama Room:
10 am: Reinventing the Food System (49 minutes)
11:15 am: Food for Thought (28 minutes)
12:10 pm: Defending the Forest (16 minutes)
12:50 pm: Above the Law (54 minutes)
2:10 pm: Connect (23 minutes)
2:35 pm: Giant Sea Turtles (26 minutes)
3:45 pm: The Strength of Indigenous People (27 minutes)
4:25 pm: Metal of Dishonour (50 minutes)
Films in Room 212:
10 am: Ecopsychology (26 minutes)
10:50 am: Barefoot College (45 minutes)
Noon: Working Like Crazy (50 minutes)
12:20 pm: Sacred Land; Scarred Land (30 minutes)
2:20 pm: Good Wood (48 minutes)
3:30 pm: Jabiluka (63 minutes)
Workshops in Room 205:
10:15 am: Gulf Island Film and Television School Workshop (GIFTS)
Noon: GIFTS Video Selection of Student Work (60 minutes)
1 pm: Mort Ransen — Socially Relevant Storytelling and Scholarship introduction
1:45 pm: Filmmaker Ken Healey-Ray — The Magic Sound
2 pm: GIFTS Workshop (2 hours)
Saturday Evening in the Multipurpose Room:
7:30 pm: Feature-length film: This is What Democracy Looks Like
Sunday, February 11
Films in the Drama Room:
11 am: Marker of Change (52 minutes)
12:20 pm: Our House (60 minutes)
1:45 pm: Long Night’s Journey into Day (90 minutes)
3:40 pm: Loyalties (57 minutes)
Films in Room 212:
11 am: The Golf War (39 minutes)
12:05 pm: Public Education (21 minutes)
1 pm: O! Hopscotch and Little Giris (52 minutes)
2:20 pm: Unwanted Soldiers (46 minutes)
3:35 pm: Dirty Secrets (56 minutes)
Films in Room 205:
11 am: Crop Circles (57 minutes)
Noon: On Hostile Ground (40 minutes)
1 pm: Local Filmmakers
1:20 pm: Callirrhoe Bachman
1:20 pm: James Sharp
1:40 pm: Donna Kupkowski
2 pm: Peeter Prince
2:45 pm: Gail Noonan
3:15 pm: Manus Lohnan
3:45 pm: Trinity Forbes
4 pm: Thomas Lundy
4:30 pm: Sheila Harrington and Will Thomas
Lunch and snacks available in the cafeteria 11:30 am to 3:30 pm Saturday and Sunday. Childcare for high school students for an extra fee offered all weekend.
Music in the Cafeteria, Sunday:
Noon: Young Jazz Players
12:30 pm: GISS Choir
1 pm: Wrangellian Gamboot Ensemble
1:15 pm: Lisa and Charlie Eck
2 pm: Miranda and Michael

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Film school scholarship up for grabs

An added treat for Our Island, Our World festival-goers is an opportunity to win a week-long scholarship to GIFTS (worth $700) on Galiano Island. The scholarship contest requires that contestants pick up an application form at the festival and outline a brief story idea pertaining to an issue close to their heart. Deadline for submissions is February 28 and so prior film or video experience is necessary. The contest is open to youth and adults, ages 12 and up, and festival organizers — known as the Celebration Coalition — are boosting the scholarship fund to cover room and board. The scholarship winner will actively collaborate with other students at GIFTS to produce a three- to five-minute video.

In related local film news, Phoenix High School is planning to film the Our Island, Our World video festival as part of their film course.

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CAMERA, ACTION: Amateur filmmakers shoot a PetroCanada commercial on Salt Spring which will be aired Sunday at the Our Island, Our World film festival. At left is 19-year-old Marius Lohmann, a movie enthusiastic who be showing film festival audiences a three-minute preview of an hour-long, comic film he created with a group of friends in addition to the Petro Can commercial. A Gulf Islands Secondary School grad, he hopes to someday attend a film school in Victoria.

Music, munchies and movies, movies, movies at film festival

By ANASTACIA WILDE

Local video and filmmakers are rolling up their sleeves to add their unique mix of themes to our world, our Our Island film festival. The amateur documentary filmmakers will be preceded by two seasoned pros — Mort Ransen and Ken Heeley-Ray — who are offering up presentations on their respective subjects of storytelling and sound on Saturday afternoon.

