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## Crane accident claims life of island hero

By VALORIE LENNOX  
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Heroic efforts last Wednesday were not enough to save a Salt Spring man described by friends as a quiet hero.

A scuba diver, David Rayment received the Canadian Medal of Bravery in December 1994 for his effort to save six people trapped in the capsized Bona Vista in July 1993. Minutes after his 25-ton pile-driving crane toppled from a barge into the harbour at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, rescuers were trying to save a man many knew as a friend.

One man immediately leapt into the water but could not help, and diver Ken Perry was searching the accident scene within 10 minutes. But the collapsing crane took out the Ganges Marina fuel dock and dropped a tan-

gled wreckage 25 feet to the harbour floor. Between the wreckage, the oil and the silt stirred up by the crane, divers could not see anything.

"When I got in the water it was pitch black," Perry said. Even the light he carried did not pierce the murky water.

Ganges police, volunteer firefighters, paramedics, Coast Guard crews and divers joined in a concerted effort to save Rayment and then, as hope faded, to recover his body.

"I just feel I lost a good friend," Perry told the Driftwood Monday.

"It's such a tragic loss," said Ross Walker, a friend and business partner. "You'll never replace him. If it wasn't for the strength of the community, we couldn't carry on."

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## Five tackle questions

By VALORIE LENNOX  
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Unemployment, the environment, the pending Multilateral Agreement on Investments (MAI) and budget cuts to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) were among the issues important to island voters when approximately 240 residents gathered May 20 at Gulf Islands Secondary School to hear five of the seven federal election candidates.

Present at the all-candidates meeting organized by the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association were Liberal candidate Clark Roberts, Canadian Action Party (CAP) candidate Valerie Rampone, New Democratic Party (NDP) candidate Chuck Beyer, Green Party candidate Julia Lerner and Reform Party candidate Gary Lunn.

Progressive Conservative candidate Marilyn Loveless was unable to attend since she was recovering from

surgery. Natural Law candidate Andrew Guest was also absent.

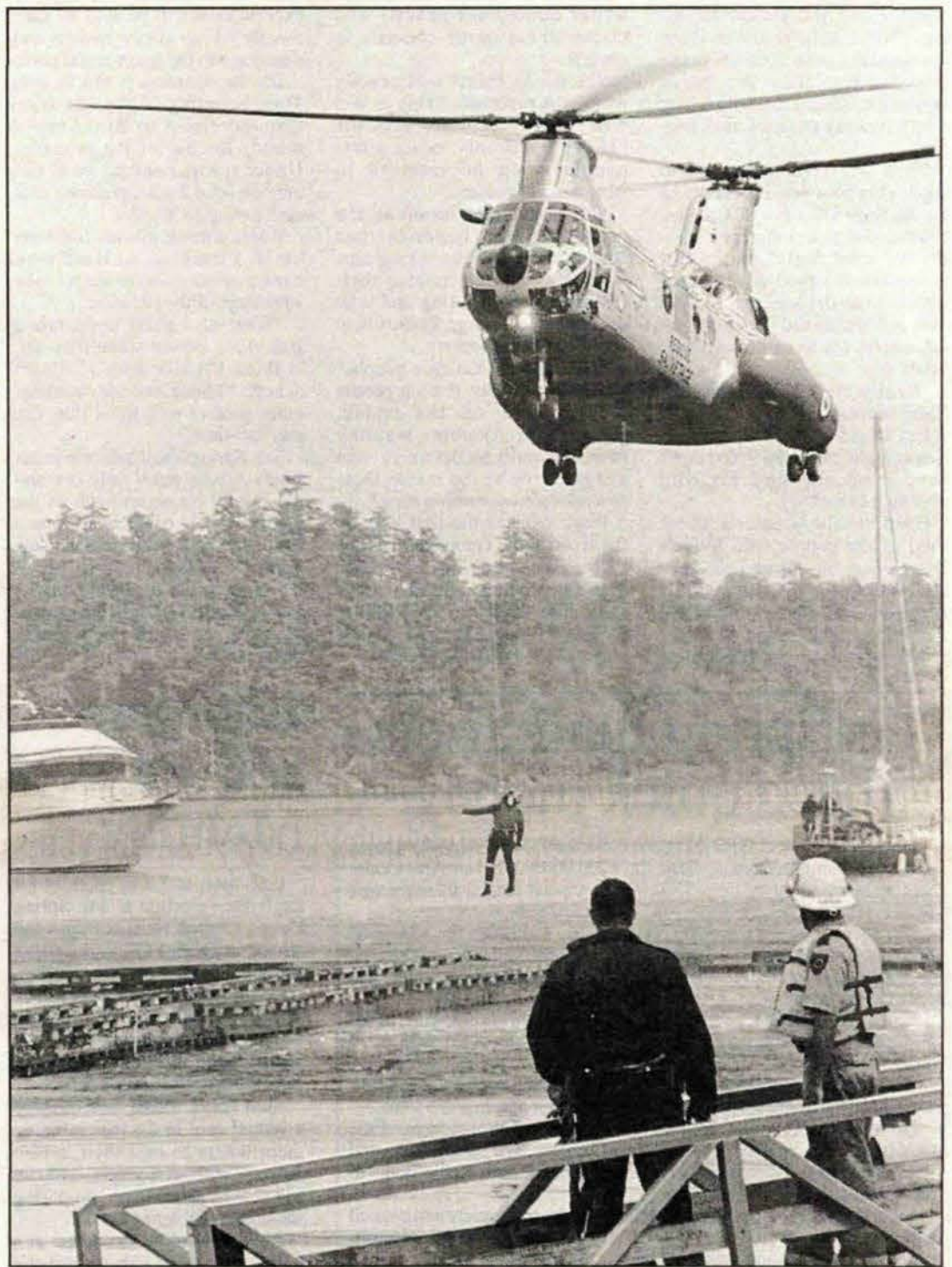
Once each of the five candidates had made an opening statement, islanders were invited to put questions to specific candidates.

The NDP and CAP candidates were asked what measures their parties would support to repair the environment and to charge corporations for damage to the environment.

Beyer said the government should live up to the commitments already made to combat global warming. If the NDP forms the government, corporations would be required to pay for the damage and to pay taxes which could be used to finance environmental clean-up.

Rampone said the environment is a top priority. Both corporations and individuals need to reduce pollution. "It begins with you," she observed, adding that corporations would be

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**RESCUE DROP:** A rescue coordinator from Comox is dropped from a 442 rescue squadron Labrador helicopter to assist local emergency crews trying to rescue Salt Spring resident

Dave Rayment, who was trapped underwater after a pile-driving crane toppled off a barge in Ganges Harbour. The helicopter arrived at 4:50 p.m., an hour after the accident.

Photo by Tony Richards

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

Vicky Shackleton's health-conscious lifestyle did not reckon with the sun and she has a hockey-puck-sized scar on her leg to prove it.

"I feel very lucky that I'm here to tell the story," says Shackleton, who had melanoma, the deadliest of skin cancers, removed from her leg last August. "I think it's a silent killer."

Shackleton, owner of the Crescent Moon Vegetarian Restaurant on Salt Spring, does not score high on an "at-risk" for skin cancer test. She has dark hair, tans easily and did not suffer sunburns

## Melanoma changes sun habits of islander diagnosed last year

as a child.

But as a youth growing up in New Zealand, where the ozone layer has thinned to a dangerous level, she spent a lot of time in the sun, never considering use of sunscreen or other protective measures.

"It wasn't an issue. Now a lot of people my age are learning that it is an issue," the 38-year-old says.

A thumbnail-sized, dark brown, purple-coloured spot had been on her leg for about five years. It never hurt, never bled — "it was never a problem" — until her partner Ed read an article on melanoma in a cycling magazine last August.

When the two compared the accompanying pictures with the spot on Shackleton's leg, they

became concerned and she contacted her physician.

Less than two weeks later she was on the operating table.

Shackleton's local doctor sent her to a dermatologist in Sidney who took a small biopsy from the spot. One week later, test results determined Shackleton's spot was melanoma.

She saw a plastic surgeon within

two days. He briefly outlined the procedure and attempted to persuade Shackleton to have the melanoma removed under a general anesthetic.

She chose to have it removed under a local anesthetic, disliking the chemicals used for a general. It took about 40 minutes.

"I had a look at the piece they took out," she recalls. "It was the size of a hockey puck and the depth went right down to the muscle."

Prior to the operation, Shackleton underwent pre-operative tests which included chest x-

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# THIS WEEK

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## Resort developer goofs with 'goofers' comment to Sun

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

What's a goofer?  
Salt Spring Island Village Resort developer Brian Hauff admitted he goofed when he described islanders as "goofers" during an interview for the Vancouver Sun.

In a May 17 article on the resort, Hauff was quoted as saying, "We're quite sensitive about the goofers who live on these islands. But they are being replaced quickly, I can tell you, by a very wealthy group of quiet people."

Hauff said he meant the term to apply only to a few opponents of his Bullock Lake resort. One has erected a large pink sign proclaiming the word "ugly" on a wharf facing Hauff's property. Another walked onto the site, picked up a rock and threatened a guard, forcing employees to call the RCMP, Hauff said.

"Really stupid, goofy stuff," Hauff summarized.

But islanders don't have to set him straight, he added. "You don't have to say anything. My wife already told me."

Hauff said he is generally very fond of the people who live on Salt Spring, who have been very civil during the dispute over his controversial development. He said his comment about wealthier people replacing existing islanders

was taken out of context when put next to the line about "goofers."

Hauff said that comment did not refer to "goofers" but to the community concern about wealthy retirees displacing existing island residents.

However, Salt Spring resident Lynne Richardson, who was quoted in the same article, said the writer quoted her exactly and placed all her quotes correctly in context.

She thinks Hauff said exactly what was reported. "This is this man's arrogance." Nor does she believe Hauff only meant a few people when he referred to islanders as "goofers."

She suspects he meant all the moderate and lower-income islanders who have been long-time residents, who are raising their families on Salt Spring and who do not have a large bankroll to invest in resort property.

"He meant all the little people," she observed. But if such people did not live on the island, Richardson doubts wealthy retirees would be drawn to visit and buy. "We're the reason these other people are coming here."

Hauff expects the first units in the resort to be completed in July. Prices have gone up by at least \$59,000 per unit. Initially, Hauff said units would be \$126,000 to \$199,000 — now he predicts they will be \$185,000 to \$325,000.

"We put an extra \$2 million into site services," he said, noting that the additional cost had to be added to the units. "They're for the quiet wealthy."

None of the units have been sold, Hauff said. Earlier reservations on units have lapsed.

Hauff is now 90 per cent sure units will be sold individually and expects most will be used by their owners for up to two months and then put into the resort rental pool.

But he wonders if the Islands Trust rezoning of the site from Commercial-4 to Rural could muddy the use of the property. Under resort zoning, units can only be used for a temporary residence of up to 30 days.

Rural zoning allows full-time use of a residence, so Hauff wonders if some buyers won't take advantage of the situation.

"What am I going to do, take a gun to the person when they say, 'I think I'll live here'?" Hauff asked. "Those are the wealthy, quiet goofers who think they can stay full-time."

Salt Spring Trust senior planner Linda Adams noted only one single-family home on each of the five properties could be used as a residence under the rural zoning. However, Adams doubted any of the units in the resort are single-family dwellings, so believes none could legally be used as a permanent residence.

## Islanders vote on Monday

Polls open at 7 a.m. Monday for the federal election at Salt Spring United Church Hall, at Fernwood school, at Central Community Hall and at Fulford school on Salt Spring.

On the Outer Islands, polls will be at Galiano Elementary School, Saturna Island Community Club, the Mayne Island agricultural hall and at Pender Island Elementary School.

Most voters should have received a voters' card in the mail advising them where to cast their ballot. Anyone without a voters card can still vote by showing up at a polling station and registering to vote.

Anyone wanting to register at a poll should bring either a driver's license or any combination of identification showing their name, current address and signature.

Seeking election as the MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands are Julia Lerner of the Green Party, Liberal Clark Roberts, New Democrat Chuck Beyer, Progressive Conservative Marilyn Loveless, Gary Lunn of the Reform Party, Canadian Action Party candidate Valerie Rampone and Andy Guest of the Natural Law Party.

Polls close at 7 p.m.

## ArtSpring fundraisers need quick money

Less than a week of fundraising has collected \$53,200 in pledged loans plus \$1,400 in donations towards the \$200,000 the Island Arts Centre Society needs to apply for a \$200,000 provincial-federal Infrastructure Works grant.

The society already has \$200,000 available and needs the additional \$200,000 to make up the \$400,000 required to obtain the grant. The total — \$600,000 — would give the society enough money to complete and open the arts centre.

"We're going to do it," said president Bob Weeden. He noted one of the pledged loans was offered and the remaining eight were lined up from 10 phone calls, a very positive response.

"In a week, we sure haven't done badly," director Bill Curtin said, adding that the building will open in the next 12 months in some form.

On Monday evening, Curtin and Weeden met with members of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (CAC), the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission and Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth to discuss the future of the arts centre.

Curtin said Tuesday morning he anticipates the community arts council will contribute towards the \$145,400 still required for the grant application. The application must be made by the end of the month.

To make a donation or pledge support, call the Island Arts Centre Society office at 537-2125 or Weeden at 537-5403.

## 'Flaming caterpillars' start blaze

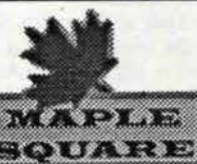
There's a new fire hazard in the islands and it's one that was blamed for a fire in a barn on Oakspring Road on Salt Spring May 18.

Fire department spokesman Erling Jorgensen said "flaming caterpillar syndrome" started

the afternoon fire, which caused only minor damage.

Jorgensen urged islanders to be careful when destroying tent caterpillars with a torch.

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# ACCIDENT

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Divers did not locate Rayment's body until just before 6 p.m. Wednesday, his ankle pinned between the crane's tread and the sunken dock.

"It was a real heroic effort," summarized Andy Howell, acting officer-in-charge for the Ganges Coast Guard. Disregarding usual procedure, Coast Guard director of operations for the Pacific Region Terry Tebb authorized the local crew and the hovercraft to spend extra time at the scene after Howell explained the impact of the accident on the community.

A shocked crowd lined Lower Ganges Road overlooking the harbour during the first few hours after the accident.

Recovery efforts continued unsuccessfully until 4 a.m. Thursday, supplemented by a second hovercraft from the Lower Mainland.

"It seemed like every 30 minutes the divers would come up and say, 'I think we're going to get him,'" Howell recalled. But air jacks, crowbars, the Jaws of Life and fire axes were used in vain — every effort to budge the wreckage was futile.

Early Thursday evening a crane from Fraser River Pile Driving arrived on the scene to lift the wreckage, allowing the RCMP dive team to recover the body shortly before 9 p.m.

An investigation into the accident by the Workers' Compensation Board is continuing.

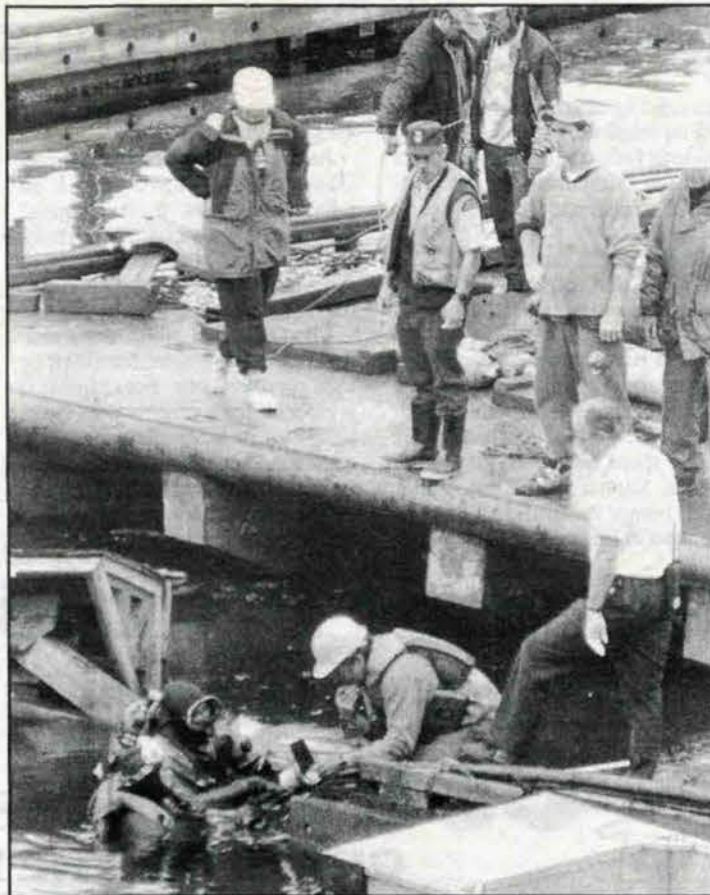
By Saturday, flowers were being placed on Lower Ganges Road, overlooking the accident site in Ganges Harbour. This Thursday a memorial service will be held at 160 Sharp Road, starting at 1 p.m., for friends and acquaintances. Those attending are asked to bring any of Rayment's creations they own to display at the service.

Friends are also organizing a foundation for small businesses on the island which will be established in Rayment's name.

A mix of artist and adventurer, he was known both for his beautifully turned wooden bowls and for his enterprising spirit, which led him to restore aircraft and fly to remote glaciers and west coast beaches with his partner Peggy Frank.

A week before his death, Rayment had purchased a third airplane which he planned to restore.

Bill Curtin described Rayment as a fine artisan and a man who quietly did



**SEARCHING:** Rescue workers talk to local divers who arrived within minutes Wednesday to search Ganges Harbour after a pile-driving crane fell off a barge, shown above, and into 25 feet of water, trapping Salt Spring resident Dave Rayment. Behind the divers floats the roof of the fuel dock while two other emergency workers stand on what remains of the dock, which was smashed by the falling crane. By Saturday, below, a stand laden with flowers overlooked the harbour in a memorial tribute to Rayment.

Photos by Valerie Lennox and Derrick Lundy

much good work in the community. "They were an amazingly adventurous and live-on-the-edge of humanity couple," he said of Rayment and Frank.

Dubbed "Indiana Dave," Rayment enjoyed fishing and hunting, was a competitive marksman, community volunteer, fisherman, diver, pilot, welder, vintner and more. He seemed to have a knack for building or fixing almost anything.

"He was one of those guys who wore jeans and a T-shirt and drove a diesel truck. He always had a big smile and twinkling eyes and a heart so big that it touched everyone he met," noted friend Jacky Booth.

Although honoured for risking his life to rescue the Bona Vista victims, Booth noted Rayment rarely talked about the incident or the medal of bravery he received.

At the time of the accident, Rayment was putting in pilings for new wharves at Ganges Marina. Rayment and Walker established Island Marine Construction in May 1995 by combining a Salt Spring and a Mayne Island company.

Walker reported two other Island Marine Construction employees narrowly escaped injury, leaping out of the way as the crane crashed down on the fuel dock.

Yet they and others still stayed on the site both to help with the rescue effort and to clean up the oil and debris



in the harbour. Rayment also operated his own welding business, specializing in aluminum welding, and had been a fisherman and craftsman. Booth said Rayment had been involved with several small businesses during his 10 years on the island and knew how difficult it was to raise capital for such ventures. She said a foundation to help the development of small businesses on Salt Spring seemed a fitting memorial for a man who had started more than one small business on the island. Donations can be sent to the Salt Spring Island Foundation, 2-101 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2S5 and directed to the Dave Rayment Salt Spring Island Small Business Development Fund.



Dave Rayment

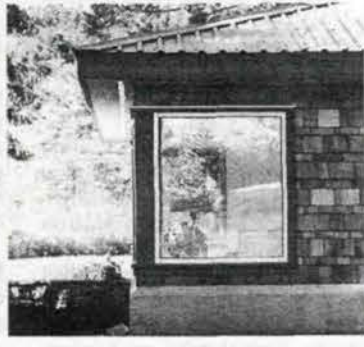
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# Ganges residents taking action in fight against 'gunnits'

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

"Gunnits" who use residential Ganges streets as combination drag strips and trick driving tracks are drawing the ire of the Ganges Residents' Association (GRA) and extra attention from Ganges RCMP.

Police are making more frequent patrols through the area, noted Const. Gerard Choquette, and have managed to get the driving licences of two repeat offenders lifted by the motor vehicle branch.

Residents have asked the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to install speed bumps to slow down traffic. So far, Transportation Minister Lois Boone has turned down their request, pointing out that speed bumps can distract drivers, wear out vehicle suspensions and steering prematurely, are hard on motorcycles and bicycles, and create snow removal problems.

Resident Herb Burnett feels those are not good enough reasons to put people at the mercy of drivers who race around Park Drive, Kanaka Road, Lakeview Crescent, Swanson Road and Desmond Crescent like heroes in a movie chase scene.

"The kids are seeing this stuff in these action-packed movies and they think it is real," Burnett observed. "These people are not bright."

Residents' experiences with reckless drivers include:

- A 10-year-old girl almost hit by a driver who played "chicken" with the child last September;

- Teens driving along Park Drive towing an old armchair in which one teen was riding. As their car rounded a corner, the chair swung out into the path of an oncoming car, which

braked abruptly to avoid a collision;

- A car sliding sideways down a driveway off Desmond Crescent, missing a vehicle parked in the driveway by inches.

"It's amazing they didn't roll the thing and kill themselves," Burnett said, adding that the problem has existed since the road was paved, shortly after he moved into the area in 1983.

A just-completed survey of area residents produced 84 signatures of people who agreed that dangerous driving and speeding is a serious problem on their streets — along with a host of complaints about accidents, near-misses and noise.

Park Drive residents Daniel and Laura Kent say they are woken up every Friday and Saturday night by the noise of racing vehicles, squealing tires and spraying gravel as drivers test their prowess at cutting corners and spinning doughnuts.

In the past three and a half years, Daniel Kent has come to recognize some of the drivers, vehicles and licence plates, which many residents are now recording and passing on to police.

"Since I've been here I've attended two accidents — one of which was a head-on — I've lost a pet cat, I've had to dispose of someone else's family pet which had been killed and I saw a little girl almost get hit," he summarized. "Somebody is going to be hurt one day — it's going to be an innocent bystander."

The area is residential with narrow roads flanked by homes and many hidden driveways. On a sunny day, the streets are thick with children and pedestrians.

But Daniel Kent notes some par-

ents don't let their children ride bicycles on neighbourhood streets. Some residents have confronted the drivers but been intimidated by the teens and 20-somethings who are usually the drivers.

Burnett points out that as soon as one generation outgrows the doughnut-cutting stage, another group roars in.

Laura Kent said the residents want sloping speed bumps like those used in B.C. Ferries terminals, which have little impact on cars and drivers at low speed but which jar at high speeds. She recalls seeing similar speed bumps installed on a residential street in Edmonton which imme-

diately slowed traffic heading along the road to a local college.

As an alternative to speed bumps, Ganges RCMP have passed on information about "traffic calming" measures. Landscaped traffic circles and abutments, narrow roads, raised surfaces and altering road texture or colour can slow traffic.

