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Cameron has a new baby brother

A Salt Spring couple's adoption of a new baby is one of the "good news" stories contained in the Driftwood's new weekly feature: Upbeat Newsbeat.

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A love of painting and learning

Artist Maureen Garbarino discusses her art and her life on the cover of the Driftwood's new Spotlight section.

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Weather

Rain, rain and more rain is expected through to the week-end with a few sunny periods today (Wednesday). Highs up to 8 C (today) and lows down to 1 C.

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Skeena forced into drydock

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Six months after B.C. Ferries denied it was threatened by Transport Canada with having the Skeena Queen's operating licence lifted for safety reasons, the corporation announced plans to remove the vessel from service January 30.

Monday the company said it had made an internal decision to repair the Skeena's engines because a replacement vessel had been found. But Transport Canada revealed the same day it had given B.C. Ferries "until January 30th to demonstrate that the engines would not continue to crack."

Transport Canada spokesman Rod Nelson did not say the Skeena's licence would be withdrawn, "but if they couldn't by the 30th demonstrate the ability to stop the excessive cracking, well, you can draw your own conclusions."

The Bowen Queen will replace the Skeena for a minimum four months on the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay run. The route will be boosted back to the normal 10 daily return runs, up from the eight imposed by the corporation in August to counter the Skeena's vibrational problems.

That month the Driftwood reported that sources within government safety organizations and the corporation's own engineering staff had indicated

SKENA A2



GRAB HIM BEFORE HE MELTS: Salt Spring Elementary School students, from left, Ryan Kopetzki, Laine Turner, Eric Peterson and Marcus Piercy enjoy one of the week's brief snowfalls by

bonding with this snowman on the school grounds. Neither the snow, nor the snowman stuck around for long.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Girl escapes men in Churchill Road incident

A potential sexual assault on a 16-year-old Salt Spring girl was averted Friday afternoon when the female ran away from two men who approached her and made unwanted advances.

The incident happened while the girl was walking down Upper Ganges Road toward town. A van with two male occupants pulled up and began harassing her sexually. As she turned onto Churchill Road the van followed and stopped nearby. The passenger got out and confronted her, repeating his comments and taking off his jacket. The girl then ran off the road into nearby bushes and hid. The man returned to the vehicle, which drove past her hiding spot several times before departing.

The male passenger was described as between 30 and 40-years-old, approximately six feet to six-foot-two (1.8 - 1.9 metres) in height, of medium build, and balding with longer brown hair at the back and stubble on his face.

No dine and dash at this small eatery

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

"Oh, it's bigger than I expected," Jenny Bradford said as she was led into a cell at the police station, her stylish black dress contrasted by the concrete wall bench and a stainless steel toilet wedged to one side. "I'm glad I don't have to stay all night."

Bradford, along with Erin Butler and Jeremy Milsom, would only be in the lockup a few hours, just enough time to chow down on seared scallops, beef fillets and pear tarte — not what

you'd call typical prison food.

Then again, Sergeant Paul Darbyshire stuffed into his formal red serge uniform was not what you'd call a typical waiter.

But both worked as the visitors glided through the top prize of the RCMP's second Full Mountie raffle, the fundraising effort that this year raised \$1,800 for community policing.

The five-course, formal dinner was laid out in the third cell on the left. As

DINNER A3



SERVICE IN SERGE: Salt Spring RCMP Const. Jamie Tretiak brings out the first dish at the second annual Full Mountie dinner. Enjoying the

gourmet spread are, from left, Erin Butler, Jenny Bradford and Jeremy Milsom.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Spotlight is on new Driftwood section

This week's arts and entertainment features are in the Spotlight.

That's because a new weekly section has been created to highlight the cultural news and events that are such an important part of island life. Called Spotlight, this new supplement will carry the Driftwood's arts and entertainment stories, reviews and features, along with the television guide and the weekly calendar What's On. The calendar itself has a

whole new look. This feature now covers two full pages and provides a complete guide to what's happening on Salt Spring. It also offers an easy-to-read, graphic calendar that highlights coming events.

Readers are invited to let us know details about upcoming events so they can be included in What's On and the coming events calendar at Gulf Islands Online. That calendar can be found at <http://www.gulfislands.net/calendar.asp>.

'Little School That Could' has plan in the works

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Saturna Island needs time — or one big family to move there by September — while it implements a long-range plan to get more students in its school.

Six children currently attend the kindergarten through Grade 6 school, while Ministry of Education policy is to consider closing those with fewer than eight.

With the threat of school closure hovering for the past couple of years, the community decided last year to buckle down and do something about it.

The result was a detailed and far-reaching plan presented to the school board January 12 by Ray Lindsay of "The Little School That Could" committee. Twenty-two

residents also attended the meeting at Saturna's Community Hall.

"All the community is asking you to do is to give us time so we can give the kids of this community a school on Saturna," Lindsay said to the six board members there.

The plan outlines how enrolment could reach 20-plus by 2005, if the island can attract new people with families. Strategies include promoting employment-creating projects such as a small-scale manufacturing facility; a high-speed data link; the B.C. Ferries home-porting idea; and the creation of permanent facilities related to the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy's (PMHL's) recent park acquisition on the island.

Building affordable housing; promoting Saturna on the Internet;

and expanding school offerings to encompass remedial courses for high school students, adult education and specialized summer camp programs are other ideas put forth.

The plan expresses optimism about the family-boosting presence of Saturna Lodge, Vineyards and Winery, current work to build a recreation centre, the expansion of Saturna General Store and for benefits that will come from the PMHL park.

Trustees complimented the committee on its plan. Charles Hingston asked if islanders supported it, suggesting that it would not succeed if the community is divided. Some people are against new development, he said.

"I don't believe the community is split," replied Saturna Islands Trust representative Bill Sheffield.

He said most people saw the danger of Saturna, which has a population of about 350, becoming only a retirement community.

But Sheffield stressed his island needed a commitment from the board that the school would remain open. There's no point creating affordable housing on Saturna if the island had no school, he said.

Lindsay pointed out that some

Saturna families have chosen to either send their children off-island for schooling or to not attend at all, but that it was not the committee's job to second-guess them.

The Little School That Could plan was made by a committee of about a dozen people who have been meeting since last June.

The school board agreed to re-assess the situation in April.

SKEENA: Replaced by Bowen

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unsuitable engines originally installed in the Skeena had become a safety hazard.

The four engines were reportedly incompatible with the vessel's design and were continually wearing out the bearings and shaking loose from their mounts.

While B.C. Ferries did admit the Skeena had problems, it noted it was under no official pressure to fix the problem that had twice sent the boat into drydock during the 18 months since it had been commissioned.

The contents of an August 6 meeting between Transport Canada, Lloyd's Register of Shipping and other vessel principles were never revealed publicly, but a coast-guard source said B.C. Ferries was told to repair the Skeena as soon as possible or face having the boat's SI 16 operating licence withdrawn by Transport Canada.

"We have established a working group to determine the cause (of the engines' problems)," said then-corporate-communications director Clay Suddaby following the meeting. "But I don't know of any pressure to fix it quickly for safety's sake."

A second meeting late last week showed the government agencies had run out of patience.

"We didn't stop them from operating but (the Skeena) was down to three engines and its operating certificate was set to run out at the end of the month," Nelson said. "(B.C. Ferries personnel) are going to give us a proposal (for the vessel's repair) and we'll take it from there."

Inter-island Services, South spokeswoman Nancy Cameron said the corporation was working with naval architect Kaverna-Masa to determine where the Skeena will be repaired and whether all four engines will be replaced at the same time.

There was no word on who would pay for repairs, but president Bob Lingwood had promised that costs would not be downloaded onto users.

Moving the Bowen Queen to Fulford will require changes to other Gulf Islands routes.

The Queen of Cumberland will be back from its refit January 30 and will take over Route 5 from the Bowen. The Tacheek will service Route 5A during the period.

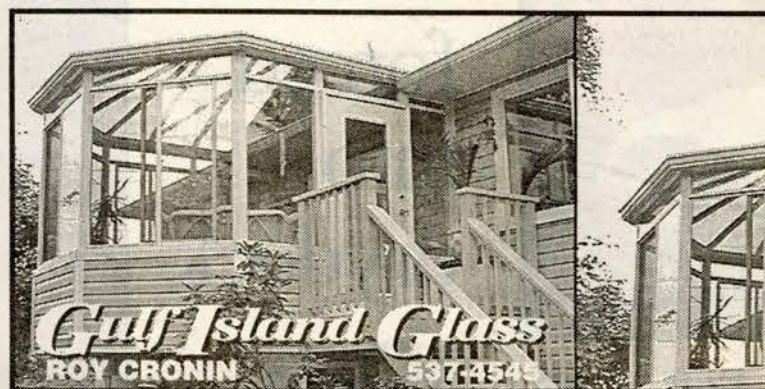
Schedule still not available

By noon Tuesday B.C. Ferries had yet to release the revamped schedule for its Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route.

The Bowen Queen will take over the run from the Skeena Queen Sunday, and the number of sailings will be increased to 10 from eight.

The corporation explained that vessel changes require schedule fine-tuning for such things as dangerous-cargo sailings and crewing, which is why it was unable to release the new times before the Driftwood went to press this week.

While there is no word on when the new schedule will become available, once it is finalized users can access it at 1-888-223-3779 or on the company's web site at www.bcferries.bc.ca



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DINNER: *On the house (but in the cell)*

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wine steward Dave Voller popped the corks on a delightful white and a sassy red, the sound ricocheted through the block.

Not a real prisoner in sight; basically another quiet day in the life of the local police.

"It's fun. Really, I like serving people," Darbyshire said, just before he sneaked a taste of Steve Lynch's banana squash soup.

The soup! Even Const. Jamie Tretiak, again pressed into service as a server, had a dreamy look come over her eyes when the curry, cumin and ginger worked their magic.

Lynch and Katherine Ackerman were back in con-

trol of the food for a second year. But this time they had been given carte blanche by Ganges Village Market to raid any product they needed, all free of charge for a good cause.

But the meal was not without its rules.

"They've always been very polite at roadchecks," Butler said to his tablemates. "But I guess you wouldn't want to insult any of them. They might just lock the door."

Milsom smiled and leaned back in his chair. He could smell how good the food was; he knew the Mounties had washed their hands.

"This restaurant is the best kept secret on the island."

ArtSpring agm honours volunteers and describes a busy nine months

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

It was a crazy, busy, top-notch opening year.

That was the official word from the board of the Island Arts Centre Society, which runs ArtSpring, and its executive director Jane Forner, at the society's annual general meeting Thursday.

About 30 general members attended.

Forner said the facility hosted a whirlwind of 156 activities in its first nine months, and shows no sign of letting up. The board even had to wait in line to book its own 2000 fundraising gala.

"In November when the board decided to have a June gala, they couldn't get a date, so we had to wait for someone to cancel," said Forner. (June 10 is the day, by the way.)

Forner credited the dedicated team of volunteers, who filled 604 "volunteer sessions" ranging from four to eight to hours each, for making the centre run. She gave special mention to board member Richard Moses, who took on the volunteer front-of-house manager

position which "bordered on a full-time job," and part-time administrative assistant Paul Gravett, who ended up working far beyond his part-time paid status.

Building committee chairman Bob Weeden was happy to report that while the final occupancy permit had still not been issued, the list of things to do both inside and outside the building had been whittled from 100 items to five. (A new list has since been created, he added, cheerfully.)

Weeden made special mention of volunteers Lawrie Neish and Reg Taylor, who have donated their skills and labour to complete many tasks on the list.

Weeden said "it would have cost us thousands and thousands of dollars" to purchase the skilled labour their "four hands" accomplished free of charge.

Retiring president Pat Fraser outlined the many things learned in the past year, and what must be done in the future. She cited long-range planning, creation of an endowment fund and providing more opportunities for youth and

children as three specific plans.

Treasurer Victoria Olchowecki tried to make the complicated financial story comprehensible to her audience. Total revenue for the period September 1, 1998 to August 31, 1999 was \$398,689. Of that amount, \$38,241 (net) was realized from renting the building; \$267,054 from grants; \$88,338 from donations; \$3,605 from memberships; and \$1,451 from interest.

Cost of running the facility for the same period was \$124,414. (This does not include capital costs or expenses such as building amortization.)

An election for board directors could have been held last Thursday if two or more nominations came from the floor, but they didn't, so the new board was acclaimed.

