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Popular teacher could lose job

An arbitration hearing into the seniority rights of on-call (substitute) teachers could change hiring practices in the Gulf Islands School District and cost the district a popular teacher at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Doug Bambrough was hired in September 1994 to teach drama and English at the high school. But a grievance by the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA), initiated at the same time, maintained the job should have been given to an on-call teacher already in the district.

TEACHER 5

5-year-old calls 911 for mom

A five-year-old Pender Island boy was instrumental in getting help for his mother on Monday after she lost consciousness at their home.

The boy saw his mother fall down the steps while leaving the house. He ran outside to investigate and called 911 when she didn't respond.

Ricci O'Reilly, unit chief for the B.C. Ambulance Service on Pender, said the boy accurately described his mother's condition and the circumstances to rescue workers, both on the phone and in person.

"It was excellent," O'Reilly said, praising the child's presence of mind and detailed descriptions. The boy first called just after 4:30 p.m. and repeated the call when rescue workers did not immediately arrive.

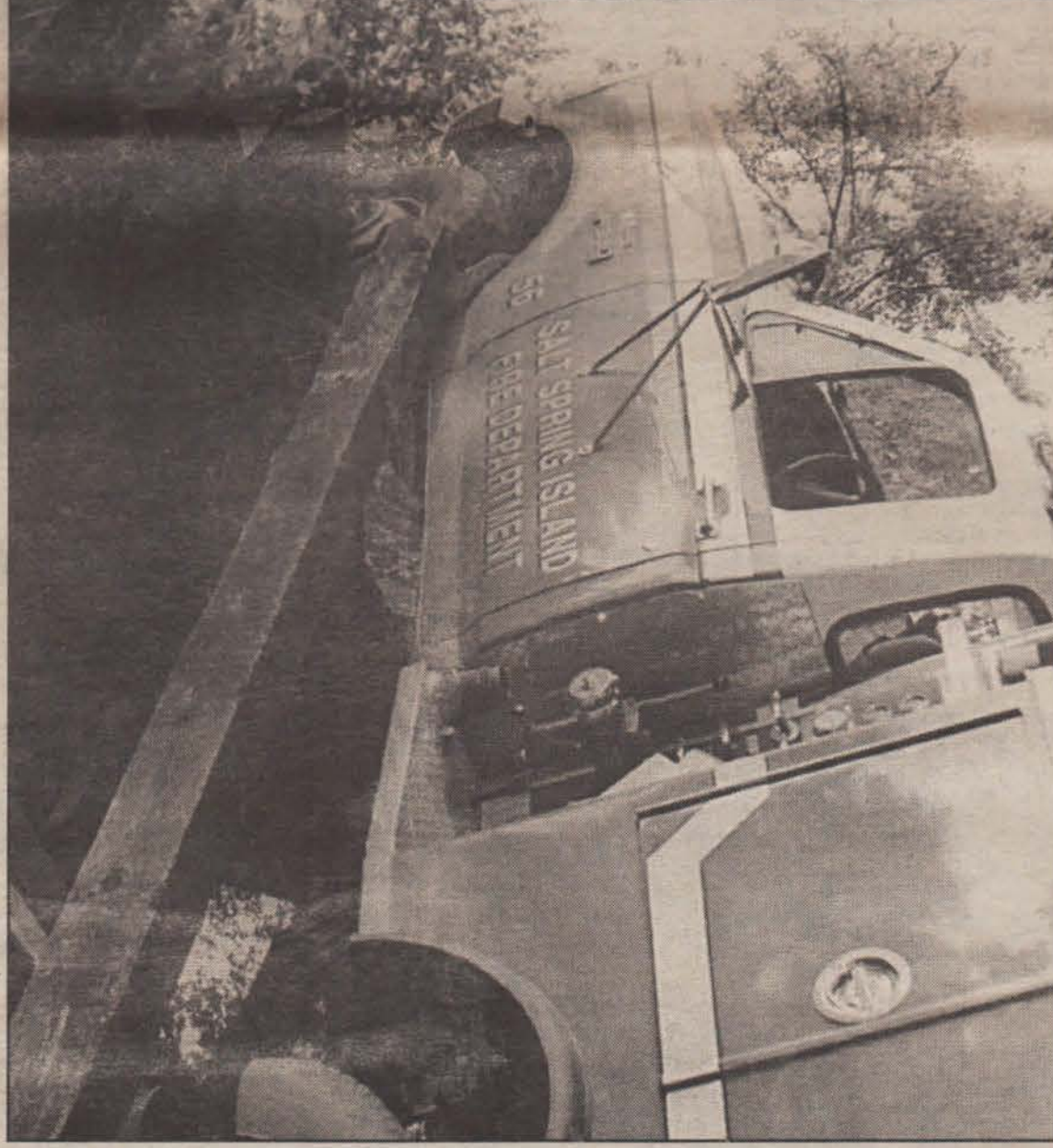
The woman had regained consciousness by the time emergency crews reached the home but was still disorientated. She was taken to the island clinic, treated and released.

The boy was rewarded with a ride in a fire truck and a toy Dalmatian dog from the firefighters.

"He's a real proud little kid," O'Reilly reported.

CRACK! The fire district's mini pumper sits almost vertically with its front wheels resting precariously on the edge of a now-splintered private bridge. The bridge collapsed under the pumper Sunday night. There were no injuries.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Truck crashes through bridge

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

In one second he was wondering how old the bridge was, in the next second firefighter Bruce Patterson heard a loud crack and felt himself thrown backwards in the driver's seat of the Salt Spring fire district's 4,500-pound mini pumper.

The pumper crashed through a private bridge over Fulford Creek and landed almost vertically, front tires dangerously resting on the bridge's rotted planks.

Patterson, who was alone in the truck, said glass from the truck's back window shattered over him.

He shook off the glass and wondered, "Now what?"

Patterson turned off the engine and climbed through the driver's side window, onto the hood of the truck and then onto the splintered bridge.

Moments before the bridge col-

BRIDGE 3

Mill Farm offer accepted — court date for sale pending

Three shareholders forcing sale of the Mill Farm on Salt Spring have accepted an offer on the 160-acre parcel's \$1.3 million price tag.

Realtor Arvid Chalmers expects the sale will go to court in Victoria during the first two weeks of July.

Chalmers would not say if the buyer plans to log the area, which features an estimated \$1.9 million worth

of timber and includes a large stand of old-growth coastal fir trees.

A court-ordered sale of the property by three of its shareholders was forced earlier this year after the communally-held Mill Farm's 10 owners disagreed on land use.

Members of the Salt Spring Conservancy have raised \$45,000 worth of pledges from islanders who

want to see the Mill Farm preserved as a park.

More than 100 visitors toured the Mill Farm and surrounding area last Sunday in a conservancy-organized event planned to show off the area's natural features.

The conservancy and other islanders are encouraging a joint federal and provincial government purchase

under the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy Fund, which is slated to spend \$60 million in the Gulf Islands for parkland over the next five years.

Proponents of such a purchase say that preservation of the Mill Farm could protect other parcels of Crown land in the area from logging interests by including those parcels in the park.

Chalmers said the potential buyer is not the provincial or federal governments.

Once a 30-day "subject to financing" clause has been removed from the offer, a court date will be set.

An auction-type sale will occur in the courtroom with the judge determining who — likely the highest bidder — will purchase the property.

Island bids farewell to merchant with marketing expertise

Eddie de Jonge is not someone I'd count among my close friends, but that didn't prevent me from going to a surprise farewell party a couple of weeks ago at the Vesuvius Inn.

I wasn't alone. More than 50 Fernwood-area residents also showed up to bid Eddie adieu before he packed his belongings to return to the Lower Mainland.

The going-away party was significant for a couple of reasons. How many retailers or business people do you know and respect well enough — as customers, not personal friends — that you'd go to a farewell party in their honour?

The other significance of this particular party was that it immediately followed a social event to celebrate the completion of a very successful local marketing campaign. Four local business people first met many months ago to share some thoughts

TONY RICHARDS



on a campaign that would build awareness of the importance of local business to the island economy.

WALT, as it came to be known, included extensive newspaper advertising containing photographs of store staff, point-of-sale posters and other elements designed to promote the theme, Islanders Working and Living Together.

It was a huge success in that it enrolled 85 local businesses in its participation. That alone is a feat worthy of special note. But not only that, it attempted to hammer home an important message, that patronizing island businesses benefits us all.

Money spent here stays here. If it stays here it supports local employment and funds all manner of community amenities. The funds contributed by local businesses to ArtSpring, the library, recreational activities and educational opportunities for youth and myriad miscellaneous causes are only available as a result of islanders shopping locally.

One element of the campaign sought to introduce islanders to the business people and staff that provide goods and services on Salt Spring. Photos identifying those people by name helped build relationships between buyers and sellers.

And that brings me back to Eddie de Jonge.

Here's a guy who bought the store at Fernwood a couple of years ago, and moved to the island from Vancouver to run it. His wife, meanwhile, remained on the Mainland, working in North

Vancouver and commuting to the island on weekends.

He moved into a community he didn't know, endured the personal hardship of a disruption in family life and built a sound and strong relationship with his clientele.

Not since Bill and Doris de Long ran Fernwood Store — decades ago now — has the Fernwood community enjoyed such service. Eddie de Jonge, it seems to me, could tell a lot of us a thing or two about marketing.

The proof of that came on that recent evening at the Vesuvius pub when Eddie walked through the door and a huge crowd of his customers yelled, "Surprise!"

Customer loyalty was there in spades, and in the large pile of gifts that Eddie took home with him that night. He didn't need a campaign to cement firm customer relations. He simply drew on his respect

Van crashes down embankment, sending eight people to hospital

Eight people were taken to hospital, some with serious injuries, after a van left the road and plunged down a 20- to 25-foot embankment off Mount Maxwell Road Monday night.

The accident occurred at approximately 11:35 p.m., just past the paved portion of the road. A white, 1979 GMC van driven by Brian Edward Koepke of Salt Spring missed a corner and went off the road to the left. Police, fire and ambulance crews attended the scene and removed the driver and seven passengers.

Injuries included fractures, lacerations, bruises and dislocated

RCMP REPORT

bones. All were reported in good condition later at Lady Minto Hospital.

Since the van had no seats in the rear, none of the passengers was wearing a seatbelt.

A charge of driving too fast for road conditions is being considered by Ganges RCMP.

In other police news:

- Police attended a large party on Rainbow Road, four or five times last Friday night.

RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette said complaints about the party began coming in at 10:20 p.m. and continued until well after midnight. Neighbours were concerned over the loud music and the parking of vehicles on the road.

- Local RCMP are requesting island drivers refrain from parking on the left side of McPhillips Road.

Parking is allowed on the right side of the one-way street, but parking on the left side is creating undue congestion in the area.

The curbs have recently been painted yellow, indicating the no-parking zones.

Tabloids follow Kidder to island

Newspaper reporters were offering cash for information last week on Salt Spring.

Reporters from at least two supermarket tabloids — the Globe and the Star — were looking for information on the whereabouts of actress Margot Kidder. The Star offered at least one islander \$100.

A story in the latest issue of the Star reports that Kidder is "battling mental illness" on

Salt Spring, having arranged to stay here through longtime friend Stuart Margolin.

Best known for her role as Lois Lane in the movie Superman, Kidder came to Salt Spring about 25 years ago for a part in a Margolin-produced stage production at Fulford Hall.

In April, she was found dazed and confused in a Los Angeles suburb after having been missing for several days.

FOR THE RECORD

Five students graduating this year from Gulf Islands Secondary School — Kathryn Fowles, Julie Spencer, Rebecca King, Christi Charish and Shannon Salter — will receive \$10,000 entrance scholarships to the University of B.C. Incorrect information was supplied for a story last week.

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	NDP	Liberal	Reform	PDA*	Green	WCC**	Natural Law	Total Votes	Reg'd + Vote	Turn-out
S.S.I.	1968	1849	227	251	273	6	8	4582	5867	78%
% of vote	43%	49%	5%	5%	6%	.1%	.2%			
Galiano	247	194	10	16	25	4	3	499	757	66%
% of vote	49%	39%	2%	3%	5%	.8%	.6%			
Mayne	229	198	21	36	13	2	3	502	714	70%
% of vote	46%	39%	4%	7%	2.6%	.4%	.6%			
Pender	390	442	46	71	57	2	1	1009	1357	74%
% of vote	39%	44%	4.5%	7%	5.6%	.2%	.1%			
Saturna	84	60	7	15	6	0	0	1272	254	68%
% of vote	49%	34%	4%	9%	3%	-	-			
Total	2918	2743	311	389	374	14	15	6764	8949	75%
% of vote	43%	40%	4%	6%	5%	.2%	.2%			
Overall riding	10,143	12,871	1,545	1,499	853	59	71	27,041	34,329	79%
% of vote	37.5%	47.6%	5.7%	5.5%	3.2%	.2%	.3%			

* Progressive Democratic Alliance

+ Registered vote as of May 11, 1996

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Candidates express delight, pain and a need to catch their breaths

A heavy turn-out at island polls — ranging up to 78 per cent — was one factor in a close-fought election which saw Liberal Murray Coell of Saanich chosen as the Saanich North and the Islands MLA last Tuesday night.

New Democratic candidate Linda Laushway of Salt Spring was second in the polls, collecting 10,143 votes to Coell's 12,871 while the other Salt Spring candidate, Gary Lundy, picked up 1,499 votes.

"I am just pleased as punch," said Lundy about his showing as a candidate for Gordon Wilson's Progressive Democratic Alliance. Although part of a small party, he noted he came just a few votes behind high profile Reform Party candidate Ross Imrie, a North Saanich mayor.

Laushway said she was delighted the NDP was returned to power and by her own strong showing in the riding. Her 37.5 per cent of the vote bettered the party's showing in the 1991 election, when the NDP collected 34 per cent of the vote.

But Laushway was disappointed the riding did not elect her as part of the New Democratic government, thereby losing the chance to be represented by a government MLA.

"I'm just catching my breath," said MLA-elect Murray Coell, who is winding up his job as mayor of Saanich before being sworn in at the end of this month. "It's an honour to be elected to represent Saanich North and the Islands." His first priority will be setting up a constituency office so he can serve residents, he said.

"Once you're elected you represent everyone, not just those who elected you," he noted. He collected 47.6 per cent of the vote.

He described the campaign as "a fast 28 days" and said he enjoyed the campaign and meeting the other six candidates in the race.

As an opposition MLA, he expects to join other Liberals in ensuring every penny spent by the government is legitimate and accounted for. Personally, he is interested in health and financial issues but said the elected MLAs

have yet to be assigned their roles.

The legislature will be recalled in July, he added.

Getting to the final verdict of the voters took longer than usual this election, in part because of changes in the election act which allowed voters to register or change their addresses at the polls.

District electoral officer Joan Beattie said there were a lot of registration changes made by voters coming into the Salt Spring polls, delaying the count at those polls.

A misunderstanding about how the votes were to be reported also delayed the Salt Spring count: workers mistakenly added together the results of all the polls in one location and phoned those into the central office, instead of reporting them poll by poll.

Since the totals then had to be done again, the mistake meant the Salt Spring polls were the last to come into the electoral office — with one poll missed completely until electoral office workers contacted the Salt Spring supervisor to collect the figures.

BRIDGE: Collapses under truck

From Page 1

lapsed under the mini pumper's wheels, an ambulance carrying a sick woman from her home to Lady Minto Hospital had rushed over the same rotted planks.

A short time before that, both the ambulance and the mini pumper had driven the other way across the bridge — which spans Fulford Creek on the driveway of a home

near Fulford Hall — in response to an emergency call.

The first responder call came through at 8:23 p.m. Sunday.

In reviewing the positioning of the crashed fire truck, Patterson said it probably landed in the best possible spot.

Had the pumper travelled a few feet farther before the approximately 50-foot bridge collapsed, the truck would have dropped another 25 feet

down, Patterson said.

Furthermore, he noted, if the passenger side wheel had moved another two inches off the side of the bridge, the pumper would have rolled down the embankment.

"It's just holding on."

Officials were still debating the best way to get the pumper out — some have speculated a helicopter may be necessary — as the Driftwood went to press Tuesday morning.

Man fears for his life

A 43-year-old Salt Spring man said he feared for his life when he was chased onto his property by three men, one of whom threatened him with a baseball bat.

"They were out to kill me," the island man told the Driftwood on Monday. "They threatened to chop me into pieces."

The situation unfolded early last Friday morning as the man — estranged from his wife and living in a trailer near their Head Street area home — was awakened at 4 a.m. to the sound of yelling, screaming and motorcycle revving at his and his wife's home — even though he knew his wife was away.

He said he walked to the home and noted a family relation and several of his friends inside the house.

An altercation occurred when the man confronted them about the noise and the smoking going on inside the house. The man claims one of the men came out and started "hitting and shoving me around."

He said he then went to his trailer and called the police. When he went back outside, two men, one carrying a baseball bat, had come onto his property. He said he warned them off

with a stick.

"They were threatening me with my life," he recalled.

He chased them off his property with a machete.

As he waited for police to arrive, he saw three men returning and hid behind a tree. From here, he said, he watched two go into his trailer, take orange juice and milk from the fridge and pour them over his car. One man smashed two windows in the trailer.

When they saw him, he said he ran "for his life" through neighbours' yards, finally hiding behind a garden shed.

He was still carrying his portable phone, but was too far from his home to use it. When he came within phoning range, he called 911 again to learn that the police had arrived and were chasing and rounding up the three men.

A neighbour had also called the police, he noted.

Ganges RCMP said the three men are facing charges for issuing threats, plus common assault. One is also facing charges of mischief.

The men, aged 19, 20 and 21, were taken into police custody and kept in cells for a few hours.

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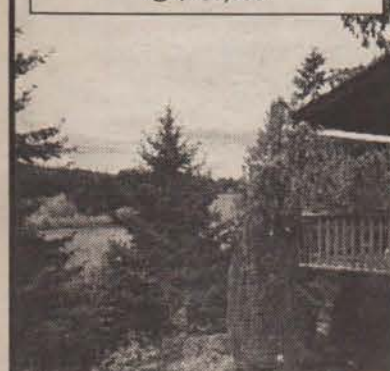
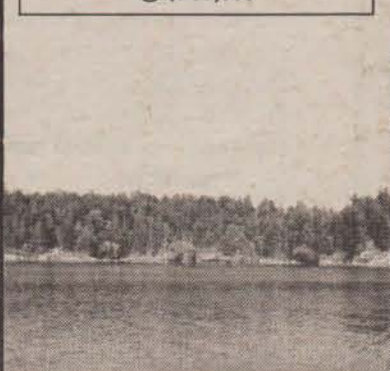
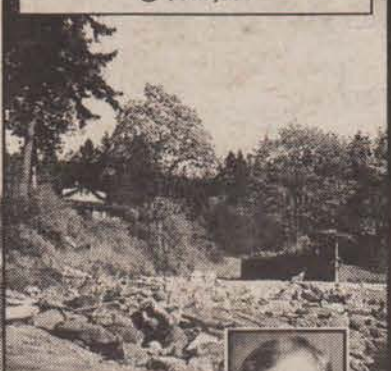
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School trustees debate dropping number to five

Salt Spring will have only three trustees on a seven-member school board after November's elections if a motion passed Wednesday by trustees is approved by the provincial minister of education.

Trustees voted to reduce the board from nine trustees to seven. Seats would be split between five islands, with one each for Saturna, Mayne, North and South Pender and Galiano, and three for Salt Spring.

Under the School Act, the education minister sets the number of school board representatives. The recommendation from Wednesday's meeting to the ministry is to establish each of Saturna,

Mayne, the Penders and Galiano as separate electoral areas, each electing one school board member. Salt Spring would be the fifth electoral area, electing three trustees.

Salt Spring trustee David Eyles questioned the split in seats, given the greater number of schools and population on Salt Spring. Each Outer Island now has one representative on the board and Salt Spring has five.

According to the 1991 census, Salt Spring has 70 per cent of the population in the Gulf Islands. Of those aged five to 19, 79 per cent live on Salt Spring. The island also has 86 per cent of the district's school enrolment.

Eyles advocated cutting the board to five seats, backed by fellow Salt Spring trustee Ken Lee. That cut was proposed by the board when threatened by amalgamation with other districts, but was rejected by trustees in a May 15 vote.

Lee said the board should not have rejected the cut to five trustees just because amalgamation is no longer a threat. "My integrity is in danger if we backtrack now from a position we took in order to be allowed our own board."

Eyles said the reduction in trustees is symbolic and would show leadership by the board.

Chairwoman Allisen Lambert said the province's messages on amalgamation were confusing so the board should not be held to its original position.

"We were grasping desperately as a district over how to save sufficient numbers of dollars so we could remain a district."

