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## School board seeks approval for \$300,000 deficit

By TONY RICHARDS  
Driftwood Staff

It's going to be another difficult year for school trustees as financial woes continue to plague public education in the Gulf Islands.

For the third year in a row the school board will seek education ministry approval to run an operating deficit. As of last Wednesday, district secretary-treasurer Ken Starling was projecting a budget shortfall of nearly \$300,000.

But the bad news does not stop there.

Although the Ministry of Education has announced funding levels for 1996-97, further reductions are anticipated. Figures being bandied about include a flat \$70,000 cut to all school districts and an additional one per cent funding cut each year for four years.

Starling advised trustees last week that the district had not yet incurred a deficit, but a review of spending projections to the end of

June, which is the fiscal year end, left him confident it would. He cited spending in six areas as the contributing factors in the \$284,000 deficit projection:

- class size arbitration, in which the board and local teachers negotiated a settlement with regard to oversize classes in violation of the teachers' contract: \$92,854;
- the arbitration process, which the board estimates cost it \$5,000 a day: \$33,950;
- professional growth fund, to

which teachers and the district contribute jointly but whose contribution for this year the board had overlooked: \$61,500;

- restructuring, incurred by the board in an examination of restructuring options following the amalgamation plan announced last November by the minister of education: \$20,721;
- sick leave, a budget line from which money was optimistically removed in December to boost instruction spending: \$25,000;
- maintenance and transporta-

tion, functions which have been deprived of funding to meet other obligations to the point where spending has been deemed necessary for reasons of student safety: \$50,000.

Meanwhile, the ministry's preliminary funding allocation for the district's operating budget is up 1.8 per cent over last year, or \$234,182, for a total of \$12,973,553.

Enrolment is projected to drop marginally to 1,756 full-time equivalent students.

## Islanders scrutinize draft OCP

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

No one could accuse Salt Spring residents of being apathetic about the Official Community Plan (OCP) draft.

The first run of 300 copies was quickly snapped up, prompting printing of another 160. It's the talk of the island everywhere people meet and in the letters section of the Driftwood.

A huge crowd attended the Salt Spring Trust Committee's second information meeting Thursday night to hear a lengthy presentation by Trust planner Linda Adams. She gave an overview of the draft with explanatory comments on many components, and described the origin of ideas from OCP focus groups or the 1995 survey of island residents and property owners.

Some time was left at the end of her presentation for questions from the public. Of most concern was the process and time frame by which the OCP will be approved. (See separate story).

It took only two weeks for one group to form in opposition to the draft plan. The Salt Spring Preservation Committee has purchased a full-page advertisement in this week's Driftwood. South-end resident Brian Brett is one member of the group comprised of

UNDER SCRUTINY 13

## Williams awaits fate of Mill Farm

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff  
First of two parts

"There is no anger. We've let it all go. All that matters now are the trees."

So says Bruce Williams, one of 10 original shareholders in the Mill Farm, who awaits the fate of his hand-built home, which sits perched on the edge of an old-growth forest and overlooks a quiet vista of trees and distant ocean.

Williams and his wife Kimi are the only Mill Farm owners living on the 160-acre, communally-held

land, which is found buried on the slopes of Mount Bruce after a twisting, bumpy drive along Musgrave Road.

Williams describes himself as a mountain man. If he loses his home during the pending court sale of the Mill Farm, he will make himself another mountain home, he says.

He and Kimi live in a funky, three-level home without Hydro, telephone or flushing toilets. Kimi, who works at Lady Minto Hospital, has left her car many a snowy night and trekked the rest of the way home on foot, Williams says. And

they wouldn't have it any other way.

A magical, spiritual quality hangs in the air around the Williams' home. Perhaps it is the deep and rich silence; perhaps it is the powerful stance of the thick, Douglas fir trees that buttress the property. The air is fresh, the sun bright and the gardens alive.

Williams says he has kept out of the controversy swelling around the current, court-ordered sale of the Mill Farm, which has placed the

MILL FARM 4



Mmmm ... cookie time!

Shannon Stewart, left, Mollie Hosie, centre, and Cassandra Storey of Fernwood Sparks sample their wares in preparation for Girl Guides cookie week April 29-May 13. They sampled a couple of cookies apiece for the benefit of a good photo-

graph, and pronounced them delicious when they were done. Cookies will be sold door to door but can be ordered by calling Gail Temmel at 653-4613.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Islanders fondly recall popular Howard Byron

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Dogs were harrying the sheep.

Salt Spring farmer Howard Byron spent several hours out in the fields Tuesday. That night he told his younger brother Mike that he planned to be up early Wednesday and out in the fields again.

But a friend who dropped by early Wednesday for a customary cup of coffee discovered

Howard wasn't up yet. The 69-year-old farmer — described as a Salt Spring institution in a CBC interview earlier this year — had died in the night.

"At least I'm not in an institution," Howard had quipped back to the interviewer, displaying the humour that endeared him to his many friends.

Hundreds of those friends, many standing outside after the

HOWARD BYRON 29

# Politics is funny business: astute, clever Clark will win

Is there anything standing in the way of a New Democratic Party win in the next provincial election, likely to be called within a couple of weeks?

How about a comeback by the shadowy and vague Liberal leader, Gordon Campbell? Or a sudden surge in sane and rational pronouncements by B.C. Reform?

Neither seems likely at this point, and a major sweep by Premier Glen Clark isn't something to be counted on by the NDP's opponents.

My conclusions are supported by personal experience.

I got an interesting phone call at home the other morning, where some of my activities come under the broad heading of farming. Those activities include everything from shearing chicken manure to weeding the lettuce patch.

The cumulative effect of completing such chores is good for the mind and body but



doesn't quite come close to producing the required income for a favoured tax status in the eyes of provincial taxation authorities. It's simply that my day job gets in the way.

However, that didn't stop a representative of the Ministry of Social Services calling the other day, not to buy chicken but to confirm we were hiring.

Hiring? As in farm hands? Yes, she replied. She was reviewing an application for assistance from a woman who had put down Sundance Farm as one of those businesses she had contacted in her search for employment. Had this person applied for a job with us?

Welfare fraud was the first thought that

sprang to mind. Misspent tax dollars was the second. The obscene tax levy on my income was the third. All three thoughts left me slightly annoyed. Yes, this was Sundance Farm, I confirmed to the person on the phone. But it's a small farm, and farm work is done entirely by the owners, I continued, my anger growing. Apart from the fact that no one had ever applied to work on Sundance Farm, I had never hired, was not hiring, and had no plans to hire, I stated, all the while conveying one simple, subliminal message: this is welfare fraud.

The caller got the message, and quickly ended her inquiry.

On Tuesday morning, I read in the daily newspaper that B.C. welfare rolls would be reduced by up to 84,000 cases in 1996-97 as a result of reforms. Making the requirements tougher is one of those reforms, and obviously that includes checking up on claimants who are supposedly seeking work at Sundance Farm and other places of employment.

Premier Clark's claim that welfare reforms are working is the kind of news British Columbians want to hear. And when Gordon Campbell or Gary Farrell-Collins or Jack Weisgerber or anyone else from the opposition benches of the legislature weighs in with a response, it sounds like the same old bullsh\*t, the empty and meaningless drivel that serves only to reinforce a recurring conclusion: the politicians take us for a bunch of idiots who have no political idols. I shall vote for the party that offends me the least, a tough choice in any election.

But Glen Clark is one of the most clever and astute politicians British Columbians have seen in a long time. He spoke to a group of newspaper publishers recently in Victoria, leaving me convinced that the election is his to win by remaining at the forefront of the campaign.

The more people see him the more inclined they will be to allow New Democrats another term, in spite of the record. Isn't politics a funny business.

# Teachers wary of district move

By TONY RICHARDS  
Driftwood Staff

Strained relations between the Gulf Islands School Board and its teachers were evident once again when trustees considered options last week to address another year of funding constraints.

Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston introduced two motions at last Wednesday's school board meeting that set out procedures for the staffing of schools next September. Hingston called for input from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA), proposing it be formally invited to help design staffing scenarios that best meet the needs of students.

But the motions were greeted with skepticism by GITA president Larry Field.

He described the contents of the motions as "nice gestures," but went on to say that such gestures "rarely seem to go beyond the board meetings." There were groans from several trustees as Field wondered if the board's actions were simply for the benefit of a media representative at the meeting.

He saw the board's move as "some kind of trap" and expressed the suspicion that trustees in fact wanted teachers to relinquish some of the benefits of their contract.

Board chairwoman Allison Lambert said she was hearing, in the motions, a request from the board that teachers be formally invited to participate. "I don't hear entrapment," she stated.

She went on to recall instances where teacher involvement was sought in the past, with no response.

GITA's participation had been sought right from the start in addressing last year's budget crisis, Lambert continued, with Field receiving some information even before trustees.

She also sought to dispell the notion that the board wished to work outside the contract. Any solutions, Lambert said, "have to be within the terms of the contract."

The first of Hingston's motions

**"We can either complain about it or swallow it."**

called for the superintendent of schools to work with school staff to prepare a draft staffing plan for next year. The plans would have to take into account "the best educational interests of students" and contractual obligations.

During discussion of the motion, Lambert stressed the need for help from teachers and support workers, who belong to the Canadian Union of Public Employees, in finding solutions to funding shortfalls.

The board, she said, needed the advice of the teachers' association to find ways of maintaining programs and at the same time respect the terms of the contract.

Earlier in the meeting, Salt Spring trustee David Eyles expressed doubt that the district could continue to maintain existing services while fulfilling the terms of the contract.

Areas threatened by cuts are library services, learning assistance and counselling.

Both Hingston's motions passed unanimously.

Trustees also debated motions by Eyles calling upon the education minister to review a plan for a \$70,000 funding cut to every district in the province. Although the cut has not been officially announced, Eyles urged trustees to express their concern before any such announcement.

"We can either complain about it or swallow it."

The board went along with Eyles' argument and both motions were passed.

Charles Hingston also expressed the need for the ministry to act on the restructuring plan.

Education Minister Paul Ramsey has accepted the chief recommendation of a joint ministry-school trustee committee that heard restructuring proposals from school districts and others. That recommendation was that the number of districts be reduced from 75 to 57, rather than 57 as was proposed last fall by then-education minister Art Charbonneau.

But there has been little more from the ministry since.

Hingston said the ministry needed to be pushed.

"We've got a school district to run. They've just got an election to win."

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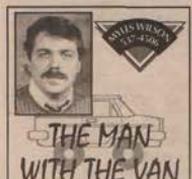
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Dinner is half an hour earlier than reported in last week's Driftwood. Local United Church minister Barry Cook is appearing on Vision TV as host of the Dinner with Friends series at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, not 8:30 p.m. The seven week series started April 16.



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## Coast Guard tries sheep rescue

Ganges Coast Guard took a dip into the livestock business Tuesday morning, attempting to rescue a sheep off Beaver Point.

The Coast Guard received the call at 10:15 a.m. and was on the scene shortly afterward but the

sheep had drowned. Efforts to retrieve the sheep from the shore had also been unsuccessful.

The sheep may have been driven into the water by dogs which have been harrying sheep in the area.

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Scouts Nicholas Watkins, nine, and Scott Richardson, 13, were recently seen gathering bottles as part of a Scout fundraising effort in the parking lot of Thrifty Foods.

Photo by Susan Lundy

## Fame of church 'devil door' spreads with incorrect version

The story of the Baptist Church's "devil door" has spread across North America with the help of national television and the National Enquirer.

But according to church pastor Murray Sinclair, they did not tell the full story.

Slegg Lumber was asked to supply a set of double doors for the new church the Baptist congregation is building on Lower Ganges Road. The doors' arrival was greeted with some dismay by parishioners working on the church, but it was not because the image of a devil appeared in the grain of the birch wood from which the doors were made.

In fact, it was the doors' colour, Sinclair said on Monday. One was

chocolate, one was vanilla, and side by side "they looked absurd."

The mismatched doors were duly returned, but not before church members happened to notice the image of Beelzebub in the grain. And that's where the story became distorted.

The tale as told on television news and by at least one daily newspaper had it that the church returned the doors because of the devil image. Not so, said Sinclair, who thought the image looked more like Batman.

To Slegg Lumber manager Mark Rithaler, it looked like an angel with a cherub on each shoulder. But to some TV news watchers, it looked like a devil.

And that sparked dozens of phone calls to Slegg's and the Sidney shop

in which the doors were made from people wishing to purchase them. One insider even offered \$1,000, Rithaler said.

But they ended up being donated to a home show in Esquimalt where they were auctioned off for \$325, somewhat less than their \$400 value.

Sinclair said he told the Victoria Times-Colonist about the difference in colour being the reason for returning the doors, and a reporter said the story would be clarified. The newspaper never did, Sinclair said, remarking that it would have detracted from his sensation to do so.

Rithaler described birch as a tickle wood, and said he has seen a woodpecker, people and owls in his grain.

## Home Show blessed with spring weather

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Home Show organizers scored big on the weather.

Rain hit the island before and after the show but the weekend was the best so far this spring: warm and sunny, an added boon for the outdoor concessions and exhibitors at the Farmers' Institute fairgrounds.

Approximately 1,200 visitors dropped in to look at displays by 64 exhibitors and to take their chances at winning one of 150 booth prizes handed out over the weekend. All winners will be listed in the May 1 Driftwood.

Displays ranged from the serious to the whimsical. On the silly side were clowns, balloon animals and sander races. More serious was information on home improvement products and services, emergency preparedness and displays by a wide range of local and off-island businesses.

The big winner was Enid Turner of Salt Spring, who nabbed the first prize of a \$1,000 shopping spree.

Second prize, a \$300 shopping spree, went to R. Gray of Salt Spring and third prize, a \$200 shopping spree, was won by Jim Adrain of Salt Spring.

Home Show committee chairman Barry Green said the shopping spree dollars can be spent at any of the businesses exhibiting in the show.

Attendance was down slightly compared to last year, Green said, but exhibitors told him those who attended seemed to spend more time talking about available products and services.

"A good majority said they want to be back next year," Green added.

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## School district resumes search for replacement superintendent

The search for a new superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands School District will resume now that the provincial government has decided the district will continue to operate on its own.

The school board was in the process of advertising for a replacement for Mike Marshall, who submitted his resignation last summer, when school district amalgamation plans were announced last November by the minister of education. The process was put on hold while the board responded to the amalgamation proposal.

Last Wednesday, trustees agreed to proceed once again with the search. The position will be advertised within British Columbia and any new applications will be added to those already received.

School board chairwoman Allison Lambert told the Driftwood she hoped to have the position filled by August 1 at the latest.

She said resumption of the search will not preclude any proposals that may come from the Gulf Islands Administrators' Association. The association wants to prepare a proposal for sharing and purchasing services from a neighbouring school district.

In other school board news:  
• Trustees approved requests for three leaves of absence. Patrick Lewis will take a two-year leave from July 1 to June 30, 1998 from his 1.0 full-time equivalent teaching position at Pender school.

Jack Braak will take a leave from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

under provisions of the deferred salary leave plan, and Wendy Wickland will take a one-year leave from July 1 to June 30, 1997 from her 1.0 full-time position at Fulford school.

• Four appointments and two recalls were also approved.

Sharon Rea was selected for a temporary 0.6 full-time position at Pender school and Sharon Lee was hired for a temporary 0.4 full-time position at Fernwood.

At Salt Spring Middle School, Lindsay MacQueen was selected for a temporary 0.08 full-time position and Bo Curtis for a temporary 0.2 full-time position.

Le Larsen has been recalled to a temporary 0.4 full-time position at Salt Spring Middle School and Yarrow Sheehan to a temporary 0.7 full-time position at Salt Spring elementary.

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# Recall and initiative examined

The provincial government's recall and initiative legislation is the focus of a book written by two part-time Salt Spring Islanders.

The father-and-son writing team of Tom and Nick Varzeliotis has published *Recall & Initiative*, a 258-page book that examines the NDP government's Recall and Initiative Act.

For 23-year-old Nick Varzeliotis, the issue is important enough to prompt him to consider running as a candidate in the next provincial election.

"People put an X on the ballot every four years and there's no guarantee the politicians will do as they said during the election, much less represent your interests," he said in an interview Thursday.

He describes the legislation as "an essential tool to democracy" and hopes to make more people aware of it through a campaign in the Victoria area riding of Oak Bay-Gordon Head.

"I'm up against some pretty formidable budgets," Varzeliotis conceded.

The riding is now held by Finance Minister Elizabeth Cull, and has been the focus of media interest as a result of a disagreement between some local members of the B.C. Reform Party and its leader, Jack Weisgerber.

But Varzeliotis, who is 98 per cent sure he'll run as an independent, wants to put the recall and initiative issue in the public spotlight.

The book has the same objective. The authors point out that the NDP government suppressed recall and initiative, which was supported by 83 per cent of B.C. voters in a referendum in the 1991 election.

"The authors expose the devious ways of the politicians and their determination to defend 'elected tyranny' against the people's quest for democracy," says a description of the book on its back cover.

Recall is designed to give voters an opportunity to remove their MLA from office; initiative gives voters the means to instigate a referendum on an issue they feel are being neglected by politicians.

In a preamble to the book, the authors write that recall and initiative "ensure that authority flows in the right direction, from the people to the politicians, and that this flow is neither blocked nor reversed."

Varzeliotis said his family has always taken a strong interest in politics, and he began studying political science at the University of Victoria in 1993. He describes his political leanings as "reluctantly on the left."

Tom Varzeliotis, a civil engineer, wrote *Requiem for Canada*, which analyzed former prime minister Brian Mulroney's free trade initiative.

The authors expect their book to be available soon at local bookstores.



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## MILL FARM: A dream turned nightmare

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pristine acreage on the market for \$1.3 million and attracted the interest of at least one logging outfit.

"I've fought for it for 14 years and now I've let it go — it's the only thing I can do," says Williams. "But in my prayers, something tells me the story needs to get out."

Williams' story is of a dream-turned-nightmare. It details a vision of a unique, unregulated lifestyle that became a bitter battle involving lawyers, courts, the Islands Trust, real estate speculation and 30 shareholders whose plans for the future took very divergent paths.

Williams and nine others bought Mill Farm shares in 1981 to protect the area from logging interests, Williams says. They had a specific dream for the land, envisioning an alternative community that would not include subdivisions, power lines or septic tanks.

"There was even talk of a school," Williams recalls.

A lawyer, hired to "figure out the best way" the shareholders could meet their mandate for the land, recommended they register as tenants in common with a one-tenth undivided interest in the 160 acres.

"It was our understanding that this was the best thing because nothing major could happen unless all 10 people approved," Williams says. "We were interested more in protecting the land than the individual rights."

Meetings were held, house sites were approved by the whole group, Williams and Kim's building site was approved in 1983, and they put their "hearts and souls" into creating a home.

"There were no boundaries, no lot sizes. We had the land in common set out; we had plans for a common lan-



Bruce Williams

dry facility and workshop. It was the idealistic communal life — that was our original mandate and dream."

But for other shareholders, the original dream was different.

"Our motivation was to own a piece of land that was ours," says original owner Rodney Fitness, who sold out in 1986. "We had been caretaking for years and basically wanted

a piece of Salt Spring to own, live on and raise a family."

"I love this piece of land," Fitness adds. "It has a unique feel to it."

The shareholders were originally going to bid \$225,000 on the parcel, Fitness recalls. They decided to up the bid to \$255,000 and beat out another bid because of the higher figure.

"Everything seemed so right."

But five years later, Fitness sold his share for several reasons, the strongest being his desire to have greater control over his piece of land: "I didn't want my partners making decisions about my land."

To accommodate this, Fitness pushed for a strata title ownership of the land, giving the partners common land, as well as private areas.

When this failed, Fitness realized "there was a difference of philosophy... a lot of the partners wanted it to go in another direction. There was no common consciousness."

He sold his share after "spending hundreds of hours" clearing a home site, building a small road and buying a four-wheel drive vehicle.