Having received a lifetime achievement award from the Academy of Canadian Cinema, sound virtuoso Heeley-Ray has more than 40 years’ experience under his belt in the film industry, including the famous African Queen, starring Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn.

"Sound is important because it gives the life blood to a bunch of images," Heeley-Ray says. "It can be used dramatically — in love scenes — for an emotional effect. Sound can create anything you want. It’s the life boat of the film."

For example, Heeley-Ray says, whistle bombs can create an illusion of war without having to show a picture at all. You take the soundtrack off a picture and you rob it of essential drama, soul, atmosphere and beats.

"Sound is the living heart of the film apart from the drama that the actors can convey. If they can convey the story, sound can help them along," he says.

Telling stories through the medium of film and video is guest presenter Ransen’s forte, who produced Margaret’s Museum and is currently working on a piece about the Texada logging dilemma.

"My connection to filmmaking has to do with telling meaningful stories that are valuable to our society rather than bringing us down, as so many films do. It’s a matter of realizing that storytelling is a sacred ability and we have to be positive about bringing that into the realm of public awareness."

Coming from neighbouring Galiano Island is the Gulf Island Film and Television School (GIFTS). "GIFTS is conducting two workshops which promise to be substantial events and enhanced by the presence of two island residents who have outstanding reputations in the film world," said festival advocate Maggie Schubart.

Interviewing techniques, development of style, and the fundamental concepts of documentary filmmaking are to be covered by GIFTS staff during their two-hour presentation on Saturday.

But that’s not all. GISS grounds will be humming industriously all weekend long, say event organizers, who have secured three classrooms, the cafeteria and the multi-purpose room industriously all weekend long, with presentations, workshops and music. (See the festival schedule in this issue.)

The smorgasbord of movie-relatedn flaire will pack more than 25 video presentations, two feature-length films, an Afghan feature film, the Young Jazz Players and the Wrangellian Gumboot Ensemble into one potent 48-hour period.

Festival coordinator Jane Squier hopes the festival will draw a linkage between the happenings in the Salt Spring community and the entire world.

Each of the films, which range in subject from public education, democracy and loyalty, to crop circles, giant sea turtles and indigenous people, serves as a local microcosm for global phenomena, Squier says.

"It’s a great opportunity for people to glimpse what’s happening on the cutting edge of the video world and get educated as well."

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Acclaimed flute duo at ArtSpring

Two flute-playing Jennifer Mess are set to entrance Salt Spring Islanders with their musical prowess at a Valentine’s Eve performance.

The Allegro Duo, last seen on Salt Spring at the Harbour House Hotel in July, takes the stage next Monday evening at All Saints Islanders with their musical Hotel in July, during auditions for the Vancouver Island Symphony, where Cluff is now principal flutist, and Moos is second flutist and piccoloist.

After performing side by side for dozens of concerts, they discovered the similarity of their musical interests and styles and began to explore the existing repertoire for flute duo.

It was a good move. In 1998, the duo won the Concerto Competition with the Cowlitz Concert, performing a 100-year-old double flute concerto written by Karl and Franz Doppel.

Since then, the two have continued to develop their classical concerto repertoire with works by Bach, Vivaldi, Viotti and Devienne, and have added a collection of music from South America, Europe, the United States and Canada, and from the Celtic tradition.

The Valentine’s Eve performance will feature Mike Mower’s Opus Di Jazz, Gade’s Tingo Fantasia; Debussy’s Clair De Lune; Albinoni’s Sonata 10; Bach’s Sonata in G; a number of new arrangements of music from around the world; and Britzal’s Carnival of Venice. The same show held January 19 on Gabriola Island was described by reviewers as “stunning.”

The performance begins at 7 p.m. and tickets — available from the church office (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon) or at the door — are $10.

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Play gets in close to singer Edith Piaf

The heart and soul of one of the world's most passionate songstresses will be explored in a musical two-act play set for this Sunday at ArtSpring.

Tonight... Piaf stars Joelle Rabu in an intimate look at singer Edith Piaf's life.

And as of Monday, the ArtSpring show was a 100% sold-out.

Written by Rabu and Ted Galay, the play is the result of much research and a small degree of poetic licence. It builds on an actual event in New York's Waldorf Astoria in 1961, where Piaf is scheduled to appear before a sold-out crowd. However, she has spent the past week in hospital and the show is in the process of being cancelled when Piaf arrives backstage, against doctors' orders.