Saturna trustee Lorraine Campbell said it is hard to represent all islands unless there is a trustee from each one on the board. "Seven is about the fewest we can go down to," she said.

Galiano trustee Bonnie Robson

pointed out it now costs each Outer Island trustee a full day to attend a meeting on Salt Spring. Reducing the number of trustees to five would create too great a work load for each trustee. "I don't think we should have to support what we originally suggested when we were panicking."

Lambert said the compromise of seven trustees would allow one trustee from each of the Outer Islands plus three from Salt Spring, preserving representation while showing "respect for fiscal responsibility."

School year wind-down includes preparations for 1996-97 session

Preparation for the next school year was evident at the May 29 school board meeting with presentation of a calendar, a preliminary budget and requests for leaves of absence.

Community interaction days are no longer part of the school calendar but five professional development days and one "implementation planning" day will be held between September 3, when the 1996/97 school year starts, and the closing day of June 27, 1997.

District-wide professional development days will be held October 18 and February 21. Superintendent Mike Marshall said efforts are being made to coordinate all professional development days with all schools and the Saanich School District, which will allow for a wider range of programs.

An implementation planning day has been added to give districts a chance to deal with curriculum changes, Marshall said.

He noted the community interaction days — which were supposed to bring parents into the schools — had been dropped.

Other significant dates in next year's school calendar include closing for Christmas vacation from December 20 to January 6, 1997; spring break from March 14 to March 24 and an Easter break from March 28 to March 31 inclusive.

To finance next year's operations, secretary-treasurer Ken Starling presented a budget of \$13 million, based on anticipated funding from the government. However, he stressed the figures are very preliminary and assume there will be 1,755 students enrolled in the district.

"These numbers are budget-building numbers and are not necessarily factual," Starling said.

Board chairman Allisen Lambert described the budget as a "work in progress" and said it would be debated at the

June 12 board meeting.

In the meantime, she asked Starling to draft an explanation of the budget for trustees and invited questions on it.

Trustees also approved a series of requests for leaves of absence. These included September 1 to June 30, 1997 leaves of absence for speech language pathologist Deborah Carriere and for Salt Spring elementary teacher Ghislaine de Saint Venant.

Teachers requesting reductions in hours for the coming year were Anne-Marie Pearson, Donna McWhirter, Kari Holmes and Wayne Taylor from Salt Spring elementary; Lynne Scott from Galiano elementary; and Glenda Kaiser from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Marshall noted some of those requesting part-time leaves of absence should be thanked since the reductions in hours allow for more job-sharing.

Trust, assessment authority meetings should highlight unique island farms

A tiny step towards a change in tax assessments of Gulf Islands farms occurred at a May 10 meeting between Islands Trust representatives and the B.C. Assessment Authority, according to Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew.

The meeting was attended by Andrew, Ron Townshend, manager of B.C. Assessment Authority's farm and forest advisory service, Capital Regional District area assessor Dave Hitchcock and Kathleen MacDonald-Date, senior policy analyst for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

"We wanted them to recognize the Gulf Islands' farms as being unique," Andrew said. A resolution passed by the Islands Trust Council in March noted that

assessment policies devised for farms elsewhere in the province are not appropriate for island farms.

Andrew hopes this meeting and future meetings with the assessment authority will help the agency to recognize the special nature of the Trust and of farms falling under the Trust preserve and protect mandate.

Andrew said he was encouraged by the length of the meeting and by a letter written by Townshend,

which recognizes the unique geography and character of Gulf Islands farms and offers to work with island residents on assessment reviews.

"This is the beginning," Andrew said. "I think we've opened the door. It may take years and years."

A special road standards agreement between the highways ministry and the Islands Trust evolved from a similar small beginning, Andrew said.

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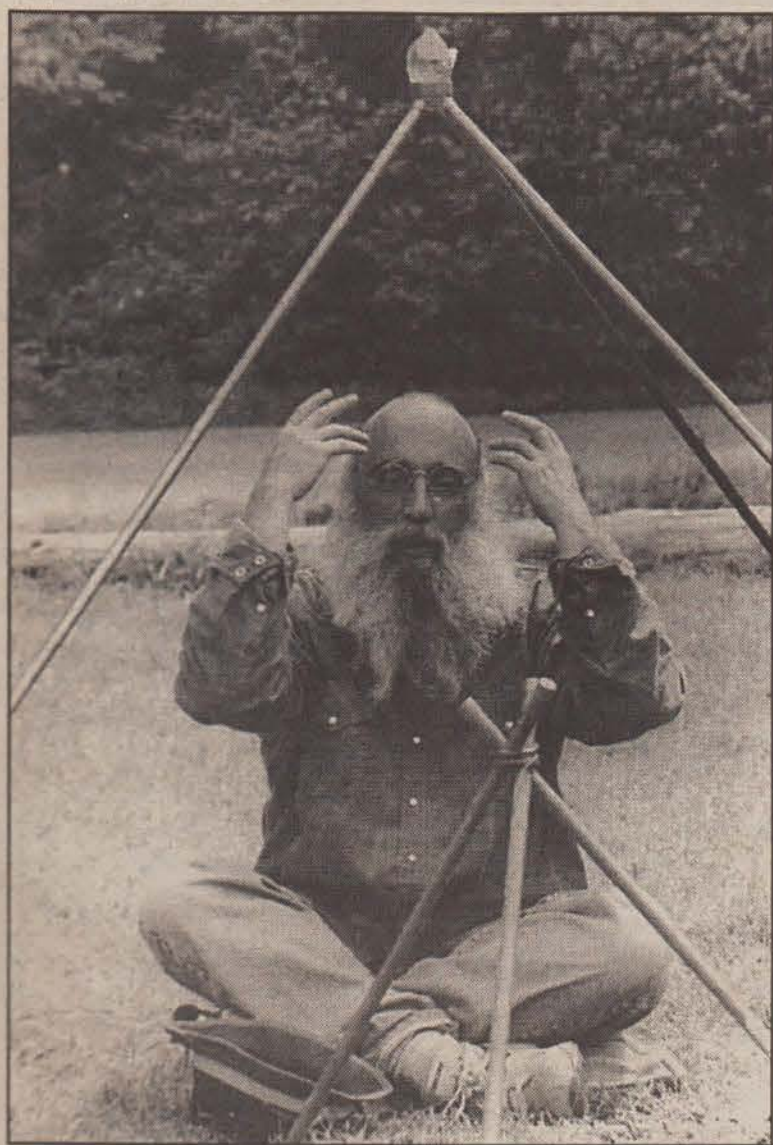
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Fulford scene
Robin Buote hopes to emerge from a Chester Ludlow-created pyramid with enhanced vitality. The pyramid, Buote and numerous other vendors and treasure-seekers were seen at the Fulford Market Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

TEACHER: On-call hiring considered

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If GITA's grievance is successful Bambrough will lose his job, and that possibility infuriates parents who want to see him remain in the school.

"We are very fortunate to have a teacher like Doug Bambrough at Gulf Islands secondary and it would be a tragedy if we were to lose this teacher," said Jeff Outerbridge, whose daughter is in Bambrough's Grade 10 English class. "He has a unique talent for reaching and motivating students."

Nor does the possible loss of Bambrough please school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert. Though she would not confirm the identity of the teacher involved, she did say the teacher has excelled in a specialized position.

"It's not a question of competency whatsoever," she said. Letters have come from parents and from other teachers backing Bambrough. "It's a most unusual case."

The board does not agree that on-call teachers should have seniority when applying for full-time jobs. "It's an issue that's very close to the board's heart," Lambert said. "The board is most emphatically interested in the most qualified teacher having the position."

There was a qualified teacher already working in the district when the position was advertised internally and that person should have been given the job, GITA president Larry Field maintains. Prior to 1992 — when the current contract was accepted — a list of district hiring

requirements established that on-call teachers had higher priority than qualified applicants from outside the district.

"It was very clear in those days that teachers on call had hiring rights over anyone from outside the district."

Field said the district first advertised the disputed position internally, did not fill the job, and then advertised externally. "The district had no right to advertise outside the district. It was clear in the collective agreement that it should have hired in the district."

How clear it will be determined by arbitrator Judy Korbin, who heard evidence and arguments related to the dispute on May 21, 22 and 27. Field expects the arbitration will continue for one more day; Lambert predicts two.

She estimates each day of arbitration costs the district \$5,000. GITA's legal costs are picked up by the B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the local association is represented by a BCTF lawyer.

Field noted that once an issue goes through the three-step local grievance process and on to arbitration, control shifts to the lawyers. "You lose a lot of your local autonomy in the issue."

If Korbin rules in favour of the school board, there will be no change in the board or Bambrough's position. If Korbin rules in favour of the teachers' association argument, Bambrough will lose his job and the board will have to take a closer look at its hiring of on-call teachers.

Lambert predicts it will become more difficult for teachers to join the on-call list if working in the district as a substitute teacher becomes a stepping stone to a full-time position.

"As much attention would have to be paid to the on-call list as is paid to the hiring of continuing teachers," she said. She also wonders if the arbitration decision will have an impact on other school districts in B.C.

Field thinks the impact will be minor. "It's not a beacon kind of issue."

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Director strongly supports proposed smoking ban

Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth not only backs a proposed 100 per cent ban on smoking — he'd like to see it imposed sooner than January 1, 1998.

"I was quite happy to have the ban kick in earlier," he said, adding that he will support the health committee recommendation when it goes before the Capital Regional District (CRD) board June 12.

The health committee unanimously recommended the ban and the CRD chairman has endorsed it. After researching the issue, Luth wants the ban implemented as soon as possible.

"From a strictly public health, duty of care position, they (the CRD) would put the ban in tomorrow," Luth said. The delay to 1998 is a concession to the hospitality industry, to give businesses like restaurants, pubs and casinos time to prepare for a smoke-free future.

Luth would also have liked to see the issue spill over into the provincial election. Given that the province must deal with increasing health care costs, the provincial government should be involved in preventing health problems, Luth observed.

"A lot of this information has only recently been nailed down," he added. Luth said some revelations about the impact of second-hand smoke — formally known as environmental tobacco smoke or ETS — came from research done by tobacco companies which was leaked to the public.

Although the tobacco trade itself is a federal responsibility, local health authorities are responsible for acting against known health threats, Luth said.

As a member of the health committee, he attended the public meetings on the proposed bylaw and has heard the arguments against the ban. Among the strongest opponents are casino operators.

"They made it sound as if people came to casinos to smoke," Luth remarked.

He feels designating establishments as either smoking or non-smoking would not solve the issue. It provides no protection for non-smoking staff members who need jobs and work in a bar or casino for smokers.

Given the evidence on the impact of ETS, Luth wonders if inhaling second-hand smoke could be the basis of future workers' compensation claims. In eight hours, an employee in a smoky bar can inhale the equivalent of a pack-and-a-half of cigarettes.

"The non-smoker who is inhaling ETS is inhaling more dangerous smoke than the smoker," Luth observed, explaining that the second-hand smoke is not filtered.

Illness caused or aggravated by smoking costs the province's health care system an estimated \$1 billion annually — more than is raised from taxes on cigarettes, Luth said.

Nor does the charitable fundraising done through bingo games and casinos convince him that players should be allowed to smoke. "The damage that is created by this is far in excess of the good created by charities."

He doubts a business would be able to hold the CRD liable for any loss of business caused by the smoking ban. An Angus Reid poll of gamblers indicates players would still go to casinos even if they could not smoke inside, Luth said. He expects restaurants would have more business if all were totally non-smoking.

"The number of smokers, in absolute terms, is actually declining," he said. "This is the last push into a smoke-free society."

Smoking is unique among social vices because of the impact it has on others in the immediate area, Luth noted. "Smoking is really in a cate-



Photo by Valerie Lennox

BACKING THE BAN:

Research into the perils of second-hand smoke have convinced Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth that a ban on smoking in any public, enclosed space should be supported. The Capital Regional District board votes on the proposed ban June 12.

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You fill your days, as best you can, Knowing you must continue to live, Yet wondering each and every day, What your heart will have left to give.

Smile in the morning, shed a tear at night, Yet remember this world's full of joy. The sorrow you feel in your heart right now, Is the memory of your baby boy.

Saying good-bye to this angel child, Caused you, oh, so very much pain. Your memories and wonderful thoughts of him, Are all that will ever remain.

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Your baby sister, ELAINE

New brochure planned for recreation programs

Future parks and recreation program brochures will come in a new booklet format under an arrangement between the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) and the Driftwood.

The next brochure will be released to the public as an insert in the September 11 Driftwood and will also be available from the PRC office. The September 11 publication will contain the Fall '96 and Winter '97 programs. Programs will be listed in the centre of the booklet which will also contain articles about leisure and recreation on the island.

"We are hopeful that the quality product that will be produced will become a keeper in all the households on Salt Spring Island," programmer Ross Huff noted in his report to the May 27 PRC meeting.

PRC BRIEFS

Another brochure will be released next spring.

Huff also reported several families are using the new Leisure Economic Access Policy, which offered reduced rates to low-income families and individuals.

Tom Shelby Memorial Pool is open for another summer and the Stingrays swim club already has 42 young swimmers involved. A new pool activity is a family dinner and dip swim Wednesday nights from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Pizza will be available for purchase at the pool.

Over 500 children will be participating in the school swim pro-

gram.

Also at the May 27 meeting: Commission members agreed to meet June 3 to continue their discussion of the draft Official Community Plan and prepare a comment on the plan for the Islands Trust committee. PRC members met May 13 for four hours to discuss the plan.

The Portlock Park parking lot has been paved by Seagull Paving at a cost of \$10,400, the low bid which administrator Tony Hume said saved the PRC \$4,000. Staff members are delighted by the change since the paving was completed.

"The decrease in the level of mud and dust in our office has been wonderful," he told the PRC.

Upgrading of the Portlock Park track will be done when the weath-

er is drier.

The PRC has received \$7,000 from Parks B.C., the last installment in transitional funding arranged when Mouat Park was taken over by the Capital Regional District on behalf of the PRC. Electrical service is to be added to the park soon, PRC member Barry Urquhart reported.

The next PRC meeting, slated for June 24, may be a workshop on board procedures if a facilitator is available. The place and time of that meeting is yet to be determined.

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Community group should take Mahon Hall control says PRC

Lease of Mahon Hall by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) should only continue for one more year, commission members agreed May 27.

By the end of June next year, the hall should be under the control of a community hall association. At present the hall is owned by the Gulf Islands School District but leased annually to the PRC.

Parks administrator Tony Hume noted the PRC has passed a resolution in favour of a community hall association taking over the building but has not been able to resolve the situation with the school board.

"I don't think they're saying 'no'. I think it's not very high on their priority list," remarked commission member Malcolm Legg. The school board has been dealing with budget restraints and possible amalgamation this past spring.

"We have to keep reminding

them we want to deal with it before the end of the century — this century, not next century," said PRC member Lawrie Neish.

Since the heritage hall needs a significant amount of work, the PRC wants community control of it before spending community funds on the facility. Hume said intermittent use of the hall for special events prevents it from being used for ongoing PRC programs. At present, the commission is paying the hall's maintenance and operating costs.

PRC member Patsy Siemens suggested getting the users of Mahon Hall together to discuss a possible future for the hall.

"The citizen effort is already in the works," observed CRD director Dietrich Luth, suggesting the PRC not become involved. Other halls on the island are operated by citizens' groups with no local gov-

ernment connection, he said.

Paul Marcano pointed out the PRC is the custodian of the hall, since the organization is leasing it from the school district.

Commission members agreed to renew the lease with the school district for one more year, with the understanding that efforts would continue during the year to get Mahon Hall under the jurisdiction of a community hall association.

Hume noted groups interested in the hall include the Salt Spring Historical Society, the Islands Farmers Institute and the Ganges Residents' Association.

Siemens moved the PRC facilitate a meeting of Mahon Hall user groups towards forming a community stewardship group for the hall. Commission members agreed. Legg suggested a combined approach could have more impact with the school board.

Commission pledges \$1,000 to Mill Farm

A letter of support and a \$1,000 pledge towards the purchase of the 160-acre Mill Farm as a park were approved by Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members at their May 27 meeting.

"This is a real gem, this area," Chris Anderson of the Salt Spring Conservancy told commission members. He also showed a video of the property and reported the conservancy had raised almost \$40,000 in pledges from island residents.

He hoped enough local support could be generated to convince the provincial and federal governments to use Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy funds to purchase the site. The property adjoins 620 acres of Crown land which could also be preserved as park, he said.

A right-of-way through another property could connect the site to the waterfront. "From the beach to the highest peak on the island,

we'd have a beautiful trail system," said Anderson, adding that the park would also draw visitors.

He stressed the Mill Farm is at risk since logging interests are eyeing the old growth forest on the property. He estimated the wood on the site is worth \$1.9 million while the estimated cost of the property is approximately \$1.2 million.

Parks and Recreation administrator Tony Hume said the PRC had already sent a letter to Environment Minister Moe Sihota supporting purchase of the site as a park.

Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth said he asked the Capital Regional District's regional parks department to also look into acquiring the site.

Commission member Paul Marcano moved the PRC draft a strong letter supporting acquisition of the Mill Farm as a park backed by a "modest pledge" of \$1,000.

Upgrading planned for centre

Upgrading of the heavily-used Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary was the top item on the agenda of a joint use meeting between the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) and the school district last month.

Refinishing of the gym floor and repainting court lines; replacing the stage curtain and pulley system; finishing the stage floor and painting it black; servicing the stage lighting control and electrical panels; and installing a drop cloth at the rear of the stage are all needed.

At the May 27 PRC meeting, commission members discussed contributing up to \$18,000 to upgrading the Activity Centre. The money comes from funds returned by the Municipal Finance Authority which must be used for the facility.

Commission member Barry Urquhart said it was nice to be able to offer some funding help to the school district.



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The school board gets a makeover

If and when the makeup of the Gulf Islands School Board is adjusted by reducing the number of seats around the board table, the resulting cost savings will do little to relieve fiscal shortfalls. There may be a \$20,000 saving if the number of trustees is reduced from nine to seven, but that money would simply no longer be forthcoming from the Ministry of Education. It is not an amount that could be applied elsewhere in local education spending.

Even if it could, it represents but a fraction of the school district's \$13 million budget.

So what is the point of a motion passed at last week's board meeting, reducing the board size to seven trustees? It is chiefly a matter of integrity. In their submission responding to last fall's school district amalgamation proposal, trustees put forward a reduction in board size as one cost-saving initiative as part of an alternative plan to combining this district with three others on Vancouver Island.

Amalgamation didn't happen, so now the board must meet its obligations. However, this raises the delicate question of how the islands are to be represented. Here is the anomaly of Gulf Islands School District representation: Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna have school enrolments of 52, 79, 100 and 19 respectively. Under the proposal endorsed last week, each island will continue to have its own trustee.

On Salt Spring, meanwhile, five trustees currently look after the interests of six schools and 1,500 students. The new formula reduces Salt Spring's representation to but three.

Before the school district goes the way of the Islands Trust and the health council, which enjoy equal representation by island regardless of population, the minister of education might take a close look at what is being proposed. The minister might reflect upon the principle of representation by population which gave him his own seat in government, and is still widely accepted both provincially and federally.

The minister might then wonder why the same principle should not be in vogue at the local level. Unfortunately for the taxpayers of Salt Spring Island, it is a principle which school trustees seem happier to ignore.

The province votes. Ho-hum

A realistic skepticism about party politics seems to have seized many B.C. voters, who may feel that the outcome of last week's provincial election — whether the socialist or capitalist hordes hold the gates — makes little difference in their lives.

Environment? Given popular and scientific support for environmental protection, allowing environmental abuse is a quick ticket to political oblivion for any government.

Social programs? The NDP already did the socialistically unthinkable by cutting welfare rates.

Taxes? During the campaign, both parties were falling over themselves in their eagerness to promise tax breaks to anything sentient enough to mark a ballot.

Debt cutting? See above. How will they do both?

An end to political patronage? Don't make us laugh.

Rather than a battle between the right and the left, this election focused on the personal charisma of the leaders. Debate on policies — as opposed to promises — was almost non-existent.

The B.C. Liberals Policy Resource Guide was more propaganda than policy, including one section which started: "In 1991, Glen Clark and the NDP..." Did the Liberals think voters couldn't remember that in 1991 Mike Harcourt was the Liberal leader?

The New Democrats' spree of barrel politics was no better. After years of pleading poverty, there was money to fund a host of new programs. Taxpayers were not amused nor, we suspect, were those hit by government cutbacks in recent years — including the welfare recipients whose monthly cheques were lopped by \$47 last winter.

