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Board approves an \$850,000 school deficit

Faced with decimating the Gulf Islands' school system or risking the board with a deficit budget, trustees put their positions on the line by approving a budget deficit of up to \$850,000 for 1997-98.

Either the Ministry of Education will allow the deficit or will replace the school board with a public trustee, superintendent Andrew Duncan warned trustees.

"Get that package together, sign it, send it off and wait for heads to roll," board chairman Charles Hingston directed after Wednesday's day-long budget meeting.

But even a deficit topping three-quarters of a million dollars won't save all district jobs. Staff will be cut by the equivalent of three full-time teachers and 3.78 paraprofessionals.

Maintenance staff hours across four elementary schools will be reduced by almost one and one-fifths of a full-time position. Money for contract services and supplies will also be cut.

But keeping all current staff and services would create an estimated

\$1.2 million deficit by the end of June 1998, trustees were told Wednesday.

In the coming year, incremental increases required by the teacher contract will cost the district an additional \$60,000 while Ministry of Education funding will drop by more than \$600,000, of which \$227,778 is due to changes in policy and \$381,571 is due to reduced enrollment.

Added to a \$350,000 deficit carried over from this year, those losses put the district \$1.02 million in the red before school starts in September.

Two other options were considered by trustees. One would reduce next year's deficit to \$391,000, including the \$350,000 carried over from this year, but would mean staff cuts equal to 7.9 full-time teachers and nine paraprofessionals in addition to reducing maintenance staff hours.

That option would also mean cutting the minimum graduation requirements for Gulf Islands

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Pender Island man killed in car crash

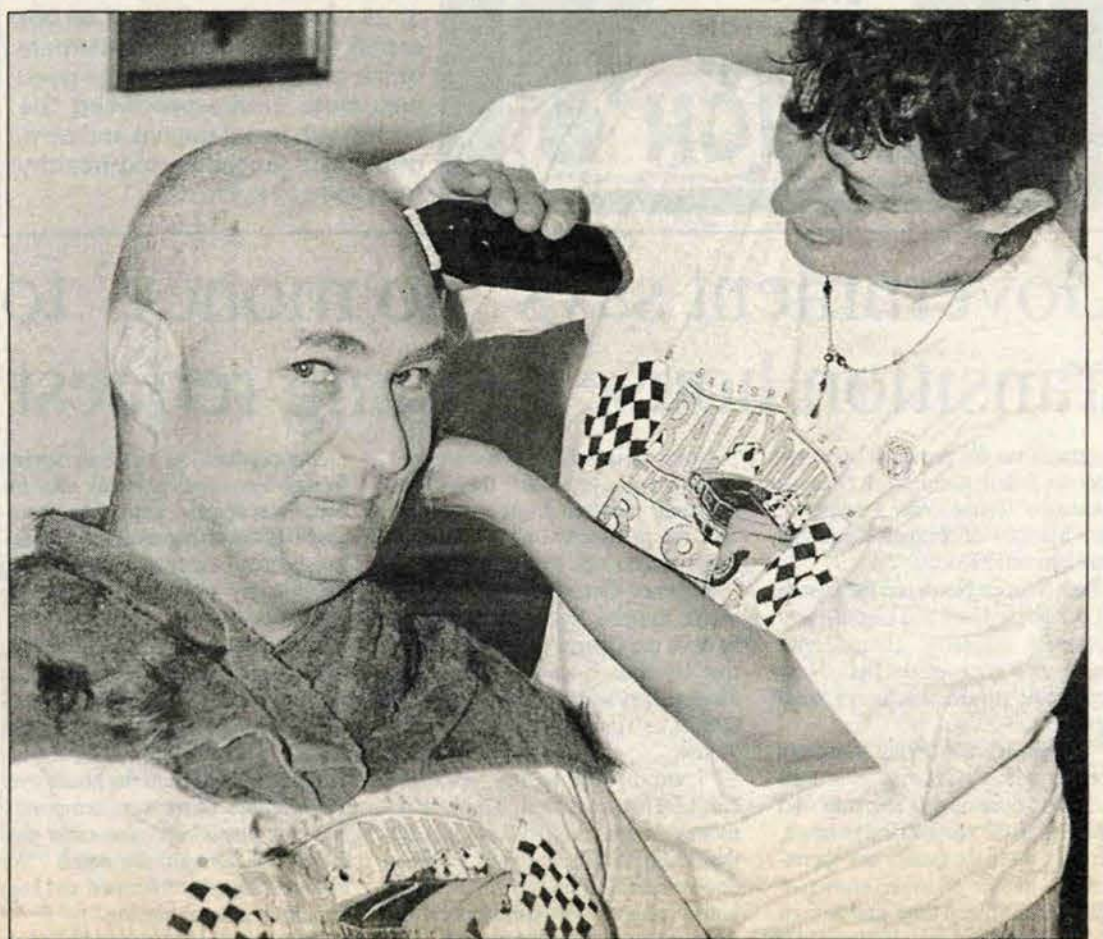
A Pender Island man died and a Vancouver woman is in critical condition following a single motor vehicle accident at approximately 10:30 p.m. Saturday on Pender Island.

Dead is 48-year-old Vincent Hunter of Pender; in critical condition at press time in Victoria General Hospital was 58-year-old Ann Braid of Vancouver.

RCMP Cpl. Henry Proce said the accident occurred in the 6900 block of Pirates Road, on a straight stretch following a slight curve. The vehicle evidently hit both shoulders of the road before flipping over two or three times.

The passenger was thrown clear of the vehicle. Police and emergency crews, called by neighbours who heard the crash, were present within minutes but found Hunter dead at the scene.

"Indications are that he was exceeding the speed limit," Proce said, adding that there was no sign of alcohol consumption. The car may have been traveling at nearly double the posted speed limit, he said.



SACRIFICE: RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette wonders how he looks as Don's Barber and Beauty Shop stylist Theresa Stevenson shaves the hair off his head. Choquette had promised to go shave it all off if a youth

entry won the Rally 'Round the Rock Sunday. Gulf Islands Secondary School students Warren Bissett and Anastasia Cyprus were overall rally winners, garnering most points for all events.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Riddle-solving is combined with road technique in car rally event

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

It took enthusiastic participants, a heaping serving of volunteers, riddles, technique and even the rain to dish up a winning Rally 'Round the Rock event held Sunday on Salt Spring.

And despite the failure of my and fellow Driftwood staffer Gail Sjuberg's plan to drive home with trophies, we came out of the competition better off than RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette.

We still have our hair.

Choquette, one of the event's main organizers, took publicity one foolish step too far, offering to shave his head should a youth entry score the highest points in the rally.

His brown locks fell to the floor of Meaden Hall amid the table-thumping cheers of about 150 participants and volunteers, immediately after

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students Warren Bissett and Anastasia Cyprus were declared the overall winners.

It was a rousing conclusion to a day of twists and turns.

With myself in the driver's seat and Sjuberg navigating, we drove to Ganges and scouted out our first event — a series of cones and chalk marks cordoned-off in Mouat's parking lot.

As we glumly watched cars parallel parking, driving backwards through cones, braking and cutting sharp corners, we wondered if a bad showing in the obstacle course, followed by a great showing in the rally event, could win us trophies for the "most improved" entry.

But then, stunningly, we aced the course, zipping along chalk lines and around cones as if the

RALLY 5

ON THE INSIDE

Who's faster than a speeding bullet, able to skim down mountains in seconds and possibly verging on insanity?

It's Salt Spring athlete Sonia Dobson, the North American champion and a world class contender in the thrilling but dangerous sport of natural luge racing.

Dobson reports her mother can't watch her race and that most competitions result in at least one racer being taken to the hospital. Why does she do it? Find out on Page 25.

Driftwood editorial wins international award

The Driftwood has won two awards — one of them international — for a controversial editorial on the financial woes of the education system.

The International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors selected the editorial, published last November, as one of its "Golden Dozen," the top 12 entries in its annual editorial writing competition. The Driftwood's winning entry was one of 143 entries from 73 publications in Canada and the United States.

The same editorial has also been named one of the top three

local editorials in a competition

sponsored by the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association. Final results of that competition will be announced later this week in Vancouver.

In the international competition the judge was Professor Martin Sommerness of the School of Communication at Northern Arizona University, who had high



Lennox

praise for the editorial and its writer, Driftwood staffer Valorie Lennox.

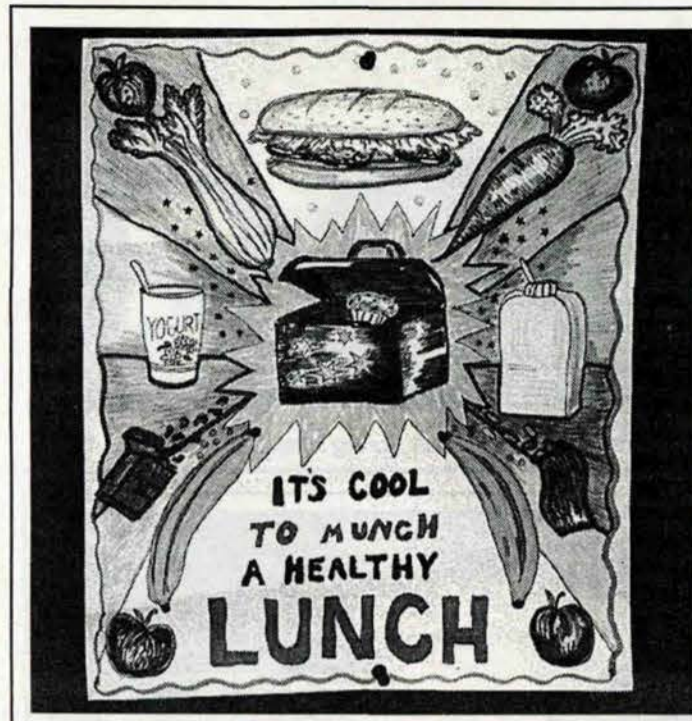
"Valorie Lennox provides readers with a highly provocative indictment of the education system. Her writing damns self-defeating self-interest and displays remarkable rhythm, pacing, style and substance. Starting by drawing her audience into her piece by piquing interest, Lennox details problems of the system and suggests ways to solve some of the ills she brings to light.

"Her arguments are especially persuasive because she analo-

gizes the educational system to other businesses and in such comparing and contrasting, she proves her point.

"Lennox also remains civil through her piece. Even though she disagrees with the status quo, she is not disagreeable. She does not assume that all of those responsible for the current crisis in the schools acted out of bad motives.

"Lennox may not have won any popularity contests in her community for this editorial, but she lived up to her responsibility of public service."



Winning poster
This poster by Fernwood School student Emma Moray, 10, won her \$250 worth of art supplies in the Yoplait Art Contest. Emma was one of 28 winners in a field of 86,000 entries from across Canada. Purpose of the contest is to encourage good nutrition. Emma produced the poster with pencil crayons and pens, drawing a lunchbox and healthy food items to put in it.

Government says 'no money' to transition house funding request

Attacks on the provincial government for failing to fund Salt Spring's Transition House drew a response from Minister of Women's Equality Sue Hammell Monday.

Both Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell and Liberal party women's equality critic Lynn Stephens criticized the New Democratic government for not funding the facility.

"Women on Salt Spring Island are pleading with the NDP to keep their transition house open," Stephens said last week in the provincial legislature. Stephens noted the facility has operated for 18 months on a combination of volunteer staff, one-time grants from the province and local donations. Between April 1, 1996, and the end of January this year, the house sheltered 49 women and children.

Coell pointed out women who press charges to protect themselves and their children from abuse now face the prospect of no local courthouse and no local transition house.

Attorney-General Ujjal Dosanjh, whose ministry has announced plans to close the Ganges courthouse effective October 1, said he would ask Hammell if some money could be found to finance the Transition House.

"I would like to say yes but I can't," Hammell said. There is no money in her ministry's budget for the facility, which is one of a half-dozen transition houses in B.C. still waiting for the ongoing operating funds known as core funding.

"We have never made a commitment for core funding because we couldn't," she said.

She pointed out the Salt Spring facility developed suddenly after the house was donated, unlike other communities which develop their transition houses over many years, giving the ministry more time to plan for operating costs.

Hammell said the Salt Spring Transition House is among four transition houses on a short list for funding as soon as money becomes available.

The grants given to the house over the past two years were temporary and only possible because other programs fell through, she noted. "We have scrounged and scraped and kept finding short-term funding."

This year she suspects even scrounging won't produce any extra money. "I just don't have it. Everything is very, very tight."

Skeena equipment returned

Modifications to an evacuation chute on B.C. Ferries' new vessel Skeena Queen are minor and should not delay plans for it to replace the Bowen Queen at Fulford Harbour.

A B.C. Ferries spokeswoman told the Driftwood on Monday that the safety equipment did not meet the corporation's requirements. Cheryl Carlisle said the chute had been returned to the manufacturer for the necessary changes.

Carlisle was unable to confirm a report that the chute was not long enough to reach the water. The chutes are used in emergency situations to evacuate passengers from a ferry.

Carlisle said the vessel is carrying out docking trials this week in Campbell River.

Long Harbour ferry closure is a rumour

A rumour that Long Harbour ferry terminal is about to be closed is widespread, but it is just a rumour, according to both the union and B.C. Ferries.

Ken Michael, president of the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union, said the union has not been told about plans to close the terminal.

"We've heard the same rumour," he said. "To the best of our knowledge, there's no substance."

However he is trying to reach B.C. Ferries president Frank Rhodes or the B.C. Ferries board of directors to confirm that the rumour is not true.

"If it is true, it will be the worst decision they've made yet and there will be repercussions," Michael said.

Jeanette McKay, assistant vice-president of operations, for B.C. Ferries, said Monday no decision has been made on the future of any Gulf Islands routes. "A number of options are being considered," she said, noting that B.C. Ferries is working with a community advisory group to develop a long-term strategy for Gulf Islands ferry service.

"We are very committed to the advisory process that we've undertaken," she stressed. "Wider community input will be sought through open houses before any option is recommended."

Candidates line up for June election

Few Canadians were surprised Sunday when Prime Minister Jean Chretien made the announcement that had been rumoured for several weeks: Canadians will go to the polls in a federal election on June 2.

Five candidates have been nominated to run in Saanich-Gulf Islands, a seat that has been held until now by Reform MP and Salt Spring resident Jack Frazer, who has decided not to run again.

The candidates to date are:

- Chuck Beyer for the New Democratic Party;
- Julia Lerner for the Green Party;
- Marilyn Loveless for the Progressive Conservatives;
- Gary Lunn, who takes Frazer's place as standard-bearer for the Reform Party; and
- Clark Roberts for the Liberal Party.

All the candidates are from the Saanich Peninsula with the exception of Lerner, who makes her home on Salt Spring. Roberts is a part-time Gulf Islands resident, with a home on Wise Island.

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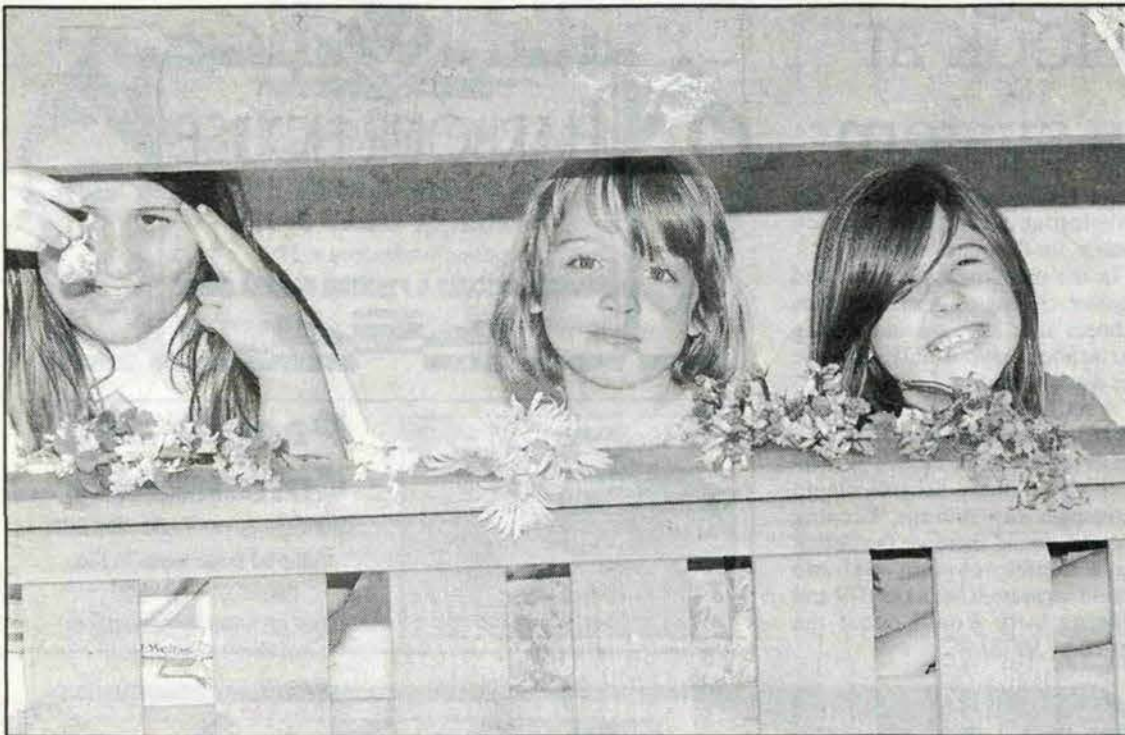
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Selling flowers outside of All Saints by-the-Sea last Saturday were, from left, Ivana Glavas, April Mackey and Susana Glavas.

