Man rescues boater trapped under dinghy

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

A new friendship was sealed on the underside of a flipped dinghy Friday when a Galiano man rescued a Salt Spring woman from the frigid waters of Ganges Harbour.

"I was colder than I've ever been in my entire life," said 29-year-old Dean Drinkwater who, along with Vera Kononoff, 65, was treated for mild hypothermia following the mishap.

For Kononoff the rescue has restored her faith in "human potential."

"It has given me faith that there are still young people who will risk their lives for others," she said.

Drinkwater told the Driftwood he was eating dinner on the coast guard dock at around 8:30 p.m. Friday, watching the activity in the harbour. He saw Kononoff row out to a trimaran which she boarded, apparently to feed two cats.

"I looked down for a minute, then back up. She was gone and the rowboat was flipped over."

Kononoff, a seasoned boater and power squadron member who sailed in the Round Salt Spring Race two weekends ago, described the incident as a "fluke accident."

Still tired from the race and unsteady on her legs — she suffers from post polio — she fed her friend's cats and stepped from the trimaran into her new dinghy which she describes as a "little tippy — not as steady as my old sabot."

"I put my right foot down and lost the balance." At the same moment a wave struck the boat and "between the wave and the dinghy, I was over."

Kononoff said she didn't panic. Her self-inflating life jacket "exploded" around her and she found herself in an air pocket underneath the boat.

Unfortunately, with 35 pounds of air now clinging to her neck, she was unable to push down and get from under-

OCP dissenter says water is disappearing

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

While taps are turned and toilets flushed daily by thousands in the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD), Mike Larmour lives intimately with the knowledge that the licensed source of that water is rapidly disappearing.

As its manager and an employee at the island's largest water utility for 34 years, he has seen demand for water rise dramatically, not only due to population growth but more recently because of greater concern about protecting fisheries resources.

Between the residential, commercial and institutional properties it now serves and those it is committed to serving through approved yet dormant developments, the district is now at its current licensed capacity.

The problem is that current zoning allows for much more growth.

According to an August 1997 Salt Spring Trust study, there are 47,000 square metres of undeveloped commercial floor space (or 160 per cent more than existing development). And institu-

Fire victim dies from injuries

A 19-year-old Salt Spring man died last week after suffering severe burns in a brush fire. But how the fire started is still a mystery.

Sidharth Ramchandra Pandeya was airlifted from Salt Spring to Vancouver Hospital's burn unit last Tuesday. Despite emergency surgery, he died the following morning.

Born in the village of Haripur, Allahabad, India, in June 1978, he came to Canada last fall, joining his father, Dr. Raam Pandeya, at his Kayshalo healing centre on the slopes of Mount Maxwell, off Fulford-Ganges Road.

The victim was at home alone when the fire broke out. Salt Spring fire chief Les Wagg said the cause of the fire and the sequence of events at the time is still not clear.

"However the fire started, we suspect he was trying to put it out."

The house was destroyed by the fire, so no water was available.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the United Church on Hereford Avenue, was staged later in the year than usual, allowing for display of later-blooming flowers.

Sidharth Pandeya and he caught his clothes on fire," Wagg said Monday.

A neighbour spotted the smoke and called the fire department. An ambulance rushed the injured man to Lady Minto Hospital and from there he was sent by heli-

copter to Vancouver.

Amanda Spottiswoode, who works at Dr. Pandeya's Reach Foundation, said the young man suffered burns to 95 per cent of his body.

"It's a terrible tragedy. Nobody really knows what happened," Spottiswoode said. A hose had been turned on but the pump-house was destroyed by the fire, so no water was available.

A memorial service was held Friday morning at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Ganges.

Spottiswoode credited firefighters with saving the log house on which he had spread under a deck of the house before it was brought under control.

"They did a really good job of saving the house," she acknowledged.

Wagg said the fire was still being investigated.

Ferries may drop unused sailings

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Use it or lose it.

That will be the bottom line for future ferry service, according to Glen Brown, executive vice-president for inter-island services at B.C. Ferries.

Over the next few months Brown is going to take a hard look at numbers, he told members of the Driftwood's editorial board Thursday. And where those numbers don't add up, the boats won't sail.

"We don't see any reason to sail ships that are empty," Brown said. "It means we're carrying a lot of air."

If crew are assigned to work, they can spend the time doing drills or maintenance, he observed.

But sailings won't be can-

celled for the sake of Brown promises to give three months' warning before a sailing is can-

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FERRIES FUTURE: A 'hard look'

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told.

"The idea of removing sail­
ing is me doing the statistics and putting it back to the public and saying: these are the sail­
ing you're not using and if you're not using the sailings, we're going to cancel them."

The three-month lead time
will give both individuals and
the ferry corporation time to adjust before a sailing is can­
celled.

Brown said a balance needs to be struck between the level of
service and the cost. It should be increased to meet short­
falls in that service. It should other means, such as property taxes, be used to subsidi­
ize the service.

Thanks to the province's inclusion of a $24 million sub­sidy for B.C. Ferries in its 1998-99 budget, the Gulf Island shares of the operating deficit has shrunk to $2 million, Brown reported.

Although the final decision has been made on how the province will subsidize B.C. Ferries, Brown said it will be allo­cated, Brown cited the way in which the federal subsidy of $22 million is distributed. It is based on the passenger miles carried by each non-commercial route.

"The number of people who travel is a pretty good indication
of the need," he said.

Another new benchmark for Brown is the one ferry route in the Gulf Islands that does not have to add sailings: Vessuvius-Crofton.

One reason is low terminal costs. Driveways line up, wait for a signal light and then drive down the ramp and onto the ferry. Users who have become
trained in using the system reduce the cost.

The Fulford terminal traffic requires staff direction, increas­ing the cost. Swartz Bay is much more sophisticated, which also increases the cost.

The difference, Brown said, "forces us to start thinking."

Also forcing the corporation to think are the questions raised by the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee. The stakeholder process, Brown said, "is the best way we have for competition." Use of islanders as advisors is a change for B.C. Ferries. Brown's approach has been very paternalistic. We have made deci­sions and no one knew what was best," Brown said. But he stressed that attitude is chang­ing. "I'm looking at making us more customer-responsive."

Since 60 per cent of B.C. B.C. Ferries' costs come from wages, Brown admits balancing the books will impact on the B.C. Ferry and

FOR THE RECORD

• Two of the variable sailing times in the new summer schedule for the Saltford-Swartz Bay route were acciden­tially listed as in effect June 26. The service started at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 28.

• A story in last week's Driftwood incorrectly indicated that artist Carol Evans is donating $5 off the price of her signature posters to ArtSpring. Actually, Pegasus Gallery is making the contribu­tion.

Ice park group wants
land used for facility

An advertisement in today's Driftwood by the Salt Spring Ice Park Society is a prorp­uctive step, society president Brian Little said Tuesday.

"We propose to support develop­ment of an indoor recre­ation facility on the island and to ensure the nine acres near the high school purchased for indoor recre­ation is not used for anything else."

"We want to make absolutely certain that this land is kept for a recre­tion facility," Little said.

He added society members have no concrete reason to fear the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) has another plan for the land—other than previous experience.

Little said the Portlock Park properties, which house out­door recreational facilities, was originally tooted as a site for a skat­ing rink.

Since it was action by the Ice Park Society which prompted the PARC to purchase the nine acres, Little said, the society has an inter­est in ensuring the land is used as proposed.

Society volunteers have been discussing an arena on the island for seven years and have con­tributed countless volunteer hours to the project, he said.

They are disappointed that the PARC is not quickly holding a refer­endum to build a facility, espe­cially since recent surveys shows strong support for indoor recreation on Salt Spring.

"Something should be done and now it's going on hold?" Little said.

PARC administrator Tony Hume said the commission is working through the recommendations from the facilities task force and trying to get the nine acres out of the agricul­tural land reserve.

Salt and land was purchased through a function which supports ©s. can be used for any other purpose, Hume said.

ArtSpring donations
coming fast

The ArtSpring campaign drew within $10,000 of its $575,000 goal on Tuesday.

Island Arts Centre Society Bob Woodin told the Driftwood there were only $10,000 to go, but donations above and beyond that amount will help trigger additional funds in Susan Bloom's matching $50,000 donation.

Any monies raised in excess of the goal will be available for contingent purposes, or to help start the ArtSpring Endowment.

The fund will be held in trust and administered by the Vancouver Foundation. It will help offset oper­ating costs by investing the capital and allowing a portion of the earned interest to provide ongoing support.

ArtSpring spokesman Richard Mosen said donations were coming in so fast last week that office volun­teers wore out the rubber stamp used to endorse cheques.

Skua called to
aid boat, B.C. Ferry

One comparatively light boat and one hugge boat both requested help from the Gulf Coast Gate Queen last week.

On May 19, the Skua towed a 27­ foot fishing boat off the shell bench on Third Sister Island at approxi­mately 10 a.m. The boat had caught on the beach by the tide.

On Friday, the Skua was called to assist B.C. Ferries' Queen of Alberni, which lost power off Nanaimo Island at 5 p.m. While the Skua was en route, the ferry crew was able to restore power and the Skua returned to Gulf.
Suspected arsonist ordered to stand trial

A man originally suspected of setting fire to three Salt Spring churches has been ordered to stand trial for two of the blazes.

Following a preliminary inquiry Thursday, Duncan Provincial Court found sufficient evidence to proceed with two arson charges against the same Wells.

The court discharged one count of arson, finding there was not enough evidence to try Wells on charges stemming from a June 18, 1997 blaze at the Community Gospel Chapel.

The Crown will proceed against Wells on two counts of arson, one count of personation and one count of break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence.

These charges have resulted from the August 23, 1997 fires at Burgoyne United Church and St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Fulford Harbour.

Wells will appear in Duncan court on June 3 to set a trial date.

PARC vows to reclaim park

Centennial Park is out of control. Members of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) decided Monday to regain control of the park — which has become a hang-out for young people — with a bylaw amendment to draw up boundaries of behaviour.

“To a large extent we have lost control of Centennial Park,” said PARC administrator Tony Hume at Monday night’s meeting.

The park is frequented by a group of 60 to 80 young people, some of whom use the park as a place to drink, smoke pot and conduct drug deals. There are also frequent problems with vandalism.

The proposed bylaw amendments would:

• prohibit the possession or consumption of alcohol in the park;
• prohibit the use of the park after 11 p.m.;
• allow police, a parks administrator or bylaw enforcement officer to have people from the park for violating the bylaw;
• allow for tickets of $25 to $100 for violations of the bylaw, make it an offence to enter the park while banned, establish authority for enforcing the park bylaw;
• prohibit dogs in the park while the Market in the Park is open.

Hume said a huge amount of staff time is being devoted to problems in the park. “What it really needs is almost constant police supervision.”

Plans are under way to rebuild the washrooms in order to combat the repeated vandalism and misuse of the facilities, Hume reported. Tightening up the bylaw will give police and staff a means of better controlling activities in the park, Hume said.

PARC chairman Malcolm Logan agreed the first step is to put some teeth into the bylaw. He pointed out use of the park by the general community is dropping. “I see less and less people coming into the park to use it.”

The commission agreed to direct Capital Regional District staff to work with the bylaw amendment, a process which Hume predicted would be completed in three weeks to a month.