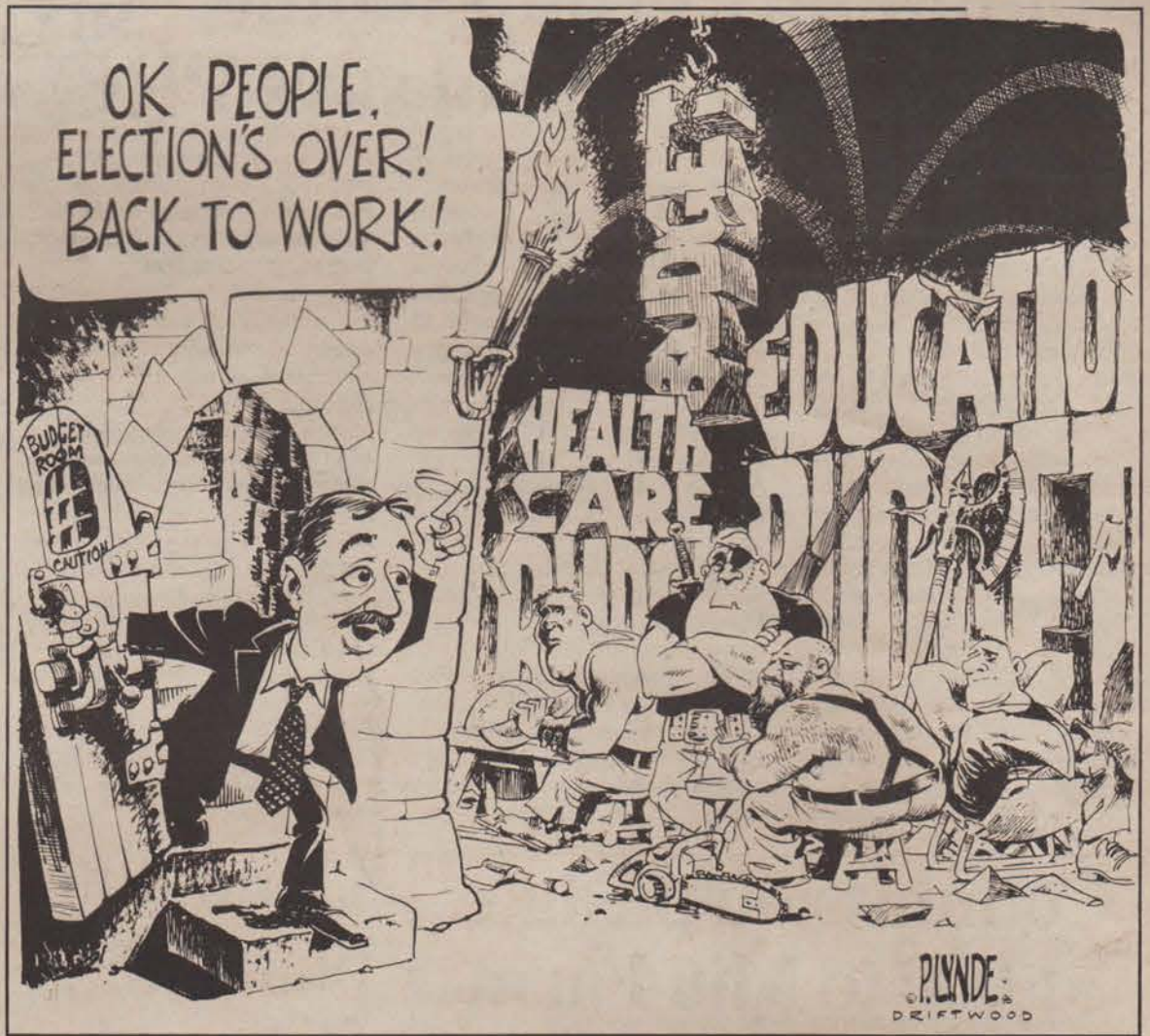
Whether a government has money to spend should be determined by the books, not by an imminent election.

But that's politics. Government is a different business, driven more by pragmatism and compromise than by ideology.

Ideology is a luxury for simple times and minds or for opposition MLAs seeking sound bites.

Time will tell if the voters' choice on May 28 was the right one.

But given our current style of pragmatic government, it could not be far wrong.



In today's public school system, seniority — not merit — rules

By KATE HOLMES

Dialogue, despair, polarization into "us" and "them" — the discourse never ends.

Dualism bares its fangs again; this time in education. Which is the right way? Which the wrong?

We hold on tightly to our philosophies while fear and frustration run rampant.

Much of my 30 years of educational involvement has been spent looking for answers to the questions that besiege our system — and to what avail? On some issues, I feel faint glimmerings of wisdom. On others, I feel passionately that the answers are right under our noses, obscure because of their very simplicity. What wisdom have I? Only this.

The school system has grown into a monster and has lost sight of its mandate. This has not happened with malice or intent but as a natural progression as population and societal issues increase in size and complexity. I believe, I must believe, that most educators care about their students. Can schools, however, be all things to all people? Are they, considering the probable circumstances of the future, realistic institutions?

With its emphasis on norms, bell curves, schedules, curriculums and the greatest possible conformity, can the educational system do otherwise than deaden the spark or spirit that is our very essence?

How can a teacher educate in a system of such magnitude? Some do. They may be few and far between, yet they manage to teach with both style and grace. That fact raises the second crux of the matter and a ticklish one it is, too.

A teacher, a "real" teacher, has a gift of genius as fine as that of a concert violinist. The teacher respects spirit, longs for dialogue, inquisitiveness, and admits fallibility. Their responsibility is to inspire greatness, to nurture, to search for truth, to live in truth, thereby preparing the student for a world of change and insecurity.

Past premises of preparing youth for lifelong employment are no longer appropriate. Students must



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be educated, instead, to learn how to discern, to choose, to negotiate, create, manage. They must be educated to have literacy skills — both with and without the computer — of the highest order, to be confident of their own worth, to know

how to learn, how to find out.

Peel off the layers of the onion and there stands the teacher — ultimately responsible. Yet, there is little that can be done about teachers who do not supply even the basic skills of literacy. Easier, indeed, to blame the parents, the government, the defiance and disinterest of the students.

As radical as it sounds, I contend that great teachers can, in enormous numbers of cases, short-circuit negative behaviours. But, short of child-abuse, tenure is pretty well assured. Seniority, rather than merit, rules. There must be accountability.

As a teacher of 10 Grade 8 middle school "leavers," I am shocked at their lack of knowledge. These students are keen, respectful and hard-working. There is no need to even threaten punishment. Yet, only a few months ago, this was not so.

Why? I'm no magic fairy. I have no ultimate educational philosophy that tells me "how." But, I am an artist. I attempt to practise my art with love, respect, enthusiasm and strong principles. I am where the buck stops. I produce or I stop

teaching. That is the only ethical decision. It is a crime to continue to teach when one realizes that is not their strength.

I have little doubt that many will write me off as an idealist. All I know is that who I am as a teacher works.

I have no rebuttal, no wish to argue. As Alan Watts wrote, "for so long as there is something to prove, some ax to grind, there is no dance" — and as a teacher, dance I will.

Kate Holmes teaches a group of Salt Spring students whose parents recently removed them from the public school system.

I attempt to practise my art with love, respect, enthusiasm and strong principles.

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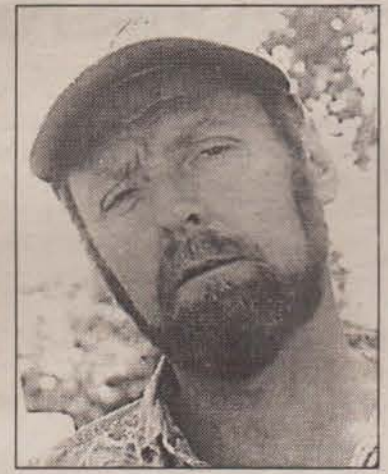
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Letters to the Editor

Hint of humility

In view of the undoubted embarrassment caused by accreditation being "denied" to the Gulf Islands Secondary School, I realize that Allisen Lambert's upbeat comments are an attempt to put on a brave face.

"This is not like a report card on the school, where it gets an A, B, C, D, or failure," she crows... and goes on to suggest "celebrating the successes."

I am sorry, Ms. Lambert... You may well pull the wool over some eyes, but I doubt very much whether many parents of GISS pupils (of which I am one) are going to be impressed with your bravado. I find it somewhat offensive in the circumstances.

Perhaps a hint of humility might have been more in order?

ANDREW G. GARDNER,
Pallot Way

Power corrupts

These days the greatest threat to freedom is the unlimited power of municipal governments, regional districts and the Islands Trust.

These elected bodies openly make laws in the most discriminating way. It is an invasion, taking away our personal freedoms one by one. The abuse of power is rampant in this country, openly discriminating against individuals.

I cite the Islands Trust in particular, under their logo of "preserve and protect" as infringing on landowners' rights to such a degree that their land becomes worthless, causing a great deal of unhappiness and hardship. These parasitic political saints are intent on putting all properties into a straightjacket, including the people who live on them. Of course it is desirable to "preserve and protect" but it is even more important that the people should remain free.

Are we really prepared to allow others to totally regulate away our rights? We must not let the political bureaucrats dictate every step we take.

"All power tends to corrupt. Absolute power corrupts absolutely."
STEPHEN OCSKO,
Galiano Island

Discriminate

My comments are impersonal and bear no individual malice. I am for abolishing the Trust.

The length and regulatory nature of the first draft of the OCP suggests that a resident or landowner of Salt Spring is completely incapable of governing his/her own affairs on a daily basis.

Am I to believe that this "goal" of a "perfect society" the Trust seems bent on forcing me to live within is either achievable or necessary?

To begin with, where is the proof that an Islands Trust was ever required in the first place? Am I so "un-trust" worthy that I deserve to live under a concept no other Canadian must endure?

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salaries and jobs of the Trust?

Am I to be treated like this in Canada and have to take it and like it? I think not.

Stop the plan — end the Trust now.

Remember Salt Spring must not only be visually appealing, in order to be a functional community there must also be a state of mind extant among us — that of brothers and sisters, friends and neighbours, happy children. The good thing about Salt Spring in the old days was where everyone was happy and helpful and considerate of each other. I feel that is equally important to re-foster among us not this 1984-based Orwell nightmare some feel is required to control me and my (so-called) "stupid" friends.

I live under the eye of the Lord, my conscience is my guide. I am a free man in a free country and nowhere has it, can it, nor ever will it be able to be shown that I am a threat to my chosen community, be it on an island or not. My conscience dictates that I have a moral and social obligation to my fellow man and the land.

I deserve and demand an answer.

DREW CLARKE,
Victoria Street

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Democracy to flourish in close NDP victory

VICTORIA — Doing what seemed impossible just four months ago, the NDP clawed its way back from the extreme depths of public distrust and wrestled a second mandate from the electorate.

I stuck my neck out early on in the campaign and predicted 40 seats for the NDP, one more than they got. On the other hand, I thought the Reform Party would do better, and I also expected Judy Tyabji to win. As a result, the Liberals got more seats than I predicted.

The next four years will see a different legislature than the one that sat in Victoria the last four and a half years. Although not reduced to a minority government, the NDP majority isn't as commanding as in the Mike Harcourt government.

At my deadline, the NDP had 39 seats, the Liberals 33, the Reformers two and Gordon Wilson had won the only seat for his Progressive Democratic Alliance. After appointing a speaker from its ranks, the NDP will have a slim two-member majority in the house.

That means when the bell rings, calling the MLAs into the chamber to vote on a piece of legislation or budget estimates, the NDP can ill-afford to have a member sick or lingering in the washroom.

But more important, it means that democracy will flourish. The government will have to tread more carefully. Governments with a slim majority tend to be more responsive to the public and the opposition.

Premier Clark will listen more carefully to criticism levelled at his government, and he will be more willing to consider suggestions from the opposition rather than arrogantly lording it over them.

British Columbians will also benefit from the return of two Reformers, Jack Weisgerber and Richard Neufeld, and PDA leader and now its only member, Gordon Wilson. They will provide viewpoints and voices to the legislature not represented by the two big parties.

A lot of people will scratch their heads, wondering how the Liberals could get 42 per cent of the popular vote, compared with the NDP's 39 and still lose the election. Under our system of first-around-the-post, that can happen anywhere in Canada, although the last time it happened in British Columbia was way back in 1952.

The two big upsets of the election were the defeat of Bill Barlee, the popular minister of small business and tourism, and that of Finance Minister Elizabeth Cull.

Barlee, a successful businessman himself, will be missed for having brought boundless enthusiasm and a healthy business perspective to cabinet.

Cull's defeat will leave the government in a tight spot because she prepared the budget which Clark promised will be resubmitted to the new legislature for approval, leaving her successor little time to familiarize himself or herself with its details.

The election outcome will almost immediately trigger speculation about the political future of Liberal leader Gordon Campbell. Notwithstanding his emotional promise on election night that he'll "be there year after year," to hold the NDP to account, he may not have the stomach to be leader of the opposition for another four years.

On the other hand, Campbell can take solace from having not only increased the number of Liberal seats, but having brought the popular vote for his party from the mid-20s to 42 per cent.

I'm pleased to see all party leaders re-elected, and I take a great deal of personal satisfaction in the victory of Corky Evans, a good friend, who had been marked by the Green Party as some sort of environmental pariah.

This is the first time in British Columbia an NDP government has been re-elected and it didn't escape Clark, who made it all possible. Had Mike Harcourt not stepped down as premier and leader of the NDP, the Liberals would almost certainly have won this election.

Hubert Beyer can be reached at tel: 920-9300; e-mail: hubert@coolcom.com

CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Attention

I think that the Grade 5s next year should come up to Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) because we have more opportunities like band, school sport teams, and a track and field team that goes off-island every few days or weeks.

SIMS has more rules that apply to us and not to the little kids. We can make more friends from all the other schools on the island.

Here we get more attention to our needs instead of all the little kids in the lower grades getting all the attention.

Everybody gets the same respect up here and we personally think that it prepares us for the high school. We think that the parents should let go of their kids and let them come up here because 11 and 12-year-olds aren't babies anymore.

We know there have been some incidents of drugs and if you want it you can get it but if you don't you don't even get asked.

We think that it was the best idea for us to come to SIMS and we think next year's Grade 6s will really like it and it would be good for them to come here.

Thanks for your time.
**HELEN SMITH,
ELYSE CLELAND,
Grade 6 SIMS students**

Other side

I disagree with your article called "Children too little for SIMS." I'm in Grade 6 and I was offended that you called my friends and me "little."

I think the Grade 6s should come up to SIMS. I have reasons. One of my reasons is we have more subjects like science, home economics, wood shop and exploratory.

We also have more than one teacher, which is good for high school because you need to get used to different personalities.

We also have a good special needs program. For example, most of the stairs are wheelchair accessible and we have a resource room. Every day there is a check on feelings and what day it is.

We have more places to sit and talk instead of playing with the kindergarten students (not that that isn't fun or anything but at our age we would rather sit and talk alone). In fact, we still have the opportunity to "buddy" with the kids at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Also we have a student store that sells water, soup, all kinds of pop and chips including cheesies.

I hope you enjoyed my letter. I thought you should know the other side of the story from a Grade 6 that has been in SIMS.

**ELLA WRIGHT,
Grade 6 SIMS student**

More mature

I am a Grade 6 student at SIMS. I am responding to your article in the Driftwood called "Children 'too little' for SIMS."

I think that Grade 6s should be at the middle school. At the middle school you get treated your own age. Also, the middle school gets you ready for high school. I think that going from elementary school to high school is too big of a jump but middle school to high school is not too big of a jump.

Another thing, middle school has more mature things to do. For example, we have choir that practises at a church, and we have a store where we can buy drinks, soup and chips, and the money goes towards buying things for the school.

Finally, Grade 6 students are with other people their own age and they can meet other kids from other schools on the island.

Thank you for your time.
**ROSALIE LAST,
Grade 6 SIMS student**

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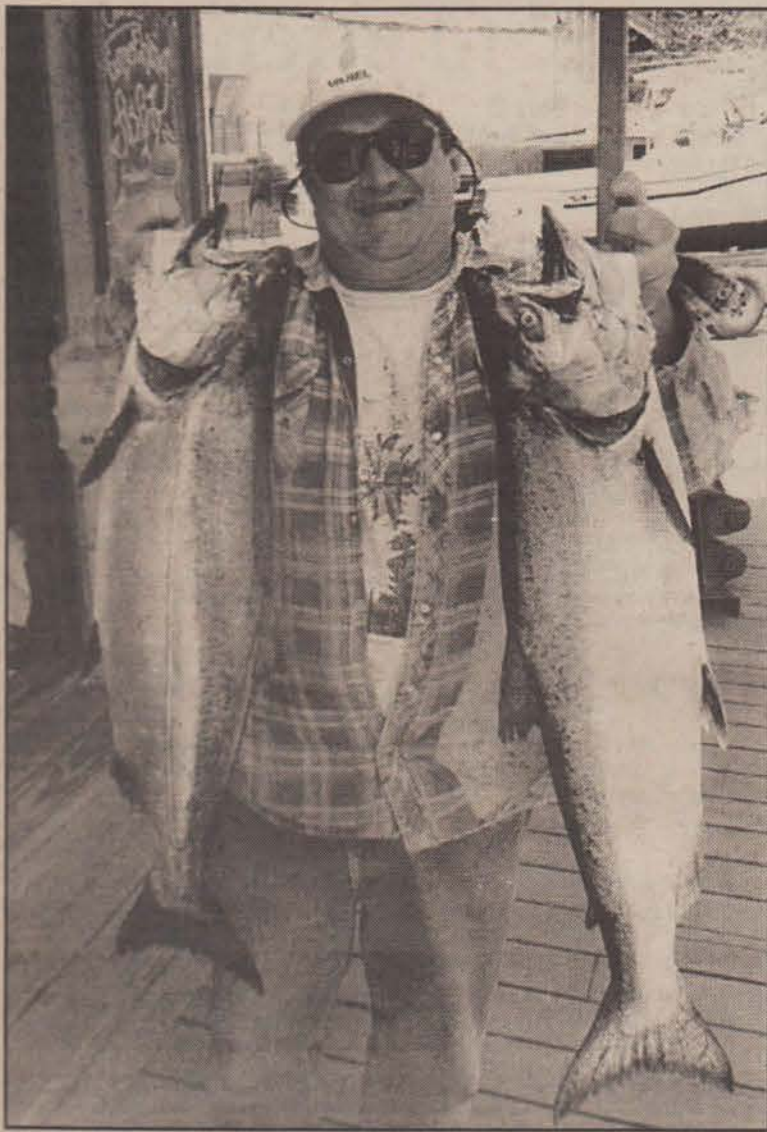
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Early spawn

Proud fisherman Stephen Ball displays the 11 and 16-lb. chinooks he caught Friday at Active Pass. He believes the fish were part of an early spawn on the Fraser River. While chinook can no longer be kept by sports fisherman on the west coast of Vancouver Island, the limit remains at two a day in inside waters.

Photo by Tony Richards

Salt Spring ambulance service won't suffer from proposed cuts

Proposed cuts to the Provincial Ambulance Service will not likely affect Salt Spring.

Members of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Board were relieved to learn from the Emergency Health Service Commission that any change in the local ambulance service's current staffing plan is not anticipated.

Members discussed the situation at the board's May 29 meeting.

Concerns over potential cuts to the local service were expressed at last month's meeting.

In other hospital board news:

• The board approved medical staff privileges in general practice, anaesthetics and obstetrics to Dr.

Scott McNie, who recently bought Ken Heaton's practice.

McNie has moved to Salt Spring from Smithers where he has practised medicine for several years.

The board also granted courtesy staff privileges to Dr. Jeanne Keegan-Henry, who has a general practice on Mayne Island.

• A mobile mammography unit returns to Salt Spring for eight days between September 26 and October 4.

The unit first visited the island last year, initially for two days only. Due to local needs, the board learned, the unit will now be available for an extended period.

District might sell portables

Anyone in the market for a classroom?

Completion of construction work at Fulford elementary and fewer students at some elementary schools with the transfer of Grade 6 and 7 students to Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) leaves the district with nine portable classrooms which will not be needed next September.

Market value of the units ranges between \$14,500 and \$39,900.

At a school board meeting Wednesday, secretary-treasurer Ken Starling suggested the district consider selling the units, especially given that Surrey school district is now looking for portable classrooms and it is difficult to find a market for them. He noted it will cost \$5,000 to relocate each portable.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Trustees also received a request from Kevin Vine, acting principal of Phoenix School, suggesting that one of the portables be used on the Phoenix school site to give the children a multi-purpose area for music, dance, drama and physical fitness.

At present the students are taken to Salt Spring elementary for these activities.

Trustees agreed the portables should be sold but left the total number open to further discussion, given the request from Phoenix School.

Trustee Ken Lee suggested the portable classroom sale be advertised locally. Starling agreed.

In other school board news:

• Trustees agreed the access road winding up to SIMS should be named Mahon Hill Road to allow identification by emergency vehicles and for postal service. In addition to the school, there are two residences on the school district road. Both residences require an address, Starling said.