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**OUCH!** Myles Parlee was among students at Salt Spring Island Middle School who faced the measles vaccination last week. Applying the needle is island nurse Maureen Gix.

Photo by DENISE LUNDY

## School children face the needle as province wards off measles

About 2,000 island children will be vaccinated against measles in a series of immunization blitzes planned over the next two months.

Children at Phoenix School, Salt Spring Centre School and Salt Spring Island Middle School faced the needle last week.

A vaccination clinic will be held at Salt Spring elementary on April 25; the high school is slated for April 30; and Puffin elementary students will be vaccinated on May 2, followed by youngsters at Fernwood school May 9.

The blitz is part of a province-wide campaign entitled Bring Measles To Its Knees announced last January.

The one-time-only program has been developed to counter an outbreak of more than 5,000 cases of measles in Ontario which is said to be moving west.

Salt Spring's Capital Regional District (CRD) health nurse Pam MacKenzie was on Salt Spring during the last measles outbreak in 1986 when over 7,000 cases were reported in this province.

Like the current situation, she said, measles appeared first in Eastern Canada and moved across the country into British Columbia.

Although children are scheduled to receive a mumps, measles and rubella (MMR) shot at around 12 months, MacKenzie said, about five per cent of youngsters do not receive the vaccination for various reasons. For an additional five to 10 per cent of children, the vaccine does not "take" with the first shot.

"Basically, this leaves a pool of kids not protected... the pool builds and every seven to 10 years we get an outbreak," she said. The one-time catch-up vaccination offered this spring will vaccinate children against measles and German

measles or rubella (MR). Younger children are now receiving a routine MMR booster shot at 18 months.

MacKenzie, who is coordinating the local MR immunization schedule, said six Salt Spring nurses will be accompanied by nurses from the Saanich Peninsula in conducting the school blitzes.

All school children with parental consent forms will be vaccinated.

MacKenzie said it is more difficult to gather pre-school-age children for the special immunization because under the normal vaccination schedule, children are not immunized between 18 months and kindergarten.

**"Basically, this leaves a pool of kids not protected..."**

The health office has planned a large immunization clinic for pre-schoolers on May 15 at All Saints by-the-Sea between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Call 537-5541 for an appointment.

Secondary clinics will be held at the CRD health office on May 23 between 9 a.m. and noon, and May 29, between 9 a.m. and noon and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MacKenzie acknowledges that immunizations are a controversial subject for some people, who believe the side effects of vaccinations can be more devastating than the disease itself. But she is firmly against this line of thinking.

When the current immunization program was being developed, a series of questions were considered, she said. One issue raised was the effect of an additional MR booster on

youngsters who have "taken" to the initial shot, or who are already immune to the disease.

"It's not going to hurt these children," she said. "It will only boost their immunity further."

Some people question the need to vaccinate against measles — a so-called childhood disease that many adults today had in their youth.

MacKenzie notes that measles is one of the most highly contagious diseases — spread by coughing or sneezing — and while its effects are frequently mild, it can cause ear infections, pneumonia and death.

Information provided by the CRD health department in Victoria states most children will have no reaction to the MR vaccine, which is considered "very safe." A small number of children may develop a minor reaction seven to 10 days after the vaccination.

"Severe reactions to the vaccine are extremely rare... the possibility of a bad reaction to the vaccine is 1,000 times less than the chances of a child being hospitalized or dying from measles."

MacKenzie notes that about 10 per cent of women who "go to bear children are not protected against rubella." Birth defects are common among babies born to women infected with rubella during their pregnancies.

Further information about the MR immunization schedule can be obtained by calling the CRD health office at 537-5541.

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# Family unsure of where to turn for help

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

When a child is abused or neglected, anyone discovering the situation can call on social services.

When an animal is abused or neglected, those concerned can call the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

But when an equally dependent, elderly adult is abused or neglected, who do you call?

No one, says John, a Salt Spring man who recently went through the experience of trying to help his elderly mother-in-law. The woman, who lives alone on Salt Spring, suffers from dementia and is unable to care for herself.

Due to a rift within the family, he and his wife Mary (not their real names) had not been able to visit Mary's mother regularly for the past 18 months. They understood one of Mary's siblings was ensuring their mother received adequate care.

One day they received a call from Mary's mother, asking them to come over to deal with a smell in her bedroom.

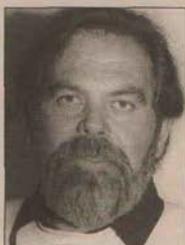
They discovered her mother's home was in chaos and infested with rats. There were rat faces in a spare bed, clothes were filthy and nothing had been cleaned.

"She is too old to clean," Mary said. "I couldn't stand looking at a person living like that."

Worst of all, her mother's back was blistered from her habit of sitting too close to the stove in a bid to get warm in the chilly house.

John and Mary approached social services, the police, and the Ministry of Health to try and identify any program which would help ensure their mother had better living conditions.

They learned it would cost \$3,000



Robert Gordon

to \$5,000 to apply for a committee, which would give them the ability to handle the elderly woman's assets and oversee her care. "It's out of my price range," John said.

A health inspector visited the home March 5. One of Mary's siblings rounded up a group of volunteers to clean the house. Opinion within the family — and among the doctors consulted by the family — is divided over whether Mary's mother should be admitted to a care facility when a space becomes available or whether she should be returned to her home.

"She has to have care," Mary said, adding that her mother had enough income to finance hiring help if required. One problem is her mother's resistance to having strangers in her home.

"She refuses any type of medical help at all," John remarked.

Due to dementia, the elderly woman often believes she is living 50 or 60 years in the past. Sometimes she recognizes family members, sometimes she does not.

Given the number of relatives the

woman has living on the island, it should be possible to arrange for some sort of care, Mary observed. "We should be united in looking after our mother. People should not spend their last days on earth living like she's living."

John feels the situation should not have been left to get so far out of hand before help was obtained. "Everyone's guilty in part. It shouldn't have been let go so long."

Mary feels the situation should never have occurred and would not have occurred, had her mother made some decisions about her future care even two to three years ago, when she was still mentally able.

New legislation expected to take effect next September and the following spring could offer additional solutions to help Mary's mother. Entitled the Adult Guardianship Act, the new legislation offers the first legislated safeguards against abuse or neglect of the elderly.

"It's our elder abuse legislation," noted Robert Gordon during a recent Salt Spring presentation on the new legislation. Until this legislation, the only defence against neglect or abuse of the elderly fell under Health Act provisions against people living in unsanitary conditions.

That part of the act, as well as a section on representation agreements and on agreements for care, will be the first to be proclaimed. Other sections will be proclaimed next spring.

The act includes or replaces a variety of legal options, such as powers of attorney, living wills and enduring powers of attorney. Once the act takes effect, existing enduring powers of attorney will still be recognized but new agreements for enduring powers of attorney cannot

be made.

Instead, adults will have the option of drafting a representation agreement which sets how decisions should be made for them or their assets if they are not capable of making such decisions themselves.

"It does touch everybody in this province in one way or another," Gordon said. "It's for you, as capable people, to decide what will happen to you if you become incapable of making your own decisions."

Representation agreements can be as simple or complex as required, covering everything from ensuring daily bills are paid to health care decisions to selling a business. The agreement must identify when it will take effect; for example, upon admission to hospital or a decision by a family doctor that the adult concerned is no longer able to make decisions for him or herself.

A trusted relative or friend may be appointed as the representative or the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee may be appointed.

Representation agreements have more safeguards built in than existing powers of attorney. They must be signed in the presence of two witnesses; must include an adult charged with monitoring the representative's actions; can be revoked by the adult as long as he or she remains capable and must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee.

That office retains the authority to investigate any complaints about a representative's conduct.

More detailed information on the new legislation is available from the Office of the Public Trustee, policy and communications department, 600-808 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3L3 or call 604-775-0847.



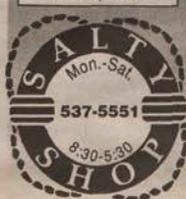
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# SWOVA launches drive for Tea House funds

It's become the "tea house," a haven of support for women and children leaving abusive relationships.

Since it was opened in July last year, Salt Spring's transition house has sheltered 34 women and children leaving abusive relationships on Salt Spring or one of the Gulf Islands.

The transition house provides shelter, crisis counseling, legal advocacy, accompaniment to court or medical appointments and some childcare as well as counseling for children who may have witnessed violence in the home.

Its nickname, the Tea House, grew from volunteers calling it the Transition House, then the T-House and finally, the Tea House, reflecting the heart-to-heart talks over cups of tea which have occurred within its walls.

But it takes more than tea to keep the doors open. This week, Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) is launching a fund-raising drive to help finance the continued operation of the transition house.

"Our core funding proposal is now on the table with the Ministry of Women's Equality," explained coordinator Shellyse Szakaes. "They have been very supportive of our service but there is some concern about whether or not there will be any new money in their

new budget."  
The house itself was donated anonymously by an island resident. To date, a mix of donations and government funding has covered operating costs. The women's equality ministry provided just under \$40,000 in funding to help bring the house up to code, erect a security fence and operate the facility until September 30 last year.

A further \$12,000 was received from the ministry to cover some of the operating costs until the end of March, followed by another grant of \$6,000. Fundraising through the community has collected another \$14,000 to operate the house, which requires a monthly budget of \$4,000 to \$5,000.

In a bid to continue covering operating costs, SWOVA is sending an island-wide appeal to residents this week, which is also Prevention of Violence Against Women week. Islanders are asked for one-time or continuing donations.

The on-island transition house allows women and children to stay on the island when leaving abusive relationships instead of being forced to go off-island to Victoria, Duncan or Vancouver, Szakaes noted.

They can stay close to friends and family, continue working if they have jobs in the community

and their children can continue attending the same school.

"There are many communities in B.C. with a smaller population base that have fully-funded transition houses and we have certainly proven there is a need for one here in the Gulf Islands," Szakaes said. Based on statistical information, SWOVA volunteers suspect up to 109 women on Salt Spring will be physically assaulted this year by

their partners.

The transition house is only 1,200 square feet but can accommodate up to eight women and children. On average, families staying at the transition house have included a mother and one or two children. Most stay for three weeks.

To provide more space, SWOVA has received a \$36,800 grant from the Canadian Mortgage

and Housing Corporation's shelter enhancement program to build an addition to the house. Architect Jonathan Yardley volunteered his services to design the addition.

As well as donations, SWOVA members hope residents will write letters of support for provincial funding to Sue Hammil, Minister of Women's Equality, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

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## RCMP REPORT

Two islanders face charges of theft under \$5,000 after they were caught siphoning gas from a vehicle parked at Ganges Village Market (GVM) at 3 a.m. Sunday.

The 17- and 18-year-olds were also held in custody overnight for being drunk in a public place.

A third man, 19, was found in the same area and charged with being drunk in a public place. He was released and fined \$50.

In other police news:

\* Salty Spring Seaside Resort reported the theft of two, new mountain bikes valued at \$300 each.

\* Cherry red in colour, the bikes were stolen some time last Tuesday.

The incident is under police investigation.

\* A 42-year-old island man was charged with driving without a valid licence last Thursday, after his vehicle blew a tire on Fulford-Ganges Road and crashed into the ditch.

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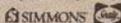
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# OPINION

## Class size compensation

A rare sight at meetings of the Gulf Islands School Board are members of the general public. When trustees gather at the board office in Ganges, usually once a month, their deliberations are not normally viewed by anyone, apart from a Driftwood reporter, who is not connected with education.

Were islanders to take in the occasional meeting, they might be surprised to hear a recurring theme from those around the board table: the reason we're here is the students.

Perhaps it's because trustees so often find themselves mired in budget debates or passing endless motions on capital spending plans, responsibilities that make the business of operating a school district seem far removed from the purpose of educating our children. No doubt trustees often feel the need to remind themselves of their raison d'être.

But it's not only trustees who remind themselves and anyone happening to be listening that they're doing it for the kids. Teachers are fond of the practice as well.

Islanders may be forgiven, therefore, for feeling some cynicism following the settlement negotiated last month to end the dispute over class size and class composition. Teachers challenged the school board over its failure to meet its obligations as contained in the collective agreement between teaching staff and the school district.

Class sizes are stipulated in that agreement and the board knowingly staffed schools last September with too few teachers to comply. We can sympathize with the board for having to address (yet another) financial crisis. And we can sympathize with teachers, whose employment contract was violated.

But our sympathy wanes a little when we learn that teachers forced to work with larger-than-acceptable classes, not to mention additional special needs students, will take cash in lieu.

The settlement trustees and teachers reached includes \$30,000 as a retroactive remedy to compensate for contract violations between September and March. Teachers have three options for distributing that money, and a cash payout is one of them.

A cash bonus is a nice thing but we cannot see what educational purpose it could possibly serve where the students are concerned. Large class sizes are supposed to be detrimental to the education of students. It would seem only logical that such a cash settlement should somehow provide some educational benefit in the classroom.

Decisions like this pack a stronger, more memorable message than potentially empty phrases like, "We're doing it for the kids."

## Adding to the legacy

We have stated before our support for the permanent protection of land for the benefit of the general public now and in the future. In light of last week's announcement of the purchase of Gulf Island properties for the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy, it is time to do so again. Our motivation is fuelled as well by the opportunity which has presented itself on the slopes of Mount Bruce.

While the last thing our debt-ridden federal and provincial governments need is to be encouraged to spend more money, land in the Gulf Islands will never be more affordable.

The addition of waterfront properties on Mayne, Pender and Prevost islands to the heritage legacy is a welcome move by the two levels of government, which have jointly committed \$60 million for parkland purchase over the next five years.

These are prime pieces of property that can now be enjoyed by islanders and visitors. They will remain a lasting legacy for future generations.

On Salt Spring, meanwhile, ownership of the Mill Farm hangs in the balance. The clock is ticking towards the court date which will see this unique quarter-section sold, possibly to a logging interest eyeing one of the island's last stands of old-growth Douglas fir.

The Mill Farm is bordered on two sides by three quarter-sections of Crown land. As proponents of purchasing the property for park point out, the combination of the Mill Farm and the neighbouring public land could produce a substantial park on the slopes of Mount Bruce.

The property is not of the type envisioned by the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy for protection. But few would argue that its special features do not merit its inclusion in a network of local parkland.

The provincial and federal governments should act quickly to take a close look at a rare opportunity.



## Does anyone care about potential of our community's children?

By JIM ANDERSON



VIEW POINT

Right now, right this very second there are kids out there trying desperately to navigate through the mine-fields of drugs; emotional, spiritual, personal problems, and shattering marital breakups; the dissolution of a social safety net that many of us were so fortunate to live in, or raise families under; and a society and a culture that daily becomes more inhospitable, dysfunctional and barbaric.

There are parents trying somehow to give their children hope, security and a feeling of self-worth, but the facts are that more and more they are losing this battle. Kids are falling through the cracks. And the loss of their potential, of what they one day might have become, is something which is a terrible loss for us all.

It is commonplace nowadays to hear about the irresponsibility of youth. Yet how responsible is it for our leaders and the venerable, prestigious elite in our society to turn their backs on our children? How responsible is it for those community leaders whose experience, collective knowledge, acquired wisdom and position should help to guide us all, to sacrifice the legitimate needs and necessities of the youth for other priorities and agendas deemed more important?

Do we not all suffer when our children are forced to settle for less than what they could become? Do we not all lose something irreplaceable when their vital potential becomes forever lost and shattered in the savage brutality of our preoccupied and corrupt world?

They make mistakes. They are foolish, wild, violent and sometimes destructive. But how much of that violence and that irresponsibility comes from young potential and hopes that have nowhere else to go in our community? How much of that unsocial behaviour comes from the secret knowledge deep inside that no one really cares for them at all?

As a community, as a nation and as a civilization we must find ways somehow to resolve our immense, overwhelming collective problems. And, when it is all said and done, we will only be able to find that peaceful resolution when we find better ways to live together as a world community, and ways to somehow truly care for one another. There is no better place to start than caring for our youth.

Here on Salt Spring each of us should begin to somehow find ways to feel that all of us are part of a community here. We have to find the true, undeniable things which we share in common. And I would suggest that one of those precious things is our children.

Even those on Salt Spring who simply wish to live quietly and undisturbed in peaceful, undemanding retirement have an investment in the young. All we are asking is that they be included in the community. It is time we all made a place for them here in our society, and in our future plans. Together we can work something out.

*Jim Anderson is a Salt Spring resident who has been active in promoting the building of an ice rink on the island.*

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# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We Asked: What do you think should be done about violence at the high school?**



**Kelly Laing, 18**

"The teachers should have a better handle on it. Instead of getting a week off there should be a different punishment."



**Jeremy Miller, 18**

"Maybe stricter punishments for them (the ones fighting) and the bystanders."



**Erik Bergstrom, 16**

"It hasn't really been all that violent lately."



**Corry Schwagly, 14**

"Tell a teacher."



**Melissa Estable, 15**

"I didn't know there was violence at the high school."

## Letters to the Editor

### More flexible

Bob Hassell's letter regarding the new community draft plan, in which he states that "home business and offices are prohibited," is utter nonsense. In fact, the policies in the plan would result in home-based bylaws which would be much more flexible in a number of ways than current regulations.

For example, the plan suggests that (i) home-based business regulations focus on setting and enforcing performance standards rather than regulating specific uses (see B3.2.1.2); (ii) craftspeople and tradespeople engaged in home-based industries on lots greater than two acres could obtain zoning changes allowing even greater flexibility subject to development guidelines (B3.2.2.2); (iii) prohibited home-based activities are listed rather than permitted activities as currently, which significantly increases the range of activities allowed (B3.2.2.1).

All of the above policies are generally consistent with the spirit of the recommendations made by the Jobs and Business Focus Group, which also recommended that a licensing system with strict performance standards and enforcement (funded by license fees) be in place before significantly relaxing home-based regulations. These recommendations reflect concerns of neighbours in residential areas and of merchants in villages who might be negatively affected by unrestricted home-based business activity.

**GARY HOLMAN,**  
Co-Chair, Jobs and  
Business Focus Group

### Half-way point

Bob Andrews' letter in last week's issue ("Lots of goals")—in which he argues that it would be "irresponsible" not to complete the Official Community Plan (OCP) during his term in office caused me to read the April 10 editorial he complained of.

Like many others during the past couple of years, I have devoted a fair amount of time to participating in the OCP review and I have a keen interest in its outcome. It surprises me to now find myself in the remarkable position of actually agreeing with Driftwood and disagreeing with Bob.

I see serious problems with the presently proposed plan. I do not doubt, however, that those problems can be satisfactorily addressed provided the process of public participation is permitted to continue to fruition.

Bob holds out the prospect of further input at the public hearing stage, but with a document of this complexity, with such far-reaching consequences, the opportunity he extends is illusory.

What is needed is an opportunity for the various focus groups to consider the implications of how their recommendations have been woven into the multi-layered fabric of the plan, to meet with members of the public who will be affected and to make recommendations for changes to the document.

As a member of the Agricultural Issues Focus Group, I can say with confidence that none of the members of our group had any idea that

our efforts would appear in the form and context which they have.

Realistically, the OCP review is at about the half-way point, and the important work of insuring that an appropriate balancing of interests has been achieved, lies ahead.

The important thing is that we end up with a good, workable plan that truly reflects, as closely as humanly possible, the views of the community as a whole. A community plan is not a bureaucrat's or a politician's document, and its completion should not be dictated by the timetable of either.

**IAN H. CLEMENT,**  
Ganges

### Not architect

Thanks for the generous article in the April 10 Driftwood concerning the Rotary park. I hope you continue to follow our progress.

However, I should correct an error in which you describe me as a landscape architect. I am a landscape designer and contractor.