Fresh faces are Judith Borbas, Catherine Lamond, Claire Pickering and Darlene Steele, while returning members are Beth Cherneff, Moses and Weeden. Three members whose terms continue are Joan Farlinger, Vaughn Fulford and Olchowecki.

DISHING IT UP: Creating and serving a delicious meal in the second annual Full Mountie dinner are, from left, Sgt. Paul Darbyshire, chefs Steven Lynch and Katherine Ackerman, and Const. Jamie Tretiak.

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• In the first half of the 1900's, many things weren't spoken about publicly. Kotex sanitary napkins were first produced in 1920. Would you believe that they were sold on the honour system so women wouldn't be embarrassed by paying for it at the cashier? Condoms were sold from under the counter. Times sure have changed!

• New research on SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) concludes that it is caused by toxins released in the respiratory tract by a common bacteria, called Staph. aureus. By placing your baby on its back, you will reduce the chance of the bacteria producing the toxin and the tragedy of SIDS. SIDS is the most common cause of death in children under one.

• What are the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease? The acronym TRAP is used to remind us: Tremours occurring at rest. Rigidity and stiffness; Akinesia meaning absence of movement or slower movement. The P is for posture. PD patients have difficulty maintaining control of their posture and frequently lose their balance. PD affects 1% of people over 50.

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A new baby, a returned \$20 bill, and recovering birds

Following is the first of a regular column, featuring "good news" stories contributed by islanders.

After 18 months of waiting and a trip to Chicago, Jim and Fenya Sutherland arrived home on Salt Spring Thursday with a new baby boy.

And Cameron, their thrilled six-year-old son, keeps repeating: "I can't believe I have a baby brother."

The Sutherlands decided to adopt a child about 18 months ago, registering with the Sunrise Adoption Agency in Vancouver and Adoption-Link in Chicago.

Three months ago they were told their baby would be born in January. All set to leave for the U.S. earlier this month, they were devastated to discover the baby's birth mother had decided to keep the child.

But the next day they received a second call, this time indicating another baby was there waiting for them.

Forty-five minutes after arriving in their Chicago hotel room, Aidan Michael Louis Sutherland was placed in their arms.

Born January 7, he weighed nine pounds, seven ounces.

Says Fenya: "We feel so happy and lucky and thankful to have him."



NEW BROTHERS: Aidan Sutherland enjoys a snooze on the lap of his new big brother Cameron.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

UP BEAT NEWSBEAT

• The sight of Rose Murakami shovelling snow started the day off right for Marnee Beauvais last week.

On Thursday, Beauvais and the rest of Salt Spring woke to the sight of snow on the ground.

Part of Beauvais' commute to town involves travelling through the courthouse parking lot at around 7:45 a.m.

"As I entered the lot I noticed a bundled up figure had shovelled the wheelchair ramp and a path across the lot," Beauvais writes, "I jested, 'you're not really going to shovel the whole lot are you?'"

As the figure turned, she realized it was Rose Murakami who cheerfully replied, "No, just the handicap parking space. It's probably going to rain away anyway, but just in case."

Beauvais says she was "overwhelmed by this evidence of caring and responsibility and thoughtfulness."

• A growing stack of "underpaid mail" cards was bothering Joan Byrne's conscience.

Snowfall last Sunday made it a great day to walk the dog to Harbour Market and settle the bill for mail received, Byrne

thought. She put all the cards and some money in her pocket and set off.

"After paying all the postage due, I was pronounced an 'honorable citizen' and returned home with the cards," she writes.

The instructions directed Byrne to place the cards, now paid up, in her own mailbox to be gathered by her mail carrier.

"What a surprise to be telephoned soon thereafter by Ganges Post Office and asked if I had intended the \$20 folded in the pile of cards as a tip for their services," she adds.

"With a red face, but much appreciation, I picked up my \$20 at Ganges Post Office. A big thank-you and applause for the good staff and decent community members at Canada Post!"

• It was a "dull but mild" morning at Stephan and Giselle Harstall's Langs Road home. Stephan thought he heard a noise outside and opened the front door.

"Quickly I went inside again to get a towel, because not only one, but three little golden crown kinglets had flown into our window," he writes. "As I had done many times before, I put the folded towel on the ground and placed the little unfortunate birds, heads up, against the towel."

One of the kinglets lay further



A morning visitor

away and he had to handle it in order to unite it with the other birds.

"By this time Giselle had come out to look at the little kinglet which suddenly decided to sit on her hand where it remained until it was ready to fly away. This took a while because the little bird seemed to like her perch and did not give the impression of being afraid."

"Meanwhile, the other two looked like they had started recovering and one of them gave a high 'see' note."

The Harstalls were able to snap a few pictures while the kinglet recovered.

"Thus a dull morning had turned into a bright and happy one for the three little kinglets and for ourselves."

Do you have a good news story for the Driftwood? Drop it by, phone, fax, or e-mail it before 10 a.m. Monday. We pay \$25 for the best tip of the week.

Webber real life story earns insurance foundation award

Harold Webber is the type of guy insurance companies love to have on their side — the type to put a human face on the business.

The long-time Salt Spring agent was recently honoured by the U.S.-based Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education for a contribution he made to the realLIFEstories series the foundation runs every year.

The awards are for written pieces that reveal "the efforts of insurance professionals that have made an extraordinary difference

in the lives of their clients."

Webber's was about the Mobley family, who worked for awhile in the Duncan-Port Alberni area before moving back to the United States. Three days before Max Mobley was to retire he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Nancy Mobley returned to the family house in Crofton and used the proceeds of her husband's insurance to start up a small business in Chemainus, later expanding it to help create seniors' housing.

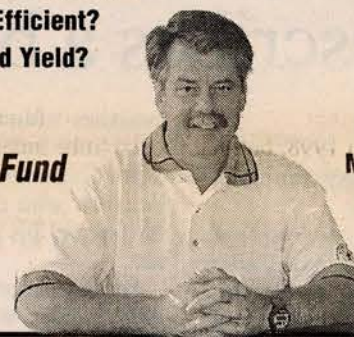
"It's a real human-value story, taking what life deals you and moving on," Webber said.

The story has also been used in Foundation advertisements.

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RCMP REPORT

A rock was thrown through the front window of The Wardrobe clothing store on Morningside

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FILL THE HAT: Salt Spring's United Way campaign needs to raise \$3,000 in the next six weeks to maintain the local contribution at last year's level. Campaign chairman Peter Bardon, left, Salt Spring Community Services

executive director Lynne Brown, and Paul Gregory, director of adult services lead the charge. Community Services relies on an annual grant from the Greater Victoria United Way.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Money needed to make up current United Way shortfall

Learning that the 1999 United Way campaign on Salt Spring was down about \$3,000 from the previous year is "devastating" news for Peter Bardon.

According to the United Way's Victoria office, the amount collected during the 1999 fall fundraising drive was about \$34,000.

Total contributions from the island's larger employee groups were most noticeably down.

"Peter Bardon seen wandering the streets in tears is not far from the truth," he said, expressing his disappointment last week.

Bardon said original calculations indicated funds were greater than in 1998, but that proved to be incor-

rect. Since Bardon became the island campaign chairman four years ago, the fundraising total has steadily climbed.

With Salt Spring Island Community Services Society relying on United Way funds to run its 31 crucial social service programs, Bardon said the shortfall must be raised in the next six weeks.

In terms of Community Services' budget, Bardon said, "It's a very difficult tight-rope we're walking right now."

Donations can be given to the United Way through Bardon at Creekhous Realty, 164 Fulford-Ganges Road. His phone number is 537-5553.

Incorporation report due out soon

Salt Spring's local government restructure report should be complete and ready for public consumption by mid-February.

That's the estimate of Judy Norget, vice-chairwoman of the volunteer committee overseeing the study being compiled by Sussex Consultants of Vancouver.

The committee received the preliminary first draft of the technical report — not the complete report — just before Christmas. Members have met since then to discuss the draft, and with Tom Reid of Sussex, providing more information to him and clarifying a number of points.

The report's main task is to estimate how much it would cost Salt Spring taxpayers if the island incorporated and became a municipality, and what services they

would acquire for that money.

One missing piece of the puzzle is the amount of financial assistance the provincial government will provide to a Salt Spring municipality if voters opt for incorporation.

Confirmation of that amount — or at least most of it — is expected from an upcoming meeting with Municipal Affairs staff.

A sub-report on the state of Salt Spring roads and what it would cost to fix them will also form part of the final document.

Public meetings will likely be

held at the end of February. Based on feedback from islanders, the committee will then recommend to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs whether or not a referendum should be held on incorporation.

For people wanting to get up to speed on local government and what an incorporated Salt Spring might look like, the restructure committee has information in two binders at Mary Hawkins Library, and on its website, <http://www.salt.spring.com/incorporation>.

The committee also intends to put the final report on the website.

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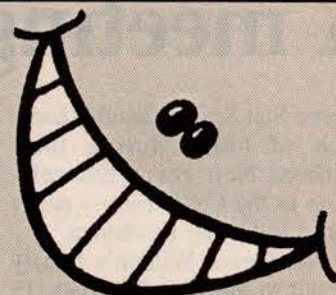
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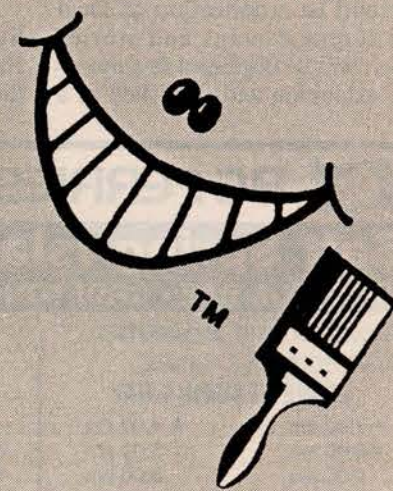
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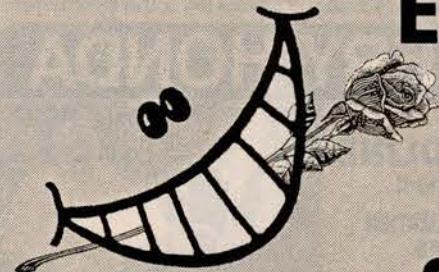
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A meeting on faraway islands

Three Salt Spring families had a touch of home during their Caribbean New Year's Eve celebration in the Caribbean — partly planned and partly by chance.

When Trevor Wilson's family returned to the island January 15 after three and a half months of sailing and adventures, they were happy to report on a Salt Spring connection discovered down south.

After picking up their boat called Outlaw in Trinidad, the family of Trevor, Chental, Philip and Jessica Wilson proceeded to sail from there up to the Virgin Islands.

While on their boat in Carriacou, another couple noticed their boat's Victoria, B.C. registry and called out to them.

Trevor recalls: "This couple said, 'Are you really from Victoria?'"

They explained that no, they weren't from Victoria, they were actually from a nearby island — Salt Spring.

The couple turned out to be Rolf and Maria Dammel, also from Salt

Spring, who are on their fourth trip there.

The parties went their own ways but met up again in Simpson Lagoon and sailed across the rough Anegada Passage to the Virgin Islands.

In the meantime, Trevor's brother Ian, his wife Sharon, and children Jonathan and Amy had also arrived.

The large Salt Spring contingent, bolstered by even more Wilson relatives, ended up spending an incredible New Year's Eve and January 1, 2000 on Prickly Pear Island in Gorda Sound.

According to a letter Maria Dammel sent to her daughter Mylene Dammel-Sherrin, 14 of 32 people in their New Year's party



ON A DIFFERENT ISLAND: When the Wilsons met the Dammels in the Caribbean, the Salt Spring Islanders all ended up on Prickly Pear Island in the Virgin Islands for a memorable New Year's celebration.

were connected to Salt Spring.

They were among a huge throng of boats, ranging from cruisers to "mega-yachts, anchored in the sound, and were treated to an amazing fireworks display. Trevor and his family were the first to return home.

Salish mapping project takes off

Natural, cultural and historical points of interest in the Gulf Islands and the Strait of Georgia will be highlighted in a new mapping project which kicks off with a workshop on Salt Spring this weekend.

The Millennium Community Mapping Project: Islands in the Salish Sea Society will be launched by the West Coast Stewardship and Conservancy as well as the Land Trust Alliance of B.C. at workshops this weekend at Beaver Point Hall.

The workshops will bring together island community groups, artists and people of the First Nations to chart the area's various points of interest and importance.

The result of the 18-month project will be a collection of local and regional maps and stories which will be displayed in a travelling exhibition and published as a

Millennium Atlas of this area.