• Trustees approved the start of negotiations towards a day care at Pender Island School. Trustee Jean Maberley said funding from the provincial Ministry of Women's Equality is providing 20 out-of-school care spaces for children aged five to 12.

• Trustees agreed to give up to \$5,000 towards a basketball court at Fulford elementary, a project of the school's parent advisory council.



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X marks the spot in more than elections

X marks the spot.

X marks the spot where the dirigible R 101 was tied up before the tragic crash in France.

X marks the spot where Hitler met his end in the last Nazi bunker.

X marks the spot where I put my pencil to the ballot paper and voted for my choice.

X marks the spot where I should have placed my X but was out of town and hitting the high spots when the election hit the low spots. But

that was one instance where the system broke down.

Mark your ballot with an X against your choice of candidate.

Vote early and vote often: your candidate may need your constant support.

This election business sounds so simple. You present yourself to the returning officer who takes a close look at you to be sure that there is someone there who would vote. The officer has already checked the polling station to ensure that there are no signs or buttons advertising any candidate.

She doesn't know that my car is parked outside, clearly designated, "1 Grit." What is a Grit? I explain that it means one Liberal and there is a hushed pause. Or did I dream it?

No talking in the rear rank! And no talking about political parties while you are in the stronghold of this thing you hail as democracy!

X marks the spot.

There was a war and the troops were eager to get as far away as possible from military discipline now that peace was in sight. Reflect that Tory government! Good guy, old Winston!

But good guys fall as heavily as bad guys and Winnie was out of the British leadership. The troops enjoyed his lead in the war, but they had had enough and they turfed out the warrior government of Winnie, to march to peace under the Labour flag.

X marks the spot where I sailed away into the broad Atlantic as soon as the new peace would let me. Sure! We had seen the Churchill government fall, but no government lasts forever, not even in Canada.

X marks the spot where I exchanged pleasantries with a Halifax train worker, who carried that same message I had heard while serving in Canada with the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. From coast to coast.

X marks the place where I heard the same message.

X marks the Ottawa House of Commons where the Liberals sat in power.

X marks the very spot where no Canadian ever voted Liberal and the Liberals yet rose to power.

X marks the spot where I decided that if the Liberals could get into Ottawa without winning a Canadian vote, then I would be a Liberal.

X marks the spot where the B.C. coalition fell apart in 1949 to leave the Liberals to hold the reins of government and X marks the spot where British Columbians elected the scarcely known Social Credit government.

X marks the spot where the Social Crediters took the province by storm and where no voter ever admitted voting Social Credit despite the steady rise of that party.

X marks the spot where a Canadian voter could be reviled in public and private for being a Liberal; with a small X to mark the spot where British Columbian Social Credit supporters were similarly reviled.

Yet another X marks the spot where Capt. Walter Villers, gentleman, of Sidney, pleaded with me to refrain from any mention of his connection with the CCF, of which he was treasurer, for fear of losing his government job. He was also a mail courier. And X marks the spot in the Sidney Review where I refrained.

X marks the ballot that will duly elect the parliamentarian who will represent his party in Ottawa or Victoria.

X marks the successful candidate.

X marks the place where the defeated incumbent vainly marked his ballot with an X.

X marks the spot on the ballot where a tick will also be accepted.

X marks the spot where stood the last leader-candidate in pre-TV days to explain to a heckling questioner that he would have no problem filling his cabinet: the candidates elected were all cabinet material!

X marks the spot where even a convinced democrat may be slightly sick of the trappings of an election.

X marks the spot where the successful party will reign.

X marks the spot where all voters and politicians will go home, weary and worn.

X marks the spot where a wasted ballot is a wasted privilege.

X marks the spot.

Richards . . . X . . . his mark.

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It's 'wrong time' to attempt Internet access for students

Efforts by Imagen to connect with the school board to discuss Internet access for Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) are hitting crossed lines.

Imagen president Dwight Jones has attempted to get on the board's public meeting agenda to discuss the Internet access he could offer to local students. But school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said the board is not ready to deal with that issue.

"His timing is off and his process is off. That doesn't mean we're not interested in his service," she said.

The school board is waiting for a report from a district technology committee and a computer users' group. That report is expected to prioritize the district's expenditures — if any — on technology for the coming year.

For the past two years, Lambert noted, there has been no extra money in the budget for technology, despite aging hardware in many schools and a shortage of current software and computer training.

If improved Internet access is

one of the priorities and money can be found in the budget, Jones would then have the opportunity to bid on a contract as would any other service provider. The district cannot show any favouritism and must go through an open tendering process, Lambert added.

Jones proposes installing a high-capacity, high-speed Internet link to the high school for \$1,800 a month. The service could also be extended to Salt Spring Island Middle School, Salt Spring elementary, Phoenix School, Fernwood elementary and to the Outer Gulf Islands.

Jones' letter was backed by endorsements from district staff, who confirmed the speed and accessibility of Imagen's Internet link compared to the B.C. Systems connection now used by the school district.

If the district is not interested in his Internet access, Jones said he could cut some of Imagen's costs by eliminating the connection into downtown Ganges.

"Imagen currently pays \$1,000 a

month to bring the signal to Ganges from Scott Point Drive. If we cannot expect your participation shortly, this option will not likely be available indefinitely," Jones stated.

At the May 15 school board meeting, trustee Ken Lee suggested Jones be invited to speak at the next board meeting. His motion was not seconded.

Lambert said written information given by Jones to the district has been distributed to trustees and Jones has been invited to attend an operations committee meeting.

"At the moment there is no money budgeted for the purpose of purchasing what he is suggesting," Lambert said, adding that most service providers do not present their wares at public school board meetings.

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Outer islanders linked up

Starting Friday, Outer Gulf Islanders will be able to surf the Internet via a local call, thanks to access offered by Salt Spring's Imagen Communications.

President Dwight Jones said a radio network is linking the islands of North and South Pender, Galiano, Mayne and Saturna to the Internet. A similar radio link brought Internet access to Salt Spring last November.

The radio signal is picked up on a Pender waterfront property. Although there is a shortage of phone lines on the island, Jones said B.C. Tel has cooperated in gathering spare lines to form a modem pool for the service.

The new service will give Outer Island residents Internet access for \$10 to \$15 per hour less than the cost of calling long-distance to reach an Internet service provider on Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland.

"It's heartening to see three companies — Imagen, Westel and B.C. Tel — come together to empower a small community despite strong geographical limitations," Jones said. "There's not much money on the table here for any of us but in the long run we hope that the new network is appreciated by the islanders and some loyalty will be our reward."

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Living with Cancer

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Members of Salt Spring's cancer support group anticipate the third Wednesday of each month as a time of sharing feelings, exchanging information and participating in what is frequently an upbeat and laughter-filled session.

On this morning, a variety of people — different ages, different sizes — stream into the meeting room at Croftonbrook, each taking one of the seats, placed in a comfortably large circle. Most are women, but two men also join the group.

All these people have been touched by cancer. Some are in various stages of treatment for the disease; at least one man is married to a cancer-sufferer.

Now seated, they begin their two-hour session by describing, in turn, relevant events from the past month. Laughter erupts. One woman describes a machine that has helped reduce swelling in her arms. Books are quoted. Comparisons made. More laughter.

These people are living with cancer. They are not dying from it.

Support group facilitators Carol Williams and Rita Thomas, who do not have cancer, explain that many people

diagnosed with cancer equate it with a death sentence.

But many of the people in this room disprove that theory.

One woman's gleefully-told story is met with delighted laughter. She discovered two years ago she had breast cancer. She underwent surgery followed by radiation treatment. Last month she celebrated her 91st birthday and is still living on her own.

Another woman tells the group how she was basically given a death sentence when she learned in 1985 there was no cure or treatment for her form of cancer.

"Well, they lied."

In the past decade, the woman has suffered two bouts of the "incurable" cancer, plus an unrelated appearance of breast cancer in the early 1990s.

And she is still around to share her story with the cancer support group.

"My initial thought was 'I'm going to die'," recalls another woman, diagnosed with cancer over three years ago. "It was a very confusing and isolated time for me."

Networking with others who had cancer became an important part of her life, she says. The support group allows members to "zero in on similar ailments and find out what works" to help alleviate them. It also provides a forum for

the exchange of information through books collected in members' private libraries — many of which are worth thousands of dollars.

"You have to get very educated and take power of your own body," the woman says to nods of agreement.

Through guest speakers at the meetings, she has learned about therapeutic touch, visual meditation, relaxation techniques, pharmaceutical aids and massage.

"I found my way back to yoga," she adds. Her motto for 1996 is "to get serious about having fun."

Everyone chuckles and someone notes: "The support group is definitely not all doom and gloom."

But, another mentions, that doesn't mean people who are "feeling down" shouldn't attend.

The next woman to speak notes that both she and her husband have cancer. She attends the group, but her husband chooses not to — he is not a "joiner."

With this, the group quickly notes that individuals don't have to be "joiners" to attend meetings.

"The door is always open," someone says.

"And we'll go anytime to see them privately," another notes.

The woman adds: "Cancer was always something other people had, we never thought we'd have it."

One of the two men in the room (usually up to four men attend) explains that he has prostate cancer, but he would rather not elaborate. The second man attends the meetings in support of his wife who has cancer.

Like a family, he says, "It is a very close-knit group."

Although the exchange of friendship, empathy and information are important components of the cancer support group, another critical element is the translation of a death sentence into hope and a chance for tomorrow.

Says one woman: "I have learned that cancer can be a disease that we can live with."



Facilitators' lives enhanced by group

Cancer support group facilitators Carol Williams and Rita Thomas say the experience has enhanced their lives.

"You meet the finest people," says Thomas. "It seems as though this disease, despite its pains, is a springboard into a new reality of living in the present."

Thomas began facilitating the group in the early 1990s when original organizer Lee Evans left to live in Brazil for two years. Although Evans did not have cancer, many of her friends did. By inviting them to gather at her home, she gave birth to today's Gulf Islands Cancer Support Group.

After Thomas took over facilitating the group, she met Williams, who indicated a desire to help. The two attend alternate meetings. "Neither of us has had cancer," Thomas notes, "but we have had other kinds of battles in our lives."

The current group has a floating membership of about 24 people. It is not a fundraising entity, but uses any leftover "tea money" to purchase books for its burgeoning library of cancer resource material.

Because the group consists of many people who "have



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learned to live with cancer," it provides a crucial role in helping people newly diagnosed with the disease.

"Being that example of hope is the greatest aspect of reaching out to others," Thomas says.

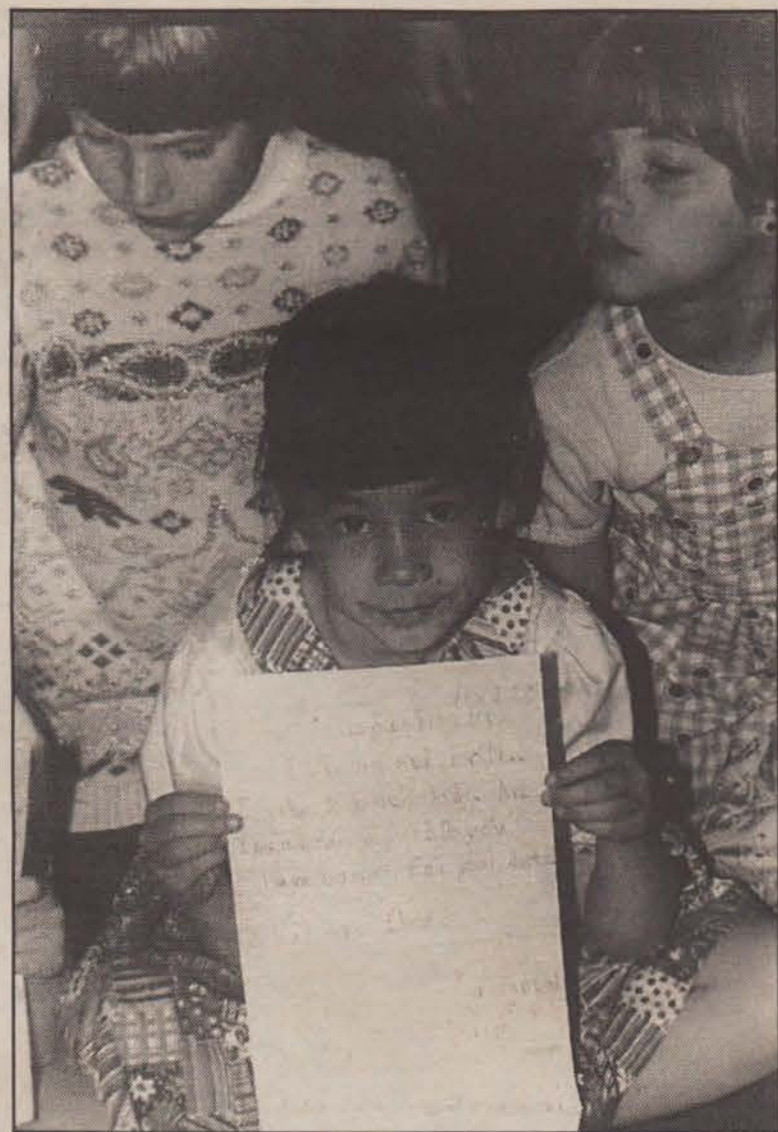
The two hope the support group can garner a closer relationship with local doctors, the hospital and public health facilities, allowing members to respond more quickly to those who have just learned they have cancer.

"This is the critical time," notes Williams.

several members also gather to have coffee on other Wednesdays. New members are always welcome.

Both Williams and Thomas say their work with the group has touched their lives in special ways.

Says Thomas: "I have learned so much about life, about what is important and about the depth of the human being. I've learned that life is full of pain, but that you can make it okay... and how there is always light and truth in the darkness."



Penpals

Megan Cameron holds up the letter she's written to a new penpal in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., as part of a letter-writing project in her Grade 1 class at Salt Spring elementary. Behind Megan are fellow students Lynden Knister, left, and Solveig Starheim. Students are exchanging photographs and information about schools and families through their correspondence.

Photo by Tony Richards

Islander has two entries for pedal-powered boats show

Whether innovations in engineering will sink or swim is part of the drama of the third annual gathering of pedal-powered boats this Saturday at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre.

Among those demonstrating human-powered watercraft will be Salt Spring's Bob Simons, who organized the gathering.

Simons has created two entries for the event. One is a two-person boat of thin fabric covering a wooden frame which is driven by two pedal drives designed by Beaver Point resident Bob Stuart.

The second craft is an amphibious kinetic sculpture with folding wheels, also equipped with one of Stuart's drives.

"It's kind of a novelty thing," Simons said, adding that many boats attending the event are high-tech and meticulously designed.

Stuart will also bring two boats from Salt Spring.

"His boats are capable of 10 knots and are in limited production," Simons said.

Most boats will be in the water at noon, he added.

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GISS exam schedule released as students near year's end

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

You may find it useful to clip out the following exam schedule for future reference.

Wednesday, June 19:
Mathematics 12 - 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, June 20: English 12 - 8:15 a.m.; German 12 - 1 p.m.
Friday, June 21: Physics 12 - 8:15 a.m.; Geography 12 - 1 p.m.
Monday, June 24:
Communications 12 - 8:15 a.m.; Biology 12 - 1 p.m.
Tuesday, June 25: Chemistry 12 - 8:15 a.m.; English Literature 12 - 1

INSIDE SIMS

By ALISON VIDA
Driftwood Contributor

Grade 6 students are busy preparing for their June 17 excursion to Strathcona Park Lodge where they will spend five days in an intensive outdoor education experience.

They have been washing cars and selling a wide selection of used books to raise funds for the trip. You still might catch them at Ganges Village Market this week.

• Word has it the sun was actually found shining on the SIMS field and new playground area last week. Many classes are planning camping, biking, canoeing or other summertime activities. Some of our students will be riding up to Shelby Pool to participate in the swim program offered to school children by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Work has begun on the new playground area, where plans include swings and a multi-purpose court. Skateboarding is still a tried-and-true favourite.

INSIDE GISS

p.m.
Wednesday, June 26: French 12 - 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, June 27: History 12 - 8:15 a.m.

Report cards should be ready on June 27.

• Students planning to pursue a career in cosmetology or barbering should check out a scholarship program sponsored by Great Clips, Inc. Liane Watson has the information and application forms in the counselling centre.

The deadline for their \$500 scholarship is June 30.

• We have information about a dozen more scholarships for which the deadline is either June 15, 20 or 30. They range in amount from

\$600 for a one-third entrance scholarship to Advance School of Hairdressing in Victoria to an unspecified amount for a student who is going on to a post-secondary school and has demonstrated ability and promise in athletics. All of these can be found in the District Scholarship Handbook. We have one of these books in the counselling centre.

• Some parents have asked about student exchange programs. Watson has some information about a few programs people are welcome to come in and examine.

I have also just received the latest brochures from Nacel Canada, Inc. This is a non-profit organization that organizes exchanges between Canadian students 13 to 19 years old and students in France, Spain, or Germany. For more information talk to Gaye Lefavre at 1-800-565-6648.



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- **CLUB NIGHT:** Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

JUNE 19: Therapeutic Touch Practice Group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm.

JUNE 19: Garden Club "Roses", Anglican Centre, 6:30pm set up 7:30 judging; 8pm general meeting & viewing of roses.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Seniors for Seniors regular Thurs. lunch at noon, reserv. are essential.
- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am (3rd Thurs. of every mo.)

EVERY FRIDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY MONDAY

- "Bandemonium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
- Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.
- Story time, library, 9:30am.
- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.
- French conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- Ganges Residents Assoc., Mahon Hall, 7pm, (1st Monday of the mo.)
- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.
- SS Weavers & Spinner, meet at Farmers' Ins. to us the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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Duck's banquet raises \$\$

More than \$10,000 was raised for wildlife conservation at the May 25 Ducks Unlimited banquet and auction on Salt Spring.

Funds will be used to finance the local organization's expanded wetland conservation program.

Committee chairwoman Tracey Watson said the group was "thrilled by the number of enthusiastic supporters who attended this year's banquet" at Meaden Hall.

Watson said its success was made possible by a number of people who donated merchandise, artwork, cash and time.

BRIDGE TRICKS

Winners of duplicate bridge on May 14 were Rob Bradford and Fred Struve; Ian Thomas and Conhor Hunt; Isabelle Richardson and Norm McConnell.

On May 21 winners were Blanche Poborsa and Joan Conlan; Rob Bradford and Fred Struve; Molly Frenette and Bill Buckler.

May 28 winners were Fred Struve and Rob Bradford; Bunny Jordan and Jim Bradford; Pat Warman and Jim Burford; Joan Conlan and Norm McConnell.

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HORN PLAYERS: Nuthatches are easy to identify. They sport a black cap, long white eyebrow, rusty-coloured underparts and a strong, woodpecker-like bill. Their call sounds like a toot from a toy horn.

Photo by Jonathan Grant

Nuthatches sound like tin horn

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

When I was a kid our family vacations almost always included camping. We'd load a ton of heavy gear into the salmon pink Bel Air and head for the country.

The next morning we would all wake inside a damp canvas tent, each reluctant to be first up, listening to the calls of forest birds.

There were whistlers, babblers, singers and scolders, but the bird I liked best sounded as if it was tooting a tiny tin horn.

Years have passed, but I can still hear that call, both in my memory and in our woods as well. Chances are you'll have heard it, too — a high-pitched, nasal, "ank, ank, ank." The player is the red-breasted nuthatch.

Nuthatches are easy to identify. They sport a black cap, long white eyebrow, rusty-coloured underparts and a strong, woodpecker-like bill. If you see a bird climbing down a tree head first, it's a nuthatch.

These acrobats forage on tree trunks and on the ends and undersides of branches, finding insects and seeds other birds have missed.

It's not that Mother Nature has made the nuthatch so much better at food finding, but that creepers

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and woodpeckers climb up the tree to search for food, while nuthatches climb down. Thus the nuthatch gets a different perspective and is rewarded for it.

Although nuthatches eat insects, they are particularly fond of seeds, and will hoard excess supplies. In years when the seed crop is poor,

they will migrate south searching for more.

Red-breasted nuthatches stay on the Gulf Islands year-round, and you can entice them to your feeders with seed, suet and suet mixes. Apparently they are also attracted to bird baths, although they are too shy or wary to try mine.

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Island writers among competition winners

Two Salt Spring writers were among 36 winners in the annual festival writing competition sponsored by the Federation of B.C. Writers.

Beverly Martin and Jan Van Stolk won a trip to last month's B.C. Festival of the Arts in Penticton, where they could attend seminars offered by professional writers.

Martin and Van Stolk's submissions were among 605

entries in the competition, which is open to writers with no more than three published pieces in the genre in which they enter.