Choquette said police share residents' concerns but are hampered by legal considerations. For example, it is difficult for a civilian who is not practised in estimating speeds to convince a court that he or she saw a car exceeding the speed limit.

"We often cannot do much unless we witness it (the offence) our-

selves," Choquette said. Police are meeting with the GRA to find ways to resolve the problem, from traffic calming to calming drivers.

Choquette said the main problem is a small group of immature drivers who have no regard for other people on the road. "The main reason these drivers speed excessively, lay rubber or do doughnuts is to impress their peers.

"We're not going to stop working on this until it is no longer a problem," Choquette said. Education is the best solution, he added. "I want to see these people become aware of the danger they're posing to other people on the road."

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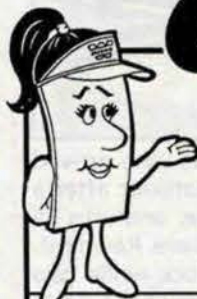


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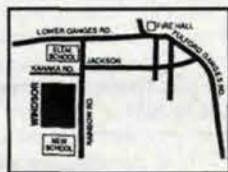
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## Grants-in-aid meetings held by island officials

Two meetings have been held to iron out guidelines for distributing the \$53,000 Capital Regional District (CRD) grants-in-aid budget for Salt Spring.

Present at the first meeting May 12 were Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth, her alternate Allisen Lambert and Salt Spring Trust Committee members Bev Byron and David Borrowman. A second meeting was held Monday.

"We're going to keep at it until we feel we've got it right," Booth said, adding that she hopes to get the guidelines in place as soon as possible so grants can be awarded.

"We're making progress," Booth reported. "I would say we're getting close." Another meeting will be held next Monday.

Once the guidelines are drafted, Booth said they will be publicized and groups invited to apply for grants.

Groups which have already applied will be invited to add any additional information relevant to the new guidelines.

Booth explained earlier that she wanted to draft guidelines to ensure the grant-in-aid money is distributed to benefit the greatest number of people.



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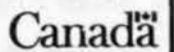
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Following a flurry of damage to election signs, Ganges RCMP are warning islanders that is illegal under the Elections Act to deface such signs.

Under section 267 of the Elections Act, summary or indictable charges can be laid against election sign vandals. Summarily, the penalty is a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or up to one year in jail.

If the vandal is charged with an indictable offence, the penalty is payment of up to \$5,000 and/or up to five years in jail.

In other police news:

• Ganges RCMP are looking for information from the community regarding a vehicle stolen from a residence on Beaver Point Road during the night last Friday.

Missing is a 1984 white Toyota van with the license number GAL 713.

• A 23-year-old Salt Spring man was issued a 24-hour driving suspension after police followed up on a possible impaired driver tip.

The suspension was handed out at about 7 p.m. Saturday.

• Salt Spring produced some unhappy campers last week.

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## Sex offender forum pinpoints community frustration levels

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff  
First of two parts

Anger and frustration marked the sometimes emotional questions posed by islanders to panelists of a sex offender forum held in Ganges last week.

Close to 100 people attended the forum which looked at sex offenders, their victims and their relationships to the communities in which they live.

Emotions ran high toward the end of the evening as islanders expressed frustration at their inability to gain official information about sex offenders living in the community.

One woman left the forum after panel members were unable to answer her question. She said her daughter wanted to know the probationary terms of a sex offender living in her neighbourhood with whom she frequently comes into contact.

"Is he allowed to approach her? She needs to know this."

None of the panel members were, by law, permitted to provide this information.

Although probationary terms are public information contained in court registries and often published in newspapers, anyone wanting to access them must know the offender's court file number and the jurisdiction in which the court decision was made.

"The information is out there, but it is difficult to get," noted audience member Bob McWhirter, citing clipping services as another potential avenue for obtaining information.

Chris Bradley, also in the audience, noted that a woman in Courtenay is currently compiling a sex offender registry through private means.

But when it comes to official avenues: "I'm not even allowed to disclose the identity of a client," said Salt Spring probation officer Russ Flower. "If you think you have (a sex offender) in the neighbourhood, get busy learning how to protect yourself."

Although tips on protecting fami-

lies from sexual predators comprised a large part of the forum (more next week), many people expressed feelings of betrayal by a system which seems to protect the offenders.

Ganges RCMP Sergeant Cliff Doherty said federal legislation which governs the RCMP ties his hands in providing the community with information on offenders. Municipal police have the ability to "spread the word," but the Privacy Act prohibits federal police officers from disclosing any personal information contained in RCMP files.

There are exceptions to this ruling, said Doherty: a sergeant can prepare a persuasive case to his commanding officer who might then decide the "public interest outweighs the invasion of privacy."

**... new statistics are showing that about 20 per cent of sex crimes against children are committed by women...**

To make such a case, Doherty must document why he believes the offender will re-offend, why he thinks the community should know about it and what he believes the offender's reaction to publicity would be — would it drive him underground? Doherty must also provide a case history of the offender.

Although the process involves a lot of work, Doherty said he is willing to take those steps if necessary. "If (community members) have a concern, they should come forward and see if we can start the process."

Richard Laws, a forensic psychologist with a sex offender treatment program in Victoria, described another tactic communities can take when dealing with sex offenders living among them. "Circles of support" offer ongoing support to sex offenders who, through treatment

programs, have learned to identify their own risk factors.

In this scenario, sex offenders return to communities and gather a support net, "informing partners, family members, bosses, business associates — here's what I look like when I'm falling to pieces," Laws said.

Those who are close to the sex offender can help him identify the danger signs and prevent him from re-offending. However, Laws said, most sex offenders do not want to engage themselves in this type of program.

Although asked to present a "sex offender profile," Laws said there "aren't profiles — (sex offenders) vary enormously in age and psychological profile."

He did say the vast majority of sex offenders (about 80 per cent) are male. However, new statistics are showing that about 20 per cent of sex crimes against children are committed by women.

"I have long felt there were more female (sex offenders) out there," Laws said.

He added that most of society's awareness of sexual offenders is framed by the media which typically documents the most serious and violent cases. "These are not representative of sexual offenders."

In 95 per cent of the cases, the offender is known to the victim; 50 per cent of sexual crimes are committed by family members. Adults make up two-thirds of known sex offenders.

"The media would also have us believe that 80 to 90 per cent re-offend," Laws said. Actually, in incest cases for example, the re-offence rate averages between four and 10 per cent. The re-offence rate of sex crimes against children by non-family members is between 10 and 40 per cent.

He noted that, comparatively, the re-offence rate in domestic violence is much higher.

Laws also said that most sex offenders have deeply entrenched attitudes and beliefs. Treatment can make them change, he said, "but to make them believe that it just ain't nice ... that's the hardest part of all."

## Southenders discuss 'potholes on potholes'

South end islanders who gathered for the annual general meeting of the South Salt Spring Residents Association last Thursday may have arrived by way of one of the topics of discussion: south end roads.

There was a general discussion on roads in the south end, including Beaver Point and Stewart roads. "Potholes on potholes" was how newly-elected president Hank Doerksen described the road conditions.

Also at the meeting, Kathy Reimer reported on a project which employs fishermen from the community.

Elected to the executive along with Doerksen were vice-president Mike Byron, secretary Anne Humphries, treasurer Stan Teitge and directors Gary Holman and Jan Van Stolk.

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## Road painting in June

The painters are coming. Crosswalks and yellow road lines should re-appear in Ganges in June, according to Ministry of Transportation and Highways spokesman Norm Bennett. A funding proposal for the work was submitted about two weeks ago and should be approved soon, he said. Some changes will also be made to the crosswalk situation. The one which connects Harlan's to the edge of Centennial Park will not be repainted because of limited visibility to drivers round-

ing the Fulford-Ganges and Lower Ganges roads corner, he said. A crosswalk connecting Rainbow Road and The Fishery will be added for the benefit of school students. Capital Regional District director Kellie Booth said changes to crosswalks around the traffic island across from Pharmasave, and connecting McPhillips Avenue to the fire hall were also in the plans, but Bennett could not confirm that information last week.

## Cat question for animal activists

The subject of carnivorous cats has surfaced in a Canadian magazine. A tongue-in-cheek letter to this newspaper earlier this month extolled the hunting abilities of the writer's cats. That letter sparked a series of others in response. But debate on the subject is not confined to Salt Spring. Islander Bruce Mills furnished the Driftwood with a copy of Outdoor Canada magazine, in which Rob Halpin of Elmwood, Ontario, raises a question arising from his cat's hunting habits.

"I have a question that arises from the letter entitled 'Death and murder' in the November/December 1996 issue. I have a house cat that I feed daily. I use the best food money can buy. But the cat continues to leave dead mice on my doorstep. I have left the mice for days, but the cat won't eat them. It appears that my cat enjoys hunting for sport. This leaves me wondering. "Since this is 'natural' sport hunting, would it be proper to mount these little mice heads on the wall above the cat dish? Could someone from the animal-rights lobby please answer this?"

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# OPINION

## Monday's decision

With less than one week remaining before we cast our ballots in the June 2 federal election, we can avoid the issue no longer. It is time to put aside our daily routine and address the matter of Monday's decision.

Being a vote that need not have been called, it will be tempting for many to avoid the process altogether, but that would be unwise. In too many places around the world the opportunity to cast a ballot is denied; the freedom to choose one's government does not exist.

On June 2 we have the opportunity to participate in a process that is beyond the reach of people in countries such as China or Zaire. It is our responsibility to use it, as much as we might find the timing of this election distasteful. It is not a necessary election, but a politically-motivated squandering of public funds and a sharp reminder that this country is run not by visionary leaders but by crass opportunists.

Now to the question: for whom should we vote?

From the foregoing it should be obvious that our first choice is not the Liberal Party of Prime Minister Jean Chretien, though the record of the Liberal government since 1993 is not all bad. The Liberals' greatest achievement is having won the war against the deficit. Granted, many Canadians have been hurt by the cuts in spending which the war has wrought. But bringing federal spending under control after too many years of incompetent fiscal management could not have been accomplished without inflicting pain.

However, this is an election in which voters of Saanich-Gulf Islands have an opportunity to cast a strategic ballot. A vote for the Liberals' Clark Roberts would very likely give us an MP on the government side of the House but to what avail? A backbencher in the House of Commons might as well be a parliamentary janitor for all the influence he or she has. And we would like to think that voters would prefer to put the needs of the country ahead of local concerns.

Of the remaining candidates we are left with two viable choices, the Conservatives' Marilyn Loveless and the Reform Party's Gary Lunn. (We would like to include the New Democrats' Chuck Beyer but his party must first re-examine policies that date back to a different era, to a time when profligate spending got us in today's mess. Until then, the NDP will remain a shrill voice on the sidelines, rather than the constructive influence it once was.)

So what strategy might we adopt, as the Liberals appear headed to form the government once again? Conservative leader Jean Charest has made great gains in this campaign but are they enough to allow his party to form the Opposition? We think not, especially considering Charest's support for distinct society status for Quebec, a position that will cost him votes in the West.

And Charest's response to Reform leader Preston Manning's outspoken position on national unity is no less galling than that of Jean Chretien and the NDP's Alexa McDonough. Given that government has little control over job creation but a lot of control over keeping or losing a country, national unity is a subject about which we should hear more from those who would lead us. And we're hearing precious little from anyone except Preston Manning.

His party's campaign to draw attention to the unity issue has drawn ridiculous accusations of hate-mongering. For Westerners, Reform's stand is simply a plainly-stated reaffirmation of the party's longstanding vision of a country whose provinces are equal and treated as such by the central government. It is a reminder that only one party is prepared to stand up to those Quebec politicians who would give nought for Canada.

The Liberal Party looks to be a clear winner next Monday, though it's doubtful Chretien will win a majority. Either way, the party most likely to win Official Opposition status is Reform. That, to our mind, would be the most desirable outcome of an election that should never have been called.

## A long night

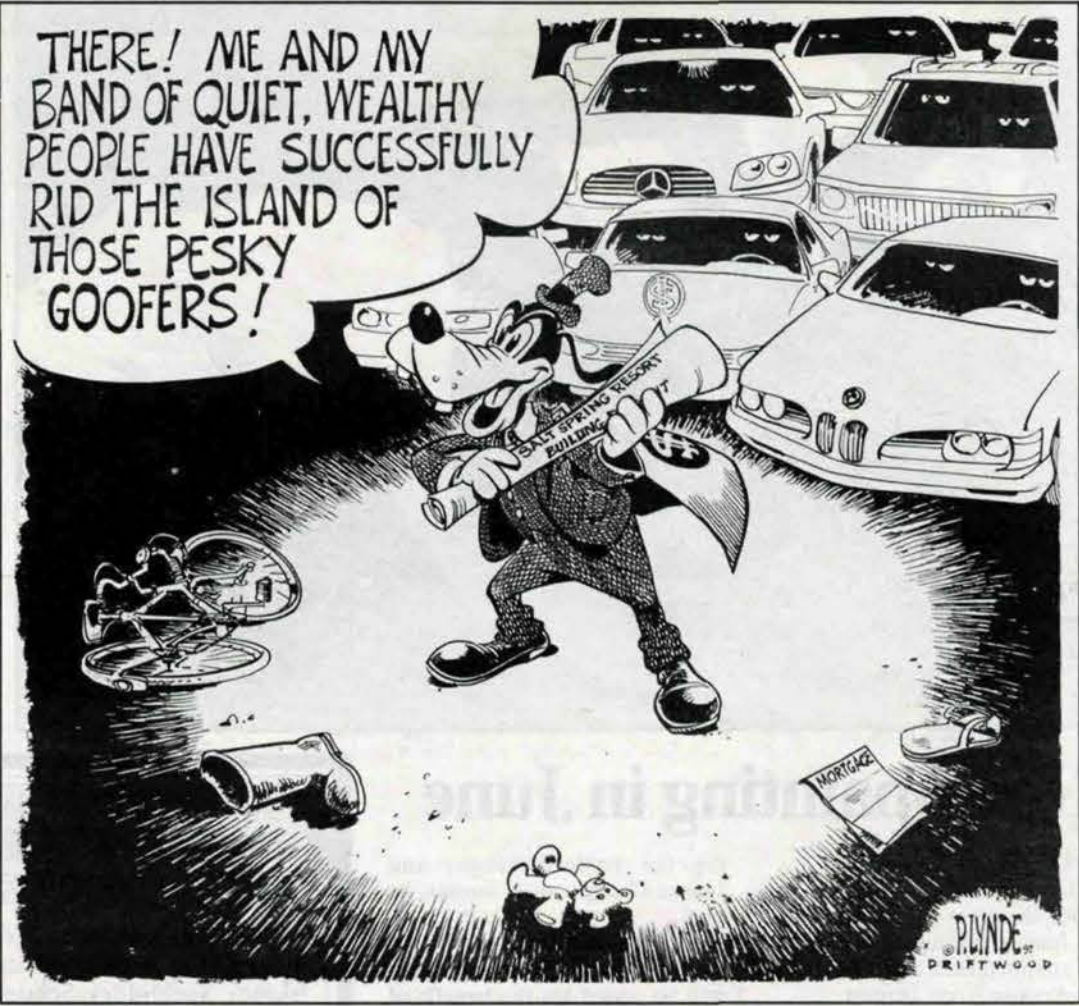
We know one thing the 1997 graduates of Gulf Islands Secondary School have learned from their years of toil: patience.

The 100-plus students demonstrated that virtue to the limit Saturday night as they sat unflinching in their finery for almost three hours as graduation ceremonies slowly rumbled on.

There was too much talk that won't have any impact on the students because of where and when it was presented.

The ceremony's length also stressed Pender Island families who had a date with a 10 p.m. water taxi and only made it home because one of them left the school early and held the boat for the rest.

Next year the grad committee might want to put a realistic time limit on speakers and let students practise patience in more important ways.



## Canada's cultural labour force is creating the country's future

By BILL HENDERSON

To our local federal election candidates:

We all know that creative work ... art, music, architecture and so on, has cultural value. We know that the arts express and help to define our culture for ourselves and the rest of the world. We've all been told that culture is important. Yet somehow ... for many people, culture remains an intangible, distant, almost other-worldly concept.

There is in fact a very simple, concrete value to creative work. It sells.

I was recently in Venice, Italy. There, the creative works of long-dead artists and musicians put food on virtually every table in the city. Every hotelier, restaurateur, gondolier, curator, travel agent, policeman, cabbie and airline in Italy owes at least a portion of their livelihood to the creative work of people who have been dead for hundreds of years.

Here's one way that our own cultural expressions create income for Canadians: free of charge to our business leaders, Canadian cultural workers like Bryan Adams, Margaret Atwood, Emily Carr, Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Robert Bateman, Alanis Morissette, Bruno Gerusi, Randy Bachman, Valdy (to name but a few) have done years of advance promotion that has familiarized the rest of the world with Canadians. Long before "Team Canada" first set foot on foreign soil, our artists were generating honour and respect for Canada and all things Canadian. How fortunate for Canadian businesses marketing their products and services overseas that they have the shoulders of Canadian artists to stand on.

Our cultural sector generates over a million jobs with an annual economic impact of \$42 billion. In B.C., 43,000 people earn their living in the cultural sector. In 1992-93 the economic return on government expenditures on arts and culture was nearly \$24 billion, four times the amount of expenditures. In 1994-95, per capita federal government expenditure in support of all arts and cultural activities was \$63.57 per capita or 1.54 per cent of total federal

spending (down from 2.47 per cent in 1989-90.)

Many residents of the Saanich/Gulf Islands riding work in the cultural sector and are anxious to get answers from you, the candidates, on certain questions.

- Cultural sovereignty. What would you do to update Canada's cultural policies, programs and regulations (Canadian content regulations, cultural exemption in NAFTA, foreign ownership restrictions, Canada Council grants, etc.) to strengthen Canadian cultural sovereignty? What is your party's position on the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment?

- New technologies. Artists and cultural entrepreneurs are creating the most innovative work in new technologies. What steps would your government take to ensure a strong Canadian voice on new distribution systems? What about copyright protection for cultural works on the Internet?

- Support of national cultural institutions. The Canada Council has been seriously undermined in recent years. What would your government do to regain the confidence of artists in the council? What would your party do to ensure that the CBC budget is adequate to fulfill its mandate?

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*Bill Henderson is a well-known Canadian musician living on Salt Spring Island.*



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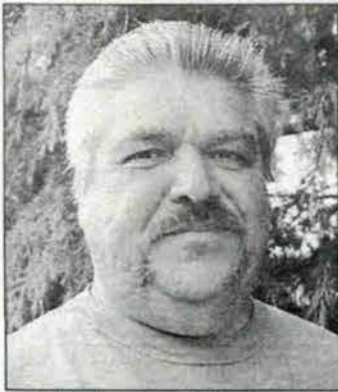
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**We Asked: Do you feel your vote is worthwhile?**



**Rodney Filtness**

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**Kay Booth**

*Oh yes, definitely. If somebody took it away from me I'd be mad as hell.*



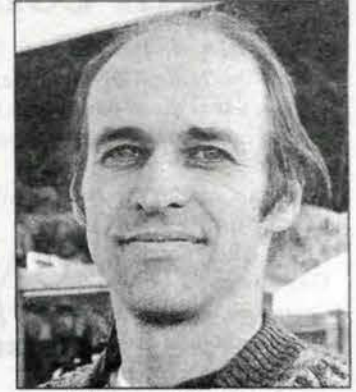
**Joy Johnsen**

*I think it's hazardous because who, in the whole of Canada, is worthy of the office and will be honest and forthright in dealing with Canadians?*



**Lou Ellis**

*I have a mixed mind so far. I'm starting to believe any government, no matter what political affiliation, doesn't really work for the general public.*



**Simon Rompre**

*I don't know to what extent it makes a difference but until the outcome of the elections, it is difficult to know that.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Twin facts

I attended the all-candidates meeting last week and was disappointed with some of the silly and trivial questions from members of the audience: to wit — the inadequacy of the local post office or why more money was offered to the francophone than to the Commonwealth games.

The question Preston Manning has forced to the forefront, that of national unity, was all but ignored.

I find it deplorable and despicable and it probably is an act of desperation that pandering to the ignorance and bigotry of some westerners on the subject of Quebec is the tack that the "moral" Manning has taken.

Manning stresses that all provinces should be treated equally — certainly a motherhood slogan — but as we in B.C. know to our horror, mothers (and fathers too) sometimes abuse their children and have even been known to kill them. Acceptance of this simplistic approach on "equality" is certainly an abuse of Canada and may even kill the country as we know it and the one many of us love.

Manning rejects two indisputable facts. Quebec is both a distinct society and already has special status. Even Premier Ralph Klein in a rebuke to Manning's party has stated that Quebec is unique among the

provinces.

Quebec is distinct because it is the only province in which our first national language, French, is the mother tongue of 80 per cent of the population. Distinct because it has a code of civil laws different from other provinces; distinct because its vibrant culture with heavy support for the arts makes Quebec City our most important historic city (St. Johns and Halifax notwithstanding) and Montreal our most exciting and interesting city.

Quebec already has special status. It is the only province with a guaranteed number of judges on the Supreme Court, the only province with control over its immigration and the only province with its own pension plan, parallel to but not identical with the Canada Pension Plan.

As a fundamentalist, Manning finds it easy to reject the fact of evolution. So it is probably easy for him to dismiss and distort the twin facts that Quebec is not only distinct but already has special status. Recognizing these in the constitution may ensure Canada continues to be united; rejecting these will probably lead to its breakup. History will treat Manning as a marginal but nevertheless a negative and divisive bit player.

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# Germany provides useful comparisons

**VICTORIA** — I'm just back from a brief visit to Germany to attend the funeral of my sister-in-law. And even though the occasion was a sad one, I was able to do a little travelling and gather impressions that bear some fascinating comparisons to Canada.

As in Canada, the No. 1 political issue in Germany is jobs. The re-unification of the two Germanys a few years ago, followed by the near total collapse of the economy in the former communist part, is stressing Germany's social and economic fabric to the breaking point.

The country that had to import foreign workers by the millions 30 years ago to feed its economic miracle and considered four per cent unemployment unacceptable is now reeling under the impact of a 12-per-cent jobless rate in the western part and 18 per cent in what used to be East Germany.

Cuts to social services are deeper than those imposed on Canadians. Health care is a constant political battle ground. Pensions are being slashed. Taxes are going up.

Still, Germany's exports are at an all-time high. What's missing is consumer confidence. People are refusing to buy cars, refrigerators, stoves, clothes and everything else in the quantities necessary to keep the internal economy healthy.

Many Canadians think that environmental organizations put the kibosh on development and progress. They ain't seen nothing yet.

There is a nuclear reactor in Koblenz, a mid-sized city at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle. It was built some 17 years ago to provide badly-needed electric energy. It is considered the safest and most modern in Europe, but it has not produced one kilowatt of power.

Shortly after completion, environmental groups went to court to have it shut down. And ever since, the issue has been tied up in the courts.

