

# Driftwood

Gulf Islands

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## Province renews contract for highways maintenance

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Local road maintenance will continue to be the responsibility of Victoria Highways Maintenance Corporation. The company was awarded a further two-year contract — for nearly \$21 million — as of September 20.

But the new contract does not include seal-coating or gravelling.

"We are looking after the infrastructure, not making improvements," company comptroller Sean Carrigan said last week.

A new policy reached with the Ministry of Highways means that previously discretionary work such as the six-inch gravel covering of Stewart Road last spring, and the seal-coating of Sunset Drive and Beddis Road in the summer, will be done by the ministry in the future.

Ministry of Highways public affairs spokesman Jeff Knight said the ministry had taken on some of the discretionary work previously carried out by the contractor.

"The ministry's priority is to ensure we have a quality maintenance program, but at reduced cost," he said.

The ministry normally does work such as resurfacing which is not basic maintenance, he said. In some cases, roads might have been both repatched and resurfaced. With the ministry now looking after both those tasks, there is room for some efficiency.

The local highways crews will continue to keep roads clear for traffic and do pavement patching of fewer than 25 square metres. They will also keep the ditches clear.

Victoria Highways Maintenance Corporation has held the maintenance contract for southern Vancouver Island, including the Gulf Islands, since 1988. The three-year contract which expires September 19 was for \$32.6 million. There are 3,300 lane-kilometres of highway and 126 bridges in the southern Vancouver Island district, a press release from the ministry said.

## This is the new frontier: education wagons move out

Third of a series  
BY VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

• *Related stories — Pages A6, A7*  
Wagons ho!

That's the image in Scott Bergstrom's mind when he considers the future of public education. "It's a new frontier — it really is. People in the education field can be leading some of those wagon trains into the new frontier."

The first wagons are already rolling out. One of the fastest

growing departments at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) is an applied science and technology program which leapt from two classes last year to 13 this year.

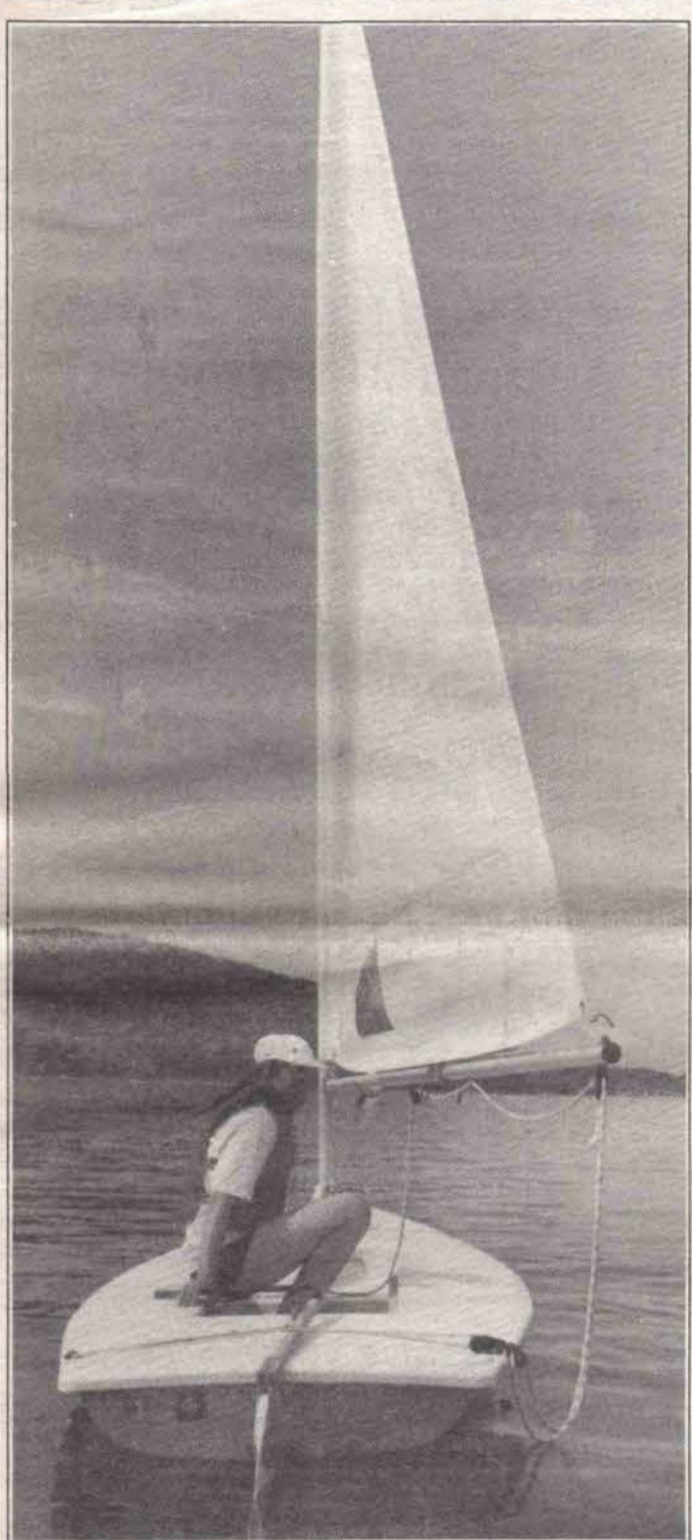
A second computer-based instruction program, Plato, is being added to the existing Pathfinder lab. Both programs allow self-paced, individualized learning.

Barriers are crumbling between the school, the community and post-secondary institutions. Parents freely question the rele-

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vance of curriculum and a few are returning to school as mature students; GISS is working with Camosun College and other school districts on southern Vancouver Island to develop career education programs which mesh from high school through college.

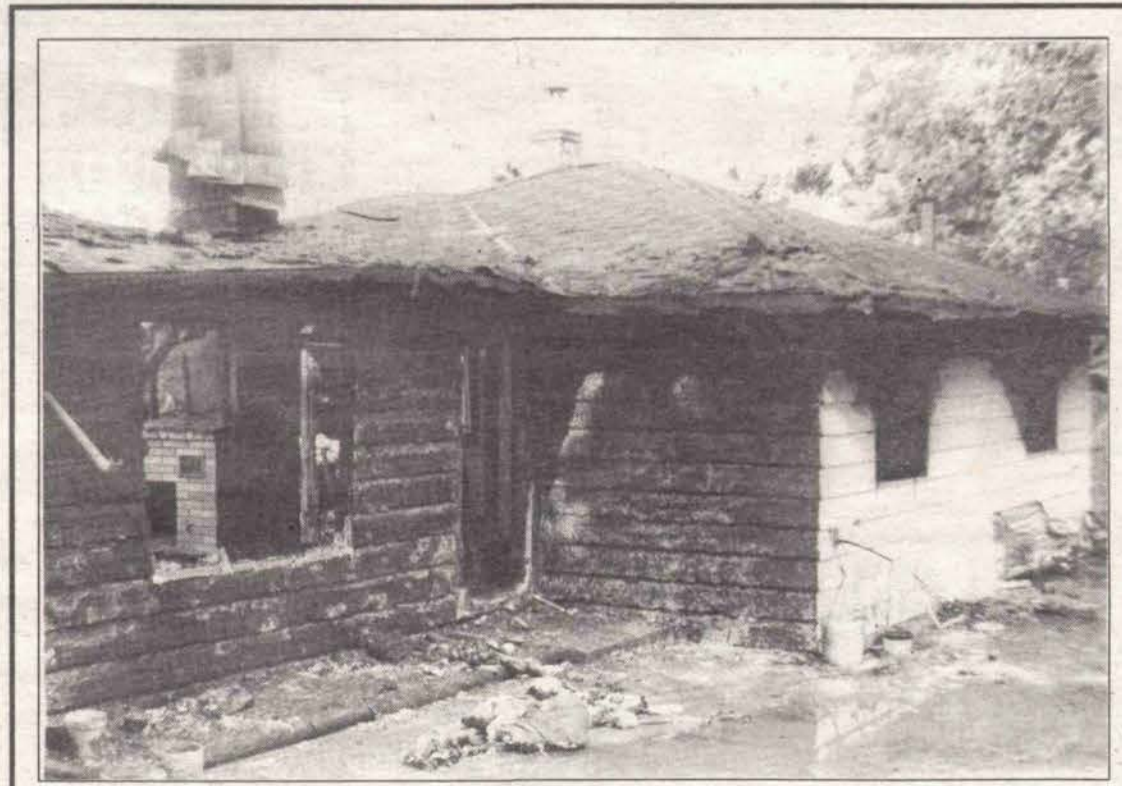
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### Summer sail

Winding up summer vacation with a sail in Ganges Harbour last Wednesday was Rebecca King, 15, of Salt Spring. King was one of the young people participating in the final session of Salt Spring Sailing Club's youth program. Story — Page B20.

Photo by Valorie Lennox



### Fire guts Salt Spring home

Dean and Jayne LaFortune lost all their possessions in a house fire on McGill Road last Thursday. Jayne and son Zachary were in the rented house when the fire broke out

but escaped just in time. Their belongings were insured. Cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

Photo by Tony Richards

## INSIDE



• What's a four-letter word beginning with W? Wasp, and the vicious little insect has been plaguing islanders all summer. Story — Page B1.

• It's been 100 years since Rev. E.F. Wilson set foot on Salt Spring. His descendants gathered Sunday to mark the anniversary. Page A18.

## Fast boat delivers hot chicken

There's fried chicken delivery on Galiano Island these days and it's fast. When property developer Mark Consiglio of Salt Spring decided to buy chicken for road-building crews working on his Galiano development, he wanted it in a hurry.

Randy Hanna of Salt Spring delivered the order of 120 pieces from Thrifty Foods to Retreat Cove on North Galiano Friday in 15 minutes aboard his high-speed boat Mustang Sally. The meal arrived piping hot.

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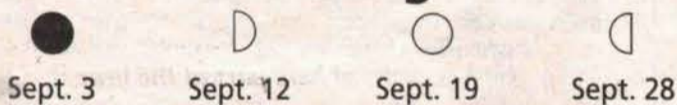
## Weather

High: 20 Low: 10

**Precipitation:** 80 per cent chance of rain Wednesday.

**Outlook:** Wednesday will be cloudy with showers in the late morning. Thursday will be cloudy with a chance of showers and Friday will be mainly cloudy with a few showers. Saturday will be cloudy with sunny periods and a slight chance of showers. Highs will be around 19, lows around 9.

## Lunar Cycle



## Lottery Results

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
<b>Lotto 6/49</b>	Sept 3, 1994	01-02-34-35-45-47 B49
	Aug. 31, 1994	01-14-19-34-42-49 B32
<b>BC/49</b>	Sept 3, 1994	27-30-33-39-48-49 B17
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# Toynbee's voyage on historied boat

When Tom Toynbee rows around Salt Spring Island next weekend, he'll make the voyage in a vessel with a history.

The Salt Spring resident and president of Mouat's Trading Co. will row a 14-foot replica of a wooden rowboat built by a British immigrant in 1923.

The builder used his vessel to row across Georgia Strait from Steveston to Cadboro Bay to visit his girlfriend. Despite the length of the trip, the couple didn't marry for eight years, and the new Canadian did a lot of rowing as a result.

One of the couple's three daughters later had a mold made from the boat and the Handliner — a fibreglass copy — was born.

Asked on Monday how his training program was going in preparation for the 50-mile row, Toynbee confessed he'd been on holiday and had been paying little attention to the training. But he vowed to spend the remainder of the week getting ready.

He also said he'd had no intention of making the event a public one. But the voyage was one which the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation felt could be a good fundraiser, and public it became.

Pledges — which contain a space for estimating Toynbee's time — are available at various locations. The foundation expects it will take the former medal-win-

ning oarsman about 15 to 20 hours to complete the trip. But Toynbee said it all depended on the weather — and his stamina.

"It's not the work so much as the fatigue of certain muscles," he said, noting his forearms were sore after doing progressive rows recently of up to 12 miles. He says his best speed will be four knots, and his worst, two and a half.

He will make the voyage in a clockwise direction, heading south from Ganges Saturday morning. Weekend tides lend themselves to that route, though they will not be strong.

Toynbee and his University of B.C. rowing team won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Vancouver in 1954.

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## FOR THE RECORD

• The leaves of ferns are inedible. A story last week on edible weeds reported that bracken fiddleheads are edible, as are the roots of bracken, sword and licorice ferns. But the story neglected to mention that the leaves of ferns cannot be eaten. Known authorities should be consulted before consuming any part of a wild plant.

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# Program review finds road work costs more

Privatized highways maintenance costs more, says an independent study.

An independent review of B.C.'s privatized highways maintenance program has determined that the cost of privatized maintenance has exceeded previous maintenance costs by approximately \$15 million per year.