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IN SEARCH OF: Charles Hingston is Saint Brendan seeking "the land promised to the saints" from sixth century Ireland. Lottie Devendisch is a dancing bird who counsels him on the way. The Anglican parish is performing The Voyage of Saint Brendan next weekend at All Saints by-the-Sea.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Sea voyage is feast of music and dance

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Gulf Islands seas look inviting for the maiden voyage of an ancient seafaring myth. The "world premiere" of Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault's *The Voyage of Saint Brendan* runs next Friday through Sunday, contributing to a revival of the medieval tradition of liturgical theatre.

Bourgeault says "conditions are perfect" for the mounting of the play. Not only is the Anglican parish supportive of the production, but when the carpentry skills of some members teamed up with the sailing savvy of all four monks on the voyage, the result was an assuredly seaworthy vessel.

And the resulting "replica" of the *Navigatio* is currently anchored on a newly-constructed collapsible stage in All Saints by-the-Sea.

After working with the Anglican parish a couple of years ago to produce the *Play of the Creation*, Bourgeault was inspired by the talent and possibilities Salt Spring offered, as well as the church group's construction talents.

All Saints by-the-Sea was being built during a previous visit, and it added to her sense that one of her favourite sacred stories — the *Navigatio Sancti Brendani* — could become a liturgical theatre piece.

"With this actual building in mind, it leaped into life in play form," Bourgeault told the Driftwood last week.

The result is a dramatic and musical rendering of the *Navigatio Sancti Brendani*, a classic "search story" about the Irish Saint Brendan, believed to be born in 489 A.D., who set sail with fellow monks on the *Navigatio* to find the "land promised to the saints."

It is speculated they reached Newfoundland, described as a land shrouded in fog, and on the way witnessed a volcano near Iceland, and a "crystal palace" which was likely an iceberg.

The "legend" achieved more credibility when Tim Severin sailed a replica of the *Navigatio* on the same Ireland-Faroe Islands-Greenland-Newfoundland route in the mid-1970s.

The *Navigatio* story was likely written around 800 A.D., and remained popular throughout the Middle Ages.

Bourgeault's version maintains all the excitement of a sea adventure and, as she and director Margaret Jardine note, can be enjoyed solely on that level.

It is also a "psychological drama" of a religious man's search for his spirituality. In that search Saint Brendan (played by Charles Hingston) finds his greatest strengths may in fact hinder attempts to find what he is looking for.

"It becomes a story of what you have to let go of to get what you want," explains Bourgeault.

She also stresses the play is "not preachy. It's not doctrinaire."

"It really gives people a chance to see that spirituality is not about being given answers but about wrestling with questions."

Jardine observes that many people are now asking themselves how they can have spirituality or religion in their lives, and Saint Brendan's story probes that question.

"This is the search; this is the voyage," she says.

Bourgeault adds that presenting spiritual issues through drama and art makes them "red-blooded" and alive for people.

The *Voyage of Saint Brendan* is not only a dramatic play; it is a feast of music and dance.

Bourgeault jokingly calls the musical component "a neo-Celtic

grab bag." There is period Irish music, modern psalms and monks' chants — Bourgeault learned the kind of chants they currently sing — and composed some music where necessary.

Participants include Salt Spring's Early Music Consort, Women of Note singers and male singers from the church's choir. There are also dancers, called "the birds," who help send Saint Brendan in the

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right direction on his journey.

Jardine has a lifelong theatre relationship, which began with acting and teaching youth drama, and expanded into directing for adult theatre, mainly in the Ottawa area. She worked with Bourgeault as director of the *Play of the Creation*, and has done *Man Born to be King* scenes with the local parish.

Jardine finds combining theatre and church activities "very satisfying" with "fantastic" community spirit being one of the rewards.

Saint Brendan's cast and crew

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covers the gamut of ages and backgrounds, from husband-and-wife teams to retired bishops, some with ample acting experience, others with none.

Jardine describes the mix as providing an "innocence and freshness" not found in professional productions. "They're not looking for their great moment on stage," she says of the actors.

The musicians and dancers count professionals among them, but Bourgeault summarizes everyone's attitude as: "How can I serve this play?"

None of it could have been possible without support of Rev. Bryan Bjerring and the parish, both women say. Performing drama works in church is "still slightly controversial," notes Bourgeault, and services have lately been done on and around the rather-imposing *Navigatio*.

Bourgeault, who is also a medieval scholar and well-known across North America for her workshops on "centering prayer" and other Christian work, notes that theatre was once a "core part" of worship. Liturgical drama is undergoing a revival, although more noticeably in larger centres such as New York and San Diego, she reports.

She is quick to add that in New York, however, parishioners could never have figured out how to build the perfect boat.

The *Voyage of Saint Brendan* runs next Friday and Saturday nights, June 14 and 15, at All Saints by-the-Sea beginning at 7 p.m. There is also a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m., which will be followed by a discussion period and refreshments.

Tickets are \$5 from the parish office, open from 9:30 to noon, or by phoning 537-1390 or 537-4561.



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Contra dancing planned

Beaver Point Hall will be the location of great laughter, hilarity, a bit of flirting and lots of dancing as islanders skip through the motions of contra dancing this Saturday night.

Enthusiast Heather Martin says contra dancing is lots of fun, good exercise and "a great place for people to go and be with friends."

This form of dance is related to square dancing, clogging and step dancing. The steps and patterns are similar to square dancing; it's easily walked or skipped, says Martin, and there is "no special footwork to think about."

Martin notes there has been a great revival of partner dancing all over North America and Europe in the form of swing, Latin, zydeco and ballroom dancing.

Contra dancing, she adds, is usually accompanied by fiddle music. Movements occur with two lines of pairs, each pair interchanging with the next one down the line. Partners need not be of the opposite sex, Martin notes, though that is most often how it works.

"Much laughter and hilarity tends to accompany this type of dancing, as does eye contact and — dare I mention — flirting," Martin says. "The main point is to have fun and help your partner have fun."

Contra dancing is not new to Salt Spring. A caller has travelled here each year for the past three years, staging a social event for families at Fulford Elementary School.

Saturday's event is for adults only. Youths old enough to follow the caller and not break up the pattern are also welcome to attend.

Musicians for the Saturday event include master fiddler Calvin Cairns, Bruce Pearson on guitar, and Salt Lick's Lisa Erck on the double bass. In the future, Martin says, Carol Wright of Salt Lick will also be playing with the group, adding banjo and mandolin music.

The caller will be from Vancouver.

Martin hopes the event will generate enough interest to hold contra dances every two to three months here.

The dance begins at 8 p.m.

Mango launch Saturday

Anyone who thought they missed the Mango Woman book launch described in last week's Driftwood fretted in vain.

The event is on Saturday, June 8, not June 2 as stated in last week's paper.

Everyone is welcome to the reading and launch of Mona Fertig's chapbook of eight erotic poems. Wine, cheese and fruit will be served at the event, which takes place at Vortex Gallery in Grace Point Square from 7 to 9 p.m.

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MARAUDERS ALL: Ready for a raid are, front from left, Pirate King Siobhan McPherson and lieutenant Peter Theunisz with the rest of the Pirates of Penzance, second row from left, nurse Angela Stalker, pirates Chris Snook and Rebekka Keough, third row from left, pirate Gabe Kean, Frederic Bryan Hunsberger, pirates Ryan O'Donnell and Timothy Hamilton.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

Clown workshop slated

People are invited to "discover their personal clown" at a two-day creative workshop with "Canada's foremost lady clown."

Cheryl Cashman, an actor, writer and director who is perhaps best known for her North American hit show *Turning Thirty*, is offering the Discover Your Clown workshop this Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Previous Cashman workshops bore Salt Spring's *Wholy Fools*, stars of the recent *Virgin Clowns* show.

In the weekend workshop, participants will explore and expand their creativity through a series of exercises in movement, colour exploration and improvisation.

The late master clown teacher Richard Pochinko dubbed Cashman "Canada's foremost lady clown."

Workshop cost is \$80. It takes place at ASTAR studio in Grace Point Square.

No acting experience is necessary. For further information and to register, call 653-4563.

Young performers tackle tricky script

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

They may have been the youngest crew ever to sail on stage with the *Pirates of Penzance*.

Jim Lightfoot's Grade 4/5 class from Fulford Elementary School had enough enthusiasm to overcome all obstacles to its performance last week of a complex Victorian operetta.

They may not have understood all the words, but they memorized them anyway. The airs and two-part choruses were tricky but they sang out lustily regardless. The recitations might have given an adult performer pause but didn't daunt these young thespians.

Lightfoot said he read a children's version of the *Pirates of Penzance* storyline to the class approximately two months ago. "They were really, really keen on it." He had been planning a spring production of a fable or fairy tale — something more in keeping with the age of students — but agreed to bring a script for *Pirates of Penzance* to class.

"When I looked at the script I said, 'oh my God,'" Lightfoot recalled.

Lightfoot's previous school pro-

ductions have been no more than 50 minutes long and included Grade 6 and 7 students. *Pirates of Penzance* is one hour and 20 minutes in length and the performers ranged in age from nine to 11.

He altered the script slightly, taking out a few of the songs and reducing some of the romantic involvement between the hero and heroine. "Even to get that one boy to kneel and say 'I love you' took forever," he said.

Lightfoot also reviewed the Victorian language with the students to ensure they understood the meaning of the lines and rewrote a few pivotal lines into modern English to help the audience understand the play.

Before the students performed in front of their peers Thursday afternoon, the story was outlined to each of the classes so they could better follow the plot.

Lightfoot was amazed by how fast the students memorized their many, many lines and the energy with which they tackled the songs. Thursday's afternoon performance and the evening performances Thursday and Friday were tributes to the students' perseverance.

ENTERTAINMENT

This week at the Cinema

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Mission: Impossible: A pulsating theme familiar to fans of the *Mission: Impossible* television show underlines this dramatic action thriller of the same name. Tom Cruise is the American style "Bond" who takes on the baddies with the help of fellow spooks. Cruise and company have more gadgets than a fairground midway and scheme their way through a tangle of plot twists and special effects as this escapist fun builds to an explosive climax. The goal is to outwit an international group of nasties dealing in top secret information. Expected to be one of the first summer blockbusters, this fast-paced film won't self-destruct in five minutes. Rated mature with some violence. Friday to Tuesday, 7 and 9 p.m.; Tuesday matinee at 4 p.m.

Island Video Hits

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| 1. Golden Eye.....(4) | 6. American President..(2) |
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| 3. Powder.....(1) | 8. Nick of Time.....(6) |
| 4. Casino.....(3) | 9. Dunstar Checks In.....(-) |
| 5. Pride and Prejudice...(-) | 10. Mesmer.....(-) |

On Tap at the Pubs

- Vesuvius Inn:**.....Open stage with the Barley Bros., June 6, 8:30 p.m.
.....Triskele Celtic Band, June 9, 7 p.m.
- Moby's Pub:**.....Sunday dinner jazz with the Ray Newman Quartet
- Alfresco's:**.....Barrington Perry on piano, Fri. and Sat.
- Harbour House Hotel (pub):**.....Auntie Kate, June 6, 7, 8 (lounge).....Karaoke with Harvey, June 7, 8

Community TV Schedule

- Thursday, June 6, 2:30 p.m.**.....1994 OCP Workshop Series Review #5
- 4:30 p.m.**.....OCP Feedback from May 15 at Fulford Hall
- Sunday, June 9, 3 p.m.**.....OCP Feedback from May 15 at Fulford Hall
- 5 p.m.**.....PRC meeting from May 28
- 7 p.m.**.....1994 OCP Workshop Series Review #5
- Tuesday, June 11, 11 a.m.**.....PRC meeting from May 28
- 1 p.m.**.....OCP Workshop Series Review #6



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ArtCraft toast

Artists and enthusiasts gathered to celebrate the opening of ArtCraft last Friday night. Here, assistant manager Gail Sibley, left, and manager Catherine Bennett share a reflective smile on a job well done.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Poetry amples invited for chapbook contest

Chapbook contests from (m)Other Tongue Press have become a year-round pursuit.

Winners of the second annual contest were announced earlier this spring, and writers of poetry everywhere are invited to submit between 10 and 15 pages of unpublished poetry to (m)Other Tongue Press's Third Annual Poetry Chapbook Contest.

(m)Other Tongue Press is the Salt Spring publishing company of Mona Fertig, who is also a poet and author. Fertig has also just published a chapbook of her own titled *Mango Woman*.

Cash prizes are offered to winners selected by P.K. Page and Charles Lillard. The first prize winner receives \$400, and \$200 goes to the second-prize winner, along with publication of their work in beautiful limited edition chapbook form

— hand-sewn books using hand-made paper — and author copies of the publication.

Poetry should be typed on numbered pages and titled. Author's name should be on the covering letter only, since judging is done without knowledge of names.

A short biography should also be included.

Entry fee is \$20, and entrants must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive notification of winners. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Contest deadline is November 30, with winners announced March 1997.

Manuscripts should be mailed to Mona Fertig, (m)Other Tongue Press, 290 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K6. For more information, Fertig can be reached by fax at at 537-4725.

'The best they've ever done' — Tuned Air show is 'remarkable'

By **TONY RICHARDS**
Driftwood Staff

Broadway was never this good. Tuned Air took us through 100 years of Broadway musicals on the weekend, with half a program of other fine music. It was an evening to remember, as this group just keeps on getting better.

For nearly a decade, the collective talents of 40 or so amateur vocalists have gathered before the baton of director Bruce Ruddell, offering quality entertainment for island and other audiences.

On the weekend we learned what it is that makes Tuned Air so good. The individual talent for both song and stage was showcased in a magnificent presentation whose highlights would fill pages.

What a month for music it's been, first with the Salt Spring Singers' spring concert and now with 100 Years of Broadway.

It would be simple to review Tuned Air's offerings in order from beginning to end, from the African rhythms of *Kabo Kabo* and the lovely Celtic sounds of *Mairi's Wedding*, to the string of Broadway hits.

But that would not do justice to some of the more outstanding features of the show, such as *The Cabaret scene*, in which Kevin Wilkie plays the genial host and introduces the bevy of local "virgins." Wilkie's performance was absolutely superb.

Another Tuned Air singer with a flare for acting is Donna Regen, who shone as the star of *South Pacific* — "I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair..."

John Miller's *Yankee Doodle*

ARTS REVIEW

Dandy and the perfectly-cast Minzie Anderson; *Bo Curtis*' very, very long note; Yvonne Adalian's *Broadway Babe*; and Don Zacharias' *Oh What a Beautiful Morning* — those and many more are scenes that will long remain in the memories of Tuned Air fans.

There are people who don't care much for Broadway musicals (amazing, isn't it?), but that should not prevent them from catching the last two shows of the five-night run. The first half of the program is more typical of a Tuned Air performance, if "typical" is a description that can be applied to the best they've ever done.

The strength of the choir is in its individual members (and Bruce Ruddell, of course) such as Bo Curtis, whose *White Collar Holler*

was an audience favourite.

But it was the choir's collective strength that gave us a very beautiful *Shenandoah*, a moving and magnificent *Lacrymosa* and a rendition of *Old Man River* as fine as any *Showboat* tune performed recently at Vancouver's Ford Centre.

Tuned Air is not an a cappella group, and the excellent piano work of accompanist Chris Kodaly was evident throughout, particularly in a solo performance of *Prelude* and *Adagietto* by Canadian composer Marjan Mozetich.

For the Broadway half of the show, the music required something rather more brassy than a piano alone could deliver, and *The Bandemonium Quartet* — Wendy and Derrick Milton, Murray Hunter and Ian Van Wyck — provided the necessary elements.

This is a remarkable show, evoking hilarity at one moment, tears at the next. A fabulous and fine piece of work.



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Allan Crane, quietly creating an intricate soapstone carving at his studio/gallery in Ganges, stops for conversations with passersby.

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Auntie Kate

Blues babe blasts into local pub

Salt Spring's favourite "blues babe" thunders onto the Harbour House stage this weekend as the pub features Auntie Kate and her Victoria-based band.

Auntie Kate (a.k.a. Cathy Roland) gained notoriety on Salt Spring with her powerful, bluesy lead vocals in the ever-loved Club Mongo.

Today, living in Victoria and touring the world, Auntie Kate — still with musical partner Tom Bowler — has produced one CD and is working on another.

One critic describes Auntie Kate as "smoldering . . . full of bluesy heartache."

Says another: "Auntie Kate has really come into her own, displaying all the force and confidence of a seasoned blues icon, like a steam locomotive thundering down a mountainside, the Blues Babe pulls out all the stops, as she rocks, kicks and stomps her way through an excellent choice of material."

Auntie Kate will play the Harbour House this Thursday through Saturday nights, backed by Bowler on guitar; Doug (Buffalo) Saunders on bass; Joel Spillette on keyboards; drummer Paul Whipper; Tina Jones, trumpet and trombone; and Brock Miller on saxophone.

Russian pianist back at his own request

A celebrated Russian pianist is returning for his second concert on Salt Spring Island.

Vyacheslav Sobolevsky will perform June 22 at the Ganges Activity Centre as part of a six-concert tour in Canada and the United States.

Why Salt Spring?

Because Sobolevsky insisted upon it, said co-promoter Andrea Rankin last week, who with Peter Bardon is presenting the event as an ArtSpring fundraiser.

"He was so impressed with the audience here," Rankin said of Sobolevsky's last visit to Salt Spring in October 1994, that he wants to come back. He was particularly impressed when members of the audience got up and put their chairs away after his performance.

Rankin was in the city of Khabarovsk, on the east coast of Russia, as part of a Camosun College field study program two years ago. It was there she met Sobolevsky, whose home she vis-

ited many times.

When plans were laid for him to give a concert in Victoria, she and Bardon arranged for the Ganges performance.

Sobolevsky will be making his tour just after the release of a CD, his first recording. It was made in April by John Ellis of Melodeon Music in Chemainus, who travelled to Khabarovsk through the Sobolevsky Project. This Victoria-based fundraising effort, spearheaded by fans of Sobolevsky, was designed to complete the recording in time for CDs and cassettes to be available for sale at the pianist's performances this month in North America.

Ellis used his own recording equipment as well as some that was in the Russian city. It had not been used for about four years, he said.

The CD is being sold for \$20.

Sobolevsky's Ganges concert will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at et cetera and the ArtSpring office.



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Konig launches how-to video

By **TONY RICHARDS**
Driftwood Staff

If Salt Spring firewood supplier Paul Konig dumped all the wood he's cut in the past 15 years on the road between Fulford and Ganges, it would form a pile two feet deep.

So you'd expect someone who'd cut all that wood might know a thing or two about chainsaws. It's that knowledge of saws and, in particular, how to sharpen the chain, that has led Konig into a new video venture.

It was also inspired by a trip to Greece three years ago, when Konig was surprised by the entrepreneurial spirit of the Greeks. "The average Greek guy had two or three things on the go," Konig remembers of that holiday. "I only had one."

He was "a typical Canadian," Konig says of his then laid-back attitude. But when he returned from Greece, he was ready to launch an idea: a self-help instructional video showing how to sharpen a chainsaw.

Three years later and the video is out, retailing for \$24.99.

Konig believes there's a large market for his product among weekend chainsaw operators, the home handyman who would

like to do it himself but can't seem to get the saw to cut straight.

When that happens, Konig says, you know you've got the wrong angles on the teeth, which should be filed at about 30 degrees. One tooth that's a few degrees out will make all the difference.

In 25 minutes, Konig shows how to sharpen using a file guide and free-hand. The video also touches on safety tips and maintaining the bar and chain.

Konig was recently looking at a saw belonging to a home handyman. "Everything was wrong." The chain was loose, the teeth filed at different angles, the rakers were unfiled.

"Anything you could think of was wrong."

That's the type of chainsaw owner that Konig is targeting with his video, professionally produced by a Vancouver video publishing firm. Most of the first 150 copies are gone but more are on the way, along with a new jacket. When that's ready, Konig will approach large retailers like Sears and Canadian Tire to persuade them to carry it.

Meanwhile, he still cuts firewood, doing 700 cords a year, consuming 200 feet of chain in the process.

For people who want to cut their own — with a sharp saw — How to Sharpen Your Chainsaw is available on Salt Spring at Mouat's and Harbours End Marine. It's on special for Father's Day for \$18.99.

PRODUCES VIDEO: Chainsaw expert Paul Konig has branched out into video production with his instructional tape called *How to Sharpen Your Chainsaw*.

Photo by Tony Richards

New organization offers HEART to would-be island entrepreneurs

By **VALORIE LENNOX**
Driftwood Staff

Giving heart to those wanting to survive on Salt Spring by starting their own small businesses is the goal of a new organization which holds its first meeting Tuesday.

The Healthy Employment Action Resource Team (HEART) hopes to combine shared skills, use of mentors and government financing to help people build businesses on the island.