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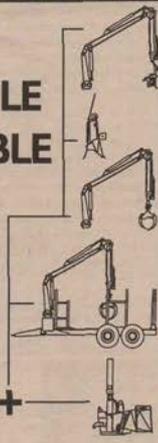
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## Forest Renewal B.C. now meeting mandate

**VICTORIA** — Like any new organization, Forest Renewal B.C. had its growing pains, but after nearly two years in operation, the still young Crown corporation is doing what it's supposed to do, and doing it well.

In a nutshell, Forest Renewal is a partnership of government, forest companies, workers, environmental groups, communities and First Nations. Its mandate is to reinvest about \$400 million a year, collected from increased stumpage fees, and royalties paid by companies harvesting timber on Crown lands, into the forests, forest workers and communities dependent on forestry.

About a year ago, I mentioned that Forest Renewal was a little bogged down in its own bureaucracy, and at the time my source told me that chief executive officer Roger Stoney's reaction was: "Hubert's right, but how the hell does he know?"

Well, I'm happy to say Forest Renewal is doing very well, thank you, and has overcome whatever bureaucratic hurdles it once may have stumbled over.

To date, Forest Renewal has reinvested about \$200 million of the collected revenues, and committed to spend an additional \$200 million, some of it this year, some of it further down the road.

There is about \$700 million in the bank, waiting to be spent on projects that will benefit not only our forests, but the people working in them and the communities dependent on them. Of the money collected from forest companies and earmarked for Forest Renewal, 50 per cent is spent on growing better and more timber on active forest land. Twenty per cent goes towards retraining workers, and 15 per cent to environmental projects such as watershed restoration and deactivation of old logging roads.

The remaining 15 per cent goes in equal shares to value-adding projects and support for forest communities. It's important to remember that these are not tax dollars. This money comes out of the pockets of forest companies.

So why hasn't Forest Renewal spent all the money it has collected? The main reason is a lack of trained people. The educational institutions can't crank out qualified forestry technicians fast enough.

Forest Renewal is trying to alleviate that shortage by operating its own training programs. In one case, about 40 people are going through a two-year training course in Greenwood. The course is exactly the same as the one offered at Selkirk College in Castlegar.

The people taking the course are from Greenwood. They had been laid off by a forest company. Offering the course in Greenwood benefits not only the town, but also the participants who are spared to problem of having to commute to Castlegar.

Last February, the B.C. government, Forest Renewal and MacMillan Bloedel reached an agreement, according to which Forest Renewal would pay \$3.7 million on training forest workers in new logging practices to be applied to logging operations in Clayoquot Sound.

Forest Renewal also agreed to fund up to \$5.6 million in additional costs incurred by MacMillan Bloedel in developing operations at the higher standards required in Clayoquot Sound.

The environmentalists complained, saying it was wrong to subsidize a forest giant like MacMillan Bloedel.

Begging your pardon, but that's exactly the sort of thing Forest Renewal is supposed to do. Should these subsidies for higher logging standards exclude a company just because it's big? Nonsense.

Furthermore, MacMillan Bloedel agreed to repay the \$5.6 million by contributing a portion of future Clayoquot Sound operation profits to local economic development. And in any case, a large chunk of the money that flows into Forest Renewal comes from MacMillan Bloedel to begin with.

So, lay off and let Forest Renewal do its job. In the end, we will all benefit.

Beyer can be reached at: Tel: (604) 920-9300; Fax: (604) 385-6783; E-mail: hbeyer@direct.ca

### CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



## More letters

### Invasive document

On April 11 I attended the first of six meetings scheduled by the Islands Trust regarding the first draft of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan.

Linda Adams, as senior planner, gave a plausible overview of the document which is about 300 pages long. As the evening wore on I became increasingly aware that the plan covered every phase of life on the island and, while there are some excellent ideas contained therein, it is a very invasive and intrusive document. I left feeling that the Trust is exceeding its mandate to protect the island way of life and is aiming to direct it.

This view is reinforced by the fact that the six meetings scheduled for overview, question and answer and feedback are all scheduled to take place within a month.

A good deal of work, time and money has gone into this and when passed it will affect each and every one of our lives.

It will vest an enormous amount of power in the hands of those operating the Islands Trust, which will be hard to amend or change. On the face of it the public is being given a chance to have input and feedback, but the timing smacks of railroad.

A mere 300 copies of the draft plan were initially printed, with a

copy at the library and the Trust office.

It is unreasonable to expect anyone with a real interest to go to either place to attempt to read the document in depth.

I do urge everyone to telephone the Islands Trust and try to obtain a copy. Read it, digest it and react to it. This is important to us all.

I commend Arnold Budd for his letter in the April 11 Driftwood regarding the lack of time being given. He chaired one focus group and was a member of the co-ordinating committee.

Also I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Best for his excellent View Point in last week's Driftwood on the expenses involved in the upkeep of an ice rink, etc.

P. ANN TOMLINSON,  
Humphreys Hill

### Be supportive

Your newspaper of April 10 suggests that we are throwing a complex, excessively-large document at the community with inadequate response time.

The facts are:

- \* we have had community input with focus group studies involving hundreds of hours of discussion — with nearly 100 participants;
- \* we held special item (e.g. recreation, affordable housing) evening meetings to elicit com-

- munity input;
- \* we invited input from interested residents;
- \* we surveyed all local residents and all off-island property owners — and received an unprecedented response of 30 per cent.

After this extensive input we could hardly be expected to be producing a pamphlet.

Our planner Linda Adams spent approximately 1,000 hours analyzing the community input and writing the draft OCP. We, the trustees, spent about three weeks reading and working over the document with her.

Yes, we are giving a fairly tight time frame for response from the community. But it is a workable time frame for those who are truly interested in the process. Remember this is just the first draft. From this we will develop a revised draft to be given bylaw first reading. It will be available for public perusal and for comment at public hearing. There is plenty of time for adequate public input throughout the entire process.

Please — be supportive and give in-depth reporting of a community process, rather than snipe at an impressive, positive island-made draft OCP.  
GRACE BYRNE,  
Local trustee,  
Islands Trust

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### Identifying spending

Further to your editorial on the Parks and Recreation Commission's (PRC's) "automation" (April 10), which questions the appropriateness of proposed expenditures by the PRC, I would like to include a comment in a similar vein.

As a regular user of the track at Portlock Park, I must confess to having some difficulty in reconciling the apparent dichotomy between the less-than-optimal maintenance of the track, the parking area, the general upkeep of the surroundings and the fact that Salt Spring taxpayers are shelling out approximately \$60,000 per annum for a PRC "administrator".

To "administer" what? As your editorial indicates, compared to other localities, Salt Spring PRC is not overloaded with facilities requiring extensive (and expensive) bureaucracy.

It might be appropriate for all publicly-funded expenditures (projects, salaries, etc.) to be publicized and justified, prior to implementation, in your newspaper on an ongoing basis — this way we can at least identify which particular wall our tax dollars are being urinated against.

ERIC BUNDOCK,  
Mt. Baker Crescent

### New legal order

The legality of logging practices in B.C. was called into question by a member of prominent legal authorities at the International Environmental Law Conference at the University of Victoria on March 29 and 30.

Justice Alf Panzer of Hamburg, Germany (who organized a demonstration of German judges outside the Pershing Missile Base in the '80s) set the tone for the conference with his opening address: "Judges must enforce justice. What is happening now to our planet is robbery, exploitation and looting... an estimated 50 to 100 species or organisms vanish each day."

Professor Ted McWhinney, MP (and advisor to Chrétien) agreed with former ambassador Alan Bessley that "ours is not a law-abiding nation: 164 multi-lateral conventions have been passed since 1992, then ignored after being signed."

Many other statistics were brought forward. For example, "98,000 out of 100,000 jobs in the forestry industry have been lost due to clear cutting techniques," said Misty MacDuffee, and "19 out of 20 jobs were lost due to grapple-ymen," said Ron McIsaac.

What can be done? Justice Panzer: "Societal and government institutions must act — a new legal order to protect the environment must become a human right. We need an environmental "legal friendly order" on a national and international level (under judicial control) based on universal acceptance; the damage being done cannot be compensated."

Details about the conference can

be obtained and videotapes will be available from 477-0555.

SUE HISCOCKS,  
Fulford Harbour

### Still hope

I'm writing about your April 3 story "D.F.O. Plan called devastating" re: the shortage of salmon and its direct effect on local peoples' work and future.

Having grown up here when fish were plentiful enough that an hour or two in the rowboat with a hand line usually produced enough fish for a good meal for the family. Coho grilse were most abundant, with mature salmon in late summer and autumn and blue-backs in late spring and early summer. When fishing was at its peak, we preserved the fish in jars for the winter.

So, where did all the fish go? Could it be the loss of spawning streams?

For instance, Fulford Harbour has at least five possible salmon streams and only one of them is presently known to spawning fish. Fulford Creek has ponds and coho spawning in it, but it used to have spring salmon as well. Steelhead and cut-throat trout also spawned in island creeks when they were at full potential.

So in our little microcosm, if we have only 20 per cent of the fish we should have, it might be because four out of five streams have lost their spawning runs. There are various reasons for this, usually physical obstructions such as the big Highways culvert on Stowel Creek which is eight feet above the pool below — an impossible jump for any fish, but there's hope.

There is a good possibility of putting a fish ladder in to get the salmon up past and through the culvert. Spawning would occur in the stream above the lake.

It's an important fact that fish often spawn in small streams, and a stream this size could put hundreds of fish back into the system. Restoring Stowel Creek would provide jobs now, and the returning salmon will provide food, recreation and jobs in future.

All it needs is funding. Please save your Ganges Village Market tapes for the island's salmon enhancement group.

NANCY E. WIGEN,  
Fulford Harbour

P.S. To those people concerned about the effect salmon would have on the present trout population, trout would probably eat some of the salmon eggs and young salmon, but salmon wouldn't be eating the trout.

### Clarification

Some letters regarding the draft Official Community Plan (OCP) in recent editions of the Driftwood have left our readers with mistaken impressions of both the content and the availability of the draft. I would like to clarify two points.

First, copies of the draft OCP are still available. The initial printing run of 300 has been augmented by a further 160, which are available on loan. We have continued to reprint as

required.

Some individuals have waited a few days on our waiting list before they had a copy they could take home to read. But to date, the supply has kept up with the demand. Copies continue to be available to read in our office and at the library. We can also photocopy specific sections for those who don't want or need the entire document.

Numerous people have also opted for the computer copy. If you have access to a computer, please bring in a disk as we can provide an unlimited number of copies of the draft in this format with only a brief wait.

Second, we would encourage those interested in the contents of the draft OCP to read it for themselves, to ask our planning staff for information, or to attend an information session. Please don't rely on rumour or other people's interpretations.

To select only one example, a recent letter printed in your newspaper indicated that home-based businesses and offices would be prohibited, while in fact the draft OCP specifically encourages the development of home-based businesses, and suggests amendments to the current zoning regulations to permit additional home-based business opportunities. We encourage any future writers to be accurate in their comments so that the community debate can focus on the real topics and issues that are actually in the draft.

LINDA ADAMS,  
Islands Trust senior planner

### For unhappy feet

Do you have trouble walking? Do you dislike leaving your slippers home and putting your shoes on? Are your shoes uncomfortable? Are your feet without the necessary pads? Have those pads worn thin the natural way? My 87-year-old feet have practically no pads whatsoever.

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My old feet have no pads left. This chap was recommended to me by Margaret Gilchrist of Ganges Physiotherapy and by one of his patients. I shall be forever grateful to these two helpful residents. Bill Goers has provided my thin, old feet with the pads I lacked.

You can be referred by your own doctor. If you call his office for an appointment you will be forever grateful as I am. If you used to enjoy walking he will enable you to have this pleasure again.

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## Balance is nil on bill due for April payment

I get a lot of bills. Maybe if I started paying them promptly I wouldn't get so many!

The oddest are the bills that tell me that the account is clear. I have one in front of me. I now know everything. Payment is due on April 16 and the annual interest rate is 17.5 per cent. The balance is "Nil."

I paid one last year.

I duly made out a cheque to a creditor and sent off a cheque for nothing. And that was the end of the matter. They billed me for nothing but they didn't credit me with my payment of nothing.

It's beginning to worry me. Maybe I still owe it.

### National code

It seemed a good idea to me but I've found nobody who goes along with it.

After the problem many of us have faced getting our unknown correspondents to write to the new, correct address, a national postal code seemed to have everything the ordinary Canadian could need.

What better code than "Canada: C2C"?

### Another thought

On this subject of postage, I have one acute problem. I usually buy stamps in 10s or dozens. Then I have a supply at home, provided I can remember where I put them.

But I don't write enough letters. It seems to me that by the time my small stamp collection is dwindling, so is its value and the cost of mailing has risen by a few more cents.

I can prove it! I still have a three-cent stamp somewhere. It's a legacy from the past when a local letter cost that sum to mail.

That ledger has many sides. I have to remind myself that the original "penny black," the first British stamp, is worth many thousands of dollars today, despite its face value of two cents.

### It's short for ... ?

Life is short; or so it seems. And to contribute to this brevity we adopt abbreviations. Names are contracted so that Thomas becomes Tom and William is Bill. Saves time — thinking and saying it — and with so much to tell and so little time these short cuts help fill the gaps.

I can't kick that, christened Francis I am yet Frank.

Diminutives have always annoyed me when they creep into print. In my book if I write of the Capital Regional District and have occasion to refer back to that distinguished administrative body I can refer to "the district" or "the Region." Or I can introduce various methods of indicating the regional district without going into the eight syllables.

CRD or SSI or any of a host of shortenings were once unacceptable in print. There was, of course, a hidden reason for avoiding such terms. In the days of hot lead and Linotypes, the capitals were not on the main keyboard and the operator had to move his attention to reach them. This slowed down the operation and capitals were avoided where not necessary.

However, I have finally found the ultimate abbreviation for the benefit and convenience of the hasty literate. A property owner wants to build a house. He goes to the local authority and outlines his plans. He then encounters bureaucrats tempered with quick facts.

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Approval must be obtained from the DFM in respect of heating and other features. The application must be submitted to the PEI before electrical service will be provided.

I'm almost won over! Gee, these abbreviations make it easy!

### Signs of spring

This is the time of year when every thought turns to the garden. Perish the thought!

A few years ago it was easy. In those days Women's Lib would announce what she needed for the garden and we would drive to the appropriate source. If heavy labour were needed, I was there.

But Women's Lib quit on me. She left me to look after the garden, which was plain crazy.

I looked at the plants and remembered my daughter's advice. I should get a shrub like a triangle but with a Latin name. My skills in Latin have sunk deep into the morass of memory, but not even in their heyday would I have traced the required treed.

That the garden would require fertilizer seemed obvious. After all, a dose of fertilizer must come to my garden like a new valve for the heart. Something urgently needed, but not frequently experienced.

I examined triangular bushes and found nothing that I knew I wanted. The pansies were fine, but how to separate one from another was less than clear.

And no way was I about to explain to the nurseryman or the nurserywoman that I was unable to identify one fine fertilizer as being superior to another.

I came back home and swept the carport. Maybe I'll plant a couple of dandelions and even a thistle or two. I'm not bragging when I admit I'm a wiz on weeds. And they don't need no help from chemicals!

TO BE  
FRANK  
FRANK RICHARDS



## Real estate market on the up after two years of rocky rides

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

Local realtors are experiencing a small boom in activity after two years of ups and downs that halved the number of agents selling real estate on Salt Spring.

"If I continue at this level until the end of the year, I'll be a happy realtor," said Arvid Chalmers, who has been busy since February. "And my job is to move inventory."

Realtor Gary Greico said he has seen some "real activity," especially in the past few weeks, and Mel Topping described the current situation as a "little boom."

Greico told the Driftwood that in March 1994, the "market just stopped. The prices stayed the same and there were no sales."

One year later, vendors realized they would have to lower prices and the selling pace picked up moderately. January 1996 started off well with lots of inquiries and listings.

"Vendors were still cautious, though, hoping the market would go up again," he said.

Greico believes that a snowstorm which hit the island late January, followed by weeks of "lousy weather," curtailed real estate activity earlier this year. But now, he said, sales are up: "If the listing is under \$170,00, it could sell in three weeks."

Vendors are realizing prices will likely hold for the foreseeable future, Greico said, adding that the key to a quick sale is listing it at the right price. And this translates into a good market for buyers.

Chalmers agrees there are some "good deals out there" as house and land costs settle into a "more realistic" price range.

Because inventory backed up over the slow years, there are now 147 lots and 247 homes currently listed for sale on Salt Spring. This represents about 40 per cent of an increase in inventory, Chalmers said. Because the real estate supply has been so high, and demand so low, a price adjustment had to occur.

"Houses came on the market this year listed at more realistic prices," he said. "The buyer can weed out some good deals."

Chalmers noted that one waterfront property has dropped 50 per cent, he added. "But \$1.3 million was an 'expectant' price last year."

Now many houses are selling for below their replacement value. Chalmers, who has sold real estate on Salt Spring for 19 years,

said the recent "slump" is nothing like what the local market experienced in the 1980s, when homes which hit a high in 1981 were reduced by at least 40 per cent four years later.

He recalls a five-acre lot, which sold for \$83,000 in 1981, sold again in 1986 for \$37,000. Today, that piece is probably worth \$120,000.

"Those who bought at the right time are golden," Chalmers said. "Those who bought or built their dream homes in the past few years may take a loss."

Chalmers was reluctant to predict where the market is going, but Mel Topping believes prices will rise again next year.

"This year the inventory will be reduced and then prices will start going up again," he said.

Whatever the direction prices go, the ups and downs of the past two years have been hard on the collective force of island realtors which, at one point, numbered close to 80. Now there are 44 real estate agents actively selling on Salt Spring.

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## DRAFT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

## UNDER SCRUTINY: OCP is talk of island

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farmers, artisans, small businesses, waterfront property owners and others.

He said more and more people are becoming alarmed as they read the draft plan and see how its implementation could impact their property and livelihoods.

The plan's detailed form and content is invasive and straining, he said. As a farmer and potter doing business from home, "it affects me in so many ways," he noted.

He wants to see the document "junked" and another effort undertaken — "a real community plan, rather than a massive structuring and stringing together of bylaws." "They've rewritten every bylaw and called it a community plan," he observed.

The problem he sees with so much detail is that it puts a "straightjacket" on elected trustees who must later pass bylaws, since all bylaws must

conform to the plan.

Brett also criticized the plan for being "contradictory" — with objectives that support agriculture or small businesses like bed and breakfast operations, and then policies that could restrict their viable

**"They've re-written every bylaw and called it a community plan."**

operation.

He joked about a clause limiting B&B operations to one bathroom for three bedrooms. "Are (visitors) just supposed to hold it until they leave the island?"

Brett said he is supportive of the Trust and land preservation efforts, and was an anti-development alderman in White Rock before moving to Salt Spring. It also concerns

him that the plan could "turn people off" the Trust.

At Thursday's meeting, Jim Loiselle observed that the Trust already faces time and staff constraints in dealing with the demand for its services. Noting the draft plan outlines numerous guidelines and institutes a detailed development permit process, he wondered how the Trust could administer it. Adams stressed there were a number of exclusions to the permit process.

Loiselle also said building guidelines and procedures "take away the creative ability of this island," and could cost property owners more money.

"If you think it's too constricting, it's what we need to hear," said Adams.

Gary Holman said several elements in the draft plan are less restrictive than in the current one, including the home-based business section and provisions for density transfers from one property to another.



**JUNK IT:** Islander Brian Brett describes the draft Official Community Plan as invasive and straining. He would like to see it "junked" and another effort undertaken.

## Trustees committed to passing plan before terms expire in November

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Data collection, surveys, focus groups and public workshops — all have been part of forming the first draft of the Official Community Plan (OCP) for Salt Spring Island.

Still to come is public input on the resulting document, set at this point until about May 15. A number of other government agencies are also reviewing the draft plan now.

Opinions and suggestions received will be considered when Islands Trust planner Linda Adams and trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew tackle the second draft.