Meanwhile, it is costing taxpayers \$500,000 a day to keep the reactor maintained and completely staffed with some 400 people. They could fire the thing up and have it feed energy into the grid within two hours.

If the eventual outcome of the issue is a supreme court order to dismantle the reactor, the land or province of Rhineland Palatine is expected to go bankrupt.

On another environmental front, Greenpeace has done an effective job of drawing the German public's attention to what it considers unacceptable forest practices in British Columbia.

A lot of ordinary people I talked to are convinced that we rape and pillage our forests. I also talked to a forester who was in B.C. earlier this year, inspected a lot of forestry operations and told me that Greenpeace is wrong.

But politicians rarely listen to experts. They listen to pressure groups and we can expect more opposition to German lumber imports from British Columbia.

Part of the opposition to our forest practices comes from the realization that Canada is one of the few places that has some old growth left. Even though two-thirds of Germany, one of the world's most industrialized nations, is covered with forests, they are not like our forests. German forests are highly-managed. There hasn't been any old growth for hundreds of years.

Germans come to Canada to experience a real forest. On my return trip the plane was packed with Germans, all looking forward to a two or three-week trip by camper through beautiful British Columbia. They want to see our forests, not our forestry.

Like it or not, in today's global thinking, more and more people believe they have a rightful stake in the planet's wonders, no matter where they are. And British Columbia's forests are fast becoming the proprietary property of international environmentalism and consciousness.

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## CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



# More letters

## Real agenda

I have noticed signs adjacent to Reform party posters saying "No more French Canadian prime ministers."

Am I to assume then that French Canadians are not to be part of Canada and that full separation is the real agenda of Reform?

If this is what many refer to as a grassroots party then someone is using the wrong fertilizer.

STAN TEITGE,  
Fulford

## Fooled all

How clever!  
What a clever piece of writing (Hunters, May 7 Driftwood letter by Nicolas Mai).

As a long-time admirer of the art of being facetious, never in my wildest moments did I ever think that one could fool so many people all at the same time. We do take things much too seriously too much of the time and with April 1 being so infrequent, we need all the help we can get.

Keep up the good work.  
HERB HAHN,  
Secret Island

## Wonderful man

Dave Rayment was a wonderful man.

He brought energy and enthusiasm to everything he did. He was involved with our 4-H club as a leader and brought a great deal of knowledge and excitement to the poultry project, especially when he flew to pick up the new chicks and landed in his field with all the children and their families waiting for their birds.

The Rayment Enterprises Perpetual Trophy for Best Poultry Entry that he donated will be only one of the many ways we will remember Dave. We were very fortunate to share time with Dave and he will be deeply missed.

KAREN HILLIS and  
Salt Spring Island  
4-H Community Club

## Outer limits

This letter is being written to address the problem of reckless driving in the streets of Ganges.

Day after day and well into the night, the neighbours of Ganges must listen while show-offs in fast cars tear around town, spin doughnuts, rip up the school yards and parking lots, all with no concern for those on the streets around them. I can ignore the odd incident, but it seems a day doesn't go by now without some fool testing the outer limits of his driving skills on our residential streets.

I appreciate that life on Salt Spring can be boring for some and a powerful engine can be an addictive rush. However, we all share a responsibility to not act in a way dangerous to those around us. The driver's licence that society allows each of us to earn can and should be taken from us if we fail to drive safely.

I recently attended a meeting of Ganges residents and discovered how large an issue this is amongst

my neighbours. I also learned that there is a movement afoot to ensure that the actions and plate numbers of dangerous drivers are noted and reported to those who can take a licence away. The neighbourhood has the right and the responsibility to protect itself.

So, if you are one of those who feels above the law in your capaci-

ty as a car owner, don't be surprised if you have your licence taken away from you.

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RON COOKE,  
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**New pet**

Ayja Golder and mom Melanie Golder are unable to resist taking home their first kitten. "Oya" was selected from a batch of kittens being given away in the Saturday market at Centennial Park.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

**More letters**

**Driving force**

Perhaps it was an oversight or a clerical error, but I was surprised that my wife's name was not included in the May 21 issue's mention of our donation for the great blue heron colony.

Bitgit is actually the main driving force in our family for helping conservation and other worthy causes. All of our efforts in this direction are done as a team.

**ROBERT BATEMAN,**  
Salt Spring

**Country life**

In appreciation of the style of Nicholas Mai and apologies to Kenneth Graham's Wind in the Willows:

How fortunate we were to arrive on Salt Spring Island some years ago to find our collective paradise enhanced by the frontier spirit.

We found that cars could be unlicensed, we could cut our own firewood from Crown lands or parks, like toad on his motorbike we could tear up and down country roads creating our own clouds, we could create as much garbage as we pleased — someone would take it away — we could shop 'til we dropped.

Oh, the country life — open spaces, clear-cut, clean air and diesel fumes, the peace of bird-song and cowbells and mowers and chainsaws.

At the end of the day we could inhale a little home-grown, or sip some homebrew to dull the strained senses, to rise sometime the next day to release the boundless energy of our large dog on the neighbours' sheep and in the rosy glow of a new serial relationship we know someone else will deal with the bloody aftermath and the burn-out and the family breakdown. Laissez-faire! Carpe diem!

Perhaps tonight I will scale my neighbour's five-foot fence and browse to my heart's content. In his trust in his community, he has neglected to put up a "no trespassing" sign.

**ANNE HUMPHRIES,**  
Beaver Point

**Proud goofer**

In a recent article in the

Vancouver Sun, Brian Hauff, the developer of the resort on Bullock Lake, stated that he is sensitive to the "goofers" that live on the Gulf Islands but goes on to reassure prospective investors that these are rapidly being replaced by a group of very wealthy, quiet people.

Well, I am proud to be a goofer living here in Gooferville and if Mr. Hauff is planning to improve our lot I wish him ill in his endeavour.

It was Thoreau who said that a man's true wealth is best measured by the things he can afford to leave alone. If Mr. Hauff will agree to leave our Gulf Islands alone, I will judge him to be a truly wealthy man.

**JOHN FULKER,**  
Upper Ganges Road

**Chor Leoni**

I trust the rest of the gratifyingly large crowd enjoyed the Chor Leoni concert last

Saturday as much as I did.

The men (all tall, for some strange reason) sang magnificently, especially when singing a cappella, when their intonation was impeccable. It was particularly nice to have a clarinet accompanying them.

The most fun bit was a piece by R. Murray Schafer, Canada's leading avant-garde composer, complete with off-key, real human howling wolves!

The only thing that marred the evening was the uncomfortable warmth, which caused an old lady to require the attendance of three doctors — in the middle of an item, yet! Don't worry, she's all right, I last saw her being whisked away in the ambulance.

I hope they come back again and again and again ... but we need a better venue. Roll on, ArtSpring!

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# ELECTION '97

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## All-Candidates Meeting

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expected to contribute to cleaning up the environment.

Liberal Roberts was asked about the government reducing taxes on a health hazard like tobacco while cutting funding to a unifying force like the CBC.

Roberts said taxes on tobacco were reduced in order to curb the underground importation of cigarettes from the United States into Ontario and Quebec.

Although he was disappointed by the budget cuts to the CBC, Roberts said, the Liberal government inherited a deficit mess and had to make cuts throughout government in order to eliminate the deficit.

He hoped funding to the CBC could be increased once the deficit is under control.

Beyer said the CBC is a tie between the French and English people of Canada which should never be privatized. CBC radio and television let people in one part of the country learn what is happening elsewhere, he added.

Lunn said the Reform Party believes there are many cultures included in Canada but that it is up to individuals to protect their culture. With a \$600-billion debt, Lunn said, the government cannot be expected to protect culture when it must also protect services like health care.

Reform does not support government financing of the CBC, but Lunn said that if he hears that many people want the CBC preserved, he would take that message to Ottawa.

Candidates were also asked about the social imbalance developing in the country, with record wealth contrasted with increasing poverty; record corporate profits and high unemployment.

New Democrat Beyer said Canada has been run on the trickle-

down theory, which he described as "if you feed rich people enough, they will drop enough crumbs for the rest of us."

Yet giving money to corporations is not producing jobs since profitable corporations are earning more money while laying off record numbers of workers. He estimated \$50 billion in corporate taxes are being deferred annually.

Lunn said youth unemployment of 20 per cent is a disgrace. The Reform Party is committed to taking 1.2 million taxpayers off the bottom of the tax rolls and giving tax breaks to single income families.

Turning to the controversial MAI, Lerner said the MAI will allow corporations to sue governments for interfering with trade policies, thus giving them the power to overrule governments. There will be no way to protect Canadian environmental or social standards.

The MAI, she said, "is only good for corporations and their stockholders."

Rampone said the MAI would allow companies to move to Canada and bring in their workers to live in the country yet not have to abide by Canadian environmental regulations.

Beyer described the MAI as a corporate bill of rights and said it is opposed by the NDP.

Lunn said he would not support an agreement which is not good for Canada and Canadians, but added that he had not seen the MAI.

Roberts said the agreement has not been signed and cannot infringe on Canadian sovereignty unless the federal government gives MAI precedence over Canadian laws. He said he would fight any such proposal.

## Natural Law proposes new ideas

Conventional solutions won't resolve Canada's problems, predicts Andrew Guest, who is making his second run for the Saanich-Gulf Islands MP's seat under the Natural Law banner.

Based within the philosophy of transcendental meditation, Guest said Natural Law's platform is the only one which is scientifically validated. Guest expects none of the other parties will be able to keep their campaign promises since they will rely on programs which have already failed.

Natural Law proposes new ideas, he said. For example, instead of striking a balance between deficit reduction and funding social programs, the party plans to reduce the cost of social programs by reducing the need.

He cited a study in the January 1997 Journal of Managed Health Care which states every dollar spent on Maharishi Ayru-vedic health care saves \$6 in health costs. The combination of healthy diet, exercise, herbal supplements and meditation could reduce health care costs by 50 per cent, saving \$36 billion annually, Guest observed.

"That buys a lot of coast guard equipment," he added.

The coast guard is an essential service along the 17,000-mile B.C. coast, Guest said. The Ganges Coast Guard station should not be closed and the overall service should be improved with state-of-the-art equipment, he added.

The Gulf Islands may be beautiful but the area is also full of marine traffic — ferries, pleasure boaters, commercial fishermen — and can be treacherous.



Andrew Guest

"People underestimate how dangerous it is in the coastal environment that we're in."

Lighthouses should be manned as well. Guest said he has heard of situations where human lighthouse keepers took actions which cannot be taken by a machine. "We have to prioritize on the basis of safety."

He is not familiar enough with ArtSpring to decide if it should receive federal funds.

Utilizing the full potential of the human mind and unleashing human creativity could resolve unemployment, he said. "We are, right now, in the longest period of sustained high unemployment since the Great Depression."

Guest noted youth unemployment is at 17 per cent. "We're sowing the seeds of our own demise." He said an education system which fully developed the consciousness and creativity of students while removing stress would unleash their full potential and resolve unemployment.

The most essential reform to

the electoral system, he said, is exchanging the current "winner take all, democratically-elected dictatorship" for an all-party government willing to consider new ideas.

He said the Canadian government should have endorsed the Danish resolution condemning human rights abuses in China. Economic interests do not justify turning a blind eye, he said. "I think we need to continue to be a beacon of light, a leader of all nations and if it hurts in the short run, then so be it."

He believes the current election was called prematurely and only because the government expects conditions to worsen in the next 18 months, reducing its chance of re-election. But he also welcomes the election as a chance to create a better government and to introduce the Natural Law Party platform.

The 43-year-old investment advisor and certified financial planner said he decided to run again at the request of several people. "I'm not really a politician."

His hobbies include hiking and camping with his wife Linda and three children, 16-year-old Lucie-Anne, 13-year-old Arthur and 12-year-old Elizabeth.

The most recent book he read was *The Great Boom Ahead* by Harry Dent. He has no favourite movie but likes movies which predict a positive future, and dislikes violence and negative attitudes.

If he is not elected, life will go on, he observes. If he is elected, he will be going back to familiar ground, including the snowy climate, since he lived in Ottawa for seven years.



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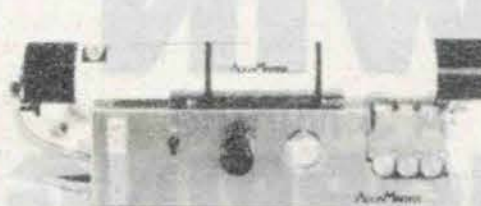
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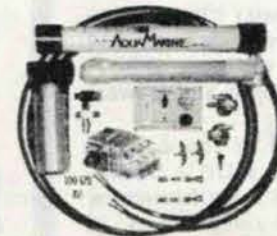
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## Reduce government and save programs, says Lunn

Balancing the federal government's debt requires cuts in government bureaucracy, not in government services, says Reform Party of Canada candidate Gary Lunn.

The Reform party plans to put \$4 billion back into health and education transfer payments to the provinces and, at the same time, reduce the government deficit by reducing government. Social programs can be protected, Lunn observes, although the government may have to become more efficient in delivering those programs.

A strong, sound economy is the only true way to create jobs, he adds. "The government can't create jobs."

Youth unemployment is a serious issue, he notes, with 1.4 million young people unemployed.

Another service which should not be cut is the Ganges Coast Guard station. Lunn notes incumbent Reform MP Jack Frazer fought tirelessly to



Gary Lunn

keep the station open due to concerns about the safety of island waters. "They're almost like a first responder," Lunn said. "This is not one of the places to save money."

Savings created by closing the station are small, he added. He also dis-

agreed with de-manning lighthouses.

"How can an automated system respond to an incident — to a serious situation — the same as a person can?"

Lunn is not familiar with ArtSpring but feels the government needs to be careful about funding private initiatives. Without more information, he could not say if the project should receive federal funding.

Although he welcomed the election, he felt the prime minister was insensitive to call the vote while residents of Manitoba were fighting major floods. The election should have been delayed a month, Lunn says, but was needed. "Canadians are ready for a new government."

He concedes the Chinese government record on human rights has not been good but feels he cannot judge the Canadian government's decision not to condemn China's human rights record.

"I don't have a true picture," he said. As long as gains are being made in human rights, Canadians should encourage that process. "We shouldn't condemn them forever for what they've done in the past."

Now 40, Lunn is a newly-minted lawyer, having been called to the bar a year ago after a varied work history as a trainman, carpenter, construction superintendent, forestry safety instructor and paramedic. He describes himself as a workaholic and notes he built his own home.

Reform's debt reduction plan and Canadian unity policy drew his allegiance. "The Reform party is the only party that offers our country any hope or future at all," he observes.

The party has a plan to attack the deficit and federal debt and will keep the country together by treating all Canadians equally, he said, instead of giving additional rights to some Canadians based on where they live.

"Most of all, I'm doing this because I do think we need to have a strong voice which will stand up for our children and the people of the riding," he said.

He and his wife Alexis have two children, aged two and three, and Lunn has a 13-year-old son from a previous marriage.

He enjoys playing with his children in his spare time. "Everything is geared around the children. I don't know if it is much of a hobby — changing diapers — but it is something that needs to be done."

He also keeps his carpentry skills honed by building furniture.

The most recent book he read was Youth Quake and his favourite movie is Forrester Gump.

If he doesn't win the election, he expects to continue his Sidney law practice.

Should he win, he expects to face down Ottawa's snowy winters.

## Canadian Action Party wants to use bank to bolster economy

The downward spiral of cuts to government budgets, employment and living standards can be stopped, according to Valerie Rampone, a candidate for the Canadian Action Party (CAP).

Instead of taking money out of the economy by cutting government budgets, the CAP plans to use the Bank of Canada to boost the economy, as was done after the 1930s depression to finance the Second World War.

Rampone said it is impossible to pay off the government's deficit under current economic conditions because wealth is created through speculation and not through production.

If the government put \$70 billion into the economy over the next four years, Rampone predicts economic activity would climb by 40 per cent and the Goods and Services Tax could be phased out in three years.

The government would put its cash infusion into providing social services and offering low-cost loans to small businesses in order to create jobs. The risk of inflation could be countered by checks and balances on the economy, such as ensuring banks keep larger reserves.

The major reform needed in the country, Rampone notes, is ensur-

ing banks keep the same level of reserve funds required as recently as 1991.

Running for office is a new experience, Rampone said. She had to collect 100 signatures and put up a \$1,000 bond to run and campaign in a riding dispersed over seven islands. "What I need is a helicopter," she joked.

The economic policies of the CAP and the urging of a friend, who is also a CAP candidate, convinced her to run. "I've been very concerned about the economy and this total depression of people," she said, adding that many problems are caused by a money shortage.

Believing that people should act themselves to resolve problems, she agreed to run.

Her response to local issues is also based on personal involvement. As a volunteer with Emergency Social Services, she sees the value of the Ganges Coast Guard station to serve the many boats and large ships in island waters when storms strike.

Power outages could disable automated lighthouse equipment during storms. Human lighthouse keepers are needed "to handle what nature throws at you" and also to spot suspicious activities, she said.

A member of the Island Arts Centre Society board for three years, Rampone would like to see ArtSpring receive federal government funding. Volunteer help and private donations have brought the facility to its present point debt-free.

The amount of talent on the island could be put to better use than shuffling chairs into temporary performance spaces, Rampone observed. "I would dearly love to see ArtSpring open. It's getting close."

She feels timing of the federal election was poor. Manitobans are recovering from a flood and northern B.C. residents have been watching the rivers, farmers are planting and everyone is busy. "I think it is called at a lousy time," Rampone remarked, adding that she understands the election call was made to bolster a Liberal government's bid for U.S. money.

She is not familiar enough with a resolution on human rights abuses in China to comment on the Canadian government decision not to endorse it.

Born in Kamloops 55 years ago, Rampone has two adult sons in Ontario and two grandchildren.

Her interests lie in writing, photography, travel and volunteering.



Valerie Rampone

She teaches the B.C. FoodSafe course, has travelled to the United Nations with the Voice of Women for Peace, attended an International Media Conference in Sweden and visited Russia. She is working on a television series called Kid Gourmet, designed to teach children how to cook.

Her favourite movie is Out of

Africa and the most recent book she read was a mystery by P.D. Lang.

If not elected, she expects to continue with all her current interests. If elected, she expects to be able to cope with snowy winters since she lived in Ontario for 26 years. "It would be so nice to come back here."



Marilyn Loveless

## Loveless wants to cut through the 'bafflegab'

Progressive Conservative candidate Marilyn Loveless isn't making any promises she can't keep — or hasn't researched.

So when asked about keeping the coast guard station in Ganges or whether ArtSpring should receive federal funding, she said she doesn't have enough background information on either issue to take a position.

"I don't think bafflegab is what people want," she observed.

However, she has looked into the issue of lighthouse de-manning and believes there should be people, not machines, manning lighthouses.

"We can't always depend on the technology. There are some times when people need to be there," Loveless said.

She also felt she couldn't comment on the Canadian government's decision not to support a resolution condemning human rights abuses in China. "It's difficult to criticize a decision when you are not part of coming to that conclusion," she said, adding that she supports human rights.

Progressive Conservatives hope to stimulate the economy by reducing taxes and putting more money in the hands of individuals.

If people have more money to spend, the economy can grow and create jobs. This will reduce demands on social programs and generate more income to be taxed, thus expanding

revenue to support social programs, including health, education and seniors' pensions.

Loveless pointed out that if 100 people each pay \$1 in tax, the government collects \$100. But if 1,000 people each pay 50 cents in tax, the government collects \$500.

Stimulating the economy will reduce unemployment, she noted. More education and training is needed, especially focussing on communications and information technology.

The timing of the current election is poor, she said. "I would welcome it more in a year." But it does give the Conservative party a chance to resume its position as the only national alternative to the Liberal government.

Electoral reform is essential, notes Loveless. More than two million people voted for the Conservatives in 1993 yet only two people were elected.

She feels the majority of people in the riding support "small-c" conservative values: hard work, straight talk and self-reliance through tackling problems head-on and fixing them, instead of expecting government help.

Now 53, she said she was raised with those values and a strong focus on community service. A retired teacher, she and her husband Chuck have three adult sons.

Loveless has coached local sports for three decades and served on the Saanich school board for 12 years, including a stint as chair-

woman.

Employed as the director of the Sidney Silver Threads program, she quips that some of the seniors who are members have threatened not to vote for her since they don't want to lose her to Ottawa.

A frequent volunteer, she was recently nominated for a Women of Distinction award. She also does silk screening.

The most recent book she read was a 1952 biography of Winston Churchill by Robert Lewis Taylor. She doesn't watch many movies but counts the Dead Poets Society and Chariots of Fire among her favourites.

She decided to run for the Progressive Conservatives for the second time — she also ran in 1993 — at the urging of friends and after receiving a phone call from Jean Charest, whom she admires.

The party needs to be restored and to return to its roots of "berry patches and bulb fields" instead of Bay Street, she notes. Politics is also community service, she said. "I think politicians should remember that they are public servants."

If she doesn't win, she expects to continue working and volunteering in the community. But she's looking forward to Ottawa, snowy winters included.

"I love snow. It brings out the best in people ... ask me (about snow) four years from now."

## Early school bus days recalled on Pender

Chris Wade was an island pioneer. Somewhat like a star war warrior, she went where no woman had driven before. Mind you, this was a long time ago and things have changed since those days on Pender Island.

Chris had a further claim to distinction in the annals of both schools among the islands and bus drivers on the islands, for she had a facile pen and a keen sense of humour and she wrote of her pioneering with a delightful skill.

In B.C., B.W. or "Before Wade" there were no buses, school or other, to take up the entire width of a main island highway. When she opened the new school year in September of 1975 with a new school bus, it was the coming-of-age of Pender Island, both ends.

This is how she described it in Driftwood:

Pender Island got its very first school bus on September 4.

"My introduction to the bus, as its female driver, was not too joyful. I was confronted by a huge, 66-passenger bus of somewhat mature years, with no power steering.

Now, as some people know, North Pender has been undergoing a massive road improvement plan. The roads, already very narrow and hilly, have had huge banks of soggy gravel banked on the side. In order to get this dry, our one-and-only grader works overtime pushing the stuff from one side of the road to the other, or, better still, smack in the middle of the road.

Should one be lucky enough to have either a motorcycle or a small car, all is not lost. But with the bus it was quite another matter!

The first bus run to South Pender was, to say the least, different. Among some of the hazards was a flock of huge and unfriendly geese all over the road, not to mention some very nice cows (different place) headed up by an enormous Aberdeen Angus bull, which did little to help the bus run on time.

Second day was also different.

We have a tame duck named Mildred who, from the start, had been intrigued with the bus. Every time the doors were left open Mildred was up the steps and into the bus. I started the bus and then went back to the house. My first run is with an empty bus to South Pender. Three miles from home Mildred suddenly appeared from under a seat. It was too late to go back so, before I picked up any passengers, I grabbed the duck and stuffed it down the front of my sweater, where, bless her! she remained for the rest of the trip.