Among those promoting the project are Jewel Eldstrom, who has 23 years' experience as a loans officer for financial institutions, and Cherie Geauvreau, a writer and researcher.

"Envision a fully employed Salt Spring Island — what would it look like?" Eldstrom asked.

She sees it blooming with ideas generated by residents and nurtured into employment for themselves and others. Many people have ideas which could become a business if they had the help and financial backing they need to develop the concept.

Years ago Eldstrom said financial institutions had more leeway when investing in people's business ventures. But increased regulations have shut off that source of financing for many would-be entrepreneurs.

"There's nowhere out there where people can take a calculated risk," Eldstrom said.

But the provincial government does have funding available for job creation.

Eldstrom doesn't want a government grant. She wants modest loans made available so people can start small businesses.

Geauvreau, who is helping write the funding proposals for HEART, notes at least four government ministries can be approached for funding. "They're very interested and they've got a lot of money for job creation."

Funding for small business loans is just part of HEART's proposed program. Eldstrom sees the group sharing skills, helping people develop business plans and locate markets. Workshops could be held on different aspects of operating a business. A trade show could be held on the island, featuring Salt Spring products.

Only those willing to put in the



Cherie Geauvreau

work to develop business plans will be eligible for loans.

"I don't want to see a situation where what I'm doing is collecting debt," Eldstrom said. "It's not free money."

"This organization has heart but it also has brains," Geauvreau quipped.

Geauvreau expects HEART will be of greatest benefit to non-traditional entrepreneurs: an older worker laid off at 50 or 55; people starting unique businesses or developing unusual products; women, youth, the disabled or those seeking to climb off social assistance.

One example cited by Eldstrom is young people interested in gardening but without the resources to buy land. She suggests working with local farmers who have unused land to allow young people to use the land and raise food for themselves or to sell.

"It's simple, simple ideas that work," she said.



Jewel Eldstrom

Eldstrom and Geauvreau are now developing a survey to discover what goods and services are needed on the island. If fewer people go off-island for these needs, islanders would save the ferry fare and more jobs could be created at home.

"Our goal is to have people making the amount of money they want to make and living here on Salt Spring," Eldstrom said. She hopes HEART will produce 200 additional jobs on the island and be copied by other communities.

"One thing about Salt Spring that is unique is that the outcome of this particular project is measurable," Geauvreau observed. Because the island is finite and the population relatively small, it will be easier to identify any jobs generated through the project.

For more information, attend next Tuesday's meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. in Fulford Hall, or contact Eldstrom at 537-5737.



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Organic produce

Japanese visitor Miwa Okuda was seen man- visiting Salt Spring to learn about organic farming. Photo by Derrick Lundy

North Van's community plan has tough environmental rules

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

At least one B.C. jurisdiction has embraced regulation and enforcement as the way to protect its natural environment — an issue Salt Spring must address somehow in rewriting its community plan.

Since November 1993, the District of North Vancouver has administered some of the most thorough environmental protection legislation seen anywhere.

Even using development permit areas (DPAs) to regulate all activities affecting lands near streams, on slopes and foreshore — the idea floated and sunk in the first draft of Salt Spring's Official Community Plan — was not considered effective enough for that area's municipal council. It passed an "environmental protection and preservation" (EPP) bylaw on top of that.

The district's manager of environmental protection is Mel Kotyk. He told the Driftwood the use of DPAs to protect environmentally sensitive areas, as outlined in Section 976(1) of the Municipal Act, was deemed too weak to protect mainly stream corridors and steeply-sloped areas in the horseshoe-shaped district which surrounds the City of North Vancouver.

"That is a great review process up front," he said. "But when push comes to shove and a backhoe operator decides to put a bucket of

dirt into the creek, there's not much you can do about it."

The EPP bylaw requires permits for four different kinds of activities and affects all private and District of North Vancouver-owned lands.

Permits are required to remove trees in certain categories, including specially-designated heritage trees and those measuring more than 75 centimetres (30 inches) in diameter.

Requiring permits for some activities within 30 metres (100 feet) of fish-bearing streams and upland from the foreshore high tide mark — as first suggested in Salt Spring's plan, are in place in the District of North Vancouver. Activities such as tree or soil removal within 15 metres (50 feet) of non-fishbearing streams requires a permit.

Removal of significant quantities of soil and ensuring contaminated soil is properly disposed of also needs a permit, as does building on or near sloping terrain.

"We don't say 'thou shalt not do anything within 30 metres of a fish-bearing stream,'" said Kotyk, "we say 'you can only do it with these conditions.'" Those may be quite restrictive, or not at all, depending on the particular site.

Once people "get over the shock" of realizing their land is in a DPA, he said, they are receptive to hearing suggestions on how to

develop their site in an environmentally-sensitive manner. Kotyk said the educational effects are "the long-lasting values associated with this bylaw."

There has been "the odd case" where a person "couldn't care less" about environmental impacts, he said, but stressed it is rare.

However, the EPP bylaw's enforcement provisions have been used a number of times.

Those include issuing "an order to comply," which forces a certain action, such as covering a pile of soil so it doesn't wash into a nearby stream, or writing a ticket with fines as high as \$300.

Taking court action is also specified in the EPP bylaw, as in other kinds of legislation, but Kotyk noted that option has not been used with the new bylaw.

Has the legislation been controversial? It has caught the attention of other local governments which are "watching and waiting" to see what happens, he said, but it has proceeded with little fuss on a daily basis.

Kotyk recalled that when the EPP bylaw was vetted by legal authorities before its implementation, "They said 'be prepared to be challenged.' But no one has even threatened to challenge us."

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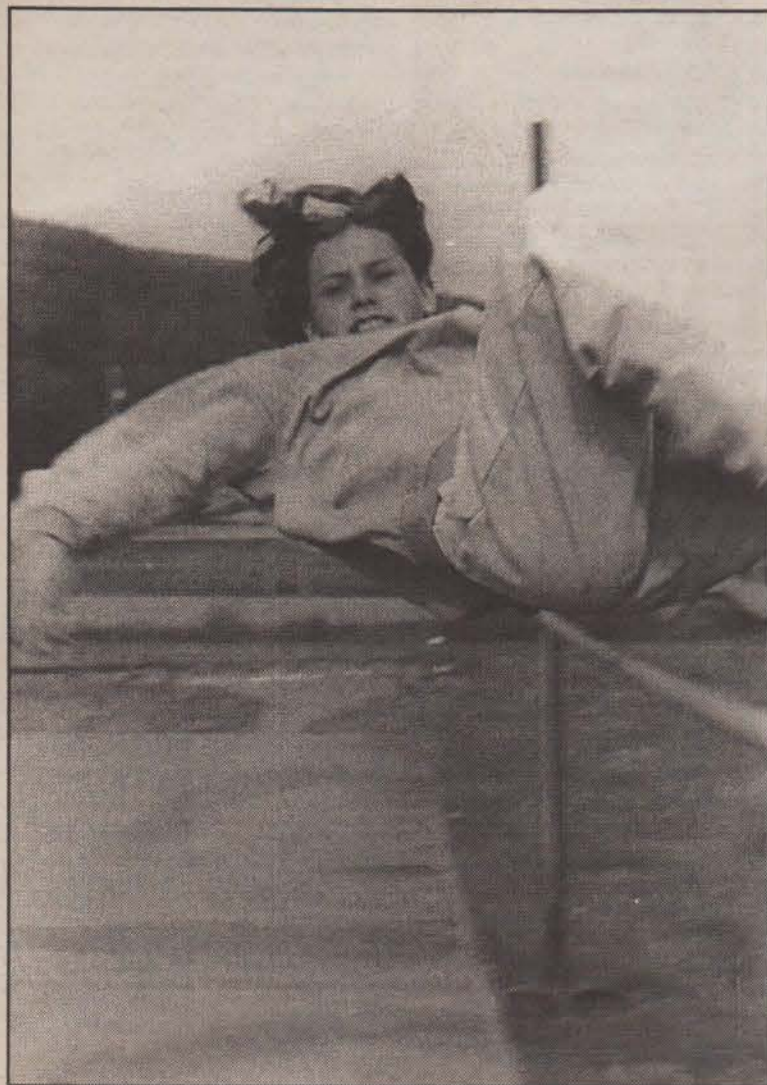
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Maybe the Olympics will be the next jump for young athlete Valri Cunningham as she easily clears the bar at Salt Spring Elementary School. Several youngsters were practicing their high jump skills before school Monday morning. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*

'Good fun' at business ladies golf

A few spots are still open on the business ladies' annual golf get-away team which travels to Courtenay this year.

Anyone interested in participating should attend the group's weekly golf event, held Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

The business ladies' division enjoys "good fun, good laughs and occasionally good golf," members say. All women golfers are invited to attend.

Babs Ross won low gross with 54 as 22 women competed in the nine-hole division last Wednesday. Anne Vodden took low net hon-

ours.

Ross also won the putt pot competition; closest to the pin was Mona Doerksen. The division's newest member, Pat Warman, won the closest to the line competition.

Nine golfers for the women's 18-hole division competed in the annual National Handicap Tournament held at the Ardmore golf course on May 23.

Kathy Darling placed well with a net 75, followed by Grace Murchie with 76. Darling also won a prize for having 31 putts.

On May 26, three teams of two players entered the Gorge Vale

Ladies Field Day. Melanie Iverson and Eileen Hunter were in the prizes with net 65; Marj Cade and Mona Coulter had 67.

Hunter won the straightest drive competition for her handicap division.

The 18-hole division's regular game was rained out last Tuesday.

Men's day winners from last Thursday were (with two net scores combined) as follows: K. Lavender and J. Mullen, 137; R. Wilkie and B. Marshall, 142; R. Dickson and R. Underwood, 145; C. Lawler and B. Scotten, 145; F. Broadbent and E. Bracher, 146.

Five local lakes stocked with trout

Stocking of Salt Spring lakes with fish from a Duncan hatchery is nearing completion with over 11,000 trout introduced to five local lakes.

The provincial environment ministry's Vancouver Island Trout Hatchery began its stream stocking program in various lakes throughout Vancouver Island in

March.

It expects to complete the annual project this month.

Through the program, some 500 cutthroat trout fingerlings were released in Blackburn Lake, and 1,000 in Cusheon Lake. St. Mary Lake received 8,000 yearling cutthroat, and Stowell Lake was stocked with 500 yearlings plus

1,000 fingerlings.

Both Weston and St. Mary lakes were given rainbow trout: St. Mary benefited from the release of 5,000 yearlings, while Weston got 500.

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By RICHARD BENNETT
Driftwood Contributor

Stephanie Collette and Joelle Morrison were selected for the Zone 6 track and field team for the B.C. Summer Games set for Trail in July.

Collette saved her best for last at last week's Powell River meet by jumping 9.90 metres in the triple jump to make second place. She repeated the trick later in the long jump clearing 4.74 metres again on her sixth and last jump for third place. Her other finishes were sixth in shot put; seventh in discus and 200 metres; eighth in 100 metres and javelin; and ninth in 400 metres.

The heat that helped Collette jump was a handicap to distance runner Morrison. She rose to the physical and mental challenge in the 3,000-metre race, continually pulling away from her nearest rival

Athletes set for B.C. Summer Games

to come in second place in a fast 11 minutes, 13.1 seconds behind B.C. champion Erin Burrett of Nanaimo.

Morrison achieved an equally impressive second place in high jump with 1.48 metres; a brilliant 4 minutes, 59.4 seconds in 1,500 metres was worth fourth place; and a second fourth in the 400-metre race was just reward for a hard weekend's work.

Shayla Moulton ran a personal best of 29.6 seconds in the 200 metres, just missing out on a place in the final. She also improved her best mark in shot and finished 14th in the 100 metres.

Jenny Kerr also ran two personal bests. She was first over 80-metre hurdles in 15 seconds and later over 300-metre hurdles for 53.7

seconds and sixth place. Her javelin throw of 18.56 metres was good enough for 10th place.

Coming into the Salt Spring club after just two races with the school team, Kate McNair turned in two excellent performances for fifth places in the very quick 400 and 800-metre races. Her times of 65.3 seconds and 2 minutes, 33 seconds in previous years could have made top-three placings.

Alex Bunyan was without a doubt the unluckiest runner of the day. He ran four races, smashed his personal best four times, but had the strongest pack of middle distance runners the island has seen for some time with him. In all four races — 400, 800, 1,500

and 3,000 — his finishing kick was not as strong as his opponents'. However, when you run 58.4 seconds, 2 minutes, 15 seconds, 4 minutes, 36.5 seconds and 10 minutes, 3.6 seconds in your four races, you go home knowing you have given your best.

Team selection was made on the ferry returning from Powell River, and Morrison and Collette were overjoyed to have confirmed their places for high jump, 3,000 metres and triple jump.

Simultaneously, while the games trials were taking place, the fifth of six Vancouver Island Series meets for junior development athletes was taking place. The warm weather made for good

performances and the eight athletes brought back seven firsts, eight seconds, three thirds and personal bests in 26 of 43 events.

Selected high points for each athlete were:

Jordan Morrison: three out of four personal bests, including 34.7 seconds in the 200 metres. Jeremy Morrison: 5.17.3 seconds for 1,500 metres. Brendan Bonfield: 13.6 seconds for 100 metres, 28.5 seconds for 200 metres. Kelly Kerr: four firsts and four seconds from eight events. April Goebel: A four-metre mark in the long jump. Emily Bond: four firsts and 69.8 seconds in the 400-metre race. Layla Moulton: 14.4 seconds in the 100-metre event. Amanda Sadler: five out of five personal bests including 72.9 seconds in the 400 metres.

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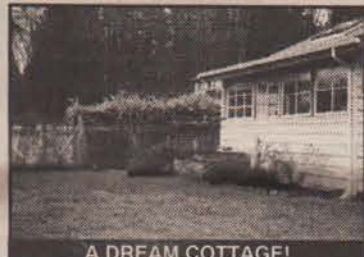


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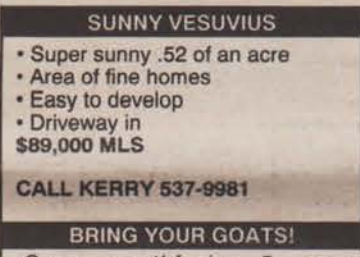
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This nicely appointed 2 br. modular home is situated in Brinkworthy Home Park, on a corner parcel with lots of greenspace. Vendor would consider 4% financing, or possible trades.

\$119,500 MLS

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Location is second to none, for this 5 acre sunny ocean view property that has piped water and a roughed in driveway and building site just reduced to

\$150,000 MLS

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LOOKING FOR A BIG FARM HOUSE?

- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Cosy country kitchen
- Hardwood floors • 1.04 acres
- Fruit trees, mature landscaping
- Driveway freshly graded & gravelled

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- Fenced with storage shed
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SATURNA
STEP INTO A NEW WORLD
Come experience Saturna the most pristine Gulf Island.

CLIFFSIDE-WATERFRONT

Splendid views of the killer whales, sea lions, yachts, freighters and the San Juan Islands from this lot. You can even get down to the water. Won't last long at this price. **\$149,000**
CALL DON PIPER 539-2121

CLIFFSIDE - WATERFRONT

Just like the listing above but you can't get to the water. Look at the price!!!
\$129,000

NEW WATERFRONT HOME

This two bedroom home is almost new. Contemporary construction, it has a large wrap-around deck and an open floor plan. It's over 1200 sq. ft. The sandstone beach is lowbank, very accessible and has a splendid view.
\$239,000
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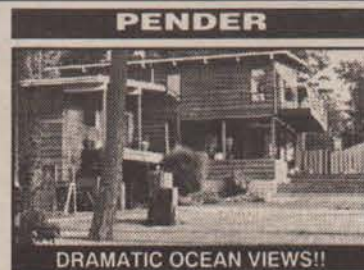
SATURNA
SOUTHFACING WATERFRONT
Over 200 ft. of beach, this 1.5 acre lot has hydro, well, septic approval, common dock and a private, gated and paved driveway. It's level and easy to build on. Maple, Garry Oak and an old orchard abound.
\$240,000
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HERITAGE B&B
This 4 or 5 bedroom home was built in 1914. It has been tastefully restored and brought up to code. It presently operates as a very successful B&B but would make a lovely family home as well. The home sits on 2.4 acres overlooking Boot Cove and is just steps from public beach access. **\$299,000**

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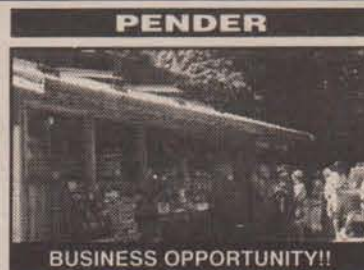


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This 3 bdrm, 3 bath home boasts hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings, spacious deck & ocean views. Self contained suite on lower level & separate workshop. **\$278,800**

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AFFORDABLE!!
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1.5 acres ocean view property in Hope Bay area. The land is private, mostly level, underground power. On the property are two cabins both with power, water, plumbing, one bedroom. **\$199,000**

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BUILDING LOT

Over half an acre sloped lot on quiet cul-de-sac serviced with sewer and water, and is in an area of good homes. **\$46,000**
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6 DEATHS

AKRIGG, PHYLLIS A. (Pat) passed away at Saanich Peninsula Hospital on 26 May, 1996. Born Kamloops, 3 April, 1913; predeceased by husband Stan 18 January, 1996. Survived by son John (June) Frazer of Salt Spring Island, grandson Brad (Susan) Frazer and great granddaughter Marites of Victoria, granddaughter Lee (David) Valentine of Prince George, granddaughter Kim (Kelly) Mann and great grandson Spencer Drew of Victoria, brother Drew (Norma) Loughton of West Vancouver and sister Joan Anderson of White Rock. Memorial service to be held in late June. Flowers gratefully declined; if desired, donations may be made to charity of choice.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

LYNDA LAUSHWAY, NDP Candidate, would like to thank all her supporters in the recent election campaign. To the many people who gave their time, energy, boundless enthusiasm and support, I say a heartfelt thanks. To all who believe in social justice, who care about our precious environment and who believe in making our communities a better place for all our citizens, we will continue to go forward. Thanks for being the special people you are.

TO THE WONDERFUL person who found my purse in the GVM parking lot, 5:30 p.m., May 31, a very sincere thank you. Please phone Chris Wade at 537-2655.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy Sweet Sixteen
BRONWYN
June 9



Love Bart, Prairie, Krishna, Grandma, Grandad and Mom.

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11 COMING EVENTS

BOOK LAUNCH, Sat., June 8, 7-9 p.m. for Mango Woman by Mona Fertig. Exquisite limited edition of poetry. New Vortex Gallery, Grace Pt. Square, upstairs. Reading 8 p.m.

ARTISANS WANTED for show and sale on our beautiful grounds July 27 & 28, Cobble Hill. Call Shieling Studio, 743-9912.

SORRY! THE Shangri-La Meditation Session- 9:30 pm on Friday at Fulford Hall is cancelled.

WATERCOLOUR CLASSES: Beg./Interm. - July 15-19, Aug 12-16, Sept 23-27. Call Val Konig 537-9531 or Libby Jutras 653-2030. Early Bird Special. \$200.

CHECK OUT the sale prices at Galaxy! Jewellery, toys, gifts, comics, and lots of collectable merchandise, 30% - 50% off! Coming soon: a whole new Galaxy to discover - in Gasoline Alley - open daily except Sunday, 10-5.

REIKI I CLASS with Leslie Wallace, Reiki Master. June 14 (eve) 15 - 16 (day). Free talk June 14, 7 p.m. Information 653-9799.

SPIRITUAL CHANNELLING by Leslie Wallace. Reiki Master. 653-9799.

VENDORS HAVE you reserved your booth yet? They are going fast for Everlasting Summer Dried Flower and Herb Farm's third annual Garden Faire and Music Fest, June 30 & July 1. Two booth sizes, call Marcia 653-9418.

THE HERITAGE Nursery workshop series - "Plant Identification" Saturday, June 8. \$20 for 3 hours. Call for info or to register 653-9966.

11 COMING EVENTS

Don't miss the 4th great **CONTRA DANCE**
Beaver Point Hall
Saturday June 8, 8:00
7:30 Pre-dance workshop
Locals on bass, guitar & fiddle
Vancouver Caller
Absolutely no experience necessary
If you can walk you'll love it
bring loose cool clothes & a mug
Get ready for **FUN**
No little kids
Tickets at the door
\$7.00

The Path Of The Warrior
Toltec Workshop with
The Nagval Woman
Dona Bernadette Vigil
Returns to Salt Spring
Share in the Knowledge of the Teachings.
Learn the Ancient Meditative Practice of "Stalking"
Sunday June 23, 1996
10am - 3pm
Communication House
125 Horel Rd.
\$65 (Deposit of \$40 by June 16 please)
Registration: The Bodymind Workshop
653-2046

IT'S TIME TO HIT THE BEACH
and find your entry for the 5th annual
Great driftwood Contest
on Sea Capers
Sunday
See display ad in this paper for details

FULFORD DAY SOCIETY
4th Annual
General Meeting
Wednesday, June 12th,
7:00 p.m. Fulford Hall
All residents are invited to attend and help organize.
Fulford Day '96
Saturday, August 10
For further information please call Frank DeSipio
653-9411



Raven Net is Salt Spring's local online service with budget Internet e-mail

RAVEN NET STARTUP COURSE (Free)
Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 pm.
For new or potential users: software setup, use of basic services

RAVEN NET ADVANCED COURSE (\$10)
Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 pm.
For more experienced users: Internet-by-mail, file downloads, etc.
at the Centre School, 355 B Blackburn Rd.