Once that version is complete, it will be given first reading by the local Trust committee and go to public hearing for more comment. Andrew and Byrne have publicly committed

themselves to passage of the plan before their terms expire in November.

However, some people have commented that it doesn't seem like enough time to deal with an issue as big as the community plan.

At Thursday's information meeting, Jack Vandort said a perception that the plan is being "pushed ahead in a hurry" makes people "uncomfortable and anxious." He also wondered if a referendum could be held to determine public support for the document. John Elacott asked how the Trust committee intended to prove support existed before advancing the plan to the municipal affairs ministry.

Andrew indicated there was no legal mechanism for a referendum, although something like a straw vote could possibly be held. He also reiterated his feeling, expressed in a Driftwood letter

last week, that it would be "impossible" for he and Grace Byrne not to have the plan completed before their terms expire. He was elected to complete the task, he said, and not to carry through could "wreck" the process and community input to date.

Gary Holman and David Dexter observed there was ample opportunity for people to provide opinions in the input-gathering stage of plan development.

Andrew noted that once the community plan is passed, it does not immediately change land use zoning on the island. Bylaws must be rewritten to do that, although any bylaws passed cannot be contrary to contents of the community plan.

The exception is that development permit areas outlined in the plan would come into effect immediately, due to a provision in the Municipal Act.

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-Linda Adams

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This view is reinforced by the fact that the six meetings scheduled for overview, question and answer and feedback are all scheduled to take place within a month. A good deal of work, time and money has gone into this and when passed it will affect each and every one of our lives.

-P. Ann Tomlinson

Bob Hassell's letter regarding the new community draft plan, in which he states that "home business and offices are prohibited," is utter nonsense. In fact, the policies in the plan would result in home-based bylaws which would be much more flexible in a number of ways than current regulations.

-Gary Holman

The important thing is that we end up with a good, workable plan that truly reflects, as closely as humanly possible, the views of the community as a whole. A community plan is not a bureaucrat's or a politician's document, and its completion should not be dictated by the timetable of either.

-Ian H. Clement

It is only natural that peoples' visions become clouded when their own pocketbooks will be affected. Therefore, it is necessary to have planning rules in effect to govern us all.

There is no plan in the world that will make us all happy all the time. The good of the whole must come before the good of the individual. People always want an exception for themselves (it is only natural) so an iron clad plan is probably the best way to insure that everyone knows what the possibilities are for their land and house — before they buy it!

-Diana Kramer

Yes, we are giving a fairly tight time frame for response from the community. But it is a workable time frame for those who are truly interested in the process. Remember this is just the first draft. From this we will develop a revised draft to be given bylaw first reading. It will be available for public perusal and for comment at public hearing. There is plenty of time for adequate public input throughout the entire process.

-Grace Byrne

## Island Watch Society hosts meetings

The Island Watch Society (IWS) is sponsoring two public information meetings to provide a critique of the draft Official Community Plan (OCP).

The meetings will be held tonight and Wednesday, May 8 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, on Drake Road in Ganges. Refreshments will be available at 7 p.m. and presentations will begin at 7:30 p.m.

IWS President Marilyn Thaden Dexton encourages community members to attend these two important sessions.

"These meetings are not a duplicate of the Islands Trust information meetings. We are presenting an informed critique keeping in mind the

preserve and protect mandate of the Trust," she said.

At tonight's meeting, Bob Weeden will cover the Background Section of the OCP, as well as the Purpose, Authority, Implementation and Monitoring of the Plan. He will also critique the General Land Use Objectives.

David Wood will address Residential Land Use and related Development Permit Area 2.

Gary Holman will discuss Commercial and Industrial Land Use and Development Permit Areas 3 and 4; Randy Hopper, Community and Institutional Land Use; Judy Norget, Ganges and Island Villages Development Permit Area 1; Claire

Heffernan, Fulford Harbour; John Meyers, Channel Ridge and Trail System Policy and Plan; Susan Grace, Agriculture; and Charles Clark, Public Recreational Land, Park Land and Recreation.

Each presentation will be followed by a question period and a brief opportunity to make written comments. Planner Linda Adams and trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew will be available to answer questions.

During the last 15 minutes of the meeting individual presenters will be available to meet with anyone who would like further information. All comments regarding the draft OCP must be sent to the Trust office by May 15.

## Question, answer, feedback chances offered

Meetings, meetings, meetings. They're one way to get more information and provide your input on Salt Spring's draft Official Community Plan (OCP).

The Islands Trust is holding "question and answer" meetings Thursday at All Saints by-the-Sea on Park Drive and next Thursday at Fulford House. Both sessions start at 7 p.m.

Opinions on various aspects of the

plan are then invited at two "feedback" meetings set for Thursday, May 9 at All Saints by-the-Sea and Wednesday, May 15 at Fulford Hall, again beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition, the Island Watch Society, a Salt Spring community group which supports the Trust mandate, is holding two "informed critiques" of the draft plan. The first is tonight (Wednesday) with a second

scheduled for May 8. Both will be held at the Catholic Church on Drake Road, with refreshments at 7 p.m. and presentations at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Farmers' Institute is also sponsoring a public meeting to discuss the plan's potential impact on agricultural and rural issues on Tuesday, April 30 at the Farmers' Institute building on Rainbow Road. It begins at 7:30 p.m.

# FIGHT THE PLAN!

The year is 1996, but 1984 has finally arrived. The new Official Community Plan Draft is the most invasive local government document in the history of Salt Spring Island. George Orwell, in *1984*, his terrifying novel of a future controlled by double-speaking dictators, couldn't have imagined some of the items in this plan.

This bureaucratic document threatens to license and regulate the water from your private wells (farmers protect your fields); impose enough restrictions on home businesses and crafts like pottery and woodworking and photography, etc., to threaten their existence; dictate the colour of roofs in Ganges; impose ridiculous restrictions for bed-and-breakfasts; make many waterfront homes non-conforming; take away the anchorages for your boats; invite the tree police onto your property before you can cut your firewood; restrict secondary cottages almost right out of existence. And much much more!

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# Interviews....\$2

## Islanders interviewed at show

Judging by a weekend effort to interview Salt Spring Islanders for a Driftwood story, most are a shy and retiring lot. However, Driftwood reporters and others know that not to be the case, but how else can you explain the reticence with which people responded to invitations to be interviewed?

When newspaper staff set up an interview booth on the weekend at the home show, inviting people to

make a \$2 charitable donation in exchange for a short interview, they soon found themselves offering to pay people for the 10-minute sessions. And still there were few takers.

In the end, reporters were able to speak to 10 people, many of whom had a particular piece of news they wished to spread.

Like Julie Cunningham, for instance, who saw an opportunity to promote her Tupperware prod-

ucts. Her mother, Marilynne, decided she didn't want to be left out and volunteered to talk farming.

Peggy Frank, meanwhile, was happy just to talk about the pleasures of living on Salt Spring while Melon Moroz and Tim Collins chose to chat about the focus of their lives.

Those are the first five, and their stories are featured here. We'll profile the other five next week.

## Proud to be a farmer

"I'm a farmer."

Marilynne Cunningham makes the statement with a note of pride in her voice, even though she's been engaged in farming since she was a child. The daughter of Walter and Betty Bridgen, Cunningham grew up on the family farm in the Burgoyne valley, milking cows and feeding sheep. The Bridgens raised dairy cattle until 1958, when Walter Bridgen was injured in an automobile accident. That's when Betty Bridgen began raising sheep.

"People with lambing problems would call Mum before calling anyone else," her daughter recalled.

Today, Cunningham is still milking cows, and still doing it by hand. She and husband Alan farm 86 acres at Central ("you go past the cemetery, through the pearty gates and you're into paradise"), where they have two milk cows, six beef cattle, a handful of pigs, a large flock of laying hens, a collection of turkeys and a freezer order of broilers.

As well, they grow their own oats, barley and wheat, all of which won prizes at last year's fall fair, Cunningham is quick to point out.

The farm also has a vegetable



**Marilynne Cunningham** market garden, which Cunningham says draws more and more customers all the time.

"We have the best corn — according to our customers — on the island," Cunningham said, lowering her voice to add conspiratorially: "Even better than the Bonds." It tasted wonderful and froze well, she exclaimed.

The Cunninghams also had great success with green peppers last year — "they were coming out our ears!"

## Tole painting taps creativity

A growing desire to do things for themselves is what Meron Moroz believes is the reason why so many people sign up for her tole painting classes.

"They want to tap their own creativity," said the Salt Spring Islander, who has taught between 50 and 60 people the technique of tole painting. But when asked to describe it she hesitates. "It's impossible to do that."

Moroz tries anyway, and a reporter is left with the general idea. It's a form of decorative painting, she said, and is used on pottery, glass, tile and other surfaces.

Moroz has found that most of

the interest in tole painting has come from women of retirement age. They say they can't paint, they can't do anything, Moroz said of her students. But they take the course and they can't believe what they've produced.

Tole is a Ukrainian word for tin. Moroz explained, and the technique dates back to when tin was the medium for such painting.

It later came to define the craft rather than the medium, she said.

Having children aged eight and five, Moroz is also involved in children's activities. She coaches baseball and is the leader of a Beaver pack.

## Traffic light would spell the end of island stay

Newcomers to the island are often accused of attempting to raise the drawbridge after they arrive. Salt Spring's Tim Collins, who was a newcomer many years ago, makes no apologies for his support of that sentiment.

"I wish I had been able to raise the drawbridge when I arrived," said the computer repairman, sailor, musician and proud father to his eight-year-old son.

Collins came to the island from central Ontario to visit brother Reid. Like myriad other visitors he found

## Woman enthuses about island

Peggy Frank picked up on the theme of Wanda Rich's letter in the April 17 Driftwood and described a handful of things she liked about Salt Spring Island during an interview at the home show.

Beth Cherriff, who was chatting to someone not far from the Driftwood booth at the weekend's home show, provided her first bit of inspiration. Cherriff runs Flowers by Arrangement, and because of her willingness "to do something different," Frank was able to enjoy exotic proteas all winter long.

Frank also likes exploring the island's natural areas, like Ruckle Park and Mount Bruce, and applauds community group members and others who beautify these places. She even noted the young people cleaning up the ditches along Fulford-Ganges Road on Sunday.

She loves the island's community events, like the home show and fall fair, where "people can show what they do, no matter what it is."

As an organizer of the annual Save the Children Plant Sale, she appreciates the response she gets when she calls on the community to help.

Speaking of plants, Frank loves the different greens of spring, the subtle colours of autumn on Salt Spring and the proliferation of wildflowers in islanders' gardens.

Frank first lived on Salt Spring in 1978, then returned in 1988 after finishing her Masters degree in Natural Resource Management.



**Collins**

Collins was most attracted to what he saw as a sense of self-sufficiency and independence. However, there remains a strong sense of community at



**BIG BUSINESS:** Julie Cunningham is enthusiastic about her Tupperware job which netted her a 1996 Dodge Caravan last December.

Photo by Tony Richman

## Tupperware is goldmine for Salt Spring woman

It began as a means of finding a market for leftover plastic shortly after the Second World War. Today it's called Tupperware and it's more than just leftover plastic.

For Julie Cunningham it's a big business, and a good one too. As the local Tupperware manager, she took delivery of a 1996 Dodge Caravan last December as a bonus for making a monthly sales target of \$6,000 for two months in a row.

As long as she maintains \$6,000 a month in sales, she keeps the van. Not only that, it will be replaced every two years with a new one, and the insurance is paid by the company as well.

"I love my job," said Cunningham,

and the enthusiasm with which she talks about it is proof.

Born and raised on Salt Spring, the young businesswoman has been selling Tupperware products for the past three years, becoming a manager two years ago. She has 11 dealers working for her, nine on Salt Spring, one on Pender and another in Port Alberni. It's the combined efforts of that "unit" that generate the \$6,000 in sales.

Cunningham's goal, however, is \$8,000, to give her a cushion over the level she needs to maintain to hang on to the van.

Tupperware introduces its kitchen products to consumers by holding parties in people's homes, where an average of seven people will turn out for a demonstration.

An average of three such parties takes place every week on Salt Spring, Cunningham explained. The party concept was developed by company founder Earl Tupper in 1951, five years after he launched the product line. The products themselves were modelled after paint cans, whose lids seal in a similar fashion.

A good part of Cunningham's work is in training her dealers with regular two-hour sessions. A lot of the training focuses on personal development, she said.



**Meron Moroz**

# After 1 year, Family Place is haven to some

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

As Salt Spring's Family Place enters its second year of operation, it can look back on a number of successes and its creation of a haven for the more than 100 drop-ins it serves every month.

Located behind the Salt Spring Community Services Society building on Ganges Hill, Family Place celebrates its first anniversary on May 1.

The room is comfortably furnished with couches and coffee table, plus a myriad of toys — from dolls and trucks to a slide and art material — a computer, library and children's clothing exchange.

One door exits to the office of special needs consultant, counsellor and Family Place coordinator, Ragnhild Hildred. A second door leads to the kitchen and bathrooms.

Drop-in at Family Place (9:30 to noon, Monday through Thursday) provides a spot for parents of young children to relax with a coffee, meet other moms, or chat with Hildred while their youngsters discover the toy area.

"Some women come on a very regular basis," Hildred says. "It has become a haven for some



Ragnhild Hildred

young, isolated women." In the afternoons, Family Place is used for groups or private counselling.

On Friday mornings, the Rughgists group — for parents and immobile toys — meets at Family Place. This group has now broken off into a second group called Feet are Made For Walking, for parents and their children between the ages of nine and 24 months.

Hildred says there have been several highlights of the past year.

Family Place sponsored a driver education program, she said,

which enabled four women to obtain their Class Four driver's licences. These women can now drive groups of parents and children to off-island events. The program has also been used to establish a local transportation system.

Family Place organized and ran a parental education program called Nobody's Perfect, which helps parents raising youngsters in the birth to age five bracket.

This program, aimed at young, single, low income, or isolated parents, provides access to information on their children's health, safety, development and behaviour. It encourages them to have confidence in their ability to be good parents.

Hildred said the program, operated in partnership with the Capital Regional District health office, successfully targeted single parents this year, and will be offered for couples in the fall.

Family Place has also been instrumental in bringing Baby Think It Over to Salt Spring. In this program, a life-like, crying "baby," complete with car seat and diaper bag, visits the homes of parents, giving them a taste of parenthood.

Family Place has been the

centre for numerous parenting-related workshops held throughout the past year as well.

As the organization gears up for another year, Hildred says fundraising will likely be a part of the next 12 months. Funded for three years through a five-year federal government program called Brighter Futures, Family Place used its entire first year's allocation as start-up funding. The flow of federal dollars will dry up at the end of April next year.

In addition to fundraising, Family Place will continue to offer space and resources for workshops, drop-ins and other counselling groups.

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# Charish wins \$10,000 scholarship

By NEILL ARMITAGE  
Driftwood Contributor

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Parents, please sign and return consent forms for the measles and rubella vaccination as quickly as you can.

Chris Smart, our public health nurse, needs to know how many students will be receiving the vaccination so she can arrange for enough staff and vaccine. You should have received a consent form along with your child's report card yesterday.

# Census gets under way May 6

Census representatives will fan out across Canada early next month as Statistics Canada counts Canadians for the 1996 census.

Representatives will deliver census questionnaires to households beginning May 6. Eighty per cent of households will receive a short questionnaire which asks seven questions on

## INSIDE GISS

If you are missing either the report card or the consent form, please call Teressa (537-9944) or call me in the evening (537-9873) or narmilage@saltspring.com).

The University of British Columbia English Language Institute is offering a bilingual summer school in Japanese and English from July 21 to August 10, 1996. This program is open to students who are presently in grades 8 through 12.

The fee is \$975 for the three weeks. This amount covers the tuition, course materials and most program activities. Liane Watson can provide you with more details in the counselling

topics including age, sex, marital status and mother tongue.

One in five households will receive a longer questionnaire that asks more detailed questions about the household and its people. Statistics Canada estimates it will take 25 minutes to complete.

Completed questionnaires will be gathered May 14.

centre (537-9944).

The Canadian Hospitality Foundation is offering seven scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to students who are planning to register in degree programs in food and beverage or hotel programs. The deadline for applying is April 30. Liane Watson has more details.

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## OF THESE DATES

APR. 25: SS Weavers & Spinners, Farmer's Inst., 10:30am.  
APR. 28: Lady Mirra Hosp. Aux. general meeting.  
United Church Hall, 9pm.

MAY 2: SS Weavers & Spinners, AGM & pot luch, Farmer's Inst.  
MAY 28: Ducks Unlimited Banquet & Auction, Legion, Meaden Hall, 6pm.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimer's support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg, 11am  
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.  
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.  
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)  
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.  
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.  
- OAP/D. Lorraine & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)  
- SS Panfles Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downstairs, 10:30-1:30.

### EVERY THURSDAY

- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.  
- Parkersons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)  
- Seniors for Seniors regular Thurs. lunch at noon, reserv. are essential.  
- Sally White's Square Dancers Club, 6:30pm; Central Hall.  
- Scottish Dancing, Anglican Church Hall, 7pm.  
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am (3rd Thurs. of every mo.)

### EVERY FRIDAY

- Fullford OAP #160, bingo 2:00pm.

### EVERY SATURDAY

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.  
- Core Inn, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

### EVERY MONDAY

- "Bandonium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.  
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10:20am (last Mon. ea. mo.)  
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.  
- Taekwido Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.  
- OAP/D #92 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:00pm.  
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am.  
- Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.  
- Story time, library, 9:30am.  
- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.  
- French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)  
- Ganges Residents Assoc., Mahon Hall, 7pm.  
- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.  
- Group for moms and babies up to 24 months, Family Place, 12:30-3pm.  
- SS Weavers & Spinner, meet at Farmers' Inst. to us the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)

### EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.  
- Seniors cheer practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.  
- Air rifles, Fullford Hall, 7:30pm.  
- Target Archery, Fullford Hall, 6:30pm.  
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg, 7pm.

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**BANNER BUNCH:** Symbols of some of the faiths which will take part in Sunday's Earth Day Interfaith Celebration are shown off by, from left, Anuradha Ens (Yoga), Karol Kersen (Jewish), Patricia Brown (Wiccan), Ralph Miller

(Buddhist), Sharon and Barry Cooke (Christian) and Aileen Neish (Baha'i). The celebration starts at 2 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary multi-purpose room. All are welcome.

Photo by Valerie Larnock

## Interfaith service honours earth

All colours of faith will combine in a kaleidoscope of respect and concern for the earth this Sunday at the annual Earth Day Interfaith Celebration.

The celebration starts at 2 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS). Featured will be two traditional spirituals sung by Salt Spring's Tuned Air choir and guest speaker Guru Raj Kaur Khalsa, from Vancouver's Sikh community.

Khalsa has led spiritual practices for Sikh youth, both in Sikh temples and in the school system. A teacher and graphic

artist, she is also a founding board member of Khalsa Credit Union, the only Sikh bank outside of India.

She has also taught yoga for more than 25 years and is a student of Yogi Ghajan.

The celebration will include short presentations by representatives of the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish and Wiccan faiths as well as the Yoga tradition. There will be interfaith readings and songs.

People from those or from other or undefined faiths are welcome and are invited to make personal pledges to the earth. The theme chosen this

year for the service is "inter-connectiveness."

The service will close with a circle dance and a food offering.

The concept of an Earth Day celebration drawing in many faiths first occurred to United Church minister Barry Cooke six years ago. The annual event is organized by the island's Interfaith Council, which meets for several weeks each year to plan the celebration.

At 5 p.m. Sunday, island resident Matthew Coleman will discuss Buddhism and loving kindness in a program on TV channel 12.

## White fawn lilies becoming rare

By LINDA CANNON  
Driftwood Contributor

The nodding white lilies that appear locally between March and April are commonly called "Easter" lilies, presumably because of their timing.