Our island trustee decided he should go along on the new bus route. Little, I am sure, did he realize that he would end up at an early morning hour, jogging in front of the bus like the Olympic runner carrying the Eternal Flame from Greece. The reason was that as the bus rounded a corner (there was a sign that read 'Caution!') the only drivable area was on the extreme left of the road, around several corners. There was a loud chant from the bus, 'Run! Run! Run!'

The following days were not exactly dull.

To make sure that nobody went to sleep on the job there appeared on the island the most enormous tanker trucks carrying thousands of gallons of tar and oil which were mixed with the already soggy gravel. This latest mixture was unbelievable.

To avoid an oncoming car I drove the bus into the 'mixture' where the bus resembled a whale caught in an ebb tide. She simply came to a complaining halt. One small child was heard to say, 'Oh! Our bus is sinking!'

The bus, by now named The Flying Nun, has become almost as agile as a mountain goat."

By 1976 the Flying Nun was old hat. After 10 months of hauling children to and from school the routine was already established. The novelty of a yellow school bus on Pender had given place to acceptance. The sight of a woman bus driver was merely a shadow of things to come. But the daily chore of hauling young islanders still held the pioneer Pender bus driver in thrall.

After 10 months of driving the school bus on Pender, wrote driver Wade, one must be prepared for anything to happen; and it usually does.

"Like the time when I had returned home with an empty bus. I was parking it when there emerged from under the seat a curly-headed passenger. She wanted to stay with me because she liked my dog. Then there were the two guinea pigs that escaped from a cardboard box and proceeded to dash all over the bus, much to the delight of the kids.

There was also last week, when I had left the doors open. In a rush as always at two minutes to three, I was nearly at the school when there appeared, to my horror, not one chicken, but four large brown laying hens. They cleaned up all the unwanted lunches. I stopped the first car that came in sight and literally threw the chickens at the startled driver whom I had never seen before. I tried to explain where to take them but the last I saw in the bus mirror was the poor man still clutching the four protesting hens.

Dogs are another source of entertainment. Two in particular have discovered that they can have a much noisier fight within the confines of the school bus than out in the road. However, after several such encounters, I have become an expert at slamming the bus door, thereby trapping the culprit's neck in a vise-like grip. So far it has worked very well.

And I am happy to relate that I have confined this form of punishment to the canine population only.

Another day, while waiting for the bus, a small child fell face-down into a huge patch of stinging nettles. By the time the bus arrived the child was sobbing, her whole face a mass of white, angry bumps.

We opened our beautiful new first-aid kit, only to be confronted by 40 neatly-packaged bandages and a pair of surgical scissors. A bottle of liquid had no label on it. I resorted to an old remedy — dock leaf.

As all the kids were out, trying to find the scarce weed, a sarcastic motorist stopped to ask, 'Out on a nature walk?'

Quite the most unnerving experience happened while with a full bus we were passing our serene golf course.

Suddenly the bus erupted with the most awful screams and the students were everywhere. It appeared that we had a large bumblebee on the bus. After trying to get it out of the windows with no luck, I told the kids, 'Everybody out!'

They all left via any window or door that would open. Meantime the golfers stood transfixed as 40 or more kids came tumbling out.

I then advanced with the only weapon on the bus, a hockey stick.

That wretched bee flew up and down the bus like a 747 jet with an intoxicated pilot. Every now and again the bee would disappear behind a seat and recharge his energy, only to come racing right at me.

Eventually, having nearly broken the windshield, I emerged triumphant with the corpse neatly displayed on the hockey stick and our trip proceeded.

I feel now, even if confronted by a boa constrictor on the bus, I would not be unduly surprised."

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## GISNA bid to sit with board denied

A bid by the Gulf Islands Special Needs Association (GISNA) for a seat at the school board table drew sympathy but little support from school trustees at the May 14 board meeting.

Tony McEwen, speaking on behalf of the association, noted it is especially difficult for parents of special needs children to cope with the educational needs of their children. Representation at school board meetings would give trustees direct representation on special needs issues along with improved communication, he noted.

Improved communication was one of the recommendations from the Ministry of Education's review team report on special education in the district, McEwen added.

Board chairman Charles Hingston said the current policy is for representatives from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, District Parents Advisory Council, administrators' organization and the Canadian Union of Public Employees to sit with trustees at the board table.

He felt other groups with specific interests or expertise could be invited to meetings where issues of particular concern to them were being discussed.

Pender trustee Russ Searle said he

was concerned about increasing the number of people at the board table.

Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel supported GISNA's request. Working in other districts, she has seen services required for special needs children overshadowed when those students are considered within the rest of the student population.

Separate representation at the board table would give the parents of special needs children another way to bring their concerns to the board, she said. "I would see it as an enhancement."

Mayne trustee May McKenzie said she appreciated the difficulty of being the parent of a special needs child. But she felt that since the Ministry of Education special needs review, changes are being made in the district to better meet the needs of these children.

Hingston suggested GISNA work through the education advisory committee to bring its concerns to the school board. Boel said she would like to see a policy establishing that the school board will actively seek input from special interest groups when considering related issues.

Hingston remarked it would be a sad day when the board had to pass a policy stating that trustees would be open to input from community groups.

## Teachers retire, move on

Extended long-term leaves from the Gulf Islands School District will not be supported in the future, judging by superintendent Andrew Duncan's report to the school board May 14.

Duncan noted three people on long-term leave — Rob Dunn, Mike Ablitt and Deborah Carriere — had resigned. Carriere and Ablitt had been on leave for two years and Dunn for over a decade, Duncan noted.

He also recommended that a third year of long-term leave should not be approved, pointing out that having staff with seniority on long-term leave is like a sword hanging over the heads of those with less seniority who accept jobs in the district.

Duncan noted no staff will be laid off in the coming year due to the number of resignations and retirements.

Further resignations included Susan Underwood, leaving Salt Spring Island Middle School for a vice-principal's job in Campbell River and Catty Santilli, resigning as district speech pathologist.

Retiring are John Beardsall and Jackie Severn from Fernwood Elementary, Donna Wright from Pender Elementary and Glen

Woodley, the district administrator for gifted education.

Duncan noted a number of teachers were requesting a part-time leave of absence in order to share jobs with other teachers.

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**MELANOMA SCAR:** Vicky Shackleton shows the crater-like scar left in her leg after the removal of melanoma last August. Her thumbnail indicates the size of the original melanoma spot compared to the amount of tissue that had to be removed.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## MELANOMA: *Silent killer*

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rays and blood tests to determine if the cancer had spread. But it wasn't until after the melanoma had been removed that doctors were able to tell Shackleton that it had not invaded other parts of her body.

"I was told that if I had left it another year and it had gotten any deeper it would have gone into my lymph nodes and it would have been lights out."

Shackleton is still considered at some risk and visits her dermatologist and a cancer clinic every three months where she is examined from scalp to toe for any indication of skin irregularities.

Recovery from the operation did not occur quickly. Shackleton was told to lay flat on her back for the two weeks immediately following the surgery. For the next month she was only physically able to work about three hours a day, needing to sleep afterwards.

"It took a lot of healing energy — there was a lot of tissue to regenerate."

Healing has been greatly aided, she said, by ozone therapy at Helios Natural Care Centre. She said the therapy, which is used extensively for various ailments in Europe, noticeably improved the healing process within two treatments.

Shackleton could not bring her-

self to look at the incision for the first two weeks — appreciating the daily, infection-conscious cleaning and dressing of the wound by her partner.

"I couldn't look at it. It was too ugly ... you're looking right at muscle."

When she was first informed the spot was cancer, Shackleton said she went through the SARAH process (surprise, anger, rejection, acceptance and help) within about 30 minutes.

The short time between detection and surgery did not allow for a "whole lot of time to stew about it."

But "it has been a big wake-up call," she says, shaking her head at the young people she sees soaking up the sun like "little lobsters."

The experience has caused her to change her sun habits, she says, choosing now to go into the sun in the early morning and late afternoon, rather than during more dangerous peak sunlight periods.

Although she dislikes the chemicals used in sunscreens and has not yet succumbed to use of these lotions, she says she may do so this summer.

People need to know about melanoma and the dangers of the sun, she says. Knowledge saved her life.

## Skin cancer on rise

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers with a rate of occurrence that surpasses the combined total of lung, breast and prostate cancers.

According to information provided by the Canadian Dermatology Association, more than 50,000 new cases of skin cancer occur in this country each year.

Canadian Cancer Society statistics indicate that 500 people die each year in Canada from skin cancer — 80 per cent of these deaths result from the deadly melanoma variety.

"The incidence of melanoma in men is rising faster than all other cancers and the incidence of melanoma in women is also increasing rapidly."

Furthermore, British Columbia has the highest incidence of melanoma in Canada, followed by Ontario.

While melanoma can occur anywhere on the body, it often appears as a brownish-purple spot in areas not always exposed to the sun, such as the scalp, the inside of the thigh, or even the eye.

The cancer society describes two further types of skin cancers which are classified according to the cells involved — basal cell and squamous cell.

While more than 93 per cent of all skin cancers fall into these two classifications and have a 95 per cent cure rate with early detection, pain and disfigurement can occur.

Basal cell cancer occurs most frequently, but grows slowly and rarely spreads, the cancer society says.

"However, if left untreated, the cancer can extend to underlying bone or adjacent skin tissue, causing considerable problems."

Squamous cell cancer occurs less

often but can spread faster.

Both of these cancers can develop anywhere on the body but most commonly appear on exposed areas of the skin such as the face, neck, forearms and back of hands. They usually appear in one of two forms — either as a "pale wax-like, pearly nodule that may eventually ulcerate and crust, or as a red, scaly, sharply outlined patch."

While these two types of cancer may look similar to the eye, they appear different under a microscope.

Notes the cancer society: "Since both types are easily cured but potentially fatal if ignored, early detection and treatment are very important."

In detecting skin cancer, people should be alert to any unusual skin condition — such as a sore that doesn't heal — and have it checked by a doctor.

If a biopsy (removal of a small part of the suspected skin for microscopic study) indicates the growth is cancerous, or even pre-cancerous, one of four main types of treatment will be recommended:

- radiation, which destroys cancers with rays that "produce only minimal damage to surrounding, normal tissue;"
- surgery;
- electro dissection, which is tissue destruction by heat;
- cryosurgery — tissue destruction by freezing.

In some cases a combination of treatments may be used. Over the past few years, the cancer society says, "application of drugs in the form of ointments or lotions, especially the drug 5-Fluorouracil, has also been effective in treating pre-cancerous skin conditions."

## Are you at risk?

An individual's risk of skin cancer is said to be related to his or her skin type combined with the amount of time spent in the sun.

Here is a quick test to determine if you are at high risk for developing skin cancer.

- Do you have red or blond hair?
- Do you have light-coloured eyes — blue, green or gray?
- Do you burn before you tan?
- Do you freckle easily?
- Do you have numerous moles?
- Did you have two or more blistering sunburns?
- Did you live or have long vacations in a tropical climate as a child?
- Is there a history of skin cancer in your family?
- Do you work outdoors?
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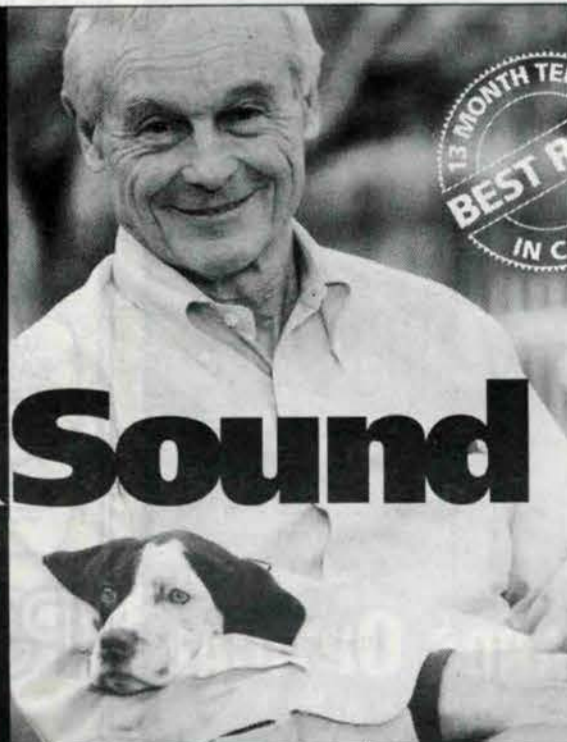
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# Several steps must be taken to safeguard kids against sun

With the rate of skin cancer on the rise in Canada, children now face a one in seven chance of developing it.

Most of these children will contact curable forms of skin cancer but, according to some estimates, one in 100 will suffer the life-threatening effects of the melanoma variety.

In the 1930s, only one child in 1,500 risked melanoma, indicating a dramatic rise in its incidence.

There are several steps parents can take to help reduce the risk of skin cancer in their children and, at the same time, help them develop sun-sensible habits that will remain with them into adulthood.

Children spend a lot more time in the sun than adults — playing outside when many adults are working in the office or home — and the more sun they are exposed to, the more likely they are to develop skin cancer.

"Most of our lifetime sun exposure occurs before the age of 18," notes information provided by the Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA). "It is especially important to avoid sunburns during childhood since the development of melanoma has been linked to severe sunburns at a young age."

No one is immune to skin cancer but, like adults, children with fair or

red hair, who usually burn in the sun and those with freckles or moles are at greater risk.

The CDA offers several recommendations for protecting youngsters from the harmful effects of the sun.

Because the sun's peak intensity occurs between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., the association recommends that parents plan outdoor activities at safer times in the morning or late afternoon. Also, consider the use of natural shade, ensuring that play areas are not exposed to direct sunlight.

When they must venture into the sun, it is advised to dress children in wide-brimmed hats and closely woven material.

Although all clothing provides some protection from solar radiation, the amount of protection offered by different fabrics varies. A quick test can be done by holding fabric up to the sun or a light bulb and noting how much of the light it blocks out.

A cotton-polyester t-shirt has a higher sun protection factor (SPF 15) than a cotton shirt with SPF 7. A cotton denim jacket has an SPF of 1700.

Also, wet fabric loses some of its ability to block out solar rays, becoming more transparent and

allowing light to penetrate it.

Children over the age of six months should be protected with sunscreen, generously applied to all exposed areas of their bodies. Use a waterproof brand on swimmers and apply all sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes prior to sun exposure.

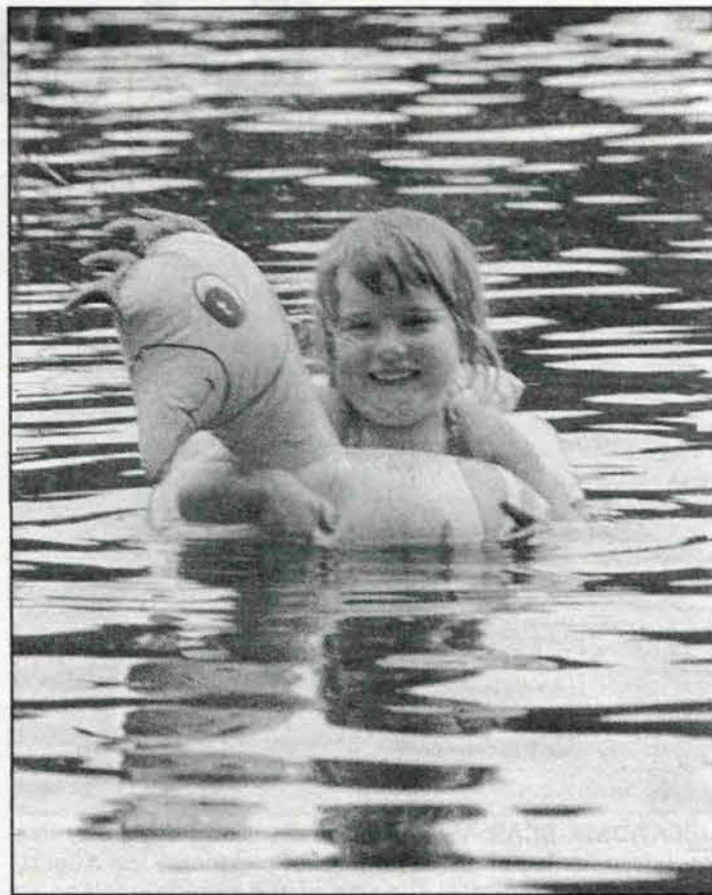
The CDA advises using a broad-spectrum SPF 15 or higher sunscreen which bears its logo. It further recommends a milky lotion for youngsters, noting that ones which contain alcohol may sting.

Reflected light is another factor to keep in mind when protecting children from the sun.

"Up to 85 per cent of the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays can bounce back at you from sand, snow, concrete and water, adding to your dose of UV radiation," the association states.

Remember, children's skin also needs protection on cloudy days — up to 80 per cent of the sun's rays can penetrate light clouds, mist and fog.

"Make sun protection a habit and set a good example," the association says. "Teach children about sun protection so that they become aware of the dangers and can start taking precautions that will become lifelong, healthy habits."



**PREPARING FOR THE SUN:** Like numerous island children Lulu Fulford enjoys the sunny weather which leads to lots of outdoor activities. But as the incidence of skin cancer increases, all children need to be protected from the sun's harmful rays.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Look for high-quality sunglasses

Don't forget potential sun-damage to the eyes when preparing for a day in the sun.

According to Richard Weatherall at Gulf Islands Optical, ultraviolet (UV) light can cause cataracts and, in its more acute form, actually sunburn the eye's cornea.

Specialists believe that the eye's lens absorbs UV rays, protecting the retina from sun damage.

Cataracts — a clouding of the lens — occurs from too much absorption, similar to the way a plastic bag becomes cloudy when left in the sunlight.

"It is estimated," Weatherall says, "there will be a half a per cent increase in the number of cataracts for every one per cent decrease in the ozone layer."

UV protection for the eyes comes in many forms, the most obvious being 100 per cent UV protection sunglasses. A UV filter compound can also be added to clear-lens prescription glasses, to contact lenses and to new lenses placed on the eyes during cataract operations.

The key to a good pair of sunglasses, Weatherall adds, often coincides with price.

An inexpensive pair of shades that offers 100 per cent UV protection may have distorted lenses and cheap frames that will quickly fall apart.

"The 100 per cent UV protection should be a starting point," Weatherall observes. "You also want to look for good optics, good

colour balances and good frames to hold it all together."

Twenty dollars, he adds, will buy "the basics." A good pair of sunglasses costs between \$75 and \$100.

Afraid you'll lose that costly pair of shades?

"People tend to hang on better to more expensive ones," Weatherall says.

Those who choose sunglasses without 100 per cent UV protection would be better off without any shades at all, he adds. With non-protective sunglasses, the pupil dilates because there is less light, allowing the eye to absorb even more UV rays.

Without the faulty sunglasses, the pupil would not dilate.

# Two types of UV rays present

Sun-worshippers all over are gearing up for some blissfully sunny, outdoor activities as the long-awaited summer nears. But as eagerly as we anticipate the touch of sun on our skin, many of us neglect to consider its potential hazards.

According to government Health Files, "Human exposure to increased ultraviolet (UV) levels can result in more sunburns, premature skin aging, skin cancers, cataracts and other eye diseases."

The association defines two types of UV rays — UVA and UVB.

"UVB radiation is by far the most powerful and potentially harmful. ... it mainly affects the outer layers of our skin (and is) thought to be the prime cause of sunburn, delayed tanning, skin aging and skin cancer."

UVA rays are not as powerful as UVB, but penetrate deeper into the skin and are responsible for immediate tanning.

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*Select a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.*

- This allows you to stay out up to 15 times longer than you normally would. Also remember that some medications - particularly a few antibiotics and blood pressure drugs can make you more sensitive to the sun.

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# Researchers consider role of estrogen in melanoma

Along with society's efforts to block out the sun comes a reminder of the sun's benefits from some researchers.

Other experts are even questioning the sun's bad-name role in causing melanoma, the most deadly type of skin cancer.

In an article called Using Sunlight to Sustain Light, provided by Marjorie Ensminger of Natureworks Natural Foods, author Raymond Peat notes that sunlight can "cure depression, improve immunity, stimulate our metabolism while decreasing food cravings and increase our intelligence."

Peat agrees that overexposure to sunlight can contribute to aging of the skin,

but also believes diet plays a large role in wrinkling. Those who consume a diet rich in unsaturated fats, he says, will experience premature wrinkling of the skin more often than those who eat fewer unsaturated oils.

"While it is important to avoid overexposure to ultraviolet light, the skin damage that we identify with aging is largely a product of our diet," he writes.

Furthermore, Peat argues, the types of skin cancers which are clearly caused by sun damage to the skin are "relatively harmless." Melanoma, on the other hand, "does not have such a simple relationship to sunlight."

He and others claim the incidence of melanoma (like breast and prostate cancer) is significantly increased by the presence of estrogen.

"It is often said that the great increase in deaths from melanoma in the past 60 years has been caused by an increased popularity of sunbathing ... it is during this same period of time that we have been exposed to increased amounts of estrogen."

Ensminger and island naturopath Peter Bennett says that since the introduction of estrogen-bearing birth control pills and estrogen pills for menopausal women, plus pesticides and dioxins which have chemicals that mimic estrogen, the hormone has

saturated our water supplies and the food chain.

While Bennett acknowledges that "a large number of cancers are related to estrogen," he will not comment on the potential link between melanoma and estrogen other than to say, "it could be."

But as Ensminger and Peat point out, melanoma typically appears in areas that are usually shaded from the sun like the inside of the thigh.

"It's food for thought," Ensminger says. "We can't dismiss it."

In the meantime, she adds, it's good to remember the sun's benefits as well as its potential dangers.

## Sunscreen alternatives available

Although many health officials recommend use of sunscreen to block out harmful ultraviolet rays, some islanders wonder about the wisdom of smearing chemical compounds onto the skin.

"I have to question it," says Marjorie Ensminger of Natureworks Natural Foods. "We don't know the effects of some chemicals on the skin, which is an organ."

"Instead of putting a Band-Aid on it, it's better to give (protection) as nutrients to protect the skin naturally."

Island naturopathic physician Peter Bennett agrees, adding that according to some research "it is not conclusive that sunblocks prevent skin cancer."

"A hat and shirt is better," he observes.

Bennett recommends a varied approach to protecting skin from the sun, concentrating first on taking high doses (up to 150,000 units) of beta carotene, or two eight-ounce glasses of carrot juice each day for about two weeks prior to exposing the skin.

"You want to take enough to see your skin turn a little orange," he says.

While many people claim beta carotene and vitamin A are interchangeable, he adds, the two are actually used quite differently therapeutically. Beta carotene is stored in the skin while vitamin A is stored in the liver.

"Beta carotene is a powerful antioxidant and is stored locally" to protect against the sun, Bennett says.

Ensminger says zinc oxide, and coconut and sesame oils are effective natural sunblocks. Although the sunscreen products carried in her health food store contain many natural ingredients, they also have chemical ingredients.

"I wish we had a sunscreen without chemicals," she says.

One ingredient her sunscreens do not contain is PABA, a known allergen. "Those who are allergic to PABA will get a rash right away," she says. "For some people it's really intense."