“We can do whatever it takes to get our park back because we’re losing it,” Hume said.

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neath the boat. Then the life
ejacket buckle jammed as she
tried to undo it.

“I realized I was trapped
underneath the dinghy. But I wasn’t
scared. I thought ‘what can I do?’

In the meantime, Drinkwater waited about 30 seconds for the woman to respond.

He then shouted for a nearby
taxi driver to pull the coast
guard and told a man on the
dock to grab a boat and get to
the trimaran. He dove into
the water and swam to the
dinghy where, underneath, he
found a shivering Kononoff.

“I talked to her for a minute
and told her help was on the
way,” he recalled.

As the two tried unsuccessfully
to lift the dinghy, Kononoff said, she panicked:

“Now there were two people
trapped.”

It took a few minutes, but
with a “little teamwork,” Drinkwater said — one pushed
down on one side of the boat
while another pushed up on
the other side — they eventually freed themselves.

By this time a pleasure craft had arrived, followed by the
custom guard vessel Skua.

Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-
charge Dave Howell said the two
were taken onto the Skua and
then treated for mild hypother-
mas at the coast guard station.

“He (Drinkwater) showed
a lot of brass doing it,” Howell
said. “He could have gotten
himself into trouble.”

Says Kononoff: “He’s just a
phenomenal young man. He
does all the credit. Drinkwater,
however, is a reluctant hero.

“I assisted her in a rough sit-
uation,” he said, downplaying
his part in the event.

Following the rescue, the two
enjoyed dinner together at
Moby’s Marine Pub and have
since forged a friendship.

Kononoff, a widow, has a son
the same age as Drinkwater,
but he lives in California. She
also has two grown stepchi-
ldren living in Toronto.

Next weekend, the pair
intend to go boating in
the Ganges. A phony
$100 bill showed up at a local
bank, while counterfeit fives and
tens were received by some local businesses.

“A inexperienced moped driver
drove out of the ride Thursday
afternoon, and finished up in the
ditch. The 41-year-old woman
was treated at Lady Minto
Hospital for facial injuries.

Rescue: ‘Colder than I’ve ever been’

HERO: Dean Drinkwater,
above, dove into Ganges
Harbour Friday to rescue Vera
Kononoff, right, who was
trapped under a dinghy.

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District considering St. Mary Lake dam

Owners of property around St. Mary Lake are being asked for their input into the possible effects of a dam at the lake's outlet creek.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) has sent a letter to property owners earlier this month outlining the proposed work on six island creeks. NSSWD manager Mike Larmour explains that preliminary discussions with the water management branch of the provincial environment ministry have ascertained that a dam must be built before the income from the new development is realized.

Larmour says it is possible that a referendum may be required to authorize the necessary bypassing.

As well, Larmour assumes the extra 500,000 gallons per day resulting from a dam would meet growth demands for the next 20 years, that is not known for certain. The district cannot control water use once the dam is connected to a property. He observes that now more than ever, a single family dwelling could include a B&B, a home business or a seasonal cottage being used for year-round accommodation.

Still, studies show water users in the NSSWD are already more conservation-oriented than those in other south coast areas. (1997 per-dwelling consumption was pegged at 58,000 gallons per year on Salt Spring and an average of 75,775 gallons in other similar communities.)

On the other hand, residents have not generally become more conservative. From 1991-97, per-dwelling consumption in the NSSWD rose about 2,400 gallons each year.

Island creeks will benefit from enhancement grant

The Salt Spring Salmon Enhancement Fund to Salt Spring Island in 1993, which put more emphasis on fisheries protection, the NSSWD’s options became more limited than they already were.

An April study commissioned by the NSSWD has found there could be some negative impacts on fish, particularly herring.

The NSSWD already knows that the water management branch of a new hand-licences every day of the week. Larmour said an application to draw more water from Harris Creek, rearing ponds to effects of a dam at the lake’s outlet creek, has been under appeal ever since. A 1997 Islands Trust study said an application to draw more water from Salt Spring Island was granted, the district faces high demand for its outlet creek.

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WATER: District fears shortage

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Greenwoods collected $8,000 worth of luck Thursday when the Humanus Lottery Club selected the intermediate care facility as the first recipient for its grant program.

The money will purchase a special lift called a Maxi Mover. It can be used to lift patients and transfer them from a wheelchair to a bed, from bed to chair or even lift someone from the floor if a patient falls.

Greenwoods administrator Penny Polden said staff often have difficulty lifting and moving patients, and sometimes risk injury doing so. The mechanical lift will offer greater safety for both patients and staff.

Humanus group founder George Graham presented the cheque to Polden and Greenwoods board chairman Don Hartwig. Graham explained that Greenwoods' application for the money exactly matched the Humanus Seniors' Society specifications and available funds.

The group is funded through the Humanus Lottery Club, which combines the group's purchase of lottery tickets with a multi-level marketing structure and fundraising. Club members committed to put $55 a month into a pooled purchase of tickets.

Half the money is used to buy the tickets, 10 per cent is used for administration, 20 per cent pays those who sponsor recruits into the club and 20 per cent is set aside to finance projects for seniors.

Graham said the charitable society was founded 20 months ago and registered with the B.C. government as a non-profit group in February 1997. He estimated there are 600 people involved in the club.

He said it was time for the group to give a grant and the Greenwoods application matched the amount of money available. "We wanted to make a presentation and show people we were real. We live in a skeptical society," he observed.

Mouat Park campground faces closure at the end of this season

The money-losing campground in Mouat Park will be permanently closed at the end of this season, members of the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) agreed Monday.

"Mouat Park is not a place to put a campground — right on the edge of town, you’re inviting problems and we’re getting all of them," said PARC member Malcolm McEwan.

He said a report written by PARC administrator Tony Hume included:

• the loss of the 15 vehicle and 12 walk-in sites in Mouat Park could be covered by private operators.

"It will be a great opportunity for private operators to step in and augment those sites," Hume said.

In addition, B.C. Parks is adding 20 more campsites at Ruckle Park.

Committee members also agreed to start a planning process for the 55-acre park and to invite public input into possible uses for the site.

Some ideas which have been suggested include a public disc golf course, expanding nature trails and adding a fitness component, increasing spaces for picnics and dry visits and adding equestrian trails to augment the riding ring.

PARC member Barry Ureghart said a survey of participants in the Wiggle Waggle Walkathon held Sunday in the park showed many were not familiar with the extent of the facilities.

"The crowd was mixed — there were a lot who had never been there," Ureghart said.
A 30+ lot subdivision is in progress on Stewart Road south of Peter Arnell Park. The good news is this will result in the upgrade of Stewart Road from the south paved portion of Stewart to Peter Arnell Park. THE BAD NEWS IS THE REMAINDER OF STEWART ROAD WILL NOT BE UPGRADED. THE REASON? THERE WILL BE GOOD ACCESS VIA THE FULFORD GANGES ROAD.

Does the Ministry of Highways really expect these new home owners and all the trades people involved in the construction of 30+ homes to drive an extra 7 kilometers to reach Ganges?

This 30+ lot subdivision was approved without a Stewart Road traffic study despite the fact a written request for a traffic study was made by the writer and acknowledged by the Ministry.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Bill Monahan, of Creekside Drive, wrote an excellent letter to the editor last week in which he concluded "Let's get together and start twisting arms before our roads become completely impassable."

Ron Fisher, MD, of Stewart Road, wrote a letter to the editor after the winter of 95/96 in which he points out "Stewart Road is no longer the "back" road, it is an extremely busy and very dangerous piece of our island. All summer we put up with dust, in winter we worry about ice and snow, and all year long we lose bits and pieces of our vehicles in potholes. With the increasing traffic, including large trucks, bikes, etc., and a narrow rough road with soft unprotected shoulders, it is only time until lives are lost. Surely it is time the powers that be find the funds to upgrade Stewart road before they lose more of their equipment or have to bear the guilt of a lost life."

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF STEWART ROAD PLEASE MAIL OR FAX THE ATTACHED LETTERS.

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I am deeply concerned that the Ministry of Highways and Transportation is permitting significant additional traffic on Stewart Road without providing the upgrades necessary to ensure the road is brought up to and will be maintained at a level to provide safe passage.

I request that you immediately, as my elected representative, stress to the Minister the urgent need for rehabilitation action to make Stewart Road as safe as possible for the travelling public.

Yours truly,

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By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

French immersion cut-off— one sibling in, one out

First come, first-served means Stephen Severn will enter French starting next year but sister Jesse may not.

When Janet Stepaniuk went to enroll both her children in the Grade 6 late French immersion program at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) early on April 21, she wasn’t early enough.

Stephen, 10, was the 25th student to apply. Jesse Stepaniuk, 11, was the 26th. Because of a 25-student limit, Stephen is in the class, Jesse is on a waiting list and their mother is angry.

"That is not an excuse to diminish the expected level of education that our children can expect to receive."

Benefits of becoming bilingual in both French and English include increased access to jobs, according to Janet Stepaniuk. "If students don’t enroll in French immersion in Grade 6, they will not have another chance."

Her daughter is one of 13 students on the waiting list. Last year, 8 students cut-off, 1082 students were enrolled and two classes offered, she said.

Stepaniuk wrote in a letter to trustees, "That attrition favours Jesse. As the 26th student on the list, she is likely to get in the class."

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‘Lovely day’ during HEU walkout

A four-hour walkout Tuesday morning by hospital Employees* Union staff at Lady Minto hospital was taken in stride by the administration.

Karen Davies, manager of patient care for the Gulf Islands, took over the switchboard. She and fellow administrator Sharon Bond also handled admissions.

The strike involved all staff involved in support services at the hospital, Davies said, although essential services were still in place. She added that

BCPSEA says reject agreement

School boards should reject the agreement with the B.C. Teachers’ Federation (BCTF) negotiated on their behalf by the provincial government. That’s the advice of the B.C. Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA).

The agreement was negotiated by the province to negotiate with the BCTF on behalf of school boards. But in the Sooke district, the province stepped into the stalled negotiations, eliminating BCPSEA from the process.

After reviewing the resulting agreement, the BCPSEA board voted Thursday to recommend rejection.

"The association cannot support these contract terms with a clear conscience because they do not address the fundamental problems facing our education system and are not in the best interests of students,” said BCPSEA Chairman Charles Hingston, who also sits on the defunct Gulf Islands School Board.

Hingston pointed out the government brought an extra $150 million in funding to bargaining in order to reach a contract agreement.

"The government is trying to buy a settlement by providing more jobs for teachers," the contract would commit school boards to spending millions of dollars without any assurance they will receive full funding.

If the extra government funding ends in three years, Hingston said, boards will have hired new teachers but will not have the money to pay for those teachers. The new contract also rolls over provisions from previous contracts which are already creating financial problems in many districts, Hingston said.

His main concern is inslexible language in both the previous and new contract provisions. "Without flexibility, schools and districts cannot make decisions which best reflect their needs."

"What you need to have is protection for teachers and the ability for local teachers and administrative officers to make decisions which best meet the needs of students in their schools," Hingston explained.

Hingston would also like to see an end to seniority provisions "bumping" teachers from class to class and a better system for teacher evaluation.

"BCTF has not been able to get a commitment from the province to fund the cost of the contract," Hingston said. Only the new positions are covered, not the costs arising from previously negotiated positions.