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Man tempts child with candy

Police have warned elementary schools on Salt Spring of a "suspicious incident" involving an adult attempting to pick up an 11-year-old boy.

The youngster was walking in the area of Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads recently when he was approached by a man driving a vehicle, who offered the boy money and candy to accept a ride in his car.

The youth told the man he did not need a ride, and then hurried toward Salt Spring Elementary School. The vehicle pulled away northbound on Lower Ganges Road.

Police describe the vehicle as a small red- or maroon-coloured station wagon, with newer looking paint and in good condition.

The man is described as approximately 40 years old, five-feet, seven inches tall, with a slim build. He had short dark

RCMP REPORT

hair on the sides of his head, balding on top, with a stubble beard and noticeably hairy forearms. He was wearing two rings on his left hand.

In other police news:

• Deployment of an airbag prevented injuries to an 18-year-old male driver who lost control of his vehicle on Baker Road last Thursday at about 9:30 p.m.

The car, however, sustained some \$4,000 in damages.

The accident occurred when the driver, who has been charged for driving without a licence, overcompensated after striking gravel on the shoulder, crossed the road into a ditch, hit a stump and rolled the car onto its roof.

• No charges were laid after

an 89-year-old male driver turned left from Lower Ganges Road onto Upper Ganges Road and struck a northbound vehicle driven by a 24-year-old island woman.

The accident occurred April 17 at about 2:40 p.m.

• Personnel at Salt Spring United Church had to break into their own building last weekend after expanding foam was sprayed into the rear door.

The foam was removed without damaging the door.

• A 16-year-old male has been charged with crossing a solid double line after he lost control of his vehicle in the 1400 block of North End Road and crashed into an oncoming pickup driven by a 50-year-old island man.

There were no injuries in the accident which occurred at about 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Court overturns teacher's conviction

The conviction of former Mayne Island School teacher Ian Cocker on three charges of sexual assault was overturned Thursday by the B.C. Court of Appeal.

The court entered a judicial stay of proceedings on the charges after ruling that the case took too long to go to trial.

Cocker pleaded not guilty and waited more than 17 months for the case to be heard in Victoria Provincial

Court. He had been convicted and sentenced to 14 months in jail.

Cocker's lawyer Dennis Murray successfully argued that the delay violated a Charter right to a trial within a reasonable length of time.

At the time of the appeal, Cocker was out on bail. He had served one week of the 14-month sentence.

He was suspended from teaching on Mayne Island after police laid the sexual assault charges 1994.

FIRE REPORT

Salt Spring firefighters flocked to a grass fire on Frazier Road on Thursday shortly after 3:30 p.m.

There was no damage and the blaze was quickly extinguished. However, islanders are asked to be careful as drier weather increases the chances of fire.

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School trustees agree to look at alternative Outer Islands system

If the Gulf Islands district can't pay for its schools, perhaps the students should stay home.

That was Deputy Minister of Education Don Avison's response after he reviewed the district's budget crisis, expected to result in a deficit of up to \$850,000 next year.

Trustees agreed to look at developing an alternative education system for the outer islands.

Use of water taxis to take students from the outer islands to and from school and operating small Kindergarten to Grade 8 and Kindergarten to Grade 9 schools on those islands needs to be re-evaluated, Avison said.

Given current finances and contract obligations, Avison could not see a resolution to the Gulf Islands' deficit. He agreed that the district has "hit the wall" in its efforts to maintain traditional schools and classrooms.

He suggested the board, district

staff and unions work together to take advantage of technological advances to offer a different type of education.

"I will offer the services of this ministry to investigate with your district some of these alternatives. These alternatives may involve the use of up-to-date technology, satellite services, 1-800 communications, by students and teachers in their homes or at their island schools."

School superintendent Andrew Duncan said changing how education is offered in the district will be difficult. If students do not attend conventional schools, there will be less opportunity for socialization.

But there could be advantages as well, he said. "It could be one of the tremendously exciting and challenging things to do on the North American continent."

Trustees agreed to accept the

deputy minister's offer to help develop an alternate education system for the outer islands.

In the meantime, they decided against closing any outer islands schools after learning that closing the schools would only increase the district's deficit.

A staff report on possible school closures on Saturna and Galiano showed the loss of provincial funding for those schools would outweigh any savings. Closing Saturna would increase the deficit by \$73,889; closing Galiano would increase it by \$133,879 and closing both would boost the deficit by \$173,028.

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BUDGET: Deficit set

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Secondary School to 13 credits from 15, resulting in unsupervised "spare blocks" for all GISS students.

Another alternative would reduce next year's deficit to \$631,000 at the cost of 5.3 full-time teaching positions, 7.5 paraprofessionals and reduced hours for maintenance staff.

Summarizing all four deficit budget options, superintendent Andrew Duncan predicted morale would drop with budget cuts while grievance actions by the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) and complaints from parents would soar.

He recommended the \$850,000 deficit budget.

Yet as the deficit climbs, so does the chance that the Ministry of Education will dismiss the Gulf Islands school board and bring in a public trustee to balance the budget. That has already happened in North Vancouver, where the school board was dismissed in February 1996 for running a deficit budget.

However, B.C. School Trustee Association (BCSTA) president Carole James noted that the public trustee was allowed to carry forward a \$5 million deficit and then sell school board property and use

the proceeds to pay down the deficit — an option not open to school boards.

At present, if a school board sells school district property, the proceeds must go into the district's capital budget and cannot be used to cover operating costs.

Duncan noted building the new secondary school had no impact on current operating budget deficits, since the operating budget and capital (construction) budget cannot be interchanged.

He outlined four factors leading to deficit budgets:

- The equalization policy adopted by the province in 1990, which distributes taxes from wealthier districts like the Gulf Islands throughout the province;
- Centralized bargaining by the provincial government which has maintained teaching staff contracts which do not reflect the district's reduced revenues;
- Reductions in actual Ministry of Education funding to school districts, many of which have been hidden in changes to programs; and
- Fewer students so less money is received from the government.

Duncan estimated the equalization program had taken slightly more than \$1 million out of the

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RALLY: Well-organized and fun

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little family wagon was merely another instinct-controlled limb.

Then it was onto the "mechanical" portion of the event where we were directed to change a "flat" tire. No problem. We'd practised these maneuvers at home. Our mechanic-like confidence mounted. We felt a surging desire to change the oil, replace the spark plugs, put in a new alternator, rotate the tires!

However, instead, we daintily hopped back into our seats, deliberately buckled up and drove carefully back to the Legion, where it was time for the written test.

Visions of trophies lining our Driftwood offices faded slightly. What is the exact penalty for driving without due care and attention, anyway? What were they getting at with trick questions like "is it safe to proceed through an intersection when the light turns green?"

Then it was time to hit the road with a set of riddles and clues that would ultimately take us on a two-hour trip around the entire island, counting curve signs, finding quotations, counting fence panels and picking up a total of seven playing cards that hopefully translated into a good poker hand.

Here, we failed sadly. Despite Sjuberg's poetic appeal at Fernwood Store — where cards were handed out for the price of a rhyme — that a "five would keep us alive," poker is apparently not our game.

Several participants, however, missed collecting one of their cards.

As we carefully zoomed along Sunset Drive, we passed a vehicle apparently broken down on the side of the road.

"Sorry, buddy, we're in a race," I muttered as we drove by.

Then the possible implications hit us both at once — what if the car was part of the rally?

Sure enough, after pulling a completely illegal U-turn (hoping there were no "eyes" in the bushes) we crept, humbled, back to the vehicle. We were handed a playing card.

Driving within the speed limit the entire way around the island was nasty business. Have you ever driven down the Robinson Road dip at 50 km? It's like taking a roller coaster ride in slow motion.

But sure enough, right at the lowest point was one of the event's almost-concealed radar traps.

Volunteer Jeff Outerbridge later told the gathering of participants at Meaden Hall that clocking rally drivers was fairly dull, until one youth entry blasted by at 88 km, followed by another at 105 km.

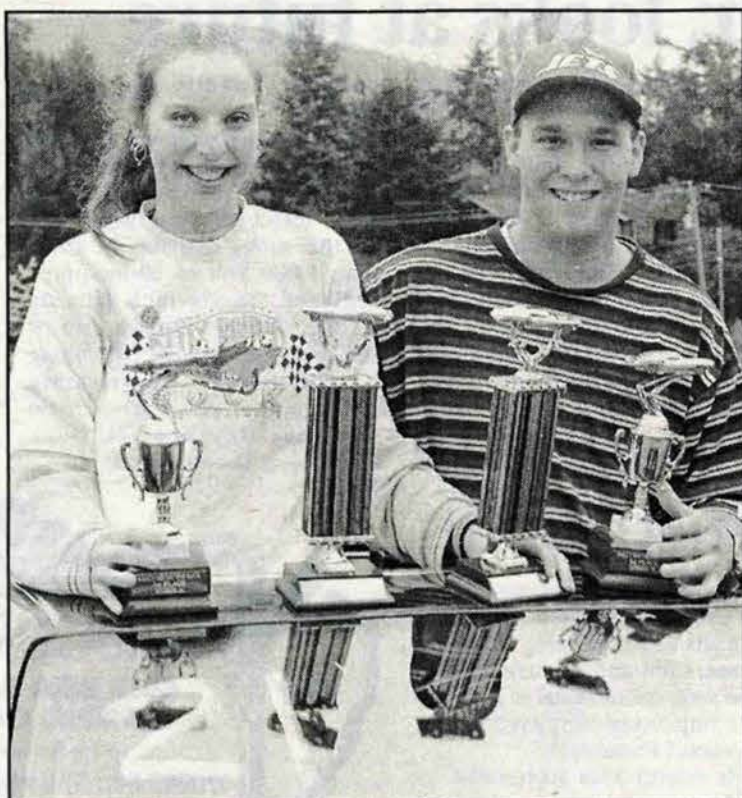
Other surprises rolled in and out of the 'round the rock trip — like the volunteers carefully planted and ready to step onto the streets at a Ganges crosswalk, and the tour of ArtSpring.

Points were deleted for both the obvious (speeding) and the obscure (poor parking).

A jubilant crowd of competitors gathered at Meaden Hall for snacks, prize announcements and dinner after the day's activities.

All participants and volunteers won one of \$4,000 worth of donated door prizes. Lee McColl won the grand prize — for which all tickets were returned to the "hat" — a two-night trip for two to Canmore, Alberta, sponsored by the Harbour House Hotel.

Trophies were handed out in three age categories with driver Chris Wade and Felicity



WINNERS: Driver Warren Bissett and navigator Anastasia Cyprus took top marks and packed home the hardware in Sunday's Rally 'Round the Rock event after competing in several categories.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Robinson winning the 55-plus group, driver Linda Wells and Bonnie Shaw taking the 26-56 group, and Bissett (driver) and Cyprus winning the youth category and the overall rally.

After participating in the rally, we now know several things:

how it feels to drive the speed limit, how to whip a tire on and off, and the incredible amount of fun and good feeling that is attached to a well-organized, well-supported, mixed-aged community event.

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Overflowing lakes, water consumption, upgrades to the water system and the Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) were among the challenges faced by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District last year.

At the annual general meeting held April 21, chairman Hart Graham summarized the events of the past 12 months for the district, which now serves 1,504 buildings or residences. Graham reported 24 new meter connections during the past year and an increase in the water district commitments by 10 subdivision lots, 16 multiple family homes and one commercial/industrial space.

Both St. Mary Lake and Maxwell Lake, which supply

Waterworks district reports on past year, looks at future

the water district, overflowed during the winter. Water consumption from Maxwell Lake reached 68 million gallons, an increase of 4.6 per cent over the previous year, while water consumption from St. Mary Lake was 68 million gallons, down 1.4 per cent from 1995-96.

Tests for water-borne infections cryptosporidium and giardia in St. Mary Lake were negative. However, the trustees responded to concerns about water quality by commissioning

a preliminary engineering report on treatment options for the St. Mary Lake system.

The economic and environmental feasibility of creating additional storage on St. Mary Lake is also being studied by the district. Both drafts of the Island Trust's OCP for Salt Spring were reviewed by the waterworks district manager and three trustees. They advised the Trust that development allowed under the plan exceeds the water district's

current capacity to provide water.

During the past year, water mains installed by the Booth Bay Resort Group and Churchill Road residents were taken over by the water district. In addition, 1,000 feet of 10-inch pipe replaced the six-inch pipe on Fulford-Ganges Road north of Alders Road, and the first phase of the Sunset Drive main enlargement project — from Vesuvius Bay Road to Duck Creek — was completed.

Planned for the coming year is a St. Mary Lake storage environmental impact study, painting of the Ganges tank, further investigation into St. Mary Lake water treatment, a Crofton transfer house, and water line replacement or upgrading on Lower Ganges Road, Monteith Drive, Fulford-Ganges Road and Sunset Drive.

All work is dependent on funding being available and permits being granted.

Les Howell and Erling Jorgensen were elected to the board for three year terms, joining Graham, Bob Watson and Lee Hurd.

Leaving the board were Eric Alderson and Bob Tolson, who has moved off-island.

Senate approves Frazer's medal bill

Canadian troops, police officers and others who give exemplary service overseas during peacekeeping missions can now be recognized, thanks to Saanich-Gulf Islands MLA Jack Frazer.

A new Canadian Peacekeeping Medal was approved by the Senate Wednesday, based on a private member's bill introduced by Frazer.

Frazer said the new medal will, for the first time, allow recognition of those inside and outside the military who make significant contributions to peacekeeping, peace-making, peace enforcement or humanitarian assistance missions sanctioned by the Canadian government.

"These men and women have

brought and continue to bring great honour to Canada," Frazer observed. The medal can be given to those involved in peacekeeping activities or those who deliver aid, medical assistance or election assistance.

The design of the medal and associated ribbon will be determined by the government. The medal may not be awarded twice to the same person but may be awarded posthumously. Frazer had introduced an earlier version of the bill during the second session of parliament but that version did not reach a vote.

After revisions which strengthened the bill, it was passed on the second attempt. "I am now very proud that it has finally been

brought to fruition," Frazer said.

"Credit must also go to the Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans' Association and its membership who were instrumental in bringing this important initiative to my attention," Frazer said.

He extended his appreciation to the House of Commons and Senate for considering and passing the legislation.

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Wet work

Members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School senior girls volleyball team were washing cars last week in an effort to raise funds for an excursion to Hawaii. The young athletes were set up in McColl's Shell Station. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Waste treatment contract approved

Salt Spring's liquid waste treatment system will be constructed and operated by Canadian Wastewater Corporation, under a contract approved last Wednesday by the Capital Regional District (CRD) board.

The CRD will pay the company \$53,620 annually under a lease-to-purchase arrangement and will also pay 7.7 cents for each gallon of processed liquid waste, which can be either septage from septic tanks or sludge from sewage treatment plants.

The CRD proposal call had required that any process cost less than 24 cents per gallon, which is the cost of hauling liquid waste from Salt Spring and disposing of it off-island.

Included in the Canadian Wastewater Corporation proposal is a

portable press to separate solids from the liquid waste, disposal of the solids at the Hartland Road Landfill in Saanich and treatment of remaining liquids through a membrane filter.

The process is similar to a pilot project now operating at the Burgoyne Bay disposal site. The Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee had reviewed the proposal March 27 and recommended it to the CRD board.

Waste committee chairman Terry Bolton predicts the equipment will be paid off in five years, at which point the disposal costs will drop. Operating costs are expected to fall between \$20,000 and \$27,000 annually.

Bolton also noted the membrane-treated water produced by the

process is close to the purity of drinking water although its nitrogen content is higher.

Lease, purchase and operating costs for the liquid waste disposal system will be covered by the current parcel tax of \$21 per lot plus a 15-cent-per-gallon tipping fee.

Two conditions for CRD approval of the contract were that Texada Logging, which owns the Burgoyne Bay Road property, allow a right-of-way for a power line to the site and that a permit be gained for a disposal field to handle the membrane-filtered water.

Both conditions have been met. The Canadian Wastewater Corporation is a division of Victoria engineering company Hill, Murray and Associates.

Grants still on hold

Island organizations looking to the Capital Regional District to drop a few coins in their coffers will have to wait a bit longer.

Regional director Kellie Booth is planning to meet with Salt Spring Islands Trustees May 12 to discuss criteria for distributing the island's grants-in-aid. She doesn't expect to be handing out grants until the end of May or early in June.

Her grant budget is \$53,000, the same as in 1996. However, she estimates requests for grants are almost double that amount.

"As other avenues of funding are drying up, I'm sure that makes this more attractive," she said.

Although the Islands Trust has no part in the grant-in-aid program, Booth decided to meet with trustees and ask for their input. "Three heads are better than one," she observed.

She plans to draft guidelines for awarding grants which she will follow during the rest of her term. She feels the island has a very generous grants-in-aid program, compared to some communities which only have a few thousand dollars available.

During her three years in office, she can expect to hand out more than \$150,000. "You want to work out some basic guidelines for distributing taxpayers' money," she said.

Applications already come from a wide variety of organizations, she observed. The grants-in-aid program is not well-known in the community but if it were advertised, there could be even more applications for funding.

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OPINION

On politics and yellow Mustangs

The federal government called an election Sunday, but first we've got to tell you about the yellow Mustang.

It's bright yellow with a black hood and it looks like something the Fonz would go cruising in if he could be coaxed off his motorcycle. The partner of a Driftwood staffer headed out to a collectible car auction Sunday and came home with a 1971 Mach I muscle machine.