Skin creams are also available once a cancerous, non-melanoma lesion is discovered.

Bennett recommends thuja — cedar oil — which he says "really works" to eliminate non-melanoma skin cancers.

"If you pay attention and it's treated early — there's no spread and no problem," he says.

Ensminger says basal cell skin cancer is 85 per cent curable with one treatment of fluorocil ointment (brand name Efudex) available at most drugstores.

### Beta-carotene and the carotenoids

Beta-carotene and the carotenoids are antioxidants that protect your skin from free radicals caused by ultraviolet radiation.

Natural Factors Beta Green, is an excellent natural source of beta-carotene and mixed carotenoids.

### Vitamins C and E

Exposure to sunlight takes its toll over the years, oxidizing the proteins in the lens of your eye, leading to cataracts. Again antioxidant nutrients show a strongly protective effect.

The lens of the eye contains 60 times the level of vitamin C than found in the blood. Lab and animal experiments show that vitamin C and E are important in cataract prevention.

### Bilberry

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Murray, Michael, N.D.  
The Health Power of Herbs.  
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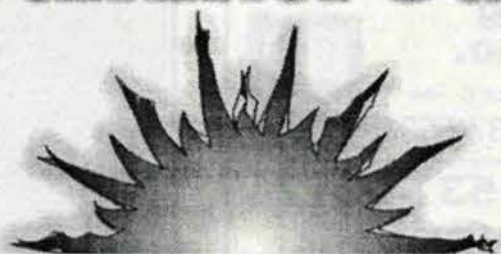
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### Zinc

In moderate amounts, (up to 50 mg) zinc can heighten the immune system and speed healing. It is especially helpful in healing wounds and burns.

For zinc eat lots of whole grains, nuts, seeds, liver and eggs, or supplement with a good multi vitamin/mineral that includes an absorbable form of zinc such as citrate.

## Summer Sun



## Protection from the inside out

**“The sun's ultraviolet light loves you. It loves your skin cells...The sun's UV rays love to combine with the oxygen in your body to create chemicals—oxidants and free radicals—that prematurely age your skin & cause skin cancer, immune-system deficiencies, cataracts and more. In effect, you're being oxidized—rusted.”**

Prevention, July 1992

Longer days, barbecues, camping, boating— with summer fun, come wise warnings about too much sun. Not only is sunburn redness and swelling uncomfortable, but long term sun exposure sets us up for premature wrinkles, cataracts and skin cancer. In fact most skin cancer is related to ultraviolet radiation, so don't expose yourself unnecessarily without good protection.

For some people, sunscreen and sun block are essential summer

gear. There are excellent natural products at your local health food store that block both UV-A and UV-B — however, sun protection may be more complex than applying something to your skin.

More and more researchers recommend taking antioxidant nutrients year round, but these nutrients are especially helpful in protecting us from the sun's damaging effects. Here are some nutrients that may protect you from the inside out.

### Selenium

Selenium is a powerful antioxidant and free radical neutralizer. The body requires selenium to make glutathione peroxidase, another important antioxidant. Selenium works with vitamin E to protect the body from the oxidation of fats. The best dietary sources of selenium are fish kidney, liver and selenium-enriched yeast.

It is usually also found in a good antioxidant supplement or multi mineral for people who don't eat selenium-rich foods. The safe dose for selenium is 50 to 200 mcg.

### Essential Fatty Acids

More excellent nutritional sun protection comes from Essential Fatty Acids, found in flax, evening primrose, and fish oils. Udo Erasmus, suggests that these special oils form part of a skin-protecting nutritional program, actually oiling "our skin from within."

Erasmus, Udo, *Fats that Heal; Fats that Kill.*  
Alive Books. 1993

### So you got too much sun—what now?

For serious second and third degree burns, see your physician immediately. But if you got a bit too much sun and want to reduce the damage and speed healing, try aloe vera gel, calendula ointment or a vitamin E ointment.

Supplementing with extra nutrients can help speed healing, too. As well as the antioxidants, include vitamin A, the skin nutrient, in your healing arsenal.

There's much more to sun protection than sunscreen. Supplementing with or eating foods rich in the antioxidant nutrients can help counteract the effects of ultraviolet radiation as we enjoy an active, fun-filled summer.

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Arts, entertainment, current events & attractions

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## What's on...



### Music

- **Core Inn** — Drum Jam hosted by the Core Inn Youth Project. Wednesday, May 28, 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome. No charge. 134 McPhillips Avenue.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Wednesday Night Live with special guests Wyckham Porteous and Morris Tepper, May 28. 124 Upper Ganges Road.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Blues night with Kelly Cavanagh and Friends, Thursday, May 29. 121 Upper Ganges Road.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Open stage every Friday evening starting at 8 p.m. 109 McPhillips Avenue.
- **Flying Saucer Cafe** — Grand re-opening featuring "Out Here" jazz, Friday, May 30, 8:30 to 11 p.m. 112 Hereford 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.
- **Vesuvius Pub** — The blues boys are back! Three Chord Sloth play on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31. 805 Vesuvius Bay Road.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Dance with Neil Taylor and Blessed Relief, Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Father of Justice plays Saturday night, May 31.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with Salt Swing, June 1, 8 p.m.
- **Music and Munch** — Free concert! A recital featuring some of

Lloyd English's adult students. Afterwards, a light lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers, is available for \$4.75. Wednesday, June 4, 12:10 p.m., All Saints By-the-Sea, 110 Park Drive.

### Cinema

- **Fathers' Day** — Robin Williams and Billy Crystal star in Father's Day, director Ivan Reitman's comedy about a failed writer and a successful attorney who come together in a search for someone they both believe is their lost son. Playing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 30, 31 and June 1, at 7 p.m., and on Tuesday, June 3 at 9 p.m. 1 hour, 39 minutes. Rated PG (coarse language). Cinema Central.
- **When We Were Kings** — The impact of Leon Gast's thrilling documentary about the 1974 heavy-weight-championship fight between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman in Zaire has only been deepened by the 22-year lag time between its shooting and release. All the brilliance of Ali at his peak is on display, as is the dizzy excitement of the event. George Plimpton and Norman Mailer, meanwhile, provide incisive commentary on what the whole circus felt like. Playing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 30, 31 and June 1, at 9 p.m., and on Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 30 minutes. Rated PG. Cinema Central.
- Please note: Cinema Central will be closed on June 2 for election day.

### Stage

- **The Balkan Express** — A powerful, one-woman portrait of the effects of war in the former Yugoslavia. One night only, Friday, May 30, 8 p.m., Activity Centre. Tickets \$15 for employed, \$10 for unemployed, available at et cetera,

Island Books Plus, Music Emporium, Stuff 'n Nonsense and Fernwood Store.

- **Oliver** — A musical presented by students, parents and staff of Phoenix School. Wednesday and Thursday, June 4 and 5, 7 p.m., Phoenix School, 163 Drake Road. Refreshments will be sold. Adults \$5, students and kids \$3.

### Family

- **Fernwood Fun Fair** — Magic shows, games, plant sale, cakewalk, SIMS band and more!! Lots of food and fun. Friday, May 30, 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone welcome! 150 Fernwood Road.

### Galleries

- **The Body: Line and Form** — Paintings in pastel by Jerry Davidson at the Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art, May 25 through June 7. Seaside at Mout's Mall.
- **Artcraft** — Opens Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m. Open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mahon Hall.

### Community TV

- **Thursday, May 29** — 11 a.m., All-candidates meeting from May 20
- **Friday, May 30** — 4 p.m., All-candidates meeting from May 20
- **Saturday, May 31** — 1 p.m., Around the Rock with Dave Phillips 3 p.m., all-candidates meeting from May 20
- **Wednesday, June 4** — 6 p.m., Around the Rock with Dave Phillips

### Grab Bag

- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Come and listen to the last Morningside program with Peter Gzowski on CBC. Friday, May 30, 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

## What to see...

**The Markets:** You haven't seen Salt Spring until you've seen the Saturday Market at Centennial Park in Ganges. This long-established venue for vendors of arts, crafts and other goods is popular among visitors. Also check out the new Dog Star Market behind the Fulford Inn at Fulford Harbour. Mount Maxwell Provincial Park: A 20-minute drive from Ganges takes one to the top of Mount Maxwell. Pick a clear day and enjoy fantastic views of Fulford Harbour, Burgoyne Bay, Vancouver Island and other Gulf Islands. The park offers hiking trails, a picnic area and a great place to relax.

**Ruckle Provincial Park:** A 486-hectare park at Beaver Point, boasting eight kilometres of shoreline. Hiking trails, campsite and picnic area. A beautiful place to visit.

**Tennis anyone?** Public tennis courts, a swimming pool and a children's play area are among the



Market musician

features at Portlock Park, located at Central. Another public court is located near the Fulford firehall. Take a hike: Hiking trails abound on Salt Spring. A favourite for family outings is Duck Creek Park, which has a two-kilometre trail. The park is located off Sunset Drive.

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Friday: Sunny with cloudy periods. Windy. Low 8, high 20.

Saturday: Mainly cloudy; chance of showers. 40 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 9, high 19. Normal temperatures for the week: low 8, high 18.

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4. Daylight .....(-)	9. Ghost and the Darkness ..(2)
5. Big Night .....(5)	10. The Preacher's Wife .....(-)

(Dash (-) indicates last week's position)

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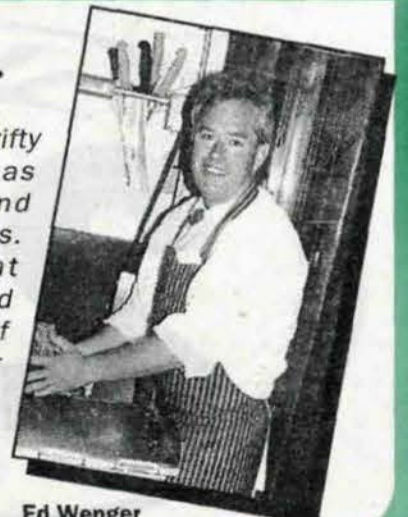
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Dennis Scott

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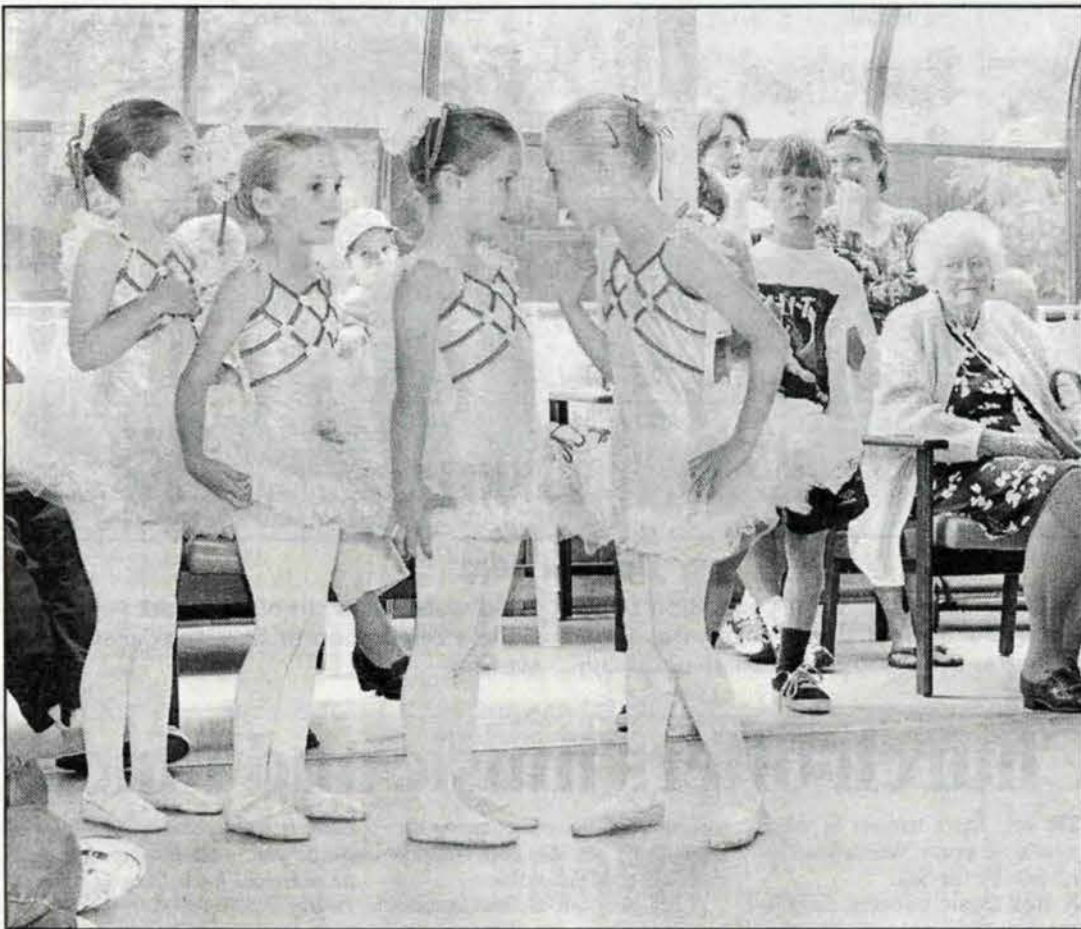


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**Picture pretty**

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Sweet and Dainty. The dancers, aged six and seven, attend classes offered by teacher Elizabeth Russell from Duncan. Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Parade entries needed**

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Contact Fraser at 537-5515 (business) or 537-1854 (home) to confirm a spot in the parade.

**Auditions pending for new Graffiti play**

A Tailored Affair will be the next project of Graffiti Theatre Company, which brought the island Random Acts in April.

Written by Georges Feydeau, the Graffiti version has been adapted by Kico Gonzalez-Risso, who will also be its director. Auditions will be held by Risso on the weekend of June 6-8, when the Vancouver director and playwright will conduct a workshop called Elements of Farce.

Set in Paris in the 1890s, A Tailored Affair depicts the antics of a philandering doctor who gets himself into awkward situations with his wife, mistress-in-waiting and past lady-love all vying for his attention. The story is full of mistaken identities, cross purposes and people showing up when they are least wanted and most likely to cause havoc.

The play will be part of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts in July and will then move to Beaver Point Hall for the August long weekend.

Several cast members of Random Acts will perform in A Tailored Affair, but other experienced actors are needed to fill some of the roles in the play. People should contact Amanda Spottiswoode at 653-9266 for more information.

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# 'Candy for the ears' at Tuned Air concert

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

After Tuned Air executed Mozart's Requiem and the 100 Years of Broadway show last year, the obvious question was, "What can they possibly do next?"

The answer is coming soon via When I Sing!, a series of concerts set for Salt Spring and off-island venues in June.

When I Sing! is Bill Henderson's Juno award-winning song from the movie Bye Bye Blues. Island resident Henderson gave Tuned Air the nod to transform his song into a concert title, and hasn't yet heard the arrangement being performed at When I Sing!

When the choir was working out its post-Requiem plans, the group and its director Bruce Ruddell had a spring tour in mind. Tuned Air has successfully toured both Quebec and Vancouver Island in the past.

"My concept was to go back to doing a more intimate concert situation and actually take it right off the island," said Ruddell. But the choir also wanted to perform for its home audience which, judging by how quickly it gobbles concert tickets, never seems to get enough of this perpetually original group.

Tuned Air plays at Ganges United Church on June 5 and 6, beginning at 8 p.m., and on June 11 and 12 at Beaver Point Hall, with a 7:30 p.m. start time.

Audiences can expect an intimate summer evening of music, including excellent arrangements of Canadian folk songs and American spirituals. Several soloists will be highlighted within the body of those arrangements. Ruddell promises each piece will be a "little treat," or "candy for the ears."

Trumpet player Dawn Hage and choir accompanist Chris Kodaly will provide some of that sweet stuff, teaming up for a few concert selections.

"People will get a chance to hear a great trumpeter," Ruddell said of Hage, adding that he has never heard the kind of tone she makes with her instrument.

Tickets for When I Sing! on Salt Spring and in Duncan are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students. Locally, tickets are available at Mouat's ticket office, Sharon's and Murray's Brewplace.

For the off-island tour, the choir performs June 7 in Duncan at the New Life Community Baptist Church, in North Vancouver at Mount Seymour United Church on June 14, and at Robson Square in Vancouver for a free outdoor concert at 11:30 a.m. that same day.

Duncan and North Vancouver were chosen, explained Ruddell, because the choir has developed a following in both places. Tuned Air has performed in Duncan on previous occasions, including annual participation in the Choirs in Concert benefit to raise money for special needs students in the Cowichan area, and when they took the Requiem there in November.

For unknown reasons, the choir's mail-out list contained a number of North Vancouver residents, with several making the trip to Salt Spring for Tuned Air concerts, so that city and Duncan seemed natural choices for touring.

Those who think Tuned Air burnt itself out after last year's production triumphs will be corrected when they hear the choir has commissioned its own musical, at this point dubbed Work Songs, which should be performed next spring. The rigours of last season didn't scare those singing souls away, either. In fact, the choir has grown to 48 members.

"A lot of people, after the Requiem, didn't leave," notes Ruddell.

Somehow, unlike a Tuned Air event, that's not surprising.



### Upbeat beat

The lively sounds of local percussion band Samba Du Solie filled Centennial Park Saturday as the group promoted an upcoming

"wild wood walk" through Mouat Park. The walk, a celebration of May, took place that evening.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Church offers music and lunch

The best lunch bargain in town is available every Wednesday at All Saints by-the-Sea.

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Lloyd English, Women of Note and Dawn Hage's Community Youth Band are some of music providers who welcome the opportunity to perform in a space with excellent acoustics. Other local musicians set

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# 'Linear grace' — Davidson draws the body

Fourteen paintings in pastel by Salt Spring artist Jerry Davidson are currently on display at Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art.

His show is titled *The Body: Line and Form*, and its pieces draw on the several years Davidson spent photographing and drawing classical dancers.

Arletta Stephens of Pegasus notes, "The body is portrayed with linear grace, and each piece gives one the feeling that Davidson has simply made the

action stop for a moment — that the figure might fluidly move away if we blink."

Davidson works in a realistic style and in a variety of media: acrylics, watercolour and egg tempera, and has done both lithographic and silkscreen printing. Stephens says he places emphasis on good composition and accurate draftsmanship and particularly enjoys drawing with pencil, charcoal or pastel.

In describing the work in the Pegasus exhibit, Davidson

states: "My treatment of the figure in this series of pastel paintings is strongly influenced by these factors: the linear grace exemplified by the dancer, and the surface contour resulting from the exquisite structure which lies beneath the skin; in other words, line and form."

He has been an artist and photographer for the past 22 years and while basically self-taught, concedes there must be "something in the genes." His father was a fine amateur painter, his

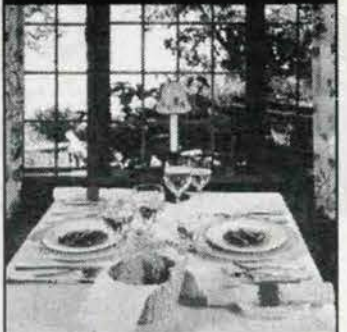
brother is a commercial artist and sculptor, and his uncle was a top cinematographer with the National Film Board and the CBC.

Davidson was formerly a military and commercial airline pilot. He continues his association with flying as an aviation photographer and in 1990 was appointed as the official team photographer to the renowned Canadian Armed Forces Snowbirds. He has had a book published on photographic technique and has been featured in numerous articles in national magazines in both Canada and the U.S. In 1991 he published a book on the Canadian airshow industry.

He has exhibited with Pegasus since the early 1990s and lived on Salt Spring since 1987.

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The close to 70 youngsters at Salt Spring Centre School present *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* this Wednesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, the musi-

cal depicts the Biblical story of Joseph and his 11 treacherous brothers. The play incorporates a choir and numerous soloists plus several specially-choreographed scenes.

Play coordinator Mitch Howard said the musical involves a light-hearted mixture of ancient and modern times. "Everyone will recognize something from their closet," he quipped.



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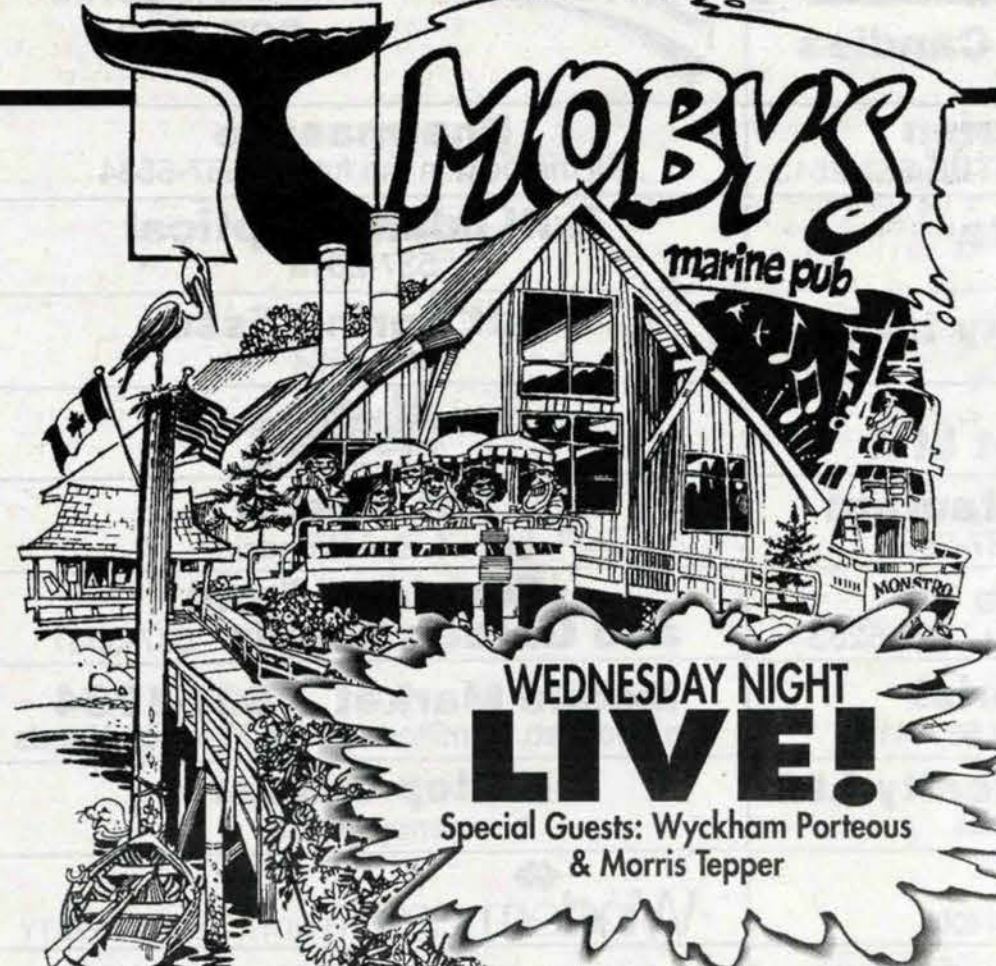
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Bruce Twentyman prepares crab traps for use in Salt Spring waters. The island man was seen on the government dock this weekend.