"I think we should follow through on the commitments we made with the last contract before we deal with this one," Hingston said. He predicts that failing to resolve the current issues will increase future turmoil. "In the long term, there will be a huge amount of pain."

School boards province-wide will be voting on the contract from June 8 to 15. The results will be tabulated and released June 18.

The Sooke district had already received the draft contract and has been promised that our daughter will get in," Stepaniuk said. But she said that does not resolve the problem for other students who are further down on the list.

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Duncan said a letter went out to Grade 5 students at SIMS trying to encourage more to enroll but no more have applied.

Since the Grade 6 immersion program has a high attrition rate, the district expects some to drop out in the first month.

Nancy Macdonald, who coordinates French programs in the district, said two to three of the 35 enrolled students have dropped out in previous years.

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**OPINION**

**A sorry state**

It's time local motorists started getting angry about road conditions. Next time you're out driving, take your eyes off the greenery, the glimmer of water and the breathtaking vistas and look at the roadway. Depending on where you are, it could be ripped like the exposed inner layer of corrugated cardboard or pieced together like an abstract picture puzzle in shades of gray-black.

Look at the expanse of asphalt, nibbled by weather, scalloped by potholes and at times vanishing entirely under a swath of gravel. Note the narrow troughs lurking at the road edge, waiting to puncture an careless tire.

Pose the stretches of road which resemble Swiss cheese, with potholes in the middle and mouse-bites on the edges. Observe the lumpy asphalt Band-aids stretched over fallen roadbeds, their uneven surface revealing underlining damage like tape stretched over a broken arm.

And then wonder why we put up with it.

It seems the standard of maintenance has dropped lower and lower in recent years, rather like the Walker Hooke roadbed. But because the slide has been gradual, the temptation has been to shrug and put up with the deterioration.

We can all understand why a cash-strapped government might want to cut corners — along with the slopes and straight-aways — when looking at the cost of road maintenance. Vote for vote, upgrading a bridge on the Lower Mainland is going to pay off better than improving Stewart Road.

Obviously, if islanders want real improvement, it has to be more cost-effective to fix the roads than to ignore them. Let us introduce Ray Bethell, who lives in Greater Victoria. Bethell was riding his motorcycle home from work last summer when he hit a patch of fine gravel.

The gravel had been left by a Ministry of Highways contractor working on the road. No signs had been erected to warn drivers that the road was unsafe.

Bethell sued. The contractor eventually settled out of court for just under $5,000.

So who works on Salt Spring roads? A Ministry of Highways contractor. Shouldn't that contractor have an equal responsibility to keep the roads safe — or at the very least, post signs advising drivers that the road are not safe?

What if the contractor were held liable for every lost hubcap, every prematurely retired tire, every loss of alignment, every cutout shell, every twisted tire rod and every vehicle-destructing bolt to frame and axle sustained by our long-suffering island cars? Asphault would begin to look cheap.

The government lurches on

The B.C. Public School Employes Association (BCPSEA) is recommending against the contract negotiated between the provincial government and the B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF). A government?

Surprised? No one should be. The provincial government has not played fair. It seems that the two school boards' bargaining unit, the government made a mockery of the process is established.

Then it compounded the folly by showing up at the bargaining table with an extra $150 million, certainly enough to buy a contract. Of course, when the BCPSEA tried to negotiate with the teachers, the trustees thought the cupboard was bare. The BCTF didn't like the crumbs on the table and bargaining stalled until the government showed up.

We can't help but wonder what the BCPSEA would have done with that same $150 million, had the BCPSEA known the government could be flush for its friends.

Are the province's students getting the best bang for those buckles? And for all the New Democrats have not proved themselves expert money managers, their bargaining with BCTF bedfellows does tend to raise images of foxes being handed henhouse keys.

But the most serious problem with this contract is one which not whom got what or the shutting out of trustees from their own bargaining process.

The real problem is that the contract erects more promises than a foundation that is already sinking.

Many school districts cannot afford the contracts they have and the government has again side-stepped the tough job of bringing those contracts into line with current fiscal reality.

By bowing to current political expediency, the province has paved its own way to disaster.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Saturna school**

As a resident of Saturna Island, it was interesting to see School District 64's tender and expression of interest in the centrefold of last week's Driftwood. "Our mission is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop their full potential as successful individuals and members of society..." While this centrefold was being authored, the residents and taxpayers of Saturna were given an ultimatum presented as two options: Kindergarten to Grade 8 at Saturna, or close Saturna Elementary School down and all children go to Mayne.

Saturna parents responded that neither was an option or acceptable as both would have the same effect. Without an intermediate school for children to expand and prepare for high school, the parents of that age group would move away, and without a school on Saturna, those parents of younger children would also move away. In most cases the children from both age groups belong to the same families.

Either way, Saturna Island would not be able to attract young families or keep the ones we have. Matt Hayes' remark in the "Lead balloon" article (Driftwood, May 20), suggesting that a kid who goes from K to Grade 8 or 9 in a small school will be slaughtered when they hit high school, could not be more accurate. I have been there and paid the price.

The savings stated in last week's article, of destroying Saturna School or destroying the Middle School on Mayne, by eliminating water transportation costs, does not amount to even one per cent of Gulf Islands School District 64's budget.

**Name change**

Why is it that a name can cause a young person to be ostracized and ostracized?

Not that far from Salt Spring is Springfield, Oregon, the scene where a young man with a name of Kip Kinkel obviously had bad enough, and took the power of the gun to put a stop to it.

It is suspected, although the drug companies and their dispensing partners will attempt to withhold the data, that Kip Kinkel was on Prozac, a feel-good drug that has monstrous side effects on some. It would be interesting, (but don't hold your breath), to see just how many of these violent acts have a chemical profile with Prozac and its imitators.

We will never stop teasing or making fun of the name of another, especially if we happen to be children. We can as adults make the right decision on how to launch a child into the classrooms and schoolyards.

Personally I would never have launched a Kip Kinkel. Who knows, a simple name change could have made a difference. I have noted in Quebec they sent back the registration of a child whose parents wanted to name their child God.

There is no excuse for Kip's action as he sits in a stark cell wearing paper clothes, but one wonders if... if... GARY LUNDY, Ganges

**Letters are welcome**

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 400 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name.

Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.
We Asked: What would you like to see as the first performance in ArtSpring?

Launi Middelthit
A group of Salt Spring performers in a variety show with music and acting and everything rolled into one.

Brian Xon
The sequel for Cinderella and the Three Bears. It's a big style show and it's a big style theatre.

Christina Ross
The CRD doing a full Monty.

Peter Aust
Metallica, a heavy metal band from San Francisco.

Matt Burrows
Someone Canadian. A concert for all ages to bring the community together.

Letters to the Editor

Unacceptable
I felt sick when I read the May 20 article on Outer Islands education options and got to the quote by Matt Hayter, high school student council president, who predicted that children who haven’t gone through the middle school will be “slaughtered” when they enter Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Even if this is only the perception of a few rat in the Old Salt, it is absolutely disgusting and unacceptable.

And (sorry, Carol Simpson) this is really the reason Saturna parents want their children in the middle school, so they won’t be slaughtered when they enter the high school, as the quote suggested.

How can we even consider sending our sons and daughters to an institution where this is discussed as if it is normal and acceptable?

DIANA ENGLISH,
Salt Spring Island

Thanks, Manson
Every weekend morning at 7:30, come rain or shine, Manson Toyabe arrives at the extended care ward of the hospital. He helps give out tea, fetches residents who need assistance, and greets them with a smile and a cup of coffee as they come into the lounge for the day.

It's a busy time of the day, and he often leaves quietly before we have a chance to say: Thanks, Manson! Your kindness is greatly appreciated, and you make the day a little bit brighter for residents and staff alike.

MAUREEN SMITH,
Demrit Way

Right to livelihood
Yet another one bites the dust — for those who would go in hall for an, at least, a free card for recreation, arts and parks to ask if they may make a living on this island. This is the Rec! Market Advisory Group’s refusal to allow psychic reader Leslie Wallace to sell her semi-precious gemstone necklaces at the local market.

What aura of authority does this group have? How is the public supposed to feel when they hear that a desire to give people so easily relinquish their right to livelihood? In an age where information and intellectual property is our greatest asset, surely this摩托onic PARC!Market Advisory Group interpretation of what is a tangible property right is ridiculous.

It is astounding how easily we have allowed a volunteer and self-appointed group to have such powers of induction, to wave a hand and wipe out a person’s livelihood as easily as an emperor nods his head.

Certainly, folks, budgets for collectivist committees like this would be wiped out in a single act of litigation if people would but call the bluff. When the collective begins to tread on people’s livelihoods, freedoms of self-expression, ideas and intellectual pursuits, it must be confronted and put back to work.

We watch as guileful bystanders at the ridiculous expense of re-locating a community sanctioned crosswalk; loss of revenue to farmers terms are told that they can’t sell their fresh vegetables in the market during the week; or as the Islands Trust decides their community plan — our community plan.

These latest victims are part of a growing number of people who are finding out first hand that art and lack of attention to the growth of bureaucracy on Salt Spring will cost us all dearly, financially, in community relations and tragically in terms of Salt Spring’s economic spirit.

PAUL MARCHAND
Ganges

Use skills
Kudos to Derrick Lundy for his third-place award for photography! His work must surely be proud to have a photographer on his talents on the staff!

I met Derrick about 12 years ago when he was first dabbling in photography. Being a freelance photographer myself at the time, I was able to give him some suggestions and a few pointers.

It’s been gratifying to open the Driftwood and watch Derrick’s work steadily improve over the years. He is now consistently taking photographs of emotional impact and high quality — utilizing excellent cropping, good lighting and correct exposures.

One photograph stands out in my mind as being absolutely festal — the March 11 front-page pic of the female stagehand at the Jozef magic show, surprising children with spring-loaded snakes. This picture was perfect in all respects and, in my opinion, should be submitted to the next newspaper competition, where it should garner a first-place award.

Even in the recent issue of the Driftwood, Derrick has another excellent shot, Roses for Mom, showing the wonderful contrast between the Mother’s Day Bouquet of roses and the tough-browed, tattooed cowboy holding them.

I hope that Derrick’s photographic skills will be even more heavily utilized by the Driftwood — we will all be the richer for it.

RICHARD KRIEGER,
Long Harbour Road

Votes counted
Now that the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists (ASA) Stepping Away show is over, I’d like to say thank-you to the artists who brought out their best work for a dazzling show, to the jurors who took pains to explain their choices, and to the public who came in droves and voted for their favourite pieces.

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PAUL MARCHAND
Ganges

Even better
The May 6 Viewpoint expressed my thoughts and feelings on the celebration.

I’m able to move on. I know that the world will never be the same, and it’s thanks to our community of friends that I’m able to do that.

Although I’ve not yet been able to write and thank you for the cards, the flowers, the food, the gifts, the warm thoughts and thoughtful prayers (given after Dave Raymond’s death), they were needed, appreciated and helped me when I needed it most. Even at my loneliest moments I realize I am part of a healthy community.

Moving on has meant many things to me. I’m learning to do a lot of things I never thought of trying.

I’ve moved house and accepted the challenge of turning my “guy world” into a place with a female touch. I’ve spent time turning clay into mystical beings and through all this I’ve enjoyed good health; something I hope I never have to take for granted again.