What does this have to do with the election?

Not much, except that at the Driftwood's weekly editorial board meeting, the yellow Mustang — visible through the office window — generated more excitement than the election call.

And that, we suspect, is how many Canadians will feel about this unnecessary jaunt to the ballot box.

The government still has 18 months left in its five-year mandate, but the Liberal's fortunes are riding high. So the backroom boys have decided that Canadians need to endure a federal election so the government can nab another five-year mandate.

Who is going to win?

The Liberals, of course, and now we can all go back to digging in our gardens and deciding if we want to be washing our hair June 2 or dragging ourselves out to the polls for an almost meaningless vote.

The issues? National unity (for those not already tired of the topic), the economy and jobs. The first is something most politicians haven't the courage to deal with and the second and third, while vital, appear to be beyond the control of the tinkerers in Ottawa.

The Liberals' deficit reduction plan is on the right track although the belt-cinching is being keenly felt as the province passes along the federal reductions in transfer payments through cutbacks in local services.

So what would make this election meaningful?

The truth. Canadians are tired of having their votes bought with promises and then discovering after the election that those promises are worth less than the cost of bulk-mailing the campaign literature.

We need parties to admit what they can and cannot do in office; which ills they can relieve and which are beyond a Commons cure; and what they will do if we hand them the keys to the country.

Give it to us straight. We can take it.

And then the election might matter more than a yellow Mustang.

Community rally

Who would have thought that an event revolving around the oft-cursed motor vehicle would do so much to bring people together on Salt Spring Island?

Sunday's Rally 'Round the Rock, initiated by the volunteer Community Police Advisory Committee, was an unmitigated success.

Entrants and volunteers had numerous chances to laugh at themselves and others, exercise their rhyme, riddle and rule-teased brains, while being made aware of safe driving practices and benefiting the high school's dry grad celebration coffers.

Perhaps most importantly, however, was the positive effect of having people from all age brackets join together for a community event. It doesn't happen very often on such a large scale.

For in Rally 'Round the Rock, grandmothers and teenagers alike travelled the same route, changed a tire, wove their cars backwards through pilons and sweated over a driving rules quiz. They shared a feeling of belonging to an adventurous group of people testing an all-new-for-Salt-Spring event.

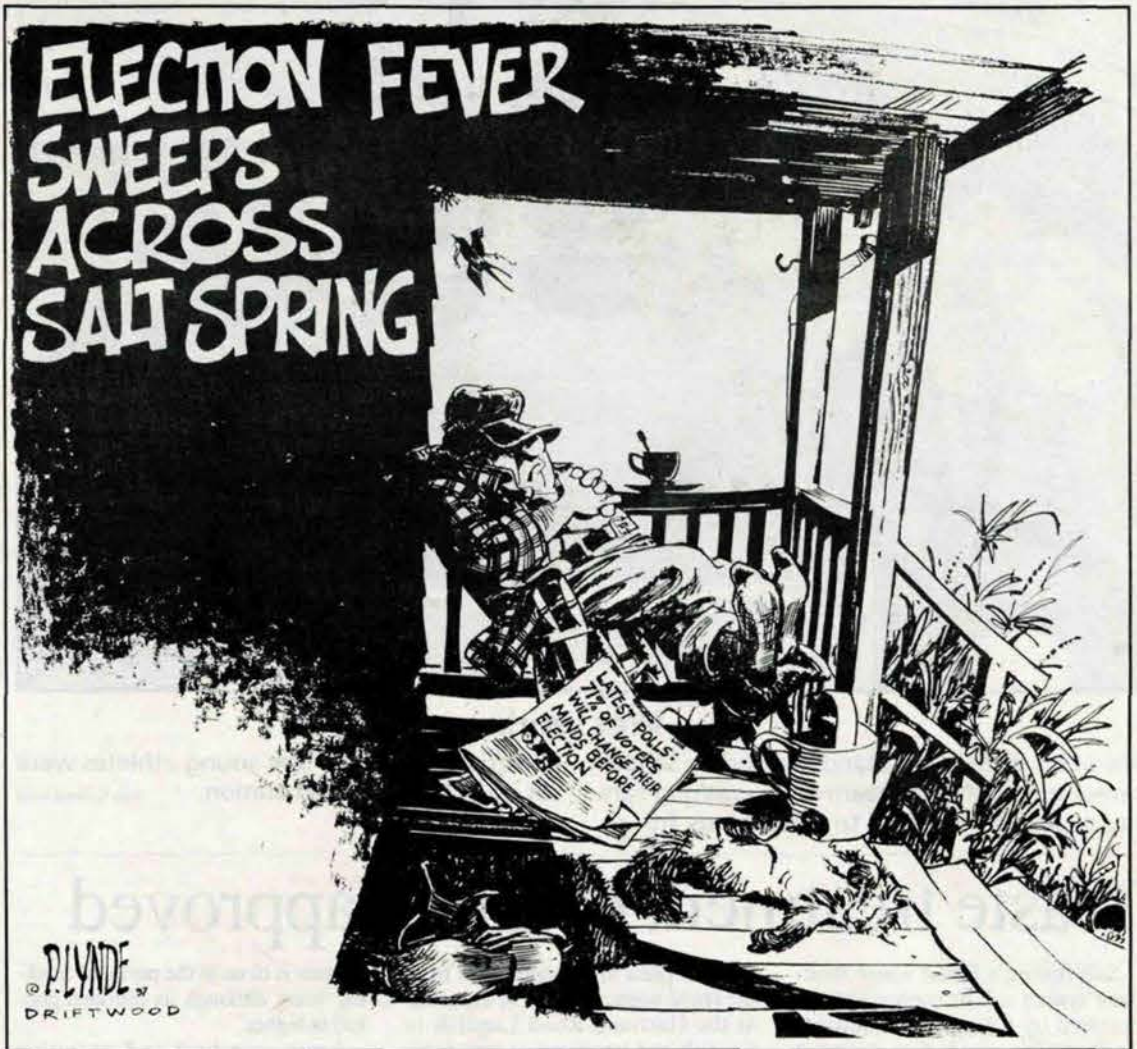
The resulting community-building spirit was deafening at the end of the day, as young and old cheered and pounded the tables for drum roll effects as prizes were doled out, and capped off their day with a shared dinner at Meaden Hall.

Support from businesses, individuals and the Parks and Recreation Commission, in terms of volunteers, organization and prizes for everyone, was staggering. They should all feel proud to have been part of this event.

But the rally's prime initiator, booster and coordinator, RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette, deserves special kudos for his enthusiasm, leadership and rapport with kids and adults.

There may have been no bridges to cross on the rally route Sunday, but Choquette bolstered one between the RCMP and the community it serves, and the event built connections of lasting value throughout the community.

The community needs more opportunities for citizens of all ages to meet, work with and learn from each other.



Impact of Long Harbour closure would be felt throughout island

By LISA KELLY

Salt Spring Island — what a wonderful place to live. A rising population, a growing economy, a state of mind. How lucky are we the residents, the members of our community, to have such a blissful, thriving, loving place to call home.

Soon, however, many of us are faced with the possibility of having to sell our homes, move our families and to leave a place where many grew up. Us, collectively, are B.C. Ferries employees.

There has been lots of talk over the past decade (and before) to close the Long Harbour ferry terminal. A schedule has been proposed that could eliminate the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route and replace it with a Long Harbour-Village Bay transfer to Tsawwassen.

This is a very real issue. So how does this affect you as a resident? Consumer impact.

Although non-ferry employees always complain about our wages as being too extreme, it is not an issue of wages, it is an issue of infrastructure. If 200-plus ferry employees lose their jobs, consider the local economy. We do spend a lot of money locally. We eat in your restaurants, shop at your grocery stores, fuel and fix and insure our automobiles, go to doctors and dentists.

We support our local churches and organizations, send children to schools, build homes, buy landscaping materials to maintain our homes, employ local contractors and realtors and we even burn local wood in our wood stoves. If we leave, our families and our invested community income leaves with us.

So how does this affect you? Houses will not be built, contractors, etc. will not be needed, hospital beds will not be needed. Property values will diminish. Teachers will be cut. Automotive repairs minus 200 less cars on the island to fix, fuel and insure. Fuel costs will rise or close altogether for the lack of need. Are you starting to see the impact on our community as a whole?

Over the past 10 years, Salt Spring Island has become a well-established tourist destination. As well,



VIEW POINT

our overall economy is based on growth. Our growth is based on our major industry — B.C. Ferries. Take away the industry and you collapse the community and the community dollar.

The standard of living will be weakened by the impact such a terminal closure will have. Are you willing to take a loss? Will your jobs be affected? Will you have to move your family to where the economic growth structures itself? How will you survive the economic impact? What will you do?

Did I mention how many of our residents are commuters and importers/exporters. The tourists are already dismayed by long line-ups at Fulford terminal and Long Harbour. Have you sat waiting for a ferry only to be left behind because of lack of space? If they close down Long Harbour terminal, then what? The line-ups in Swartz Bay are just as long and will become longer with the overflow of on-island traffic. So people just won't come as often or just won't come at all.

People have to move to where the jobs are. Is your job safe or will you have to move too? We as a community must address this issue, not for the sake of our jobs, but for the sake of yours. How will this terminal closure affect your economic standard of living?

Please help to support each other before it's too late for us all and we collapse financially as a community. Voice your opinions as an island, not as B.C. Ferries employees griping about their jobs but as a network of community players striving to maintain a standard of living, a lifestyle to which we are accustomed.

As a collective group, B.C. Ferry employees thank you for all and any support you offer to our community.

Remember to count your blessings when the going is good and follow the Russian proverb: depend on God, but don't be careless yourself.

Lisa Kelly is a B.C. Ferries employee and Salt Spring resident.

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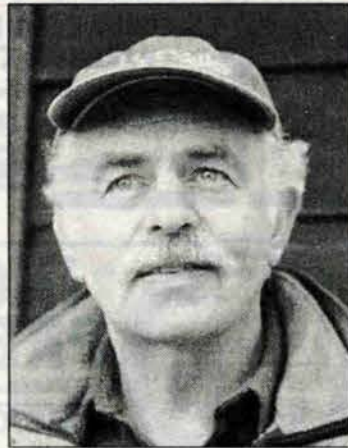
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We Asked: Would you ever give up driving a motor vehicle?



Pippa Maloney

Yes, if somebody else drove me around, I'd happily give up driving.



Les Howell

I could give up driving a car but I'd have to be a motorcyclist or ride a bicycle.



Sarah Wilkin

Yes, I would. When there's bicycle and transit, why bother?



Midge Choquette

Yes, if I was old enough that I was no longer competent.



Heather Bovey

No, because it's the only way to have total freedom.

Letters to the Editor

Taunt tiger

Recently I took a time out and read Tony Bruce's book called To Taunt a Tiger.

I recommend the book to those who enjoy the art of storytelling. Page after page flew by, and just when I decided to put the book down, I would say to myself ... one more.

After I completed the read it became obvious that the story is movie material with scenes of Salt Spring, the mighty Empress Hotel, inside a 747 and even the White House.

Way to go Tony, you have convinced me to never taunt a wounded tiger.

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges

Choices

To the teenagers of Salt Spring Island:

Many of you are choosing the alternate culture. As an elder of that culture, I feel a responsibility to warn you of the dangers of that choice. Knowledge of the guidelines may protect you from destroying your lives.

The established culture is an extremely structured society, it requires one live by laws, codes, regulations, bylaws, policies, traditions, etiquette, manners, boundaries, etc. which are often redundant or inapplicable to one who chooses a life of personal freedom.

The consumer society has the freedom to buy things it wants, but it does not understand personal freedom. It is impossible to know

what freedom is until you have it.

To live free requires things like integrity, honour, self-knowledge, caring and tolerance of others. None of your choices are made for you. You have to know how you want to spend your time.

The consumer society trades time for money, getting it and then caring for it in its material forms. The free society uses time in its dimensional aspects: mind time, creative time, time in the inner cosmos. It is very true that one can lay around doing nothing yet lead a rich, fulfilling and rewarding life.

Time, as metaphysics, is an awesome force. I was taught by a shaman, by one who knows, that sex and fear are the two most powerful forces available to man.

In the consumer society, one is buffered from the metaphysical by ignorance of its existence. In the alternative culture, one must be cautious with forces.

Sex is power, it is procreation and it can be "sin." Really. If you care about your sorceric abilities, learn the metaphysics of sex before playing with it. Learn the metaphysics of fear before choosing movies, etc. that will put ugly things in your consciousness.

SHIRLEY MITCHELL,
Beddis Road

Thanks, Rachel

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Thanks, Rachel Jacobson, for alerting us in the April 16 Driftwood that this is all that is

needed to keep the Salt Spring Transition House open.

MARG SIMONS,
Fulford Harbour

Plan proactively

Salt Spring Trust Committee member David Borrowman wrote that "bird habitat is impossible to protect in those same narrow legal terms because legislation provided by senior government protects only single nesting trees." (April 23 Driftwood).

He neglected to mention that provision is available for local governments to protect bird habitat and other wildlife habitat in areas adjacent to natural water courses in the Municipal Act. He neglected to mention that eagles, osprey and great blue herons are protected with buffer zones in the Bowen Island Official Community Plan (OCP).

He neglected to mention that Hornby Island's OCP protects oystercatcher, heron, eagle, cormorant and osprey habitat.


Two new birds have been added to the April 17 endangered species list: the sage grouse and the great blue heron in B.C.

How many Bullock Lakes, eelgrass meadows and Churchill Road heronries must be destroyed before our trustees start planning proactively?

Please stop passing the buck.

NINA RAGINSKY,
Coordinator,
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NDP should look at DNA databank bill

VICTORIA — Private members' bills — legislation proposed by an MLA rather than the government — have about as much chance of becoming law as the proverbial snowball in Hades. The same goes for motions put before the House by individual MLAs.

MLAs, usually those of the opposition kind, introduce them by the dozen every session, only to see them die when the legislature adjourns at the end of summer, ignored and rejected by the government in power.

But there is one motion before the B.C. Legislature this session that shouldn't be ignored: Barry Penner, MLA for Chilliwack, recently introduced a motion urging the federal government to establish a nationwide DNA bank.

The premise of Penner's proposal is that any convicted killer's or sexual offender's DNA goes into a databank, accessible to police across Canada. If the person offends again, his or her DNA could then easily be compared to any of the stored samples.

The idea is compelling, and its basic premise isn't new. In solving crimes, police have relied on fingerprint databanks for years. Without it, their hands would be tied even more than they are.

Penner was prompted to pursue his proposal as a result of the RCMP's frustration over the so-called Abbotsford Killer case, in which Abbotsford teenager Tanya Smith was slain.

An RCMP officer told him that they had found enough DNA samples at the crime scene to convict a suspect if a match could be made. Police, however, had no suspect, from whom, in accordance with a law passed in 1995, they could have taken a DNA sample.

If, on the other hand, there was a nationwide databank of DNA samples from convicted sex offenders and murderers, the DNA found at the site could be compared to all samples stored in the databank. And if a match is made, a conviction would probably follow.

"I thought about this idea and I wondered whether it would work, considering the restrictions that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms might impose," says Penner, a lawyer himself.

He hit the law books and came up with two Supreme Court of Canada cases where the current requirement to provide fingerprints prior to conviction was challenged and upheld.

There's no doubt that any such DNA databank would best work if every person accused of a crime were required to provide a DNA sample, similar to the requirement to provide fingerprints.

To avoid a lengthy constitutional battle, however, Penner believes it's better to err on the side of caution and make DNA samples a mandatory requirement only after conviction for murder and sex crimes. The disadvantage is that only repeat offenders would be identified as a result of a DNA match.

Penner points out that DNA samples can not only help convict a criminal, but free someone falsely accused of a crime, as in the case of Paul Morin.

He says that according to federal government estimates, it would cost about \$3 million a year to operate a DNA databank, a small price to pay considering the help it will give police in solving violent crimes. Administering the controversial gun control law costs about 10 times as much.

Penner's motion should receive the unanimous support of the legislature. Unfortunately, before it gets to that stage, it must be put on the agenda by the government.

In the interest of the public, the NDP government should forget about partisan politics in this case and depart from the tradition of ignoring opposition motions.

The DNA databank Penner wants the legislature to endorse could go a long way to putting away sexual predators. And that's more important than any petty partisan squabbling.

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CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



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Teveye's cart

Would anybody on Salt Spring know where Teveye's cart ended up from the Salt Spring Players production of Fiddler on the Roof 16 years ago?

The high school/community version of Fiddler opens on May 6 and teacher-director Doug Bambrough and his crew would like to see a reincarnation of Michael Hayes' milk cart in the new production.

If you know of its whereabouts, please leave a message for Doug at Gulf Islands Secondary School, 537-9944.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Fiddler rehearsal pianist

Credibility

This is an example of abusive mail that I as well as others have received for writing our views in the Driftwood letters section.

"Dear Sazjo!
Sorry to hear that you wish to 'abandon wholeheartedly' your connections with us. It would be alright, I suppose, for you to exhibit how low class you are and help that scummy little editor sell newspapers, if it weren't for the fact that you are propagating hatred and endangering our friend. It is you that has no place in this community!"

Sincerely, Walter Davis."

I would suggest that anyone opposing another's views do so without sending abusive letters and intentions.

Also, such tactics lead me to further question the credibility and the cause in protecting Mark Meredith's image.

SAZJO STONE,
Ganges

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Helpful crew

I would like to thank the captain and the crew of the Queen of Cumberland, who were on duty the night of April 7 at 10:15 p.m.