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## Middle school athletes qualify for Courtenay track, field meet

By ROBIN RUDOLPH  
Driftwood Contributor

Last week more than 20 students took part in the Mid-Islands Track and Field Meet held at George Bonner Middle School.

All did exceptionally well, especially in view of the fact that the Grade 6s who went had to compete with Grade 7s from 10 Vancouver Island schools and that the four Grade 8s who went from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) all qualified for the Islands Track and Field Meet in Courtenay on the 27th.

Jim Goldie, who has been practising hard for the past several months, made second place for SIMS in the under-13 1,500 metre run. He also took third place in the 3,000 metres and fourth in the 800-metre race.

The under-13 boys won fourth place in the 4 X 400 metres, run by four Grade 6 boys — Nick Abley, Kip Squier, Reynard Vergalen and Aubrey Zacharias.

New to our school is Nourredine Maheux who achieved fifth place in the 100-metre event.

Vergalen placed sixth in the 1,500-metre race as did Gavin Hamilton in the discus. The two latter students have been faithfully turning out to practices at Portlock Park and improving steadily.

Among the group of under-13 girls were Emily Bond, who placed first in the 100-metre event and Kelly Kerr in the 200 metres. Bond, a long-time athlete who should have really been placed in the midget category for the challenge, achieved first also in the 400 metres, the high jump and discus, and second in the triple jump and fourth in the javelin.

Kerr won first in the long jump, third in the discus and sixth in the shot put. Rebecca Sorensen, who had some strong competition from older students, placed sixth in her 200-metre fi-

nal. April Goebel placed fourth in the long jump and was part of a relay team along with Amanda Sadler, Billie Woods and Bond who placed first and beat the Grade 10 junior girls. The under-13 relay team consisting of Bond, Kerr, Sorensen and Melanie Moore did well in finishing second.

The midgets proved their worth both days. Clare Rustad threw the discus 25 metres and achieved a personal best. She also placed first in the triple jump, the shot put, long jump and the 800-metre events.

Sadler came third in the 200 metres and fourth in the long jump.

Woods surprised us all by pulling off a couple of easy firsts, both in the 100 and 200-metre runs.

Chris Hill, our only midget boy, came fourth in the 800-metre event and qualified for the island meet as well.

## Swim team competes in Victoria

By CAROL PENHALE  
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Island Stingrays swim team made a big splash to start the season Victoria Day with 40 swimmers on board — the most ever registered this early.

Several new swimmers of all ages were welcomed to the club and Dave Marshall, head coach for the fourth season, praised the calibre of swimmers and their great attitude.

While not all team athletes take

part in off-island meets, 15 members competed successfully at the first meet at the Commonwealth Pool in Victoria on the weekend. Their enthusiasm was contagious.

On both days the Division 2 girls relay team, Miranda Logan-Webb, Nicola Temmel, Sara McKay and Megan Toole, and the Division 3 girls relay team, Laurel Temmel, Jocelyn Langdon, Melanie Moore and Christina Penhale, achieved first place. This win for both teams is a first for the

club.

All team members achieved personal bests. Other members attending were Evan Hardy, Garner Lea, Dylan Logan-Webb, Rhian Hardy, Sarah Penhale, Alexandra Lea and Jessica Temmel. A meet record in the 50-metre breast stroke was broken by Christina Penhale.

Anyone interested in joining the team can do so by calling the Parks and Recreation Commission office at 537-4448.

## GOLF TEES

Twenty-eight golfers expected showers last Tuesday and enjoyed a good day for golf instead.

Pam Ellacott led the field with low gross 90 and Gloria Lloyd had a 99.

Low net winner was Marj Cade with 71, runner-up was Marie Hopkins with a 72 score. With 28 putts each, Cade and Janet Butler shared the putt pot.

Also on May 20, a Salt Spring team played a match at Royal Colwood and came out ahead by 10 strokes. A return game is planned for Salt Spring in August.

On May 22, seven women made the 8 a.m. shotgun start at Royal Oak Golf Course in Saanich and played in the annual (and last) national handicap tournament sponsored by the Canadian Ladies Golf Association. This low net competition was won by a Cordova Bay woman with a 59 score which included a hole-in-one.

Among Salt Spring players attending, Eileen Hunter tied in a group for second place with a net 60 and Marie Hopkins tied for third with 62. Grace Murchie also won a prize for low putts.

• Diane Hales was low net winner among 25 women who beat the rain to play in nine-hole action on May 21.



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# Island Escapades offers outdoor activities for youths

Summer doesn't need to be a chorus of "there's nothing to do" for island youngsters.

Island Escapades is filling some of the two-month holiday with education, skill development, environmental education, fun and adventure with day and overnight camps.

For 10- to 12-year-olds, Island Escapades offers a day camp program operating from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday which includes an overnight kayak expedition on Thursday

and Friday.

Activities include canoeing and kayaking, first aid and safety, hiking, climbing and camping.

Day camps will be held from July 14 to 19, July 21 to 25 and August 18 to 22.

For those 12 to 17, Island Escapades offers an overnight camp program which includes a three-day kayak adventure. Activities during the seven-day program include kayaking and canoeing, sailing, swimming, mountaineering and orienteer-

ing, safety and wilderness first aid, wilderness survival skills and marine navigation.

Participants will spend the first four days developing skills and planning their three-day kayaking expedition while camping at Ruckle Park. Their kayaking trip takes participants to Portland, Moresby, Bracken, Prevost and Third Sister islands.

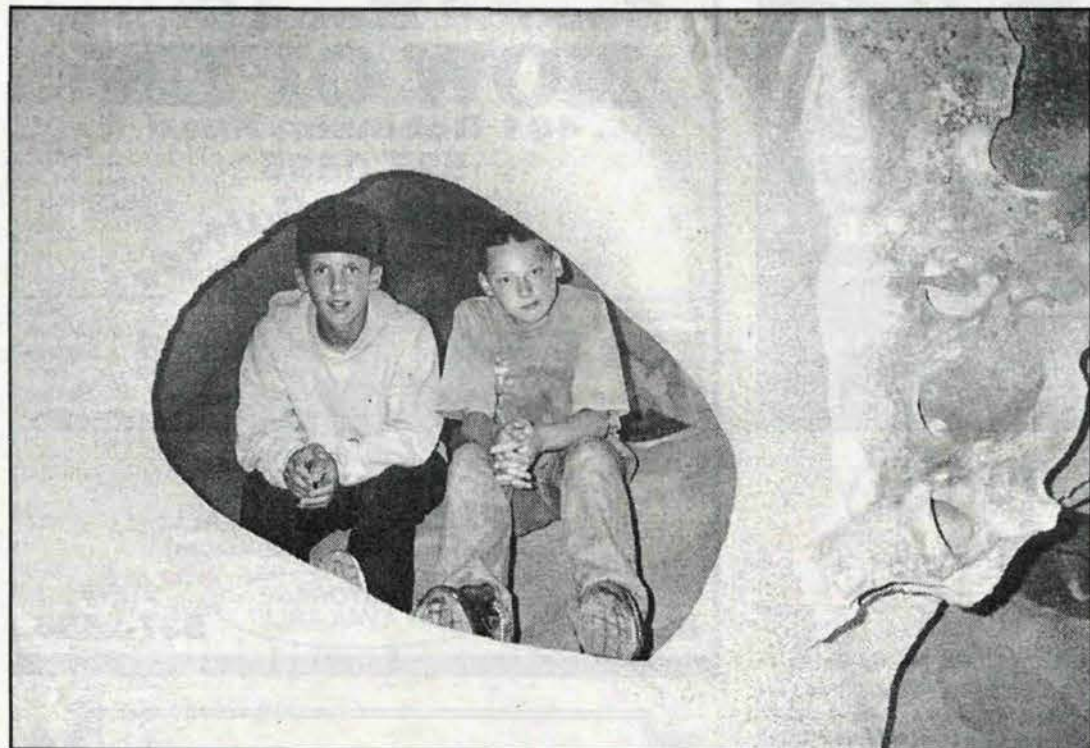
Overnight camp programs will be offered from July 6 to 12 and August 10 to 16.

A more detailed leadership training pro-

gram, for those aged 14 and older, will be held from August 24 to 30.

All camping groups are limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$285 for the day camp or \$485 for the overnight camp or the leadership program.

Island Escapades director Jack Rosen has worked with young people in wilderness settings for more than 15 years and has operated Island Escapades since 1990. For more information on the summer camp programs, call 537-2537.



**Island adventures**  
Youngsters over the age of 10 can participate in day camps or overnight expeditions offered by Island Escapades. Here, 14-year-olds Gavin Hollett, left, and Stuart Drummond enjoy a rock formation on Tent Island, while at right, 15-year-old Mike Reynolds concentrates on his climbing wall moves.



## Agencies seek bike path funding

The spokes are slowly turning in the effort to have a highways ministry-funded bike path on some part of Salt Spring.

At a joint Capital Regional District (CRD) and Salt Spring Local Trust Committee working meeting on May 15, regional director Kellie Booth said there was some "willingness" from Highways to work with local government bodies on finding a way to fund bike paths.

To that end, trustees David

Borrowman and Bev Byron announced they would be revitalizing the Trust's transportation advisory committee as the "official body" for Highways to deal with on the bike path issue.

While the Trust's cycling advisory committee chairwoman Claire Heffernan expressed concern that cycling interests would be swallowed by a larger umbrella group, Booth noted that Highways really wants a "duly constituted body to work with."

Marilyn Thaden Dexter, also of the cycling advisory committee, noted, "It almost doesn't matter what the form is as long as the function gets handled."

One obstacle to funding, explained Francis Van Loon, attending the meeting as a Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition representative, is that the Ministry of Transportation and Highways has been interested in creating bike paths only for the purpose of alleviating commuter traffic problems. On Salt Spring, bike paths could help solve traffic and parking problems if safe routes were available for resident and tourist cyclists.

Trust planner Jerry Hamblin noted that Highways representative Bob Webb indicated interest in attending a Trust transportation committee meeting. Van Loon had also talked to Webb about Salt Spring's need for bike paths.

## Club releases schedule

Following is the June schedule of events for the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club.

June 3: Walk to Jack Foster trail with Carol Williams. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to meet at the Sunset Drive/Southey Point intersection at 10:20 a.m.

Ramble Quarry Drive with Marj Beggs. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Cowichan River Trail or alternate hike with Ian Fraser. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 to catch 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

June 10: Those going to Port Alberni for M.V. Lady Rose trip, Norma Eves is your contact.

Hikers, walkers or ramblers not going on the Lady Rose, join Fred Howell on an outing to Botanical Beach. This will be a long day. Carpool at Portlock Park at 7:40 to catch 8 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

Anyone wishing to form an independent group on that day, please meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park

to choose leader.

June 17: Ramble Sky Valley Road with Chris Pattinson and Pam Taylor.

Jim Spencer will lead a walk of Shepherd Hills. Both groups meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Alan Clews will lead a long, strenuous hike on Mount Maxwell. Carpool from Burgoyne triangle at 10 a.m.

June 24: All club members meet at picnic area of Ruckle Park at 10:15 a.m. for strawberry festival. Don't forget to bring bowls and spoons. The ramblers group is doing the honours and a short walk will be in order.

There will also be a special general meeting to consider the F.B.C.N. request for an increase in membership fees.

Final payment for Hornby Island fall trip is due no later than June 24 and should be in the form of a cheque for \$200 per person, post-dated to August 29.

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## Morrison named female athlete

By RICHARD BENNETT  
Driftwood Contributor

Three major track and field meets in May saw local school athletes come away with major honours.

Trackfest '97, the Victoria schools championship, was held in the first week of May. Joelle Morrison won the high jump with 1.60 metres and was later selected female field event athlete of the meet. She also finished 9th in the javelin.

The only other Gulf Islands female competitor, Shayla Moulton, finished seventh in the high jump and ran a 14.3-second 100-metre race.

The boys team was led by Daniel Bennett who repeated his victory of 1996 in the 400-metre hurdles with a time of 59.2 seconds.

Equalling this win was Erik Jorgensen with a javelin throw of 44.14 metres. He also finished eighth in shot put.

A high jump of 1.70 metres was good for third place for Matt Emmings, and Adrian Hingston, fresh from the cast of Fiddler on the Roof, ran 400 metres in 58.4 seconds, came fifth in javelin and joined Bennett, Alex Bunyan and Josiah Lofting for fourth place in the 4 X 400 relay.

Bunyan tried the 400-metre hurdles for the first time and finished eighth, while Lofting came fifth in the 100 metres.

Two weeks later the strength of the competition increased as UVic

hosted the island championships for senior high school students. Striking an early blow for the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) team was Jorgensen who hit his best throw ever of 50.58 metres to easily win the javelin. Shortly after, Stephanie Collette, just recovered from her soccer injuries, jumped 10.34 metres for a new personal best and second place in the triple jump.

Day two continued to see success for the small local squad. Morrison equalled her 1.60-metre high jump for third place and Lofting timed his dip at the line perfectly to come in third in the 100 metres with a time of 11.4 seconds.

Hingston threw well in javelin for fourth place and put the shot 11.42 metres for seventh.

Bennett ran his season-best 400-metre hurdles race in 57.9 seconds, just failing to nab first place at the line.

Emmings again cleared 1.70 metres in the high jump.

Al Gear threw shot 8.31 metres and javelin 22.50 metres in his first season as a track and field athlete.

Bunyan again lowered his 400-metre time to 57.13.

The final event was the 4 X 400 relay and the team of Lofting, Bunyan, Hingston and Bennett all broke their individual personal bests to finish fifth in 3:39.31.

Lofting, Jorgensen and Bennett qualified for the provincials for a second time. Collette and

Morrison will join them at their first attempt and Hingston was named alternate competitor for the javelin.

The mid-island championships, for central Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands junior high and middle school athletes, is the qualifier for the island championships.

This year's high school team was decimated by the extension to the soccer season and the success of the senior girls soccer team. Mayne Island athletes Tyler Cocker and Josh Dunn made the long trip, as did Salt Spring runners Bunyan, Amber Rockcliffe, Sky Oestricher, Jenny Kerr and Heidi Straarup.

Dunn finished sixth in discus against boys one year older and many kilograms larger.

Cocker benefitted from his years with Peninsula Track Club, easily winning the 400, 800 and 1,500-metre events.

Bunyan also won his 400 and 1,500-metre races with considerable ease, and finished fourth in the discus.

Kerr and Oestricher won the javelin and 1,500 metres respectively and Rockcliffe had two fine thirds in the 200 and 800-metre runs. These girls then combined with Straarup for the 4 X 100 relay which they ran in 59.22 seconds.

Cocker, Bunyan, Rockcliffe and Oestricher will pit themselves against the best on Vancouver Island in Courtenay at the next school meet for junior athletes.

## Peewee girls ball team smashes Chemainus

Even with a two-week respite, Rainbow Rentals' peewee girls fast-ball team was ruthless in a double-header against Chemainus last week.

Score of the first game was 21-8, with Amy Little pitching five innings for her third win of the year. Kimberly Sykes went two for three, scoring twice and driving in two runs.

In the second game, Chemainus didn't fare much better, as Rainbow Rentals came out way ahead with a score of 20-9. Kelsey Antonik picked up her third win as pitcher and Kecia Laitinen came in for relief getting her third save of the season.

Cat Halliwell batted .750 in the double-header, scoring four times.

Rainbow Rentals' season record is six wins, six losses.

Next games are at Fulford ball park on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. against View Royal from Victoria. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer for the home team.

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# Catching the Wave

By  
VALORIE  
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Driftwood Staff

## ISLAND MAN RECALLS RECORD-SETTING SAILPLANE FLIGHT

**Robert Harris has brushed the wings of angels...**

A decade ago, the Salt Spring man set a still-unbroken high altitude record for unpowered flight, soaring to 49,009 feet above the California desert. Carried aloft on the wind, he piloted his sailplane beyond the clouds and to the limits of human endurance.

Gliding has been described as flying in the hands of God. But the 49,000-foot point is not heaven. Outside the thin fibreglass shell of Harris' plane it was minus-70 degrees C., so cold that the clear canopy frosted over and the air in the cockpit froze into thin webs of ice.

Air pressure was almost non-existent. Without an oxygen system to force-feed air into his lungs, Harris could not breathe. There was the ever-present possibility of "the bends," caused by nitrogen building up in his blood.

Fifty thousand feet is regarded as the maximum a human body can withstand without a pressure suit. Harris made his flight wearing only a thermal work suit and ski boots to fight the cold.

He flew so high that his record may never be broken. It took ideal weather and wind conditions, five years of preparation, a touch of luck and determination verging on fanaticism to push himself and his unpowered craft 15,000 feet above the cruising level for commercial jet flights.

In recognition of his achievement, he has a place in the Guinness Book of World Records, received a letter from then-President Ronald Reagan and, later this week, takes his sailplane to the U.S. for permanent exhibit in the National Aeronautics and Space Museum at the Smithsonian, along with other legends of flight.

Displayed Sunday at his Mount Belcher Heights home, the record-setting sailplane is almost all wings, narrow and tapering and attached to a tiny cockpit cramped enough to be compared to a coffin.

The comparison is not misplaced. Sailplane accidents claim an average of six lives annually. And Harris' obsession — high-altitude flight — is especially dangerous.

Harris didn't start flying to challenge fate. He took his first flight on a whim in 1978, plunking down \$25 to Sailplane Enterprises at Hemet, California, for a ride in a glider. The business was owned by Don Sloten, who later became a friend and is now Harris' neighbour.

Harris enjoyed his first gliding experience and returned a week later to do it again. Then he took lessons from Sailplane Enterprises and earned his pilot's licence. With a sailplane, the challenge is finding the wind currents — known as "wave" — to stay aloft as long as possible.

"It's the difference between a powerboat and a sailboat," Harris said.

But after a few years, just staying up wasn't enough challenge. Harris wasn't interested in sailplane racing but he began eyeing the existing high altitude record of 46,267 feet set by Paul Bikle in 1961.

He was ideally placed to take on the challenge. California City airstrip borders some of the best sailplane flying conditions in the world and is therefore the home base for a core of enthusiastic experts, several of whom hold national and world records in the sport.

Harris knew how to pilot a sailplane — he also has a licence for powered aircraft — but he realized he didn't know enough about high-altitude flying to challenge the record on his own.

A mutual friend introduced Harris to Jim Myer, who had flown high-altitude, U-2 spy planes. The two men agreed to pool their knowledge — Harris providing the expertise on gliders and Myer the experience in high-altitude flying.

"We were after a record," Harris recalled. Two possibilities beckoned: Bikle's solo record and an altitude record of 42,255 feet for two-seat sailplanes set in 1952 by Larry Edgar and Harold Klieforth.

"Our lives hinged around the project," Harris said. Like surfers searching for the perfect wave, Harris and Myer scanned weather conditions daily at the University of California at Riverside weather office, looking for the right combination of wind speed and air flow over the Sierras to produce the wave — a bounce of air after crossing the Sierras — which could carry a sailplane up as fast as 3,000 feet per minute.

When conditions were right, both dropped everything to chase their wave — which sometimes vanished by the time they reached the airport or fizzled out to an uninspiring flight of under 20,000 feet.

Fortunately, both were independent business owners and could escape to the airstrip as needed. Both had families willing to give priority to their dream during the wave sea-

**EASY RIDER:** Robert Harris looks relaxed now in the cockpit of his glider but setting a world's record for altitude by soaring 49,009 feet in the fragile craft was anything but relaxing. Salt

sons, October to December and February to April.

Tracking their most successful flights, Harris researched the university weather records and, over six months, developed a list of parameters required for exceptional wave: jetstream crossing east to west between San Francisco and the northern California border; off-shore winds hitting Mount Whitney at 25 to 30 knots to create the right "bounce" in the valley beyond; and uniform increases in air velocity and decreases in temperature as the altitude increases, to ensure lift and avoid turbulence which would wipe out the wave.

He and Myer also equipped their two-seat, German-built Twin Astir sailplane for high-altitude flying. They equipped it with radios, a transponder and oxygen systems for both occupants.

One challenge was combating the intense cold. Harris and Myer donned thermal underwear and layers of cotton under cold work suits and pulled on insulated boots and mitts. But their feet were always freezing — until fellow pilot Henry Combs suggested they line the floor of the cockpit with insulated camping foam.

"All of a sudden, our feet were warm."

Regardless of their preparation and dedication, the wave didn't come. They achieved 10 flights over 30,000 feet and one which reached 39,000 feet but set no records.

Then, in early 1985, Myer was forced to drop out of the project for personal reasons. Harris had moments of despair. "There were several times through this project when I decided to quit," he said. Once he even began dismantling the plane. "It was like going to someone's funeral. I couldn't do it."

He decided to keep trying. "During the time we flew together, Jim taught me enough to go on." But he needed a smaller, single-person plane. And he wanted to make some special modifications, including a dual oxygen system suggested by Combs. At 49,000 feet that suggestion saved Harris' life.

Next week: Riding the wave.

Spring resident Harris assembled and displayed the sailplane to family and friends Sunday before it goes for display in the Smithsonian National Aeronautics and Space Museum.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

## PLAN TO JOIN THE *Sea Capers* Fun

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# Security guard hands out information on Dionisio Road

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

The Victoria Day weekend saw an information station set up on the new road to Dionisio Park.

A security guard was there to inform bikers, campers and walkers of the legal status of the road (built by property owners who cannot build on their acreage) and the park beyond. Information sheets with background information were distributed by the guard.

Before this information station was in place — while on a walk in the park — your correspondent met a fellow photographing wildflowers at the water's edge. In his loneliness my greeting was met with surprise.

"What's going on here?" he asked. "All these beautiful campsites, excellent walking paths, improved roads and parking areas and signs that proclaim it to be a marine-only access park?"

Explanations are difficult, especially for one who knew the

## GALIANO NOTES

area before it was made a provincial park — free to be used by all who dared drive their vehicles over a rough logging road to get there.

The park's new marine-access only designation results from a dispute the owners are having with the provincial highways department and Islands Trust. The owners are not happy with Trust bylaws which prohibit their subdividing and building on their land.

Galiano's Trust representatives recently met individually with the owners, proposing that, through density transfer, the owners be allowed to build elsewhere on the island should they turn over their parcels to the people of Galiano for dedicated forestry.

An alternative plan would have the owners give their lands for forestry, keeping a small portion

for building purposes (a piece selected by the Trust, not the owners). Enthusiasm for neither proposal has been great.

Meanwhile, the park remains closed to all but boaters, nearby neighbours and those willing and able to hike a mile or two to get there (with the guard's permission). It is not a happy situation and not good for the island's economy.

### Garden club

Garden Club members were delighted with the public turnout at their recent sale of plants held in Lions' Park Hall.

The members grew, potted and priced an impressive display of garden plants. Over \$1,000 was realized for the club, to be used for speakers and their transportation to the island, for hall rentals and new books for the club's library.