Privatizing highways maintenance in 1988 has led to increased costs totalling as much as \$100 million to date, the study said. The review team did not recommend reversing the privatization initiative because of the "need to maintain service continuity and the cost of recapitalizing a public service operation."

Highways Minister Jackie Pement has promised to "work with the maintenance contractors and labour representatives to seek ways to reduce costs while maintaining high levels of service."

Pement said two of the 28 contract areas in the province will be studied in detail to determine ways to reduce costs and set cost and service benchmarks for the next round of negotiations which begin early next year.

The review was carried out by a team which included Peter Burton, counsel to the 1993 Commission of Inquiry into the Public Service and Public Sector, Robert Harvey, former deputy highways minister, Ron Parks, forensic accountant, and Kelvin McCulloch of the accounting firm Ernst and Young.

That firm was hired last year by private road contractors to conduct a similar review of the privatization experience. It reached a different conclusion: privatized highways maintenance had saved provincial taxpayers a total of \$165 million.

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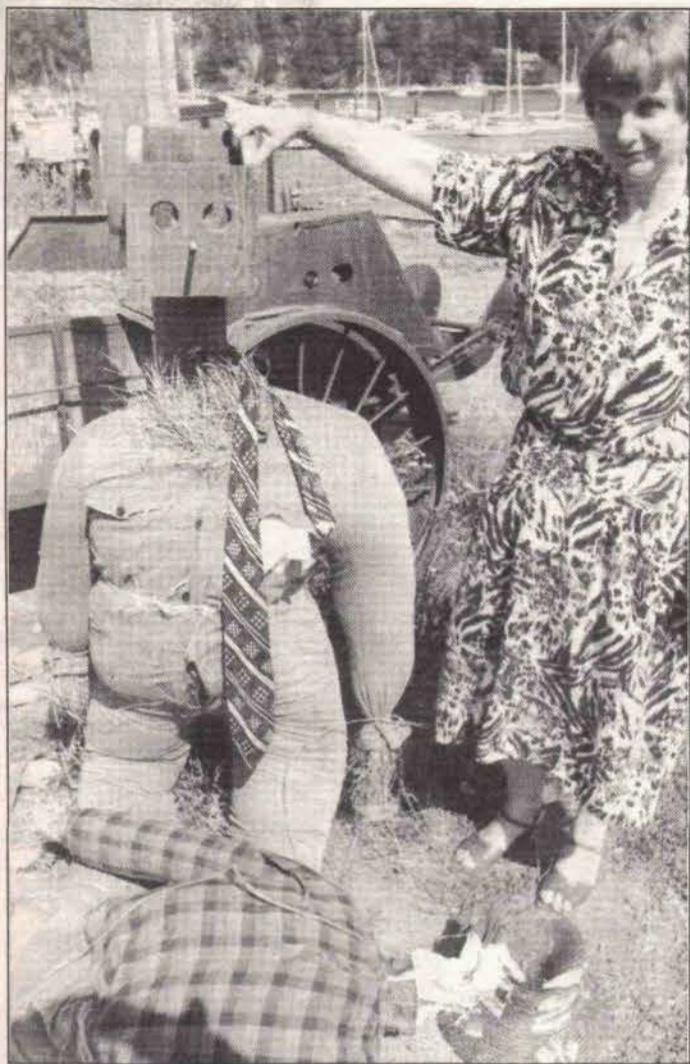
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## Vandals target scarecrows

The famous scarecrow that lamented not having a brain was better off than Salt Spring Farmers' Institute scarecrows that didn't survive one night in Ganges. Margaret Reid holds the remains of one of the scarecrows, which were part of an institute display advertising the September 24-25 fall fair. Erected Wednesday, the display was vandalized by Thursday morning. "It took a lot out of us," said a disappointed Reid.

Photo by Tony Richards

# Police seek driver of truck after wood falls, injures bystander

A 70-year-old Salt Spring resident was hospitalized after being struck by a piece of wood which fell from a vehicle outside Moby's Pub Sunday. Ganges RCMP are looking for the driver of a red and white half-ton truck for failing to remain at the scene of the accident. Police or Crimestoppers would like any information on the incident.

The victim was later released

from hospital.

Among the 78 reported incidents which came to the attention of local police, were the following:

- Alcohol was involved in a single-vehicle accident on North End Road Saturday which sent the driver to hospital. The 38-year-old islander was the only person in the vehicle. He was taken to Lady Minto Hospital and later released.

Charges are pending.

- A hit and run accident was reported Friday just after 11 p.m. in the 200-block of Maliview Drive. Approximately \$700 damage was sustained by a parked vehicle. Witnesses provided a description of the suspect vehicle which led police to a 17-year-old Salt Spring youth. He has been charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

- A residence in the 200-block of Baker Road was broken into Thursday. Someone entered the home between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and took money and local cinema movie-bucks.

- Someone entered a camper in Mouat's Park on Monday and stole some cash. Visitors were from Courtenay. Police are still investigating.

- Police are investigating two incidents of trespassing by night, reported in the last two weeks by a Salt Spring resident. The incidents occurred at the same house.

# Children, matches blamed for Forest Ridge brush fire

A brush fire Friday on Forest Ridge Road on Salt Spring was extinguished about 12:45 p.m. The fire was started by children playing with matches.

In other fire department news:

- A small brush fire started at the end of Baker Road Sunday evening when an unattended campfire on

the beach set nearby brush alight. It was extinguished quickly.

- Despite cooler temperatures, open fires are not allowed, the fire department said Tuesday. Campfires are allowed but only with a permit. Incinerator fires are allowed if they are screened and away from buildings or brush.

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# Market motion decision awaits review by commission staff

No decision will be made until after this year's market season on a controversial motion passed by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) July 25.

The motion was to consider allowing those islanders who had vended previously in the Market in the Park to return, even if they did not meet the make-it, bake-it or grow-it restriction.

"Staff will be reviewing the matter over the course of the remainder of the summer-fall market period and reporting back to the commission members as required," administrator Tony Hume told the commission in his August 29 report.

**In other PRC news:**

• Years of service to the community by Ian Fraser were cited by some PRC members August 29 as they accepted Fraser's resignation.

"Ian will be remembered by most of the staff and members of the PRC for his constant assistance on some of the most difficult issues that the PRC has faced over the years," administrator Hume noted.

"Ian leaves behind many lasting

## PRC BRIEFS

legacies throughout our parks, in the form of picnic tables that he made, trails that he helped clear, signs like the blackboard at Portlock Park he designed and made."

• A possible access through a corner of Arnell Park to a four-lot subdivision off Stewart Road could be traded for much-needed parking in the area, commission member Barry Urquhart suggested during debate on the issue.

Yantra Walker agreed the PRC should consider the trade if it would benefit the community.

However, Kellie Booth pointed out there could be a problem if the Ministry of Highways upgrades and straightens Stewart Road, which would make the subdivision access unusable.

Commission members directed staff to continue researching the request for access and future Highways plans and to report back at the October meeting.

• Recreation programmer Ross Huff reported a successful summer season, with the basketball camp and hang-gliding among the highlights.

The average age of the first class of hang-gliders was 45 to 55, Ross noted. An ocean kayaking course also drew people aged 40 and over.

Other summer programs included archery, dance and shiatsu.

The pool was also busy. The swim team drew 40 youngsters while 20 to 30 women joined in the morning aquafit classes.

Camp Colossal drew an average of 22 children a day during its 29 days of operation.

"We are getting a lot of requests asking for year-round facilities," Ross noted. "It's indicative of a growing community."

• Tony Hume reported work is proceeding on the new park in Ganges, aided by a \$2,500 grant from the Centennial Park Society, \$15,000 from B.C. Parks, an unspecified amount from the Rotary Club and \$3,000 from Mouat's. The Centennial Park Society also donated \$4,500 towards upgrading Centennial Park.

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# Rowing club looking for new site on lake

An appeal by Salt Spring's rowing club for Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) help met with a sympathetic hearing at the August 29 meeting.

The rowing club is in danger of losing its boathouse, dock and float at St. Mary Lake, administrator Tony Hume explained. The group had its facilities on land leased for \$1 a year. However, the original property owner sold the land and the new owner wants the group to pay \$400 rent per month.

The club has discussed moving the boathouse, dock and float to a highways right-of-way but needs a permit application from the PRC to the Ministry of Highways.

Once the dock and float are on public property and under PRC jurisdiction, Hume said, there could be some problems keeping

the public off the facility. However, he noted that area of the lake is weedy and known for swimmer's itch, so is not popular with swimmers.

He told commission members he had only received a telephone call on the issue and would like a chance to get more information on the request.

Yantra Walker wondered if the PRC could pay the \$2,000 to rent the dock over the summer season. She predicted the dock would draw swimmers once it was on a public right-of-way.

Hume said the club needs the dock year-round. Commission members directed staff to prepare a report on the request and also suggested a delegation from the rowing club attend a future meeting.

# Lundy, Sjuberg back at paper

Two former Driftwood staffers have rejoined the newspaper's editorial department.

Susan Lundy and Gail Sjuberg are splitting a position on the paper effective this week. As assistant editor, Lundy will be responsible for an expanded Section B, containing community and sports news and classified and real estate advertising.

Sjuberg assumes the new position of sports reporter, with responsibility for sports and recreation coverage.

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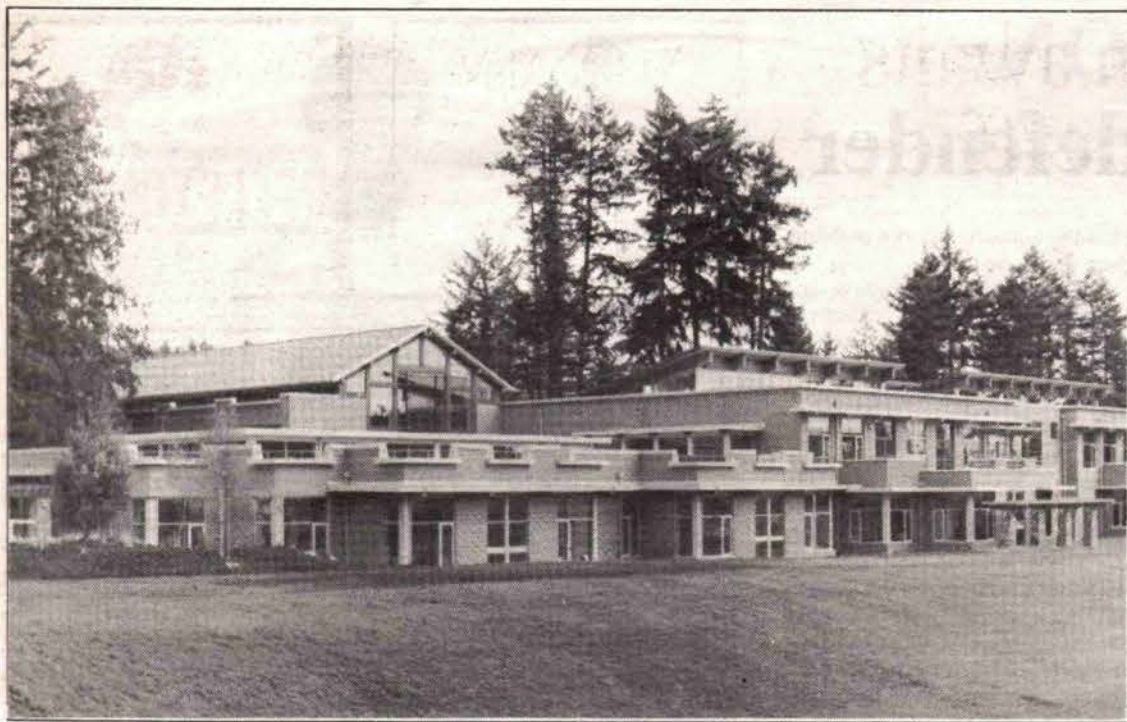
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## EDUCATION

From Page A1

"These are major changes. When I started in education we were pretty insular," Bergstrom remarked. Twenty years ago, schools were driven by the needs of the school system. Now they are more likely to be driven by the needs of the students.

Bergstrom predicts even more dramatic changes in the near future. "One of the key skills we now see is a commitment to lifelong learning. Schools are not only going to be geared to six to 17-year-olds, we're going to be geared to everyone."

As more of the population shifts towards lifelong learning, there will be changes in the traditional forms of education, Bergstrom said. "Why close a school at 2:30 in the afternoon? Why close a school from the end of June until September?"

As GISS vice-principal responsible for alternate and career education programs, Bergstrom deals more directly with market demands than many of his colleagues. Much of his job is to prepare students for careers — a task which he feels keeps him fired by the enthusiasm of the students and attuned to trends.

But even the most optimistic students are aware that their future will have to be charted over new ground. "They're somewhat mystified and unsure but they're looking for answers," Bergstrom remarked. The main advantage students have is a willingness to embrace new ideas. "They haven't built up some of those defences."