These graceful perennial flowers are native to the Gulf Islands and other parts of British Columbia. They're also called white fawn lilies — perhaps because their mottled leaves look like a fawn's ears or, more likely, its dappled coat. (Fanciful, I know, but the fellow that named it apparently saw the resemblance.)

Erythronium is this lily's proper name, and we have a number of different kinds: pink fawn (erythronium revolutum), yellow glacier (erythronium grandiflorum), and two types of white fawn (erythronium montanum and erythronium oregonum).

The British Columbia lily family also contains some other hikers' favourites, including common camass, tiger lily and chocolate lily.

So that we can all enjoy their delicate beauty, please don't pick them. Some are becoming increasingly rare and should be left untouched.

Don't eat them, either. The bulbs and corms of many of these lilies were eaten in spring and mid-summer as root vegetables by Native people, although the white fawn lily is now considered poisonous. Each type of lily was prepared in a different way, some cooked, some raw and some to be taken with liq-

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uids to protect the cater from getting sick.

Local Native cuisine has about 10,000 years of experience behind it, so unless you're an expert, please don't try it on your loved ones, lest you kill

them with your kindness.

Instead, why not try some of these elegant plants for your garden? Visit one of our local nurseries and ask for a variety of local lilies. Fraser's Thimble Farms, for example, carries many of the lilies, and around 450 species of other native plants.

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## Liquid oleo used in catfish recipe

There is a chain of cafeterias in Baton Rouge and elsewhere in the South called Piccadilly. This is my favourite place to eat when I'm down home because of its outstanding selection of fresh, perfectly seasoned vegetables and salads, its hot, crisp corn breads and hush puppies, and in particular, its Cajun Baked Catfish.

I tried unsuccessfully many times to duplicate the catfish recipe using the cod, snapper or sole fillets available to us locally.

Not until Mike D'Amico of Piccadilly's general office was kind enough to supply me with the recipe did I realize how totally off the mark I'd been. For one thing, they use something they call "liquid oleo" as the oil, and surely this cannot simply be melted margarine.

### WHAT'S COOKING

I found a product on Salt Spring called Canola Gold, a thick intensely yellow liquid in a plastic bottle, which is basically coloured canola oil, and this seems to be as close as we can come. The only other change I've made is to reduce their large amount of oleo to better fit my attempt at a lower fat diet.

#### Piccadilly's Cajun Baked Catfish

1 lb. cod, snapper or sole fillets  
— If you can somehow find catfish so much the better.

3 Tbs. Canola Gold (they call for one cup)

1 Tbs. soy sauce  
1 Tbs. lemon juice  
1/4 tsp. granulated garlic  
Dash of salt  
Dash of white pepper  
Dash of cayenne pepper  
1 Tbs. chopped basil  
1/4 tsp. liquid smoke

#### Paprika

Combine Canola Gold, soy sauce, lemon juice, garlic, salt, the peppers, basil and liquid smoke and whisk thoroughly with a wire whip. Dip each fillet in the mixture, coating both sides. Place fillets on a baking sheet and sprinkle the tops evenly with paprika. Bake in 350° oven for 12-15 minutes or until done.

If you use cod, be sure to slice the pieces horizontally so that the fillets will approximate thin catfish fillets.



**DRESSED FOR SPRING:** Strolling through the Harbour House Hotel dining room in a spring outfit is Louise Fuoco, one of the models in the IODE's annual spring fashion show Thursday.

Photo by Valerie Latham

## IODE's fashion show has elements of spring

Spring blossoms on the tables and outside the windows overlooking the Ganges Harbour, combined with a springtime luncheon of chicken, rice and strawberry shortcake, plus fashions for spring and summer from Country Casuals created a festival welcome to the season as the Ganges Chapter IODE held its spring fashion show.

The annual event took place Thursday at the Harbour House Hotel.

Convener Roma Aston, vice-regent of the chapter, said 114 guests attended the event, which included a raffle and door prizes in addition to the fashion show.

Before lunch guests were entertained by pianist Murray Anderson and Alex McCauley on the saxophone. Anderson continued playing a mix of old-time favourites and show tunes throughout the lunch and the fashion show, creating sprightly backgrounds for the modeling of 60 different outfits.

Models were Marie Hopkins, Ann Leigh-Spencer, Josie Aleksich, Louise Fuoco, Carole Grant, Grace Bracher, Ruthe Orent, Ena Patrick, Marg Cade and Lil Irwin, all coordinated by fashion show organizer Leslee Quensel. Each guest had a printed description of the fashions shown, complete with prices.

At the close of the fashion show, flowers arranged by IODE member Laura Faulkner were presented to Quensel and to Country Casual's owner Linda Roth.

Joyce Parsons of Duncan, a former resident of Salt Spring, and past regent of the Salt Spring club, drew the door prize and raffle winners.

First prize in the raffle, a \$200 gift certificate for Koret Wear, went to Merle Sheffield.

Second prize, a \$100 gift certificate from Country Casuals, was won by Joan Dixon. Victoria Woodman won the third prize, a gourmet gift basket assembled by the IODE.

The fourth prize, a gift certificate from the Harbour House dining room, was won by Olive Monat.

Door prize winners were Thelma Carey, Rita Robertson, Joan Cameron and Nancy Coughlan.

Money raised by the event helps support many IODE activities, including a lunch program in Labrador, the annual presentation of the Catherine Prior Award to a graduating student, citizenship awards and the giving of books to local schools—a contribution the 82-year-old chapter has continued for the past 60 years.

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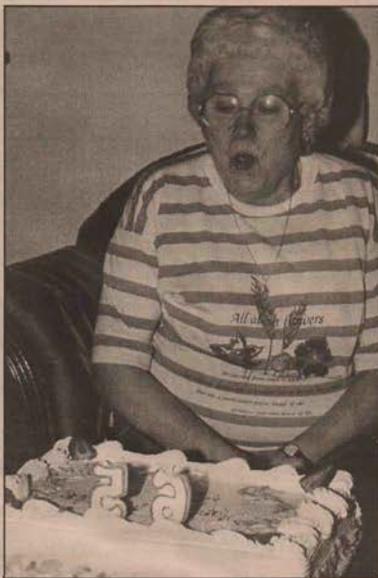
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### Surprise party

Salt Spring's Rita Dods blows out the candles at her 65th birthday party held recently. Friends and relatives surprised the longtime island resident with a party at her Central area home.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Activities aim to boost ebbing school spirit

By JEANNIE STACEY  
Driftwood Contributor

Is school spirit at Gulf Islands Secondary School a lost cause?

The Students' Council at the high school doesn't think so, and it wants to do something to bring back students' pride in their school.

The council's solution to ebbing spirit is a week of entertaining activities designed to encourage students to gain some enthusiasm for school and help them work together as a team. Spirit Week will run from Monday, April 29 to Friday, May 3 and feature varied activities aimed at drawing the interest of as many different groups of youths as possible.

Over the past couple of years, enthusiasm for school activities hasn't been what it used to be. While watching a game or going to a school play, one notices that the audience is usually pretty small, and there is nearly always room for more people. The Students' Council wants students to realize that school can be more than sitting still and listening. They want students to get out and get involved in their school and to be proud of it.

Council president Jeremy Miller thinks it's about time the school reclaimed its lost liveliness. "It's the first time in many years the Students' Council has honestly tried to put the spirit back into the school."

"We'd like to get off to a good start in our new school by boosting morale and bringing people together. We think that a Spirit Week will really help," says Kate Butkus, co-vic-president of the council.

The Spirit Week idea isn't a new one, but it has been supported in the past by large numbers of students and teachers. School spirit has been improving in the last little while, but the council believes that

this theme week should get things moving a little faster.

Subsequently, the position of sports coordinator was created to try and get a handle on student awareness and enthusiasm for school sport participation and support.

"We're trying to meet the interests of as many students as possible in the activities we're planning," says Butkus.

Sports coordinator Julie Spencer agrees. "We hope that by offering a variety of fun activities we can get kids excited about school."

Pride in your school can be shown in different ways. This year's graduating class put a different spin on tradition by offering grand class track suits and sweat-shirts in addition to the regular leather jackets. Other people show their pride simply by being involved in sports or the many clubs and activities within the school.

School spirit isn't necessarily sports-oriented either. The council sees it as simply appreciating the school and being proud to say, "I go to Gulf Islands secondary."

Spirit Week's tentative schedule is:

- Monday, April 29: a scavenger hunt to start off the week. This will run for five days with prizes being awarded the following Friday.

- Tuesday: a pie-eating contest, with pajama and bad hair day as the theme.

- Wednesday: toga day and "fly on the wall," a game where a team attaches one of its members to a wall with duct tape. The person who stays up the longest wins for their team.

- Thursday: a staff/grad softball game and a toga day theme.

- Friday: retro day and the activity is an airband contest.

There will be prizes for each activity and for the most creative participants in the theme days.

## Earth day celebrated at SIMS

By ZOE CHALMERS, ASHLEY FUNK, KAEI LALONDE, CLARE RUSTAD  
Driftwood Contributors

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) celebrated Earth Day in a big way.

Events started after lunch last Monday, when students gathered in the gymnasium to hear guest speaker Vicki Husband.

Husband, the head of several environmental groups including the Sierra Club of Western Canada, presented slides and explained how salmon and various types of bears are threatened by poor forestry practices.

The Raging Grannies concluded the assembly with songs about treatment and care of the earth. Following the assembly, students, staff and volunteers divided into

groups. Students could sign up for one of nine rotations that involved three 25-minute sessions, or one longer session that lasted all afternoon.

Whether they did not dampen students participating in outdoor events. One group travelled to Mansell Farm and ate different types of plants, fed the llamas and saw the t-shirts and seeds packaged by Dan Jason.

The beach studies group was forced to give up its walk due to rain.

Indoors, Marianne Allan, SIMS Home Economics teacher, led a group in making bean soup. All the foods used were low in the food chain.

"I think it's important to learn how to cook when you're young," said Jessica Temmel, one of the cooks, "because when you are older, it saves

a lot of trips to the fast food store."

One of the big hits of the day was the junk band which used various materials to make music or just a big bang. At one point, students played syncopated beats — a kind of banging that resembled a beat repeated over and over.

Students in the compost video rotation learned that for composting, one needs to add two materials to the compost at a time to create a lot of heat.

The creative sculpture group made things out of tins, egg cartons, plastic bottles, magazines and more.

Another rotation looked at human-powered vehicles such as bicycles and row-boats. The video went on to document a competition that takes place once a year when people make bikes that turn into boats or floating devices when they hit the water.

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## Environmental title achieved

By JEANNIE STACEY  
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After 18 busy months of participating in environmental projects, Salt Spring Elementary School is becoming an Environmental Green School.

The title was earned after many hours of hard work and effort through its involvement with the program Learners in Action, sponsored by the non-profit group, SEEDS (Society for Environment and Energy Development Studies) Foundation. The foundation is dedicated to furthering environmental education in Canada.

The elementary school's motto during the implementation of the project was, "We care for our environment and are doing something about it."

Teacher Maria Dammal, who

coordinated the project, is excited about the outcome. "Our school has now completed the 100 projects required to achieve the status of Environmental Green School. We are proud of our accomplishments and will be celebrating at a special assembly during Earth Week (April 22-28)."

Dammal is pleased with the level of participation in the project. "The students and staff have very actively been taking positive action to enhance the environment and to communicate to others about the environment."

The students kept a log book with records of their projects as they completed them, moving from an Environmental Bronze School, to Silver, then Gold, and now Green.

Meanwhile, Earth Week will keep Salt Spring Elementary stu-

dents busy as classes participate in Earth Day projects. On Monday they cleaned up roadside garbage in Ganges and planted seedlings at Bullock Creek. On Tuesday students were to participate in a green book sale to recycle old books. Today (Wednesday) the children are to wear green for a special photo of the entire school.

Friday will bring the Earth spiral dance, in which everyone at the school participates, and the green school celebration assembly. Projects going on all week include weeding and flower planting, a salmon release, and a special grocery bag project. The latter involves students painting earth-friendly messages on paper bags which Thrifty Foods and Ganges Village Market will be giving out to customers.

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## Funding offered for projects preventing violence

An exhibit by a Saturna Island artist was the venue chosen Sunday for the announcement that \$800,000 is available for projects helping prevent violence against women.

Women's Equality Minister Sue Hammell announced the funding at the opening of Anne Popperwell's exhibition, entitled

Why Doesn't She Just Leave, at the Art Gallery of Victoria.

The funding program is called A Safer Future For Women and will provide money to non-profit community groups. The minister's announcement was timed to coincide with the kick-off of Prevention of Violence Against Women Week.

Also present at the gallery was Saanich North-The Islands NDP candidate Lynda Laushway. "Our government is committed to stopping violence against women," she said. "I am hopeful to see this focus on prevention of violence and the level of community involvement."

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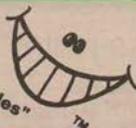
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# Artist steps out

**IN HER STUDIO:** Island artist Susan Wright sits at her Salt Spring home behind a tray of pastels. She favours use of pastels in creating her equestrian scenes, and will be teaching a course at Eagle Art Supply later this month.

Photo by Susan Lund

## By SUSAN LUNDY Driftwood Staff

of Susan Wright, this is a year of "coming out."

As her daughter Sage enters Grade 1 in September, Wright is emerging from the internal world of painting a small child.

And by teaching an art class through Eagle Art Supply later this month, Wright feels as though she is "coming out of the artistic closet on Salt Spring."

"It's a bit scary," she says. "You open yourself up to judgment."

But art, mostly horse and dog portraiture, has been the 36-year-old single mom's "bread and butter" for numerous years. It has been a passion since childhood.

Although Wright has not exhibited her work on Salt Spring, she has several paintings in a gallery in Quebec, and was featured as an equestrian artist in the December issue of *Horse and Country*. Her portfolio boasts an array of commissioned and self-inspired works, many of which capture the motion and majesty of horses.

Wright grew up in Meech Lake, Quebec, where she was surrounded by animals and art. Her mother is an artist and her father and brother run an art gallery in Ottawa.

"This helped me decide art was a viable part of life," she recalls. "I always drew. It was just what I did. And there were so many animals around that most of my first drawings were of animals."

A series of equestrian ribbons lining the wall above her Salt Spring studio attests to her second passion — a long-standing love of horses.

After high school, Wright earned money by creating signs and business cards.

She married, had a quick-but-intense love affair with wind-surfing, moving for a brief period to Hawaii, and in 1988 began painting commissioned art pieces.

On Salt Spring, Wright has painted horse portraits for several island families. Her portfolio also includes two non-commissioned

paintings of the famed Ian Miller and Big Ben.

"I don't know how to turn people on to paintings of just horses," Wright confesses, although she notes that some people like artwork depicting horses in motion.

Her horse paintings are frequently dramatic and colourful, but she learned a valuable lesson with the high demand for a painting of her daughter feeding a horse.

"I think in art you have to have a story," she says.

Sage has been the subject of numerous sketches, says Wright, pulling out a folder containing drawing after drawing of her sleeping child. Her first drawing of her daughter occurred as she held the one-day-old child on the crook of her knee and desperately tried to "capture the moment."

Painting can be a form of meditation, she says. "Sometimes I'm not even thinking — it's just coming out. It's like being asleep and in a dream."

"I can go through all ranges of emotions — from feeling nothing to experiencing a direct interpretation of myself."

When she is drawing Sage, she feels "joyful and gleeful . . . all warm and gushy inside. Nothing compares to the beauty of your own child."

Wright uses the bright, convenient, inexpensive pastel for most of her work, but her portfolio contains paintings that use water-colours and acrylics as well.

"Pastel colours are wonderful," she says, noting she doesn't have to worry about a painting drying up when she is interrupted from her work — a common aspect of painting and mothering at the same time. "With pastels you can go from sketchy looking things to layered paintings."

Wright's course at Eagle Art Supply will train participants in 35 different techniques one can employ with pastels, ultimately creating a manual of techniques for each student.

The eight-week course runs for two hours once a week. The time frame will give participants the opportunity to learn techniques and then use them.

For now, Wright is happy with the opportunity to parent, paint, teach pastels and emerge from the artistic closet on Salt Spring. But her dream for the future?

"I'd like to go to Spain and paint horses. I see myself putting together a collection of unusual and old breeds of horses."

Horses and art. Wright sees her passions of the past and present continuing well into the future.



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**ON TAP:** The Penguins, who have toured this country from coast to coast 12 times and played for more than a quarter million people, will present their brand of "untampered Bob Marley and penguinized TV themes" at Moby's this Sunday.

## Local artists in Group of 8

Two Salt Spring artists will be part of an exhibition entitled Group of 8 in Victoria this weekend.

Peggy Frank and Diana Thompson will be among eight west coast artists showing their work at Glenlyon-Norfolk School, 1701 Beach Drive in Oak Bay.

The show runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## Penguins waddle into Moby's Sunday show

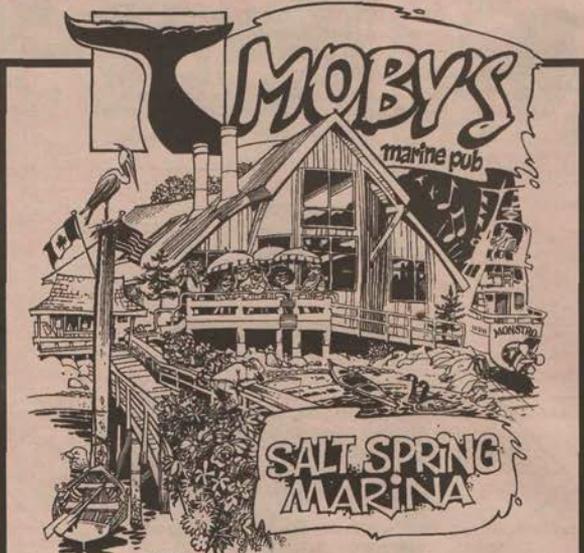
They don't have a record deal and they're not a top-40 band but they do tour all over Canada, making a living playing music.

The Hopping Penguins, who started playing together in 1982, will play at Moby's on Sunday. The Penguins have toured the country from coast to coast 12 times, playing for more than 250,000 people.

Their first album, *The Trombone*

*Chromosome*, was completed recently and contains 11 original songs written by four individual band members. Influences include Miles Davis, James Brown, the Stones, Fishbone, Frank Zappa and Willie Nelson.

The Penguins' repertoire consists of over 200 cover tunes from what they call "untampered Bob Marley to penguinized TV themes such as Hawaii Five-O."

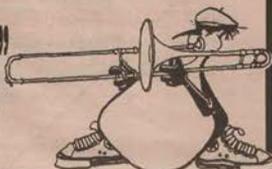


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**BROKEN ARROW:** Action fans will enjoy this "super-charged, thunderously noisy thrill machine" of a movie starring John Travolta as a purely malevolent villain. Directed by John Woo, who pulls out all the special-effects stops, *Broken Arrow* also stars Christian Slater and Samantha Mathis. The flick is said to "deliver the hippest action around." It's "heart-stopping action," one "helluva ride." Rated 14-years limited admittance with frequent violence and very coarse language. Fri. - Tues. 9:15 p.m.