Confusion and tension around her appearance — the pianist has already sent home most of the orchestra — "sets the stage for an evening of intimacy, for the public has now become part of the show," states press material.

"Throughout the concert Piaf has emotional highs and lows.... She performs songs like never before in order to prove she can get through it, but most importantly, so she can cleanse her soul of the ghosts that have haunted her all her life."

The play mixes song and anecdotal conversations — "Tonight, Piaf wants to set the record straight and give her entire self, unashamedly, to the people who mean the most to her public."

Says one critic: "Joelle's portrayal of Piaf will keep you spellbound as her intoxicating voice and dramatic presence recreate a legend who was eventually destroyed by her agonized past."

Other critics have placed Joelle's performance far beyond an "impression" of Piaf. She has been hailed as being Piaf in voice and style.

"Rabu is one of the most exciting performers on the Canadian stage," states a Victoria Times-Colonist review. "The audience was lifted above Piaf, above the story, into a plane of pure magical power."

The success of Tonight... Piaf has been attributed to the entire team that has created it.

"The combination of Joelle's passionate voice and skilful acting, the beautiful arrangements of (musical director/pianist) J. Douglas Dodd, the sensitive clarity of (co-writer) Ted Galay's words, Ray Michal's focused direction, and the multi-talented musicians who play more than a dozen instruments make Tonight... Piaf a show that has astounded the public and media alike."

The show starts at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 11.
Sierra Fund resignation not linked to PITPS

An Islands Trust lawyer has resigned from the board of the Sierra Legal Defense Fund.

Donald Lidstone had been alleged to be in conflict of interest due to his participation in a legal case between the Pender Island Trust Protection Society (PITPS) and the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee.

Lidstone, of the firm Lids TOM, and Young and Anderson, was the target of a written complaint filed last week to the Law Society of B.C. The complaint claimed Lidstone was a board director of the Sierra Legal Defense Fund, which is representing PITPS.

According to a Sierra staff member on Friday, Lidstone resigned from the Sierra board of directors "about a month ago."

"I want to confirm, yes, I have resigned from the Sierra Legal Defense board of directors for reasons unrelated to anything to do with the Islands Trust," said Lidstone on Saturday.

"In fact, at this moment in time, I am not a director of Sierra. I have not been since my resignation. The resignation had nothing to do with the Islands Trust of North Pender Island. And to my knowledge the case was initiated by Sierra after I had notified them of my resignation for unrelated reasons."

PITPS members petitioned the Supreme Court of B.C. in January to set aside a recently-passed bylaw that effectively reduced the three-acre minimum subdivision size in Rural Residential zones to 1.5 acres. Sierra lawyers are moving forward with the petition, which states that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee breached the Islands Trust Act, the standard of procedural fairness, and acted without jurisdiction in adopting Bylaw 122 in December of last year.

Bookstore opens with a bash

By KAE CHARMAN

Penders Edition Contributor

It's been several years since Pender Island has seen a bookstore. Two Books closed in 1993. Now, Clare and Barry Mathias and Allan Waddell are leaping into this open territory with all feet forward. With friends, Talisman Books & Gallery opened on Saturday in the vacant pharmacy space at the Driftwood Centre.

According to Barry, they were busy from the moment they opened the doors. People were streaming in and out all day, many just to look at the new store, but most made a purchase from the diverse selection.


There were stacks and stacks of used paperbacks sold at half their original price, and a table full of $1 bargains. Selection was wide and varied, and prices were good, especially for local residents.

Allan took me on a tour of the gallery section. Artists pay a rental fee for space on the wall. Lyle Campbell, grindohn of a Haider chief and a local resident, displayed his native art. He also crafts silver jewellery and mugs. Pieces by Allan, Nancy Wessel (who sold a painting that morning) and Carol Christie-Smith blinded beautifully.

Pat Kreider and Grace Frate's watercolors stand proudly among Marie Armstrong's tender birds. The feature wall held Malcolm Armstrong's rustic paintings, ranging from a Sudbury to the Rescue print for $250 to the Santa Saturnaria in oils for $750.