"The cumulative impact of constant change and decreasing local control over social, economic and environmental dynamics is threatening to alter forever the sustainability of these beautiful, small, rural island places," states a mapping project press release.

"The project (aims) to help ensure the long-term survival and well-being of these . . . communities, cherished the world over as ecological gems on the edge of coastal Canada."

World renowned Salt Spring wildlife artist Robert Bateman is involved in the project, along with locals Sheila Harrington (of the Land Trust Alliance) and naturalist Briony Penn.

It is being coordinated by Judi Stevenson, who is joined by Harrington and Penn on the coordinating committee.

Bateman is quoted in the release as saying: "This project promises to produce a unique legacy for future generations."

Funding for the project is being pulled from a number of sources, including the community development ministry, the Hamber Foundation, the Islands Trust Fund and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Further funding is under review by the federal Millennium Bureau and other agencies.

Money raised by the coordinating committee will be distributed to participating island groups.

Steel to take over from wood in new Ganges Harbour dock

A new dock is taking shape in Ganges Harbour, a solid metal structure to take the place of the Coast Guard's current wooden one.

"We've needed a new one for years because wooden ones break apart, especially in the winter," said harbour master Bob Morrisette. "Now we'll have one that accommodates all the commercial and essential-services needs."

The new facility will be a monster, and it could be up to three months before it is fully installed.

It takes the place of the wooden dock now being used by both the Coast Guard and float plane companies.

Made from 44-inch (1.4-metre), foam-injected steel pipe, the new dock will extend from

the bottom of the current ramp out 240 feet (72.7 m), almost into the middle of the harbour. It will be built in three sections and when finished will be about 25 feet (7.6 m) wide with full wood decking.

"We'd like to have it as a full commercial use, which means the services using the one now but with facilities for loading and unloading, especially big (recreational) boats," Morrisette explained.

The harbour master hopes to include a vital pumping station that the harbour has needed for years.

The plan calls for the Ganges Coast Guard to use the inside section, float planes to use the tip and other services and commercial users taking the outside.

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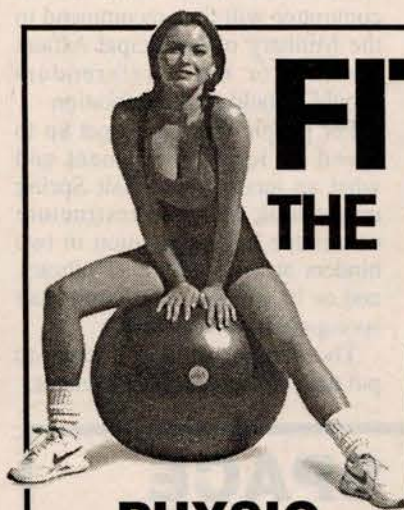
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TREATS ME LIKE GOLD

Slow down on protests, say long-time island loggers

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Paul Konig, Fred Howard and Scott Royal feel opposition to Texada Land Corporation's south-island cutting operations has gone far enough.

The three long-time loggers believe they are part of a silent majority on Salt Spring which feels mounting protest is more likely to have negative effects on the island's environment and economy.

Their beliefs are based on experience that goes back through Salt Spring's modern-era logging operations and back before eco-protests were even a glimmer in island eyes.

"What's happening down there now is no worse than what was done years ago except that Texada is doing a pretty good (forest-management) job of it," Howard said. "If (the protesters) don't lay off, (Texada) will sell off and then we'll get some real clear-cutting. It has happened before, and I guarantee you it will happen again."

Howard, Royal and Konig spoke out on the touchy issue because they were tired of loggers being painted as evil and because they believe the majority of islanders understand that trees are a crop like any other, and one that is well-managed on Salt Spring.

"We've had real clear-cutting here before in 1918, 1924 and 1950, and each time (the forest) has come back. Loggers in the '50s didn't replant, and it came back," Konig said. "That mess you see after a cut is fertilizer for trees waiting underneath to come up. That's how a forest works. Why can't (these protesters) understand that?"

One reason was the near-hands-off approach taken by the former German owners of the land that runs from Mount Maxwell through the Fulford Valley and up to Mount Tuam. The family did not need to generate revenue and islanders grew spoiled by the unchanging environment.

Now the stage has changed, and the conflict centres around the extent of Texada's logging.

Protesters say it is clear-cutting; Konig (and company forester Julian Dunster) say it is patch-cutting, and minimal at that.

"I don't think there is any real numbers for clear-cutting or patching, but I'd say clear-cutting is something that goes for miles, and that's not what is happening here. We've already been through this in the (Official Community Plan)," said Konig. "Patch-cutting can be bad in some places, but not on Salt Spring. Cutters here are very responsible because wood is scarce."

"All this about Texada clear-cutting is really just hype. Scott and Fred have both driven through the Texada land and not seen (any evidence) of environmental problems. I can't see where there will be a major erosion problem because of what has happened before."

"(The company) is listening to the community and really doing a

good job at being careful, with setbacks and other things. Making them out to be the bad guys just doesn't make any sense to us, not from the point of view of our experience anyways.

"What is really happening is a bunch of multi-purpose protesters stirring up emotions because it is going on in their backyard. They wouldn't be out there if it was happening up coast. These people have no idea about what a forest is and how it works. They really are out of touch with reality."

Royal is upset with what he sees as a short-sighted community attitude, and is convinced that stonewalling Texada will inevitably lead to a situation similar to what happened on MacMillan-Bloedel lands on Salt Spring and Galiano islands in the late '80s.

"Mac-Blo was doing sustainable logging in both places but people were still whining. They drove MB out, each block was sold off and logged to death. Does anyone remember the 1,000 acres Murray Cyprus bought and clear-cut in 1988? Do they really want to see that again?" Royal asked, "because that's how economics works these days."

Konig says industry reality makes it virtually impossible to create integrated community forestry that keeps the wood on the island and adds value to its end products.

"It is a global market today. You can't control prices, which means that the cheap fir has to go off the island because local mills can't make enough off it," he explained. "You think the wood in the lumber yards here is from Salt Spring?"



LOOKING BACK: Joe Lautmann's logging outfit is shown here on Salt Spring in 1945. At left are (from left) John Inglin, Andy Sprecker and Hugo Gremlich, while above is John Inglin with an old-time logging truck. Loggers today on Salt Spring point out parts of the island were clear-cut in 1918, 1924 and 1950.

Driftwood file photos

Think again. This is reality."

Although the B.C. government plans to introduce controls on private-land cutting in April, the bottom line on southern Salt Spring is how the forest fits into island life.

"Salt Spring wouldn't be the

way it is today without logging. Everyone uses wood, whether for houses, toilet paper or musical instruments," said Konig. "If this is going to change it means changing the system, such as reusing shop-

ping bags and using alternative materials for housing.

"I don't think people have the (courage) to do it. But the thing is, these alternative materials are usually non-renewable, and trees are."

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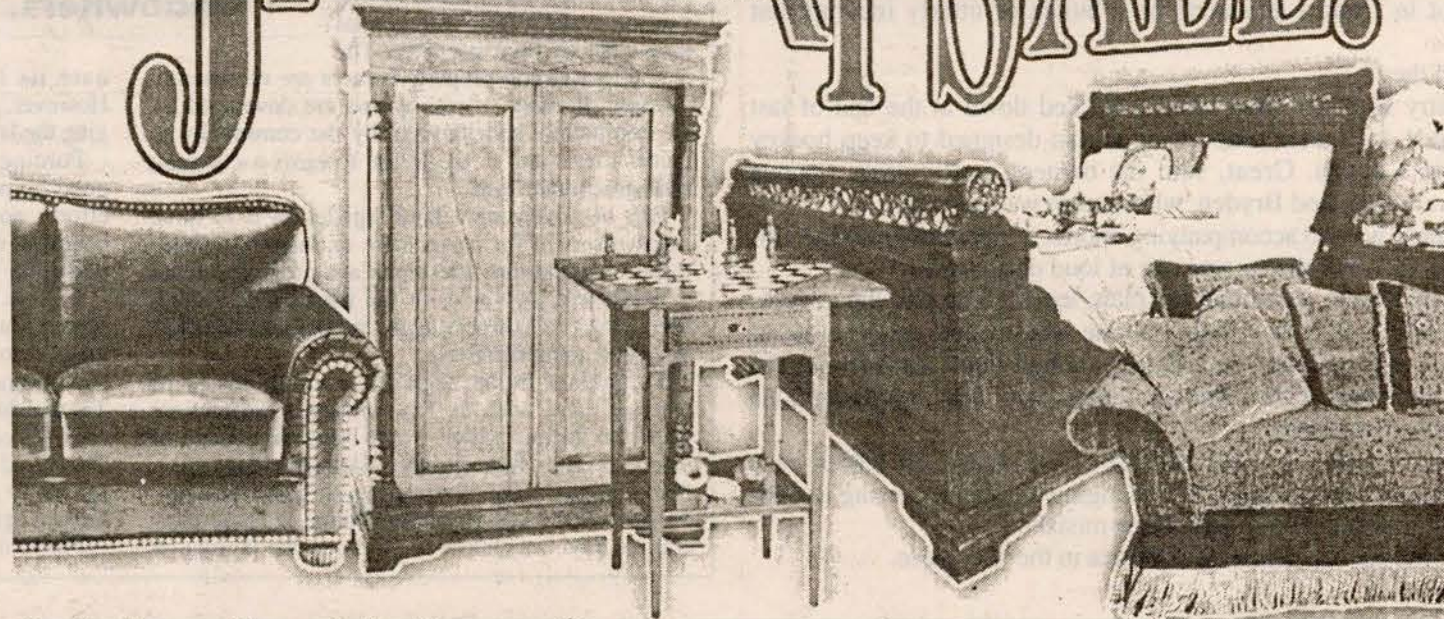
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The little island that could

Big things can come from small islands. Witness Saturna Island (pop. 350) which is faced with the prospect of losing its Kindergarten-to-Grade 6 school.

The prospect is not a new one. As the island's population has aged the school's enrolment has declined. In 1997 it dropped to seven; this year there are but six students attending classes in the school.

The most recent meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board was held on Saturna, where trustees heard from a delegation of parents and community members. The board was asked to delay taking any action to close the school, in spite of an education ministry requirement that a school's enrolment should not be fewer than eight.

The board agreed to wait until April to see what develops. And a lot could, considering the efforts that have been made to date by the Saturna Island community.

Islanders concerned about keeping the school open got together last year to explore their options. The result is a 15-page document that offers several initiatives that might help ensure the school remains in operation for a long time to come.

In "Saturna—The Little School that Could" the community identifies a number of promising recent developments: the creation of a vineyard and winery, the upgrade and expansion of the Saturna General Store, government purchase of a large area of private land for park, and others. These are developments the community can build upon, the document states, but more is required. So The Little School that Could, through the formation of an economic development committee, is pursuing ideas such as small-scale manufacturing, the installation of a high-speed data line for Internet access, home-porting the ferry on Saturna and more to encourage families with school-aged children to make their home on the island.

None of this could be attempted without addressing land use issues, and the report does that too, with the suggestion that the community plan, now under review, look at how the island might provide more affordable housing.

That all this might be undertaken on an island of only 350 people is a noteworthy feat. But the fact it should happen within the Islands Trust area is quite remarkable. Economic development committees have until now been anathema to everything the Trust stands for.

But no more, and that's a good thing. Because without the support of a population that enjoys social and economic well-being, a mandate to preserve and protect has no guarantee of success.

Strong and healthy communities are necessary to carry out such a mandate, unless the islands are to be rid of human habitation.

There is one other equally welcome aspect about what's happening on Saturna. The community has banded together as communities are designed to do when their members are faced with a common threat. Islanders have come together in the face of adversity to produce a plan for action that contains a list of positive and constructive initiatives.

On islands such as these — big or small — great things can happen.

Manley's reversal

In the wake of their sudden reversal on the matter of giving financial relief to failing hockey teams, members of the Liberal government in Ottawa appear to be a bunch of utterly incompetent fools.

Or do they?

Industry Minister John Manley backed down at the end of last week, just days after announcing a plan designed to keep hockey teams in Canada. Great, said the owners, particularly Ottawa Senators owner Rod Bryden, whose team was for sale.

But there was no accompanying chorus of approval from the citizenry. In fact, the chorus was one of loud disapproval.

And so Manley cancelled the plan, leaving him and the government looking as if they hadn't a clue what people might think of the idea. And perhaps they didn't, though that's hard to believe with a government that, like any other these days, relies on polls rather than leadership.