### Island Video Hits

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| 1. Braveheart.....       | (1)  |
| 2. Scarlet Letter.....   | (2)  |
| 3. To Die For.....       | (4)  |
| 4. CutThroat Island..... | (-)  |
| 5. Unstrung Heroes.....  | (-)  |
| 6. Strange Days.....     | (5)  |
| 7. Muriel's Wedding..... | (7)  |
| 8. Now and Then.....     | (-)  |
| 9. Seven.....            | (2)  |
| 10. Innocent.....        | (10) |

### On Tap at the Pubs

- Moby's Pub:**.....Friday Night Live, 9 p.m.  
.....The Hopping Penguins, April 28
- Alfresco's:**.....Barrington Perry on piano, Fri. and Sat.
- Harbour House Hotel (pub):**.....Father of Justice, Apr. 26, 27
- Fulford Inn:**.....16-hour party, April 26
- Vesuvius Inn:**.....Comedy Night, April 24  
.....Open Stage, April 25

### Community TV Schedule

Thursday, April 25.....No programming scheduled

Sunday, April 28, 3 p.m. ....Sport of Kings  
3:30 p.m. ....The Islands Trust presents the draft OCP  
5 p.m. ....Matthew Coleman: introducing Buddhism

Tuesday, April 30, 11 a.m. ....Sport of Kings  
11:30 .....The Islands Trust OCP draft input meeting from

# 'Glory' is lively and sharp

By FRANK RICHARDS  
Driftwood Staff

From the first musically mournful scene to the heavenly revelation at its close, *Glory* was gloriously lively and a sharp introduction to the new Salt Spring Community Theatre.

The play had everything — humour, continuity and a first-class cast.

It also featured continuity in the light-but-ingenuous plot held off until the last moment.

The community theatre offered an excellent choice of play and a cast of eager, effective players. From the moment Lulu trundles her barrow to join her sister Winnie, until Lulu leaves the stage, singing, the audience follows every word and every move.

Playing the role of Lulu is Marnee Bellavance, with Gayle Siegers as Winnie. Visiting their primitive cabin comes the owner and landlady, Googie (Caroline Andress). If the two sisters are unlikely, their landlady is impossible, noisy and irresistible.

Julia Hengstler shows a competence in film-making, playing the role of Teddi, the producer of movies, assisted by Bakpak (Dave Kmiecik) and camera operator Pug, played by Carol Souchereau.

The show opens with the two sisters — Winnie, 80 and Lulu, 62 — seeking an answer to the threatened loss of their woody cabin. Googie, its new owner, needs it. The manner in which they find a solution is the play's theme. The very fact the audience can follow the emotions of the various characters is a tribute to both the author and the cast.

The presentation is convincing to the point that even the problems of death and the hereafter are handled with the same dexterity that is a very part of the entertainment.

I went with some fear that I was going to be lectured: I came away very glad I went.

This opener is a credit to the community theatre company and a promise of more to come. The island has a long history of theatricals dating back to the inter-war period. The Salt Spring Players won note in provincial drama festivals on various occasions 25 years ago.

The art is reborn.

Director is Hetty Clews and the performance is a credit to her skills. Frederick Howell is producer and Elma Rubright, his assistant. Stage manager and her assistant are Patsy Siemens and Elizabeth Elves.

The professional style of player and play is matched by the production crew. Stage setting is adequate to convey primitive poverty and yet allow its two settings. Designed by Alan Clews, it was constructed by Reg Taylor, a veteran of the old Salt Spring Players, and John Dolman.

Alan Clews also undertook the painting of the set, with Tom Roughsedge and Sam Sydneysmith. Stage crew is Chris Leier, Adrian Polhammer, Andrea Rankin and Jennifer Smith. The play's costumes are the territory of Rebecca Young, Julie Brassard and Carol Souchereau. Lights are the responsibility of William Maarsman, with Alan Clews and Sam Sydneysmith looking after sound.

*Glory* was written by Suzanne Finlay.

The community theatre is an excellent addition to the island scene.

# PARTY

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Saturday, April 27, 1996

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**11:00am:** Singer song writers Susan Cogan and Andrew Beddoes

**12:30pm:** "The Woods" starring Jerome Jarvis, Doug Rollo, Tone and Christine O'Donnell a hour of techno folk.

**2:00pm:** "The Barley Brothers" with Dave Roland, Graeme Maltby and Brian McDonald playing bluegrass, folk, country til 3pm.

**3:00pm:** Some of the great dinner features will be a fresh crab feed, lamb, prawn or beef kebabs in a bun, wine and herb marinated sirloin steak or chicken breast sandwich.

**3:30pm:** Ted Cooke and his "Father of Justice" band are set til 4:30pm playing R&B, soul, texas rock and blues for a straight hour. Joining Ted Cooke are Pat Cullin, Sheila Sayer, Steve Heddrix, Jim Shortt, Pierre Bosnell and Ark Angel.

**4:00pm BUFFET DINNER** in the dining room: featuring delectable Baron of Beef and other exciting dinner entrees.

**5:00pm:** VALDY, an hour with your favourite local singer - while you dine in the pub or dining room.

**6:30 - 8:30pm:** "Pool Sharks" pool tournament, great prizes, sign up early!

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*Thank you all and see you at The Party!*

Alf, Cheryl and Lisa Reda, owners and management of the New Fulford Inn

## Tea dance set for Empress

Winners of scholarships awarded by the Salt Spring-based Johann Strauss Foundation will be introduced at the organization's 10th annual tea dance next week in Victoria.

Scholarship committee chairman Claus Andress reports that 22 scholarships totalling more than \$85,000 have been awarded since 1987.

The three winners this year are Rebekah de Broglie, a mezzo-soprano from Sidney, Tamara Hummel, a soprano from Vancouver, and Marjory Purdy, a pianist from Trail.

The tea dance will take place May 5 at the Empress Hotel in Victoria. Andress says the event "combines the enjoyment of music and dance with a charitable purpose."

The 18-piece Leighton Noble Orchestra will present big-band arrangements of a variety of ballroom dances, Viennese waltzes and polkas. Dancing begins at 6:30 p.m., supper is at 7:30 p.m. with entertainment provided by strolling musicians, and more dancing from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the dance, along with contributions from sponsors and donors, support the foundation's scholarship program. More information about the event is available from Melina Kandler at 537-2559.

## Fulford Inn plans huge celebration

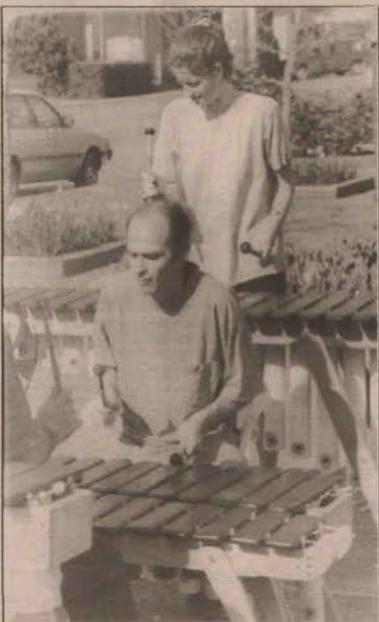
The party will go for 16 hours on Saturday.

That's when Fulford Inn owners Alf and Lisa Reda celebrate the first anniversary of their purchase of the south-Salt Spring pub. They call it the day they "took the plunge." A year later and they're still swimming.

The celebration will begin with a buffet brunch at 9 a.m. and singer-songwriters Susan Cogan and Andrew Beddoes performing at 11 a.m. The day will be punctuated by performances from five other groups and individuals, along with a dinner buffet beginning at 4 p.m.

The Woods will take the stage at 12:30 p.m., the Barley Brothers at 2 p.m. and Ted Cook and Father of Justice at 3:30 p.m.

Valdy will play at 5 p.m. and the Peeters will top off the day, performing for a dance later in the evening. Pool sharks will compete in a tournament from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The 16-hour party will wrap up at 1 a.m.



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Heather Ferguson and Simone Rompre entertained passers-by in Centennial Park recently as they hammered away in splendid harmony on marimbas.

Photo by Dennis Lundy

## Father of Justice to rock island pub this weekend

Salt Spring's own Father of Justice provides the rocking sound at the Harbour House Hotel's Wheelhouse Pub this Friday and Saturday.

Band members are Ted 'Duck' Cook, who plays lead guitar, sings lead vocals and writes songs for the group. Cook boasts that he can sing higher than anyone else in the group, in addition to developing a guitar style which falls somewhere between an old telecaster and a chainsaw, and which cuts effectively through the smoky bars.

Any claims to the contrary, his son Justice did not name the band.

Songwriter and producer Patrick Cullen handles the keyboards. He has played with the

Gene Grooms Project and Wulfohound Twist.

The honorary chief of Wulfohound Twist, James Shortt, is on stage with Father of Justice, handling rhythm and lead guitar.

On bass guitar is Steve Headrick, a singer-songwriter on Black Dog Records and another former member of Wulfohound Twist.

Michael Bourne, dubbed Ark Angel, contributes blues harp to the band's sound, while Shelagh Sayer provides backup vocals.

On drums is Pierre 'Thompson' Bosnell, who keeps band members in line and in time. He has also played with The Hands, Spectre and Wulfohound Twist.

## Pegasus will stage Carol Evans show

She was an overnight sensation at her first exhibition of paintings back in 1985. Eleven years later Carol Evans is still a sensation, with demand for her original works so high they are sold by a lottery draw.

The Salt Spring watercolour artist will be back in the public eye this week when The Islands, The People ... and The Cat opens at Pegasus Gallery in Ganges.

As always, Evans' work will reflect the ocean, the islands and the people that make the West Coast unique.

A Salt Spring Islander since 1983, Evans mounted her first full-scale exhibition in 1985 at Pegasus. Her 34 paintings, ranging in price from \$75 to \$375, sold quickly and response to the show was overwhelming.

Today, her paintings no longer

sell for \$75. Two years ago, an exhibition entitled West Coast The Wild Side, also at Pegasus Gallery, sold 21 paintings valued at \$150,000, all in two hours.

Evans has also become well known for her limited-edition prints. Of the 20 to 30 paintings she produces each year, six are selected for prints and published by Dayspring Studio, operated by Evans' partner Bryn King.

Her newest exhibition will feature the latest of Evans' original works, and runs from Saturday until May 20 at the gallery, located in Mowat's Mall.

Paintings will be sold by draw at 5 p.m. May 18. Evans will be in attendance at a preview opening from 6-8 p.m. Friday and again from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, May 11 and May 18.



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## HOWARD BYRON: Fondly remembered

From Page 1

church was full, gathered at All-Saints-by-the-Sea Saturday morning to say farewell to Howard Byron.

"There can be no more fitting send-off than to see such a collection of diverse lifestyles and backgrounds gathered together," observed Farmer's Institute president Chris Schmah. "People of all ages and walks of life knew and cared for this man. It was obvious to me that without prejudice, Howard had touched us all."

Such tributes have flowed in a steady stream to Howard's family. Some have sent flowers. Some have written letters. Notes have come from children, laboriously printed on scraps of paper.

"He was just a people person and he liked people," said daughter Rhonda McLannet. She and her sisters recall discovering countless times that their father was helping out someone, often by taking him in and giving him a fresh start on his farm.

Friends knew they could drop by and, if Howard wasn't in, pour themselves a cup of coffee and wait at the kitchen table until he showed up.

"I don't think he worked to impress people," said daughter Sue Spencer. "He took people at face value."

His values included a strong commitment to community, to helping others and to doing what needed to be done. His heart was in farming but he tackled a variety of jobs off the farm.

McLannet remembers her father sitting at the kitchen table before his evening chores. Three or four children would be nestled against him as he ate supper, one in his lap, one combing his hair and a toddler clutching a belt loop.

Howard came from a large family, one of five boys in Jesse and Elizabeth Byron's family which arrived on Salt Spring in 1931. Leaving school at 16, he first worked as a logger.

He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. "Great hunter, great shot, amazing shot," summarized brother Mike Byron. A few years later, while working on a hydrographic survey of the coast, Howard landed a 103 pound halibut.

He enlisted in 1944 and was sent to the southern U.S. for training in jungle warfare but the war ended before he was sent overseas.

He then served on mine sweepers which were clearing the coast. One evening he went on a blind date. Her name was Ellen and the couple was married in 1949.

In 1951, after the birth of son Charles and with a second baby due, the couple moved to a farm on Salt Spring. Howard resumed logging and farming.

Meanwhile, the babies kept coming. Between 1950 and 1962, Howard and Ellen had 10 children. Adding to the numbers, the Byron home was a favourite of neighbourhood children. There always seemed to be animals indoors: chicks kept warm on the stove, an injured hawk and a deer in a bedroom.

In the early sixties, Howard obtained his real estate license and also worked on some early island developments. One road was named by amalgamating Howard and Ellen to produce Howell Lane.

He also moved his growing family to the Hycroft Dairy farm, which contained a milking parlor transformed into a bowling alley.

"We all had part-time jobs and we learned how to bowl and we learned how to pin-set," Spencer



**IN HIS ELEMENT:** Salt Spring farmer Howard Byron, wearing his trademark hat, at Salt Spring's annual fall fair. Byron passed away last Wednesday.

recalled. The pins had to be re-set manually and the youngsters learned to be quick or pick up bruises from balls rolled by impatient bowlers.

To accommodate the family, Howard built two collapsing tables and benches in the kitchen. He could also be innovative in filling the table. "Dad would go out with a big scythe and cut nettles — spinach on the table," McLannet said.

Another of Howard's skills was water witching, which he did throughout his life.

As the children grew up and left home, Howard returned to full-time farming. He raised hogs, chickens, sheep and cattle at a farm on Jones Road and also helped manage The Maples Farm on Beddis Road. Eventually, he and Ellen moved to The Maples, where they were living when Ellen passed away in 1977.

In 1986, Howard moved to a farm at 431 Beddis Road, which bloomed under his touch. "It didn't matter where Dad went, the house was always covered with flowers," McLannet said.

He became interested in raising Jacob sheep and promoting Salt

Spring lamb, which he did in part through a series of lamb barbecues throughout the island.

His other interests included ferreting out historical treasures from second-hand stores, a collection of china plates and teacups, dancing, singing and conversation with a wide range of people.

In recent years he served as the community's animal control officer.

He also acquired a section of land near a small community north of Fort St. John. For him, it was a place to be preserved for his grandchildren where they could enjoy the outdoors and the type of small community he recalled from growing up on Salt Spring. McLannet described the northern community as a place where "a handshake meant something again." Some residents came to Salt Spring for the funeral Saturday.

At the service, Byron's hat with the curled brim rested on his coffin. Sheepdog Mac was among the mourners.

"That was his trademark — that was dad," daughter Jennifer Pickering said.

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## Yoga for everyone at two-day event

Yoga is more than just standing on your head.

According to the Salt Spring Centre's Pam Thornley, yoga is a 5,000-year-old science whose goal is to create harmony between body, mind and spirit. Just how much more there is to yoga will be demonstrated May 3-5 when the centre presents a yoga weekend for women.

Regular yoga teachers Beverlee Lane and Celeste Mallett will help participants explore asanas, or postures, pranayama, or breath control, relaxation techniques, chanting and nutrition.

Both teachers have international yoga teaching backgrounds. Lane still teaches at Rio Caliente in Mexico, and established her own studio in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. Mallett's training and her early career were in physical education but she branched out into yoga studies in London, England, where she taught Hatha yoga.

Their yoga weekend at the Salt Spring Centre will demonstrate the various facets of the practice. "We'll learn to care for the body in an intelligent way through postures, breathing and relaxation," Lane explained.

Said Mallett: "It's a fallacy that yoga is only for those who are fit and flexible. Yoga is for everyone, regardless of age, disposition or ability."

Yoga postures, the two say, improve the circulation and promote suppleness in the spine while strengthening and balancing the body. Breathing exercises, meanwhile, lead the individual towards a greater sense of peace by calming the nerves and steadying the mind.

The centre is offering a special rate for Salt Spring Islanders of \$125 for the weekend's tuition, which includes meals, a sauna and a Saturday evening talk entitled Nutrition for the 90s by Sam Grant.



### Spring cleaning

Islander Hank Schubart packs up his tools after taking advantage of low tide and Salt Spring sun to undertake a spring "tune-up" on his boat Ardent. Photo by Dennis Lunde

## Hikers, walkers, ramblers issued May schedule

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has released its slate of May events.

**MAY 7**  
• Hike Maracaibo with Vera Petapicco. Limited parking so please carpool to be at gate at 10:15 a.m.

• Walkers will explore the new Quarry Road Trail to the beach with Sue Mount and then visit her beautiful rhododendron garden.

• Ramblers will visit rhodo garden with Pam Taylor. All groups meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

**MAY 14**  
• Hikers visit Portland Island. Contact Fred Howell 537-1133 for details and to reserve your place on the boat.

• Walkers go on a new walk on Mount Tuan with John Myers. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or at 10:15 a.m. at Drummond Park.

• Ramble on beach at Crofton with Diane Butterfield. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:30 a.m. for 10 a.m. ferry.

**MAY 21**  
• Hikers take part in a lengthy,

energetic hike on Mount Bruce with Fred Powell. Carpool at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

• Walkers explore a private area of Mount Belcher with Betty Ball.

• Ramblers have a short, easy trip to the plateau with Joan Lott. Both Walkers and Ramblers meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

**MAY 23**  
Social meeting at the United Church at 7:30 p.m. Sign up for fall trip to Naramata, and for geological tours of Salt Spring (limited number).

Speaker is Simon Henson who will talk about ospreys.

**MAY 28**  
• For hikers not going to Quadra Island there will be a healthy outing starting at Beaver Point Hall at 10:15 a.m. led by Fred Howell.

• Walkers, led by Jean-Howell, also meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:15 a.m.

• Ramblers to make their own plans. Non-members interested in joining any of the above activities please call president John Myers at 537-1933.

### GISS 5, Ladysmith 0

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) boys soccer team travelled to Ladysmith on Monday, April 15 when its original opponents, Shawinigan Lake, cancelled.

The boys were keen to show the home team that they are a force to reckon with and from the kick-off, the GISS team dominated every aspect of the game.

The forward line — with Tom Berry wide in the left, Tom Langdon

## GISS squad dominates

wide on the right and Justin Smith in the middle — ran rings around a solid defence. With Amarty Greig and Smith Buchan pushing through from mid-field, it was only a matter of time before the floodgates opened.

Berry caused havoc on the left and Langdon came in well behind the defence to score the first goal. Shortly after, a pass to Buchan and a great

cross ball saw Langdon hit the back of the net from 30 yards out.

With the defence anchored by Chris Urquhart and Jonathan McDonald playing with confidence in goal, the game looked safe. The home team created two good chances but its striker put one over the bar and Urquhart cleared off the goal line to keep the score 2-0 at half time.

In the second half, Andrew Watt played a nice wide ball to Langdon who took the ball to the corner. Berry was at the far post to head the ball past the home keeper.

Justin Smith sealed the game with the final two goals. The first came after end-to-end play by Urquhart and Langdon, and the second started again in defence by Mike McNair.

The 5-0 victory was described as a magnificent team effort with all 14 players playing major parts.

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### Happiness is . . .

For two-year-old Jeremy Luscombe it's a hammock and a bright balloon. The youngster was spotted taking a break in an Out on a Limb hammock Sunday at the home show.

Photo by Valerie Larned

## Old Boys slam FC in 'shocker'

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor  
Salt Spring Old Boys 2,  
Salt Spring FC 1.

The game was billed as a warm-up for the Salt Spring Challenge Cup in May but no one, including the Old Boys, would have expected the final score after 90 minutes of soccer.

Yes, it really happened. A bunch of old geezers, who can only last 90 minutes of soccer, actually defeated the youthful Salt Spring FC, who just weeks ago won its division 3 championship.

Maybe FC took the lads too light-

ly, figuring the win was theirs for the taking. Maybe the play of Chad Little in goal (whom we borrowed for the game as Henry "the Legend" Braak is resting for the Challenge Cup) stymied the potent FC offense, or maybe the Old Boys really are that good.

Little was brilliant as he made the necessary saves along with three sensational saves in the second half to backstop the Old Boys to victory. (It should be noted the lads offered Little a contract right after the game, including all the chocolate cake he can eat.) FC may have taken the Old Boys too lightly for the first 15 minutes, but after Chris Cottrell scored the opener on a break-away, they knew they were in a game.

Somehow, the Old Boys' rickety old defence held the mighty Corbin "the Cow" Scott at bay (this is even more amazing when you consider the Old Boys' three central defenders of Jonathan Oldroyd, Graham Tweedie and this writer total 132 years in age).