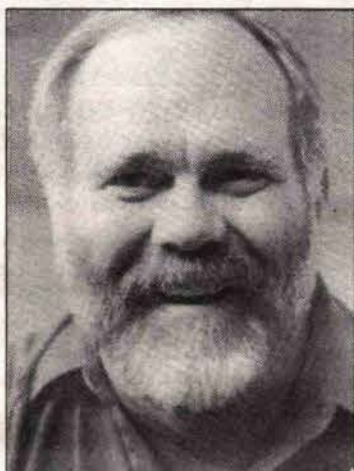
One of the strengths of the North American school system is that students are allowed many educational options which develop creativity and entrepreneurial spirit, Bergstrom noted. At one point, schools had fallen behind the shifts in society — Bergstrom remembers his initial doubting reaction to the first computer lab many years ago — but that has changed.

"They're catching up. The system is starting to respond more closely to what is going on in the real world."

In the real world there are students with part-time jobs who have not yet finished high school. There are students living in isolated areas. There are teenagers with babies. There are young people who chafe against the regimen of a classroom and adults who need one or two courses to finish long-abandoned graduation plans.

For many of these students, the answer is Pathfinder. Now entering its third year at GISS, the Pathfinder lab is a computer-directed learning program capable of taking students through to Grade 12 graduation.

Originally developed in the mid-1980s with financing by the



Scott Bergstrom

federal government, Pathfinder was intended to give Grade 10 equivalency in social studies, science, math and English. Included in the program was a career and lifestyle planning component, which tied in with the program's original use as part of a youth employment package.

When school systems began

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installing Pathfinder, it quickly became obvious that the available curriculum needed to be expanded to include Grade 11 and 12 courses. A group of school districts using the system formed a consortium to finance preparation of further courses, Bergstrom explained. More courses are being added every year.

The first year Pathfinder was in GISS, two adult students graduated by completing the courses. Last year, seven students graduated from the Pathfinder system.

Pathfinder allows unique options. Students can attend part-time and work at their own pace. Pathfinder lessons direct students to resource material — books, videotape, cas-

ettes — which are part of the lab.

Once the student works through the resource material, he or she can then write a test on the computer. A student who achieves at least 80 per cent on the test is directed to the next lesson: a student who does not achieve that level is given suggestions for further study.

All students who enter the program take a diagnostic reading and math test. One advantage of Pathfinder is that it allows multi-skill access: for example, a student who reads at a Grade 7 level can take a Grade 10 social studies course because the program can present the same information at different reading levels.

"It helps in designing a pathway for that particular student," Bergstrom explained. As the student works through the course, the reading level will gradually increase, he added.

Other educational options being piloted at GISS this year include:

- Plato 2000, a computer-driven learning program for which all the information is handled through the computer.

- New Directions in Learning, a joint Ministry of Education and Open Learning Agency program which combines video-teleconferencing, Knowledge Network programs and print materials to teach Law 12, Introductory Math 11, Biology 12 and Data Processing 11.

Bergstrom said this program may also be offered in the evening, allowing members of the community to enroll.

- Advanced Studies, three first-year university level programs which will be taught through teleconferencing, computer conferencing and print materials. Due to start in October are Psychology 101, Sociology 101 and English 100. Each three-credit course will cost \$200 to \$300, should be offered in the evening and will be open to the public, Bergstrom said.

All of these pilot programs are based on new technology, are individualized and allow the school to offer a wider range of courses to students of all ages. Just five years ago, none of them would have been available.

The wagons are rolling.

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The Classified Pages have moved to the B Section beginning this week. They start on Page B18.

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# PUBLIC EDUCATION: Marshall a staunch defender

The public school system is not in competition with private schools or home schoolers — but neither should be allowed to weaken mass education.

"People should be entitled to opt out, but not at the expense of the public school system," says superintendent of schools Mike Marshall.

Marshall is a strong advocate for public schools. "If we don't hold on to the public school system, the students who are attending private school would not do any better and the rest would suffer."

Those who benefit most from the public school system are those who might be considered least able to take advantage of the school.

A child from a home in which there are no books can still learn to read and enjoy literature through the public school.

A child from a home where there is no money can still enjoy the wealth of facilities in a public school.

A child from a home where there is no understanding can find a caring adult in a teacher or school counsellor.

"Society itself has to protect these children," Marshall said. A public school system is the best chance many such children will have to achieve, even if they lack the advantages enjoyed by children from affluent or well educated families.

Its mass clientele is both the strength and weakness of the public school system, Marshall said. Children attending public school are exposed to wide diversity, a microcosm of society.

Youngsters from different cultural and social backgrounds, physically and mentally disabled children are all likely to be enrolled in public school. "Children who grow up today in the public system grow up understanding more," Marshall remarked.

But classes in a public school system are typically larger than in private school, so a child is less of an individual and is more easily overlooked. "It's one of the things that we try not to do," Marshall said — but he admits it still happens.

He feels the school system is

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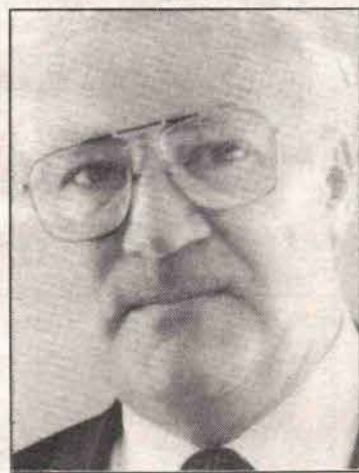
moving to extremes at both ends. The top students graduating from the public school system are better than they have ever been. The majority of students are achieving a similar level as in the past. But the students with problems have greater problems.

A growing challenge for schools throughout the province is the number of students with severe behavioural problems. "We're seeing more of them and they're more behaviorally disturbed," Marshall remarked.

**Those who benefit most from the public school system are those who might be considered least able to take advantage of the school.**

These are the students who scream obscenities and run out of the classroom if corrected by a teacher; who react violently to playground disagreements; who are emotionally disturbed or addicted to drugs or alcohol.

Some are as young as 11 or 12. They may be the children of parents addicted to drugs or alcohol or from highly dysfunctional homes. Often, when the school



Mike Marshall

calls the home to report a problem, there is no one there.

"It's a growing percentage and it impacts dramatically on the school," Marshall said. At one point, such children were few. Those who were violent were often in reform school or institutions, not in the public school.

But now the institutions and reform schools are closed. The public school system is the only institution left. "If we don't deal with them, who else will? There's nothing else out there," Marshall explained.

There are other changes in the schools as well. Marshall estimates 75 per cent of Grade 11 and 12 students work part-time in addition to attending school. However, there are more teenagers staying in school, thanks to options like Pathfinder (see related story) and alternate grad which allow part-time attendance and flexible programs.

Another change is the shift to middle schools, which offer a very active curriculum, lots of physical education and a school geared to the needs of students in grades 6 to 8. "That is where a lot of problems start," Marshall said.

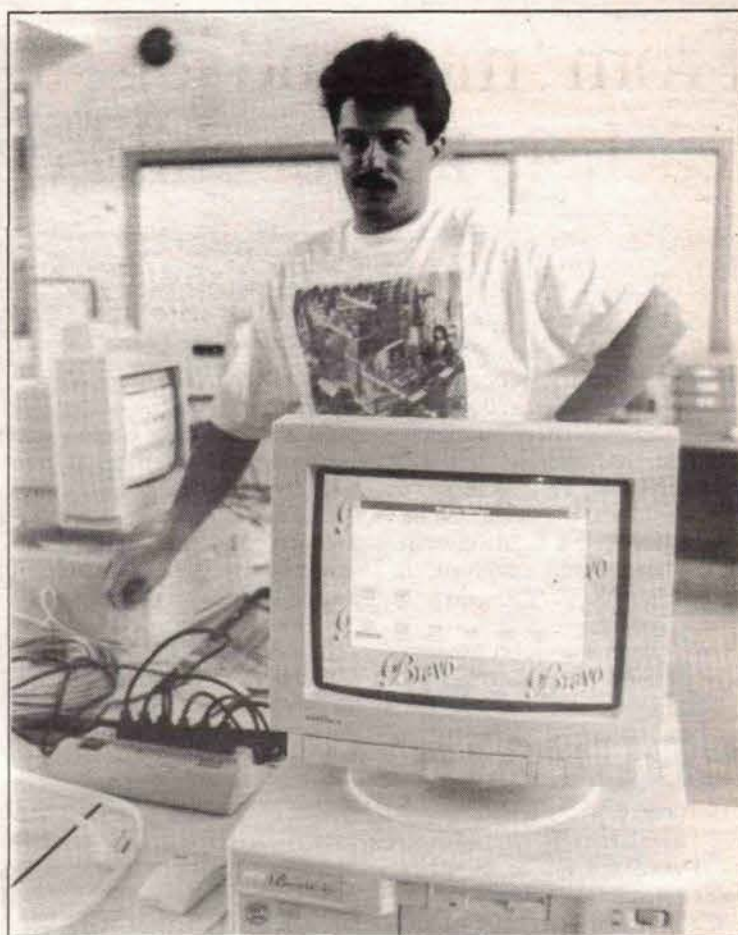
Technology will bring high school students greater opportunities for independent study. A single CD-ROM, for example, can present the images from all the great theatres of western civilization.

He predicts more individualized program and self-directed education in the senior grades. Teachers will become more like guides, he says, able to identify what a student needs to learn and direct the student to the appropriate information.

Greater diversity in the public school system could reverse the current trend, in which more and more parents are opting out of the system. Some are turning to home schooling — Marshall notes Salt Spring has a particularly high number of home schoolers — while others are sending their children to private school.

Marshall agrees parents should have a choice. But he fears diverting too many resources to private schools — which also receive some government funding — could impoverish the public school system.

He never wants to see a two-tier




**TECHNOLOGY TO GO:** A room full of computers surrounds technology teacher David Betts at Gulf Islands Secondary. The school's technology department increased to 13 classes this year from two last year.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

education system — one which offers an excellent education for the elite who can afford private schools while leaving behind a gutted system for the remaining students.

Instead of students leaving the

public schools, he would like to see more choice within those schools. "I would have to come down on the side of public education and offering more options within the school system."

  
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**DON'T PANIC!**  
(Classifieds are in B-Section)

# From 'mug and jug' to Year 2000: teachers favour child-centred focus

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Just wait. That's the advice from two elementary school teachers who feel B.C.'s education system and the learner-centred Year 2000 program is right on target for tomorrow's citizens.

Parents who choose to send their children to public school are putting them into a highly diversified and challenging environment, say teachers Cathy Takagaki and Arleen Sadler.

"We have much higher expectations of children," Takagaki said. "We know more now about how learning occurs."

In addition to learning, the children are expected to understand how they learn. They are expected to set goals and become more involved in their own education.

Gone are the days when a student could scrunch into a back-row desk and let the eager beavers of the class answer

all the questions. Now, when a question needs to be answered, Sadler will ask each child to give the answer to his or her partner. Then each partner is asked to tell the class the answer he or she heard.

The process encourages every child to express an idea, to listen to someone else's idea and to report that idea to the class. Children are encouraged to think, to listen and to evaluate ideas, Sadler said.

"The big question is not 'what is the answer?' but 'how did you get that answer?'" Sadler explained, adding that when they explain their ideas, children often correct their own mistakes.

The children who come out of this type of primary education are different, Takagaki remarked. However, they are still in elementary school — none has graduated. "The elementary teachers are talking about the difference they see in the kids coming up. I think they're very different."

Complaints about current graduates being unable to read, write or do mathematics refer to students who went through school under the old system, which Sadler calls the "mug and jug" theory of education.

Children assimilated — or did not assimilate — information dispensed by the teacher. "The teacher is the jug and the children are the mugs," Sadler remarked.

Developed to suit the needs of an agrarian or industrial society, the "mug and jug" approach worked for that society at that time. "I think the education sys-

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tem is driven by the needs of society," Takagaki said.

Society now needs citizens who are thoughtful learners, able to read critically, be flexible problem-solvers and caring global citizens. To create that kind of a citizen requires a different kind of education, a classroom bearing little resemblance to the classroom of past generations.

Children are not seated in rows, they are in small groups or working as individuals, some on the

floor and some at tables. Older children may be teaching younger children, there is plenty of talking, visits by parents and members of the community.

Instead of a "sage on the stage," the teacher is more like a "guide on the side." Takagaki said the goal is to

increase the opportunities for learning and to give every child the greatest chance to participate.

"Often it looks like play and it is play," Takagaki said. But that doesn't mean children don't learn. "Spelling is taught, phonics is taught," Takagaki stressed. Claims that "the basics" are missed is a myth, she added.