11 COMING EVENTS

Gulf Islands Summer School of the ARTS
A unique and exciting opportunity for children to be introduced to several disciplines in the visual and performing arts, directed by professional artists.
Activities designed to stimulate creative thought and skill development include water colour, choral singing, sculpting, mask making, batik as well as outdoor activities & swimming.
Instructors
Lloyd English
Patricia Brown
Chris Denbigh
Session 1 Aug. 5-9 \$165.00
Session 2 Aug. 12-16 \$165.00
9:00-4:30 daily
Call 537-1211 for more information or to pre-register.
Applications available at KIS

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SALTSRING ISLAND
Sponsored By:
Healthy Employment
Action Resource Team
...a community initiatives organization
H.E.A.R.T. invites ALL residents interested in a Healthy Substantial Economy and Full Employment for Salt Spring Island to come to our information sharing/gathering forum at
FULFORD COMMUNITY HALL
Tuesday June 11 at 7pm
Come with questions, ideas, needs and concerns.
HEART's Vision Statement:
HEART is a community initiatives organization that is committed to supporting development of sustainable livelihoods for all by hearing the needs and utilizing the resources of our island.
HEART's goal is to attain through mentoring, credit granting and team support a healthy, sustainable employment base on Salt Spring.
BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD
For Details call Jewel at 537-5737 or Page toll free at 1-604-977-6173

BIRTH IS SACRED
An event open to those men and women about to birth - or who have birthed before, & midwives.
Communications House
125 Horel Rd.
Sunday June 9, 10 - 4pm
Bag Lunch, Tea Available.
Donations
Sandy Karll & David Lewis, Midwives
Call Pamela @ 653-9272 after 6pm for more information

11 COMING EVENTS

BINGO
THURSDAY JUNE 6, Meaden Hall, Legion
Early Bird 7 pm.
Doors open 6:30 pm.
• Bonanza • Odd/Even
Sponsored by:
Hospital Foundation for purchase of hospital equipment.

School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
There will be a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) to be held in the School Board Office, Wednesday, June 12, 1996. at 1:00 p.m.
Public Welcome!

John Martin Counsellor
North Saanich Middle School
will be speaking to parents on

"Your Middle School Child"
Wednesday June 5 7:00pm
SIMS Library All Welcome!

Mill Farm Progress Report
The Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy Fund Management Committee is now in the process of appraising the Mill Farm.

Keep your pledges coming.
Every dollar counts.
Community support remains critical to our success.
So far, 234 people have pledged \$43,621.55.

Please call your pledges in to Ann Richardson, 653-4632
Thanks to all those who toured the Mill Farm on Sunday, and all those who helped make the tour a success.

The Salt Spring Conservancy

VOLLEYBALL!
Adult mixed outdoor volleyball.
Tuesday evenings 7:30 - 9pm
Starts May 28!
Come out for fun and get some exercise too!
355 Blackburn Road.

11 COMING EVENTS

TUNED AIR presents 100 Years of Broadway Final Two Shows June 7,8 8pm Activity Center Salt Spring Island Adults \$10 Students \$7 Tickets @ Sharon's, Sooz, Cap & Cork, Ganges Stationery.

off the waterfront gallery Excellence in Island Crafts TEA TIME! Herbal Teas by Salt Spring Island Tea Company Tea Cozies by Donna Johnstone next to the Post Office open Mon-Sat from 9 to 5 537-4525

T'ai Chi BEGINNERS & ON-GOING Thurs. 9:30-10:30 am. Central Hall 1ST CLASS FREE For more info, call Tao at 537-4487

Pomodori Restaurant is pleased to announce STEPHANIE DENZ is showing her recent works of ART during regular restaurant hours. 5:30pm - 9pm 7 days a week 375 Baker Rd. 537-2247

YOGA INTENSIVE at Salt Spring Centre Sat 15 June 9am - 12 noon \$35, Lunch included Celeste Mallett Please register before June 13 537-5667

Summer School Small classes - group rates Grades 6-7-8 Wed. and Thurs. 10:00 - 12:00 July 9 - Aug. 15 \$250.00 Call Kate Holmes 653-9478

11 COMING EVENTS

BOUND ADVENTURE Summer Reading Club for 7 to 12 Year Old Readers Thursdays 1:30 to 2:30pm July 4 through August 22 Sign Up and Information



14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

ACOA - ADULT Children of Alcoholics and other dysfunctional families - your general purpose 12 step group - Now meeting Mondays at 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Hall, opposite Fulford Hall. 537-2941.

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-604-975-7054.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star, Contact Dee Roberts, 653-4655.

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



The aims and objectives of the LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION are to raise funds which will be used to expand and enhance the delivery of medical care by the Hospital to Gulf Islands residents. You can help the Foundation attain these goals by a gift of funds, real or personal property, memorial bequests, endowments, life insurance or securities.

All donations will be recognized in the Hospital and receipts for Income Tax purposes will be issued.

Please help YOUR Hospital so it can help YOU. 135 Crofton Rd. Salt Spring Island, V8K 1T1 537-5545

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

Salt Spring 537-2317 or 537-2270 Galiano 539-2235 or 539-5770 Pender 629-3312

Women's only - Thursday nights 5:15 p.m. Please call 537-1249 or 537-2993. Babysitting provided.

Alanon/Alateen - A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 653-4288 or 653-2030.

17 EDUCATION

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23 IN MEMORIAM

TO KEEP Alive the spirit of Ron Brunette in the performing arts on Salt Spring Island, a fund has been set up in his name. Contributions will help cover funeral and burial costs, assist in producing arts events including the annual "Singing on the Dock in the Bay" and complete the release of the Odd Men Out CD. Donations to honour our friend Ron, can be made to the Ron Brunette Memorial Arts Fund. Island Savings Credit Union. Thank you.

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26 LEGALS

SSI PRC and CRD TENDER CALL for Hazardous Tree Work (pruning, falling, chipping) of dangerous trees located in Mouat Park campground area.

For tender information contact PRC office Portlock Park ph 537-4448 fax 537-4456

Tender closing deadline for quotes June 14/96, 5pm

29 LOST AND FOUND

FIND SOME terrific bargains at the Goods and Services Auction, Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall. A benefit for Salt Spring Centre School.

LOST: A CHILD'S Eagle Creek green and black backpack full of toys. 537-1107.

LOST: WHITE dinghy, 6'7" long, blunt nosed. Lost Sunday morning around Hawkins Island, yellow polyrope on front. 653-9106.

FOUND: LADIES watch in Vesuvius area Friday May 24, identify and it's yours. 1-604-477-9647.

FOUND EARING at Ganges Marina. 537-5242.

FOUND: RED sweater on Monday. Owner may claim at Driftwood office, 328 Lower Ganges Road.

LOST: VICINITY Fernwood. Black and white border collie, answering to Duke. Phone 537-1799. Heart broken owners.

FOUND: GREY & white male kitten, Central Hall, May 26. Very cute, adopt through SPCA. Call Foster Mother, 537-5694.

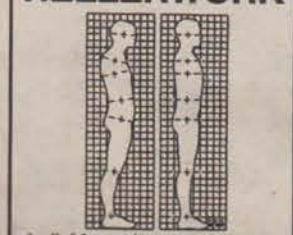
LOST: POLE pruners. Fell from truck between Southey Point and GVM. Sorely missed. 537-4369.

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

FREE BROCHURE: Septic System Maintenance - A Guide for Home Owners. Reserve yours, call Santy Fuoco 537-2773.

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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wishes to announce the opening of her new office at 5c Creekside, 121 McPhillips. For appointments, please call 653-9224.

NOTICE

To whom it may concern: Please note as of October 14 1995 Mark Hemmingsen D.B.A. Mark Hemmingsen Painting ceased to be an employee of Kevin Marks Painting & Decorating. Kevin Marks Painting has not been associated with Mark Hemmingsen Painting as of that date. -K Marks.



'96 Vancouver Island Ride for Sight News

"Wanted: Motorcyclists, enthusiasts, and anyone who would like to support a great cause!" Pledges at Curiosity Shop 324 Lower Ganges Rd.

NOTICE

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40 PERSONALS

WOMAN 50'ISH, new to Salt Spring, N/S, occasional drinker, pro hemp, vegetarian, you are 5'7", brown longish hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, carpenter. Please call after 6pm. 920-9033.

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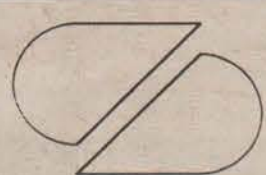
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DELTA 10" TABLE saw, Rockwell 6" Joints, Makita 15" planer, Floor drill press and other miscellaneous power tools. 653-4269.

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CLASSIC G.E. stove, small, very clean, cute as a button. Works perfectly. A gem. \$150. 537-0032 after 6 p.m.

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FOR SALE: Ford 3/4 ton, solid worker, some rust. \$850 obo. 303 Ross Rifle, immaculate "Mossberg" bolt shotgun. \$250 pair. 537-4738.

SWIVEL ROCKER recliner, emerald green, 2 months old, paid \$700, sell for \$350. 7 drawer pine chest \$150. Single bed with headboard \$150. Teak & oak couch with built on end tables \$150. Misc. table lamps \$5-\$20. 537-2314.

2 ANTIQUE DOUBLE bed wood frames \$75 ea., antique T. Eaton wooden locker \$75, 2 old magazine stands \$20-\$25, 1940's student wood desk with drawers \$60, antique shoe polishing box on legs \$40, antique wooden bathroom wall cabinet \$25, antique 1 drawer table/desk \$45, 1940's wooden ashtray stand \$25, wicker baskets \$5-\$10, 3 leaded & stained glass windows \$125 ea., antique scythe \$25, round wood coffee table \$60, matching wood end table, \$30. Phone 537-5148.

SEAHORSE HOBBIES & Crafts & Toys. 25% off all wreaths, dried flowers & floral supplies. This week only. New selection of windsocks and candle making supplies. 537-5596. 113 McPhillips Ave.

STAINED GLASS coloured earrings, lavender plants, pottery, artwork, handmade books, swimsuits, body suits & lots more at the Psychic, Healing Arts & Craft Fair. This Friday & Saturday, Fulford Hall.

MOVING SALE: Rugs, pot racks, trunk, rice cooker, antiques, belt sander, skill saw and miscellaneous items. 537-1041.

TVs, TVs, TVs. 3 yr. warranties, on island service, competitive pricing, free delivery, set up and disposal of old set. Surge protector supplied. Choose from the world's most reliable brand names, JVC, Panasonic, Quasar. Financing available (OAC). Quadratic Solutions Inc., 537-4522.

COUNTRY WHITE birch dining table with 4 chairs, \$400. Excellent condition. TV/VCR stand, swivel top with tape compartment \$50 o.b.o. Collection of Eskimo prints & art. Must sell, \$200-\$450. 653-4901.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

GRACO BABY swing, excellent condition, \$85. New Poweryder exercise machine, \$300 obo. 537-1292.

LOWERY ORGAN, like new, less than 20% of cost, \$1500. Hide-a-bed chesterfield, new spring mattress, \$100. 4" jointer planer, \$50. 54" square pine coffee table. 537-5903.

SHED, 10x24, SHAKE roof, cedar siding, solid, \$1500, at Moby's. 537-5883, 8 - 11 a.m.

614400341-34 - A LUCKY invoice number. Check your Quadratic Solutions (Radio Shack) invoice. Any 1996 invoice could be a winner. It pays to shop locally! Have you checked out our CD collection? Over 1000 in stock, over 20,000 available by catalogue. Never touch your CDs. Our new players hold up to 100 discs at once! Saves storage and protects your collection. Quadratic Solutions Inc., 537-4522.

JUNE SPECIAL: Topsoil - partially screened "lite" blend with compost and sand, \$23.36 yd. (reg. \$30 yd.). Rainbow Nursery, 537-4346.

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WINDOWS 6' SLIDER \$100; Slider 6'x3' \$40; Two-Trapezoid 28 1/2"Wx49 1/2"Hx13 1/2"W \$20 each; Slider 40"Wx48"H \$20; Slider 36"Wx24"W \$40; Two 24"Wx36"H \$10 each; Near new toilets bone \$49. Jim or Brian, 537-1029.

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370 PETS/LIVESTOCK

SORRY, WE don't have sheep at the Goods and Services Auction, Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall (we do have some sheep cheese and yogurt).

BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN Retriever puppies, ready to go June 12. \$150. 537-1663.

2 YOUNG RING-NECKED doves, \$20 each. Also, 2 young guinea pigs, black with white. 537-4763.

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FULL GROWN neutered male white persian cat, moving, needs home soon. 537-5876 or 537-9179.

FREE TO good home: Adorable kittens - calico, grey & orange tabby. 653-4498.

LLAMAS (legacy Classic Sale IX), 65 llamas being sold by auction June 8/96, Westerner Exposition Fairgrounds, Red Deer, Alberta. Call 1-403-346-3148 for details or catalogue.

375 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

CAMPER VAN, 1978 Chev. Rebuilt motor, 23,000 miles. P/S, P/B, new rubber. Dark Blue with white top. Full head room. Stove, fridge, sink, furnace, Portapottie. Curtains, swivel seat. Delight to drive. Superbly maintained by Wolfie Temmel, Ganges Auto-Marine. \$5000. 537-2322.

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29' BENDIX, ROOF air, central vacuum, microwave, full bath, propane water, furnace & stove, 3 way fridge. \$12,000. Also, 14' aluminum boat, \$220. Phone 537-2590.

FOR SALE on S.S., 1979 31' Golden Falcon travel trailer, 3 way fridge, propane stove, HWT, furnace. \$3500 obo. 604-741-1227.

1973 FIBREGLASS FORD camper, 13 foot. \$1500. Phone 537-1069.

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PERFECT WHILE u-build or for summer overflow of guests. 17ft Travelaire trailer, wood interior, have all features. Sleeps 6. \$2500. 604-538-6898.

SELL OR TRADE - 24' Terry Taurus 1984 Fifth Wheel tandem axle Travel Trailer in great shape. 3 way fridge, propane stove and furnace, black & gray water holding tanks, 4 piece bathroom and full awning. \$7900 - will trade for the power boat. 537-1019.

379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

SALT SPRING Island Recycle Depot is located at 349 Rainbow Rd. We are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. This service is operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Please call the recycle depot at 537-1200, or community services at 537-9971 for information on materials accepted for recycling.

THIS COLUMN is designed for free recyclable items only. There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads must be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday noon).

FERTILIZER SPREADER, Grass Catcher for power mower, hand chemical sprayer, big bags of Styrofoam peanuts for packing. 537-9013.

12 FT. SQUARE wired wooden frame, fruit growing cage with door. Call after 6 p.m., June 5-8. 537-2663.

14 INCH SVGA monitor for computer. Works, but brightness is set permanently to "high." 537-1309.

QUEEN SIZE boxspring and rolling metal bed frame. 537-1211.

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385 WANTED

WANTED TO SWAP - hand made custom jewellery, expert jewellery services for motorcycles, any make, condition considered. Call 537-5260 or 537-4162.

WANTED ELECTRIC Fence equipment, any electrical transformer or line. 537-1526.

WANTED: GOOD used cement mixer. 537-1227 eves., 537-2133 days.

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

SALT SPRING ISLAND. Central location, 1 sunny acre, old cabin, near golf course. 151 Vesuvius Bay Rd. \$145,000. 435-7504.

5 ACRE HOBBY farm, 4-5 bdrm. home, barn, garden and pond, \$239,000. 25 acre, excellent ocean and island view, good building sites and open pasture land. \$269,000. Brinkworthy Place, 2 bedroom modular home ready to move into, \$89,900. Building lots, five to choose from, Vesuvius area starting at \$69,000. Lakeview building lot 1 acre southwest exposure, \$119,900. 32 acre hobby farm, 3 bedroom home, barn, 6 - 8 acres cleared & fenced, some timber \$449,900. Two acreages 68 & 79 acres ocean and lake views, very private. \$549,000 & 799,000. South end acreage, ocean view, arable land, 5 gal. per min. well, 20/36 acres, \$339,000. Call Patrick Akerman, Re/MaX 537-9977. 24 hours a day.

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410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

"BRINKWORTHY PLACE" retirement homes. Easy care, single storey, relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Currently for sale 2 bedroom modulars from \$89,900. Peter Jaquest 537-4041. VMHP Holdings Ltd. DLN7904

BUY DIRECT from the contractor and save \$\$\$! Soon to be built at 145 Trincomali Heights - 3 bdrm. rancher. To lock-up, \$169,900 (incl. GST) or finished \$195,000 (incl. GST). Call now and move in soon. 537-1603.

WATCH THE freighters go by from this 2433 sq. ft., 2 level, 4 bedroom home. Basement includes large bright studio. Easy potential B&B. On .6 acre with 180° view to Galiano. \$279,000. Call 537-1037.

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FOR SALE by owner, mobile home on sunny 0.3 acre. 7 min. walk from Ganges. On town sewer and water, \$120,000. Tel. 537-9990.

500 APT./SUITES FOR RENT

3BEDROOM SUITE, walk to town, \$900 for summer months, available long term - fall. N/S, ref's. Leave message. 537-5733.

510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

800 SQ. FT. RETAIL/office space on Hereford Ave. Phone 537-1045.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL building space for lease, Ganges. 653-9518.

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515 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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515 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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Furnished seasonal cabin available for lease on secluded oceanfront acreage. Safe, warm swimming, tennis court, moorage site available.
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520 HOUSES FOR RENT

LARGE IMMACULATE 5 bedroom home on 1/2 acre. Extensive private decks overlooking a babbling stream. Beautiful landscaping and vegetable garden. The lower level of the house is a self contained fully furnished suite. Current tenant has established a "Bed & Breakfast" which could be continued as your business or the suite could be an "in-law" suite, studio or office. Long term \$1250/month. Available July 15. 537-4499 (H) 537-5399 (W).

3 BDRM. HOME in Vesuvius. 6 years old, great location on quiet road. 4 appls., \$900/mo. Utilities extra, avail. for July 1, N/S, N/P. 537-1804.

TWO BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, 5 appliances, unfurnished, deck, carport. Private, 1500 sq ft home, 1 acre, sunny, sea view, Vesuvius area. June 1 to October 15. Utilities includes, \$750 per month. Single or Couple or small Family. No Pets. Leave message 537-5415.

3 BEDROOM MOBILE home on 5 acres. Avail. immediately. \$700 per month. 537-2081.

2 BD. DUPLEX with large backyard. Extra storage. \$700 per month plus utilities. 537-4998 daytime, 537-2837 evenings.

SPACIOUS, BRIGHT 4 bdrm. house, close to Ganges, F/P, 5 appls., 1350 sq. ft., long term. \$975/mo. 537-4499.

3 BDRM. FURNISHED log/plaster on acre near Central: studio, piano, woodstove, orchard, garage. July 1. \$875, lease & references req'd. 537-9540.

VERY PRETTY 2 bedroom cottage. Quiet lifestyle only, N/S, cat O.K. Electric & wood stove. Deck, no washer or dryer. \$600 & utilities. Available June 15. 537-1968.

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530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

TWO '95 G.I.S.S. Grads need a roommate to share 3 bedroom apartment in Victoria. \$275 plus 1/3 utilities. Call collect. 995-0453.

HOUSEMATE NEEDED to share large home in Channel Ridge area with two others. Large ground level room with lots of light for \$350/mo. & utilities. Looking for spiritually inclined, flexible, N/S, vegetarian. Female preferred. Sorry, no pets or kids. 537-4884.

STUDENTS OR COMMUTERS: Look no further - available now at 2662 Eton St., Vancouver. By yourself or rent with a friend this extremely conv. located top floor of neat house in quiet res. area. 1 block away to bus to U B C / d o w n t o w n Vanc./SFU/Emily Carr College. This totally ren. topflr. has its own priv. entr. All rooms with view and own doors to balconies. 2 or 3 bdrms. a v a i l . / s h a r e d diningrm/lvngrm/kitch/bth./laundry fac. \$395 - includes hydro/cable per person. Sorry, no pets, no smoking, ref's would be nice. Please call 1-604-255-2691.