Speaker at the club's May meeting was member Andree Connell and her topic was foliage and form. Andree and husband

Mike have a relatively new garden on Shopland Road in south Galiano. With as little disturbance to nature as possible, the two have united what was there with a wonderful collection of mostly small plants from all over the world, many of them started from seed in the couple's greenhouse and nursery beds. Lacy ferns, shiny-leafed rhododendrons and other shrubs and trees with grey and coppery leaves all find a place among the indigenous firs, cedars and salal in their lovely garden.

Andree plans her gardens in layers — the first layer includes tall trees (existing firs and willows and planted trees); the second, "eye-level" plants such as rhododendrons, salal, forsythia, dwarf trees and standard roses; the third, ground-level plants such as polyanthus, cyclamen, violets and rock plants. Every view through the garden should have a centre of interest, Andree insists, be it a piece of garden

sculpture or, more often, a plant or shrub with contrasting shape or colour.

### PRC draft plan

A meeting to discuss the fourth draft of the Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission's master plan will be held in the Activity Centre on Saturday afternoon, May 31 between 1 and 3 p.m. All are welcome.

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## WHAT'S COOKING

By TERRA TEPPER  
Driftwood Contributor

I have found out the hard way that it pays to share your recipes.

I was in New York a few weeks ago and wanted to do a potato casserole as part of a family birthday dinner. True to form, I couldn't remember all of the details. I had given the recipe to neighbour Diane Hele so she could make it for her Easter dinner. So I called Diane at midnight New York time and she had the recipe at her fingertips.

This casserole was given to me in the 1970s under the name Schwartzes Hash Browns but I subsequently encountered a nearly identical dish at Greenwood's that the staff calls Swiss Delight. Whatever you call it, it's a creamy, delicious potato concoction that makes a whole bunch but, fortunately, any leftovers freeze beautifully.

### POTATO CASSEROLE

2 lbs. (1 kg.) bag frozen hash browns  
1 pint sour cream  
2 tins cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup melted butter  
1 large onion, grated  
Salt to taste  
2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese  
Grated Parmesan for the top

Thaw potatoes slightly and mix with the next six ingredients. Place in a large baking dish that has been sprayed with Pam. Sprinkle Parmesan generously over the top. Bake with either a lid or foil on top for 1 1/2 hours in a 350 degree oven. This is absolutely great with barbecued meats of any sort.



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# GISS Honour Roll

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# Grads look beyond Gulf Islands as they plan for future successes

By LAURA BRASSINGTON and NICK CHOQUETTE  
Driftwood Staff

Students graduating from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) this year will be scattered all over the globe with their high interests in travel.

It looks as though they all want to flee from their nest to seek independence and freedom away from the Gulf Islands. This new generation of young adults seems to crave adventure and responsibility of their own kind. Many students long to go to places such as Hawaii, Australia, across Canada, Europe, Victoria and France.

An example of a girl whose interests involve travelling is Emily Delahaye, who plans to combine travel with education. She wishes to go to Hawaii to pursue a career in volcano research. In the meantime her plans include making and selling the "legendary Salt Spring jewellery." Delahaye regards herself as a "creative and independent" student with a hopeful outlook on life.

Another student with high hopes for the future is Kirsten Jensen, who wants to attend Camosun College to attain her masters degree in child psychology. This enthusiastic traveller has a constant longing to spend a blissful summer in Australia and when she returns she aims to save up money for her courses. Jensen has no apparent fears for the future — she feels she can just zing her way through life happily.

Matthew Oldroyd is one student who will be covering a lot of pavement this summer with his intention to cross Canada. Although Oldroyd is undecided about his future career, but is ambitious to take on the challenge of a success-

ful life, and plans to do so while attending UBC. Oldroyd has no obvious fears for the future and feels he can simply "take it as it comes."

Some characters at GISS are a tad more spontaneous with their future plans. Seeking a lot of the sweeter things in life is Anna Clarke, who plans on travelling to Europe, where she wants to find the hottest of guys, the sweetest of candy and a nice little dream town where she can open her own restaurant or maybe a chocoholics anonymous shop. All Anna fears is not surviving in the outside world, but she is determined that she will.

From time to time you'll find the odd student who doesn't really desire a travelling reputation. One of these students is Warren Bissett, the kind of guy who can get away with shaving a cop's head — that

is what he did when he won the Rally Round the Rock with Anastasia Cyprus in April. Bissett wants to move to Victoria and become a mechanic by trade, and a computer animator by profession.

Not all students want to travel, though. Look at Adrien Kaiser, whose happiness lies within the borders of the island. He'd like to settle himself in a good job that doesn't bore him, as long as he's still experiencing new things and has plenty of time to skateboard. Skateboarding is by far Kaiser's favourite pastime and he hopes to someday go to France to visit his family and skateboard in a different environment.

This year's graduating students will be setting their own style and entering their new-found worlds having been a credit to their school for so long. Good luck in whatever you choose to be!



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- MAY 28:** Common Pain & How to Deal With It. Dr. Bill Buckler, Seniors for Seniors.
- JUNE 3:** Introduction to Mediation: Gordon White, SSI Community Services, 1pm.
- JUNE 23:** Lady Minto Hospital Society General Meeting, United Church Hall, 2pm.
- JUNE 26:** Salt Spring Community Theatre AGM, Croftonbrook, 7:30pm
- 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.)
  - Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
  - Music and Munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm.
- 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.
  - Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 7pm-9pm.
  - Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
  - Games afternoon, Seniors for Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
  - Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- 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.
  - Drop in centre for people with mental health diagnosis, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- EVERY TUESDAY**
- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
  - Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
  - Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 5-8pm.
  - 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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**ALL DRESSED:** Some of the 115-strong Gulf Islands Secondary School class of 1997 gathered before ceremonies began at the school on Saturday night.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Grads encouraged to love life and intelligently embrace risk

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

The largest-ever class to graduate from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) was showered with advice and admiration before receiving their diplomas on Saturday night.

Be risk-takers without putting others at risk, they were told; commit yourself to lifelong learning; seek out others who want to make things happen.

In a speech which read like a prose-poem, school principal Eric McMahon quoted Jack Kerouac — "Be in love with your life," he concluded in describing his oft-interrupted speech-writing experience. After wading through the tomes of T.S. Eliot, Robert Frost and other heavyweights, it was his son Rob McMahon (also a graduate) who nudged him towards Kerouac.

Schools superintendent Andrew Duncan observed that graduation was a rite of passage from childhood as students to adulthood. "Your

lives will never be the same," he said. People's expectations of the graduates would change. They might even be expected to pay their parents for room and board or car insurance, he said, drawing laughter and applause from the audience.

Grads and audience members were treated to a double-dose of Hingston wisdom and humour, from school board chairman Charles and his son Adrian, the 1997 class valedictorian.

Charles Hingston asked grads to turn to page 126 in their yearbooks and cross out "zone 3" in party locales, which is near his own home.

But he also urged grads to "embrace risk and intelligently seek it out" and to travel as part of a full and meaningful life.

After taking a dig at his father's speech, Adrian Hingston thanked teachers, parents ("for having us, keeping us and putting up with all the crap we've put you through") and community members for supporting school activities. He noted the 1997 class included "some amazing characters" who were "at times really hard to live with" but who made the whole experience "interesting and entertaining."

Lauren Bowler and Molly Phillips stole the comedy show portion of the evening, with their customized island farewell to grads. "All you really need to know you probably learned at a Beaver Point Hall dance," they advised and, for the women: "Seven long, flowing skirts are not essential for dancing, but a bra is."

Bowler and Phillips also read a short characterization of each grad as they received their diploma from McMahon after the speeches were finished.

GISS teachers Scott Bergstrom and Maggie Allison were guest speakers for the evening.

Bergstrom described the rapid rate of technological change and urged grads to keep up with that change and the information that goes with it, rather than spend multiple hours watching TV every day like most Canadians do.

"Commit yourself to lifelong learning and ongoing personal development," he stressed.

Allison advised pursuing the activities one loves and following an individual path in life.

"There's no right way to do things," she said. "We all need to have the bravery to do what is best for us, despite the competition and what our friends want."

Gulf Islanders witnessed a great example of determination when Jesse Maron was presented with her diploma five years after she was scheduled to receive it. A 1991 car accident disabled her before she could graduate in 1992 but Maron returned to GISS to complete her graduation requirements.

The ceremonies also featured a musical interlude provided by pianists Sarah Wilkin and Tim Lyons-Howard, singer Jennifer Nuk and fiddle player Rowan Hartman.

Dry-grad celebrations included an all-night, supervised party at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre.

A list of award winners will be published in next week's Driftwood.



### Hats off to grads.

Although this was not his year to graduate, Jeremy Miller attended Gulf Islands Secondary School ceremonies in a memorable outfit, displaying his own special sense of ceremonious style.

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**Money for hospital**

Helping celebrate Kids' Day at the Bank of Commerce Friday were, from left, Beth and Roshann Cornwall and Laura, Vicki and Nicola Walker. It was one of three events held to raise money for Children's Hospital. The final event is a bake sale on Friday.

Photo by Tony Richards

**Life membership given**

Evelyn Lee was honoured May 22 with a life membership in the B.C. Old Age Pensioners' Organization (OAPO). Fulford Harbour Branch No. 170 of the B.C. OAPO, of which Lee is president, hosted the meeting last Thursday with other branches from the south Vancouver Island region. In making the life membership

presentation to Lee, region steward Max Solterman cited her dedication and hard work for the benefit of seniors of Salt Spring Island, especially in the Fulford Harbour area. Solterman also presented certificates to Youbou Branch No. 115, celebrating its 25th anniversary, and to the Fulford branch, which marked its 15th anniversary.

**Information on Internet for traditional Saturna barbecue**

By GAIL TRAFFORD

Driftwood Correspondent  
The Canada Day Lamb Barbecue is coming of age — the Internet age, that is. Look for barbecue information on the new web site at [www.gulfislands.com/saturna.bbq.htm](http://www.gulfislands.com/saturna.bbq.htm) during the month of June.

The barbecue tradition started in 1950 on the Campbells' farm. For almost 30 years islanders prepared the lunch for up to 2,000 people in a kitchen shelter without power using wood stoves and cold running water. All the food chopping and grating was done by hand. Access to the site was gained only by water or a hike over the mountain. Correspondence was done with hand-written or typed letters.

Today the food preparation is done in approved kitchens at the Community Hall and at Haggis Farm Bakery with power, hot water and this year even a state-of-the-art food processor. Power tools are used at the site to construct booths, picnic tables and bike racks. A road connects the barbecue site at Winter Cove

**SATURNA NOTES**

Marine Park to the rest of the island for easy access. Correspondence is computerized and now the barbecue is on the Internet.

Another change to look for at this year's barbecue will be invitations to cyclists. Vehicle traffic is still discouraged because of limited ferry space and parking problems, but cyclists are discovering the charms of Saturna and they would be welcome to join the festivities.

The first workbee — the wood chopping for the fire to roast the lambs and boil the 45-gallon drums of coffee — has been completed. Barbecue chairman Chuck Alp and his crew devoted a Saturday to chopping the wood and transporting it to the site.

June 8 has been set for making the mint sauce and spiced vinegar. This workbee is held at the Community Hall starting at

7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun. Bring mint if you have any and refreshments to share.

**Other news**

The congregation of St. Christopher's Church joined in a hymn sing on Sunday accompanied by the new organ which was installed last week.

Both organists Polly Howarth and Lois Buttery were able to play the new instrument during the service. A service will be held later in the summer to consecrate the organ and to officially thank the community for its support in acquiring it.

After June 1 the Recycling Centre will have extended hours for the summer.

On Wednesdays the hours will remain the same: 10 a.m. to noon. On Saturday the centre will close an hour earlier, operating from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., but it will open an extra day on Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. This should be a help to weekenders heading for the city on the afternoon sailing.

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Arrive Galiano .3:55pm

Depart Saturna (Lyal H.) .10:00am  
Depart Pender (Hope Bay) .10:15am  
Arrive Salt Spring (Ganges) .11:00am

Depart Salt Spring .3:00pm  
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## Announcements

### 5 BIRTHS

**LARGE - PAUL,** Tracy (nee Johnson) and big brother Clinton are thrilled to announce the arrival of Kiana Mackenzie, born on May 18 at 7:17 a.m. weighing in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Kim and Martha Johnson of Port Hardy, B.C. and Robert Large of Salt Spring Island. Many thanks to Dr. McNie, Gail and the rest of the nursing staff of Lady Minto Hospital.

**CORNWALL/NYE -** of Salt Spring Island, are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their third grandchild, Benjamin Taylor Jay Cornwall, born May 5, 1997. First child of Chantal and Philip Cornwall of Prince Rupert, B.C.

**JASON AND Jennifer Borth** are proud to announce the arrival of Alicia-Rae Michelle Borth. A little sister for Jordan and a granddaughter for Bert and Betty Rae and Lorraine Douglas. She was born May 6, 1997, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. Our thanks to the staff of both Lady Minto and Cowichan Hospitals, Drs. Zaradka and Shklanka.

### 6 DEATHS

**RAYMENT, DAVE;** There will be a memorial service for Dave on Thursday May 29 at 1 pm at 160 Sharp Road. All his friends and acquaintances are invited to come. A foundation will be set up in his name for small business on Salt Spring.

**PIKE, MAE** passed away in Lady Minto Hospital May 19, 1997 after a brave struggle with reoccurring cancer. Born in Vancouver, B.C. on April 12, 1914. Predeceased by her husband Bill and lovingly remembered by her daughter Marjory (Walter) Hochochka, three granddaughters Lisa, Julie and Kristi, and a great grandson Tristan, brother Gordon (Dorothy) Brown, nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honour to the B.C. Cancer Society or Lady Minto Hospital. Memorial service will be held Friday, May 30, 2:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Island United, Rev. Sharon Cooke officiating.

### 8 CARDS OF THANKS

**THANK YOU** to all of our friends and relatives for your kind words after Dad's passing. A special thanks to the Burgoyne UCW and the Fulford OAPO for helping with the memorial service. The family of Walter Brigden.

**MANY THANKS -** First of all to the ambulance crew (Rick & Andrea). Your diagnosis of the problem was "Right-On." Thank you also to the nurses and doctors and therapist, and to all the friends and neighbours who have cheered both of us with their good wishes, and tasty casseroles, soups and desserts. Bless you all. Grace and Bert Skinner.

### THANKS FOR HELPING OUT

The SSI Firefighters Assn. on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. wish to thank everyone who donated to our recent Muscular Dystrophy Campaign.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Dan Lee
- Ben Martens
- Les Wagg
- Maralyn Scotton & family
- Moutat's Trading Co.
- Thrifty Foods
- Island Bakery
- Coca Cola Ltd.
- Eze-Brew Coffee
- North Douglas Distributors
- SSI Firefighters and their families.

### 8 CARD OF THANKS

#### Thank You All

On behalf of Island Marine Construction, Peggy Frank, Ross & Vicki Walker, our employees and their families we wish to thank the following people who helped us in dealing with our tragic accident last Wednesday:

- Ken Perry
  - Don Mayrand & Ganges Marina Staff
  - Hugh Tuttle
  - Simon Morris
  - Geoff Townsend
  - Cdn. Coast Guard (Ganges/Victoria/Vancouver)
  - SSI Fire Dept.
  - CFB Comox
  - Sgt. Cliff Doherty & all RCMP Staff
  - Don McDiarmid & Ambulance staff
  - Dr. Bob Crossland
  - Dale Johnson
  - Tom Hosie
  - Lee, Mary Ann & David McColl
  - Dan Lee & Thrifty Foods
  - Moka House
- \*All our friends, business associates and anyone we may have omitted.

Your support will never be forgotten.

### 10 CELEBRATIONS



Jack & Yvette Clements invite their friends to help them celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at an open house on Sat. May 31<sup>st</sup> from 2pm to 4pm, to be held at the United Church Hall (Lower Level), Ganges. Please, no gifts - just your best wishes.

### 11 COMING EVENTS

**ACRYLIC WORKSHOP** with Val Konig. Most versatile medium. Easier than watercolours. Beginner - Intermediate. June 28 & 29. \$75. Limit: 4 students per class. Phone 537-9531.

**ATTENTION: S.S. Golf & Country Club members -** Special Extraordinary meeting 8 pm, Tuesday, June 3 at the club house.

**FELDENKRAIS® AWARENESS** Through Movement® classes with Alice Friedman. Reduce stress and relieve pain. Increase flexibility. Learn to move more comfortably. Enjoy yourself, help break inefficient patterns and improve performance. Mondays 10:15 - 11:15. All Saints by-the-Sea. May 12. June 30. Mondays 5:30 - 6:45 pm North End Fitness, May 26 June 30. For information call: 537-2343 or 653-4332. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

**GRAFFITI THEATRE'S** weekend workshop with Vancouver director Kico Gonzalez Rizzo is filling up. Pick up and drop off registration forms under "G" at K.I.S. now! Call 537-5396 or 653-9266 for details.

**LEARN HOW** to print black and white course, \$60, Saturday or Sunday. Photo contest coming up. Phone 653-9979.

**A BRANCH** of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be formed June 1 on Salt Spring. Everyone is welcome to attend at the Lion's Hall at 1 p.m. Potluck lunch to follow.

### 11 COMING EVENTS

**WINE LOVERS** of Salt Spring, our third Summer Solstice Celebration is coming up. It's time to organize another great wine and dining experience. Call Steve the Wine Guy, 537-8800.

**UNICEF ASSORTED** card sale. Friday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Credit Union. Proceeds to help children in need.

**QUAKER SILENT** Meeting for Worship meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, 10:30 a.m. For location, contact 653-4604 or 537-5838.

**SALT SPRING** Island Conservancy AGM, Beaver Point Hall at 1:30 p.m. on June 3. Guest speaker: Carolyn Stewart of the Island's Trust Fund Board. New members welcome.

**KINSMEN SLO-PITCH**, Edson, Alberta, June 27-29. 256 teams, 4 games minimum. Beer Gardens. \$300. entry, co-ed 5 and 5. Contact: Dave Phone/fax: 1-403-723-7400.

**AUTOCLASSIC COLLECTOR** Car Show and Auction May 24 & 25, Kelowna Curling Centre, and June 14 & 15 Victoria Memorial Arena. For consignment and bidder information for either sale call (604)983-2662 or 1-888-883-8853. D9614.

**UNRESERVED TRUCK & Construction** Equipment Auction Mon. June 9, 1997. Selling on behalf of City of Calgary, Telus, TransAlta and other consignors. Partial listing includes: 91 J.D. 644E; (2) Cat 140G's; 95 Cat 416B 4X4 backhoe; (2) 95 KW T600 highway tractors; gravel trucks; crane and bucket trucks; trailers, etc. For more information or to consign please call CPA 1-403-269-6600.

**MONSTER CONCERT** piano sale. Factory-direct Baldwin Grand Pianos, June 6-7-8 only. Orchard Park Shopping Ctr. Huge Sale sponsored by Moir Pianos, Kelowna 860-1440.

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

**ISLANDS TRUST**  
**SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MEETING**  
 The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.  
**Date:** Thursday, May 29/97  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Room 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges B.C.  
 The public is invited to attend, and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Local Trust Committee on any matter of interest. An agenda for the meeting will be posted on Monday, May 26, 1997, at the Islands Trust Office, Room 1206, Grace Point Square.  
**Reduce Reuse Recycle**

### 11 COMING EVENTS

**TUNED AIR**  
 On Tour  
 When I Sing!  
 June 5+6, 8:00pm  
 Ganges United Church  
 June 11+12, 7:30pm  
 Beaver Point Hall  
 Tickets: Adults \$12  
 Students \$7  
 Available at:  
 • Moutat's Ticket Office  
 • Sharon's  
 • Murray's Brew Place

Come & listen to  
**The Last Morningside**  
 at the  
**S.S. Roasting Co.**  
**Friday, May 30 9 till noon**  
 Sponsored by Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce

**FAMILY PLACE**  
**Workshop Series**  
 An introduction to Mediation and the Skills that are useful in Resolving Conflict.  
 Gordon White  
 Community Services  
 June 3, 1997 ~ 1:00pm  
 Pre-register by calling 537-9176, fax: 537-9156

**Smoke Free BINGO**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 29, Meaden Hall, Legion**  
 Early Bird 7 pm.  
 Doors open 6:30 pm.  
 • Bonanza • Odd/Even  
 Sponsored by: Hospital Foundation for purchase of hospital equipment.

**The Flying Saucer Cafe**  
 is pleased to announce its **Grand Re-Opening.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 NOW LICENCED: BEER, WINE, SPECIALTY COFFEES  
 New Garden Seating Area  
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 Sun. - Wed. 9-9pm  
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**BUILD ~A~ BOAT '97**

Sea Capers  
Centennial Park, Ganges  
June 14, 11am - 2pm

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Contact Illyd Perkins for info: 653-9392

**ARTCRAFT OPENS SAT., MAY 31st 10am**

Open 7 Days a Week 10am - 5pm

C.A.C. members are invited to a wine & cheese preview evening, 7pm, Friday, May 30 at Mahon Hall.

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!**

**OLIVER**

A musical presented by students, parents and staff of Phoenix School.

June 4th & 5th 7 pm

**Phoenix School 163 Drake Rd.**

Refreshments will be sold.  
Adults \$5 - Students & Kids \$3

**G.I.S.S. TEACHING KITCHEN PRESENTS Wholesome Lunches**

11:20 - 12:20 Mon - Fri in the Cafeteria (including vegetarian entrees)

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURES**

- Blueberry or Cherry Streussel Pie \$6 each
- Lasagna, meat or vegetarian, min. 3kg. weight \$15 tray

Call 537-9944 #129 or Fax 537-2238

**14 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-888-324-3299.

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

**14 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

**SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"**

Donations of cash, property or life insurance now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. "In Memoriam" gifts will be acknowledged with a card. Include names and addresses of recipient, next of kin and donor for tax receipt. Scholarships, land for parks, and relief of hardship are but a few directions in which your foundation serves the community. Please mail donations and requests for information to The Salt Spring Island Foundation, #2 - 110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2S5 or call Bob Rush at 537-2501.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS**

Salt Spring 537-2317 or 537-2270  
Galiano 539-2222  
Pender 629-6946

Women's only - Thursday nights 5:15 p.m. Please call 537-1733 or 537-2993. Babysitting provided.

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

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**23 IN MEMORIAM**

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Canadian Cancer Society  
207 - 225 Canada Ave,  
Duncan, B.C. V9L 1T6  
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**26 LEGALS**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS**  
RE: The Estate of **RALPH GORDON McDIARMID, Deceased,**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that creditors and others having claims against the estate of Ralph Gordon McDiarmid, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned solicitor at #1-105 Rainbow Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5, on or before June 26, 1997, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims that have been received.

Ian H. Clement and Nirmal Margaret Lynn Dryden, Executors of the Estate of Ralph Gordon McDiarmid Solicitor for the Estate: Ian H. Clement Barrister & Solicitor #1-105 Rainbow Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V5

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS**  
RE: The Estate of **CHARLES BASELEY, Deceased,**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that creditors and others having claims against the estate of Charles Baseley, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned solicitor at #1-105 Rainbow Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5, on or before June 26, 1997, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims that have been received.