But the spelling lesson may be integrated inside a science discussion. History, social studies and reading may be blended together and children encouraged to discover interlocking ideas. "The brain is constantly searching for meaning," Takagaki noted.

Evaluating, hypothesizing and generalizing are among the skills learned by this cross-discussion.

Takagaki feels many judgments are made on the school system based on adults' memories and



Arleen Sadler



Cathy Takagaki

widespread misinformation.

Both teachers agree education is an emotional subject for many people. When parents first bring their children to school, both teachers can often see in the parents' bodies a reflection of the student's apprehension.

"So many people are afraid of public school systems because they had such a lousy time when they were kids," Sadler remarked.

But she and Takagaki agree the changes in education should result in more positive memories for children now in the school system. Both are confident the changes will also produce an adult ready to handle the demands of the next century.

"We're going to have a different kind of citizen in our world," Sadler concluded.



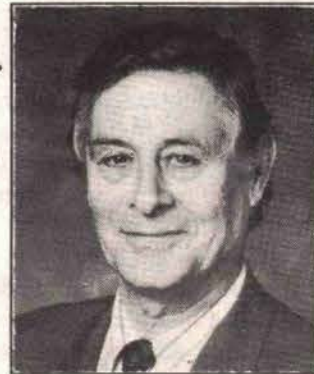
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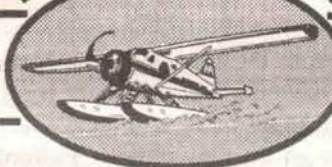
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## Advertising in the schools

There's a captive audience in the schools and advertisers want access.

An example is the recent offer by Coca-Cola to fund the new Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) score clock in exchange for a logo emblazoned upon it.

But Coke wanted more than its name on the wall. In exchange for the \$5,000 timepiece, Coca-Cola Ltd. wanted an agreement with the school board that only that company's beverages would be placed in GISS vending machines.

Fortunately, the school board turned down the request. But the new gym will not be without a clock. Instead of going to a multinational company, the school district approached local community-minded businesses to sponsor the clock in exchange for the right to advertise in the gym.

But a donation to the clock won't give a business the right to fill a gym wall. At last Wednesday's meeting, school trustees suggested a number of restrictions on the advertising. Favoured was limiting advertising to a two by four-foot banner bearing only the company name and logo.

Even while limiting the advertising, some trustees debated the merits of trading any advertising space on school walls for school equipment. Schools are, after all, a place for young people to learn — and the message "Eat at Joe's" is not part of the curriculum.

It could be argued that children are already immune to low-level advertising. From the time they can kick a soccer ball or swing a bat, many have donned t-shirts bearing the name of the local business which sponsors their little league team.

The very parks in which they play — Fulford ball park being an example — can be bordered with the signs of sponsoring businesses. Fulford is also an example of how altruistic many of these business sponsorships actually are — there are several blank spots along the fence where it appears businesses forked over the cash but didn't bother erecting the sign to which they were entitled.

Nor do most businesses gain any financial advantage from their sponsorship of teams, community events and fundraising ventures.

The type of advertising proposed for the school gym is similar in that it serves as an acknowledgment of the business's support for the school rather than something which will generate more sales or draw more clients.

Director of instruction Bob McWhirter suggests the advertising by local business could generate \$20,000 to \$25,000 over the next five years — enough to buy the score clock, four \$500 30-second floor clocks and perhaps some team uniforms.

We see little problem with this trade of gym wall space for much-needed extras for the school's sports program provided the resulting advertising is local and discreet.

But regardless of the need for extra funds in the school system, we hope the school board continues to close the door to multinationals that want to buy their way into our schools.

## Population controls

As world leaders with opposing philosophical views square off in Cairo over measures to control the earth's population, Salt Spring Islanders go head to head over the issue of cats. There are parallels.

World population is increasing at an alarming rate: by the year 2025, it is projected by the United Nations to reach nine billion. There are different views on what the planet's total capacity is, but few would disagree that certain areas are rapidly approaching a saturation point. And it is those regions that record the highest levels of population growth.

On Salt Spring, the issues are similar. At what point does the cat population threaten nature's delicate balance? Should cat owners attempt to regulate the predatory wanderings of their pets, animals which are cuddly company one minute and cruel carnivores the next?

In Cairo, the UN Conference on Population and Development presents an opportunity for informed dialogue, though organizers and delegates hope threats of armed violence do not materialize.

On Salt Spring, we too look for dialogue and hope that threats of vigilante action are without substance.

## CAT-TRAPPER CAUGHT IN S.P.C.A. DRAGNET



## Cute and cuddly pet cats are also vicious predators

I feel compelled to respond to cat owners recently "pleading mercy" to the public re their roaming cats. Where are the cries of mercy for the myriad small or infant creatures and critters preyed upon mercilessly each year by the average domesticated, marauding cat.

Surprisingly, local SPCA president J. Lautenschlager writes we should let "cats roam and hunt and play — that's life!" No! This irresponsible attitude has helped create the current "cat pet versus cat pest" problem.

Cats in no way have superiority of position over other domesticated animals. Domesticated cats are an extension of their owners. As such, they cannot roam freely on the private property of others.

The trapper referred to recently is most likely frustrated and angry by unwanted cats and is merely laying down the law. He or she most likely does not know or identify the animal as a family pet — cute, cuddly — but sees the cat as it really is when it roams — a vicious, indiscriminate predator of small wildlife: i.e. birds, snakes etc.

This wildlife exists on the trapper's property and is within the trapper's domain to support, protect and nurture if he or she so wishes.

Under different circumstances and left to the wilderness, the overall cat population would diminish rapidly. Disease, predators, human encroachment and accidents would take their toll. As it is, humans have intervened. Domestic cats' bellies are full of cat chow, veterinarian needs are attended to, physically cats are at their peak — groomed and loved by a human owner.

To me, the trapper is screaming to be heard: Keep your dangerous, domestic pet off my property or else! I happen to agree with the trapper. The methods are severe but they have finally caught the attention of some delinquent cat owners.

Caging and removing unwanted pests from private property is not illegal. Cat owners who turn a blind eye and allow their pet to intrude on the privacy and sanctity of others do so at risk to their pet.



VIEW POINT  
BY MARILYN HENDERSON

Furthermore, allowing domestic pets to roam is cruel. J. Christenson admits her cat's "nature and personality do not lend itself to surviving in the wild." Understanding this, how can she justify the concern she expresses after letting it roam?

I feel for all the poor cats that are victimized by thoughtless owners. I feel for average citizens forced to resort to trapping because they feel unheard and overwhelmed by a roaming cat problem. I feel no grief for lazy cat owners who want it all.

Prevention from harm is the answer. Keep your cat out of harm's way safely on your property. I don't want it and neither does the trapper in question.

The local SPCA president should be informing cat owners of their responsibilities. Instead, Mr.

Lautenschlager, who obviously doesn't have his own cat under control, encourages the public to organize against the trapper. "Anyone wanting more information about this person, please contact me," he says.

If the trapper is not trapping properly then it is Mr. Lautenschlager's responsibility to inform about proper trapping be-

haviour. He should be sensitive and encourage the trappers to bring cats to the SPCA shelter.

I applaud and wholeheartedly support citizens who are trying to intervene on the part of wilderness creatures in order to eliminate a very real threat to their existence — roaming domestic cats.

This is an old problem. Lower Mainland SPCAs put down hundreds of cats a month. Think about it. That is just the tip of this tragic iceberg.

Many cat owners are responsible and I acknowledge them. Many are not.

The SPCA's responsibility is to enforce proper care and maintenance of animals under human care. Please do your job, Mr. Lautenschlager, and devote your efforts to creating positive solutions to a very real problem — cat over population and improper care.

The writer is a White Rock resident who owns property on Salt Spring. She owns a 15-year-old cat but says it will be her last.

**To me, the trapper is screaming to be heard: Keep your dangerous, domestic pet off my property or else!**

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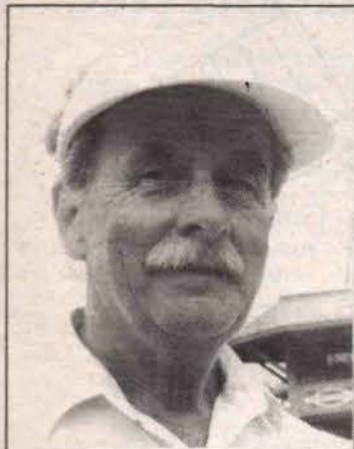
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**Jim Thomson**  
West Vancouver

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**Jessica Samson, 10**  
Vancouver

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**Ingrid Vopel**

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**Bryanna Baker, 10**  
Vancouver

Either I swat them away or I kill them with anything that's close.



**Virginia Newman**

I just move slowly and enjoy them. They live here. I even got stung last week.

## Letters to the editor

### Driftwood erotica

I am deeply indebted to both Dr. and Mrs. Clifton Groombridge (I assume they are two people) for exposing the naughty bits in Derek Duffy's Garden column (Driftwood, August 17, "like spraying rockets my peonies shower their glories...")

My interest aroused, trembling in anticipation, I mounted the stairs to my attic to thumb through the very selfsame issue of the Driftwood in which their letter appeared. I was not disappointed. The language in your editorial on Canada Post ("aggressive forays into the advertising field" and "stiffened competition") set my blood pounding in my temples.

Awash in sweat from your adept use of the word "potentially" on pages 10 and 11, I reached the ad for lamb loin chops in a

total frenzy. The room spun dizzily as I read Graeme Thompson's article on Tom Toynbee ("I was going to do it when I was 50 but I never did") with new meaning.

I hope that the staff of Greenwoods has had the good sense to remove all copies from the reach of its residents. As for me I am off to reread last month's article on Anjou pears in *Orgasmic* — sorry — *Organic Gardening*.

I remain your effervescent, etc.  
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### Questioning move

I read the letter from Andrew Beddoes and my heart went out to him. Here was a man con-

cerned about living things and he becomes the victim of his own good deeds.

I just moved here three months ago after 27 years in Tsawwassen — my reason to be near my family and enjoy this lovely island. Now I am beginning to wonder about it.

First I read about some woman killing cats, then the troubles of Mr. Beddoes.

I live in Churchill which is supposed to be 30 kmh but people drive at 60 kmh. How well I know as I like to walk to Ganges with my grandchildren but I can tell you how many times I have shouted to the kids to keep clear

of the road as those cars do not lessen their speed and we nearly end up in the ditch.

I can never get the licence numbers between my eyesight and the speed. Believe me, I can understand the anger of Mr. Beddoes of the tourists' attitude. Do you mean to tell me the tourist is right and the islander not. Gosh, what a world we live in today.

As I live right across from Ganges, on Friday and Saturday nights we can hear the screeching around, it goes on and on, one wonders why it's all allowed to go on so long.

With only three months here, like Mr. Beddoes, I am having my doubts and believe me I am with you all the way.

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## No giant doobie: alliance bid fails

VICTORIA — Queen Elizabeth may have been a hit with most British Columbians, but as the old adage goes: you can't please everybody, not even if you're the monarch of the realm, Defender of the Faith, got the job by the Grace of God, and open the Commonwealth Games and a university in Prince George.

The Vancouver Island Hemp Alliance wanted very much to meet the Queen and, to its members' dismay, didn't get anywhere near her.

What is the Vancouver Island Hemp Alliance, you ask, and why did they want to meet Her Majesty? The group is dedicated to the spiritual and life-enhancing qualities of hemp, that is to say cannabis, a marijuana plant variety, also known as pot.

And the Vancouver Island Hemp Alliance's interest in the royal visitor was a legal one. They wanted to serve her with a writ. The reward for succeeding in serving Her Majesty was to have been a giant "doobie," or joint.

Would I kid you? Of course not. These guys really had a writ, sworn in B.C. Supreme Court on August 16, against Her Majesty The Queen in the Right of Canada, the attorneys-general of Canada and British Columbia, the city of Courtenay, a couple of RCMP staff sergeants and John and Jane Doe.

The alliance filed its suit after the RCMP allegedly rained on its First Annual Forbidden Hempfest last May.

The Forbidden can be taken to refer as much to the locale of the Hempfest, Forbidden Plateau, a ski area near Courtenay, as to the fact that possession of marijuana is still illegal in Canada.

That little problem notwithstanding, hempsters showed up at Forbidden Plateau to do whatever Hempfest activities call for, only to run headlong into an RCMP roadblock at the access road to Forbidden Plateau. What unfolded next was enough to ruin any party.

RCMP stopped every vehicle, going up the ski hill, and handed out wads of tickets, ranging from \$75 to \$300, for anything from broken lights to tinted windows, from burnt-out licence plate lights to non-functional brake lights.

As may be expected, this treatment ruined what Hempfest attendants were hoping would be a nice little get-together. Hemp Alliance founder Ernie Yacub was not amused.