But let's give them the benefit of the doubt. In which case Manley deserves our praise for changing his mind, bowing to public sentiment and admitting it was a mistake.

Let's simply say it was a dumb idea in the first place.



Tom McPhee and the Rotary Park mermaid

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Force Texada to be 'good citizen,' don't over-legislate landowners

By BRENT BAKER

After reading the article by Uri Cogan in the January 12 Driftwood, I found myself digging through my recycling box in an attempt to find the previous issue to re-read Bruce Smith's letter.

I remembered reading the letter, but did not recall the emphasis of the letter placed so squarely on clear-cut logging. Where is that damn paper?

Success! Just as I thought, clear-cut logging was not mentioned once in the article. In fact, the only mention of logging at all was that logging has been a major economic activity in Salt Spring's past history.

I strongly agree with Mr. Cogan's interpretation of the effects of clear-cut logging. However, I disagree with Mr. Cogan referring to Mr. Smith as a greedy, insatiably hungry, value-challenged and profoundly ignorant minority. Perhaps it would be beneficial if Mr. Cogan re-read Mr. Smith's letter, as I have, and perhaps he would find that Mr. Smith is more concerned with an increase in legislation on privately held lands.

Every property owner in this society is faced with government-imposed legislation which restricts property owners in one way or another from doing what they wish on their property. The restrictions facing property owners are community oriented. In other words, bylaws are developed by the community and imposed by the community to guide it now and in the future towards a common and agreed-upon goal.

Part of government land legislation is to have lands reserved for agriculture or forestry. Under these designations, the lands are protected from development, now and for the future. The restrictions protect all owners from unrestrained development and commercial use.

To propose further legislation on one owner of reserved land, such as Texada Land Corporation, opens an avenue which would have all owners of reserved lands face further restrictive legislation. For example, if you are farming on lands designated agricultural and your neighbours purchase agricultural land but choose not to farm, the legislation

used to restrict Texada can be used to restrict your activities.

Encroachment of residential property on viable farmland is why the governments moved to protect the lands in question in the first place. Placing more restrictions on privately held reserve

lands makes them economically less viable for activities such as farming or forestry. In addition, fragmenting the land reserve system by legislating on a title-by-title basis could only lead to the abolishment of a highly respectable government program that preserves vast tracts of land from development. Therefore, proposing legislation on one landowner creates a slippery slope that will affect all landowners.

Mr. Smith suggests Texada Land Corporation is practising legal activities on its lands. The "Direct

Action Committee" has proposed civil disobedience to force Texada Land Corporation to stop logging or at least slow the rate of logging on the forestry land it owns. I can not speak for Mr. Smith, but I and many other "ignorant minorities" commend the Direct Action Committee for taking this stand.

If Texada Land Corporation is a good corporate citizen, as its representatives have said it is, the company would seriously re-eval-

uate its forestry practices on Texada lands. However, as I stated before, Texada is legally logging the land.

Forcing Texada Land Corporation to act as a good corporate citizen should be the focus of our efforts, not legislating private landowners, and not squaring off on other islanders voicing opinions that differ from your own.

I agree with Mr. Cogan that when you buy a piece of land, society grants you and your heirs permission to use it in a way that will not infringe on the commons. If it was left up to me, I would let Texada do what it will on the lands and spend the next 40 years working with organizations such as The Land Conservancy of B.C. to buy the titles presently owned by Texada so this would never happen again.

The writer lives on Salt Spring.



Proposing legislation on one landowner creates a slippery slope that will affect all landowners.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: If you knew you had 24 hours left on earth, what would you do?



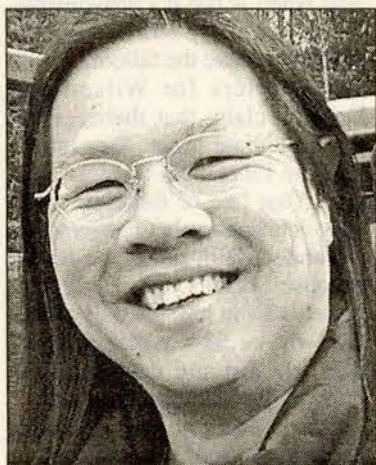
Robin Voaden

Spend time with everybody I love and let them know how I feel about them. I'd tell them to seize each moment and cherish their memories, then I'd do something totally outrageous like skydiving.



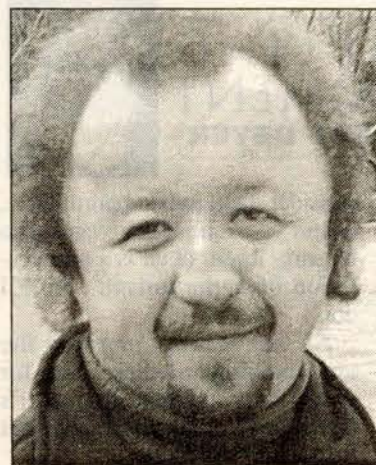
Alex Gay

I would play music with Eric Clapton somewhere that meant a lot to me in a stadium with all my loved ones.



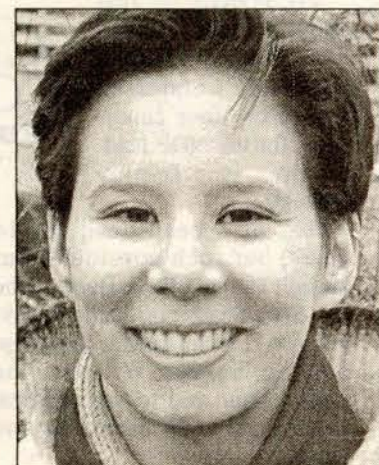
G.S. Chow

Stay in bed most of the day on a tropical island, then have a meeting with world leaders pleading world peace, and spend an hour on my will.



David Barnes

I would spend it with my close friends, most likely in a kayak, singing and laughing away the final hours. Clayoquot Sound would be the place.



Kelly Lee Pelletier

My soulmate and I would spend time at the ocean and appreciate the beauty and love that surrounds us.

Letters to the Editor

Texada responds

We appreciated seeing the letter titled "Principles honoured" in your January 12 edition.

We want to thank the writers very much for clarifying a few points for the undersigned. It was also truly heartwarming to see that Direct Action has publicly committed to nonviolent "protest" as opposed to the prior position of "civil disobedience." Civil disobedience by definition means breaking the law. As Direct Action members know, blockading a public road was, and is, against the law. We at Texada appreciate Direct Action's public statement of its principles and to the extent that it is no longer espousing breaking the law, we genuinely applaud and thank its members.

We also want to publicly state our appreciation for the civility and friendliness of Robert Osborne. From our several meetings and discussions with him he has been a straightforward gentleman. We see Robert Osborne as a community leader and respect his efforts and

opinions. I think we agree that leadership also carries a significant responsibility.

Our recent difference of opinion with Robert Osborne concerned the act of leading people to break the law through acts of civil disobedience. Now that civil disobedience has been replaced by an honoured commitment of nonviolent, law-abiding protest, we have a better basis from which to pursue discussions that will hopefully prove beneficial to the community.

Thank you again to the Direct Action committee members for publicly clarifying your principles. **ROBERT J. MACDONALD, President, Texada Land Corporation**

Fast action needed

This is an urgent open letter from a concerned mother:

When one of our children lies hurt or dead, it will be too late.

Over and over I have seen cars and trucks come within a hair's breadth of running down children

who have to cross Fulford-Ganges Road to get to the school bus stop down along Beddis, and those who wait there for the bus to come each school morning. This is due to people driving too fast and children who, lost in their play, run in and out of the street.

Just last week a speeding truck on Fulford-Ganges Road almost ran down my daughter and myself and, on Friday, January 21, at the Beddis Road bus stop, a boy, caught up in horsing around with his school mates, ran right out in front of an oncoming car. The poor shaken driver missed him by barely an inch.

I can tell the children to stay off the road, and I do, but I'm just somebody's mom and without support from some authority groups in our community, my words mean nothing.

My husband has called Salt Spring Elementary, the Gulf Islands School Board and the RCMP to seek support for getting some school children crossing signs put up, but the general

response has been, "It's not our responsibility and there's nothing we can do."

The only positive response he received was from the foreman of the highways here on Salt Spring, who sympathized, but said all that he could do was tell the Ministry of Highways.

If we don't want to read headlines agonizing over how one of our boys and girls lies in the hospital or in the grave, we all need to take responsibility.

Sometimes accidents can happen regardless of what we do, yes, but, if we don't do everything in our power to protect our children now, then when that accident does happen, we're all to blame for the outcome. We need to do two things at the very least:

1) With the support and help of the schools, school board and RCMP, we need to publish and enforce rules of behaviour for school children at bus stops.

2) With the support and help of the Ministry of Highways, we need to put up school children crossing

signs, on both sides of the Beddis bus stop, and on both sides of the Fulford-Ganges crossing down to the bus stop — the truck driver might not have veered so close to my daughter and me, and not at such a high speed if there had been a school children sign to alert him to take extra care.

Or, we can do nothing until one of our children is hurt or killed.

Urging the fastest possible action about this, **SHARON DALGLEISH SORRELL, Reid Road**

Oxymoron?

Could this be termed an environmental oxymoron or just a lack of understanding of the economics of the situation?

Where did the wood come from with which to make the crosses?

Why is it that only island newcomers are involved in these protests?

MARY DAVIDSON, Sunnyside Drive

MORE LETTERS A10

Son wonders at repeated Springbay design rejections

By **MARKUS WENZEL**

You may have heard of the phrase, "an elephant is a mouse designed by a committee."

This letter puts this metaphor in the context of the hurdles that an "on-and-off" islander — Wolfgang Wenzel — who happens to be my father, has had in getting a small development approved by the Islands Trust, way back in the late 1900s.

Before I get into the specifics of the predicament my father finds himself in, I find it necessary, because it helps make the whole issue seem so absurd, to provide a brief description of him and his career. In his early '60s, with beard and Birkenstocks, he would certainly not stand out in a Salt Spring crowd. A residential designer and builder by trade, he designed and built an ultra-efficient, earth-covered brick home on Long Harbour for our family in the early 1980s. After spending a number of years living on Salt Spring full-time, he now shares his time between Calgary and this island in the Pacific.

Through his career he has created hundreds of distinct home and commercial designs, no two alike, that respect the harmony of land, building, resource conservation and the character of those for



whom it is designed. Among his larger projects are designs of the world renowned Spruce Meadows Equestrian Centre and the Bernard Callebaut chocolate factory, both in Southern Alberta.

I would be surprised to hear that any of his residential or commercial designs have created unease among planners or among the regular users/residents of the structures. My point here is that, even though he is my father and I may be a little biased, Wolfgang Wenzel is an independently respected minister in the marriage of land to buildings.

In 1998, my father and a partner created Springbay Developments and purchased a 1.1-acre multi-family-zoned building site adjacent to the Harbour House Hotel. Although an existing development permit was already approved, Springbay believed that the old designs did not optimize the naturally-sloping layout of the land, and consequently submitted revised building plans for approval.

That's when their fun began with the Salt Spring Trust's Advisory Design Panel.

Over the last 18 months, he has submitted countless design options and computer perspectives to the panel by phone, fax, e-mail, and face-to-face meetings. Each time, however, the result has ended up the same — rejection. It leaves the partners of Springbay scratching their heads, wondering what needs to be done to appease this committee.

It's not about the zoning. Although the land is already zoned for up to 16 units, the design options put forth by Springbay only ever asked for development options of 14-15 units, well within the density limits imposed by the Islands Trust.

It's not about bylaws. All the design options presented by Springbay and rejected by the design committee respect all provincial and local land use bylaws. They are all legal and generally accepted ways to develop land.

It's not even about money. If the only motivator was financial gain, then would it not have been simpler to exercise the existing development permit already in place, speeding the path to the sale of these condominiums?

It is clear that my father's creative principles have increasingly played a role here as well and, just as you wouldn't expect Robert Bateman to draw someone else's image on a clear piece of canvas, getting a successful designer to develop someone else's design just won't fly. Unless, of course, money was the only motivator.

The way I understand it, then, there are really just two things that could account for this lack of progress to get this development application approved:

1. Design (aesthetics). Here we have a design committee, each member with their own creative vision of how they want to see Ganges evolve, and each yearning for an opportunity to be heard. After repeated concept rejections, Springbay finally asked the members of the committee what type of design they would be in favour of, only to hear, in eventual response, "Well, that's not up to us to decide. You make the submission and we'll let you know if it is accepted."