Now I’m invited to you share my dreams for moving on. On June 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., I’m turning the next page and opening Okano Gallery of Art at 160 Sharp Road. You are welcome to join in the celebration.

PEGGY FRANK,
Sharp Road

Tell us what you think
Did you see something you liked or disliked in this week’s paper? Write your comments below and send them to us by mail at The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, or by fax to 250-537-2613. Please include your name and phone number.
Calgary Declaration: a signal of goodwill

VICTORIA — I supported the Meech Lake Accord and had my head ripped off. I wrote in favour of the Charlottetown Accord and got skinned alive.

The most memorable letter I got from a reader at that time began, “You showed your colours, you filthy piece of slime.”

In the light of such ringing endorsement of my idea of what Canada should be all about, I’ll have another go at it and give the Calgary Declaration two thumbs up.

The Calgary Declaration is the latest attempt at turning Canada into what it hasn’t been for some time: a unified country that isn’t on the verge of schizophrenia every time Quebec holds a referendum on independence. The declaration was put together last September in Calgary by the country’s nine English-speaking premiers. The declaration is a goodwill signal to Quebecers, indicating that Canada is willing to negotiate meaningful constitutional change which, of course, can only take place if the Quebec Liberal Party defeats the separatist Parti Quebecois in the next election. The wording of the declaration, which recognizes Quebec’s “unique character,” as opposed to the “distinct society” phrase that had anglophones so uptight in the past, will bring about a lasting constitutional change that unifies the country.

Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard does, of course, not like the Calgary Declaration one bit. But then, he doesn’t have to. No do all the other die-hard separatists, who account for only a small minority of Quebecers.

What’s important is that reasonable folks in Quebec and reasonable folks in the rest of Canada like it. If they do, separatism in Quebec won’t have a chance.

Joining the majority of provinces that have already gone on record as supporting the Calgary Declaration, the B.C. Legislature has not only passed a resolution demanding that Ottawa restart the unity debate, based on the principles of the Calgary Declaration, but went one step further, adding a few items to the agenda.

The B.C. resolution adds three principles that would grant provinces more control over regional issues, establish national health care standards, and end discrimination against B.C., Alberta and Ontario in federal transfers for health, education and social programs.

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Grads gear up for awards, snappy speeches and party

By ROSE ATKINS

Driftwood Staff

There's a new twist with graduation ceremonies at Gulf Islands Secondary School this year. Everything takes place on one night.

"I'm very excited at the new format," said principal Eric McMahon of Saturday's ceremony. "The increased number of grads has posed a real challenge to organizers and they rose to that challenge."

This year 125 students graduated out of 151 enrolled in Grade 12.

Graduating students will arrive at the school, dressed to the nines, just before 5 p.m., when a photographer will immortalize those who are there on film with the official grad picture. The ceremony begins at 6 with a welcome speech and the grad procession (often compared to a fashion show).

Said the principal, "The school district dignitaries will follow. McMahon wants to say 'just a few words to honor the grad class and recognize them for their many talents and accomplishments ... I'm going to make it brief, and make it snappy.'"

(When asked if he could deliver on that promise he laughed, saying "that's a good question . . .")

After those speeches will come the heart of the ceremony, the presentation of certificates and scholarships and speeches and musical presentations performed for the most part by Grade 12 students.

Valedictorian Travis Beals and class representative Franczika Satzer are planning a speech which they hope will have meaning for all the grads. They want their speech to be specific to the grad class, focusing on the accomplishments and strengths of the school and "not something that we could go to Victoria and say to any grad class."

When all the awards have been handed out there will be a performance by Tribal Air. The grads will then participate in the grand march.

A surprise is planned for some time during the ceremony, but it's being kept very secret.

The ceremony is expected to go until 9:30, barring unexpected — long speeches. "We're crossing our fingers," said Molly Phillips, a student member of the grad council. The council has been working for nine months planning this year's graduation ceremony.

From 9:30 on there is an hour of free time in which there will be a chance to look at the grade's baby pictures, which will be on display in the multi-purpose room. Tea will also be served.

At around 10:30 p.m. the grads will board the cruise ship Adventure in Ganges Harbour for the after-party. The ship leaves at 11 for a five-hour cruise, with a DJ and dance floor on the upper deck, a casino, a karaoke and "tons of food."

The cruise will be chaperoned by the ship's crew and people from the community.

"Absolutely no Grade 12 parents are allowed on board," said aftergrad committee member Nori OuiBracher.

Meeting extinguishes Central Hall fireworks

By VALERIE LENNON

Driftwood Staff

It would have made a boring movie.

But members of the Central Community Hall Society appeared happy to drop a dispute over the use of the hall by Cinema Central, restore their executive and discuss future plans.

The society is open to "any adult resident of up to $1,000, the issue was referred back to the board.

The newly-elected executive was reviewed, suggesting that the clause membership is open to "any adult resident of Ganges or the north area of Salt Spring may have been more desirable in Salt Spring island."

Konig agreed the issue should be kept very secret. "We're not here to battle, we're here to work together," said Paul Konig, who had stepped in as a temporary president until Thursday's special general meeting.

On Thursday, members agreed to rescind the April 22 motion calling for arbitration between the hall and Cinema Central.

"We're not here to battle, we're here to work together," said Paul Konig, who had stepped in as a temporary president until Thursday's meeting.

President Mary Koroschik, secretary/hall manager Murray Holmes and director Aldynn Levy all resigned from the board eight days after the heated annual meeting.

Elected by acclamation Thursday were Konig as president, David Holt as vice-president, Delphi Ward as secretary and Tom Navratil and Marty Tractus as directors.

Koroschik reported that the vapour barrier under the hall had been incorrectly installed. He said Pentecostal Church members had already volunteered to remove the barrier and install a replacement material. A cement base and repairs to 15 or 16 supporting beams is also required, along with earthquake proofing.

Linda Quiring reported that Jonathan Yardley, who had done work on the hall in the past, still had a full set of plans for the building. He had suggested obtaining funding from the B.C. Heritage Trust to help maintain the hall.

Members agreed to ask Yardley to apply for a Heritage Trust grant with payment for the application to come from the grant.

An April 22 motion to have three contractors look at the hall foundation was rescinded.

Holt reported it would cost approximately $780 to $800 to make necessary repairs to the doors. The cost of replacing the doors would be more than $8,000.

Since the board can approve work up to $1,000, the issue was referred back to the board.

The newly elected executive was asked if membership in the society should be restricted to those with a $57 phone number, as suggested by the constitution, or if it should be open to all island residents.

The constitution states that membership is open to "any adult resident of Ganges or the north area of Salt Spring island."

Konig agreed the issue should be reviewed, suggesting that the clause may date back many years to when Salt Spring may have been more geographically divided than it is at present.

Grade 10 students enter work force for a week

By CHRISTINE VOPEL

Driftwood Staff

More than 100 students are absent from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) this week, but they have a good reason for being away from class.

It's Work Experience Week, a five-day program involving the school's Grade 10 students.

Grade 10 work experience was first introduced to GISS a year ago by coordinator Sarah Bergstrom who decided to start a program assisting students with summer employment.

On Monday Grade 10 students were shipped all over Salt Spring — and a few lucky ones off-island — to pursue their areas of interest while earning 30 hours of required CAPP 12 (Career and Personal Planning).

The work experience program enables students to encounter the world of work, outside of school. Not only does it teach them valuable tools for future application but it helps them focus their ambitions.

Rather than attempting to find the angles of a triangle, they will be learning skills for life such as communication, thinking, responsibility, adaptability and working with others.

Students feel one of the best things about work experience is that it prepares them for what's out there and how to find the ideal job. However, there is some controversy over whether students should be paid during work experience. But as Sheri Dawson of the GISS counselling department says, "They are being paid." They are not being paid with money, she says, but with something just as valuable — experience.

The school's Maggie Allison agrees that students should not be paid. "They're unskilled, inexperienced and they're to learn," Employers are giving up their time and money to train students, not pay them.

What makes work experience so successful? "Teamwork," Dawson cheerfully replied. "We have such quality students that they sell themselves."

The students appear to enjoy work experience because it gives them the chance to discover a job they like, from working with computer technology to something as different as becoming a rock climbing instructor.

"Work experience is good for us," says Leonat Calvca, a Gallois Island student.

Working as a student reporter for the Driftwood, I definitely gave work experience two enthusiastic thumbs up!
Unconditional love is ‘ne plus ultra’ of humans’ loving and longing hearts

I would like to explore here a concept often repeated by advocates of New Age theology. Unconditional love is ‘ne plus ultra’ but I think its roots predate by far the New Age and harken back to both prophetic teaching and human experience. The question of unconditional love is as old as the reality of love itself. It is bound up with the many faces of love, of whatever stripe and hue.

The concept of unconditional love raises as many questions as it does answers. It is by no means a facile idea. Unconditional love seems more expansive than to love without condition. It seems to be the ultimate thing, the ‘ne plus ultra’ of the loving and longing heart.

Jesus cogently expressed one clear definition of unconditional love through his teaching of the ancient great first commandment. Answering a scribe he said: ‘And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment’ (Mt. 12:30.)

This is one unambiguous expression of unconditional love. But notice that although his answer appears to be unidirectional — the love that flows from the individual to God — in fact, Christ exhorts believers to return the love to the ultimate source by which we were created and endowed. He asks, and we do so in prayer, but we have no right to impose conditions. God the Unconditioned One imposes conditions (laws, teachings, values) on creation, not the reverse. But God does not choose to impose such conditions. They must be freely accepted by the creatures. God has endowed all humans with free will and does not force anyone to believe or to behave in a certain manner.

But love between human beings, in one of its faces, is directional — the love that flows from the individual to another. This is the love that we learn about loving by trial and error, by putting theory into practice, through successes, and yes — our failures. We learn especially from these.

An intuitive leap of the heart takes place at the first mention of unconditional love. We experience a saying ‘yes,’ a well-meaning assent to the idea. What could be more liberating, more expansive than to love without condition? It seems to be the ultimate thing, the ‘ne plus ultra’ of loving and longing heart.

Lovers expect to be loved in return. When this happens, the love to the ultimate source by which we were created and endowed begins to assert signs of self-will and independence and doing things contrary to her wishes. It is also important to realize that we can go on loving someone without supporting the lifestyle or the choices that individual has made. Neither does unconditional love mean that we can go on loving someone without supporting the lifestyle or the choices that individual has made. Neither does unconditional love mean that we can go on loving someone without supporting the lifestyle or the choices that individual has made. Neither does unconditional love mean that we can go on loving someone without supporting the lifestyle or the choices that individual has made. Neither does unconditional love mean that we can go on loving someone without supporting the lifestyle or the choices that individual has made.

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Hastings House chef, manager describe wine cellular favourites

Mention the term "cellar" in connection with wine and images of racks of dusty bottles in dark stone basements come to mind.

A wine cellar gives any place a sense of refinement, an aura of the finer things of life. Where better to discover the true essence of wines than in our own Gulf Islands than at Hastings House.

A visit to any Relais & Châteaux establishment means extraordinary service as well as the expectation of a winning and dining experience to remember. General manager Mark Godziats and chef Marcel Kauer team up to make sure the guests at Hastings House are not disappoint ed on either front.

Below the restaurant, down the steep staircase in a cool, dark room, wine racks stretch from floor to ceiling, dim light flits enigmatically off the clustered bottles lined together in their cubicles. Not many of these bottles are dusty, however. The visitors at Hastings House like their wines too much to allow dust to gather.