"We want to take the case all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada," he said. "This tactic of charging a certain segment of the public with minor motor vehicle infractions is a discriminatory and flagrant abuse of police powers."

"This clearly shows that the police will use any means to harass and intimidate targeted groups of law-abiding citizens." Honest, I'm not making this up. That's what the man said.

He should have been around when kids were sentenced to three years in prison for having one joint on them. What did he expect? An RCMP welcome wagon?

The Hemp Alliance has provided me with some literature, and not surprisingly, there's not mention that the stuff their dreams are made of can be smoked. If you take their word for it, cannabis is a health food.

"Cannabis hemp seeds contain all the essential amino acids and essential fatty acids necessary to maintain healthy human life," says one of the alliance's flyers.

"No other single plant source provides complete protein in such an easily digestible form, nor has the oils essential to life in as perfect a ratio for human health and vitality."

Folks, I'm going to contact Macdonald's headquarters and ask them why this stuff isn't on their menu. Hemp burgers to go, the only burgers that can be either smoked or eaten, with or without cheese.

To be fair to the alliance, you'd have to smoke quite a bit of hemp to get an even mild buzz. It contains only about three per cent of THC, a hallucinogenic agent, compared to the 35 per cent any self-respectable pot has these days. But illegal it is, until the law says otherwise.

Which brings me to the serious point of this column. Aside from the antics of the Hemp Alliance, I support their endeavours to convince our legislators that it's about time to legalize marijuana.

I don't smoke the stuff. Hell, I don't even like hard liquor. Beer's my poison, but even that was illegal during the U.S. prohibition.

Germany recently joined the Netherlands in decriminalizing soft drugs, which by most accounts are far less harmful than tobacco. Eventually, most countries will follow Holland's lead. It simply makes no sense to have a law on the books that is routinely broken by 25 per cent of the population, not to mention the drain on resources to enforce that law.

### CAPITAL COMMENT

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## Board appoints Karen Davies new Lady Minto administrator

Lady Minto Hospital has a new administrator. Karen Davies, who has been acting administrator since last February, was appointed to the position on a permanent basis by the board of trustees last week. She replaces Vicki Curtis, who has resigned for health reasons.

Davies has been employed by Lady Minto for more than 20 years.

In other hospital news:

• About a dozen inquiries have been received in response to advertising for a general surgeon. A selection committee will review applications in October and appoint a new surgeon by mid-month. Dr. Gerry Scott, general sur-

geon since 1989, retires effective December 31.

• Lady Minto and Greenwoods will continue to share as many services as possible but a formal merger of the two institutions will not be pursued for now. The decision was made in light of the changes in health care organization.

• The hospital board's community relations committee has published commemorative note cards marking the hospital's 80th birthday. The cards are available at the hospital in packages of five for \$3.50.

• Board member Dawny Scarfe will represent the hospital on the Islands Trust focus group reviewing the Official Community Plan.

## Ministry investigator uncomfortable with elected commission members

Appointing advisory planning commissions (APCs) is normal throughout most of the province, according to Fred Thompson, director of investigations for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Thompson confirmed Friday that he had been approached by some Gabriola residents unhappy with Islands Trust plans to end the election of advisory planning commissions.

"They're appointed, they're not elected," he said, citing a section of the Municipal Act which refers to an APC as appointed. "I always felt very strongly that you had to be very careful about electing APCs," he added.

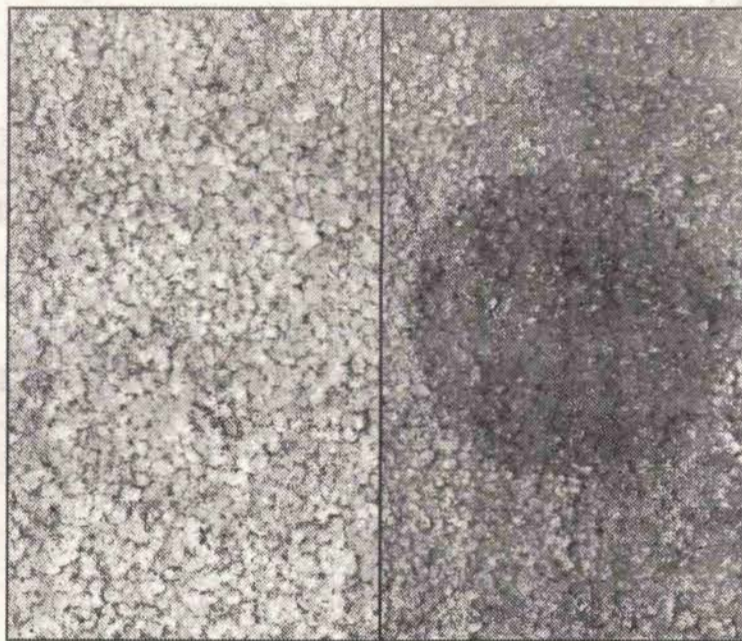
If an individual Islands Trust trustee decides to hold some type of election for an APC and then use the election results as a guideline when appointing APC mem-

bers, that decision is up to the trustee, Thompson said.

But he felt there is a danger an elected APC will see itself as an elected body instead of as an advisory body.

He saw no problem with the Islands Trust Council decision last June asking all Local Trust Committees to appoint their APCs. The motion is in keeping with the requirements of the legislation, he said.

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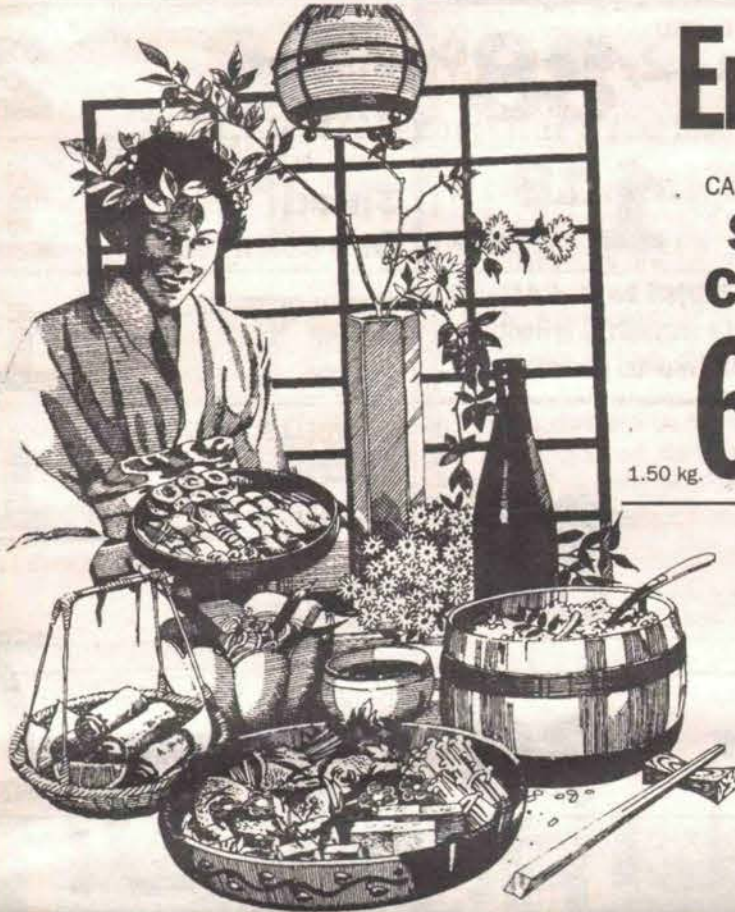
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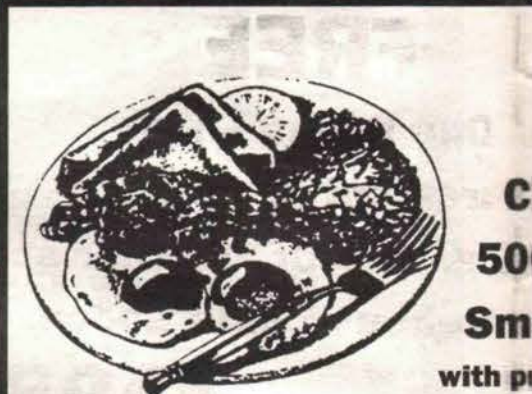
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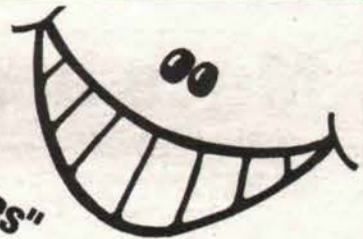
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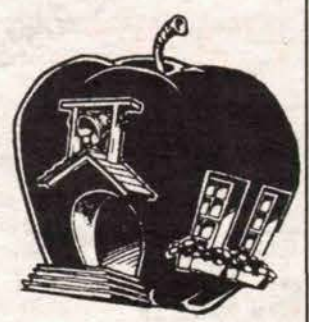
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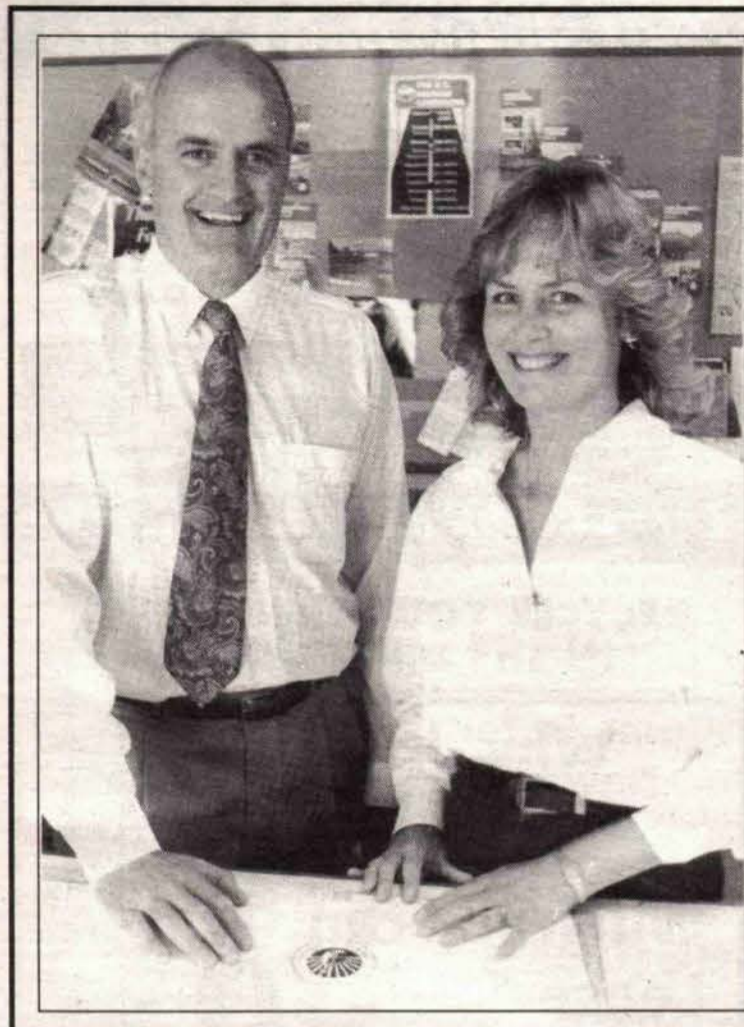
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Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce manager Jeremy Moray, left, presented a \$200 cheque last week to artist Stacey Morrisette after her design was selected from seven entries in a logo competition. Morrisette's winning design, above, was one of three she entered. The Salt Spring resident, who does design work as a hobby, also won a similar contest sponsored by the False Creek Yacht Club.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Islanders want province to buy \$4 million island

Lasqueti Islanders are urging the provincial or federal government to buy an island off their coast. The 640-acre Jedediah Island is the largest of a chain of islands in Sabine Channel, between Lasqueti and Texada islands, which local residents would like to see preserved in its entirety. It has a price tag of \$4 million, an amount being sought before a September 15 option to purchase runs out.

Last year the group of islands was designated by the provincial government as a high-priority study area, a press release from Friends of Jedediah Island said.

"It's mostly a matter of timing," Friends spokesman Doug Hopwood said. "The B.C. government has rated Jedediah as a high priority for purchase. Now they have to be nimble and take the opportunity while it lasts."

"We are urging the public to spend a minute and phone or write to the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks, Moe Sihota, to express their support."

Possible park sites are rated according to conservation, recreation and heritage features. Jedediah Island rates high in all three areas, Hopwood said. In terms of conservation, Sabine Channel is

among the least developed channels among the islands of Georgia Strait, and Jedediah has some rare old-growth Douglas fir stands, as well as arbutus and juniper.

Many boaters are familiar with Jedediah Island, with its several sheltered bays and sandy beaches. The island also has four registered archaeological sites including an aboriginal fish weir. A small family farmstead on the island is of the type that used to be common and could be used as an operating tourist attraction.