2. Politics. I would have to say that my father would never make a good politician, and this fact may indeed be a hindrance in this situation. He's more inclined to appeal to reason, good sense and proven development practices than to gain

advocates through lobbying, phony smiles and canvassing for public support. In his mind, if you submit a well-conceived design that complies with zoning and laws, cover all the bases in justifying the concept and work with the planners to resolve any differences, that should be enough. For the most part, that approach has worked for him over the last 35 years.

(Of course, over the years he has crossed paths with the odd "registered architect" who gets their nose out of joint when a mere "residential designer" tries to get a design approved.)

The final few chapters of this endless saga have yet to be determined. The option of lawsuits has been uttered, but there are rarely any real winners when it comes to this.

For a guy who's been motivated by designing and building unique structures since his early teens, it is becoming obvious that my father is no longer having "fun" in this tiresome process, and I suspect you may even notice a "for sale" sign on this property one day. Who knows, perhaps a new, more politically-polished developer wishes to take on the Islands Trust and the design committee.

The writer lives in Port Moody.

Leadership race: opportunism versus poetry

VICTORIA — Just about the only prominent NDP politician who hasn't endorsed any of the four candidates for the NDP leadership is Tommy Douglas.

OK, he's been dead for 14 years, but such considerations haven't stopped Dave Barrett who has been dead, politically speaking, for 11 years longer, from supporting Gordon Wilson, who joins, forms and leaves political parties between breakfast and lunch.

I do admit to a slight bias against Wilson as a politician. I don't like opportunists and he's the granddaddy of opportunists. Personally, I find Wilson very likable. I've even done him a big favour in the past, but that's not for this column to be told.

As for the other three candidates, Corky Evans, Ujjal Dosanjh and Len Werden, I don't

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consider them to be opportunistic, unless you believe that wanting to be party leader at all is a manifestation of opportunism, which I don't.

All three have embraced the underpinnings of their party for years. And now that the leader's position is open, they have put their names forward.

One can argue that they should have spoken up when Glen Clark, the former leader and premier, ran the party and the province like dictator, eventually causing the wheels to fall off the party's and the province's wagon.

But as we saw in the case of another premier, Bill Vander Zalm, the decision to get rid of a leader is not one taken lightly.

And when at last it's unavoidable, it's also usually too late for the party to survive the fallout.

Supporters for Wilson and Dosanjh claim that their respective candidate is the only one to beat the Liberals in the next election. That line of thinking is not only delusional, but dangerous.

Vander Zalm got to be leader because Social Credit Party supporters saw in him the only candidate who could win the next election. He did and destroyed the party in the following five years.

Clark was chosen as leader because he, too, was believed to be the only one who could lead the NDP to another victory. He did and although the party will survive, it's in terrible shape.

The question is: will the NDP make the same mistake again? A few weeks ago, I would have said yes, but I'm not so sure anymore.

First off, there are certain dynamics at play that could result in the election of Evans. It hap-

pened when Bill King and David Vickers were the front runners to replace Barrett as leader. They savaged one another, allowing Bob Skelly to come up through the middle and grab the brass ring.

The same could happen this time, with one big difference. Skelly was inept, Evans isn't. Considered for the longest time an also-ran by my colleagues, Evans has suddenly become the object of intense media attention.

"Evans a contender," was a Globe and Mail front-page headline. "Corky is cooking," a colleague said to me the other day. I didn't rub it in that I had said so all along. No sir.

Mind you, some media types are still a little baffled by his one-liners, like the one he used at a candidates' forum. "We know and you know that democracy is coming to the NDP."

That's Leonard Cohen, folks: "Democracy is coming to the

USA" is one of the great Canadian poet's famous poems.

Here are a few lines which may explain Evans' use of that poem:

"It's coming from the sorrow of the street, the holy places where the races meet; from the homicidal bitchin' that goes down in every kitchen to determine who will serve and who will eat. From the wells of disappointment where the women kneel to pray; For the grace of God in the desert here and the desert far away. Democracy is coming to the USA."

And there's the refrain:

"Sail on, sail on
o mighty ship of state!
To the shores of need,
past the reefs of greed,
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sail on, sail on, sail on."
Sure beats opportunism.

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Where were they?

As the parent of children who may one day benefit from participation in the excellent music programs available to island youth at SIMS and GISS, I was surprised and disappointed at our community's response to Saturday night's fundraiser.

The island's favourite dance band — Sunyata — played with their usual crowd-pleasing gusto to a most appreciative few, in a room that should have been party to many more folk. Here was an alcohol-free family dance in a community venue with great acoustics, held in support of those young people among us who choose to express themselves through music.

If there are any among us who do not credit music for bringing us the most treasured moments in our lives, their absence might have been excused on Saturday night.

Everyone else should have been there.

HELENE MEURER,
Salt Spring

Rights

My father survived two world wars in Europe. He taught me moderation and that acquiring great wealth mostly goes at the expense of someone else. His words shaped my future.

My father, by the way, was a dedicated, hardworking man respected in his town for his social reforms. So Mr. Clarke, in response to your January 19 letter, I am deeply shocked about your statement of rights! In my opinion, and that of the sustainable community (not commune!) nobody has the rights to destroy a forest, an ecosystem, for generations to come, for purely gain.

We are supposed to be the caretakers of this beautiful planet, not the manipulators! On with it, Mr. Drew Clarke, let your conscience speak and support us in our efforts to change the existing law which allows clear-cutting.

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OLGA VIRLY,
Salt Spring

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Go team go — please

The federal government wants to give \$10 to 12 million to six Canadian hockey teams.

Now that we've completely solved the health crisis, the education crisis, homelessness and all the drug problems, this gift of millions to needy hockey players sounds okay to me.

Seriously, it's hard to believe we could even consider such a move. Perhaps the government should look for donations from one or two of the players or their owners. Some of these players make more chasing a piece of rubber around the ice with a stick in a single season than some entire communities make in more than a year of hard, meaningful labour. Even the most lowly players make far more than several working people. Where's their money gone? Didn't anyone tell them to put a little away for the day when the bubble bursts?

With miners and farmers and single mothers struggling all over the country, even the thought of spending enormous amounts to save owners and teams that have overcharged everyone down the line for years is ridiculous.

Let's remember that it's supposed to be just a game, unlike poverty. There is a real need for proper medical care and a concern for those who desperately need our help in many ways. For many, life is not just a seasonal game. First things first.

For the government to even consider this grant, they should be chucked out on their collective ear because they don't understand the real world. Then again, this is Canadian politics at its best, eh?

JON PAGE,
Drake Road

Too lethal

Uri Cogan's In Depth letter in your January 12th issue was bang on.

It would be very interesting to find out what percentage of people on Salt Spring Island feel that their fellow citizens can do anything they like on "their private property."

Wives and children were considered men's property roughly a century ago and for ages before. Today we can be arrested and/or fined for abusing our pets or farm animals... and rightly so. Our cars belong in the private party category, yet we must limit the way we drive them (traffic lights, speed limits, etc.).

Noise pollution, fires without permits — why not make clear-cutting

trees against the law? Doing irreparable damage to the commons (air, water, environs) is not acceptable behaviour anymore.

The new clear-cutters in our backyard will talk and log, talk and log some more; they are repeating the actions in Clayoquot, the Walbran and in huge areas of B. C. — not to mention the world.

Is it true that some 75 per cent of the earth's old-growth forests are gone?

Where are the plants and animals — human beings included — who used to live there and find sustenance for survival? Forests are the lungs of the planet, are they not?

If the ecosystems of the world are indeed inter-connected, as the Gaia principle describes it, this living earth — our "mother" as Uri says — could be compared to a huge jet plane flying through the sky but losing a bolt here and a nut there. At what point will it come crashing down, unable to sustain the momentum it was designed for?

As one of the Raging Grannies sang 10 years ago, "Logging yes, clear-cut no."

Some of our modern technologies are too lethal. Driftnet fishing and atom bombs come to mind.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Quebec Drive

Show support

On the night of Thursday, January 20, the annual general meeting of Salt Spring Minor Baseball and Girls Softball was held, with the intention of having an election of officers and doing some planning for the 2000 season.

Advertisements were placed in the papers and a lot of phoning was done. Unfortunately the weather was inclement. Nevertheless, it was not bad enough to make it impossible to attend.

We are grateful for the coaches who phoned and said they would continue. We had five people — president, vice-president and secretary, as well as two coaches. At that meeting the president and vice-president resigned. These positions are now vacant. The secretary and treasurer will keep on for another year.

It was agreed that we would hold one more meeting on Thursday, February 3, at 7:15 p.m. at the Sea Breeze Inn Conference Room. If there is not sufficient interest by you, the parents, to make baseball and softball happen, the association has no recourse but to disband and the only ones to suffer will be the youngsters.

Are you willing to let that happen?



Last of the Mohawks

Fiona Foster of Locks, Stock and Barbershop Foster has been fashioning the youth's hair for three years now.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Come out and show your support!

DOROTHY KYLE,
Secretary, Salt Spring Minor
Baseball and Girls Softball

Mayne speaks

At this time we would like to say, unanimously, that members of the GICAC from Mayne Island are not at all interested in breaking from GICAC, and believe that through good faith, clear and honest communications and a desire to improve the structure of the council we can be stronger, be better and build a greater sense of inter-island community.

Through discussions, the following has become apparent:

- 1) A high level of distrust has developed between the members of various islands, and the board, through misinformation and false statements made by the board, the media and some members.
- 2) A high level of apathy had developed on most islands which has promoted the feeling of isolation.
- 3) A need for open and participatory democratic involvement in this organization has not been met.
- 4) A surprisingly high level of trust still exists between members of various islands.

5) A strong desire to make this organization function to serve the needs of all islanders exists in the hearts of many of the artists and artisans we have spoken with.

These observations lead to the following conclusion:

For this organization to survive and prosper the current board must resign as it does not have the support of the membership.

The following motions are presented for the consideration of the membership:

- 1) That the board be representative of the islands as a whole consisting of one member for each of the Outer Islands and an equitable number of board members representing Salt Spring Island based either on proportion of membership or population.
- 2) That the directors of the Outer Islands be responsible to their constituents as chairs of local committees which would meet to establish budgets and give direction to said director. The budget for each island would be set based upon an equitable formula.
- 3) That a certain proportion of the annual budget be used for programs that benefit the community of islands as a whole.

4) That annual general meetings be hosted by each island and that the opportunity to host an annual general meeting be used to build community through billeting, barn dances, barbecues, etc. The timing of said AGMs would ideally be after the closing of ArtCraft.

5) That committees be struck to make recommendations for communications and inter-island commerce, grants and bursaries, etc.

6) That notice of meetings with the agenda be mailed to all members of the GICAC two weeks in advance of the meetings.

7) That board meetings be rotated between the islands to ensure all islanders are afforded the opportunity to participate on their home turf.

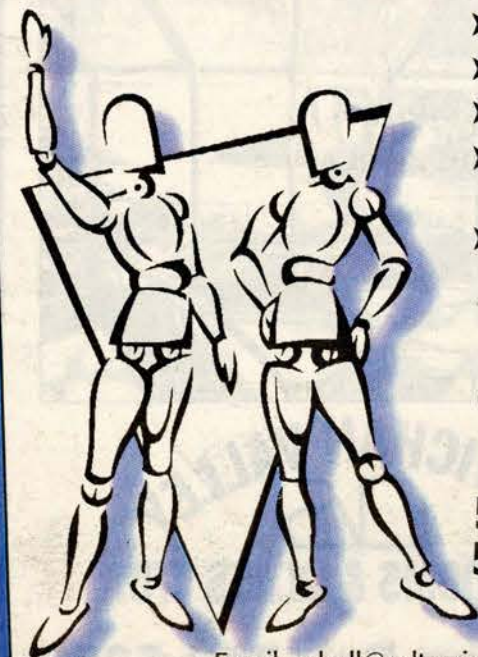
8) That each island be responsible for the election of their own representative, or, in the event of replacing a person resigning that the replacement be nominated by the committee of that island and that specific terms are acknowledged.

It is our belief that with this framework, the future of the GICAC will grow and allow all of us to inspire and nurture each other.