I am soon drawn to a closer inspection of a Chateau Lafaurie and then a Camaraderie Cab from Washington. Mark pulls a favourite bottle from the racks — a Henschke 1995, a Shiraz/Cab/Malbec blend from the Barossa Valley.

Mark’s accent reveals why he’s biased toward this Australian wine. I notice a lot of big reds all around. The reason for this comes from the guests of the hotel. When people have a special dinner at Hastings House, the vast majority of them order our famous Salt Spring lamb and of course they need the correct wine to go with their choice.

All the wines I see look good to me so the question arises, what changes to the list might we expect? According to Mark, there will be some more attention to north-west coast wines without losing the international flavour of the current list. All Hastings House staff are becoming more and more wine conscious because of the informal tasting that often occurs in the kitchen and when they like a wine the guests find out about it.

There’s so much good wine down here, the question becomes to ask: What are Marcel’s favourites? In the kitchen he pauses, up to his elbows in mashrooms, then grabs the wine list. Hess Chardonnay from California, Blue Mountain Pinot Blanc from the Okanagan, Wolf Blass Chardonnay, and Kendall Jackson Cab/Soe reserve are all favourites, and I have to stop him before he gets carried away.

Mark agrees with the Hess selection but adds Shafer Red Shoulder Chardonnary from California, Camaraderie Cab/Sav, and Gallo Laguna Ranch Chardonnay. As I walk away through the warm-salt gardens, I long to return to the cool darkness of the cellar, corkscREW in hand and compile my own list of favorites.

Wines of the Month

I spent some time this month in front of the Australian wine section and found three classic Aussie blends.

- Hardy’s Stamp Series Semillon/Chardonnay is a clean, fruity, dry, beautifully-balanced wine with just the right amount of acid to give it the structure it needs. It’s a wine to wake you up and prepare your palate for the tastes of summer and at $9.15 you’ll want summer to last a long time.

- Rosemount Estate Diamond Label Shiraz/Cabernet 1997. Although it’s the same grape blend as the Hardy’s it is completely different. This is a thick wine with a bold hit of ripe strawberries and then lots of butter and honey flavour on top of good acid and that old-Australian big oakiness. The flavours in this wine made me think of a late-harvest dessert wine although it is definitely dry. Pay attention and be prepared for a taste sensation.

- Rosemount Estate Diamond Label Shiraz/Cabernet 1997 is another big impact wine with a strong, sour cherry attack and lovely earthy and earthy tones in the development. There isn’t much of a finish and it’s a bit thin but still makes for very interesting flavours and remarkably easy drinking after only 15 minutes on the shelf. At $13.95 it deserves a party.

Cheers!
Ferries group changes direction

The purpose of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee changed Thursday when its members ratified new terms of reference.

The committee was formed more than three years ago to develop a long-term plan for ferry service in the Gulf Islands, the mandate since that time has been to look at regional ferry service.

The advisory committee is now looking to the region and giving the committee various options for ferry service; suggest effective ways to communicate with island communities; and provide feedback to Island communities.

B.C. Ferries' commitments to the committee include:

• acting on the advice of the advisory committee and giving the committee information on implementation of recommendations;
• letting the committee know when recommendations cannot be implemented because of safety, regulatory, policy, operational or financial reasons;
• conveying significant changes in policy or programs to the committee; and
• providing a link between the committee and the B.C. Ferries board of directors.

Development of small working committees to oversee each route and maintain communication was proposed to the committee by Inter-Island Service Salt Marine superintendent Ross Harris.

Each of the working committees is to include representatives of the regional management team, a captain, a mate or engineer, a crew or ticket person and a representative of the advisory committee.

Salt Spring advisory committee representative Dave Thorburn said the working committees will be asking questions about routes and changes that we make in this route that will have an immediate impact and be seen as an improvement, he said.

The advisory committee adopted the idea, Thorburn added. "We're looking at the visitor and the regional management team in terms of service improvements, cost-saving and schedule improvements. Each of the committees is expected to avoid a cumbersome agenda and to make route-specific changes."

"We want to show the travelling public that we give a damn — we're open to improvements," he summarized.

Harris also suggested a working group to develop two or three changes in service to be implemented this winter and another working group to review options for the Saturna ferry service.

One goal is the release of the schedule for the winter ferry service well in advance, so islanders can plan for the future.

The advisory committee proposed holding a two-day marathon scheduling session by mid-June in order to publish the schedule by mid-June, so islanders can plan for the future.

Another issue raised at the advisory committee meeting was the need to recognize the different population levels on the different islands. While each island must have a minimum level of service, Thorburn pointed out that schedule changes impact more people on the more populated islands.

THE SALTSPRING ICE PARK SOCIETY IS CONCERNED THAT OUR DREAM OF AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTER FOR THE KIDS IS JUST A DREAM AND NOT A FACT!

The history of efforts by dedicated citizens to get a "footprint" for an ice arena, and an indoor recreational facility on Saltspring is a long and difficult story.

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We are tired of the insensitivity to the legitimate indoor recreational needs of our island youth.

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In the late 80's the Channel Owners were going to purchase the property adjacent to Portlock Park for future indoor recreational needs of the community in exchange for Park dedication within their development. Parks and Recreation turned it down. Now at present PARC is looking to purchase it with tax dollars.

In 1994 a group of Saltspringers put up $10,000 (which they later lost) for an option on a 13 acre piece of property adjacent to Portlock Park with the objective of building an ice arena for the community. The site was in an ideal location with space for other future indoor recreational facilities, including an indoor pool. This initiative failed because Islands Trust refused to consider rezoning the property.

Over two years ago the Ice Park Society lobbied Parks and Recreation and surveyed the community with the idea of allocating 5 unused acres of the 50 acre Mount Park property as a potential site for an indoor recreation facility. At least with this property, zoning was in our favor. This effort was unsuccessful.

Following this, the Ice Park Society was instrumental in presenting a proposal to Parks and Recreation for the purchase of a 20 acre site on Rainbow Road which was ideal for future indoor and outdoor community recreational development. We conducted walk-thru's of this exceptional property and lobbied strongly for its purchase. However, it was rejected because it did not fulfill their communications and, as it was beyond the central core area of Ganges.

And finally, after all these failures, the Ice Park Society parted ways enthusiastically with our community. We conducted a media effort has been used to keep this issue and this desperate need for an indoor recreation center for the kids out of the public eye.

It is not politically correct here on Saltspring to stick your neck out and publicly state your support and dedication to an indoor recreation center for the kids.

EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

We feel that, even though the Task Force on Indoor Recreation was not able to establish a consensus of exactly WHAT should be built on this property, that it is vital that Tony Hume and the PARC reaffirm their commitment to following through with their dedication of this property for a future indoor recreational facility for Saltspring.

WE DEMAND A PUBLIC DEDICATION OF THIS LAND FOR A FUTURE INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND A LEGACY FOR SALTSPRING ISLANDERS TO COME!

Our kids deserve what every other kid in every other community in BC of our population size already has. They need an indoor place to play and swim and skate! We cannot let this land slip away.

PLEASE PHONE TONY HUME AND THE PARC (537-4448)

Let Islands Trust know this property and this dream of a future indoor recreation center is important to you.

OUR KIDS ARE DEPENDING ON US!

Together we can do it!
What is hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is a disease of the liver caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV), and is usually spread by direct contact with the blood of an infected person. It was first identified in the 1970s: non-A, non-B hepatitis, and named as hepatitis C in 1989.

The total number of Canadians infected with hepatitis C is estimated at 90,000-300,000, or up to one in every 100 people. Most have not been tested, do not know they carry the virus and may never develop symptoms.

Others may suffer a brief illness that usually passes six to eight weeks after infection. Symptoms include fever, tiredness, jaundice, abdominal pain, dark urine, appetite loss and nausea. A small number of infected people will experience long-term health consequences, but most never develop symptoms.

Those at high risk for hepatitis C include anyone receiving a blood product or blood transplant in Canada before June 1990. Since then all donated blood is tested for the virus, but it is not always 100% effective.

Compensation for hepatitis C sufferers might be better spent on distributing an apparently successful experimental drug that defeated the hepatitis C virus. Peter Rice, a North Vancouver handyman who spent six months to a year in hospital each year from 1986 to 1990, is now living with his family on long-term disability insurance. 

But money aside, Rice's fight with the virus has taken him from the standard three-week post-surgery treatment of interferon, an anti-viral drug used by cancer and AIDS patients, to a coinciding drug treatment still in the experimental stages in Canada.

Rice's medical plan has enabled him to continue with drug therapies: many patients, he says, simply cannot afford the expense or time off to work to accompany side effects.

Rice now lives on long-term disability insurance—a "step up from welfare"—that has allowed him to maintain a reasonable standard of living, even if his quality of life is questionable.

Side effects to taking interferon include a painful injection site, diarrhea, hair loss, headaches, vomiting and loss of appetite. Those taking interferon need to consume a constant supply of vitamins. Rice adds: "It really kicks but with your system."

Unfortunately, the interferon injections alone did not help Rice: the virus was too well-established in his body.

But then he discovered an experimental drug called Ribavirin as being tested at Vancouver General Hospital. Test patients lived in the Lower Mainland where they received injections three times a week, underwent intensely physical testing and maintained a health log.

"It took me six months to convince them to test me," Rice says, noting that his residency outside of the Lower Mainland was a concern. "I was a good candidate: I faxed and e-mailed them. I badgered them."

He was finally accepted into the program last August, received federal approval in November, and has since experienced tentative success on the new drugs which he takes alongside interferon.

"I'm feeling better, it is not a normal existence... but nothing compared to how sick I was before." The drug therapy has coincided with a complete lifestyle change for Rice, who has eliminated red meat, fats and alcohol from his diet and takes exercising precautions not to pass on the virus to his children and new wife.

"I'm feeling better, he says: "I have to change my entire approach to daily routines." Blood on his razor or his toothbrush or a trace in a salad all have the potential to infect and infect the blood of someone else. He warns his barber and his dentist, he even avoids gardening and playing sports with his kids.

In addition to living a healthier physical existence, Rice is also caring for his psychological and emotional side, attending counselling sessions when necessary and calming his anger.

"You have to put yourself in the right frame of mind if you're going to heal your body—if you're depressed or angry you release bad chemicals into the body. I have to look inside for strength.

"I feel, he concludes on a note of hope: tests show improved liver function since he began the new drug therapy and the future looks far better than the past.

The chin that trembled earlier now juts forward defiantly. He is a fighter, he says. "If anybody is going to do it, I am."
Ambulance, hearse and bus: water taxi celebrates 20 years

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Twenty years on the water has not always been smooth sailing for the Gulf Islands Water Taxi. At times the experience has verged on ghoulish.

There have been ambulatory water taxi, school bus, ambulance and hearse, Jack Hughes has vivid memories of moving people — and former people — among the Gulf Islands.

"We hauled a lot of bodies around. Things were not as organized then," Hughes says describing the early years of the service.

Hughes was accompanied by his son Mike Stacey, he also had a thirty-foot passenger boat and an eight-passenger boat and an equal small 10-passenger boat from Friday Harbor. The boat was used to ferry medical personnel on board.