Potters from Ladysmith and the Gulf Islands filled shelves, and display cases held tile from Foxfire Clay Works. There were wooden creations by Bob Vergitt, Douglas Child, and Chuck Burgess, chairs by Terry Bowyers, and art cards from Allan Waddell, Malcolm Armstrong, Celeste Varley, and Susan Taylor. From Mayne Island came pillar candles and glass works.

Nancy Westell offers glass work, too, and will be offering picture framing beginning February 13.

As if that weren't enough, there were board games on bid watching, Canadian trivia, and Animalopoly, art supplies, Chinese brush sets, and EDS, featuring many local artists including Brad Prendergast, Zorah Shae and Mae Moore. There was a lovely collection of Rabbit Ears award-winning stories on CD, featuring Denali Washington telling the story of John Henry with original songs by BB King, and other stories of Paul Bunyan and Thumblestone.

Local resident Yvonne MacKenzie noted that there were a number of people coming through the Driftwood Centre during the summer months looking for a second-hand book store. She thought Talisman held a good selection of used books and tasteful art.

Talisman only accepts books in very good condition and only trades used books for used books. The store can also order in new books for you. Welcome to the neighbour-hood, Talisman Books & Gallery. It's nice to see the empty storefront filling up with such treasures.
Ambulance association seeking Pender recruits

If you are between 19 and 65 years of age, a B.C. resident in good health and interested in lending a hand with ambulance service on Pender Island, you should consider applying for a position with the Island Ambulance Society. There are currently two on-island ambulance employees, and the Island Ambulance Society is seeking to recruit more.

A desperate need for local ambulance personnel on Pender Island has prompted the Island Ambulance Society to call the B.C. Ambulance Association's representatives and the Pender Island Community Volunteer Program to task last week.

"Unfortunately, we need some people on the Island who are prepared to be trained and be on call so that the ambulance service is up and running all the time," Copeland stressed.

"We really need some people on the Island who are prepared to be trained and be on call so that the ambulance service is up and running all the time," Copeland stressed.

"With that in mind," Gerry Parrott and Brian Scofield of the B.C. Ambulance Association's management team will conduct information and pre-employment interviews on February 15. The session will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Pender Island Public Library meeting room.

"It's a job that anybody can do. I do it because I enjoy helping and working with people," said Woollcombe.

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Seniors meet for fun and Abbeyfield talk

The philosophy of Abbeyfield homes is the topic of a discussion at next week’s Seniors' Group gathering.

Set for Tuesday at the Community Hall lounge from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., the event will feature a talk by Rev. Allen Simmons on Abbeyfield housing.

The meeting — sponsored by the Pender Island Community Volunteer Program — is also dubbed a "friendly gathering to enjoy refreshments, share stories, (and) meet new friends."

Anyone requiring transportation to the event is encouraged to call 629-3346.
### Thumbs up to pub fare

By Peter McCully

Driftwood Staff

For an ongoing series of Pender restaurant reviews.

As a member of Salt Spring Island Legion Pipe Band, my fairly frequent visits to Pender Island often include a practice session with the Pender Island Pipes. Recently, six of the members took time out for supper at Port Browning Pub, one of my favourite spots to eat.

There’s a T-shirt somewhere that says, “Don’t feed the drummers,” but the folks at Port Browning haven’t seen it. We were all treated to good food and there was lots of it. These Scots, like most known for their love of a good meal, had hit the mother-lode.

I had never had the pizza at Port Browning so was eager to try the special, choosing the “meatlovers” over pineapple and ham, or veggie. The crust was light, the sauce saucy and the sausage spicy, and it included two kinds of cheese. As another drummer concurred that the pizza was “g-leaf.” And only $9.50.

To my left and right I was surrounded by pipes. Two enjoyed the hamburger platter and the others a hamburger and the others a hamburger.

The sixth member of our group eats at Port Browning often and has the fish ’n chips — always good,” he says. The menu is fairly extensive at Port Browning.

### CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

**Notice of Counter Petition Opportunity - Bylaw No. 2834**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Capital Regional District (CRD) intends to adopt Bylaw No. 2834, Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2001.

Some control is a pollution prevention strategy that is aimed at reducing the amounts of chemical contaminants that industries, commercial businesses, institutions and households discharge to sanitary sewers. The CRD Source Control Program focuses on point-of-discharge regulations of contaminants in order to protect the receiving environment, public health, collection and treatment systems and sewage sludge (or biosolids) quality.

The Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw, adopted in 1996 as Bylaw 2402, established a local service for the control of direct or indirect discharge of contaminants into facilities connected to sewage facilities operated by the CRD. This bylaw provides the CRD with the authority to recover the cost of the Regional Source Control program through requisition to municipalities, electoral areas and other participants and by the imposition of fees on businesses and institutions within the local service.

The purpose of this bylaw amendment is to increase the maximum amount of requisition to provide for enhancement of the Regional Source Control program over the next four years. If adopted, the amendment would increase the maximum requisition amount from the current $60,000 to $1,100,000. The boundaries of the proposed local service area will remain the boundaries of the CRD and cost apportionment for participating municipalities, electoral areas and other participants is based on annual sewage flows into CRD sewage facilities, as under the previous bylaw.

Proposed enhancements of the program include acceleration of the development and implementation of industry-specific codes of practice, an increased level of industrial/commercial site inspection, acceleration of residential education and increased program promotions. The benefits of enhancing the program region-wide include earlier application of regulatory controls to key contaminant-producing sectors, earlier reductions in contaminant levels in biosolids and the receiving environment, earlier improved protection of municipal sewage infrastructure and earlier improved protection of the health and safety of sewer workers.

**COUNTER PETITION**

The Board of the Capital Regional District may proceed with adoption of Bylaw No. 2834 unless at least 5% of the electors in the Capital Regional District petition against the bylaw by signing counter petition forms and submitting them to the Capital Regional District, at the offices listed below, by the established deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2001.

The only persons entitled to sign the counter petition forms are electors within the local service area, comprised of all municipalities and electoral areas of the Capital Regional District. Counter petition forms must be in the form established by the Capital Regional District and are available on request by contacting one of the following CRD office locations, Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays:

- Corporate Secretary, Capital Regional District (CRD), 524 Yates Street, P. O. Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6; (Telephone 360-3128 or toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3128); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Sooke Building Inspection, 2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC V9Y 1N0, (Telephone 642-1616); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Driftwood Staff, Beef Island Area Building Inspection, Gateway Village, #210-771 Vernon Ave., Victoria, BC V8K 5A7, (Telephone 475-1581); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Salt Spring Island Building Inspection, #206-118 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 5Z4; (Telephone 537-2711); 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Port Renfrew Building Inspection, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pacific Island, BC V0N 2M0 (Telephone 629-3424); 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.

Bylaw No. 2834 may be inspected at the above noted CRD office locations from February 7th, 2001 until March 19th, 2001 inclusive, during the days and office hours listed above. The bylaw may also be viewed on the CRD website: http://www.crdinfo.crd.bc.ca/admin/bylaws.

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**INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS**

It is estimated that the numbers of electors in the local service area, calculated as required under Section 172-43 of the Local Government Act, are as follows:

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN LOCAL SERVICE AREA**

206,082

**% COUNTER PETITION**

10,404

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The CRD estimates that the number of electors who must petition against Bylaw No. 2834 in order to prevent the CRD Board from proceeding without the assent of the electors is 10,404.

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**TAXATION IMPACT**

The estimated annual cost to a property owner having an assessed value on land and improvement of $100,000 is projected to be approximately $3.40 per year.

Only those municipalities, electoral area sewer local service areas and other participants contributing sewage flows into sewage facilities owned or operated by the CRD will be requisitioned (involved) under this bylaw. These municipalities which are not serviced by CRD sewage facilities, including the Districts of Sooke, Metchosin and the Highlands, will not be requisitioned (involved).

**ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS**

For Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors are as set out below:

*Resident Elector:* You are entitled to submit a counter petition as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, or a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in a municipality or electoral area of the Capital Regional District for 30 days.

*Non-Resident Elector:* If you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, or a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property in a municipality or electoral area of the Capital Regional District for 30 days, you may qualify as a Resident Elector, you may submit a counter petition as a Non-Resident Property Elector. Note: Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may submit a counter petition per property, regardless of how many owners there may be.

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**TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES**

Please address any technical enquiries to the CRD Hotline @ 360-3030 (toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3030) and advise that your enquiry is about Bylaw No. 2834 - an amendment to the Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw, and provide your residential location.