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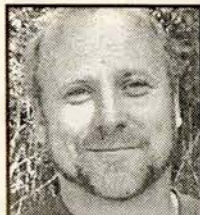
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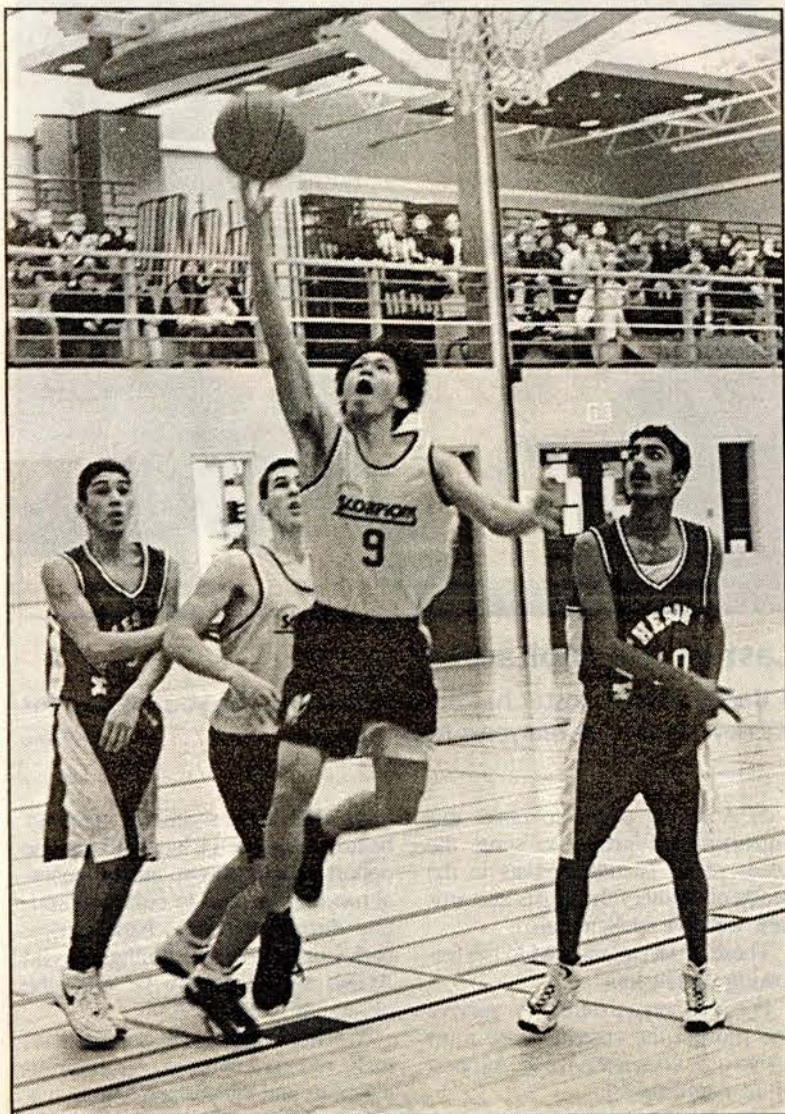
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Loss not painful as senior team finds new level of play



By **MIKE LEVIN**
Driftwood Sports

They had just lost, and the senior boys were smiling.

It's never fun to lose the championship final of your own tournament but when you're playing the best basketball of your life, it isn't as painful to lose to a better team.

The title was taken by L.A. Matheson, a highly talented AAA team out of Surrey, by a 79-61 count over the host Scorpions Saturday.

Not that Myles Wilson and John Callas weren't disappointed by a game they thought their team could have won; coaches never admit to being outplayed.

But there was no mistaking the light in their faces.

"Our shots just weren't going in. Why does that have to happen?" Wilson joked after the Matheson loss.

Behind him the Scorpions were bouncing around with an energy that masked the fatigue of two games in one day.

It was obvious that something had gone well.

The final, coupled with an exciting 92-74 semi-final win over Vancouver's Westview, was the best court product Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) had seen in years.

The Scorpions' sharp control (except for a discombobulated first quarter against Matheson) produced the type of defensive flows and scoring runs that make quality basketball so much fun to watch.

The court balance appealed for two reasons.

First, it proved that well before playoff time GISS had moved its game to the next level, a stage that makes a team believe it can beat just about anyone.

Second, it was achieved without the services of its captain Chris Langdon, who went down with an injury in the tournament's opening game, and its top scorer Brian Crowe, who has been sidelined for two weeks with a sprained ankle.

"We were maybe a bit tired out there. We gave everything in the morning game," Callas said after the final.

"But look how we played today, everyone in it, everyone scoring without Chris and Brian.

I'm very pleased with them."

Friday GISS opened the event with an 89-51 rout of North Island Secondary School, the result of a new pressing system that put the game's tempo solely in the host's hands.

Scorpions big men Alex Lemay and Rhys Beasley were too much for North Island to handle inside, with Lemay potting 27 and Beasley adding 18.

Against a veteran Westview squad, GISS looked to be out-staffed without Langdon's controlling influence.

But it wasn't anything that the outside magic of Jesse McEachern and Sam Hannah couldn't compensate for.

The game steamed into a run-and-gun format right from the opening whistle, GISS running up a 15-2 lead within the first three minutes on Beasley's three bruising inside hoops and three-of-three three-pointers from McEachern and Hannah.

The pair would go on to connect on eight of 11 from beyond the arc in the first half, all of which were needed against an opponent that refused to give up.

Westview would slide into a huge deficit only to find a new gear in each quarter to keep the final outcome in doubt, even pulling to within six — at 62-56 — late in the third quarter.

"There are always three or four momentum shifts in a

game. We're lucky that we had one more in our favour," said Wilson after his squad worked its advantage to double digits in the fourth quarter and never let go.

McEachern finished with 21 points and Hannah 20, each supported by five treys.

It was the one factor missing in the final as the Scorpions' outside shooting went cold.

Matheson went up by 10 quickly, and a rout was looming large in a first quarter where fatigue or nerves put GISS flatly on their heels.

The hosts were able to pull back to single digits through the middle stages by exploiting Matheson's inability to protect the key from Mike Chen and Tom McCole drives.

But the well-coached team finally adapted and turned a 61-55 lead early in the fourth quarter into an 18-point spread by the final buzzer.

Hannah chipped in 14 to lead the Scorpions with Chen adding a tough 13, mostly from underneath the hoop.

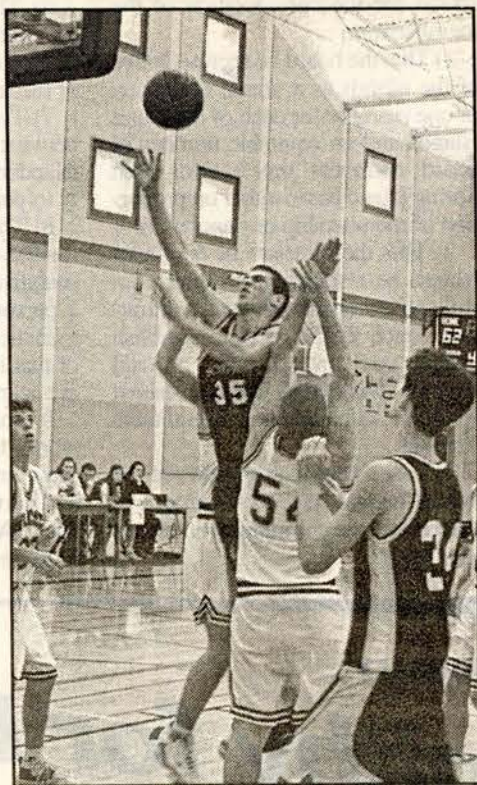
"I think this shows what kind of balance we have on this team. We just lost our focus for awhile, that's all," Callas said.

Tourney T-shirts for each game's MVP were supplied by Royal Lepage and the RCMP's DARE program.

The Scorpions hosted league opponent Chemainus Tuesday.

INSIDE STUFF: A strategy that sent everyone to the hoop worked well for the GISS Scorpions in a 92-74 victory over Westview Saturday in the semi-finals of the Scorpions' senior boys basketball tournament. At right, Rhys Beasley counts an easy two points in the win. But a talented L.A. Matheson squad was able to all but shut down the inside penetration (despite Mike Chen's spectacular drive, above) in a 79-61 victory in the championship later in the day.

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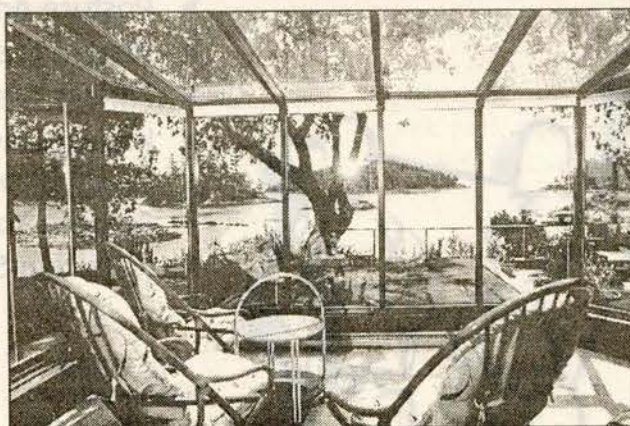
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SIMS boys start out with two big victories

With Salt Spring's basketball teams enjoying solid success so far this season, the middle school's Grade 8 boys team couldn't wait to get into the act.

Starting with a decisive 49-29 victory against Shawnigan Lake January 17 and adding a 94-13 outcome against Chemainus Thursday, the island squad seems sure about where it is headed.

Ryan O'Donnell's 11 points combined with Gord Akerman's 10 to pace SIMS at Shawnigan.

But it was against Chemainus that the squad put together an overwhelming team effort, particularly on defence.

Jim Severn topped all scorers with 21 points. O'Donnell added 15, David Barclay chipped in 14 and Akerman added 10.

The team now hosts Duncan Christian today (Wednesday) and Queen of Angels Monday.



Sailboat seen in Ganges Harbour

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Loonie Tunes: John Sutherland, 221, 208; Henry Schwagly, 211; Linda Schwagly, 204; Ben Cooper, 205, 231; Lance Leask, 252; Ron Cunningham, 205; Leanne Van Schetsen, 204; Jamie Sayer, 232.

Tuesday morning 50+: Rita McLees, 246; John Richardson, 266; Ann Kowal, 223; Goodie, 201; Edie Gear, 251; Helmut Losch, 241/624.

Friday morning 50+: Ken Robinson, 223, 208; Marg Baker, 206.

Special Olympics: Gloria Dale, 174, 191; Terry Swing, 154, 145; Jim Beck, 167; Sharon Way, 189, 178, 213; Mahjor Bains, 175, 166.

The Wright stuff continues to baffle Scorpion opponents

Another devastating performance by Annette Wright kept Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior girls basketball Scorpions undefeated in league play following a 61-39 win over Shawnigan Lake January 18 at Shawnigan's gym.

Wright put up enormous figures, scoring 34 points, grabbing 24 rebounds and blocking 13 shots, in the contest.

"No one has been able to figure out how to handle Annette inside. I hope they never do," said coach Kellie Booth.

The Scorpions' template of an early run and a mid-stage dump held firm but didn't really jeopardize the final outcome.

The guests scooted to a 22-10 lead after 10 minutes on pounding hoops inside by Wright and easy

lay-ups by Cynthia Cameron.

"They weren't a particularly big team so we dominated with our size," Booth said. "But Annette was totally dominating at both ends of the court."

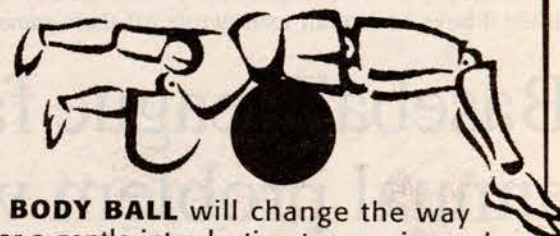
GISS rode their lead to 43-16 by the half-time break and then lost concentration as Shawnigan went on a 12-4 third-quarter run to create a stir on the Scorpions' bench.

"We just stopped hitting our shots. Still, there was never a real problem with the control we had inside," Booth added.

Cameron contributed 14 to the final total.

The team now prepares for a home-and-home series against Brentwood, its only real league rival. Thursday GISS travels to Brentwood and returns for the home engagement Tuesday.

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More than ever, BC Hydro recognizes that environmental considerations must be a part of our daily decision-making. BC Hydro is committed to ensuring that the "Georgia Strait Crossing" is constructed and operated to minimize impacts to the environment.