Ian H. Clement and Lynn Woodside  
Executors of the Estate of Charles Baseley  
Solicitor for the Estate: Ian H. Clement Barrister & Solicitor #1-105 Rainbow Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V5

**Announcement**

As of Friday, May 23, 1997 work on the residence at 229 Bay Ridge Place, Salt Spring Island, B.C. has been substantially performed.

The owners, as represented by Heather Johnston Architect

**29 LOST AND FOUND**

FOUND: RABBIT on Sky Valley Rd. Brown colour, very friendly and tame. 537-2123, S.P.C.A.

FOUND: EAGLE Ridge area. Grey cat with striped tail, hanging around since February. 537-2123, S.P.C.A.

FOUND IN Ruckle Park Sunday, May 25: Pair of black shoes. Can be claimed at the Driftwood office.

SWEATSHIRT FOUND at tennis court May long weekend. Owner may claim at Driftwood.

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340 GARAGE SALES

TWO GARAGE Sales. 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 31, 120 Main St., 155 Main St. (off Fort). "Old fashioned spring clean-ups." Weedeater, tools, ladders, new clothes, camping gear, life jackets, and the usual.

GARAGE SALE, 117 Beaver Point Road, Saturday, May 31, 9:30 am - 1 pm. No Early Birds. Bicycles, lawn roller, bits & pieces.

GARAGE SALE, Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 145 Mansell Rd.

YARD SALE, Sunday, June 1, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. House and kitchen wares, CDs and tapes, clothing, etc. 105 Holmes Rd.

KIDS CLOTHING, toys, bikes, games, Joey box, skates, hamster cage, twin headboards and frame, etc., etc. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 110 Teal Place. No early birds.

490 HORRELL ROAD, Saturday, May 31, 9 am - 3 pm. Bargains galore, kids stuff, toys, bikes, housewares, antiques, dish washer, motor home, and freebies.

SENIOR GIRLS Volleyball Team is looking for donations of saleable items for upcoming garage sale. Please call 537-4294 or 537-4595 to arrange pick up.

GIANT 5 Family GARAGE SALE

Sat., May 31 8:30am - 1pm

Too much great stuff to list. Come see for yourself.

Corner of Robinson & Upper Ganges Rd. (next to the Tread Shed)

CORE INN YOUTH PROJECT GARAGE SALE

Sat. May 31 10-2pm  
Windows, Doors, Paint, Kitchen Wares, Bake Sale.

Early Birds will receive a youth!

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ARIENS RIDING mower, \$175. 537-4038.

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CEDAR HOT Tub for sale, \$500 obo. 537-0881.

FATHER'S DAY Idea - Video, "How to Sharpen Your Chainsaw" with Paul Konig, \$13.99. Available at Mouat's, Harbour's End Marine, Parkside News, Island Books Plus and Windsor Plywood.

VW CAMPER VAN, 1969, no motor, whole or parts, \$350. Suzuki Samurai 4x4, 1988, convertible, \$5000. Wall safe, \$125. 537-4634.

DAHLIA TUBERS for sale or trade at Indigo Farms, 289 Rainbow Road. Grow your own from Fall Fair prize winning stock! 537-5472.

HARBER-CRAFT airtight woodstove, medium size, ULC tagged, excellent condition. \$350. 537-5472.

RECONDITIONED & GUARANTEED. Lawn mowers and roto-tiller. Also, Dahlia tubers. 537-4267.

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BEAUTIFUL STONWARE platter, 16" diameter, \$100. 537-1542.

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DOG STAR Market, open this weekend "including Memorial Monday". In Fulford Harbour. 653-9939.

DROP IN "Vendors" always welcome at Dog Star Market". Dawna 653-9939.

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ELECTRIC CHIPPER shredder - Mantis Chipmate, 120 volts, 1.6 hp. \$150 firm. 653-4190.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

ORGANIC SEEDLINGS: Heirloom and specialty tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, basil. Reserve now! Susan, after 6 p.m., 537-7277.

2 NEW COUNTER chairs, green/birch, \$125 ea., originally \$175. 2 Dorset/Pangirtung prints, framed, \$400. 1 woven wool, Pelly Bay tapestry, \$400. 537-8219 after 6 pm.

DORLING - KINDERSLEY (D-K Publishing) has teamed up with Ravensburger to create wonderful preschool lotto and bingo games. New ... at West of the Moon, across from Mouat's, 537-1966.

TRIPLE STRAND Mikimoto cultured pearl choker, 18 k. white gold and diamond clasp. Value \$2995, asking \$2300. Long string Mikimoto cultured pearl necklace, 177 pearls. Value \$1770, asking \$1200. Graduated strand quality pearl necklace, 17 1/2". Value \$1000, asking \$800. 537-2052.

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12 FRESH FALLEN fir trees, approx. 300 lin. ft. - asst'd lengths, 8' to 45' - 10' to 24" dia. (average 15"). Best offer takes. As is/where is. John, 537-5184.

SEWERS! JANOME serger, brand new, Mylock 234D, under warranty. Beautiful 4 spool machine. 537-2902. Now \$500, was \$800.

ELECTRA HOMES best model organ, \$1100. Matching coffee and end table, \$30. Imperial sewing machine with 3 drawer cabinet, \$50. 3x5" printing press with metal type and accessories, \$50. 12 ft. gazebo and round table and chairs, \$500. Metal glass screen door, \$20. 537-1517.

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**TWO STOVES**, both working. 1 dryer, needs element. Barbecue, needs burner. Large rabbit cage. Large freezer, works, rusted. Grey Ford Pinto, good for parts, needs to be towed. 537-4331 after 5 pm.

**30" G.E. RANGE**, clean, good working condition. 537-4557 eves.

**KING SIZE bed**, boxes included. Many good miles left. You pick up. 537-9315.

**PAMPAS GRASS**. 537-2395.

**BATHTUB**, WHITE, right hand. Older wood stereo. Ceramic range top. Holding tank for Terry trailer. Older wood windows. Insulated furnace duct. 537-9664. Sat., May 31.

**LEATHER LOOK black desk chair** with matching footstool. 537-0844.

**USED OIL tank**, 250 gallon. Good for trough, etc. 537-5982.

**ODD SHAPED TV shelf**, solid wood, painted white. Large green carpet, good for keeping down weeds. 537-2917.

**GARDEN STORAGE cupboard**, wood, 32" high, 66" long, 28" deep. 537-4005.

**410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

**PARK DRIVE rancher**, 2 bedroom, charming house, pine ceiling, wood stove, separate workshop, sunny, level lot with fruit trees. Close to all amenities. \$159,000. Call owners, 537-1764.

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**YOUNG FAMILY** looking to purchase sunny vacation property. 1+ acres, private sale only. Reply to Department E, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3.

**WANTED: RENT-to-own situation.** Can repair/rebuild. Bruce, 537-9882, please.

**SMALL TWO bedroom cabin**, mobile home or cottage to lease or buy. Small down payment with terms. Mike, evenings, 537-2312.

**Rentals**  
**500 APT./SUITES FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT:** Large, open plan suite. Private entrance, ocean views, suitable for single, N/S, N/P, \$575/month plus utilities. 537-5067/537-9981.

**AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY**, 2 bedroom suite - 900 sq. ft. Close to town and all services. Includes: water, heat, washer/dryer, cablevision, hydro. \$750/month. References required. Reply in writing to Dept. G, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

**LARGE FURNISHED room.** Sunrise, ocean views, own entrance, shared facilities in veg. household. N/S. \$125/week, for month of June. Ideal artist's retreat. Call 537-1953.

**510 COMMERCIAL SPACE**

**QUALITY OCEANFRONT office or commercial space** available June 1 at Fulford Harbour Marina. Contact Scott Wood at 653-4467.

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**REDWOOD MEADOWS** (near Calgary) family looking to swap houses for 2 weeks in July or August, anywhere in the Gulf Islands. Home must be child/pet friendly. Come and enjoy Calgary, Banff and beautiful Redwood. Please call 1-403-949-3025.

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**2 BDRM. OCEANFRONT** with large artist's studio, on beautiful sunny & private property near Fulford Marina. Avail. for lease immediately. Ref. required. \$1100/month. 653-4386.

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**BEAUTIFUL OCEANVIEW.** Large home, 3 bedrooms plus den, very private, minutes from Ganges, 5 minute walk to beach. N/S, N/P. References required. \$1,000. per month. Call evenings 604-531-6770.

**3 BEDROOM PLUS den** on 2 acres, Beaver Point Rd., 1/2 mile from Ruckle Park. Two fireplaces, large deck, great garden. Long term, N/S, with references. \$950/month. Phone Vancouver, 731-4426.

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**JULY 1, SALTSRING Island.** Executive Residence. Large three bedroom home. Master has full ensuite including Jacuzzi and stone fireplace. Entertainment oriented living room with massive stone fireplace and wall to ceiling glass to capture the expansive panorama views of water and mountains. Dining room for dinner parties. Office with built in computer desk, filing drawers, wet bar and wood stove. Gourmet kitchen which includes a Sub Zero refrigerator. Heated ceramic floors throughout. Private court yard for alfresco dining or exercising. Patios to suit your outdoor needs. Fruit trees. Acreage and a long winding paved driveway with gated entry. Lease required. References. \$1500 per month plus utilities. 1-604-612-0784.

**THREE BEDROOM house** for rent. \$700 per month. Wood heat, available June 1, Isabella Point. 653-9225, leave message.

**BRAND NEW 2 bedroom home**, ideal for quiet, responsible couple. Private setting, Walker Hook Rd., long term rental. \$790 plus utilities. No pets. References required. 604-344-2681.

**QUAINT ADULT living space** in beautiful location. Large shared shop attached. 653-9076.

**Island Explorer Property Management Limited**  
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**ROOMMATE WANTED** to share south end home on Menhinick with owner, \$352 includes utilities, hot tub, w/d. Kathryn 653-4604.

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**ROOM** in large home. Kitchen, living area. All utilities, washer and dryer. \$360 per month. Available third week of June. 537-1212.

**530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION**  
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**COUPLE WITH 2 small children** would like to rent a house month of August. 653-9953.

**SALTSPRING COUPLE**, N/S, N/D, seeks 2 bedroom south end nest for long term rental, beginning June 1. Max. \$750. monthly. References. 653-9565.

**I AM looking** for an apartment or cabin to rent for summer. Please call Sheila Graham, 537-4678.

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**TENT TRAILER.** We would like to rent a small tent trailer for a week in August for a holiday to the interior. If you are able to help please call Linda 653-9568 after 7 pm.

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**WILDLIFE VOLUNTEER** who called Tuesday, May 20, we lost your message. Please try again. 537-0628.

**14' WHITE HULL dinghy.** Handcrafted rowing/sailing, trailer. "Mint" Offers. 567-4033.

**OLDER PROFESSIONAL couple** need quiet secluded cottage. 2 weeks late August. References. Call Don 598-9092.

**IRIS VIEWING,** this weekend and next week. Phone Parkside Gardens to arrange. 653-4917.

**NANNY NEEDED** for our 1 year old boy, private, self-contained living quarters provided. 20-30 hours per week expected. References and experience at child care required. 653-9205.

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## Students pick up varied experience at island businesses

By **NICK CHOQUETTE** and **LAURA BRASSINGTON**  
Driftwood Staff

Grade 10 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School have been reaching new extremes this year with their work experiences, learning new business tricks and accepting old ones.

Last week, these students were fortunate to work in areas such as computer sales, newspaper reporting and the fine art of grocery bagging.

In the field of computer-aided design, there was Jenny Redpath who recalls having had "a wicked week" at Tribal Drum Computers. Her duties varied from producing colourful advertisements to secretarial services with her supervisor Shelly Wilson.

"Working with Shelly was fun and she was an excellent teacher about computer programs," Redpath said.

She regards her work experience as unforgettable; she might even consider it as a future occupation. Redpath is led to believe that the only bad thing about her week was that she won't be able to work there again through the work experience program. However, "it was something to remember."

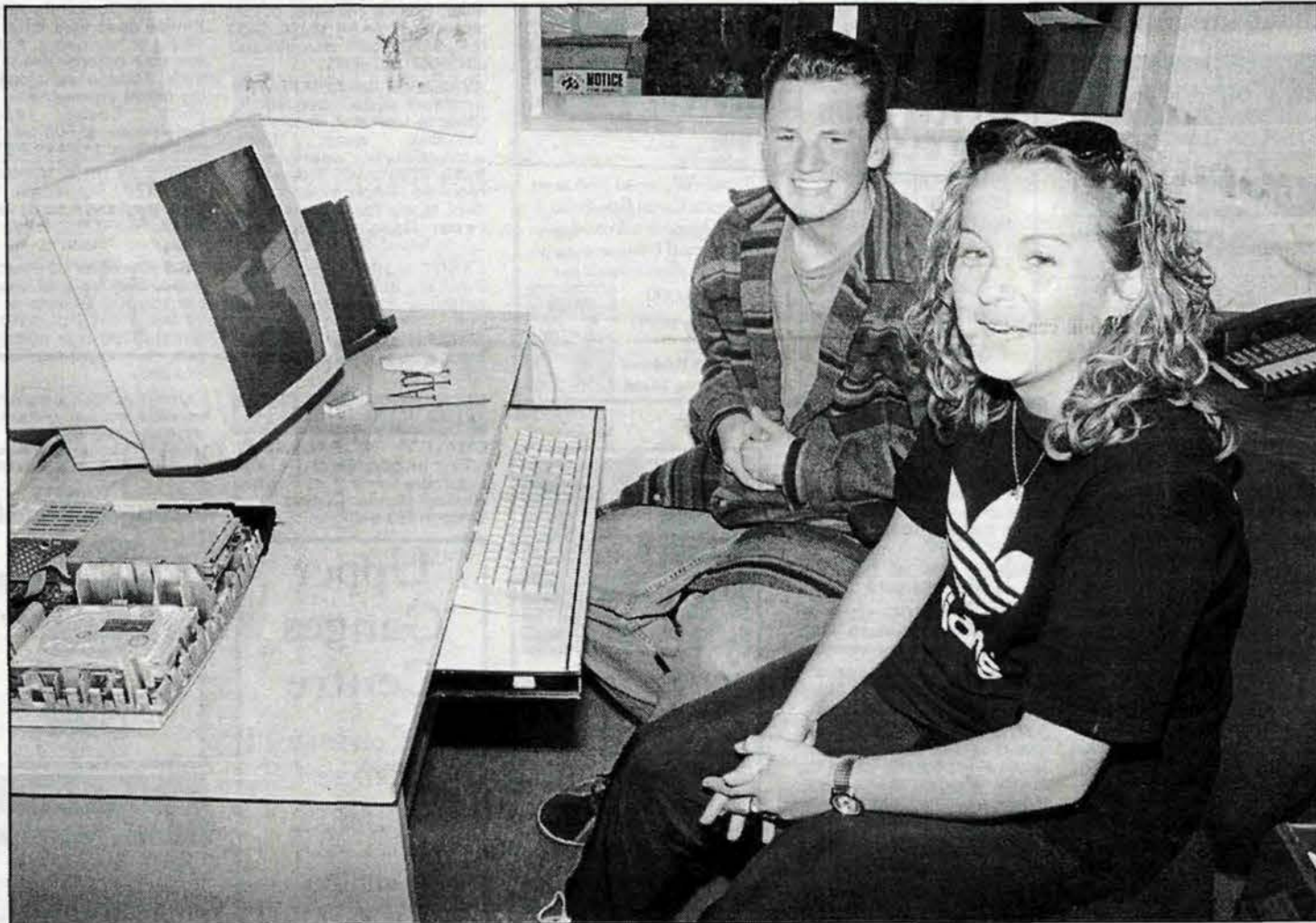
A girl who stayed in the education field working with Grade 1 and 2 students at Salt Spring Elementary School was Shannon Lercher. She has been working enthusiastically with the children, expanding their reading and arithmetic skills.

Lercher admitted to being quite nervous on the first few days but later felt quite confident around the children as they treated her respectfully. She did find it difficult dealing with the children at times, but said, "It all pays off when you can see their eyes light up as if you just taught them something." Lercher doesn't look to teaching as a future career but she would definitely like to be a part-time substitute.

A girl who certainly got her hands dirty was Bobbi Jo Basarab, working in the bakery of Ganges Village Market. She was pleased to work with supervisors who had a sense of humour.

"They're awesome people to work with," she said.

For their part, the supervisors



### Cub reporters

Nick Choquette and Laura Brassington sit at a computer terminal during an editing session Friday at the Driftwood. The two Grade 10 students from Gulf Islands Secondary spent the week

working as reporters for work experience. They were among 120 students placed at different businesses during the week.

Photo by Tony Richards

were also pleased. "We enjoyed having work experience students around because it breaks up the day and they are good company."

Basarab's duties kept her busy and involved making baked goods, meaning she was always "on a roll." She slaved over a hot oven all day and successfully stayed clear of cleaning up.

Some students, however, didn't quite manage to avoid clean-up duties. Steffan Bond had his hands all over everything at Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic. But while he may have had to deal with some gross stuff, "It was the learning experience of a lifetime."

It was hard work and ranged from walking animals to observing surgery and cleaning up the

mess afterwards. Bond clearly enjoyed his week and looks forward to following in his father Malcolm Bond's footsteps and the day he graduates from veterinary school. "Be a vet, it is the way to go!" Steffan Bond exclaimed.

A highlight for student Sara Pearson, who spent her week at et cetera, was meeting people. Her duties involved working at the till, helping with customer queries and even doing accounts.

"There have been no bad points about this job," Pearson said. She has been inspired so much by what she learned at et cetera that she has considered taking up this line of work.

An early riser to the job was the keen Freyja Wilkie, whose

employment entailed being at Barb's Buns by 4 a.m. Wilkie helped prepare and bake the daily "yummies," so an early start to the morning was essential. The yummies included bread rolls, cheese sticks, twists, muffins and bagels. Dicing, slicing, spreading, breading and even mixing soup was all part of a good morning's work. Wilkie chose the early shift so she could have a bit more time off in the afternoon. She enjoyed working at many varied tasks rather than one all-consuming chore.

In the restaurant business there was Steve Melanson, who also did a wide variety of tasks at Bouzouki Greek Cafe, including "dishwashing, busing, garbage duty and well, every-

thing under the sun, except cooking and serving."

What did Melanson like best about the week? "At least I'm not in school, it's not real hard work and the bosses are cool." And there was another factor: "You wouldn't believe how much money I'm making."

This energetic student chose his regular job for work experience to get school credits and quick cash at the same time. And he has no intention of leaving it. "With employers like these why would I want to quit?"

This year's work experience students enjoyed their time in the real world and look forward anxiously to future work experiences.



**Aid for flood victims**

Grade 4 students at Fulford School pose with posters advertising their bottle drive to provide help to Manitoba flood victims. Bottles can be left with Patterson's Store, Thrifty Foods, Ganges Village Market and Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies.

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**Mental health group formed**

The formation of a non-profit mental health consumers group will top the agenda at Thursday's general meeting of the mental health drop-in centre in the lower rooms of the Salt Spring Community Centre.

Beginning at 6 p.m., a dinner will precede the business meeting.

The drop-in centre group for people with mental illnesses, which has been operating without formal leadership since opening late last month, will attempt to create an official organizational structure under which to operate. Other agenda items include hours of centre operation and funding possibilities.

The centre is open to all those with a psychiatrist's diagnosis, their families and guests, and actively encourages the participation of all people with an interest in this project.

For more information, contact Alfred Nonevitch at 653-4468.

**Teaching workshop set**

If you like to travel and want to spend a year abroad teaching English, a one-day workshop on June 14 is a must-to-attend.

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# Island woman was elected United Church group head

**Thirty-five years ago**  
 • Rev. Norah L. Hughes, minister of Ganges United Church, was elected president of the British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada. She was the first woman ever elected to this office.

**Thirty years ago**  
 • Gulf Islands ratepayers would vote on three school-related building programs on June 16. The first referendum stressed the vital needs of three new classrooms and an industrial education shop to expand a small working environment at Gulf Islands Secondary School. The second aimed to approve dormitory facilities for off-island students. The third vote called for the construction of a teacherage.

**Twenty-five years ago**  
 • Premier W.A.C. Bennett for-

mally opened the new wing of Lady Minto Hospital. With a crowd of about 300 people, the premier declared the hospital open and ceremoniously unlocked the front door. The premier of the province spoke briefly of the advances in the hospital and gave an example of how Salt Spring's hospital opened in 1914 with six beds, one nurse, one helper and a janitor.

**Fifteen years ago**  
 • Residents of Salt Spring grouped together to voice their opinions on resolving the threatened shortage of hospital beds at Lady Minto Hospital. A hospital spokesman stressed that the hospital had no choice in the funding of facilities and said costs had already been cut by a substantial amount that year. Cost cutting would only leave four

## DOWN THE YEARS

acute care beds. Residents later learned that hospital services would decline and the medical arrangements would continue to be limited.

**Ten years ago**  
 • Over \$ 7,500 was handed over to the Rick Hansen Man in Motion fund for spinal cord research. The money was collected locally from a variety of fundraising sources including Lady Minto Hospital, wheelchair relay pledges, and plenty of driblets and drabs.

preserve it as best as I can. It's not very often that you find something this big," he said, adding that he might give it to a school or museum.

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# Small districts plan networking system

By banding together, small school districts like the one in the Gulf Islands hope to make a bigger noise.

Trustees agreed Wednesday to back a proposal by the Vancouver Island West School District for a communication network between small school districts — those serving less than 3,000 full-time students.

"After the amalgamation process there are very few small districts left in British Columbia," noted Vancouver Island West board chairman Susan Plensky. "The political agenda for educational concerns will naturally be dominated by larger districts ... We need to speak with a united voice if our unique concerns are to be heard by the provincial government."

Shared issues of concern cited by Plensky include the Provincial Learning Network/Internet access, the impact of budget changes on small districts, protection of secondary programs, access to educational technology, workload and teacher contract issues.

Gulf Islands board chairman Charles Hingston welcomed Plensky's suggestion for a network of small districts. "This seems, on the face of it, a great idea."

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said representatives of smaller dis-

tricts are already meeting informally during events like the B.C. School Trustees Association convention, but he felt a more formal organization would be useful.

Duncan added that trustees could be kept in touch with each other through e-mail.

Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel offered to serve as the Gulf Islands contact for networking since she has an e-mail address.

Trustees then had a chance to put their networking in action by backing a letter written by Plensky to Minister of Education Paul Ramsey.

In her letter, Plensky objects to changes in the grant formula for small secondary schools, which she said had wiped \$90,000 from her district's budget.

Gulf Islands district secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold said the changes had reduced government funding to Gulf Islands Secondary School by \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Duncan agreed, noting the changes in government funding formulas mean a net reduction of \$80,000 in government funding for the district although the ministry claims it is not reducing funding for education.

Trustees agreed to write to Ramsey supporting Plensky's letter and indicating the impact of funding reductions on the Gulf Islands School District.

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