"It is most unusual that an island of that size would come on the market," Lasqueti Islander Janice McMillan, formerly of Salt Spring, said. "We have to somehow convince the government to get off their butts and come up with the money."

Jedediah Island has been owned by Alan and Mary Palmer for the last 40 years. McMillan said the island has been appraised at \$5.2 million and the Palmers have been offered \$6 million for the property.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada, which recently helped Galiano Islanders with their purchase of Bodega Ridge land, bought an option to purchase on Jedediah, but this runs out September 15.

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**BUSES BACK ON ROAD:** Bus driver Thea McCormick is back on the road this week. She and her fellow bus drivers warn drivers to stop when approaching a stopped school bus. The fine for failing to stop is \$125.

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## Motorists reminded buses back on roads

Back to school means back to buses on island roads.

And for drivers, buses on the road will mean a hefty bite out of their wallets if they don't follow traffic rules.

When approaching a stopped school bus, whose lights are flashing, drivers in both directions must stop.

Bus driver Thea McCormick, who has piloted school buses on Salt Spring for 13 years, says that regulation is important. Children can be unpredictable and dart suddenly into traffic from behind or

in front of the bus.

Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan gives another reason for stopping: drivers who fail to stop can be fined \$125.

"It's a very hefty fine and we do take reports from school bus drivers about vehicles who violate," Bunyan said. If the bus driver can get the licence number of the offending vehicle, the owner of the vehicle will be fined.

As well, drivers will also want to slow down when approaching school zones. Speeding through a school zone also carries a \$125 fine.

## Letter grades are back with November reports

When students get their first report cards in November they will see some changes. New guidelines come into force this term, making letter grades mandatory in the school system.

In response to concerns raised by parents, a press release from the Ministry of Education said in July, changes were set in motion last fall to the anecdotal reporting system for students in public schools. Anecdotal reporting was introduced by the ministry in October 1990.

"The switch came about after the last experience in anecdotal reporting," Gulf Islands school district superintendent Mike Marshall said. "Parents want to know how their kids are really doing in relation to other students in the class and in relation to other students in the district."

The anecdotal system becomes less useful when students go in and out of the public system or in and out of the district, Marshall said. There will be teacher training in the reintroduced letter grade system and parents will be sent information about what the letters mean.

"There are kids in Grade 6 and 7 who have never had letter grades in their whole life."

Three formal, written reports must be given to each student, in addition to two informal reports.

From kindergarten to Grade 3, there should be a written report describing what the student is able to do, areas where further development is possible and ways of supporting the student in his or her learning.

Students in Grades 4 to 7 are required to get letter grades in their report cards, unless the school board provides letter grades to the parents in another format. Written

comments are also required, as for the primary grades.

From Grades 8 to 12, letter grades are required as well as the same kinds of written comments as the other grades. Marks for Grades 11 and 12 courses must appear with percentages on the report card.

The letter grades are A (86-100), B (73-85), C+ (67-72), C (60-66) and C- (50-59).

A grade of IP (In Progress), which is ruled by strict guidelines, indicates the student is making progress but requires additional time to meet expected standards. A W grade indicates a student has withdrawn from the course. An F indicates a student has not demonstrated the minimally accepted performance.

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# School accreditation process becomes mandatory

All schools must be involved in a process of accreditation, the Gulf Islands School Board was told at last week's meeting.

School district superintendent Mike Marshall said the mandatory step would be a "major initiative in a whole lot of ways."

The process of accreditation of the 1,600 public schools in the province requires schools to report annually on their growth plan and their indicators of success, an education ministry

## Focus on improvement, accountability for education provided

spokesman said. "It helps schools focus on school improvement and helps schools identify strengths and areas requiring improvements," Tom Bennett said. "It provides the opportunity for people outside the school district to validate what the school is doing-(and) provides an opportunity for the school to be accountable for the education it

provides." Accreditation has gone on within the school system for many years but has not been mandatory. Internal accreditation teams are made up of school staff, parents and district staff. External teams are also created using other districts' and ministry staff.

Galiano Elementary completed its accreditation process in 1993.

Gulf Islands Secondary School did so in 1990. This year both Pender School and Fulford Elementary will begin the program. Bennett said the ministry would like to involve 40 secondary schools, 16 middle schools and 200 elementary schools in the process this year.

The ministry would like to see high schools receive accreditation

every six years. The process may require district administrators like superintendent Mike Marshall to work temporarily on an accreditation team outside the district and trustee David Eyles questioned the effect doing so. Bennett said staff taken out of a school district would be replaced by the ministry if they were teaching staff. In many cases, he said, vice-principals were the ones who took part in external accreditation teams.

# Advertising sales enable purchase of clocks for new school gym

The new high school will be getting an equally new clock in the gymnasium for sports events, thanks to a scheme developed by the school district and received positively by local businesses.

In May, an offer from Coca-Cola Ltd. to buy a score clock for the gym in the old high school was turned down by the school board. The offer would have included exclusive rights to sell one corporate brand of soft drinks in the school.

While the offer was rejected, the clock was still required. So director of instruction Bob McWhirter wrote a letter to some 20 island businesses to ask whether they would be willing to sponsor the purchase of the equipment. There was a "good response, and some commitment," McWhirter told the board last week, and he asked for permission to go ahead with the scheme.

The board approved a motion to purchase a \$5,000 score clock and four \$500, 30-second floor clocks. The money for the equipment will come from revenue generated by allowing some 10 businesses to advertise in the gym each year. McWhirter said \$20,000 to \$25,000 might be raised in this

way over five years to pay for the clock and also raise money for sports team uniforms.

At the same time, the board agreed to look more thoroughly at the whole question of advertising in the schools.

"I think it's great," trustee Charles Hingston said. "If we're going to use advertisers... let's use advertisers from the local community."

Trustee David Eyles said the decision to pursue advertising for the new high school while agreeing to look at the general question of advertising in the schools for the whole district was "putting the cart before the horse." He said that compared to the "millions of dollars" spent on the new high school, the few thousand needed for the clock was "peanuts."

Trustee Kellie Booth said there was a limited time in which to purchase and install the clock before the basketball season starts and this was an "opportunity to acknowledge the support of individuals and businesses in the community."

"The bottom line is that it's the kids that win in the long run here."

Board chairwoman Allisen Lambert reminded trustees that

some parents had expressed concerns about any advertising being in the school.

"We don't have the money for the score clock or the uniforms," Hingston said before the motion was brought to a vote. "We can make a choice to have advertising or not to have advertising. Is the school better with clocks, uniforms and some advertising or with no clocks, no uniforms and no advertising?"

McWhirter will pursue the matter before the next board meeting in two weeks' time.

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## Office error cancels hearing

A glitch at Islands Trust head office resulted in cancellation of a September 3 public hearing on Mayne Island.

Mayne trustee Sonja Taiji said the hearing was cancelled after Trust staff realized no notices of the hearing had been sent to neighbours of the affected property.

The public hearing was to invite comments on a rezoning of Oceanwood Country Inn, which would have allowed the inn to have 12 guest houses instead of the current eight. The inn is located off Dinner Bay Road and is in a country guest house zone, which allowed up to eight rooms.

Taiji said the error was discovered when she called the Islands Trust office to find out if any letters had been received on the application. She said the error occurred because regular staff were on holidays and the relief staff, who were filling in, were not as familiar with the public hearing process.

"It was just an oversight," she added.

The hearing has been rescheduled to October 1.

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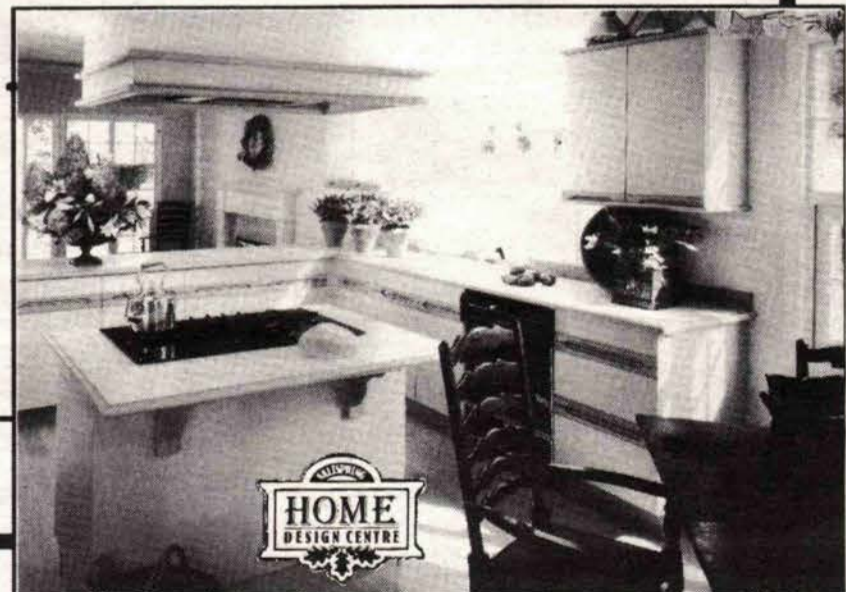
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# Family meets 100 years after Wilson's arrival

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Family history, family photos, books, Bibles and paintings belonging to the family of Rev. Edward Francis Wilson were all brought into the light Sunday for a family reunion at All Saints Anglican church. There was even talk of buried treasure.

More than 100 adults and a good number of children showed up for the first Wilson event of its kind, planned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Edward Wilson's arrival on Salt Spring. They came from all over British Columbia, from Calgary, Whitehorse and as far away as England. Almost everyone at the event was descended from one of Rev. Wilson's 10 surviving children.

Born in England in 1844, Wilson was meant to be a farmer. He went to an agricultural college where he met his future wife, Frances Elizabeth Spooner, and came to Canada to practise what he learned. No sooner had he arrived in Ontario than he enrolled in Huron Theological College for the ministry. He was ordained in 1867 in England, married the next year and sailed back to Canada to spend 20 years teaching native children at the Shingwauk Residential and Industrial School in Sault Ste. Marie.

"He was with the Shingwauk for 20 years," great-grandson John Crofton said Sunday. "He treated the Indians as equals. (But) it went against the instructions of the hierarchy of the church at the time, so he quit. That's when he came to Salt Spring."

The year was 1892. Wilson sent his 18-year-old daughter and 16-year-old son ahead to secure land and build a cabin, a stable and a shed. In 1894, the bishop of the diocese offered the 50-year-old Wilson the parish of Salt Spring Island, which he accepted.

Tolson, Scott, Borradaile and Crofton are some of the island names which are descended from Edward Wilson's children. On Sunday, they brought family photographs, drawings and sketches — Wilson was a persistent and prolific drawer — and previously unseen books and journals.

The original Wilson journal, which runs from 1868 to 1908, is on the island, carefully preserved by Bob and Peggy Tolson. But the family "Home Journal" came last weekend, a terse account of day-to-day occurrences without the sketches, drawings and photographs of the other. A sketch book of Indian paintings also turned up. The family Bible, which belonged to Bishop Daniel 200 years ago, was found recently in an English second-hand bookshop.

Someone brought a poster announcing a sermon by the Rev. Wilson at a London church in 1890. He was to preach on the "Red Indians of Canada and North America" and arrived in England "accompanied by two Indian boys" who were to appear in native costumes and sing and dance.

Wilson wrote several books, including *The Object of the Bible*, published in 1914, and *Star of the Empire*. Wilson was a traveller and an observer of everything, as well as a teacher and patriarch.

One of the surprises of the weekend event is that Wilsons from all over showed up. Not just descendants of Edward and his 10 children but relatives even more distant. The Isabella Point Lacy family — Edward, Ruby Alton and Kathleen Rathwell — are distant cousins, descended from an elder brother of Edward's great-great-grandfather. Peggy Tolson, one of the reunion organizers, also said someone came from a branch of the family who were missionaries in China.

Another distant relative, John Wilson, came from England. He is



**SENIOR CLAN MEMBERS:** Some of the senior descendants of Rev. E. F. Wilson pose in front of the All Saints church bell in Ganges. Their forebear built St. Mary's Church in Burgoyne Valley 100 years ago. From left are Len Tolson, Duncan Tolson, Michael Morris, Ted Wilson, Austin Wilson, Dick Thuillier, Pat Crofton and Denise Crofton. Photo by Graeme Thompson

still a member of St. Mary's Church in Islington and was asked to say a few words about the family from his perspective across the sea.

"The Wilsons were driven to great endeavours because of the vision they had," he said. "They combined evangelical faith, hard work and prosperity put to good use. That's the thing that has driven us."

The Wilson family grew and prospered with the British Empire in the silk trade in the 18th century, he said. The family had a strong faith, which took an evangelical bent under the influence of George Witfield and the expanding British Empire took the family to Canada, India, China, America and all around the world.