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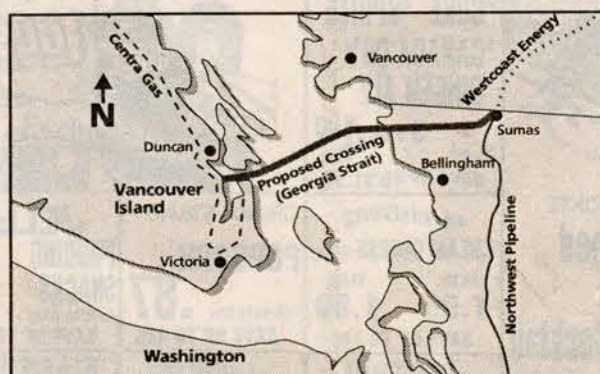
INFORMATION SESSIONS

To keep pace with population growth and economic development on Vancouver Island, BC Hydro has committed to purchase energy from two natural gas-fired generating plants being built on Vancouver Island. These new facilities are part of a future that will supply the energy needs of all Vancouver Island residents for many years and will require a second natural gas pipeline to Vancouver Island.

Natural gas, along with energy conservation and other environmentally sound energy solutions, will provide a practical and reliable way to produce electricity on Vancouver Island. These are the types of service solutions BC Hydro will offer all its customers in the future.

To make sure adequate natural gas flows to Vancouver Island, BC Hydro and Williams are proposing to build the "Georgia Strait Crossing" natural gas pipeline.

The new pipeline will originate at the interconnection point of the Westcoast Energy and Williams' Northwest Pipelines near the BC/USA border (see map below). The pipeline will then cross under Georgia Strait and terminate at a point near Duncan.



The benefits of the proposed "Georgia Strait Crossing" include:

- Providing a reliable gas supply for the new and future electric generating plants.
- Reducing reliance on electrical transmission from the mainland.
- Meeting economic growth and population demands of Vancouver Island.

To begin the process of gathering input from the public, the following information sessions have been scheduled:

Saturna Island	January 30 th (Sunday) 2:30 p.m. Saturna Community Hall
Mayne Island	February 2 nd (Wednesday) 2:30 p.m. Mayne Island Agricultural Hall
Pender Island	February 5 th (Saturday) 1:00 p.m. St. Peter Anglican Parish Hall 4703 Canal Road, North Pender Island

For more information, please call our project information line at 1-800-663-1377 (toll free), e-mail us at gsx@bchydro.bc.ca or check our web site at www.georgiastrait.twc.com



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Junior Scorpions use bench for three big wins

A three-game junior boys basketball sweep in league play last week added significantly to Gulf Islands Secondary School post-season hopes.

The junior Scorpions finally found a balance between offence and defence in tallying a 55-42 decision over Duncan Christian January 17, a 57-36 win over Shawnigan Lake January 18 and a 67-48 victory Wednesday over Lake Cowichan. All games were held off-island.

The wins pushed the team's record to 4-2 in league play.

"I think these three games are the point where we really came together as a team," said coach John Johnston.

While the victories were keyed on defence, Johnston said his younger players finally got their chance to shine.

"Guys like Josh Dunn, John Ayeras and Tyler Woolley came off the bench and fit in perfectly," the coach added.

Against Duncan Christian the Scorpions ran up a 31-16 lead at the half and then coasted to victory on Dustin Little's 25 points.

Dom Martin added 12 and then went on a scoring streak in the Shawnigan game.

The point guard focussed on inside penetration to finish with 14 points and a bucket-full of assists in the contest that saw many of GISS' older players miss the trip for various reasons.

Mason Scott added 13 points as

the Scorpions exploded for 21 points in the third quarter and turned a 24-18 halftime lead into a 40-26 advantage.

Dunn stepped up to control the boards at both ends and contributed six points.

The final contest against Lake Cowichan was an "ugly, ugly game," according to Johnston.

"They were small and scrappy and with only one referee it got a bit out of hand," he said.

A total of 60 fouls were called in

the game. Again it was a third-quarter run that pushed the islanders into an insurmountable lead.

Ahead by only five at the half, GISS rattled off a 25-17 run to finish off its opponent.

Scott led all scorers with 16 while Dunn hit double figures for 12.

The juniors host Maxwell Baha'i today (Wednesday) and then possibly host Brentwood Saturday in a game both teams are trying to make up from an earlier cancellation.

Island teams sit out cancellations

It was a tough week for Salt Spring sports teams as weather and the flu knocked all but two teams right off the home field of competition.

January 18 saw a virus force cancellation of the senior boys basketball Scorpions' match against Brentwood, although the team was sufficiently recovered to host an eight-team tournament Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday Salt Spring Island Middle School's Grade 8 boys basketball team wrote off their game

against Chemainus as did the Grade 8 girls against Shawnigan Lake the next day, both a result of snow.

Also on Thursday the Gulf Islands Secondary junior girls hoopsters had their game against Frances Kelsey cancelled.

Wet soccer fields were closed over the weekend, with youth games by the under-13 boys and girls, under-12 boys and under-19 girls, and Salt Spring FC forced into rescheduling.

Baseball league faces annual problem with executive staffing

Salt Spring's strong baseball tradition has produced another budding star in 13-year-old Gord Akerman, who will play for Victoria's elite junior-Babe Ruth team this season.

Akerman, along with Kelly Portingale, helped his Stuart Channel all-star team to the final of the Northwest Bambino Baseball Championships last year. He earned his stripes through the island's minor baseball system.

Brandon Kaye, now on a baseball scholarship in the United States, and Thomas Little, who was scouted by the major league baseball system, are other standouts.

But the sport's annual staffing problems have risen again as the association heads into its organizational phase.

A first meeting Thursday drew few members and the minor baseball and girls softball association remains without a president and vice-president.

"It is surprising considering how deep the baseball tradition is on Salt Spring," said returning secretary Dorothy Kyle. "Once the registration starts there are always lots of little ones coming out. What we need now is for people to take leadership roles."

Kyle said that coaching roles always fill up as league play gets under way, but a strong executive is mandatory to jump start the season. There is also a need for support staff, such as equipment managers.

The association will hold another meeting February 3 at 7:15 p.m. at the Sea Breeze Inn.

Anyone wanting to get an idea of how deep the baseball tradition is on the island, try checking out Bob Akerman's museum on Fulford-Ganges Road. Call first at 653-4228.

Tsunami league gets under way at middle school

Salt Spring Middle School's Tsunami basketball league got into full swing Thursday with the Blue Lightning and the Surf emerging with victories during Grade 6 and 7 co-ed intramural action.

The Grade 7 Blue Lightning were hard-pressed by the Red Titans before securing a 28-26 victory.

The Surf took awhile to find its game feet before running away from the Sea Devils in a 38-12 outcome.

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Announcements

5 BIRTHS

JIM, FENYA and big brother Cameron are proud to announce the arrival of Aidan Michael Louis Sutherland. Born January 7th and joined our family January 13th. Thanks to our family and friends for all the love and support.

6 DEATHS

JENKINS, ERNEST Ault, (Ernie) passed away quietly at Lady Minto Hospital on January 20, 2000. Born October 6, 1905, in Ottawa, he moved to Salt Spring Island from Vancouver in 1974 with his wife Molly. Predeceased by his wife of 59 years, his son Maurice, his daughter Marion and his brothers John and Charlie. He will be remembered by daughter-in-law Donna Jenkins, grandchildren Deanna Kitchen, Ian Jenkins (Kim), all of Salt Spring, Christine Rush, of Vancouver, and Kathryn Rush, of Victoria. Great-grandchildren Derek and Graham Kitchen and Haley Jenkins and niece Colleen Shantz (Lorne), all of Salt Spring, nephews Glen and John, of Vancouver. Will be remembered by Ann Parker and Alex and Alana Parker-Patrick of Vancouver. Service at United Church, Friday, January 28th at 11 a.m.

7 IN MEMORIAM

The Canadian Cancer Society

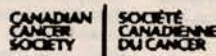
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8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Ernest "Ernie" Jenkins would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of the Doctors and Nurses at Lady Minto Hospital, the caring staff at Greenwood and all the Home Support workers and Hospice for their care and attention during Ernie's last few months. Thank you.

A SINCERE THANK you to all those who participated in the care of my father, George Blake Bremner Stewart who passed away January 5th, 2000: Barb Pellerin, the staff at Greenwood, those very special nurses, care aides and volunteers at Lady Minto extended care and Dr. Holly Slakov who sees those she cares for as people not just patients (a gift they can't teach at medical school). You all epitomize what the community of Salt Spring is about. A thank you as well to all of you who have expressed your sympathy and caring over the past few weeks. Dad is home now and we are all at peace. - Mary Jean Sissons & family.

Notices

20 COMING EVENTS

SOUP'S ON at All Saints by-the-Sea every Tuesday, 11:30am - 1pm. Free soup and sandwich for those in need.

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

20 COMING EVENTS

YOGA CLASSES with Celeste starting January 17. Daily drop-ins, evenings, and pre-registered courses available. Phone Celeste 537-5667 for details.

S.P.C.A. HAS an open house every Sunday from 2 - 4pm. We are located behind the Gulf Island Veterinary Clinic on Sharp Rd. or call for appointments. 537-2123.

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM, joy, connection with your musical instrument through creative music coaching with Barry Livingston. Piano, composition, improvisation. All styles. 537-8912.

WATERCOLOUR & ACRYLIC classes starting in January. Sign up now. All levels. It's not too late to join. Call Val Konig, 537-9531.

AN EVENING of Trans-Evocate Music with Hozhoni at Rose's Cafe, Saturday, January 29th, 7:30 p.m. Eclectic world beat with musically woven performative poetry. Didjeridoo, Amerindian flute. Shakuhachi. Kalimba. Harmonium. Tambura. Global Percussion. \$4 at the door.

SALT SPRING Centre Free Yoga Class - alternate Saturdays 9:30 - 11 am. January 29 to March 25.

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

PRE-NATAL YOGA is back. Classes beginning in February. For more information call Natalie at 537-9353.

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

TAOIST Tai Chi, for Health and Relaxation, Open House and Free Introductory Class, Wednesday, February 2nd, 7 p.m. Ganges United Church. New classes every Monday & Wednesday 7-8 p.m. starting February 7th. Seniors classes Monday & Wednesday 10 - 11 a.m., Central Hall. Call David or Tina, 537-1871.

PLAYBACK THEATRE: Tell your story and have the troupe act it out, Friday, January 28th, 7:30 pm. United Church upper hall. Admission \$7.

COASTAL METIS AGM, Sunday, Feb. 6, 1 p.m., 170 Mobrae Ave. 537-1923.

ROBERT BATEMAN leads a discussion on Art and Nature, Ethics and Spirituality, Friday, February 4th, 7:30 pm, United Church Hall.

"I'M OFF MY ROCKER" Social Club presents Valentine Dance, February 12th, Meaden Hall, Lower Legion. Unamplified dance music. Tickets available at Love My Kitchen & Patterson's Store. Call Ellen, 653-4495.

EROS 2000. Masquerade Ball coming in March. Keep your eyes peeled. Come as you dare!

S.S.I. TRACK & Field Club, reorganization meeting, February 3, 7:00 p.m. S.I.M.S. (use ramp door by gym). All interested athletes should attend.

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26 LEGALS

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FOUND DOG: female, black & white,
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FOUND EARRING, Lions Parking
lot. Call 537-9597.

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S.P.C.A. 537-2123.

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sion cord about 10 m (32') long at
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Virginia Newman, 537-9251.

FOUND ON sidewalk near Salty
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Moonstone & garnet, silver earring.
Owner may claim at the Driftwood
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32 MEETINGS

Salt Spring PARC PUBLIC MEETING

Portlock, 7:30pm,
Monday, January 31

*Election of Chair,
Vice Chair and setting
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34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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55 HELP WANTED

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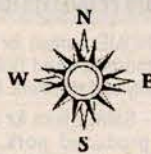
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Pender Islanders, from left, Matthew Hammer (coast guard auxiliary), Jill Ilsey and Ian Elliot (search and rescue) join Salt Spring rescue crews for a day in Mouat Park on Sunday. The

crews split into teams, practised techniques and got to know each other in the day-long event.

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Kenny Byron and the TRAGICALLY HICK

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Members also responded to a flare sighting in Haro Strait Sunday but could not locate the source.

A blown engine on the coast guard's Skua put the vessel into drydock for an undisclosed amount of time.

It has been replaced by the 701.

Letters

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Time to renew

The status of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council right now is in limbo.

No plans can be made for ArtCraft, grants or money dispersal of any kind until the members vote on the future of the organization.

This means that all members (including exhibitors in ArtCraft and the guild show) must renew their memberships for 2000 before January 28 and then attend the February 20 meeting at Gulf Islands Secondary School to determine their future.