Due to their attention I was rescued at sea and I am very grateful for their assistance.

After leaving the public dock at Swartz Bay for my home on Piers Island at about 9:30 at night, my motor died out in the channel. I was of course concerned to get out of the ferry traffic lanes and also to return to the dock. I tried to paddle my 17-foot aluminum speedboat between repeated attempts to start the engine. Every time I stopped to try to start it, I was blown further off course and there was a good tide running as well. I could not make it into the channel to Canoe Cove and soon found myself off the northeast side of Coal Island still paddling as hard as I could but making no headway. Ahead of me, all was darkness.

I set off two flares as I could still see the lights of the docks behind me. Finally, the Queen of Cumberland came into the channel where I was drifting. I set off one more flare and she turned her light on me. What a welcome sight. I attempted to signal that I was in distress. They lowered a Zodiac over the side and two very helpful crew members made fast to my bow line and towed me all the way back to the dock. It was 10:30 by that time and I would have had a bad time of it drifting all night.

In the morning we discovered why I could not start the engine. The gas line had been severed, and although I had checked the fittings both at the gas tank and at the outboard, I had not passed my hand all the way along the line.

I am very grateful to the captain and crew of this vessel for their alertness and willing help. My family and I offer you our sincerest thanks.

LYNNE ARMSTRONG,
Piers Island

Plant sale

Every year about this time I disappear into the busy world of preparing for the annual Save the Children Plant Sale.

Today I was in the beautiful garden of Margaret and Tony Threlfall (Willowcrest Farm and Serendipity Studio) harvesting the

perennials that have crept onto the pathways, and some annuals that have become abundant enough to share. Margaret told me she thinks what I do for Save the Children is wonderful.

As I potted up the tiny plants this afternoon, I thought that what people like Margaret do is wonderful. She called me because of a small ad we put in the Driftwood announcing the date of the plant sale (May 17) and asking for donations. She and a handful of friends in the community provide the Save the Children volunteers with plants to sell. Then there are our business friends, like Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply, Windsor Plywood, Fraser's Thimble Farms, Sunshine Rock Farm, Mother Earth Gardens, Weston Lake Inn, Cusheon Lake Nursery, The Plant Farm, Ganges Village Market, Thrifty Foods, Salt Spring Island Nursery and Island Marine Construction, without whom the plant sale would not thrive. And we are thankful for a central spot at the Saturday Market.

Finally, it takes lots of shoppers buying plants to ensure success. It seems so simple to raise a few hundred dollars when the community is behind you. And a few hundred dollars goes a long way in providing water, schools, medical supplies and much more in many parts of the world. You, friends of Save the Children, are wonderful.

It's not too late to get involved. We could still use donations of plants, trays and pots and, of course, shoppers on May 17.

PEGGY FRANK,
Save the Children volunteer

Finances

I have recently learned of the canvassing for goods and clothing being done on Salt Spring Island by the Canadian Diabetes Association to sell to Value Village.

While I don't dispute the right of the diabetes society to do this, as an executive member of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society I am very concerned that this will affect the finances of the auxiliary's Thrift Shop, its major fundraiser, and ultimately the ability of the auxiliary to continue to buy equipment for the hospital and to provide comforts for the patients and residents of Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods.

I would like to thank the community for all its support and donations in the past and hope that we can continue to fund and equip our island hospital with your support and donations in the future.

VIVIAN DAWSON,
Lower Ganges Road

Serve time

I agree with Murray Reiss' April 16 letter stating that you had deserved the public by not giving all the facts on Mark Meredith's sentence.

The "soft sell" did not go over with me, knowing for years of Meredith's failings. This last one is too much.

Read the March 10, 1997 issue of B.C. Report. The man was sentenced by B.C. Supreme Court Justice Dermott Owen-Flood, given a conditional sentence of two years less a day plus three years probation. Meredith pleaded guilty to gross indecency over nine years. He had the girls commit fellatio, touching, while masturbating.

You have printed a letter by Margaretha Nordine (April 23) which I applaud.

How can people attend church and not support these children, the victims? Meanwhile, the supportive letters ignore the fact that these men go to another stage — murder, rape and kidnapping. Get real, there is no excuse for allowing this to go on. It's hard to find any excuse for these acts of violence. Stand up, be counted and insist that sentencing be carried out and treatment provided.

And Driftwood, print the facts. The public needs to be warned and thus protect our children and grandchildren.

JUANITA BROWN,
Ganges

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Liberal leader strums, hums, blasts NDP at local gathering

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

It might not make the "Top 10," but Gordon Campbell's turn with his guitar Saturday night on Salt Spring was a hit with the 70-plus supporters who gathered to hear the provincial Liberal leader.

"I'm gonna sit right down and write you all a letter," Campbell sang while strumming his guitar. "About the things that are happening in B.C."

"Clark said he was on your side, but he lied and he lied and he lied, and that's not good for anyone don't you see ... don't you see ... that's not good for anyone in B.C."

Provincial opposition leader Campbell conveyed the same message less rhythmically in a short speech blasting the New Democratic provincial government.

"This is a group of people who are, I believe, totally incompetent," he said.

The goals for both Liberals and NDP are the same, he said — a strong and excellent public education system and a health care system which works for all.

But he maintained the provincial government spent millions on initiatives like the now-abandoned New Directions reorganization of health care, which did not benefit patients.

"I can't believe the damage they've done to our health care system," he said.

He also cited local issues, including the cash crunch faced by the Gulf Islands School Board and the lack of funding for the island's transition house.

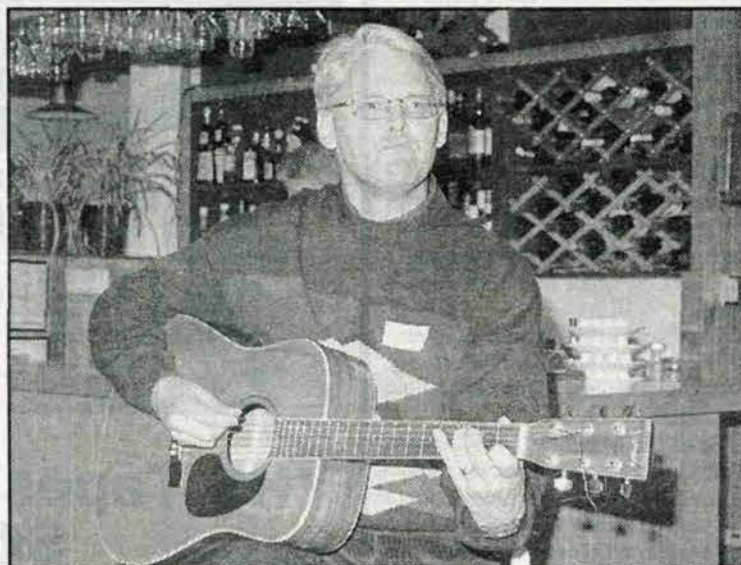
It is impossible to believe the financial difficulties faced by the school board have no impact on the classroom, Campbell said. And if the provincial government is committed to transition houses, it should be willing to fund such facilities.

Governments have no money of their own, Campbell observed. Governments operate under a trust from taxpayers — that if they take money from taxpayers' pockets, that money will be spent wisely.

The \$62 million lost on photoradar would be better used in classrooms or for health care, he said.

He urged those present to believe they could make a difference by standing up for their beliefs. "You deciding that you can make a difference does make a difference," he said.

Although opposition members can be seen as ineffective,



BUDGET BLUES: B.C. Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell brought the house down Saturday with his song about the New Democratic government's budget deficit.

Photo by Valorie lennox

Campbell noted, Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell had made a difference, pushing for changes in government social services which led to the formation of a new Ministry for Children and Families.

Campbell praised Coell as an exceptional member of the legislature and said getting involved and behind such people can lead to change.

"It doesn't mean next week you get what you want," he said. But he maintained that by working together, people can achieve what they want: excellent education, excellent health care and a government "we can be proud of."

"The government is there to serve you, you are not there to serve the government," he said.

Present with Campbell was his

wife Nancy. Murray Coell and his wife, Corinne, also attended the dinner meeting, along with Liberals from both Salt Spring and the Saanich Peninsula.

Campbell remarked that those attending from Salt Spring were wearing ties while off-islanders had showed up tie-less.

"I thank those from Salt Spring for wearing your ties," he quipped. "I think you should wear them once a year, whether you need to or not."

Among those singled out for recognition was Salt Spring resident Gerard Farry, whom Campbell described as an excellent, non-partisan public servant and one of the first people to teach Campbell about government after he was elected as a Vancouver alderman.

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Tea for two?

Katie Attwood, left, and Sarah Howe were among the Girl Guides serving goodies at last Saturday's World Development Tea held at All Saints by-the-Sea. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Beddis group tackles many island issues

The annual general meeting of the Beddis Area Residents' Association April 10 at Seniors For Seniors drew 15 members.

Topics discussed included residents' concern over summer beach fires set by people partying on Beddis Beach and mud contamination of Cusheon Lake's water supply.

The group agreed to write the Islands Trust asking that the lake water quality be protected and a 50-foot setback be required between the lake and any construction.

The group was also concerned about preserving the water quality of Blackburn Lake, which feeds into Cusheon Lake.

Members touched on some larger community issues, including an update on septage/liquid waste disposal from Terry Bolton, chairman of Salt Spring's liquid waste committee; dissolution of the Gulf Islands Community Health Council last November along with assimilation of Lady Minto Hospital into the Capital Health Region April 1; and the planned closing of the Ganges Courthouse.

They agreed to write a letter to Attorney-General Ujjal Dosanjh opposing plans to close the courthouse.

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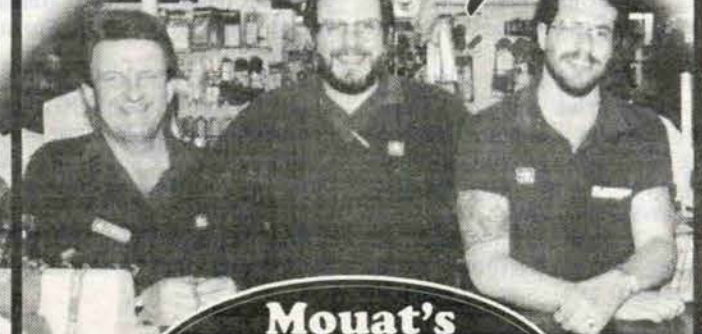
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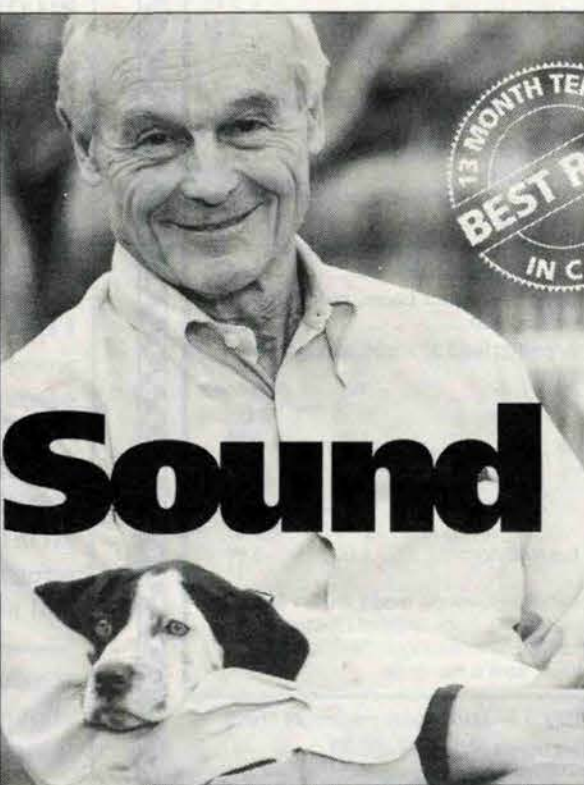
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Heads!
Vying for the ball during a game in Centennial Park are, from left, Carlos Walker, Ben Sanchez, Ben Mutch-Desrosiers, and Eban Kimball. The youngsters were among numerous islanders enjoying the Saturday sunshine.

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Those unable to go but still wishing to hike, walk or ramble should meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to select own leaders and choose activity.
May 20: Hike in the Musgrave area and shoreline with Fiona Flook and Patti-May Lawson. This is a long hike. Carpool from Centennial Park at 9:30 a.m. for meeting at Drummond at 10 a.m.
John Meyers will lead walk of Mount Tuam. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m. to meet at

Drummond Park at 10:15.
Ramble on the beach of Fernwood. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.
May 22: Social evening at United Church at 7:30 p.m. Briony Penn will speak on the south-west conservation strategy for Salt Spring Island.
May 24: A Saturday hike of Mount Prevost. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Portlock to catch 9 a.m. ferry.
May 27: Ramble in a garden with Pam Taylor. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.
Walk Maracaibo with Fred Eves. Meet to carpool at Centennial at 10 a.m.

Hike Hope Hill with Keith Webb. Carpool from Centennial at 9:30 for meeting by 10 a.m. at Drummond.
Special events: The club will have its spring trip in the Shawnigan Lake area from May 5 to 7.
On June 9 and 10 there will be a trip on the Mary Rose from Port Alberni to Bamfield. Carpool to Port Alberni on June 9, stay overnight in a motel. The trip on the Mary Rose commences at 8 a.m. June 10, arriving back at Port Alberni at approximately 5:30 p.m.
For details and to book, contact Norma Eves at 537-1105 as soon as possible.

Chemainus shuts down Babe Ruth's first game

Salt Spring's senior Babe Ruth team lost its first game of the season 7-3 to Chemainus last Wednesday.
The team of 16- to 18-year-old boys gave up five walks and four errors in the first three innings, and faced strong pitching by Chemainus' Bobby Simpson. He managed five strike-outs, which gave his team a 7-1 lead, before Salt Spring scored two more runs in the fourth inning.
Danny Smith then came in to pitch for Salt Spring and shut his opponents down.
Brad Johnson had the best hit of the game with a line-drive double. Brian Kerr, Colin Beamish and Jessie Anderson each had a base hit.
Good defensive play by Tom Langdon turned a 4-3 double-play to end the inning.

Golf meeting elects Ellacott as president

Slightly more than 100 members gathered at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club last Wednesday for the club's annual general meeting.
Elected as directors were Pam Ellacott, Bob Jones, Dee Hooton and Dennis McMaster, who join Bryan Denton, Melanie Iverson and Colin Lawler on the board. Ellacott was then elected president for 1997-98.
Also on the board are ladies' captain Janet Butler, men's captain Glen Woodley and past-president Paul MacKenzie.
At the meeting, members approved a change to the nominating bylaw which clarifies its wording.
They also heard about improvements made to the golf course during the previous year, which included a new green for the No. 4 hole and a new tee-box for the No. 5 green.

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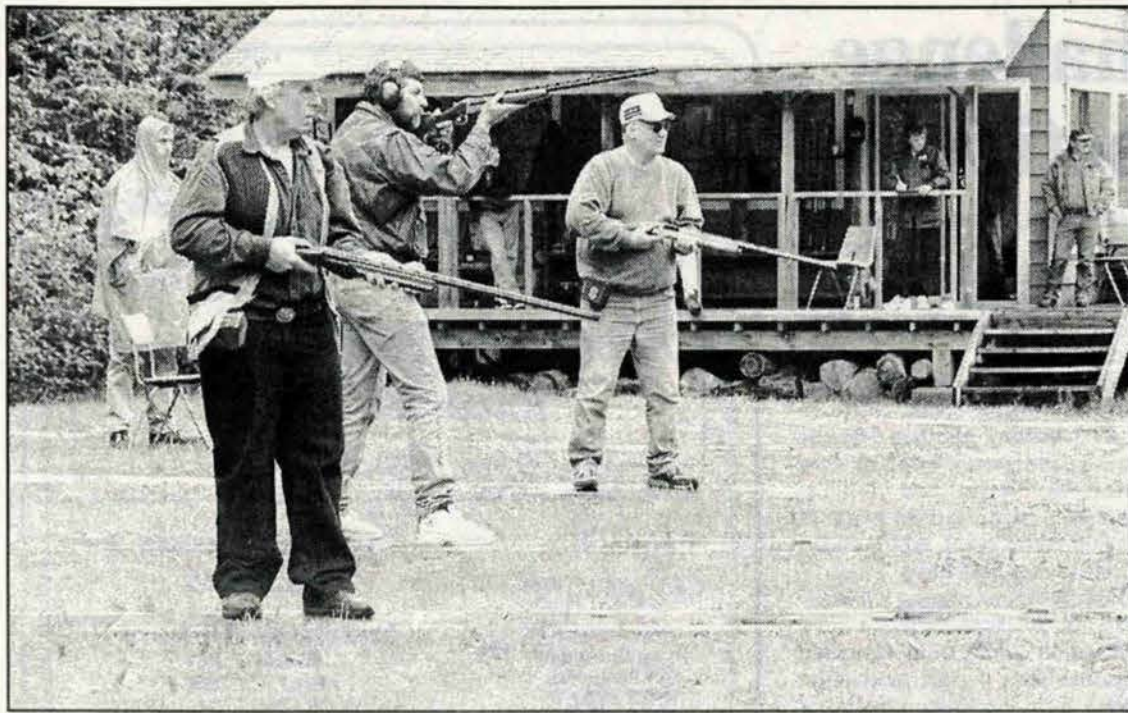
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Taking aim

Members of the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club, dressed for the rainy weather, looks on. Danny Reynolds and Sharon Reynolds won the singles handicaps and doubles for men's and women's the annual trophy trap shoot, while Paul Reynolds, shoots respectively.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Junior soccer team takes first

By DOUG PEARSON
Driftwood Contributor
The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) junior boys soccer team — the Scorpions — wrapped up first place in the mid-island league last week by drubbing Francis Kelsey 4-0.