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Hughes said his most notable experience has been transporting U.S. Navy personnel to and from aircraft carriers when the floating cities drop anchor in Victoria.

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It was one of Hughes' boats, the 30-foot Southwestern, which was used to ferry medical personnel on board.

Hughes said his biggest change over the past 20 years has been the ease of communication. The boats have always been equipped with radio, but it was sometimes difficult to break through the busy summer traffic. Now, with cellular phones, Hughes said, he is always in touch.

And sometimes, cruising the Gulf Islands waters, he has been on the spot to help in marine emergencies. The largest occurred in August 1979 when the Queen of Albatross hitCollision Reef in Active Pass. The boat was sunk and used to tow 75 of the 5 people aboard safely off the stricken ferry and into Victoria Bay.

"I'm proud of Jack," said wife Leslie, who handles the bookkeeping and publicity for the company. She reports Hughes has been featured in Canadian Geographic, in Readers' Digest and on Arthur Black's CBC Radio program.

"He's done so many remarkable things in his life and he's so low-key about it."

PROUD HISTORY: Lively music, balloons, hot-dogs, cake and lots of compliments for its service. The Gulf Islands Water Taxi celebrated 20 years of service in the Gulf Islands. At the celebration, which took place outside of Moura's Hardware on Saturna Island, the company owner Jack Hughes, his daughter Ann, left, and his wife Leslie.

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTICE

ASESSOR OF ELECTOTS - COUNTER PETITION

(SECTION 809, MUNICIPAL ACT. R.S.B.C. 323)

Bylaw No. 2614, Small Craft Harbour Facilities Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1998

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of the Capital Regional District proposes to establish a local service area within the Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area, Local Service Area includes Galiano Island, North Pender Island, Piersa Island, Saturna Island and South Pender Island for the purpose of establishing, acquiring and operating small craft harbour facilities.

The proposed bylaw is as follows:

WHEREAS the Regional Board of the Capital Regional District has, by Order in Council 9102 dated the 24th day of January 1997 been granted the additional power to establish, acquire and operate a small craft harbour facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board wishes to establish a local service for the purpose of establishing, acquiring and operating small craft harbour facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board has obtained the assent of the electors in the Electoral Area of Outer Gulf Islands under Section 809 of the Municipal Act;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities has been obtained under Section 807(1)(a) of the Municipal Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Service
The service being established under this bylaw is the local service for the purpose of establishing, acquiring and operating small craft harbour facilities to serve the residents of the Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area.

2. Boundaries
The boundaries of the local service area shall be the boundaries of the Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area.

3. Participating Area
Only the Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area is a participating area for this local service.

4. Cost Recovery
As provided for in Section 816(1) of the Municipal Act, the annual cost of providing the service shall be recovered by:
(a) the requisition of money under Section 820 to be collected by a parcel tax to be levied and collected under Section 820(1)(a);
(b) by the imposition of fees and other charges to be fixed by separate bylaw;
(c) by the imposition of fees and other charges to be fixed by separate bylaw; and
(d) by any other revenue bylaw as may be adopted by the Board.

5. Maximum Cost
The maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 816(1) of the Municipal Act for the local service shall be the greater of:
(a) $112,787; or
(b) an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property tax of 10 cents per one thousand ($1.00) dollars, which, in the case of a property not taxable under Section 810 and within the local service area, will yield the maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 816(1)(a) for the local service.

COUNTER PETITION

Pursuant to Section 809 of the Municipal Act, please be advised that after thirty (30) days of the last publication of this Notice, if the number of electors' signatures on counter petitions, or accurate copies of counter petitions, have been obtained, and those persons will be able to challenge, under Section 809, the proposed Bylaw on or before FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1998.

A copy of petitions forms have been provided by the Board and will be provided to all persons who request them.

Persons wishing to oppose, a counter petition or protest Bylaw No. 2614 should contact the Corporate Secretary, CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT, 324 Yates Street, P.O. Box 1066, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 Telephone: 1-800-663-4425 - Local 3128 OR (250) 360-3128 during office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

You may also view this Notice and the Bylaw on our Internet site at http://www.crd.bc.ca.

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

It is estimated that the number of electors within the local service area, calculated as required under Section 809(12) of the Municipal Act, are as follows:

Total Number of Estimated Electors 3,775

Local Service Area (Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area)

5% Counter Petition 189

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

For Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors, the following qualifications apply:

For the purpose of establishing, acquiring and operating a small craft harbour facilities for the purpose of serving residents within the local service area, the following is required:

1. ResidentElectors: You are entitled to submit a counter petition as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the day of submission of the counter petition, are a Canadian citizen, residing in British Columbia for six months and in your community for 30 days.

2. Non-Resident Property Electors: You are entitled to submit a counter petition as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on the day of submission of the counter petition, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have property within the boundaries of the local service area for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, have resided in the local service area for at least five years and you may submit a counter petition as a Non-Resident Property Elector.

Notes:
1. Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may submit a counter petition per property, regardless of how many owners there may be.

2. If you are not already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector (R), you must apply to complete your registration. Complete a Non-Resident Property Elector by June 12, 1998, you will NOT be entitled to submit a counter petition against Bylaw 2614.

TAXATION IMPACT

The estimated annual cost to a property owner is projected to be a maximum parcel tax of $18 per year.

Carmen L. Trelfa, Corporate Secretary
Islanders ‘hold own’ at track, field event

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) athletes held their own last week against eight other middle and junior high schools at a highly-competitive track and field meet at Chemainus Senior Secondary School.

SIMS teacher Robin Rudolph reports that placing sixth in the 200-metre run and second in the 400 m was Caitlin Taylor, who ran in an under-13 category against competitors much older than herself.

Diana Anglos came in third for SIMS in the 400-m run. Robin Simms, who has been training hard, ran an exhausting 3,000-m race in the blazing sun and placed first with a time of 13:22:04. She also dismantled her competitors in the 1,500 m with a time of 6:14:34 and placed third in the 800 m.

The girls’ under-13 relay team, comprised of Anglos, Taylor, Heather Afford and Laura Walker, managed fourth place.

Field events for this category involved Afford, Grade 6, jumping 3.33 m and placing fifth in a Grade 7 girls event; and Walker, also Grade 6, jumping 1.24 m in the girls high jump and placing fourth.

In the under-13 track events the boys performed well. Andrew McKeachie, Grade 7, took second in the 100 m, and Brook Speed, Grade 6, came fifth in the 200 m.

Grade 6 student Dan Scotton ran well in the 400 m and placed sixth; and Darrin Rockcliffe, Grade 7, took fifth place in the 1,500 m.

The Grade 6 relay team made up of Scotton, Speed, Gordie Akerman and Ryan O’Donnell ran well against older boys, just failing to gain top three places in 3,000 m, steeple chase and 1,500 m.

Joelle Morrison repeated her success of last year, winning the high jump with a 1.59 m and another trip to Coquitlam next weekend for the provincial showdown.

Selected results from a Salt Spring Track and Field Club trip to Courtenay on the weekend of May 16-17 are:

- Geoff Cronin, 80 m hurdles, fourth; Brad Cronin, 80 m hurdles, first; Alex McNab, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, first; Brendan Bonfield, 100 m, 200 m, second; Sarah Proctor, 800 m, 1,500 m, first; Michelle Proctor, discus 43-45 and personal best, 800 m third.

Bees stung Braves, 10-9

An exciting little game was won by McColl’s Killer Bees in Salt Spring little league action Thursday.

A run scored in the last inning gave the Bees a 10-9 victory over the Braves.

On May 19, the Jellyfish beat the Braves by a 12-8 score. The three teams form the 9-10 boys division of the island’s little league.

Championship meet advances athletes to provincial events

Several track and field athletes have qualified for Vancouver Island and provincial championships, while others showed their stuff at a recent meet in Courtenay.

At the mid-island championships held at Bonner Middle and Chemainus Secondary schools May 19 and 20, athletes from Grades 8, 9 and 10 competed for the chance to attend the Island Junior School Championships.

Mayne School qualified Tyler Cocker in pole vault, high jump, 80 m hurdles and 1,500 m; Jordan Haenen, 200 m, 400 m; Rosemary Forst, 400 m; Kadech Okuda, long jump and shot put.

Salt Spring Middle School qualified Emily Bond, 80 m hurdles, discus, high jump and relay; Thea Wood, 100 m, 200 m, long jump and relay; April Goebl, 80 m hurdles, high jump, long jump and relay; Robin Simms, relay; Jeff Goldie, 3,000 m.

Also on May 19 and 20 at Victoria, Gulf Islands Secondary School sent four athletes to qualify for the B.C. Provincial Championships. Stephanie Collette withdrew to protect her injured legs for the provincial soccer championships, Alex Bunyan and Geoff Purdon ran well against older boys, just failing to gain top three places in 3,000 m, steeple chase and 1,500 m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1998
Football enthusiasts wanted

Football, anyone?
Salt Spring girls and boys are being offered a chance to form a full-contact football team to play in the Cowichan Valley Football Association. Sheila Taylor of Duncan said the association is hoping to expand its league to nearby communities and reduce the amount of travel required for games. At present, Duncan-area teams often play in Victoria, Nanaimo or even Port Alberni.

No experience is necessary, teams are mixed and players must be born in 1987 or 1988. All gear is provided with a refundable deposit. Coaching staff are also needed, and training will be provided by the football association.

Games are played on Sundays from early September through to Christmas. Anyone interested in playing or coaching should call Taylor at 746-1278 by June 15.

‘Fish’ nibble at Duncan Babe Ruths but ferry woes cut short comeback

The Duncan Red Sox junior Babe Ruth game may have been a close one with a split-fingered fastball was also notable. The Cam Beals and Andrew Harding. Roger Beals said pitcher Dustin Little's introduction of a split-fingered fastball was also notable. The wicked pitch was used to strike out the last batter in the fourth inning.

“TThe unfortunate,” Collette said, “was that we couldn’t have the final run because of the misplay in left field. But overall, the game was a good one for us.”

The ‘Fish’ nibbled away at the Duncan team with the first inning and five in the second inning, which included a three-run home run by Dar Kinnear. Both teams went to the sidelines.

Senior baseball team slams Ladysmith and Nanaimo in back-to-back victories

Salt Spring’s senior Babe Ruth baseball team regained its winning momentum last week. The team beat Ladysmith 9-5 on Thursday, the Scorpions came up winless in 13th place. Rustad received honourable mention for the all-star team and the Horndogs ate lots of hot dogs and enjoyed the festivities at the Horndog Festival.

As the team and parents left Swanguard Stadium on Saturday night, they could all reflect on a tremendous season. The team had been waiting for this year to come off a sensational league season, which included a second-place finish in the provincial championships.

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• Spring Fusion — Women of Nogo and Fulford School Choir join forces to present a bouquet of spring songs. Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m., Beaver Point Hall. Tickets $5 or by donation.

• Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub — Rock with Blessed Relief on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30.

• Vesuvius Pub — Live blues band Three Chord Sloth perform with special guests on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, starting at 8:30 p.m.

• Alfresco Restaurant — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• Moth’s Marine Pub — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Peter Taschuk Trio, May 31, 8 p.m.

• Harbour House Bistro — Murray Anderson plays piano every Sunday, for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.

• Music and Munch — Free concert given by Toby Day talk guitar and racoonet, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for $4.75. Wednesday, June 3, 12:10 p.m., All Saints By-the-Sea.