Patty Morris, in her presentation to the family Sunday, recounted how Edward Wilson and his family had clocked up the miles in their own time, long before the airplane. He travelled by dogsled, barge, sailing and steam ship and train as well as by horse and buggy and by foot. In one year, Morris said, he visited Pennsylvania, Virginia, Calgary and Winnipeg.

"If any of you have wondered why you have an awful urge to travel or perhaps put in a large vegetable or flower garden, you come by it honestly," she said.

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**NO SMALL GATHERING:** A visit by Rev. Edward Wilson's eldest son and his family provided an opportunity for a family photo late in the last century. Wilson stands in the centre, holding granddaughter Mellita while his wife, Frances Elizabeth, is seated, third from

left. The Tolson family is descended from Evelyn, the eldest daughter, who wears glasses and sits next to her mother. The Crofton family is descended from Nona, the youngest daughter, who wears a white shirt and spotted tie on the right.

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# Telling Stories

Once upon a time, Patrick Lewis discovered the art of the storyteller

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
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Once upon a time . . . .  
Those four words said together form a phrase which is universally recognized in the English-speaking world as the beginning of a story. Centuries of once-upon-a-time, long-long-ago and happily-ever-after have ingrained the language of storytelling into generation after generation.

But stories are more than the traditional children's tales from Mother Goose or the Brothers Grimm, says a Pender Island storyteller.

"We all tell stories in our day-to-day existence," according to Patrick Lewis. "That's what we do."

Lewis is an elementary school teacher on Pender Island and a storyteller. He has just released his first cassette of traditional tales, some of which he made up himself and others he adapted from earlier stories.

While Lewis has always been interested in stories and has a large collection of tales from around the world, his primary interest in storytelling is in the act itself. He is working on a master's thesis at the University of Victoria in which he wants to explore the search for meaning through stories: what do stories say about the storyteller, the storyteller's culture and the storyteller's audience?

"If something happens in your day, we reflect on it and we talk to someone about it. They tell you something about a similar experience or something they're reminded of.

"You're telling a story," he said. To go to the next step is to step back from the tale and think about what the story tells you about yourself.

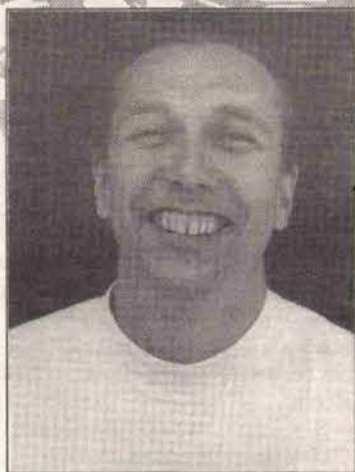
"I'm telling you in a very rushed fashion about me and how I understand stories. You'll take it away and think about it and talk to someone. You'll write a story and you'll construct meaning about it."

Which is what this article is.

Lewis remembers being told stories when he was young. He particularly remembers a Gaelic myth about a man called Finn MacCumhaill (pronounced Fin McCool). This general adventurer has one of the largest bodies of stories surrounding him of any Irish mythological figure. He lived in the third century and most of the tales speak of his adventures as part of a large and somewhat unruly band of men who wandered, defended Ireland from various invaders and occasionally fell in love.

The Greek myth of Daedalus and Icarus is another tale Lewis remembers from his youth. Daedalus was the man who built the labyrinth: a maze which housed the minotaur on the island of Crete. He and his son Icarus escaped from the island by making wings made of feathers and wax.

Since those early days, he has been captivated by stories and the process of storytelling. He has col-



Patrick Lewis

lected stories from all over the world. He appeared at the Mission Folk Festival recently and was one of the organizers of the Tapestry of Words Festival on Pender Island last month. In print, he has been involved with the Pender Island poetry anthology for the last four years. His cassette, *My Aunt the Tailor and Other Extraordinary People*, is his first venture into recording stories.

"You have to have the desire — the focus and the dedication to tell stories," he said. "I possess a genuine love of stories. I do it all the

**For Lewis, the story he reads has to become part of him. The story has to speak to something deep inside his consciousness. If the material does not have that draw, he looks for another story.**

time. I do it in my teaching."

In his classroom of Grade 2s or 3s, he has story-time once a week. He tells a story — one of some 30 or 40 he has chosen for the purpose — and then the children can tell one. He allows them either to make up their own story, tell one they like or put the story into a role-playing form by doing a short drama piece.

He says he can always tell which children have had traditional storytelling in their lives. They are the ones who construct stories with a once upon a time beginning, a middle and a happily-ever-after ending.

For his own stories, the children

are his best audience. They are "honest, open and will not hesitate to tell me what they don't like," he said.

Choosing a story to tell is not as easy as reading or speaking the words. For Lewis, the story he reads has to become part of him. The story has to speak to something deep inside his consciousness. If the material does not have that draw, he looks for another story.

All the stories in his current cassette release have that draw.

*My Aunt the Tailor* was based on an old Yiddish story about a fat, old tailor who spends his whole life making things for other people and hardly anything for himself. Something about the story reminded Lewis of a very dear great aunt who also had a selfless streak.

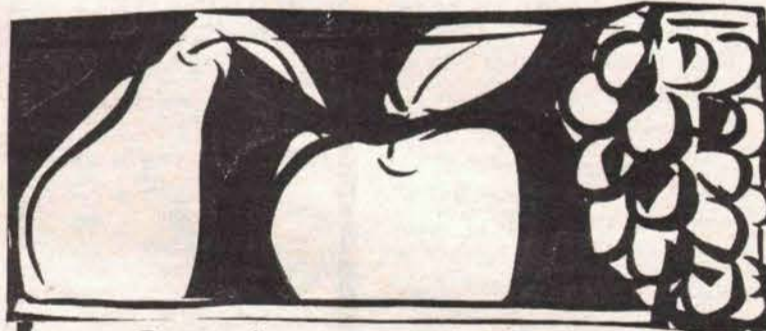
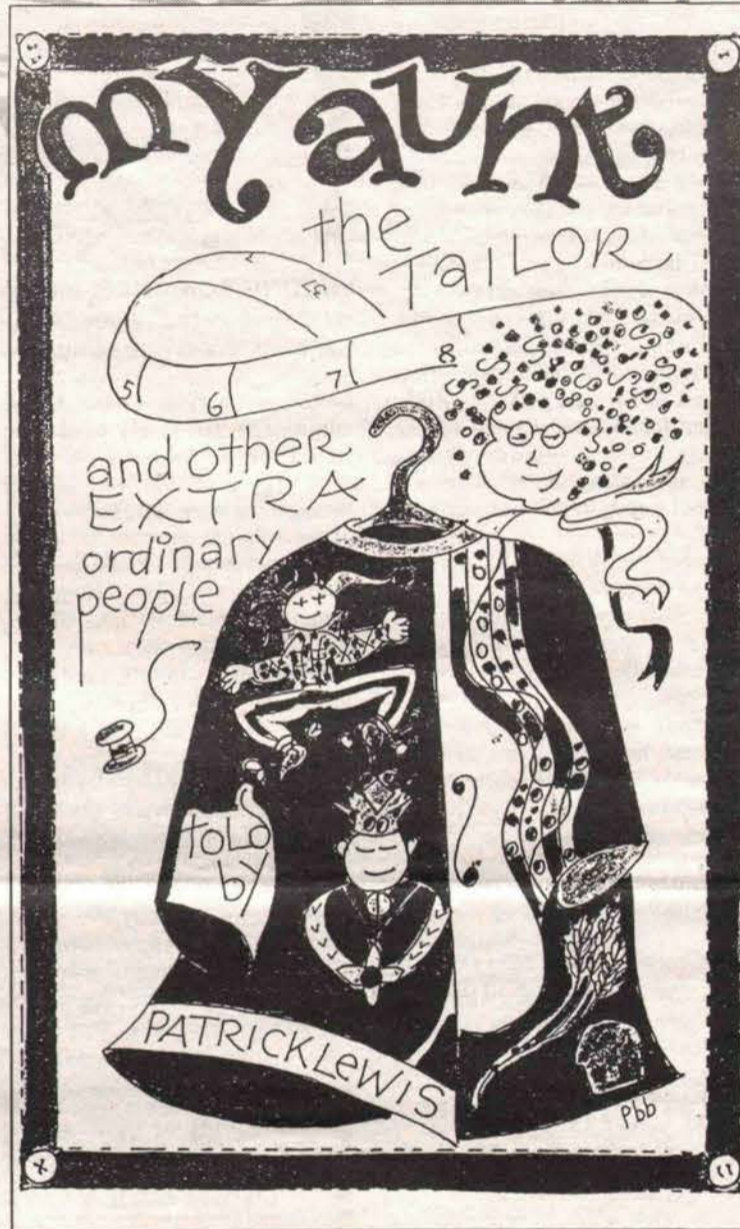
"I made (the story) my own," Lewis said. "I've infused it with the memory of my own great aunt. That's what I do when I learn a story. I want to make it my own. I imbue it with my own experiences."

With *Bearskin*, Lewis adapted the tale from the Brothers Grimm. As well as being a colourful tale with magic and drama and three pretty sisters, the story has other levels of meaning. It speaks about the struggle of most young men to find themselves, through trials and tribulations, on their own, separated from family. Lewis recognized the story in his own life experiences.

*Queen Anne's Lace* is a story he made up himself. He had heard that the dark red spot in the centre of the common roadside flower was supposed to be a drop of blood from the British queen who lost her head in the 16th century. So he constructed a story about the queen, set in a mythical island land with kings and beautiful maidens.

One of the characteristics of Lewis' storytelling is that the stories themselves change with every rendition. While the thread of the story stays the same, his intonation, his gestures, even some words will be different. But, he says, the magic of the story, the essence which originally drew him, will always remain.

Some of that magic is in his new release. *My Aunt the Tailor and Other Extraordinary People* is available at the Galloping Moon Gallery on Pender Island or by writing to Patrick Lewis at Good Earth Farm, RR1, Hooson Road, Pender Island, V0N 1Z0.



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# Romance formula still 'happily-ever-after' ending

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Lifestyles of the rich and beautiful are what Joan Walls wants to write about.

And she hopes writing fantasy stories will help her achieve two of her own fantasies: having a book published and earning some extra money towards buying a boat.

"I've always written, scribbled and written around, and I thought I should do something serious with it," she says. But she doesn't want her first venture into writing to be intensely serious, so she is starting by writing a romance novel.

"I'm trying to pursue a writing career in some form," she explained. Although writing a romance isn't easy, Walls finds the idea less intimidating than any other type of writing.

"It's a romance between a man and a woman, just the dynamics of the male-female romance."

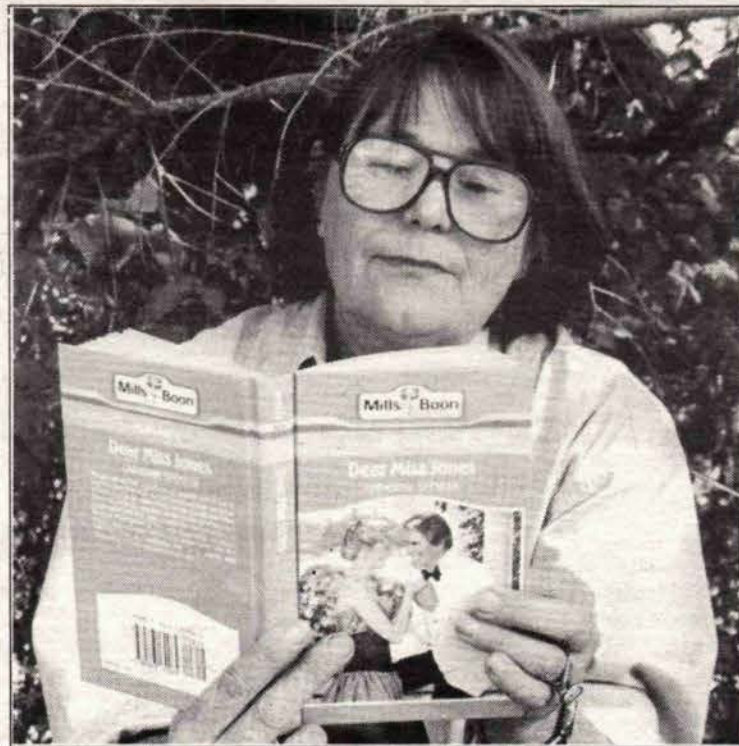
To help herself and other like-minded island writers get their stories in the right emotional mold, Walls is organizing a workshop with successful romance writer Catherine Spencer of White Rock. Slated for October 15 and 16, the workshop will include writing tips, marketing suggestions and current trends in the romance market.

There are trends in the world of bodice-rippers and happily-ever-after, just as in all other popular culture, Walls said. "Cowboys were hot last year — they're out this year."