This Friday and Saturday, GISS will host the mid-island championships with games running at the high school and Portlock Park.

Since Corbin Scott and Cal McKonachie took over the

coaching reins, the Scorpions have remained undefeated and look to be the strongest junior team GISS has ever fielded.

Led by speedy sweeper Jaimie Wilkinson, the defence employs a quick transition game allowing midfield stars Santih Buchan and Mandu Goebel to work their magic on offence. Strikers Tom Berry and Chris Langdon have been fed a continuous flow of slick passes and are thanking their teammates by filling the net with terrific goals.

The real key to the Scorpions' success though, says Corbin Scott, is the team's depth. Tough, talented players like Sean Carmichael and Dar Kinnear may not be flashy but are ruthlessly effective in their roles. Also, strong community coaching from Mike Byron, Hans Hazenboom and Malcolm Bond has left its mark on the team.

Come on out and support the strongest youth team on the island at this weekend's mid-island championships.

Local judo club wins collection of medals

Salt Spring Judo Club members were prominent on the winners' podium at a tournament in North Saanich on Saturday.

Club spokesman Shaun Adams said on Monday that 13 of the 15 members who participated in the Vancouver Island Invitational Judo Tournament returned with medals.

Five of those medals were gold. They were won by Laurel Collins, Jonah Fisher, Sol Ruben, Devon Cass and Matthew King.

Silver medal winners were Nikko Laing, Yoni Marmorstein, Graham Regen and Sophia Haase, while Andrew Greig, Calum Adams, Shannon Lercher and Adrian Elliott came home with bronze medals.

The two participants who did not win medals were not far removed from the winners' circle. Both Bronwyn Cass and Travis Beals placed fourth in their divisions.

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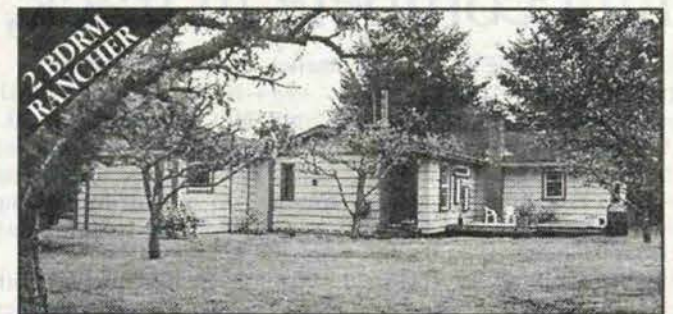
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SIMS athletes meet challenge of poor weather competitions

By **ROBIN RUDOLPH**

Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) track and field athletes performed well at two recent track meets.

First there was a Vancouver Island series mini-meet at Parklands School in Sidney two weeks ago and another at the Bob Daily Stadium in Port Alberni this week.

Both meets took place in adverse weather conditions with a good deal of rain and wind, but the athletes met the additional challenge.

Eswen Blagdon and Billie Woods, who both ran the 100-metre race at Parklands, came in

11th and 12th respectively. The competition was very difficult.

Chris Hill won second place in the spring hurdles and his time for the 100 metres was 15.90 seconds. He placed fourth in the javelin, throwing it 20.92 metres.

Nick Koetter came first in his age category in the racewalk and he placed fourth in the discus event, with both events new to Koetter.

Adam Lee, another Grade Six student, placed sixth in the discus. Amanda Sadler (Grade Eight) showed her stuff in the 100-metre dash, placing sixth.

Jim Goldie, who has been training hard this season, achieved sixth place in the 400-

metre event, fourth in the 1,500-metre, fifth in the 800-metre run and second in the 3,000-metre run. Goldie's time for the 3,000-metre was 11 minutes, 48 seconds.

Nathan Stam, a year older than Goldie, ran the 3,000-metre in 11.47.5, putting his foot over the finish line just a foot or two before Goldie finished his race. Stam also made second place in the 800-metre event, which ended his efforts for both days.

For SIMS students it's still early in the season. For some, motivation comes from achieving personal bests; for all, motivation comes from the sheer pleasure of running.

Eight compete in track, field events

By **RICHARD BENNETT**

Driftwood Contributor

The second meet in the six-event Vancouver Island series was held on a bitterly cold day last week in Port Alberni, hosted by Oceanside Track and Field Club from Parksville.

New club members Heidi Straarup and Clare Rustad competed in their first club meet, showing promise for the future. Six of the eight girls who made the trip won events, and personal best marks were recorded in 18 out of 31 events.

Results were as follows:

1985-born girls — Kelly Kerr: 200 metres, first, 29.6 seconds; 800 metres, first, 2:42.7; 200-metre hurdles, second, 33.3 seconds; triple jump, fifth, 7.55

metres; discus, 13.3 metres.

1984-born girls — Emily Bond: 200 metres, fifth, 30.2 seconds; 200-metre hurdles, second, 33.5 seconds; high jump, fourth, 1.35 metres; triple jump, second, 8.81 metres; discus, first, 22.47 metres.

April Goebel: 200 metres, 16th, 32.6 seconds; 200-metre hurdles, fifth, 35.2 seconds; high jump, first, 1.38 metres; triple jump, third, 8.71 metres; discus, 13th, 9.37 metres.

1983-born girls — Clare Rustad: 200 metres, 14th, 32.3 seconds; 800 metres, seventh, 2:46.1; 200-metre hurdles, third, 56 seconds; high jump, seventh, 1.15 metres; triple jump, seventh, 7.75 metres; discus, first, 19 metres.

1982-born girls — Jenny Kerr: javelin, first, 26.7 metres.

Joelle Morrison: high jump, second, 1.5 metres; javelin, third, 23.22 metres.

Heidi Straarup: 200 metres, fifth, 30.3 seconds; 800 metres, sixth, 2:58.6.

1981-born girls — Stephanie Collette: 200 metres, third, 30.7 seconds; triple jump, first, 8.82 metres; discus, second, 17.14 metres.

The next meet is a two-day meet again at Port Alberni which sees the start of a hectic four weeks with club and school competitions taking place every week. All athletes should be training every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at Portlock Park.

Special needs athletes offered baseball league

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Connie Hardy and Jill Wheaton each had 30 putts and shared the putt pot.

In nine-hole ladies play on April 23, Mary Hogg won the putt pot with 15, out of a field of 25 golfers.

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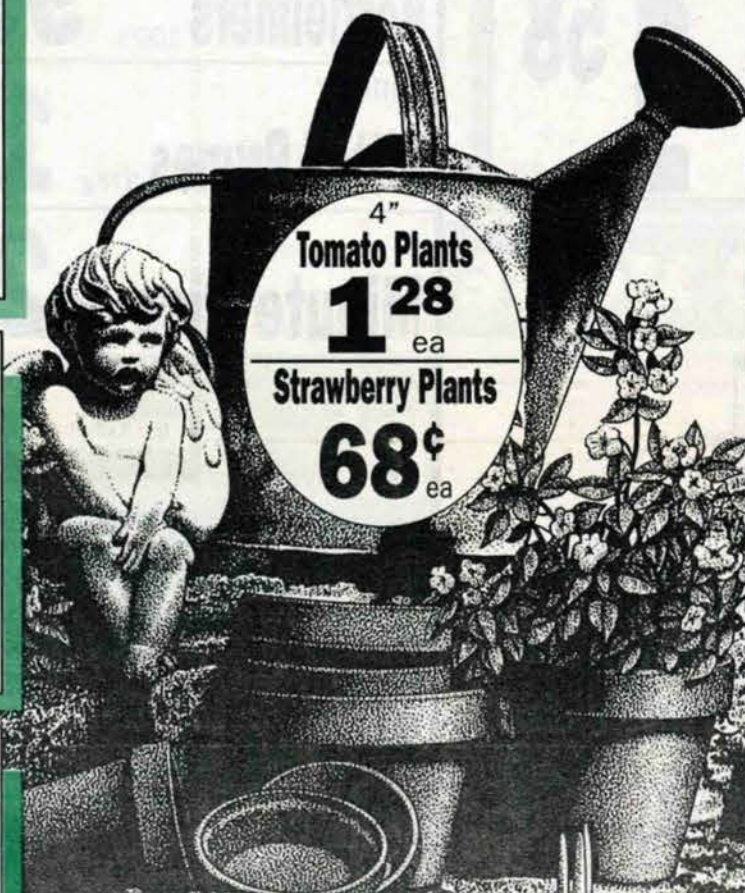
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Fiddler — an island-wide effort

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Fiddler on the Roof is one of those musicals that most 30-plus-aged North Americans can hum at least a few bars from.

Songs like If I Were a Rich Man, Matchmaker and Sunrise, Sunset are modern classics, as is the compelling story they are woven through.

Now Class Act School of Theatre, of Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), has teamed up with the wider artistic community to present the popular Broadway musical May 6 through 11.

At its core, Fiddler on the Roof is about people dealing with changes in their lives — those they make themselves and those forced on them. Throughout the play, Tevye and his wife Golde must weigh long-established traditions against the happiness of their three eldest daughters, all of whom choose their own husbands instead of waiting for arranged marriages.

Imposed on all the villagers is the oppression and religious discrimination of Tsarist Russia, which forces them from their homes at the close of the play.

GISS drama teacher Doug Bambrough is directing the show, which is his third Fiddler production in about 30 years.

Fiddler on the Roof is consuming the lives of a huge number of islanders these days. There are 10 adults and 28 high school students performing, divided between main and minor characters and the chorus, plus an army of backstage workers and a small orchestra.

Bambrough said he has been criticized for not letting a high school production be run and performed entirely by students. But he believes combining adults and youths is "extremely viable" for the educational process — everyone learning from each other and feeding off mutual energy.

In fact, one educational philosophy prescribes that "the child, educator and parent/adult or community member are really the triumvirate for success," he explained. "We're getting massively good results from it right now."

Bambrough has definitely drafted some experienced performance "heavyweights" to work with his drama students.

There's Jill Tarswell as stage

manager, who is training students in all the show's technical aspects. Sue Newman is doing choreography, Virginia Newman is rehearsal pianist, Shirley Bunyan has the job of choral director and Ramesh Meyers is conducting the orchestra.

"I've got a great bunch of people behind me," said Bambrough. "They're just wonderful."

"She's teaching them how to sing, and sing well."

Sharada Filkow is heading up costume and make-up requirements for the show, and has been an excellent leader with high standards for the students.

Her husband Sid Filkow is playing the lead role of Tevye, bringing to the part more than his acting abilities best known in recent years through the Salt Spring Hysterical Society and as one of the Old Geezers. Like Tevye, Filkow's paternal grandfather and father were dairy farmers, his grandfather in the southern Ukraine before emigrating to Canada around 1905. The family then became dairy farmers in Winnipeg and were even part of a Jewish co-operative of farmers in the region.

Understandably, Filkow feels a real identification with the character of Tevye and has second-hand knowledge of the difficult way of life and lack of opportunity that existed for people in the Ukraine in the early 20th century. "Sentimental reasons" relating to his family history actually spurred him to try out for the part.

He hasn't been disappointed in the challenge he accepted.

"It's been a big task for me in terms of the scope of the number of songs, the lead and just the character — Tevye is one of the major figures in musical theatre. It's one of the prime roles."

Lynda Jensen, who has spent most of her life in the performing arts, is Tevye's wife Golde. "Lynda has a great feeling for Golde and the part and the tradition," noted Filkow.

The overall sense of a small village of Jewish people, whose lives are economically marginal at a time when traditions are being eroded, is being created by the group, he said.

Bambrough, too, says great leaps have been made since group rehearsals began last month.

While the pieces of Fiddler are quickly being assembled, one crucial part is still needed. Tevye needs a

milk cart. It could be a large garden cart, but not so heavy that Tevye can't maneuver it.

Ideally, the person who has Tevye's cart from the 1981 Salt Spring Players production of Fiddler auction will be located. Reg Taylor built the perfect prop at that time, but it was later sold in an auction. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the cart should call Bambrough at GISS.

Fiddler on the Roof begins at 8:30 p.m. every night from Tuesday, May 6 through Sunday, May 11 in the GISS multi-purpose area.

Reserved tickets are \$10, general admission is \$8. Tickets are available at et cetera.

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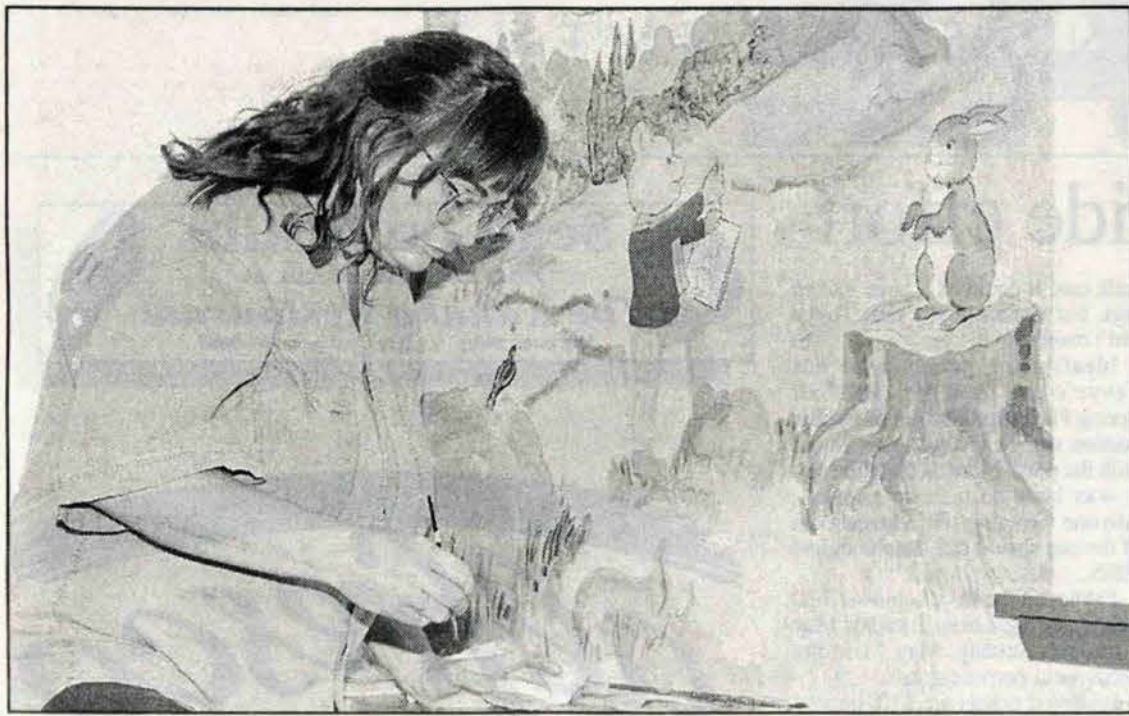
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Caroline Hickman and library volunteer Barbara Woods, Rupert now graces a wall as part of a mural the three have painted in the Ganges library's children's section. Photo by Tony Richards

Celtic festival on tap

For performers of traditional Celtic music, there aren't many opportunities to play or swap tunes with others of their ilk.

But one chance is offered by the Island Celtic Music Festival, which has taken place most years since 1984 on Hornby, Salt Spring or Gabriola islands.

The 1997 festival is at Beaver Point Hall this weekend.

Carol Young and Myranda O'Byrne of Triskele Celtic Band are organizing this 12th festival. As Young explains, most events are geared for participating musicians. The other emphasis is on "traditional" Celtic music, providing a rare opportunity for musicians of this genre to exchange tunes and knowledge.

Hornby residents Bill and June Cannon initiated the festival, which is expected to draw between 100 and 200 musicians this year.

Activity begins Friday night at a participatory song circle, where musicians meet, find out where they will be billeted, sign-up for workshops and open stages, and informally start playing music. In the circle, musicians take turns initiating well-known Celtic songs and tunes.

"This circle just gets bigger and bigger," says Young. "You could end up with eight drums and 12 fiddles —

it's amazing."

On Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 2 p.m., the workshops will roll. There are sessions on whistle playing, Irish Ceili soft-shoe dancing, flute-making, dulcimer, bodhran, beginning fiddle, Gaelic songs, and Breton and Cornish tunes.

There will also be a tune swap, where traditional Celtic lyrics and music are exchanged — as opposed to original tunes penned by musicians.

On Saturday night beginning at 7:30 p.m., the public is welcome to a concert by five off-island Celtic groups. There will be a harper from Duncan, Hornby Island fiddlers, the Bags and Bellows Northumbrian pipers group out of Metchoan, four 10-year-old Irish step-dancers and their teacher from Victoria, and The Mostly Merville Jig Band.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the hall after noon on Saturday.

Open stage sessions, free for everyone, are from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday. They will consist of 15-minute slots filled by musicians wishing to perform.

Billets are still needed for visiting musicians. Call O'Byrne at 537-9328. For general information, call O'Byrne, or Young at 537-5290.