The old geezers showed their poise as they moved the ball with precision and purpose continually looking for FC weaknesses. Before long they found another as Doug "Codger" Pearson sent David

Norget away on the left. Norget fought off two tough challenges before feeding Cottrell for the eventual game winner.

The second half saw more of the same as FC pressed for goals. Even though they scored one, the Old Boys' defence would leak no more as it held the mighty Goliath of Salt Spring soccer at bay.

For the lads it was a great team effort, as all us old guys worked together as a unit to gain the win.

Game highlight was the sportsmanship and clean soccer displayed by both teams as they proved soccer is a game that can exemplify skill and grace. This kind of soccer will be displayed on the May long weekend as 28 teams descend onto our island to compete for the Salt Spring Challenge Cup.

There will be three days of games — a Saturday dance at Fulford Hall (tickets will be available soon), a Sunday barbecue, and lots of soccer excitement and fun.

The Old Boys are gearing up for the tourney with games over the next few weekends. They hope to have a rematch with the under-19 boys this weekend and then play Nanaimo at home the following weekend.

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Low gross winner was Ruthe Grant, who also won the putt; low net winner was Mona Doerkson.

On Thursday, the following scores were recorded in two-ball best ball on men's day.

J. Wood, 63; F. Lynhe, 63; B. Jones, 64; S. Lynch, 66; C. Lawler, 66; T. Locke, 67; R. Winstone, 67; J. Kean, 68; B. Marshall, 68; K. Lavender, 68; F. Mobra, 68; J. Sutherland, 68; A. Black, 68; G. McLeod, 68; and J. Fraser, 68.

## HIGH ROLLERS

Circus league: Sam Cochrane 205, Ken Barnes 202.

Tuesday a.m. seniors: Jack Godwin 211, John Richardson 204, Helmut Lusch 208, Mary McGregor 201, Catherine McFadyen 239, Bill Baker 221, Edie Gez 206.

Tuesday p.m. seniors: Vanda Winstone 201, Reg Winstone 211, Walter Nicol 215, Dorothy Sloan 223, Bruce McFadyen 212, Gwen McClung 218.

Special Olympics: Mervin Austin 162, Major Bains 176, Sharon Way 197.  
Wednesday afternoon ladies: Margaret Baker 274, 238, 230/742, Deanna Marleau 238, Shirley Bunyan 235, Dee Kinsey 226.

Legion league: Doug Wellington 225, Ron Cunningham 211, Ron Stepanuk 208.

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## 'College of composting' set up at Salt Spring recycling depot

By VALORIE LENNON  
Driftwood Staff

Want to learn about composting? Drop into Salt Spring's unofficial "college" of composting, tucked behind the recycling and book exchange office at the Rainbow Road recycling depot.

There are displays of different composting methods, brochures and books on the topic and, on Saturdays, "professor" Michael Lalonde is present to answer questions and guide visitors around the different composting options. He has been composting for 30 years, starting as a teenager to provide fertilizer for the family garden.

"It's not new to me," he observed. "I've been doing it all my life since I've been gardening. We used to grow a garden that gave us large vegetables that had nice colour and good taste without the use of chemical fertilizers."

Far from being waste, he sees composted material as organic gold for gardeners. An added advantage is that composting cuts down the amount of material sent to the landfill.

"Thirty-four per cent of the waste stream is organic material," he observed. Some of that material is being removed from the garbage by the composting centre, which now accepts compost from some local restaurants and from residents who don't do composting on their own.

Since last August, Lalonde has

transformed the once ramshackle composting corner into an organized display with a series of working composting bins. There are bins displaying rabbit manure and hay compost, leaf mould compost and food scraps compost.

One bin demonstrates the art of worm composting, complete with a host of plump, industrious worms.

Even apartment dwellers can do worm composting, recycling depot manager Peter Grant said.

In a corner is an old commercial dryer from Greenwoods, which has been dubbed the Compost-O-Matic. "It turns the materials without having to do it with a pitchfork," Lalonde explained, demonstrating how the rotating drum of the dryer can be used to aerate the waste.

Eventually, he hopes to add a hand-turned crank so the dryer will not require electricity.

Lalonde believes in low-tech efforts that utilize existing materials. Pallet boards are transformed into bins. Old metal grids become screens to sift compost.

His row of demonstration models ranges from commercial composting units to home-made creations of wire and wood. Turning over the material in one of the bins, he releases a cloud of heat.

"This is actively composting," he explained. "The main elements of a successful compost pile are a mix of

carbon and nitrogen, a high moisture content "like a moist sponge" and the proper layering of the materials.

"It's quite a science," Grant remarked.

Materials to be composted, ranging from garden waste and lawn clippings to food scraps, can be dropped off at the depot Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lalonde is at the depot every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Every week I have people coming through and they ask me questions," Lalonde said. He hopes to make the display even more educational in the future, perhaps with a videotape on composting or more printed material.

He also plans to construct more bins, expanding the capacity of the centre to handle organic waste. Sometimes he sells the resulting compost or uses it in plant beds at the recycling centre.

On Saturday, May 18, the recycling depot will host a sale of Earth Machine composters at the subsidized price of \$37, tax included. The Capital Regional District sponsored sale gives residents a chance to acquire an Earth Machine at one-third the retail price.

Once equipped with composter and information, there's only one other requirement for successful composting.

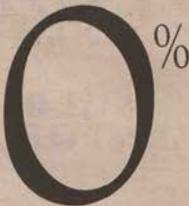
"A good sense of humor," Grant jokes.



**WORM EATEN?** That's a composter's best friend being dangled by Michael Lalonde, composting coordinator for Salt Spring's recycling depot on Rainbow Road.

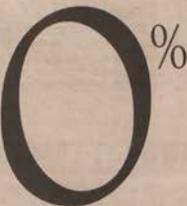
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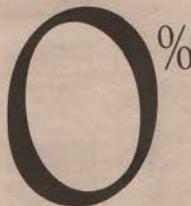
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# Contemplative prayer taught in spiritual Christian tradition

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

A Christian tradition of spirituality that flourished for more than 16 centuries is being brought to Salt Spring over the next two months by Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault, who is on the island for a residency at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church.

"Christianity is a living and exciting spiritual tradition," notes Bourgeault. Among its traditions is that of centering or contemplative prayer, which was practiced until the Reformation.

Due to the loss of this tradition after the Reformation, Bourgeault said, many people mistakenly believe the tradition of people growing and becoming spiritually enlightened belongs only to Eastern religions and not to Christianity.

But that is not true. "It's very much in the western tradition," she says.

For example, the 1500-year-old Benedictine tradition focuses on the development of a whole person through the mind, the spirit, the body and the arts.

From this development comes wisdom, which Bourgeault defines as the western version of enlightenment. Wisdom, she says, is more than being intellectually astute.

She describes wisdom as "the body and the mind and the spirit are all in harmony around the desire for God."

The revival of contemplative or centering prayer was based on a 14th century English spiritual classic, the Cloud of Unknowing, and developed in the 1970s by a group of Trappist monks led by Abbot Thomas Keating.

Bourgeault, who was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1970, has been interested in the Christian contemplative tradition for more than 15 years. She has visited extensively in Benedictine monastic communi-



Cynthia Bourgeault

ties and is founding director of the Maine Monastic Foundation.

Since 1988 she has been associated with Father Keating and his work in promoting centering prayer. She edited two of his recent books, *Invitation to Love and Intimacy with God*; was a member of the National Faculty of Contemplative Outreach from 1991 to 1995, and is now working to develop advanced courses on centering prayer and the contemplative tradition.

Next Tuesday she will present a beginners workshop on centering prayer, which will be held during the afternoon and into the evening. On the following weekend, May 3 to 5, she will lead a workshop entitled "Becoming Wisdom."

This workshop will mirror some of the activities which could be found in a monastery, including singing psalms, praying and working on simple tasks, such as the preparation of meals or work on the grounds.

Without trying to transform people into monks, Bourgeault says, the workshop defines some of the traditions which help Christianity thrive as a way of life.

In addition to the workshops, Bourgeault will be working with a group of island residents to produce *The Voyage of St. Brendan*, a play she has written.

"It's a modern telling of an ancient myth," she says. St. Brendan was a sixth century Irish monk who set out to discover the land promised to the saints. His tale can be seen on two levels: as a spiritual voyage of discovery or as the verbal record recounting an early land-fall on the new world.

Local musicians, singers from Women of Note, dancers and other performers will take part in the production, Bourgeault says. Production of the play also ties in with the spiritual tradition of celebrating the arts, she adds.

Her residency on Salt Spring is sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Victoria. During the next two months she will spend some time on Vancouver Island, conducting workshops, and quiet days and retreats in communities from Campbell River to Victoria.

She also expects to be giving some spiritual direction to some residents, do some preaching and conduct some services. This visit is her fourth trip to the island.

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### Fun for all

Some 1,200 islanders enjoyed the displays at the annual home show held last weekend at the Farmers Institute. One was young Danielle Severn, who was helping mother Janet at the Studio 103 booth. At top, Marguerite Lee appears to stump Norman Twa with trivia question, and above, Windsor Plywood's Bob Gibson keeps watchful eyes on racing sanders.

Photos by Driftwood Staff

## Sea-kayakers should take note of impact on seal population

By KATHRYN GARDNER  
Driftwood Contributor

We are well into spring and the abundance of rain has not deterred the sea-kayakers from returning to the water. The popularity of sea-kayaking in the Gulf Islands is increasing steadily and although the sport is beneficial for the health of paddlers, it appears to be having a detrimental effect on our watery neighbours — the harbour seals.

"Sea-kayakers have a greater impact on harbour seals than sailboats, skiffs and other motorized vessels," says John Calambokidis, founder of Cascadia Research Collective located in Olympia, Washington.

Studies have shown that the appearance and behaviour of sea-kayakers have a profound negative effect on groups of harbour seals that are "hauled out" on rocks or the shoreline.

The anatomy of harbour seals has evolved to adapt to the demands of their ocean home. Their sleek bodies and short agile flippers make them superior swimmers and aquatic hunters; but these same characteristics render them slow and clumsy on land where

they must go to rest and breed. Seals must haul out to recuperate from the exertion of diving and swimming underwater.

Harbour seals give birth to their pups between January and September, but spring is the most common time. After birth, pups nurse for four to six weeks.

This is a critical period for pups because without adequate nourishment from nursing, they cannot gain the necessary blubber for warmth, and the strength for hunting. Once the pups are weaned, their mothers will have very little to do with them.

"Despite the environmental conscientiousness of most paddlers, the appearance and actions of sea-kayakers can inadvertently be viewed as a threat to harbour seals," explains Calambokidis.

Results of a study examining the effects different vessels have on seals showed that the seals consistently panicked (jumped into the water) when kayakers appeared at a distance of 150 metres or more.

Larger and powered vessels could approach to within 75 metres before the seals reacted.

These results were attributed to

several possible causes: an instinctual fear of humans, a resemblance of kayaks to the seal's greatest enemy — orcas — and the unintentional "stalking" or ambush behaviour of groups of kayakers.

Seals have good eyesight. Their retinas contain only rods, which gives them superior vision in low light conditions, but they can see only in black and white. As a result, the shape of a person in a kayak could very easily be mistaken for that of a killer whale.

Most paddlers believe that a slow, silent approach to wildlife is the least obtrusive. Unfortunately, from a seal's point of view, a group of converging paddlers could appear to be stalking them.

For sea-kayakers, preventing unnecessary disturbances is relatively easy. Do not approach a colony closer than 100 metres and stop sooner if the animals become agitated. Paddle at a parallel course to the colony and use binoculars for a better view.

You may not get that close-up photo that you were after, but the health of the resting seals and nursing pups will be much better in the long run.

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## 5 BIRTHS

LAUREN AND ALEX proudly welcome Griffin Dougal Wright-Brown to the world. Our beautiful son was born at home on March 12, weighing 8 lbs 8 1/2 lbs. Grandparents are Sandra Cory, Harry and Nancy Brown, and Tom and Irene Wright. Thanks to Maggie, Jewels and Holly.

## 6 DEATHS

HAJEK MILDRED passed away April 17, 1996, aged 81. Survived by sisters Val and Vera, Brothers Fred, Emil and George, Thanks to Dr. Graham and staff at Greenwood and Lady Minto Hospital. All their loving care and kindness.

CLINCH, RONALD Leslie, P. Eng. - All the while maintaining courage and strength of will, passed away in Victoria, B.C., on April 15th, 1996, in his 73rd year. His love and friendship will be greatly missed by Joan, his wife of 43 years. Proud and loving father of Bill and his wife Carole Clinch of Waterloo, Ontario and Leslie and her husband Bill Frenka of Oakville, Ontario. Fond, loving memories are cherished by grandchildren Brian and Rachael Clinch and Michael, Colin and Gordon Frenka. His kinship will be missed by sister Dorothy and brother Eric of England and the team at Lady Minto Hospital. He will be remembered for his vision, intelligence and humour. We would like to acknowledge the work of our many friends, especially Bill and Ruth, Glen and Judy. The family would like to thank the following for their compassionate, devoted care and support during his journey: Drs. Roland Graham and Bob Crossland and the team at Lady Minto Hospital; Drs. Weir and Jones, and the nursing staff, nephrology unit, Royal Jubilee Hospital. Donations to his memory would be appreciated to the Kidney Foundation, the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association.

BYRON, JESSE Howard, P. Eng. - Passed peacefully at home on April 17, 1996, at the age of 69. Howard was born in Cochrain, Saskatchewan on August 1, 1926 and moved to Salt Spring Island with his mother, father and four brothers in 1931. He was predeceased by his wife Ellen, his son Charles and his brother Colin. He is survived by his nine children: Rhonda, Jesse, Susan, Patricia, Pamela, Jonn, Kite, Colin, Sunday, His three brothers: Kenneth, Terence (Terry) and Francis (Nate), his four sisters-in-law Joyce Barr and May Allen and 16 grandchildren... If you extend your hand and open your door in kindness, without judgement, you will honour the memory of our brother, our friend... He will be missed.

## 8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE STAFF of Salt Spring Island Community Services Society would like to express their appreciation to the many loved ones who have given their time and expertise over the past year. Thank you and we look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

THE FAMILY of Howard Byron would like to express heartfelt thanks to all those people who gave and are giving support to us during the sudden loss of our brother. We appreciate all the little acts of kindness and words of comfort which mean so much. A special thanks to Rev. Byron Berring, Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies Guild of Salt Spring, the Sea Anglican Church, Haywards Funeral Home and Laurie Hedger, community members. We are grateful to the S.S.I. Farmers Institute in memory of Howard. The J. H. Byron Family.

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## 10 CELEBRATIONS

### Happy 71th Birthday Nadalie

## 11 COMING EVENTS

COASTAL METIS National General Meeting, Sunday April 28, 2 p.m., Salt Spring Community Centre. All with Aboriginal ancestry urged to attend. Information 537-2623.

EMPHYSEMA, CHRONIC bronchitis, asthma or COPD? Help yourself to better breathing! Come and join the Better Breathers of Salt Spring. We will be having our first meeting at Seniors for Seniors from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., April 26, 1996.

EARTH DAY Interfaith Service: Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m., High School, multi-purpose room, with Tuned Air Choir and guest speaker, Guru Rur Kaur Khalsa. Everyone welcome.

UNIVERSE ORIGINS: Spirituality in Space: video series, "Canticle to the Cosmos." Featuring Dr. Brian Switek. Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. at the Salt Spring Potluck Dessert and Coffee, 7:30 p.m. Video, 8:30 p.m. Discussion. Everyone welcome.

MR. FALL FAIR - Men Wanted: Openings available, talent an asset, barnyard and evening attire required, minimum age 19 yrs., maximum age 105 yrs. Sense of humour a must. Application deadline May 8/96. Contact Sharon Kowal, 537-2386, Carol Walde, 653-4329, or Margaret, 537-8646.

CUSHEON LAKE dock dismantling bee. Saturday, April 27, afternoon. Bring winking bars, hammers. In preparation for new dock.

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"VIRGIN CLOVES" - Premier performance of the Whole Foods, 8 p.m., Fri. May 10, Sat. May 11, Mahon Hall. Tickets at all outlets. Mature content.

SALT SPRING HYSTERICAL Society presents "The Comedy of Errors." Sat. April 27, Activity Centre, 8:00 p.m. \$10 tickets at all outlets and Paterson's. This is the absolute last Erotic event on Salt Spring.

MOTHERPEACE TAROT Readings by Kathryn. In-person readings by appointment. 537-1329.

FIND OUT how ear candling and Reiki can help you at the S.S.I. Psychic, Healing Arts and Craft Fair, June 7 & 8, Futuro Hall, 537-1810.

BEDDIS WATERWORKS District. Annual General Meeting will be held on April 30, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Global Awareness Room at the Gulf Islands Senior Secondary School, Rainbow Road, Ganges.

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## 11 COMING EVENTS

CORE INN Youth Project Society annual general meeting, May 8, 7 p.m., Core Inn. Everyone welcome.

Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga Classes at Community Centre - W. Th evenings 6pm weekly for teens, adults, seniors, 653-2074.

**Bessie Dane Foundation & Hospice Annual General Meeting** May 8, 7:00pm to 9:00pm At Seniors For Seniors Election of President for 1 year term Vice President for 2 year term Secretary for 2 year term

Vigil Co-Ordinator for 2 year term 6118

**The Salt Spring Centre**  
Women's YOGA

**Weekend May 3 - 5.** with Beverlee Lane & Celeste Mallett  
Special Islander Tea -classes and meals - \$125 -  
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**SaltSpring Tennis Association**  
**The Bubble Comes Down**  
Saturday Morning April 27 or Sunday the 28th if wet

The new wind screen will go up around courts 2,3, and 4. Please bring wire cutter & Step ladder. 61017

**SELECTING A PET**  
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## 11 COMING EVENTS

**Island Watch Society** presents on Apr. 24 & May 8

**INFORMED CRITIQUE** of Draft Official Community Plan. Refreshments - 7pm Presentations - 7:30pm Catholic Church 135 Drake Rd. Everyone is invited to attend. HELP SHAPE THE ISLAND'S FUTURE

**Salt Spring Tennis Association**  
Jack Fisher Doubles Tournament Men - Saturday, May 4 Ladies - Sunday, May 5 Phone Craig at 537-4315 to Register PRIZES AND GOOD TENNIS

**SPRING SOCIAL AND POTLUCK DINNER** Saturday May 11 6:30pm - 9:30pm at the Lions Club (Drake & Bonnet) Call Don or Judy at 537-1624 for details & dishes

**PROFESSIONAL TENNIS EXHIBITION & CLINICS** May 11 & 12 at Portlock Park ALL WELCOME 6118

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## 11 COMING EVENTS

## SALT SPRING PLAN



GETTING THE ISLAND WE WANT

## SALT SPRING ISLAND OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (1st draft)

## NEW MEETING TIMES:

## QUESTION AND ANSWER MEETINGS

Bring your specific questions about the draft plan

**THURS. APRIL 25**  
7:00 P.M.  
All Saints by-the-Sea (UPPER LEVEL)  
120 PARK DRIVE

AND

**THURS. MAY 2**  
7:00 P.M.  
FULFORD HALL  
2591 FULFORD-GANGES ROAD

## FEEDBACK MEETINGS

Let us hear your opinions and comments about the draft Plan.

**THURS. MAY 9**  
7:00 P.M.  
All Saints by-the-Sea (LOWER LEVEL)  
120 PARK DRIVE

AND

**WED. MAY 15**  
7:00 P.M.  
FULFORD HALL  
2591 FULFORD-GANGES ROAD

Copies of the Plan can be read at the Islands Trust office & at the library. Bound paper copies are available at the Islands Trust office while they last. We can also put it on a computer disk for you to take home to read.