• Deep Impact — Robert Daval, Tea Leonl, Vanessa Redgrave and Morgan Freeman take the lead in the first of the summer biggies coming our way. As a comet hurling toward our little earth threatens life as we know it, what plans would you make? Playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31 at 9:15 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, June 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 35 minutes. Rated PG, some coarse language, suggestive scenes and nudity. Cinema Central.

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• Children’s Writers and Illustrators, B.C. (CWILL B.C.) — Free event. Island Books Plus on Saturday, May 30 at 2:30 p.m. To discuss their latest books for you.

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Weather

Wednesday: Cloudy with a few showers mainly in the morning. 80 per cent chance of precipitation. High 16 C (61 F).

Thursday: Cloudy with sunny periods; chance of showers. 40 per cent chance of precipitation. Light 10 C (50 F), high 19 C (66 F).

Friday: Mainly cloudy; chance of showers. 40 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 10 C (50 F), high 18 C (64 F).

Saturday: Mainly cloudy; chance of showers. 40 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 10 C (50 F), high 20 C (68 F).

Normal temperatures for the week: low 8 C (46 F), high 18 C (64 F).

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• School Storytime — Mary Hawkins Library, every Monday at 10 a.m. The more the merrier!

• Storytime at West of the Moon — Every Tuesday morning, Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join us!

• Community TV — Wednesday, May 27 — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom, Partners in Science 6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock 7 p.m., ArtSpring ’98 8:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji 10 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, June 1 and 2 at 9:15 p.m.

• Cinema — Deep Impact — Robert Daval, Tea Leonl, Vanessa Redgrave and Morgan Freeman take the lead in the first of the summer biggies coming our way. As a comet hurling toward our little earth threatens life as we know it, what plans would you make? Playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31 at 9:15 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, June 1 and 2 at 9:15 p.m. 2 hours. Rated PG, intense disaster elements and brief coarse language. Cinema Central.

• City of Angels — A romantic fantasy delight! Nicolas Cage is a restless angel who falls in love with a mortal Meg Ryan, who plays a very pragmatic surgeon. One of Meg Ryan’s best performances, and matched by Nicolas Cage’s presence. Playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31 at 9:15 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, June 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 35 minutes. Rated PG, some coarse language, suggestive scenes and nudity. Cinema Central.
Pilgrim. The students sailed into Ganges Pacific Gateway International College student wave lab on board the vessel Blarney.

Harbour, ate lunch in Ganges and then headed off to visit Saturna and Pender islands.

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One of the sounds of a Salt Spring summer — the croaking of frogs, plus other mysteries of the natural habitat of tree frogs, frogs, and amphibians. One has been logged and is in its natural state. The other is still in its natural state. The island can support a big-event sale set for next week. With his brother Richard, he co-authored the 1996 British Columbia: A Natural History. Just released in their second book, The World of Fresh Water. Orchard is a biologist, writer, photographer and lecturer specializing in amphibians and reptiles. He has been a research associate in the natural history section of the Royal B.C. Museum.

...how the reptiles and amphibians relate to their environment ...

Within the past six months he has given presentations in the Czech Republic, Australia, the United States and on the east coast of Canada. At present he is working with NASA and the Smithsonian Institution as part of an international team investigating satellite data as a means of monitoring a global decline of amphibian populations. Cannings will describe the natural types of wetlands on Salt Spring while Orchard will outline the natural history of frogs, salamanders and snakes of the island. He will explain how the reptiles and amphibians relate to their environment and how to improve habitat for them. The panel discussion will deal with the management of wetlands. Fiona Fleck points out that nearer isn't always better. "There's a great instinct people have to tidy up," she said. But removing small pools and clumps of ferns wipes out the natural habitat of tree frogs. "The frogs like those little water clumps." In the afternoon, workshop participants will visit two island wetlands. One has been logged and is being restored by youth workers and the second is still in its natural state. "I'd like the people to get the idea that it isn't harmful to own property so they don't unknowingly destroy natural habitats."

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GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

**Corporations putting bread, butter on artists tables**

By Valerie Lennox
Art & Entertainment Staff

A blank wall can open onto a vista of wildflowers and grass, sloping down to sparkling water, a scene that is not found in corporate offices. Much of Parker's secondary market derives from corporations which collect art.

"They're definitely supporting living Canadian artists," Parker said in an interview. He estimates his corporate sales are worth between $25,000 and $30,000 annually.

But that doesn't mean a budding artist should show up at a corporate board head office with canvas in hand and accost the chairman of the board.

Selling art to big business requires a businesslike approach.

"The corporation wants to see they are making a sound financial investment so you have to show them a long history of work within your style that has a proven value within the marketplace."

The proven value is significant since Canadian tax laws reward corporations for investing in art. A corporation that purchases a work by a living Canadian artist can write off 65 per cent of the purchase price by 20 per cent a year.

To 75 per cent of the total value of the work is written off and the piece sold to any member of the corporation at the remaining value — or it can be put back on the market.

Since art works by established artists tend to increase in value by five per cent a year, a corporation can purchase a piece, write off part of the value every year and then sell it at the end of five years for more than the original purchase price.

"So if they take it back into the market, they've written off 65 per cent and they gain 25 per cent," Parker said.

There are also more intangible benefits. Quality original art on a wall can set the tone for the business, withstand wear and tear from busy customers, clients or competitors about the business and the people involved in that business.

"For the corporation, this is a one-of-a-kind piece. It also makes a subliminal statement that the business is unique. They're setting the profile."

Six of Parker's works hang in the hallways of a luxury Winnipeg condominium. The original paintings are strategically placed to be the first thing someone sees as the elevator doors open on that floor.

The art establishes an immediate atmosphere. "When the elevator doors open — if you know art — you go 'wow!'" Parker said.

Although corporations are often focused on the bottom line when they elect to support artists, Parker also finds more altruistic attitudes. Like patrons of old, some will hold art competitions, sponsor art tours or purchase work as part of their contribution to their community.

Corporate buyers "tune in" to corporate clients. He decided his presentation to the committee that he didn't win a $5 or greater donation to ArtSpring.

He points out that his great Canadian landscape draws the viewer into a sphere and light of a Canadian landscape, actual landmarks into a creation.

His own style melds the best of light and line, his great Canadian landscape, actual landmarks into a creation.

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Singer will stage ArtSpring benefit

Another Salt Spring artist is taking responsibility for helping to complete ArtSpring.

Singer Mary Anne Barcellona will present a benefit concert June 13 for the arts centre, with all proceeds going towards matching the $50,000 donation by Susan Bloom.

Barcellona, who has performed for sold-out houses in past concerts on the island, toured ArtSpring recently and came away “inspired.” She went to promoter Peter Bardon and offered to sing for a benefit.

“Being part of the arts community, I can’t help but feel some responsibility,” Barcellona said of her decision to offer the concert.

The program will consist of French and Italian art songs by Liszt, Debussy and Bizet, some Spanish music that Barcellona will perform in November with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, and opera and music theatre favourites. She will be accompanied on piano by her coach, Beth Kirschoff of the Seattle Opera Company.

“I feel it’s a privilege to perform for ArtSpring,” said Barcellona, expressing enthusiasm for the day when the centre is open for business. Presenting a concert in the ArtSpring theatre, she said, would be far simpler than in the Activity Centre. With lighting and sound systems already in place, “everybody’s effort can be maximized” with less attention required for setting things up.

Bardon said he was eager to produce the concert so as to maximize the latest matching grant offer. If a full $50,000 can be raised by June 15, ArtSpring will receive the full $50,000 donation by Susan Bloom.

The concert will be held in the Activity Centre at 8 p.m. Tickets, at $20, are available at et cetera on Hereford Avenue, Sharon’s Country Home in Grace Point Square and Stuff & Nonsense in Fulford Harbour.

Sacred movement

Standing room only tickets were being sold Friday night at the Activity Centre as Salt Spring Islanders flocked to take in the Mystical Arts of Tibet. Billed as sacred music and sacred dance for world healing, the magical and colourful event enthralled the audience.

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Children's literature celebrated at bookstore’s Saturday festival

Island Books Plus hosts a festival of children’s literature Saturday afternoon when authors and illustrators meet their reading public at the bookstore. The stage band qualified for the competition by earning a “superior” rating at a regional jazz festival in Nanaimo.

Book celebrates Salt Spring lamb
Ulla Silvey, left, and Nina Cramer celebrate the publishing of their book, Salt Spring Lamb. Featuring lamb recipes and photos of Salt Spring sheep, the book was launched with a party recently at Lightning Press. It is available at several local stores.

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MUSIC WITH KERRY ROTH

Lilith Fair women beat spice-like stereotypes

Did you see Jann Arden and Tara Maclean in your Victoria Harbour Festival?


Also on Disc 2, Maclean sings Hold Me, Jordan, which ought to boost the sales on this rock.

Lilith Fair's resident makes the Playboys' bunny Spice Girl kind of girl power quite dim by comparison. She begins with Paula Cole singing Mississippi, which is as sexy as it gets, and it ends with Victoria Williams' Periwinkle Sky and there is so much of note in between.

Maclean is in good company on Disc 2 with rising stars Meredith Brooks and Shawn Colvin.

Brooks is the only artist who has two songs on this compilation, though you'd never know it from the insert. Watched You Fall is not mentioned, but you can't miss it. Her Capitol Records release Blueprint brings the Eighties speaks volumes, yet it is not for the faint of heart. This is real rock and roll with a serious message.

Colvin's song Trouble is unbelievable. It is an hypnotic and beguiling, sophisticated New York City country rock song which quickly sends the listener on a subway-ride daydream in any big city underground. It captures the mesmerizing sound of the fast-clicking tracks and the short phrases echo frequent stops while Colvin's voice actually seems to sway. It is also on the Capitol release available.

Home was shortlisted twice for the Geoffrey Bilson Award and once for the Sheila Egoff Award.

• With the release of two new novels this month — Living Freight and The Case of the Belly Up Fish — Salt Spring's Dayle Gaetz will have 11 books for young people to her credit. Her novels' topics range from animal adventure and mystery to science fiction and history. All of Gaetz's books, including the historical The Golden Rose and the futuristic Alien Rescue, take place in British Columbia.

All participating authors and Penfield will be happy to discuss their work and sign book copies at Saturday's event.

SM'S band wins bronze
Salt Spring Middle School's stage band performed their way to a bronze medal at a national competition May 18.

The Music Fest Canada event was held at the University of B.C. and saw participation from 10,000 young musicians from across Canada and some from the United States.

Middle school sax player Sandi Curtis won a Yamaha "most outstanding player" award.

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Clean-clothes enthusiasts sold on detergent-free cleaning disk

By VALORIE LENNOX

Driftwood Staff

Would you dump a cup of laun­
deger detergent in St. Mary Lake? When Anastacia Wilde was asked that question, her answer was a resounding "no!"

Which is why she is now a repre­
sentative for the Ultra 7 LaundryMaster System, a deter­
gent-free way to wash clothes.

"For me, the angle that I’m look­
ing at is the world," Wilde said. The children of the world, right now, are inheriting a very polluted world.

And products which get clothes whiter-than-white are less kind to the environment, she points out. Soap poured into a washing machine eventually drains away into the ground, potentially contam­
ninating a river, a lake or the ocean or a lake.

does the LaundryMaster? It looks like a cross between a Frisbee and a hockey puck, a blue disk which sits on top of the washer machine and which is guaranteed to clean clothes for seven years.