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- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Wednesday Night Live! Hosted by Charles Wilton, April 30, 9 p.m. 124 Upper Ganges Road.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Open stage every Friday evening at 8 p.m. 109 McPhillips Avenue.
- **The Purple Parrot Restaurant** — Simone Grasky, with special guests, sings old jazz favourites, rhythm and blues and contemporary ballads every Friday and Saturday evening from 7 to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 12 to 3 p.m. 170 Fulford-Ganges Road.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Friday and Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. 3106 Grace Point Square.
- **Tree House Cafe** — Denys James, local folk singer/songwriter, performs vocals and guitar on the outdoor stage under the old plum tree, Saturday, May 3. 106 Purvis Lane.
- **12th Island Celtic Music Festival** — Concert on Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Beaver Point Hall. Traditional music by fiddlers, pipers, Irish dancers, harpers and more! All tickets are \$10 and available from noon at the festival. Also, Saturday, May 3, 12 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 4, 12 to 2 p.m.: Workshops, open stage, dancing, singing, jam sessions.
- **Fulford Inn** — Pickin' and

Grinnin' with Buck. Acoustic musicians and singers welcome! Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. 2661 Fulford-Ganges Road.

• **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with Salt Swing, May 4, 8 p.m.

Cinema

- **Dante's Peak** — The best of the volcano movies with Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton starring next to a volcano that becomes too active for comfort. "The special effects will knock your socks off." Playing Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at 7 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6, at 9:30 p.m. 1 hour, 48 minutes. This movie is rated P.G. 13. Cinema Central.
- **Sling Blade** — Writer-director-star Billy Bob Thornton unneringly balances humanity and compassion with quirky humour and impending doom. This sharp, affecting drama deals with the challenges of a man who's been released after 25 years in an asylum. Playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 2-4, at 9 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6, at 7 p.m. 2 hours, 14 minutes. This movie is rated P.G. Cinema Central.
- **Lilies** — A Catholic bishop faces his accusers after hiding a horrible secret for 50 years. This picture won 14 Genie nominations and the Audience Choice Award at the

Montreal World Film Festival. Playing on Sunday, May 4, at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 35 minutes. This movie is rated P.G. Cinema Central.

Stage

• **Fiddler on the Roof** — Class Act School of Theatre presents the Broadway musical Fiddler on the Roof, at the GISS multi-purpose room from May 6 to 11 at 8:30 nightly. Tickets at et cetera: reserved \$10, general \$8.

Galleries

• **Vortex Gallery** — Gordon Caruso, solo exhibition of paintings, showing for the month of April. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Grace Point Square.

Grab Bag

- **Goods and Services Auction** — Salt Spring Centre School presents a Goods and Services Auction, featuring Arvid Chalmers as auctioneer, Saturday, May 3 at the Legion. Preview 6 p.m., live auction starts at 7 p.m. Silent auction closes at 10 p.m. \$2 entry fee buys a delectable dessert and an opportunity to win a great door prize. 120 Blain Road.
- **Tea for Library Volunteers** — For all volunteers, past and present. Wednesday, May 7, 3:30 p.m., 300 Channel Ridge Drive.

Goods, services at Saturday auction

More than 140 goods and services will be handed out to successful bidders amid some hearty laughter as comedian Arvid Chalmers hosts the annual Salt Spring Centre School auction this Saturday night.

Chalmers will be joined by Diane Cocking, who has previously performed comedy acts with Chalmers, to add a humorous touch to the evening.

Set for Meaden Hall, the auction will be spiced with homemade desserts and the artful sounds of violinist Marcelle Nokony, beginning at 6 p.m. when

the doors open for viewing the goods.

Entry cost is \$2 and the auction begins at 7 p.m.

Included in the list of items up for grabs is a signed, Robert Bateman artist's proof called Gamble's Quail.

Also accepting bids will be a two-night stay in a luxurious cabin on Chesterman's Beach near Tofino, a cacophony of music lessons (from marimba to trumpet to flute), fruit trees, perennials and herbs, handmade furniture and gift certificates from several island businesses.

Services include offerings of massage and a whirlpool treatment, musicians for hire, small engine repairs, plumbing, backhoe work, tree pruning and tutoring.

"It's lots of fun," says organizer Leah Young. "And it's a great opportunity to support education in our community."

The auction is the centre school's main fundraiser — parents, staff and students work together in the event, acquiring the donated items and services, selling admission tickets, preparing desserts, and setting up and dismantling the hall.

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"For all of his adult life, he had been aware that only those who dared ever succeeded. Most people only dreamt great dreams but made no attempt to put in the effort required to achieve them."

So muses David Mornay, the "wounded tiger" of Salt Spring writer Anthony Bruce's just-published thriller, *To Taunt a Wounded Tiger*.

There's more than a touch of the 57-year-old Bruce in Mornay: the two men are of the same generation, both live on Salt Spring farms, both have a background in mining and spent time in Africa.

And, like Mornay, Bruce believes in daring to dream great dreams and putting in the effort to make those dreams happen.

Bruce's dream is to write gripping thrillers which enthrall readers while introducing them to new concepts. This, his first book, turns a plane hijacking by terrorists on its ear when Mornay retaliates by making hostages of the terrorists' political leaders.

The result is a terse war of nerves between Mornay and the terrorists, complicated by international rescue efforts to save both the hijacked passengers and Mornay's hostages. Bruce pulls no punches in drawing grim conclusions from his characters' desperation and determination: death hovers over the tarmac with the hijacked 747 and in the elegant Empress Hotel room with the bound political hostages.

Media reports mirror the action throughout, breaking up the chapters which flip from scene to scene.

These switching scenes underline the chief weakness of the book: too many threads are tracked, weakening the main strands. *To Taunt a Wounded Tiger* resembles a made-for-TV thriller with lots of action but little character development.

Especially in the early pages of the book, Bruce tends to tell his readers about his characters rather than show who they are. The result is stock outlines instead of people whose lives are unique and therefore important to the reader.

This is especially true of the protagonist David Mornay — the semi-retired Canadian mining engineer who leaves his quiet farm in the Fulford Valley to take eight U.N. delegates hostage — whose character needed to be drawn deep-

er in order to engage the reader's understanding and sympathy for his actions.

Author Bruce admits he is still polishing his craft. He finds writing is a learning experience and plans to continue "until I get as good as some of the authors I'm presently reading."

To Taunt a Wounded Tiger is a promising start. Beyond the first two dozen pages, the tale warms into a compelling thriller, the plot is clever and the backgrounds and technical detail are superb.

In July, Bruce plans to release his second book, *The East Wind*, and he is now working on a third book and a few short stories. He spends between two and five hours a day writing, with some gaps in his schedule. "Sometimes I don't write at all for weeks and weeks and weeks. You get snowed up in life."

An Edmonton mass publisher was willing to publish both books but Bruce elected to self-publish instead. "The conditions in the contract were too onerous so I said I'd publish myself."

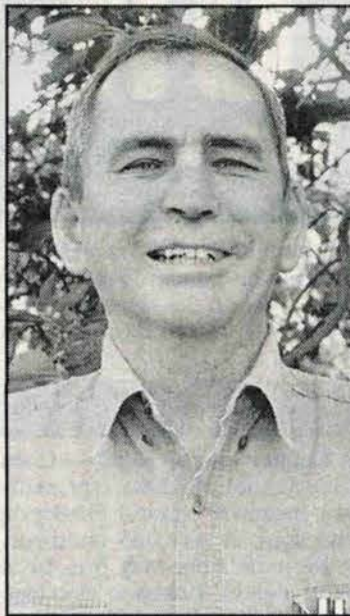
He had already researched self-publishing while sending the manuscript out to publishers and balked at putting up the money requested by the Edmonton company for new authors. Although he understood asking for financial backing from new authors is a growing trend in the publishing industry, Bruce felt he was better off launching himself.

So he found an editor, arranged to have the book typeset, the artwork done and a printer in Winnipeg to produce 1,000 copies of the book. Those have been distributed to island stores and sent out for reviews.

"It's moving quite well," he said. "The response is pretty good." Among the responses is a review from Arthur Black, which recommends the book "to anyone who enjoys a good thriller" and comments from University of Victoria author Anthony Jenkins, who describes the book as "a fast-paced thriller that links the politics of three continents."

For Bruce, getting his first book out meant cashing in his life insurance policy. But he recognizes that and the hours he spends writing are part of the price to transform great dreams into reality.

"In 20 years' time, I might write a great book," he said.



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ON THE EDGE...

Dobson hurtles down an icy path to victory.

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Balanced on a razor's edge, Sonia Dobson challenges ice and speed in a sport where split-seconds divide triumph from disaster.

The 20-year-old Salt Spring athlete is the North American champion in natural luge, a challenge which sends her hurtling feet-first down icy mountain tracks at speeds of 100 kilometres per hour. Sliding on the razor sharp blades of her light sled, she uses body and feet to steer and brake, swerving through hairpin turns, hitting air on the straights and dropping 900 metres in just over a minute.

"My mom can't watch me any more — too scary," Dobson admits. With good reason — Dobson adds that on the World Cup circuit where she competes, injuries are common. "In every race, there's someone shipped off to the hospital."

A girl on the Canadian team broke her back last winter but escaped paralysis; another girl shattered an ankle and returned to compete with pins holding her ankle together. Dobson's injuries have included bruises, torn ligaments and a dislocated lower back.

Dobson — who appears cheerfully normal for someone engaged in such insanity — admits danger is part of the appeal. She's proud to be a world-class contender.

"It's just a fairly gutsy thing to do," she explains. "It just feels really good, in such a severe sport as I'm in, to have people say 'she is scary'."

Her best race was last winter, aicing a twisting, 900-metre course in one minute, one second and "some fraction of a second after that." Fractional seconds count. In one run, Dobson was only seven-tenths of a second behind the first-place finisher — but placed fourth.

Her eighth-place finish in that World Cup competition and ninth placing overall would have earned her national attention if natural luge were a high-profile sport. But natural luge lies in the shadow of artificial luge, a similar high-speed sled race which shares the tube track of bobsled racing and is also an Olympic sport.

Dobson explains the focus in artificial luge is high speed, since riders can slide up the sides of the turns like someone skimming down a water slide. In natural luge, the track is not banked, so riders must practise precision braking to make the turns.

Riders use footwear similar to a high-

top sports runner but with sharp spikes built into the sole. To brake, they dig the spikes into the ice. Do it right and the sled slows just enough to make the turn. Do it wrong and the racer flies off the sled or is injured.

"There's a lot of knee and ankle injuries," Dobson said. "You need a lot of strength everywhere because you are fighting the sled from the top of the hill to the bottom."

To build strength, she weight-trains. To keep fit, she hikes and works as a white-water rafting guide in the summer. Her summer earnings help buy plane tickets but she also scouts out sponsorships so she can compete.

In early fall she starts serious training for the December to March competitive season, travelling to tracks in Calgary, Michigan, Camrose or Blue River.

Training means fine-tuning to split seconds, minute shifts in body angle, strengthening the slam of her spikes into the ice. Before competing, she will spend an hour walking a 900-metre track, studying every ripple of the frozen course and planning strategy.

Up to five hours is spent sharpening her sled blades and spikes, ensuring her equipment is perfect. "Your sled is your best friend. Those razor sharp blades are the only things that are holding you on the ice."

Victory lies in detail. She nabbed the North American championship last February 23 by six-hundredths of a second, faster than any other male or female competitor. In Europe, where the sport is well-known and competition is even tougher, half-a-second is an eternity.

"In Europe, I'm the underdog," Dobson said. "Most of the lugging in the world is done in Europe."

Chance first put Dobson on a luge sled. Her father was working with a helicopter skiing company in Blue River, near Jasper, when Dobson was 13. There wasn't much to do in the small town, but there was one of North America's few natural luge tracks. For \$5, residents could rent a sled and try the sport.

"It's a special sled and you have to lie feet first. I didn't like it when I started," Dobson recalled. It was cold, wet and a bit scary. But she figured out how to use her feet to turn the sled, drawing the attention of Canadian team coach Richard Way, who was looking for talent.

Told she had natural ability and invited

to start training, Dobson was too shy to refuse. She still didn't like the sport — until she won her first club race. Then she went to the B.C. Winter Games and picked up three gold medals.

"It seemed easy. I felt like I just slipped into the groove and never felt pressured."

At 16, she became the Canadian women's champion and started competing in Europe. With a ninth-place world finish last season, she is aiming for the world championship title in Finland next January.

Between training and races, she completed high school through a mix of correspondence courses, distance learning and faxing completed assignments to her teachers. Her time is split between staying with her mother on Salt Spring, white-water rafting in Whistler, training and competing.

"It's a bizarre life," she said, noting that she cannot attend school or work full-time. But she's been to Europe four times, spent three weeks last winter travelling with the Italian team and is still only 20.

"I feel very privileged. I always get a lot of attention because I'm a young chick from Canada travelling on my own," she quipped.

Where she is most on her own is on the luge course, hurtling down the straights at 100 km per hour, calculating how long to brake and how much risk to take in order to shave another fraction of a second off her time.

She likes that self-sufficiency. "It's you — what you're doing out there — that gets the results."



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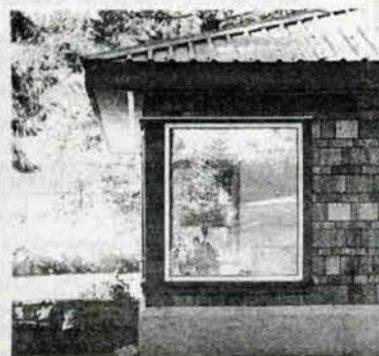
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Dessert event will raise funds for Operation Trackshoes

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

Twelve special-needs students from our school district participate in a track and field program called Operation Trackshoes.

To raise money to help send these students to Operation Trackshoes in Victoria there is a dessert evening being held at the GISS cafeteria on May 15 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

• During the week of May 20 to 23, all Grade 10 students will be entering the workplace to gain credit towards their 30 hours of required Career and Personal Planning 12 (CAPP)

INSIDE GISS

work experience. In preparation for the four days of work experience, students will be trained in class about various work-related topics. While they are in the work force, these students will be evaluated by their employers on a variety of work skills.

These four days of work are meant to help prepare Grade 10 students for future employment experiences. The skills learned

and performed during this time should be beneficial for them in any future careers.

The career education department at GISS is looking for Salt Spring and Outer Islands businesses that would be willing to host a Grade 10 student for these four full days. Students, together with the career education staff, will decide which jobs and employers will make the best matches for this experience.

If you are interested in hosting a student or would like more information about this program, please contact Sheri Dawson by

phoning 537-1710 or by fax at 537-1869.

• Grade 11 students with an 89 per cent-plus average and are planning to attend the University of Alberta in September of 1998 will be interested in information we have in the Counselling Centre about its scholarship program. The deadline for scholarship applications is June 16, 1997.

From now until the end of June, Camosun College is providing several opportunities for prospective students to learn about its various programs. Interested students can check on

the dates and times of these information sessions by asking Liane Watson about the Campus Contact flyer we have.

We now have a direct telephone line into the Counselling Centre — 537-1710.

• Students searching for scholarship or bursary money should not forget about the Victoria Scholarship District Handbook we have in the Counselling Centre. Awards for a wide variety of achievements are described in this book.

Application deadlines for about 35 scholarships fall between May 2 and May 31.

Prostate cancer is focus of Saturday's seminar

The latest information on prostate cancer, including diagnosis, treatment and crucial support services, is offered in a seminar at Lion's Hall on Saturday.

An estimated one in nine Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point in their lives; there were 18,000 new cases in Canada last year.

Registration runs from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with free coffee and muffins available.

Salt Spring's Dr. Ron Reznick will provide opening remarks beginning at 9:30 a.m. sharp, plus talk about detection of prostate cancer and the steps involved in reaching a diagnosis.

There will be a short break from 10:30 to 10:40 a.m., after which Dr. Charles Ludgate from Victoria will describe the background of prostate cancer, its staging and treatment, as well as new developments in prostate

cancer treatment and research.

Lunch, which is included in the \$7.50 seminar fee, is provided from noon to 12:45 p.m.

Salt Spring residents and seminar organizers John Catley and Gary Wilson will speak from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. on the individual's responsibility in detecting and treating prostate cancer.

From 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. will be a presentation by Ken and Jan Willoughby, founders of the Victoria Prostate Support Association. They will discuss the value and structure of support groups, and the role and care of support people at home.

After a 10-minute break, Linda Repath from the Vancouver Island Cancer Clinic will describe the support services provided by the clinic and how patients and families can deal with the diagnosis, treatment and side effects of cancer.

The forum closes at 3:30 p.m.



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Student wins culinary medal

A local student with a flare for cooking has won a silver medal in a provincial culinary arts competition.

Brianna Prosk, a Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, won the medal after preparing two appetizers and two main-course dishes for judges at Vancouver's Pan Pacific Hotel.

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MAY '97

PROSTATE CANCER INFORMATION SEMINAR
Saturday, May 3, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
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Monday May 12 at 7:00 pm
at Seniors For Seniors - free!

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP
Monday, May 12, 7:00 pm
New board room behind Lady Minto Hospital
Newcomers welcome! Contact 537-4607 or just come!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Monday, May 26, 10:00 am - noon. Free!
At Seniors for Seniors. Drop in - no appt necessary.

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OF THESE DATES

MAY 4: Men & Grief, speaker: Dr. B. Cooke, United Church Hall, 7:30-9pm.
MAY 7: Music & Munch, All Saints by the Sea, 12:10pm.
MAY 7: SS Painter's Guild, "Think Picasso", Lions Club Hall, 9:30-12:30.
MAY 10: Parish garage sale, All Saints by the Sea, 10am-noon.
MAY 10: SS Singers spring concert, All Saints by the Sea Church Hall, 7:30pm.
MAY 11: SS Singers spring concert, All Saints by the Sea Church Hall, 1pm & 7:30pm.
MAY 14: SS Paints Guild, Sheena Lott, Lions Club Hall, 9:30-12:30.
MAY 17: Ducks Unlimited, dinner & auction, Meaden Hall, 6pm.