There is a huge demand for romance novels — major lines put out a slate of novels each month. But the competition is fierce. Walls' research indicates only 30 novels of every 1,000 submitted are published.

"You need to know all the latest things because it's changing all the time."

Before starting her own novel, she read several current romance



**WRITING ROMANCE:** Joan Walls is organizing a workshop on writing romance novels. Author Catherine Spencer, who wrote the book Walls is reading, will lead the workshop. Photo by Valorie Lennox

novels — a type of book she admits she had rarely read. She found the books have changed since the last time she leafed through one many years ago.

For example, the men tend to be more human and likable and the women are stronger. "Now you have independent women, who are not looking for men to rescue them, whereas before they were just batting their eyelashes."

The level of writing has improved, she noted.

But in many ways the books have retained many of the traditional characteristics of the romance novel. They are still written to a formula in which the conclusion is the "happily-ever-after" marriage of the hero and heroine.

The heroine is always gorgeous. Merely pretty is not enough. "She has to be knock-out, drop-dead

beautiful." The man is handsome and wealthy.

"It's Barbie and Ken. Nobody's ever 20 pounds overweight or older or poor."

If there's any gray hair on the pages, it can only be from a minor character or from the hero — a mature man with a touch of gray at the temples is a suitably romantic figure provided he is rich and in good shape.

While most of the heroines have a career, few of the careers break out of the feminine mold. Walls has yet to see any female CEOs in the stories but nurses and teachers are common.

Initially, Walls said she felt rather apologetic about her choice of writing topic. But after reading some of the books, she realized they were intended as light entertainment, rather like a romantic

comedy movie.

"This is fantasy, so this is people looking for a dream life. There's no meaning in this. This is pure fun — a day at the movies," she says.

To her surprise, she is also finding her romance novel is fun to write. "It's fun to explore that romantic, fantasy side." She finds her imagination propels the story along as she explores the relationship between the couple.

Love scenes occur but they tend to be romantic rather than explicit. Many readers of romance novels are older women who do not like pornographic imagery, Walls noted. If the scene proceeds much beyond a kiss, Walls has found the writer discreetly "fades to black."

Walls is spending about 20 hours a week working on her novel. She points out romance novels can be written by individuals or as a collaboration.

Also on her schedule are university courses towards a bachelor of general studies degree and helping husband Harry with their 40-acre Sweetwater Farm on Toynbee Road.

She met workshop leader Catherine Spencer through a friendship between their sons.

From Spencer, she discovered that writing romances is one career option open to women regardless of age or educational background. For those who succeed, it is possible to earn a comfortable living.

Spencer, for example, was teaching high school English when she decided to try writing a romance novel. She sold her first novel in 1985, after her first two attempts were rejected, and now writes full-time. She has sold 16 books, been a 1992 finalist for the Romance Writers of America award and has taught numerous courses and workshops on the art of romance writing. Her latest book, *Elegant*

Barbarian, is published this month as part of the Harlequin Presents line.

Before the workshop, Spencer recommends those attending read one or two contemporary series romances. Workshop participants should take paper, a pencil or pen and a clipboard. Spencer promises to have a substantial booklet of information for each participant.

"It's preferable to have some writing with you," Walls suggests. Although it is not essential to have work in progress, Spencer has agreed to critique writing samples from those in the course.

To register, call Walls at 537-2119. Registration is limited to 20 people and closes September 30, although Walls encourages people to register earlier. The fee for the two day course is \$125.

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The show will be staged for one more night this Saturday, Sept. 10 at Beaver Point Hall. There is limited seating and tickets are available at et cetera for \$10. Doors open at 7:30; the shows start at 8 p.m.

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# Choir sets fundraising goal of \$30,000 for Quebec trip

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring's Tuned Air is gearing up for a busy year. In just 11 months, some 40 members of the island choir will be travelling to Quebec for a special tour. They have just that much time to rehearse and raise \$30,000 for the trip.

"We're just really excited about the year," choir general manager and soprano Anne Millerd said. "We've got a big challenge ahead and lots of events are planned."

The August 1995 tour will be the first out-of-province for the choir. They have toured "across the water" before, in both directions, having sung in Vancouver at the Orpheum and at a conference in the Pan Pacific Hotel, and in Duncan.

The Quebec tour came about when a world-renowned Montreal choir — Musica Viva — came to Salt Spring in 1993. They were invited here for a concert while they were in Vancouver for a world symposium of choirs. They enjoyed their time on the island and singing with Tuned Air so much, they invited the choir to Quebec for 1995.

"It is quite rare to be invited to sing in Montreal," music director Bruce Ruddell said. "Musica Viva made a sincere invitation. They want us there."

Tuned Air has come a long way since it started some seven years ago at Fernwood School. Parents of children at the school came together to sing at the school's Christmas concert. It has since gone from strength to strength.

The choir became a non-profit society last year and has just had its first annual general meeting. Of its 43 members, 35 to 40 are going to Montreal.

That is why the choir has a busy singing schedule this year. Ruddell promised at the last concert Tuned Air would "sing for its supper" and that is what it intends to do.

The first event in the choral calendar will be a special role in the October 9 consecration of All Saints Anglican Church. Ruddell was commissioned to compose a mass



**RELAXED BUT READY:** It's a busy year ahead for Tuned Air but the island choir's board is prepared. Wendy Vine sits at the back while at the front are, from left, Bruce Ruddell, Donna Regen and Anne Millerd.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

for the celebration and the choir will be there to lead the congregation.

The Christmas concert will be sometime around December 9 and 10 in the new home of the choir: the Meeting Place at the new high school. The room, which has a vaulted ceiling, holds about 400, more than the Activity Centre.

As a fundraising measure, the choir will also "rent out" choral groups for office and home Christmas parties. They have one booking already to sing carols for someone in hospital at Christmas. With their "have choir, will travel" attitude, Millerd said they expect to be very busy.

March is set for the special event of the fundraising year to come. The choir will present the choral finale from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in the new Anglican church, with its pipe organ.

The spring concert will be the same program the choir takes to Montreal. While all the songs will be those the choir has done before, many of the members who joined in the last two years will not have seen all of the material yet.

The program for the August tour will be the "hits" of the last seven years: all the songs the choir and the audience have liked, such as Song of Life and Silverly, both written by Ruddell, English-Canadian pieces like Barrett's Privateers and Northwest Passage and some French-Canadian pieces like J'entends le moulin, the song with all the ticky-tacking.

While most of the details for the next year have been more or less set, the choir is still looking for some tenors. Anyone who can sing tenor, is in Grade 10 or older, and is interested in joining Tuned Air should contact Ruddell.

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Check TV noticeboard for programming announcements

## Readers begin new season with meeting next Monday

Salt Spring thespians who act with their voices will begin a new season of activities next week.

Reader's Theatre — members of which read their choice of plays, poetry or prose — begin the season at 10 a.m. next Monday at the Croftonbrook hall. Nancy Holcroft reports that some evening meetings are planned to accommodate those who cannot attend during the day.

The first of those will be at 7:30 p.m. September 26.

Public performances may be planned during the season.

New members of all ages are welcome to join the group. More information can be obtained by phoning 537-2854 or 537-2149.



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## Chamber wines, dines Japanese delegation

Some 40 visitors from Japan visited Salt Spring Thursday where they were wined and dined, toured and even serenaded by their Chamber of Commerce hosts. The visitors were representatives of the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry and they were here to learn how Salt Spring attracted tourists.

Salt Spring was almost the last stop in a gruelling two-week North American visit which included Boston, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Vancouver and Victoria.

"They came here with the specific intention of seeing how tourism was handled," chamber president Joyce Carlson said.

They were government people, mostly planners, who wanted to know how and why the arts and craft industry started on Salt Spring. Why did artists come here? Were there tax breaks?

A panel of islanders spoke briefly in the afternoon on the subject of the arts and crafts industry and answered questions, Carlson said. Duart Campbell told the Japanese visitors that arts and crafts are treated as businesses here.

Island potter Gary Cherneff said the industry built up slowly with the support of organizations like

the Community Arts Council and events like Artcraft.

Carlson said the visitors were given a tour of Artcraft and were "thrilled" to see potters at the wheel. A special tea al fresco at Gordon Wales' studio, a visit to Stonefish Studio and dinner at Alfresco were also on the menu. At the evening meal, chamber manager Jeremy Moray, who enjoys singing opera, provided an unexpected treat in the form of some operatic songs, which inspired the visitors to respond by singing in Japanese.

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# Education under fire from professor during school planning seminar

## Thirty Years Ago

September 3, 1964

• Modern education, circa 1964, received a blast from UBC professor Dr. Frederick Ellis during a school planning seminar on Salt Spring. According to Ellis, the ideal teaching process would be a "Socratic dialogue," a largely informal small group discussion between teacher and students in which students must do some thinking and deciding for themselves on modern ideas and issues.

"Sitting and listening is not learning," said Ellis. He said there was too much slavish worship of the textbook and its author, who after all, was only a man like all the rest of us and whose ideas were not necessarily the absolute truth.

• A change in the Driftwood format took effect with a switch to five columns after experimenting with the process on sample pages for the previous two weeks. It took eight to 10 weeks of planning to do the change on the paper's "homemade" equipment.

## Twenty-five Years Ago

September 4, 1969

• A weight restriction of 20 tons was placed on the Fulford wharf after the bottom unexpectedly fell out a few weeks earlier. Earlier in the year, a weight restriction of 10 tons was placed on the Crofton wharf after the federal department of transport realized fully loaded concrete trucks were using the wharf.

A fully loaded truck weighed 40,000 pounds, so the restriction meant a concrete truck could only bring a partial load over on the ferry. That pushed the cost to an estimated \$40 a yard, so some contractors were turning to concrete produced on Salt Spring.

• Island voters joined with other Saanich and the Islands electors to return John Tisdalle to the provincial Legislature. He had held the seat for 17 years. Runner-up in the vote was New Democrat candidate Don Johannessen, followed by Liberal Louis Lindholm. The Social Credit government scored a province-wide landslide in the 1969 election.

## DOWN THE YEARS

• Nursing student Rose Murakami, a graduate of Salt Spring Island, received a Canadian Nursing Foundation fellowship. She was one of four B.C. recipients. Only 17 such scholarships were awarded across Canada. Murakami trained as a nurse at Vancouver General Hospital, received her nursing degree from UBC and was studying for a master's degree at McGill University.

## Twenty Years Ago

September 4, 1974

• A male cougar was killed by sheep farmer Bob Akerman after the cat killed an estimated 35 sheep on the island. After killing an estimated 10 sheep in the previous few weeks, the cat went on a week-long spree, killing 25 sheep, including six of Akerman's sheep found dead one morning.

That morning, after finding the dead sheep, Akerman called his dog and enlisted the help of fellow farmers Merv Walde and Ben Greenhough. They tracked the cougar to within a few feet of Dale Codd's Burgoyne Valley home. They treed it once but the cat leapt from the tree before Akerman

could shoot. They treed the cat a second time and Akerman was then able to shoot the cougar.

## Fifteen Years Ago

September 5, 1979

• Two women sleeping in a Salt Spring home escaped injury after the home was destroyed in an early morning accident. The small, cottage-style home was destroyed when a car sheared a Hydro pole and careened into the front of the house on North End Road at Central. The impact pushed a chesterfield from the front to the back of the living room and pushed most of the car into the house. Asleep in the home at the time were owner Nancy White and guest Myrtle Byers. Both woke up.

• Federal fisheries was investigating reports that the flow of Fulford Creek was altered by fill placed in the creek next to the Fulford Inn. Although no logs were allowed in the estuary, fisheries officers counted 16 logs during a visit to the creek. About two-thirds of the width of the stream was obstructed. The creek was one of the best coho spawning creeks on the island, according to fisheries.

At the time, work was being done on a retaining wall next to the Fulford Inn by Ray Simard Logging. Gerry Bourdin of Fulford Inn Holdings said the wall was within the hotel's property line.

## Ten Years Ago

September 5, 1985

• New Democrat Jim Manly took the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands seat in the federal election, which was marked nationally by a Conservative Party sweep. The Conservatives took 211 seats in the House of Commons.

Trailing Manly in the local vote was Conservative Don Taylor, followed by Liberal Michael Coleman.

## Five Years Ago

September 6, 1989

• Galiano residents were skeptical of MacMillan Bloedel's decision to scrap 1990-91 logging plans, according to Gary Moore of Clear Cut Alternatives. MacMillan Bloedel official Ralph Urban had announced that the company would undertake selective logging on the island instead of clear-cut logging.

• Joyce Carlson, publisher of the Powell River News, took over as publisher of the Driftwood. Publisher Tony Richards, who had taken over the position from his father a decade earlier, moved to a temporary job in Vancouver as executive director of the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association.



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