**Missed a Meeting?** Check the community TV schedule in the Driftwood.

For more information: ISLANDS TRUST 537-9144

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Brunch Fee = \$10

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## 11 COMING EVENTS

## Fulford Harbour Waterworks District Annual General Meeting

April 29, at 8 pm, at Rodrigues' Restaurant

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WANLESS, BOB, Bob, if I had known the last time we were together that it would be the last time, I would have looked at you more closely, listened more carefully and have said all the things I wanted to tell you. You are missed as deeply today as you were 1 year ago and will remain in my heart forever. Your Sparty.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND

In Land Recording District of Victoria and situated on the boundary of Long Harbour, Salt Spring Island. Take notice that Arthur and Ellen Boham of 155 Marine Crescent, Salt Spring Island, occupation retained, intend to make application for a licence of occupation of the following described lands: of 9 of Lot 1, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 17161 containing 0.19 ha.

Commencing at a post planted 21.5 metres on the natural boundary of Long Harbour approximately south easterly of the north west corner of Lot 9 of Lot 1, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 17161 thence 14 metres 45 N.E.; thence 13.5 metres 13.5 E.; thence 14 metres 225 S.W. to the highway, mark S 9 and containing 0.19 ha. more or less. The purpose for which the land is required is private personal use dock.

Comments concerning this application may be made to the Ministry of Environment, Lands &amp; Parks, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1Y4. 387-5011; fax 358-1871. Consideration will be given to comments received within 30 days from the publication of this notice. This advertisement will be considered part of the public record.

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Date: November 10, 1994 File # 0-08857.

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## 29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST: ONE pair of black lace-up leather boots on Wednesday, April 11, at Portlock Park, beside the bleachers. If found of any information, please phone the barefoot owner at 537-2892. FOUND: TURQUOISE coloured sweater on road near golf course. 537-2385.

FOUND: OUTSIDE Driftwood office - Blue packet containing prescription medication. Claim at the Driftwood.

## 34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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## 35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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**Lost Letters**

Brainwashing

A letter dated February 14, generated by the housing section of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has reached me. It was accompanied by some 80 (or 40 pages) of leaflets and a brochure, all written under the impression that the only conceivable reason for opposing "affordable" housing must surely be that people do not want it built near them. The entire package appeared to be the opening volume in a menacing move towards introducing the "thought police" of George Orwell's book 1984.

There are convincing and valid reasons for opposing the building of so-called "affordable" housing other than merely not wanting these projects in one's neighbourhood.

For example, many people believe that this is not the way to house the needy - and that government has no place in the housing business.

My basic objection to this whole process of trying to eliminate opposition, and coerce and brainwash the public into a frame of mind which is more in accord with the clerks who govern us, is this:

If people wish to support something - for example, the Buddhist faith, or Lutheranism, or to oppose something - for example, terrorism or immigration, this is their God-given right. It is moreover a right which is protected, if not by the Almighty Himself, then at least by the constitution of this country.

How can this ministry (now controlled, one hopes, by the Hon. Lois Boone) arrogate to itself the task of removing this right from any citizen, by the bureaucrats (whom we pay) to research methods of brainwashing the public into accepting anything the ministry tries to shove down their throats?

Since the housing part of the former ministry has now moved into Ms. Boone's bailiwicks, it is too much to expect that this whole ill-conceived project will be abandoned, and that no further effort will be made to curtail the freedom of thought of the people who could elect politicians?

**COLIN NICHOLSON,**  
King's Lane

**Mirrored island**

I'd like to express my deep sense of sadness over our community's loss of a great islander, Howard Byron.

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ing to our island way of life and supported those values all his life. He worked tirelessly as the Capital Regional District animal control officer, giving much of his own time to this most thankless job when our growing community badly needed those services.

We learned what good neighbourliness was when we knew Howard. You knew you could count on him whenever his help was needed. He seemed to mirror back to each of us all the things we love about life on Salt Spring. The way his driveway was paved, the way a gift he had for all of us.

To me, Howard's real contribution was with the people of his community. His humility and sense of humanity was humbling. He lived simply. He loved his land and his people. His sense of humour is legendary. He was never too busy for a friendly smile, a chat along the road, or to lend a hand with a farming, animal or gardening problem.

A step a his farm was always a treat. When he was there, the coffee pot was always on. If he wasn't there, his hospitality always was. Maybe it was just the wag of his dog's tail or a friendly chirp from one of the many hens languishing in his yard. But you felt it, it was like Howard was always, just there.

Maybe that's the way it will be for us now. Although sadly missed by his family and his friends, his kindness and compassion will continue to be with us in our hearts.

**JOHN GOSETT,**  
Maxwell Road

**Septage story**

One of the many areas of concern I have with the draft of the revised Official Community Plan (OCP) addresses an area I'm frequently involved with: clause C-4.2.2.2 "The private commercial operation of septage and sludge disposal sites is not supported."

On April 24, 1993, the residents of Salt Spring Island voted and approved a referendum for the establishment of a liquid waste composting facility on Salt Spring. The estimated cost to get this facility up and running was to be \$100,000.

The operation was to be run by the Capital Regional District (CRD) independent department through a local company.

Prior to the CRD getting involved with liquid waste on the island, a private

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that April 28 is a national day of mourning for those workers who have suffered occupational injuries.

Most of us probably know someone who has been seriously injured or killed in the course of their daily working life.

Death and disability can result from any number of conditions. They can include inadequate ventilation, improperly maintained equipment, insufficient training or the presence of toxic substances.

We need to continue being aware of the hazards present in our workplaces. Then, we can use that awareness in striving for safer working conditions for us all. And when accidents do happen, we need to ensure that injured workers receive fair and adequate compensation.

Let's use this day as a reminder to be awake and aware every day.

**CUPE LOCAL 788**  
Gulf Islands School District

**Good of whole**

This is in response to letters about the community plan.

It seems reasonable to assume that every community should have a plan. Without one there will be anarchy. It also seems that people who have a vested interest in growth are perhaps not the best ones to be inquired in deciding what is best for town.

It is only natural that peoples' visions become clouded when their own pocket-books will be affected. Therefore, it is necessary to have planning rules in effect to guide us.

There is no plan in the world that will make us all happy all the time. The good of the whole must come before the good of the individual. People always want an extra for themselves (if it's only natural) so an iron clad plan is probably the best way to insure that everyone knows what the possibilities are for their land and house - before they buy it.

I often have the feeling that people buy land knowing the rules and then spend the next 10 years trying to change them.

I realize that there will be a few people adversely affected by this plan but that does not excuse having no plan. At all a plan will stop people from doing undesirable decisions in the future. We will all know where we stand.

I do believe it is imperative to control growth for the benefit of all who live here on this island. Others moving here will know the rules when they come.

**DIANA KRAMER**  
Mansell Road

contractor was responsible for site development, permits, and all operations. The private contractor rented the site for \$100 per month with no lease; the CRD now rents the same site for \$1,000 per month with a five-year lease. The cost of having a septic tank pumped out has risen to \$185 from \$15 with no increase to the private contractor for his service.

To date over \$200,000 of island property tax money has been wasted by the bureaucrats and not one ice cream bucket of compost has been generated. Of the \$200,000 amount, \$160,000 went into the development of two new lagoons to receive the sludge, in spite of the fact the private contractor's two original lagoons worked fine.

Of that \$160,000, \$63,000 was spent on engineering studies and fees charged by the bureaucrats to ensure these two new lagoons were excavated properly.

Under the pricey eyes of all these Ph.Ds, P.Engs and high-priced bureaucrats, the two new lagoons filled up with groundwater faster than you could flush a toilet. The two original private contractor lagoons are still working fine.

The private contractor did not have a Ph.D. or P.Eng. after his name when he dug the original lagoons, and because terms of the contract of dollars were not spent on engineering studies, they sit idle and unused.

Eight to 10 times a month a big tanker truck comes on and off the island leaving with our septic sludge. The tanker is registered on Coxsia Street in Victoria where the CRD has a muckhole the tanker discharges its load into. This muckhole is connected to an even bigger pipe that transports the island's liquid waste way out in Juan de Fuca Strait where it flows into the ocean floor. The tanker truck costs the taxpayers of Salt Spring Island over \$800 per trip.

The private contractor charged the user for his service, he never once asked for property tax money, and his two original lagoons continue to work well.

The current trustees must approve of this new method of liquid waste disposal and its cost to the property taxpayer, otherwise clause C-4.2.2.2 would not be in the OCP draft.

**JOHN C. YELTON,**  
Fulford Harbour.

**Awake and aware**

On behalf of Local 788 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, I would like to remind your readers

## Visiting gardener presents talk on ornamental trees and shrubs

By ALUISTAR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

Guest speaker at the April meeting of the Galiano Garden Club was Francisca Darts of Surrey, who spoke on ornamental trees and shrubs.

Darts and her late husband bought acreage in Surrey in 1943. The acreage, originally about a quarter section, is now nine and a half acres — quite enough for a sizable garden. The land was logged some years before and massive first growth stumps were everywhere. Blasting and burning was the order of the day for some years, then the building of a home, and concurrent with that, rock collecting and the building of retaining walls and rockeries.

Now, 53 years later, the garden is a showplace for rhododendrons and many other flowering trees and shrubs. Darts, alone now after the death of her husband three years ago, has made arrangements for the property to be left to the city of Surrey at her passing.

It is an enduring legacy of love and care for all to enjoy in the years to come.

Darts, in her eighties, is an enthusiastic speaker. In the rain on the evening before her Galiano talk, she went into her garden with some secateurs to cut samples of trees and shrubs she hoped would interest her garden club audience. Several of the cuttings featured green flowers — one of her passions.

Tall heathers (*Erica arborea*) have an honoured place in her garden. Pruning is done after flowering (cutting six inches off the branchlets helps keep the plant compact and encourages flowering). She showed two viburnums — *cutisii* and *burkwoodii* — both are scented and show pink in bud, later opening to clusters of white fragrant flowerlets.

A yellow magnolia is another favourite. In three years it has grown from a mere slip to 15 feet. Magnolias and other flowering trees and shrubs tend to look best when seen against a background of green conifers, she said.

## BRIDGE TRICKS

Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club winners on April 9 were as follows:

Peter Jaques and Yvonne Sollitt; Norm McConnell and Irene Hawksworth; Rob Bradford and Fred Struve; Jim Burford and Pat Warman.

April 16 winners were: Conhor Hunt and Ian Thomas; Helen Shandro and Isabelle Richardson tied with Norm McConnell and Irene Hawksworth.

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Darts considers her garden an investment in the future.

"You're really growing for the next generation and beyond," she states.

The garden club plans to visit Darts' Surrey garden on Wednesday, June 5.

In other garden club news, much was said about the club's plant sale, set for May 11 at the south hall. Members were asked to start preparing plants and seedlings for the sales tables. An appeal for volunteers to sort, price and sell the plants during the three-hour sale was made by president Margaret Edgar.

April's show bench featured many spring bulbs and herbs. Two of the elusive "fives" were awarded, one to George Stephen for some excellent leeks and another to Edith Wishart for a beautiful cut of camellia.

### New questionnaire

On the heels of one all-island questionnaire comes another.

April 15 was the deadline for returning the Trust committee's survey on house size, and now comes another survey — the topic this time is affordable housing.

Appointed by the local Trust committee several months ago, the task force has since met frequently to discuss Galiano's housing needs.

Of particular interest to the group is the provision of accommodation for those on fixed incomes, and for those seniors living on the island and wishing to remain here, but who are no longer able to manage their home and garden. Year round accommodation for younger folk who work on the island is another concern.

As property values go up, fewer

can afford to buy on Galiano. The task force expects increasing demands for tourist accommodation will make rental space more scarce, and possibly force housing costs to climb for year-round residents.

The task force feels "if Galiano is to remain a community diverse in age, wealth and dependent of itself for most needed services, then the island must come up with creative solutions for housing — in keeping with the limits and goals of the community plan."

### Benger heads centre

At a recent executive meeting of the Galiano Health Care Society, Basil Benger was named president for the coming year. Other officers are, as named earlier, Irene Frith, vice president; Gwen Hammond, secretary and Jean Krebs, treasurer.

Former president Bill Sashaw will head a committee to organize the group's main fundraiser for the year — the wine festival. This year it will be held Saturday, August 17 at the Lions centre. It will be an afternoon event.

### Tapestry artist

Joan Carolan, a graduate of the Vancouver School of Art and a Galiano resident, is an artist in all she does — and she does many things. Personalized wearables are a specialty, also lovable stuffed toys and quilting.

Recently, Carolan demonstrated the techniques of tapestry weaving to a group of craftspeople, most of them members of the Galiano Weavers and Spinners. Over a period of five hours her students prepared a tapestry frame and while exploring a number of weaving techniques, began a sampler project.

This month the weavers and spinners have Helen Coe (another islander) on hand to demonstrate the warping of looms for weaving.

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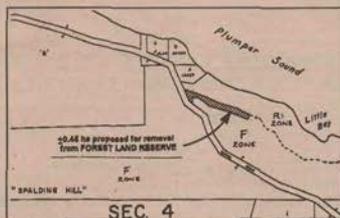
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The land subject to removal is shown generally in the above map, forming part of this notice. The owners of the land subject to removal are David J. and John A. Spalding. The intended use of this land is for road access to a future subdivision involving the creation of two additional lots between the area sought for removal and the sea. Persons deeming their interests to be affected by this application are invited to submit comments, referring Application #20/39 directly to:

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# Ferry predictions concern Saturnaites

Saturna's Community Club meeting was alarmed to hear a report from ferry committee member Ray Lindsay, in which he predicted a 50 per cent increase in ferry fares, and reduction by half of sailings, within two years.

He blamed this loss of service on the loss of BC subsidies and the high capital and operating costs of the ferries.

An emergency meeting of the Community Club was called for Saturday, April 20 to discuss the situation and to plan a strategy to retain an affordable and regular local service. The report was mailed to each household and flyers were distributed to weekenders as they got off the ferry. As a result the meeting was well attended.

Lindsay suggested that lowering operational costs was more likely to occur than reintroducing subsidies. Although the fall schedule does not indicate great changes, cut backs are imminent.

He recommended political action was the only recourse left to the community. The meeting agreed that fair access is required to connect with the rest of the highway system of the province.

A working group was formed headed by Susie Washington, Ian Smythe and John Fryer. They will

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proceed with opening lines of communication with various levels of government and then report back to the community with notices and public meetings.

The group is open to any interested person who wishes to work for long-term solutions. The group plans to work with — not against — the ferry system. Any action will be aimed at the political structure at the moment. All political parties will be asked for their support. The group will bring its findings to the community before the next election.

In other Community Club news: \* Isabel Elliot was elected as president of the Community Club at the annual general meeting April 15. Barb Ropars agreed to continue as vice president. Louise Peramaki was elected secretary and Betty Speers will hold the office of treasurer.

The number of directors was increased from six to seven for this year in order to include all the nominees. Those elected were Doris Ackerman, Bill Douglass, Margaret Fry, Melanie James, Jon Guy, Barb Tinglin and John Wizzuk.

\* Donations to the ambulance in

memory of Franklin Wiles and Jack Vincent were acknowledged with thanks at the Community Club meeting. Donations are always welcomed by the committee for this essential service.

### Barbecue meeting

A meeting of the Lamb Barbecue Committee was announced for April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Pub. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting. Newcomers to the island are especially welcome. The meeting will be used to plan the barbecue, set time lines and assign the administrative duties.

### Crib night

Saturday, April 27 is Timmy's Telephone Crib Night. Everyone is welcome to attend this evening of family fun. Admission is \$2 and light refreshments are available for a nominal fee.

### Talent show

Pip Woodcock has been named emcee of the Talent Show on May 4. Musicians are tuning up. Writers are scribbling. Artists are sketching out plans and dogs are grooming their performances. This festival is being held in aid of the arts on Saturna. Plan to come out for a lively night of cultured fun at the community hall.

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# Shale plant shares were offered

## Thirty-five years ago

Island residents were offered the chance to invest in an on-island business when Holfast Natural Resources Ltd. offered 33,000 shares in the company to Salt Spring residents. The shares in the company's pozzolan shale plant on Salt Spring were \$1 each. The plant was expected to be in production by mid-summer.

Salt Spring Lions purchased a new ambulance, a 1961 Ford Econoline, to replace the old 1947 Dodge. Club members planned to operate the ambulance 24 hours a day as a community service. Hospital staff were to serve as dispatchers.

## Thirty years ago

A tale of villains routed and innocence triumphant was featured in Salt Spring Island high school's production of the melodrama *Labours of Love*. Villains of the piece lawyer Scrogue and Hattie Hateful were played by Pat Slingsby and Cherie Hotel. On the side of good were heroine Elinor Elsinor, played by Susan Townley; Dick Dashing, played by Bob Timbers and Miss Faithful, played by Mary Anne Miller. The production drew full houses.

Saanich MLA John Tisdalle said the Gulf Islands would be part of one of five Saanich ridings when redistribution took effect at the dissolution of parliament for the next election. Tisdalle anticipated an election although the 27th parliament still had two years left in its mandate. Tisdalle also discussed whether Salt Spring's southern ferry terminal should be moved to Isabella Point and recommended island residents strike a committee to approach the ferry authority on the issue.

## Twenty-five years ago

Trustees of the Gulf Islands School District and the Saanich School District were discussing a possible amalgamation. Education Minister Donald Brothers had advocated amalgamation of small-

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er districts but Gulf Island trustees were not in favour of the idea. However, they agreed to examine the concept more closely in case there were benefits they had overlooked.

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce established a committee to examine street names and house numbering on the island. House numbering was described as especially important for emergency services when homes must be located quickly.

## Twenty years ago

Only 30 residents turned out to a public meeting to hear details of the recreation referendum to be presented to Salt Spring residents a week later. The 10-acre site at Central had been purchased by the Lions Club for \$40,000. Originally, a swimming pool and ice arena had been proposed for the site but that idea was dropped when financial information could not be gathered in time for a November referendum. The recreation commission was asking islanders to approve a tax increase which would raise approximately \$50,000. An application was being made for a \$25,000 grant.

Salt Spring firefighters battled three blazes in a row Saturday night. First was a fire which started on the stove of the Watson home in Vesuvius. Dinner was lost but the home was saved. Next was a chimney fire at the Reid home on Vesuvius Bay Road. Third was a fire in the recycling shed.

## Fifteen years ago

Salt Spring residents Don Small and Alf Carter purchased the retired Pender Queen for \$75,300 from the B.C. Ferry Corporation to serve as a floating resort off the northern coast. The two expected to pay an additional

\$125,000 to renovate the ferry so it could offer accommodation to special charter groups, fishermen and divers. First known as the Motor Princess, the ferry was launched from the Burrard Yarrow shipyard in 1923. It first served on the Sidney to Bellingham route and was then purchased by the Gulf Islands Ferry Company. In 1961, the ferry was sold to the provincial government as part of the B.C. Ferries fleet. It served for almost 60 years.

## Ten years ago

A B.C. Supreme Court judge turned down a bid by the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society (SSWPS) to intervene in a court challenge over the gas engine ban on St. Mary Lake. Resort operators and one island resident were challenging the federal and provincial governments' jurisdiction to impose the engine ban. SSWPS had applied for intervenor status to represent the views of islanders who supported the ban.

Islanders who wanted the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club controlled by a draft anti-noise bylaw objected to a clause in the bylaw which exempted outdoor shooting ranges and trap shoots.

## Five years ago

Young chocoholics filled their baskets during an Easter egg hunt in Centennial Park. Sponsored by Harlan's Chocolates and Heritage Boutique, the event drew 240 youngsters. The chocolate store provided more than 2,000 wrapped chocolate eggs for the hunt, which was attended by Easter bunny Tara Hollingsworth in a rabbit costume.

Members of Salt Spring's search and rescue group joined in searching wooded areas near Victoria in a bid to find four-year-old Michael Donahoe, who vanished from a Victoria playground March 24. A \$40,000 reward had been offered for the safe return of the child.



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