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.)
- Therapeutic Touch practice group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm (every 3rd Wed.)

EVERY THURSDAY

- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.
- Scottish Dancing, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm beginners/7pm advanced.
- Luncheon, Seniors for Seniors, 12 noon.

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.

EVERY SATURDAY

- Duplicate bridge, OAP Central, 1pm.
- Games afternoon, Seniors for Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.

EVERY MONDAY

- 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.
- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.
- French & Spanish conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- Teen Sewing Club, SSI Middle School, 4pm-6pm.
- SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
- Special Olympics swimming, Shelby Pool, 5pm-6pm.
- Bandimonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.
- Story hour for preschoolers, Library, 9:30am.
- Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm
- Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 5-8pm.
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
- Amnesty Int. letter writing, SS Elem. School, 7:30-9pm (first Tues. ea mo.)

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Bronwyn Cass of Phoenix School displays a cloth bag full of items useful for children lodged at the Salt Spring Transition House. Students sewed the bags with help from fabric artist Donna Johnstone and filled them with donated items from local stores. Students also supplied books and other "comforts" to add to the kits.

Photo by Tony Richards

Central stages annual meeting

A board to see Central Hall into its second century was elected at the Central Community Hall Society's annual general meeting last Wednesday.

Elected president was Mary Korosci, hall manager Muzz Holmes was elected secretary and Ron Milton was elected as treasurer.

Sandy Oliver is a director and members-at-large are Nels Vodden, Elvie Hislop and Aldyth Levy. Past-president is Lynne Richardson.

The hall celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. During the year, the exterior was painted, the stairs replaced and electrical wiring upgraded.

Plans for this year include fundraising to complete the upgrade, which includes painting and refinishing the interior. Donations to help maintain the heavily-used community hall are welcome.

Approximately a dozen people attended the annual general meeting.

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- **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
- **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- **CLIMBING WALL HOURS:** Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm / Sat. 3-6pm. Full equipment chg. \$2.50. **CLUB NIGHT:** Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.

Health workshop set

Loving yourself "just the way you are" is the focus of a health workshop offered on Salt Spring May 11.

Loving Yourself Now is "not about scales, rabbit food or wiring your jaw shut," says workshop facilitator Chris Godley. "It's about discovering and releasing the root causes of why we use weight as a protection, as a comforter and as a means to deny our feelings."

Godley's workshop aims to uncover and transform blockages, which then enables people to deal with the core issues behind their weight problems.

Godley initiated and led a new chapter of an international weight loss group for two years. She won an international award, losing a large amount of weight, only to regain it back over three years.

From this experience, she learned about nutrition and "listening" to her body, giving it what it really needed and treating it with respect.

Both the one-day workshop and support meetings version of Loving Yourself Now were inspired by the teachings of author Louise Hay.

Meeting topics include cleansing the body, nurturing oneself, nutrition, walking as a meditation, how to change limiting thought patterns, possessing a positive body image and making "lite" of life.

For the Mother's Day workshop, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., participants should bring a pillow and blanket, a hand mirror, notebook and pen.

Call Godley at 537-9706 for information and to register.

Kayaking is topic of gathering

Salt Spring Kayaking, Sea Otter Kayaking and Island Escapades are hosting a sea kayak guides exchange this Friday to Sunday.

The exchange will be held in James Bay on Prevost Island. Between 40 and 60 people from throughout the province are expected to participate.

"It's designed as an instructional and practical exchange of information," said Bruce Grey of Salt Spring Kayaking.

Anyone interested in more information or local kayakers wanting to participate can call Grey at 653-4222.

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Forty-two attend 'successful' Island Women's Workshop

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The Island Women's Workshop held here on April 12 was very successful, according to member-spokesperson Annie Nicholls.

Sixty people registered to show support and 42 attended — 20 were from Galiano and the others from our sister islands. Ferry schedules somewhat complicated conference arrangements and the start was delayed, but those who did attend were delighted with the enthusiasm and valuable tips speaker Tammi Mason put forth. Mason is a business counsellor for the Women's Enterprise Society of B.C. (a federal government agency).

According to present plans, each island will establish a steering committee and from it appoint a representative to meet with appointees from the other southern Gulf Islands. The group will have similar aims to those of Victoria's Bridges society, a non-profit group promoting women's issues which operates with the blessings of the B.C. Ministry of Employment.

Housing society

Walter Roots retired as president of the Galiano Housing Society at the body's annual general meeting in late March. Leaving office as well was former director Bill Callaway, and earlier director Ken Allen. All officers of the 16-unit Page Drive housing project are volunteers, elected at an annual meeting.

The new executive consists of four officers: Dick Moore, president; Bob Wains, vice-president; Joan Davies, secretary and Marion Michaelson, treasurer. Directors are Gloria Clothier, John Donaldson, Helen May and Jim Ripley. Roots remains on the executive for one more year as past-president.

As well as regular building maintenance (painting, appliance repairs and replacement), improvements have been or are being completed at Page Drive over the past year. These include the installation of a propane gas fireplace heater in the community lounge, improved lighting in the parking area and installation of a 4,000-gallon water storage tank. The water is for garden use.

Membership in the housing society is open to all Galiano residents at \$1 a year. Directors are always pleased to welcome new members, considering membership a sure sign of community support.

Talent night

Skits, songs and good humour was on the program at the recent Variety Night in the South Hall.

GALIANO NOTES

Full houses at both performances (Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19) enjoyed themselves completely and brought some needed funds to the Galiano Club, operators of the hall.

The virtuosity of Galiano's young country-violinist Rowan Hartman was popular — all toes-a-tapping. A group of concert belles, well known on the island from their past performances, brought all up-to-date on island happenings in impressive song and verse. Not to be outdone, some fellows in brilliant hues (on the parts of them that showed above a screen and salal) made comment on forestry practices, particularly the harvest of salal by groups from off-island. Annie Nicholls and Jenny Strom were effective co-masters of

ceremonies. It was a show for islanders by islanders.

Roadside enhancement

Some members of the Galiano Garden Club have taken on the task of reintroducing native plants and flowers to our roadsides.

Travellers on Sturdies Bay Road may have seen them at work on the cleared area at Murchison Bay. Private donations of funds, seed money from garden club coffers and donations of plants and seeds from private citizens are making this enterprise possible. Watch for further projects of this kind elsewhere on the island.

Health seminar

Arteriosclerosis heart disease is the topic for discussion at the May 7 health care seminar.

Speaker will be Doctor Barry Lovell. The event runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the South Hall.

Famed businesswoman speaks to CFUW club

Leslie Campbell of Focus on Women magazine was guest speaker at Saturday's meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Salt Spring club.

Campbell is publisher and editor of the Victoria-based magazine. She spoke about women as entrepreneurs and gave insights into her experiences as a businesswoman in Victoria.

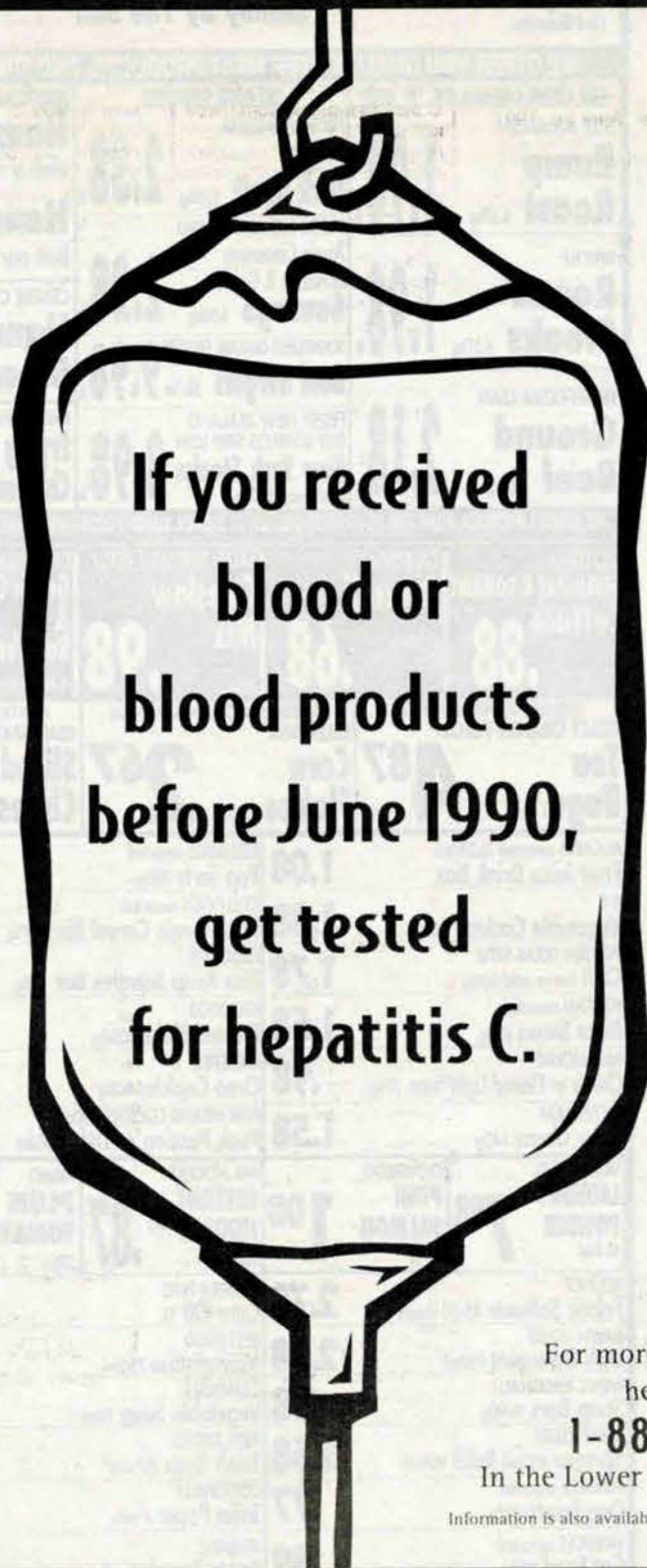
Campbell was named businesswoman of the year for 1991/92 by the Victoria Business and Professional Women's Club.

Anyone wanting information about the Salt Spring chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women can call Bev Stewart at 653-9158.



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Hepatitis C can cause health problems such as liver damage. There are ways to limit the effects of hepatitis C — that's why it's important to know whether you have it.

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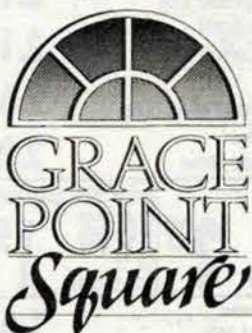
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Announcements

5 BIRTHS

A BABY BOY! 8 lbs., 13 oz., April 21, 1997 at Cowichan District Hospital - brother to Owen. Elated parents Suzanne Little and Tom Hooper would like to thank Jules Atkins for her incredible support. Thanks also to Maggie Ramsey, Kelly Hayes, friends at Belly Talk and Marilyn Hooper for helping make this such a triumphant event.

IT'S A beautiful baby boy!! Brandon M. Graham, born March 13, 1997, tipped the scale at 8 lb., 1/2 oz. Proud parents Michael and Heidi wish to thank Dr. Stubbs, Dr. McPhail, Grandma and Grandpa Hume, the MacDonells, the Galloways and all other family and friends for their love and support.

DAN & SYLVIE Fraser are happy to announce the birth of a boy, Thomas Cameron, 8 lb., 14 oz., at Royal Columbian Hospital on April 21, 1997; a brother for Matthew. Very pleased grandparents are Mary and Ian Fraser.

6 DEATHS

NICHOLSON: COLIN Philip Lindsay, born November 18, 1913, died suddenly on April 20, 1997 at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island. He is survived by his loving wife Joan and family in England and France. No service by his own request. Donations, if desired, may be made to a charity of your choice. First Memorial Funeral Service. 384-5512.

MCFADYEN, BRUCE Lloyd passed away peacefully at home Saturday, April 26, 1997. Bruce was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on April 29, 1926. He lived many years in Qualicum, BC after serving with the PPCLI during WWII. Following a short stay in Victoria, the family moved to Salt Spring where Bruce farmed and worked for the CRD Parks and Recreation. Bruce will be greatly missed by his loving wife Catherine, son Ross (Paula) and grandson Aaron of Victoria; daughter Donna (Brenton) and grandson Morgan, granddaughters Emily and Lauren of Melbourne, Australia; sisters Marjorie Danielson of Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, Grace Morgan of Port McNeill, BC; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. He will be fondly remembered for his sense of humour, patience, understanding, and love for the great outdoors. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 3, 1997 at 2:30 pm in Salt Spring Island United Church. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's memory may be made to the Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice, Box 521, Ganges, BC V8K 2W2 or the Canadian Cancer Society, 207-225 Canada Ave, Duncan, BC V9L 1T6. Hayward's Ganges, 537-1022.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

1st GANGES VENTURERS, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Mr. Jack Hughes & Gulf Island Water Taxi who have most generously donated a 30 foot power launch; The Harlans Hawk. Formerly a Water Taxi fleet member, The Harlans Hawk will be cherished by many youth for years to come. We cannot thank you enough for enabling us to become true "Sea Scouts." The educational opportunities for the youth of Salt Spring are boundless. Thank you Jack Hughes & Gulf Island Water Taxi! Your generosity is unequalled.

MANY THANKS to Dr's Graham, Sira, and Crossland; the CRD home care nurses; and the home support group for their compassionate care; and the Bessie Dane Foundation/Hospice. The services provided allowed Bruce to remain at home in comfort with his family, Catherine, Ross, and Paula McFadyen.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

1st GANGES CUBS & Beavers would like to thank everyone who came & made our Robin Hood weekend at Camp Barnard in Sooke such a success. To Brandie Ivanson, who came on short notice & volunteered his time to teach archery; it wouldn't have been Robin Hood without you! To the cooks of "The Boars Head Canteen," Cal MacKay, Dick Stubbs, Chris Coates & Sue Rock; your pancakes, mud/worm pudding & CHILI are still being remembered! To Lane Gromme, who kept us warm & dry; your campfires survived flooding & are probably still burning! To Carl-A-Dale Martin, our wandering minstrel; your songs & humour are treasured. To Paul Heggeler, our Sheriff of Nottingham; you are the best "bad guy." To his Posse, John Teagle; you managed to patrol everything & everyone! To Maid Meron Moroz; your campfire ceremony was magical despite torrential downpour! To Mistress Vanessa Horel, you 'maid' an excellent Lady In Waiting; especially at keeping the Monks on task to win "The Most Dedicated Cabin Award." To Menno Banman who pre-cut swords; the youth sword-fought gallantly & have a handmade memento. To Mistress Brenda Anderson; you managed to plan a wonderful well thought out camp. So, where was the sunshine? And to all of the youth, King Richard & His Knights, Robin Hood & His Merry Men, Friar Tucks Monks & Maid Meron's Ladies In Waiting; you were all a true pleasure to camp with. May Robin Hood be forever in your hearts. Thank you to all!

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11 COMING EVENTS

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AFRICAN DRUM Workshop with Lyle Povah, Sunday, May 25, 9:30 - 12:30 and 2-5 p.m. \$35 (or barter), Fulford. Phone Birgit, 653-9876 for info.

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SALT SPRING Centre School Auction Saturday, May 3 at the Legion. 6 pm viewing, live auction 7 pm. Door prizes. Bateman Print, local artists and business items.

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FOUND: SET of 3 keys with a Viper control. Can be claimed at Mixmaster.

LOST: MALE seal point Siamese cat. Disappeared on 24 April in Isabella Point area. Please call Ann Richardson, 653-4632 or Rosamond Dupuy, 653-4614.

MURPHY IS still missing. Small male black/grey/tan long haired cat. 10 months old. Please call 537-1812.

FOUND IN Thrifty's parking lot: a Cardinal watch with a black band. Can be claimed at the Driftwood office.

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WE'RE CELEBRATING our Local Peninsula News Review's 85th Anniversary! We too want to Thank all our customers & friends with your continued support! This week we've purchased & offering: Another large complete Estate, a truckload of antiques, truckload of mattresses, dinettes, bedroom & dining room suites, loveseats & sofa suites! Come & join the crowds, guaranteed super deals!! Yes: Great deals on garden tools, power tools, carpenter's & mechanic's tools; And hardware items! Buy & Save, 9818 4th St., Sidney. Phone 1-250-656-7612. Visa, M/C, Interac! Yes! Good trade-ins are welcomed - Bring them with you! We pay Cash for Estates!

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ROOM FOR rent in my home, private entrance, shared facilities for May 1/15. N/S, mature person. 537-1953.

540 WANTED/RENTALS

LONG TIME Island residents, quiet & responsible, looking for small house/cottage to rent long term. Please call after 7 pm. 537-8846.

CONSCIENTIOUS, MATURE couple seeking 2 bedroom home near Ganges. Long term, excellent references, for June 1. Phone Ken, 537-5330 or work, 537-5723.

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BEYOND STRANGER Danger: Protecting Children and Teens from Sexual Predation in our Community. Please note that the date for this forum has been changed to May 22/97 at Salt Spring Elementary Activity Centre. Keynote panel member is Dr. Richard Laws, internationally recognized psychologist in the area of sex offender treatment programs and coordinator of the Victoria adult sex offender management program - the program that treats our local sex offenders when convicted. Contact Jane Parlee at 537-9971 if you have questions or require more information. This is a forum for adult discussion. Discretion in bringing children is strongly advised. This event is being financially supported and sponsored by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Donations to offset costs are greatly appreciated and tax deductible. Please call if you would like to assist with expenses of this important forum in our community.