**Dated this** 7th day of February, 2001.

Carmen I. Thiel,
Corporate Secretary
50 HELP WANTED

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINIST, 3rd year Apprentice to Journeyman Machinist. Work at one of B.C.’s most progressive automotive machine shops. George or Norm at 410-9715.

Lakehead Packers. Canada’s leading beef processor, is coming back to the Lower Mainland in February to hire its production workers for our Brooks, AB plant. Two-weeks of work on our afternoon (B shift) production line at the Brooks, AB plant. New variety of day shift positions are also available. Applicants must be 20 years or older, have at least 1-year full-time experience as a packer, be able to work in a fast-paced environment, be able to lift 50 lb for at least 15 months. These production line workers will meet in Brooks with people who are interested in a physical job, working in a fast-paced environment in various aspects of beef production, and working through cutting and trimming beef. We pay for your class and on-the-job training (no experience is required), including translation services for employees who have limited English skills. Our employees benefit from our group insurance plan, payless allow you to shop at a discount, and our company is that the company is that the company is (519) 997-5010.

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4TH YEAR APPRENTICE TO WEATHERING SPECIALIST.

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U14 girls steal Cowichan win

A determined Salt Spring U14 soccer team pulled off a win against Cowichan last weekend, advancing the girls to the Lower Island Cup finals.

Coached by teenage soccer players Na$h Pianidio and Emily Bond, the U14 girls are making a mark in league play, beating out higher-rated teams.

In last weekend’s game against Cowichan, the girls started slowly, but kept their opponents at bay with strong defence by Kathleen Webb. As the game progressed, the local girls kept up the pace until the end of the game, with beautiful corner shots from Michelle Proctor and pressure on Cowichan’s defence from Nicole Kaplan.

Salt Spring will take on Bays United in the lower island finals.

Strikers top Lakehill squad, 3-2

Goalkeeper extraordinare Jordan Borth recorded his eighth shut-out of the season as the Salt Spring Strikers U12 boys soccer team slammed Lakehill 3-2.

Bob Byron opened scoring just six minutes into the game, setting an upbeat tempo for the first half of the match, which saw most of the play in Lakehill’s half of the field.

Attack after attack sent the ball the back of the net from Rhian Hardy and Anna O’Donnell, who pressured the Strikers defence.

In the second half of the game, excellent passing among Strikers put the match out of Lakehill’s reach. Then Marshall Baxter found Carols Davis waiting in the box and Davis scored his seventh of the season.

Coaches say strong performances by Simpson, Barter, D.J. Lake and Tara Morton springboarded the team to its 13th win of the season.
Basketball is the word for big group of kids

Anyone trying to get into the gym at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) these days might be met with a wall - of basketballs, that is.

So many students in grades 6 through 8 are playing basketball at the middle school that the gym is in almost constant use. The floor is being pounded over one-third of the kids - well, students - are of SIMS ' 314 fun and demanding sport on 15 teams this season.

There are nine teams of grades 6 and 7 teams playing in what they call the Tsunami league on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Four Grade 8 teams - two each of boys and girls - play against their peers in the Central Vancouver Island league. There's also one Grade 7 girls and a boys team in addition to the Tsunami squads.

The Grade 7 athletes don't have an official league to play in, but do participate in a Cowichan tournament at the end of the year.

Cameron says a coach at Bonner School in Duncan was stunned at the number of Grade 8 Salt Spring youths playing basketball when compared with his school of 350 grades 7-8 students.

"No one wants the smallest of the middle schools," notes Cameron. Despite its size, SIMS already has a solid track record in its Grade 8 league.

"In the last five years, our Grade 8 boys have won their league championship once and placed second and third a few times. The girls have finished second once and won it all the other times," he reports.

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According to Ken Cameron, school vice-principal and coordinator of athletics, some days the floor is being pounded from 7 a.m. to late at night.

About 120 kids - well over one-third of SIMS' 314 students - are playing the fun and middle schools," notes Cameron. Despite its size, SIMS already has a solid track record in its Grade 8 league.

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"We sure have a great bunch of parents," he adds. And where do the young athletes go from here?

Cameron said they've started going to tournaments outside of their regular league, finding themselves in close, hard-fought games where they learn a lot.

Spectators are always welcomed at home games.

Sports fans should also stay tuned for a major event at the end of February. That's when the school has a huge, prize-filled basketball pep rally, with every line playing against the staff, and the SIMS band providing the musical fare.