540 WANTED/RENTALS

QUIET COTTAGE or apartment or...wanted by mature male, non smoker, non drinker. Director of formative Wildlife Centre. References. Arriving June 1, please leave messages at the Harbour House Hotel for Carl Semczak.

EXEC. HOME approx. 2500 sq. ft., long term, for local business owners. Call Linda, 537-5979 or 537-4646.

LOCAL GARDENER desperately needs self-contained suite for long term. Can pay \$350-\$400. Leave message for Mike at 537-1204.

WANTED TO rent in the fall: Family requires 4-5 br. house with 2-5+ acres for long term rental. Consider rent with option, possible trade land in Texas. Island references, excellent tenants with own business. 537-4738.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

PLEASE NOTE: Too late to classify ads are accepted only after 12:00pm Monday and before 12:00pm Tuesday at the rate of \$7.74 for 15 words or less and 30 cents for each additional word. They are accepted on a first come first served basis and are printed only if space permits. The Driftwood cannot be responsible for errors or omissions as these ads may not be proof read because of time constraint.

GOING ONCE, going twice, going to the Goods and Services Auction, Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall, the Legion. \$2 gets you a delectable dessert, a chance at a dozen door prizes, and lots of laughs with Arvid.

MISSING FROM the Lower Hall at All Saints-by-the-Sea: A colourful chart called the "Food Map." Relates to the fat content in a wide range of foods. Done in pie shape diagrams. I posted it for every one's enjoyment and alot of us miss it! Please return it no questions asked. Thank You. Damaris. It also has my name and number on the top right hand corner.

SANDPIPER SUPPLY, Demo models - ranges, washer/dryers, fridges, freezer, dishwashers. Hot prices. 537-5035.

SLAVA SLOBOLESKY. One of Russia's most honored pianists. A superb program. June 22, 8:00 pm. at the Activity Centre. Tickets \$15 at et cetera and Artspring. For information call Peter Bardon 537-2198.

SPRING TUNE-UP? Well, maybe winter tune-up! Pianos bought, sold, rented. Call Ken Ackerman Piano Repair for quality, friendly service. 537-4533.

COMPANY COMING? Windows dirty? Professional window cleaning at low rates. 537-4533.

WANTED: REFRIGERATOR in good working order. 537-1388.

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COLLECTABLES, ANTIQUES, books, paintings and decorative stuff at the market by the Fulford Inn on Sundays.

36' MOTOR SAIL custom built. 1986 one owner, excellent condition, 3 cylinder Volvo, large aft cabin, full electronics, holding tank, ideal coastal cruising vessel. \$84,500. (offers). 604-537-4777.

KUDOS TO all you Greens who voted Green. Please note the Green Party is now working for proportional representation, through the BC Referendum process. For information Wally du Temple. Phone/Fax 1-604-656-7012.

GISS DANCE presents: Army of Dance, an evening of dance performances. Show starts at 7pm on Tuesday, June 11, in the GISS Multi Purpose room. Students \$5.00, Adults \$6.00. Children under 5 free. Tickets at et cetera.

SMALL OFFICE or desk space wanted by Director of new SSI Wildlife centre. Ganges area. 537-0628.

FOR SALE. Chesterfield suite, \$90.00. Hide-a-bed \$125.00. Kenmore Dryer \$95.00 (All good condition and obo) Call 943-4630 or 537-4500.

FOUND IN Centennial Park, child's jacket, name "A. Felberg" inside. Claim at Parkside News. 537-2812.

PARKSIDE NEWS summer hours: 8 - 8, Monday - Saturday, 10 - 6 Sunday. 537-2812.

STUDENT HELP required now in the garden at Everlasting Summer Flower & Herb Farm. 653-9418.

LOST A CAT? Young orange tabby with brown quilted flea collar. Stark Road area. Phone 537-2816.

CONVERTED 25' ALUM. Herring Skiff with custom cabin c/w steering station and many extras. 4 yrs. new 60 H.P. Johnson with elec. tilt - all well maintained. Excellent work boat, water access, etc. Avail. for local viewing. Eves. 1-604-946-6400. \$11,500.

HAND TOOLS for Father's Day, priced from \$2.95 at Save-On SaltSpring Discount Store in the Upper Ganges Centre next to Dagwoods.

COMMERCIAL CHIPPING. Stop burning, turn your brush and limbs into mulch for paths or gardens. Call Arbor Tree Service for limbing, topping, dangerous tree assessment and removal. Hydro service, pruning and clearing. 537-1875.

PHOENIX SCHOOL Presents "East of the Sun, West of the Moon" A Norwegian folk tale. Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13, 7 p.m. Activity Centre. Admission by donation.

COLOUR POINT male Siamese cat with beautiful personality and markings for stud service in exchange for first pick of kittens. 537-1728. Wayne.

LOST: BOX of misc. household goods during moving last week. 537-0780.

MISSING - GREEN canoe from Booth Canal. Wanted: Thermo or sheet glass, 32" - 34" wide, any length. For Sale: horse manure, \$1 per bag. 537-4688.

AUTO BIRTHDAY sale. '85 Nissan Micra (listed under auto section) Two days only June 5 & 6 950 firm. After that, back to \$1500 o.b.o. (I'm patient) 537-1545.

REJUVENATE YOUR VCR. Manual cleaning and performance check \$25. General overhaul. \$85. Includes new belts, rollers and adjustments, cleaning and performance check. Call George Simpson, Audio & Video. 537-1968.

VANITY COUNTER TOP, molded, solid colour - beige. Approx. 34" long. \$20. Call 537-4595 evenings.

OUTDOOR FIREPLACES crafted from Mexican Terra Cotta, starting at \$149.95. Save-On SaltSpring Store in the Upper Ganges Centre next to Dagwoods.

GARAGE SALE, 3 family, 8:00-12:00 Saturday, June 8. Loads of toys, baby stuff, kids clothes. Adult clothes. Household items and much much more. 121 Alders Road.

ROOM FOR rent in quiet household. Close to Ganges, N/S. 537-4044.

FOR SALE. Baby equipment, Graco Swing-o-matic, Fisher Price infant car seat, Baby bath ring, Gerry Baby monitor. 537-1388 afternoons and evenings.



Enjoying the weather

The islands have endured a great deal of weather more suited for ducks — and geese, but there has been some improvement lately. These particular birds seemed to be enjoying a recent break in the rain at Fulford Harbour. More rain is in the forecast for later this week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

YOU'LL FIND soap kits, paper kits, candles, incense, flower remedies, garden motif, drums, artwork, crystal jewellery, body oils & lots more at the Psychic, Healing Arts & Craft Fair. This Friday (5pm) & Saturday (9am) Fulford Hall.

FOR SALE by owner, 2400 sq. ft., 2 level, 3 bedroom on 1/2 acre. Excellent Seaview with gorgeous sunsets. A must see, reduced to \$192,000. For more information please call 537-4482.

WANTED: VERY small two-wheeler bike with or without training wheels for three-year-old. Call 537-9957.

PUDDLEDUCKS CHILD Care currently has openings for the summer. Call now 537-0745.

BOATS FOR Sale 41' Canoe Cove \$149,000. 36' Trojan tri-cabin, \$93,000. 24' Campion Haida \$17,000. 17' Hurston Hardtop, 300 hours on factory new Volvo leg and engine, \$6500. 537-9475.

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TWO '95 G.I.S.S. Grads need a roommate to share 3 bedroom apartment in Victoria. \$275 plus 1/3 utilities. Call collect. 995-0453.

EVERY DAY is a garage sale at the Curiosity Shop. Lots of cool stuff! Check it out, 324 Lower Ganges Rd. Look for the red light.

DOOR PRIZES Galore! You could win a Home Inspection, Natural Facial, Carved Mask, Garden Angel, Healing Sessions & more at the Psychic, Healing Arts & Craft Fair. Friday (5pm) & Saturday (9am) Fulford Hall.

CLOSING OUT sale into final days at Ricketty Cupboard Country Store. New stock still arriving, greater reductions on many items. Hurry in for best selection.

LAWNBOY mower. \$125.00 537-2996.

IF YOU have a Galaxy Gift Certificate you better come in with it soon - or what you might want will not be in the shop!

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

HOUSE FOR rent, next to Vesuvius Store. 2 bedroom, with unfinished basement, \$800.00 per month. Available July 1, 537-2239.

FOR RENT: 1 Bedroom trailer, short walk to town. \$650/month. phone 537-1253

12' X 60' MOBILE HOME. Ideal for living in while building or for immediate, cheap home. 653-9294.

FOUND: CHILDREN'S books, owner can claim by identifying. 537-1321.

WANTED: SELF-CONTAINED, 1 or 2 bedroom house, cabin, suite. W/D, N/S, N/P, quiet. For mature, employed. Long-term, reasonable rent, references available. July 1, phone 7 a.m.-10 a.m. or 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m. only! Thanks 537-4757.

HEALTHY PERENNIALS, annuals, herbs, many smiles all the season at prices unheard... Balfour's Garden 151 Cranberry Road. 11 - 7 Thursday-Tuesday this week.

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Two Saturna grads look at chef training

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Two young men from Saturna graduated from GISS this spring.

James Campbell and Kevin Davidson attended a graduation dance on Salt Spring, and a dry grad held at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre to celebrate their accomplishments. Now they will move on to the next phase in their lives after spending memorable school years on the Gulf Islands.

James Campbell recalls two particular mornings when he crashed his bicycle on the trek over Mount Warburton Pike's foothill to catch the water taxi to Salt Spring. However, he is philosophical. "Hey, I made it," he says. "It was worth it." He is satisfied with the school and the job they did, or tried to do.

Campbell plans to work at Saturna Lodge, formerly Boot Cove Lodge, for the coming season and to travel around B.C. He plans to enroll in Camosun College next winter or spring and to complete the chef training program.

Kevin Davidson also attended the cafeteria program at GISS. His most memorable high school experience was breaking his leg and failing physical education. He most enjoyed hanging out with his friends.

This summer Davidson will work at his grandparents' restaurant just south of Iskut in northern B.C. He hopes to take some time off school before enrolling in the chef training program at Camosun College next year.

Workbee planned

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) is planning a workbee and picnic at Thompson Park Saturday starting at 10 a.m. Volunteers are requested to come out and help construct an out-house and a well pad. Following the work, everyone is invited to stay for a picnic on the beach. Call Marilyn Bolton at 539-5257 for more details.

Planning is under way for a day camp this summer. Last year's day camp was a resounding success and it will be back this summer by popular demand. The PRC will release more details as they become available.

Band performance

Thursday morning at 10:45 a.m. the Barry School Band from Hope will perform at the community hall. This group of 25 students led by their teacher Cathy Warner will play on Saturna

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before joining the larger school group in Victoria. Everyone is welcome to attend this concert and encourage the children as they show what they have learned in their music program this year.

Sheep shearing lesson

Saturna elementary students spent last Thursday learning about sheep shearing.

The Campbells invited the whole school to come over and watch as their flock was fleeced. Donald Newell of Viable Marine Services transported the children to and from Thompson Park.

The day was one of the few perfect sunny days of spring. During the walk from the park to the farm, teacher Louise Peramaki gave mini nature lessons about trees.

At the farm the children had front row seats in the pen with the sheep while the shearer did his work. They watched the batts being rolled and packed for shipment. After a picnic lunch in the woods, the children took a fleece and learned how to tease, card and spin it into wool.

This is a day which will remain in the children's memories as a wonderful experience at school. They were able to take the demonstration fleece back to the school with them and continue working on it. Each of them will be able to make something from the wool to help them remember the day.

In other Saturna Island news:

- The last Lion's Timmy's Telethon Crib Night of the year was won by Brent Sohler.

Margaret Wiles placed second and Derrick Woodcock came in third. Laura Coombes accumulated the best score during the year and walked away with the trophy. Congratulations to all the players.

- The semi-annual bridge tournament has been set for June 15 at the community hall. This competitive evening of cards is a favourite with local bridge players. Winners of the winter progressive bridge tournament will be announced at this tournament.

- The Community Club first quarterly meeting run by the new executive committee has been scheduled for June 17 at 8 p.m. at the hall. Plan to come out and support the new team.

Voting problems cause delays

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

Voting day on May 28 went quite smoothly on Galiano.

The NDP's Lynda Laushway took the North Galiano poll and one of two in the south. Liberal Murray Coell took the third poll.

There were problems, however. Six days will pass before many North Galiano ballots are counted. Having usually voted at North Galiano (most of them for at least 20 years), members of about 10 families found themselves registered for this election at a polling place 20 kilometres away instead of one just up the road. Many of these voters used absentee ballots, hence the delay in counting.

Another problem at both polls was the listing of families no longer resident here, some of them away for more than five years. Perhaps it would be wise for the election organizers to visit the island, travel its roads to see the lay of the land, and talk to islanders.

Survivors of the 4:10

Long-time resident David New has in mind a bumper sticker for Galianoites — hopefully for wide distribution. Those eligible to proclaim themselves "survivors of the 4:10" would be those lucky folk who, having arrived at the Swartz Bay terminal in good time, actually made it home to Galiano on schedule at 5:50 p.m.

The present system used by B.C. Ferries to get Galiano people home on this run does not work too well. Mayne Islanders appear to fare better, since they are loaded first at Swartz Bay — all of them, even those arriving at the last moment.

The problems endured by Galianoites, particularly those who arrive early for their trip home, is that they are loaded after the last of the Mayne Islanders, tucked here and there on the ferry so all available space is used effectively — no criticism there!

The problem comes with the unloading at Mayne. Galiano folk who arrive at Swartz Bay later in the pre-sailing period are often the first off the Queen of Cumberland. Those in line earlier

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at Swartz are often last off and therefore the last to board the Queen of Nanaimo for the trip to Sturdies Bay.

On a recent Thursday afternoon, the Tachek was late and transfer traffic from Swartz Bay, already being loaded, had to be off-loaded again so that the Saturna vehicles could be put on first — but not before all had circled the Mayne parking area to purchase their boarding tickets, there being no fare collector on Saturna! The result was somewhat chaotic and caused delay.

The worst fears of Galiano travellers is for summer sailings and over-full vessels, which could see those first in line at Swartz Bay as unexpected visitors in the south-facing Village Bay parking lot on a hot summer afternoon, there awaiting a later

ferry while others who arrived at Swartz Bay after them are already home.

It has happened.

Recreation survey

The Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission has prepared a questionnaire on park creation and usage which will soon be distributed to householders and property owners.

Another ongoing project of the commission is an inventory of beach access properties. Photographer Cathy Halahan is creating a pictorial record of the accesses and each will include a written description — high or low bank, forest cover, type of beach, for example.

A letter supporting the Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission's attempt to get the Georgina Point lighthouse grounds set aside as a heritage park was sent recently by the Galiano commission. The letter will be included in a presentation going to Ottawa from the Mayne Island group.

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South island ratepayers feared joining with Ganges-area voters

Thirty-five years ago

• South Salt Spring ratepayers agreed to write the Ministry of Education protesting the school board's decision to amalgamate the south Salt Spring voting district with the rest of the island during school board elections.

The decision followed a meeting of approximately 35 ratepayers at Nan's Coffee Bar. South End residents feared their votes would be overwhelmed by Ganges voters. Not everyone at the meeting opposed the change as some pointed out it would allow South End residents to vote on five rather than one trustee every two years.

• A cougar which had plagued Salt Spring for the previous two months was shot on Prevost Island by "Skate" Hames, government hunter. Hames and his dogs rushed by water taxi to Prevost after being called by H. DeBurgh, who found a freshly killed lamb near his home. One of the dogs succeeded in tracking and treeing the cougar, which was shot by Hames. The cougar measured seven feet from tip to tip and weighed approximately 130 pounds. Tracks of the cougar had first been spotted March 14 in the snow on Mount Bruce.

Thirty years ago

• The Bank of Montreal announced plans to replace the bank's present structure in Ganges. The old building would be demolished and replaced by a new building on the same site.

• A new addition to the B.C. Ferries fleet could be spotted travelling through Active Pass. The Queen of Prince Rupert was soon to leave on her maiden voyage to Prince Rupert.

• A three-year-old Saturna girl was flown to Vancouver with lacerations to her head following a car accident on that island. The child's aunt was driving the car when she lost control and the car struck a log. The child suffered cuts after hitting the windshield but was later reported in satisfactory condition in hospital.

Twenty-five years ago

• A marine UFO was reported by the skipper of a boat, who said an object rose from the sea, charged and damaged his vessel, then rose into the air, hovering in front of his boat and firing a ray pistol. The man's boat window was shattered.

• An 81-foot fishboat, valued at \$125,000, sank off the south

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end of South Pender Island after a fire broke out in the starboard engine. The skipper, Erling Moe of Seattle, and crew escaped in lifeboats from the 10-year-old boat.

• A Youth '71 employment program was awaiting government funding. The program was backed by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce along with the Islands Farmers Institute, the ratepayers' association, the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council and the Salt Spring Lions and Rotary clubs. Students would run the program, which included truck gardening, production of arts and crafts, and an analysis of water pollution on and around the island.

Twenty years ago

• Island opposition to ferry fare increases prompted Saanich and the Islands MLA Hugh Curtis to appeal to cabinet to relax the increases. The province had announced cancellation of commuter tickets and fare increases of up to four times their present level. Curtis said the impact of fare increases on the Gulf Islands may not have been completely considered, given that islanders must travel to the mainland or Vancouver Island to obtain necessary goods and services.

• A five-year-old boy drowned in Fulford after falling from his parents' boat. The police and fire department were called after the boy's body was seen in the water.

Fifteen years ago

• Well-known singer and recording artist Shari Ulrich was stabbed while jogging on Churchill Road in the afternoon. Following the assault, she was reported in satisfactory condition at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Police were searching for a young man, aged 14 to 20, who fled the scene on a bicycle.

• After 18 months, islanders had their way with the removal of the transit levy from B.C. Hydro bills. Islanders had protested the levy since 1979, arguing that they should not have to pay for urban transit which they are unable to use. The Capital Regional District board voted to remove the levy and residents received refunds

for amounts paid between November 1980 and May 1981.

• A new elementary school for the south end of the island was outlined by Gulf Islands School Board chairman Strick Aust in a meeting with Fulford area residents. Aust said the population level justified the school and the Ministry of Education had "all but promised" a six-classroom school. A site was being sought.

Ten years ago

• Proposed elimination of staffed lighthouses drew protest from Porlier Pass lighthouse keeper Geoff Howard and other islanders. The transport ministry had announced plans to eliminate staff at six lighthouses along the coast, including the Porlier Pass lighthouse. Defending staffed lighthouses, Howard cited instances in which he had gone out to help mariners in distress — something which could not be done by machinery. Seventy-five Galiano residents signed a petition opposing the automation of the lighthouse.

• Despite a cost of \$18,000, school trustees agreed to add two runs to the existing student water taxi system, returning to a system used two years earlier. The two runs would allow Saturna and Galiano students attending school on Mayne Island to leave 90 minutes later in the morning. Trustee Charles Hingston felt the quality of the students' education would be improved if their day was shorter.

Five years ago

• Following a public hearing, Salt Spring Trust Committee members refused second reading of a bylaw which would have eliminated Maliview duplex construction. The bylaw would have made all duplexes in the area non-conforming and prevent the units from being rebuilt if destroyed by fire. A number of residents, including duplex owners, objected to the bylaw.

• Ousted cabinet minister Mel Couvelier wanted provincial ombudsman Stephen Owen to rule on his eviction from the cabinet. Couvelier said he was unjustly fired and wanted Owen to clear his name. Couvelier cited legal opinions stating he had not breached the confidentiality section of the Financial Institutions Act, as claimed by Premier Rita Johnston in asking for Couvelier's resignation.

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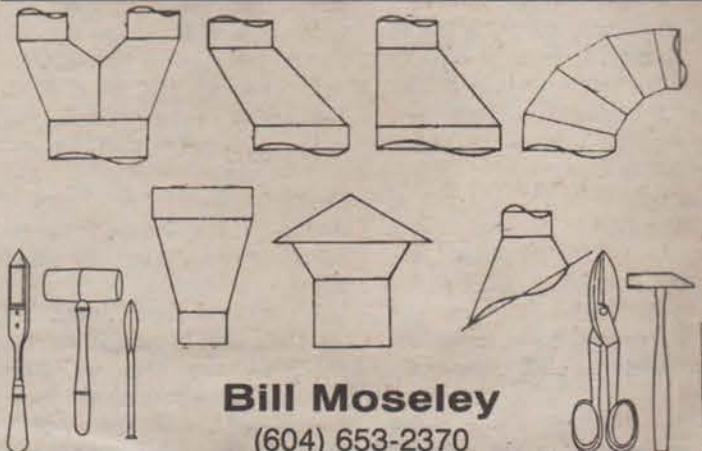
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