KIDS NEED both parents and families. Having difficulty accessing your kids, grandkids? Men, women, let's meet. Tom Vikander, 537-9145.

THE TIME is near. "Let's call to reserve a spot at Dog Star Market". 653-9939.

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THANKS TO the Salt Spring Roasting Company for creating the "Blue Heron Coffee Blend". Come and buy a pound of coffee and one dollar from your purchase will go towards the acquisition of McFadden Creek Heronry.

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"GOT YOUR Gucci Gumboots for the Phantom Ball?"

WANTED FOR Internet promotion! Lots, acreages, waterfront, residential, expired listings, etc. some restrictions apply. Call Paul Greenbaum, Island Bound Real Estate. 537-7694.

INTERFAITH EARTH Day - a joyous celebration. Thank you all.

ARCHER NEEDS help. I am a target archer looking for a safe area to practice shooting up to 100 yards. Interested in archery coaching in exchange? Greg. 537-0749.

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379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

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WANTED IMMEDIATELY: Picnic table in good condition. 537-2097.

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WILL PAY cash for good quality vacuum. Also, Tonka trucks in good shape. 537-0001, eves.

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WANTED: GOOD used bee-keeping equipment. 537-5450 evenings.

SOMEONE TO teach conversational Spanish, your house or mine. 537-2655.

Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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PRIVATE SALE: Cusheon Lake/Mountain View home. Four bedroom, 3 bath, all wood exterior, s/sw exposure, approx. 2400 sq. feet, 2 1/2 acres, quiet cul-de-sac. \$345,000. Loaded with character. Ideal family space. Telephone 653-4855 to arrange viewing.

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I DAVID SHEBIB challenge the whole government and the public on the direction the system is moving the people in. The elections, municipally, provincially and federally, all of which I have been a candidate in, were frauds. I am surrounded by a collective of liars, cheats and thieves who are the status quo of the system. As long as they, the collective, are the government, we are facing extinction. David 537-9800.

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MOTHER'S DAY Brunch at Pomodori, Sunday, May 11; 12 - 3 pm. Reservations recommended, 537-2247. Dinner served from 6 - 9 pm, 7 nights a week. Canadian Currency and Master Card only please. 375 Baker Road.

YOU COULD be the winner of a limited edition Robert Bateman print "Heron in Flight" for only 2 dollars! The print is on view at the Salt Spring Roasting Company. Raffle tickets are now available at the Salt Spring Roasting Company, et cetera. Stuff & Nonsense, Sargeant's Mercantile at Fernwood, Precious Treasures, 1000 Words and Island Books Plus.

THANK YOU to everyone who visited our booth at the Home Show from Tom & Dan, Leisure Time Hot Tub & Tent. Toll free 1-888-426-3777.

FOR SALE: 1989 Suzuki Sidekick convertible, 4 x 4, priced to sell, \$6900. 537-4225 days.

HAVE NO room to run my 1947 Massey Harris Pony. (tractor) So I should sell it for \$800...Includes P.T.O. antique implements and no hydraulics. 537-2853.

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LIBRA 2 PERSON Kayak, well loved, paddles, skirts, etc. Save \$1000 - \$2750 complete. Also 36" blonde oak table, central pedestal, 1 1/2' thick round top, \$250. 537-5759.

INDEPENDENT, SELF-SUFFICIENT roommate wanted, \$350/month, included utilities. Prefer female. South end house, near beach. 653-4606.

VENDOR MEETING for Dog Star Market, May 4 at 2 pm on location, behind the Fulford Inn. 653-9939.

GIANT POTS in rich reds, blues and celadon glazes, garden statuary, bird baths, Buddhas - herb plants & roses in the nursery - new arrangements & bouquets, fresh & dried. Everlasting Summer. Open daily, 10 - 5 653-9418.

CABIN WANTED to rent in South End for self-employed N/S, N/D woman. Max. rent \$350.00. References. 653-9631.

THE STUDENTS of Vista School will be departing Salt Spring Island on May 15 for a cross Canada journey to Bona Vista, Newfoundland. They will present a gift and card to Queen Elizabeth on June 24 from the people of Salt Spring Island. Your signature can be on the card for a donation to our school trip. Contact Susan Cogan. 653-4563.

CIRCLE DANCE Sunday, May 11, 1:30 - 3:00 pm. \$8. United Church Hall, Hereford Ave. Call Fiona 537-1721 to register.

FOR SALE: 1 double bed mattress and box spring in good condition, \$75. Phone 537-4169.

GARAGE SALE. Saturday, May 3. 9 - 12. 2945 Southey Point Road.

SUNDAY ONLY at 7:00 pm a top award winning Canadian film "Lilies". An emotionally intense, suspense laden tale of love, betrayal and revenge in which a Bishop's past comes back to haunt him. Please join us at S.S. Cinema Central.

VENDOR MEETING for Dog Star Market, May 4 at 2 pm on location behind the Fulford Inn. 653-9939.

A THOUSAND WORDS picture framing would like to thank everyone who came to our booth at the "Home Show". The interest shown was encouraging and it was great chatting with old and new customers and friends. Don't forget to take advantage of our special on "Vision 2000" glass - if you weren't there, call for details. As well, we have specials right now on beautiful Italian and English mouldings 10 - 50% off regular prices. Drop by and see! 785 Fulford-Ganges Road, 537-5131. Ask for Elaine or Krista.

DOG STAR Market is opening on schedule, May 17, 18 & 19. For info 653-9939.

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NOTE TO MEMBERS: A special Extraordinary Meeting has been called for Wednesday, May 28 at 8 p.m. at the Salt Spring Golf & Country Club.

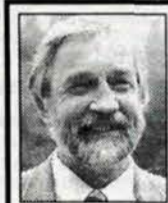
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More letters

Omitted

Editor's note: The following paragraph from a letter by John Lammers in last week's Driftwood was omitted for space reasons. It followed the sentence "The only way the Islands Trust can fulfill its primary environmental mandate is by developing, in the light of impartial scientific evidence, a separate "environment code" which specifies the standards to which human activities described in the OCP must adhere."

This environment code should become law, not just a recommendation, or a set of guidelines, and have precedence over human activities on the islands. We must have a code on how to live with nature as much as we must have codes on how to live with each other. Nature has its own implacable laws which we must obey if we want to live at all. We may compromise; nature does not.

Prevent losses

Paul Hawken in his book *The Ecology of Commerce* states: "Quite simply, our business practices are destroying life on earth. Given current corporate practices, not one wildlife reserve, wilderness, or indigenous culture will survive the global economy."

Real estate development on Salt Spring, when lacking a conscience, will and has had the same effect.

Protection of the sensitive habitat required by many local species takes on an urgency when we learn that 15 animals and plants joined Canada's Endangered Species List on April 17. This year's list adds the great blue heron in B.C., a bird that many of our islanders are working to protect, hence their outrage at the total lack of protection for the Churchill Road heronry when trees were cut too close to the nesting area, and the energy

being put into saving the McFadden Creek heron habitat at the north end.

Another urgent concern, and one requiring constant monitoring, is the return this week (from Central America) of the magnificent osprey to their familiar nest in Long Harbour on property which is not only for sale but now subdividable.

Our trustees are now working on the third draft of the OCP and we expect and insist they follow the example set by Bowen and Hornby islands, communities which included protection of specific bird habitat in their OCPs. Our trustees have the power under the Municipal Act to establish adequate buffer zones which will protect wildlife habitat in areas adjacent to natural watercourses.

It is also the moral obligation of those gifted with the presence of these nesting birds on their properties to "preserve and protect," using their example to educate the younger generation on Salt Spring to be protective and vigilant stewards of a very fragile habitat.

Believe me, there is nothing sadder than reading the new listings on the Endangered Species List, moreso if we knew we might have played a part in preventing the loss.

ROSEMARY BAXTER,
Cranberry Road

Human crises

The ongoing funding crisis at the Salt Spring Transition House will require a redefinition of what an emergency is all about.

Emergency Social Services (ESS) was placed into the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) budget for Salt Spring Island last year. This program covers emergencies of a cataclysmic nature such as earthquakes, floods

and fires.

If the transition house is to be abandoned by the provincial government, the astute thing to do might be to include social emergencies with the hazards listed above and to expand the budget accordingly so that core funding is assured.

I am sure that the CRD board could endorse such an arrangement because last year it became clear that ESS could be included in the PEP budget. It seems to me that ongoing human crises deserve at least as much, if not more, preparedness than the proverbial "big one" that will supposedly hit us anytime between now and 200 years from now.

There is enough flexibility in local government finances to allow for the cost coverage of crisis management where the incident rate is predictable. All it takes is the political will and leadership to bring it about.

During the past fiscal year, \$11,500 was contributed by the southern Gulf Islands to the Salt Spring Transition House which serves not only Salt Springers, but Outer Islanders as well, via CRD grants-in-aid disbursed by both directors.

We all know the provincial government is desperate to download onto local communities the cost of services it formerly provided. The transition house got caught in the same net as many other services. To rail at the provincial government may bring results, but it should not be the only option. I very much doubt that the provincial government will come through with funding if local support is not clearly evident. I trust that our local elected officials will recognize the dire straits that this emergency service is faced with and provide the relief that has been requested.

DIETRICH LUTH,
Ganges



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By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Thirty-one boys set St. Christopher's Church vibrating with the final performance of their Gulf Islands tour on Sunday.

The British Columbia Boy's Choir, under the direction of Gerald Van Wyck, began with a performance on the mainland on Friday. They continued on a whirlwind schedule and sang for audiences on Galiano, Pender and Mayne before winding up the tour here.

The boys, aged from eight to 21, presented an energetic program from around the world including songs from the British Isles, Africa, America and Canada. They also sang a few selections from the opera Orfeo ed Euridice.

The young voices were clear and fresh despite the workout of the

'Clear, fresh' voices delight island

weekend tour. Enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment shone on the faces of the boys in this four-part choir. It was a visual delight. The strains of Danny Boy brought tears to the eyes of many members of the audience.

The choir is constantly changing its repertoire. Accompanist Patricia Plumley explained that a new song is added to their repertoire about every three weeks. It takes dedication and focus to meet the demands of choir membership.

Thanks are due to the Women's Service Club which prepared lunch for the group. Thanks also to the directors who worked so hard to make the arrangements and to the friends, patrons and sponsors of the

SATURNA NOTES

Saturna Arts and Concerts Society.

Community Day

Next Saturday, Saturna will celebrate its first official Community Day. Festivities will be held at Thompson Park and will include a clean up of the park, a picnic and family games. Coffee, tea, juice and barbecues will be supplied by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The winners of the logo contest will be announced during the official ceremonies.

Transportation will be provided

by Viable Marine from the Government dock. The first boat will leave at 9:15 a.m. and the half-hour trip will be repeated as often as is necessary. A minimal round-trip fee of \$5 per person will be charged in order to cover the fuel costs.

Coming events

The Saturna Volunteer Firefighters are planning the annual spring Pig Barbecue for Saturday May 17.

The menu will include scalloped potatoes, green salad and dessert. Tickets will be available in advance at both stores. Admission includes dancing to Bill Bender and his band from Mayne/Galiano following din-

ner. The doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• Remember your mother on May 11 and take her out to the Community Hall for the annual Lions' Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. The Lions serve up pancakes with sausage and orange juice for this special occasion. A Mother's Day surprise is presented to every mother who comes for breakfast.

• The Saturna Arts and Concerts Society is recruiting performers for the second annual talent night scheduled for June 28.

Nancy Angermeyer would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to be part of the show, especially prospective MC types. Give her a call at 539-3217 if you would like to participate.

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School board's 1961 operating budget set at \$229,571

Thirty-five years ago

• An audit of the 1961 Gulf Islands School Board budget showed operating expenses of \$229,571 with a year-end surplus of \$11,229.

Thirty years ago

• A referendum on village incorporation for Ganges was to be held later in the year, following collection of the required 60 per cent of signatures backing the petition. The incorporation vote was being spurred by the need for a sewer system in the community. A village could receive provincial government grants towards constructing a sewage system while an unorganized area could not receive grants.

• Islanders gathered on the waterfront for a chance to visit the HMCS Columbia in Ganges Harbour. Tenders carried visitors out to the ship for tours. The visit wound up with a fireworks display in the harbour.

Twenty-five years ago

• An islander who sent boxes and furniture to be auctioned off by the local Legion was hunting for the buyer of a large bottle of pills accidentally included in one of the boxes. The person who purchased the pills was asked to return them as they were needed by the original owner.

DOWN THE YEARS

Twenty years ago

• No insurance covered island schools, following a policy change by the province. In order to cut its losses, the province had decided only losses above \$5 million would be covered by insurance. Lesser losses would be covered by the community. All of the schools on the Gulf Islands were worth less than \$5 million, so were no longer covered by insurance.

• A high speed chase along four miles of Beddis Road ended in an accident, an estimated \$2,000 damage to a 1971 Dodge Dart and charges of driving without insurance against Beddis Road resident Darren Paul Lawrence. The chase ended when Lawrence drove his car into the ditch.

Fifteen years ago

• Salt Spring regional director Yvette Valcourt wanted an occupancy permit for an upper Ganges stationery store rescinded, arguing that the business should not be allowed until the issue of sewage disposal in the village was resolved. The stationery store had been renting space in the Valcourt Business Centre prior

to moving to a new location. Board members agreed to monitor the situation.

• Plans for a school of fine art on Salt Spring were announced by Allan Edwards of the Federation of Canadian Artists at the opening of the Ewart Gallery. The new school was to cost \$1 million to build and would be constructed on an 11-acre Churchill Road site. Donations were being sought from corporations and individuals to finance the project.

Ten years ago

• B.C. teachers objected to the

provincial government's proposed teaching professional act, which gave them the right to strike but also removed the requirement that all teachers join the B.C. Teachers' Federation. The act also created a new College of Teachers, which teachers would be required to join. Teachers in the Gulf Islands and province-wide were considering job action to protest the legislation.

• A communications network ensured that each visitor over the Easter long weekend found a bed on the island. The network linked visitors seeking accommodation with

available space in hotels, motels, resorts and bed and breakfast operations.

Five years ago

• Grant Wickland offered to supply the materials and do the work to complete the gap in the boardwalk between Mouat's parking lot and the Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber Ltd. property. In return, he wanted a foreshore lease for his boat, equipment and Hanna Air's float plane.

• Gulf Islands school trustees predicted a \$90,000 deficit in their 1992-93 budget, which was pegged at 14.2 million.

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Water district must hold second agm

The Beddis Waterworks District annual general meeting will be held a second time to fill one trustee seat which is still vacant.

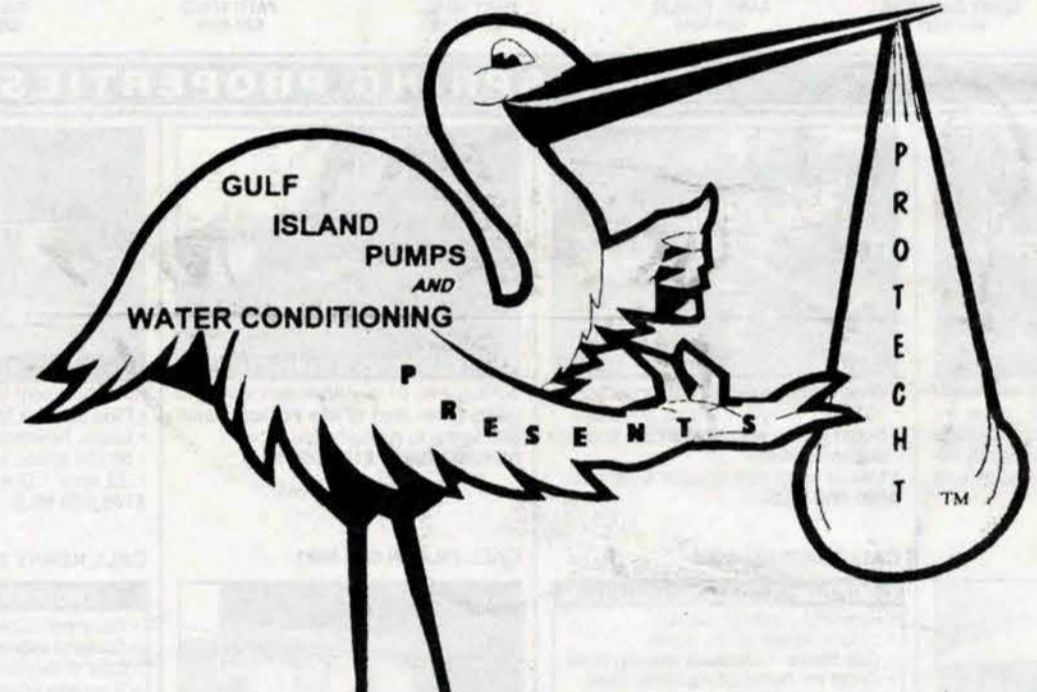
At the first AGM held last Wednesday, approximately 16 people joined the five trustees to fill two of the three positions open.

Elected were Ivan Cockett, who agreed to sit for another term, and Colin Bisset, who was elected from the floor.

Since the meeting, Christina Morrice has volunteered to fill the third position so a second special annual general meeting must be held. It will be advertised either by mail or through a notice in the Driftwood, chairman Don Stevens said.

Stevens and David Peat have two more years of their three-year terms to fulfill. The water district serves approximately 120 lots and has 140 lots in the district.

Standing down after terms on the board were Rod MacDonald and Jonathan McAstocker.



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