The present directors have accused the membership of apathy, even though in the past there have been volunteers for the board who were rejected; and there never has been a nominating committee struck to democratically elect our Salt Spring representatives to the board.

Members have not been given the opportunity to vote on anything to do with GICAC for at least 10 years. Now is the time for members to have a say.

Please renew and attend February 20 and vote. Cheques for \$15 made out to GICAC membership should be taken to KIS Office Services in an envelope addressed to Judy Weeden. Call Judy at 537-5403 for more information.

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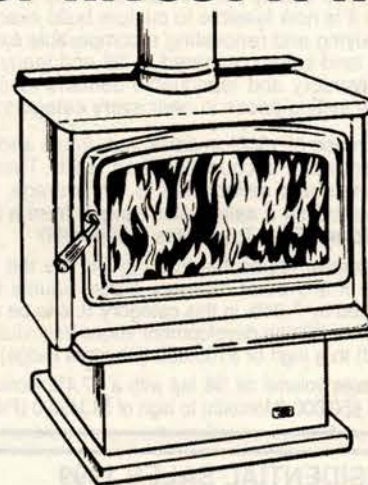
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THE LINDHOLM REPORT SALT SPRING ISLAND REAL ESTATE

1999 was generally a better year than '98 in island real estate; volume of homes sold is up 8% and land sales by a significant 40%. There are strong indications of positive sales trends developing and reason for guarded optimism for Y2K and the future of local real estate.

It is the writers opinion that the local market hit the bottom sometime in '98 and that '99 was the start of the slow turn-around. The two primary indicators of this is the increased amount of investor interest in island real estate and a general stabilization in selling prices. In fact, near all categories of real estate sales experienced marginal to significant increases in average selling prices. Investors are generally of the mind that the B.C. market is now prime for investment due to it being at a historical low combined with the expectation that an imminent change of Government will increase consumer confidence and demand for our unique location and lifestyle.

RESIDENTIAL Under \$200,000 — there were only two fewer sales than in '98 but with a 3% decline in average selling price. This is one of the few categories of real estate that did not improve this last year. With the economy being uncertain the locals are not buying and this portion of the market is not particularly demanded by the bulk of the buyers coming to the island. Total sales \$8,497,400

200/250 — a 50% increase in the number of homes sold with no appreciable change in average selling price. Total sales \$5,346,500

251/300 — there were five fewer homes sold than in '98 but a near 2% increase in average selling price. This category has suffered from a lack of quality listings with the good product selling well and at close to asking price leaving the overpriced or inferior product not selling. Total sales = \$3,619,500

301/400 — it was observed by the writer in January of 1999 that the local market appeared to be going up-market and that we could expect an increasing consumer demand for newer quality homes. A 125% increase in the volume of homes sold in this category with a near 3% increase in average selling price suggests this prediction was accurate. It is to be noted, however, that of the 18 sales recorded, 14 were below \$351,000 and the other 4 were between \$370,000 and \$375,000. Total sales \$6,118,000

401+ — there is little demonstrated demand for high-end non-waterfront homes with only 3 sales in 1999. Of the three sales two were on the market in excess of 18 months and experienced substantial price reductions before attracting offers. Despite major reductions prior to offers, these three homes sold on average \$56,000 below their asking price. Total sales = \$1,775,000

Waterfront — sales volume increased by 29% to 22 homes sold as opposed to 17 in 1998. Average selling price decreased by 6% but this is not an accurate picture of the situation. 9 of the properties sold (40%) were under \$400,000 as compared to 6 (35%) in '98. Not included within this category are the three waterfront homes sold at above \$1 million. Total sales = \$10,327,500

Lake Front — typically there were very few listings on the lakes. 4 homes sold this last year compared with 5 in '98. Although average selling price increased by 77% this was due to the quality of the listings in this particular year and not indicative of a general increase in value of lake front properties. Total sales \$1,400,000

Mfg./Hobile Homes — we saw a 40% increase in the volume of sales in this category, the majority of sales (12 out of 14) being within the Brinkworthy development with the other two sales being mobile home trailers located on land. Despite a noticeable increase in sale volume, average selling price is down by 25%. Total sales = \$1,107,500

Townhouses — no change in sales volume of 8 from last year but a 11.2% decline in average sales price. The decline in average price is a result of inventory, fewer higher end units on the market this year, and is not indicative of any weakening in this segment of the market. Sales ranged from a low of \$129,000 (Roscommon) to a high of \$442,000 (Grace Point). Total sales = \$1,685,400

\$1 Million + — 1 sale in '97, 2 sales in '98, 3 sales in '99. Makes one wonder if there is a trend developing here or if it is one further indicator of the general movement up-market? In any event, all three sales in this category were quality waterfront and, on average, on the market in excess of 2 years. In fact, one of these sales had been available for in excess of three years. Total sales = \$4,307,000

TOTAL OF ALL RESIDENTIAL SALES = \$44,183,800

LAND In response to a very competitively priced housing market, land values have been dropping over the last few years. The combination of lower land prices and less selection of well priced quality homes caused many to consider custom building. Given today's land values it is now feasible to custom build exactly what you want at a cost not much more than buying and renovating a comparable existing home. This last year saw a 40% increase in land sales compared to '98 and many of the better quality listings be bought up. Less inventory and reasonable demand resulted in a stabilization of prices and higher average selling prices in near every category.

to .49 acre — an increase of 150% in sales from 2 to 5 and an increase of 26% in average selling price appears more encouraging than reality. There is generally little demand for the smaller properties and sellers had to, on average, accept 22.5% less than their asking price to accomplish a sale. Sales ranged from a low of \$53,000 (Mt. Erskine) to high of \$85,000 (Roland Rd.). Total sales = \$340,000

.5 to .99 — these smaller residential building lots are the most popular selling more than double the volume of any other category. Sales volume increased by 36% and average selling price increased by 7.34% in this category. It is to be noted that 50% of all these sales were within the Channel Ridge development above Vesuvius Bay. Sales ranged from a low of \$54,600 (Woodland) to a high of \$105,000 (Channel Ridge). Total sales = \$1,108,800

1 to 1.99 — same sales volume as '98 but with a 17.4% increase in average selling price. Sales ranged from a low of \$50,000 (Monteith) to high of \$134,000 (Price Rd.). Total sales = \$537,700

2 to 2.99 — there were no sales in this category in '98, but aggressive marketing within certain developments combined with the developers accepting lower priced offers generated some action in '99. Accepted offers, on average, were at 13.3% below list price. Sales ranged from a low of \$60,000 (Rainbow Grove) to a high of \$157,943 (Sarah Way). Total sales = \$654,900

3 to 4.99 — most properties of 3 or more acres are permitted to have a guest cottage (not greater than 602 sq. ft.) in addition to the main residence. This is an appealing feature and, combined with a good ocean view, made for a popular market segment this last year. 6 of the 7 sales (133% increase from 3 sales in '98) have spectacular ocean views. It is to be noted that the largest property to sell in this category was 4.94 acres, was non-view, and realized the lowest selling price. Sales ranged from a low of \$110,000 (Stark Rd.) to high of \$225,000 (Becky Way). Total sales = \$1,219,000

5 to 10 acres — sales have remained the same as '98 at 5 but average selling price has increased by 6.5%. There has not been a plentiful supply of acreages available in the past but the MT. View development off of Stuart Rd. has brought a selection of properties to market ranging from 3 to 10 acres. These have found some favour with buyers this last year and have helped bolster sales in both this and the category above. Sales ranged from a low of \$125,000 (Robinson Rd.) to a high of \$225,000 (Becky Way). Total sales \$890,000

10+ acres — the same volume of sales as '98 (6) but with a 20.6% decline in average selling price. It is to be noted that average lot size in '98 was 40.72 acres as opposed to 23.3 acres in '99. Non-view acreages are not well demanded; 5 of the 6 sales offered exceptional views. Sales ranged from a low of \$147,500 (12 acres, non-view, Stuart Rd.) to a high of \$415,000 (45 acres, subdividable, Northview Plc.). Total sales = \$1,319,500

100+ acres — only one sale which was a 1/4 section (160 acres) off of Musgrave Rd. at Mt. Bruce. Privacy, views, and subdividable is the appeal despite being very isolated and the only access being a relatively rough gravel road. Property sold at full list price of \$379,000.

Waterfront — there is never a large selection of quality waterfront lots available on Salt Spring. Sales ranged from a low of \$160,000 (.37 acre on Welbury Dr.) to a high of \$300,000 (.65 acre on Swan Point). Total sales \$676,000

Waterfront Acreage — good quality WF acreage is a very rare commodity and always in demand. The bench mark sale this last year was a serviced 3 acre low-bank property on Sunset Dr. selling for full list price of \$642,000 after more than 2 years on the market. The only other sale was a high-bank 1.2 acre property selling at 30% below asking price. Sales ranged from a low of \$175,000 (Delcliff) to a high of \$642,000. Total sales = \$817,000

Lakefront — quality undeveloped lakefront is a very rare find. Only a few listings on the market at any given time. The one sale this year, near 5 acres over looking Bullock Lake, was arguably the best available and sold at 5.7% below ask price at \$187,500. Total sales = \$187,500.

TOTAL OF ALL LAND SALES = \$2,640,500
TOTAL OF ALL REAL ESTATE SALES = \$46,824,300

MARKET PROJECTION Until there is a change in Government in this province it is unlikely that we will see any dramatic change in the market. With an election coming, however, there appears to be an increasing degree of confidence and optimism in the market that things will get better soon and buyers will be somewhat more committed this year to investing before demand begins to force prices upwards.

The low end of the market is still plagued with a large inventory of listings and will remain competitive; chances are good that selling prices will decline further this year as the more desperate sellers compete for the limited number of buyers.

The middle range of the market, particularly \$250,000 to \$350,000, suffers from a lack of quality well priced listings. This is a well demanded price range so we are likely to see the better listings in this range sell this year. Given the lack of current inventory we may see some new spec homes built this year; something we have not seen for a number of years.

The \$400,000+ residential category will continue to be a slow sell as it appears buyers in this range are drawn to waterfront or to custom building their dream as opposed to renovating someone else's.

Waterfront of all descriptions will remain pretty much bulletproof and unaffected by the rest of the market. Values have continued to go up, all be it marginally, every year. There is no reason to believe that Y2K will be any different.

With much lower selling prices from the high of the market in '93, combined with a general lack of quality home listings in the most demanded categories, land saw a real resurgence in sales this last year. Given a limited inventory of quality lots we can expect prices to remain stable and perhaps increase marginally in some categories.

SELLERS It is still not an easy sell in this market and truly committed buyers are few and far between. Despite some very encouraging trends developing in the market real estate remains very price sensitive and competitive. Sellers must be cautious and deliberate in their asking price as overpriced listings simply do not get the attention of today's buyer. Often sellers are of the mind that if buyers are interested they will make an offer; buyers are of the mind that an overpriced listing is indicative of an unreasonable seller and a difficult, if not impossible, negotiation process. Buyers generally want a pleasant experience in their purchase and avoid confrontation.

BUYERS The market is improving, prices are stabilizing, and the "Buyers Market" we have been experiencing is slowly starting to disappear. If buying/living on Salt Spring Island is a goal for the near future then Y2K may be the last opportunity to purchase at the current market low.

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RESIDENTIAL SALES 1999

	# of Sales	Average Price	% Sell to List
Under \$200,000	55	154,498	- 7.90
200/250	24	222,770	- 7.50
201/300	13	278,423	- 6.20
301/400	18	339,889	- 5.80
401+ (no WF incl)	3	591,667	- 8.60
Waterfront	22	469,432	- 8.00
Lake Front	4	350,000	- 5.90
Mfg./Mobile Homes	14	79,107	- 7.70
Townhouses	8	177,629	- 5.40
\$1 Million + (all WF)	3	1,435,667	- 10.80

LOTS & ACREAGES (no commercial/off island lots incl.):

	# of Sales	Average Price	% Sell to List
To .49 acre	5	68,000	- 22.50
.5 to .99	15	73,920	- 8.00
1 to 1.99	6	89,616	- 12.30
2 to 2.99	6	109,150	- 13.30
3 to 4.99	7	174,143	- 6.60
5 to 10 (Avg. 7.3 acres)	5	178,000	- 14.00
10+ (Avg. 23.3 acres)	6	219,917	- 10.70
100+ acres	1	379,000	- 00.00
Waterfront (Avg. .53 acre)	3	225,333	- 12.00
WF Acreage (Ave. 2.1 acre)	2	408,500	- 8.00
Lakefront (4.98 acres)	1	187,500	- 5.70

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