"It contains no laundry detergents do," Wilde explained. Laundry detergents work by reduc­
ing water tension, leaving more water more soluble. When water is more soluble, dirt is more easily slide between the fabric fibres and wash out dirt. Detergent-laced water feels more slippery because it is more slippery.

The LaundryMaster dish is filled with a liquid magnetic solution which also reduces water tension and makes water more soluble — but without adding any chemicals to the water.

Are there any sequoias, but Wilde explains laundry soapsuds with the water. The suds simply meet a"zero gravity." Nor are there any soapsuds, but Wilde explains laundry soapsuds "mimics what regular laundry detergent leaves behind, a residue on clothes and work clothes, she helps the process with her bag of "zero gravity." The liquid magnets were originally developed by NASA to control and manipulate rocket fuel at zero gravity.

But does it clean clothes?

"It’s one less person that I know who won’t sell if they are not clean," Cassidy remembers promising Wilde that the disk would be returned if it did not work.

For standard laundry, she finds the disk cleans on its own. If her husband’s oil and grease-laden work clothes, she helps the process with her bag of "zero gravity." The cost, at $140 for a disk guar­
tanteed to last seven years plus a $40 refill for enzyme-based stain remover, is far less than the $40 to $60 a bottle of detergent and fabric softener.

She also appreciates getting clean clothes without damaging the envi­

To date Wilde has introduced 24 people to the LaundryMaster System.

"Every time someone switches, it’s one less person that I know who is not dumping five to six pounds of detergent into the water system every month," Wilde said.

And there is no hidden environ­
mental cost, she adds. "Can we afford to clean up our mess?"

NO SOAP: Anastacia Wilde displays the Ultra 7 LaundryMaster disk, an alternative to detergents which uses a magnetic liquid to increase the solvency of water. The disk is projected to last for seven years.

Carrot cake, cookies great to have on hand

By TERRA TEPPEP

Driftwood Contributor

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Dog owners wiggle waggle to raise $2,200 for SPCA

Mouat Park successfully went to the dogs Sunday as the first annual Wiggle Wagglion raised $2,200 for the SPCA. Co-sponsored by the Salt Spring SPCA and the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, the event drew dogs and their owners for a Sunday morning stroll through the trails of Mouat Park. A light drizzle didn’t discourage either dogs or humans since the format changed kept walkers dry, said SPCA president Cathie Newman.

“All the walkers had a great time. They really enjoyed seeing each other’s dogs,” Newman said.

There was plenty of variety. Dogs ranged from the very small—a 10-pound pekinese, a 12-pound Japanese Chin, a 13-pound miniature Dachshund—to the very large: a 134-pound rottweiler, with leader Bud Williams. Meet at Centennial 8:15 a.m., Drummond Park 9:30 a.m.

Trail club releases schedule

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

June 2 — Ramblers: Gallsping Goose Trail, west from Roche Cove with leader Joan Lott. Meet at Centennial Park 8:15 a.m., Drummond Park 9:30 a.m.

Walkers: Gallsping Goose Leg 4 with leader Bud Williams. Meet at Portlock Park 8:30 a.m. to take 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

Hikers: Wander around the mangroves with Charles and Linda. Carpool at Centennial 9:30 a.m. to meet at Drummond Park 10. June 9 — Hikers: Jack Foster Trail with leader Carol Williams. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. Carpool to North View Road and North End Road.

Hikers: Leader’s second choice. Nancy Brathwaite takes us on an exciting trek somewhere. Carpool at Centennial Park 9:30 to meet at Bagnacarriga 10 a.m.

Ramblers: Fernwood Beach area with leader Rita Apfelmus. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.

June 16 — Hikers: Heather Home and Simon Roehl hike Chiaa to Bear Beach on Sun Juan Trail. Meet at Portlock Park 8:30 a.m. for 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

Ramblers: Explore several North End beach accesses with leader Eduard Butt. Meet at Centennial 10 a.m.

Walkers: Channel Ridge with leader Dene Madison. Meet at Centennial 10:15 a.m. Carpool to Caruavaback power station. June 23 — Annual strawberry social for members only. Bring lunch, spoon and a bowl. Meet at Portlock Park 10 a.m.

Ramblers: Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. and Drummond Park 10:15.

There are no activities until September. The fall trip to Mount Washington is set for September 8, 9, 10. Bring cheese to strawberry social or contact Fred Howell 537-1133 after June 3.

Herion foster parents needed

McFadden Creek heron babies are three weeks old and in need of foster parents.

Anyone can become a foster parent by contributing to the fund to purchase the McFadden Creek Heronry. Spokeswoman Nina Raginsky said Monday that $75,000 must still be raised. The foster parent program has already brought in $2,000 of the $12,000 raised locally; the Wild Bird Trust has contributed $105,000 and $3,000 has come from the Islands Trust Fund.

Raginsky said the most recent school fundraising saw Grade 2 Fernwood students raise $119 for the heron’s from a popcorn sale. Fulford Elementary is raising money through an ongoing raffle for origami heron mobiles. The McFadden Creek Heronry was recently designated the Wild Bird Trust’s first international "important bird area," (not just nominated for the designation as stated in the Driftwood last week).

"We’re all really excited about it,” Raginsky said of the significant designation.

Anyone wishing to become a heron foster parent can send a cheque to the Waterbird Watch Collective at 272 Biddis Road, Salt Spring Island, VRK 2J1, or drop it off at cetra books on Hereford Avenue. They will receive a photo of their heron and the heronry, an information package, a certificate and a tax receipt.

Newman said all the dogs were on their best behaviour. "They were wonderful. There were only one or two little snarls.”

Anyone who plans to attend but who may have been discouraged by the rain can still mail the pledge sheet and cheques to the SPCA at Post Office Box 522, Ganges, VRK 2W2. Income tax receipts will be issued for all pledges of $10 or more, Newman said.

The walkers also contributed 127 pounds of dog and cut food, which was turned over to the food bank Monday for distribution to income-poor families.

Newman said next year’s walkathon is already being planned. “Parks and Recreation have another park ready for exploring and there are a lot of dogs who plan to be there,” Newman said.

Sophie Beswick, left, and Jessica Wilson show their Viking village, one of several displays at a Fernwood Elementary School social studies fair held Friday at the school.

A look back

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This year the Council is offering the following awards:

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Snakes useful despite 'hogwash' negative information

OUR BETTER NATURE

By LINDA CANNON

Driftwood Contributor

No other animal seems to pro

duce such human fear and loathing as the snakes.

Perhaps it's because reptiles managed to get to land before the rest of the vertebrates, crawling out of the primeval soup millions of years before we mammalized. Humans hate coming second. To invite garter snakes into your garden, build a nice dry stone wall, rockery or pile, with some flat rocks for reptile sun-bathing. A tranquill natural pond nearby would be ideal. Then just

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Should one suddenly surprise you, however, deep and slow breathing will eventually get your heartbeat back to normal. Then, snakes, you can quote from Emily Dickinson's The Snake:

"A narrow fellow in the grass Occasionally rides; You may have met him, did you not? His notice sudden is."
Buffalo gravy, bannock sampled at Metis event

More than 250 people attended Metis Awareness Day, a showcase of Metis heritage, culture and food held at the Ganges United Church hall May 16.

Guests listened to music, learned about Metis history and sampled buffalo gravy and bannock with traditional preserves.

The day was presented by the Fraser/Brazeau Metis Clan and the Cowichan-Malahat-Burnside Association of Salt Spring, with assistance from Salt Spring Family Practice.

Afterwards, participants enjoyed a barbecue and were entertained by Bob Chalifoux and Patty May, well-known Metis performers from the Lower Mainland.

Richard Lasocki, president of the Fraser/Brazeau Metis Clan, thanked all participants and guests for making the day a success.

He added that many people contributed to the Fraser/Brazeau group's fund to bring Métis gateman Geoff Bartunek to the Red River West Metis Festival in July.
Laura Albert
Laura’s aspirations are to travel around the world & she has already
er life takes her.

Kelsey Butkus
Kelsey plans to have fun during

Jonagh Fairbrother
Jonagh wants to travel, enjoy
life and work towards becoming
someone rich and handsome.

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Patrick Callas
Patrick’s future plans include university where he will study
chemistry, biology and eventually medicine.

Karyn Capeland-Rice
Karyn’s future ambitions are to

Christopher Coulter
Christopher hopes to be an artist some
day. He enjoys drawing, 3D Studio’s and weekends. Chris
enjoys hanging out with his friends.

Tyler Dakin
Tyler hopes to live in the
Caribbean. He loves islands,
people and wants to be as
much fun as possible.

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**Nora Perkins**  
Nora hopes to be all that she wants to be and do all that she wants to do. She loves curling, books, music that she loves, and spending time with her family.

**Devon Peters**  
Devon plans to go to college and have a full fills life. Grade 12 highlights include Mr. McKenzie's English class and driving Carlos' car.

**Molly Phillips**  
Molly's plans include becoming a lifeguard, publishing a book, writing her high school's yearbook, and accumulating her own massage therapy clientele.

**Edward Pickell**  
Ed's future includes the military, getting his mechanics ticket, and saving the world. Ed is an Air Cadet A enjoys music, movies, and big trucks.

**Jodi Pirie**  
Jodi plans to become a pilot, fire fighter or a police officer. Her goals are to travel all over the world and fly airplanes.

**Brendan Price**  
His ambition is to acquire a Bachelor's degree. Brendan's interests are the Martial Arts, Computers and Philosophy.

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**Carmen Profit**  
Her future plans include experiencing life, writing a book, seeing the world, learning two languages & keeping an open mind.

**Noni Prunk**  
Noni hopes to travel to many exotic places before returning home to work with children. The students are people, not, swimming, shopping.

**Anna Pulky**  
Anna's future plans are to live a happy, successful life. She loves traveling, music and the great outdoors.

**Bob Hilman**  
Bob is a chef A enjoys working with children, acting, foretelling the future A playing guitar. His interests are the Martial Arts, Computers and Philosophy.

**Liam Walsh**  
Liam will continue the Savior boys soccer trip to the provincials. He hopes to get into film production or broadcasting.

**Justin's great love is sports. His best wish is to travel around the world and fly airplanes.
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Visualizing dreams is first step to accomplishing them

BY DAVID LARGE
Driftwood Contributor

In order to achieve any goal you must first be able to visualize it. You have heard the expression “if you believe it you can achieve it.” If you can’t visualize your goal, the reason may be because you don’t believe in it. Think about anything you have achieved — you could see yourself doing it long before you accomplished it. The biggest secret of every successful person is the ability to visualize their dreams and then live them.

Remember, “You become what you think about most of the time.”

The power to visualize your dreams is the first step in accomplishing them. The subconscious mind does not recognize the difference between a real event or a strongly visualized one. Psychological studies have shown the subconscious takes about 21 days to adapt to a new behavior. I recommend you visualize your goals strongly as you fall asleep at night. Sleep is the gateway to your subconscious mind. As you sleep your new visualization is impressing itself on your subconscious.

After two to three weeks it will feel as though your goals are starting to move towards you. The subconscious mind works from the premise that you already have it. In other words, if you want something you have to believe you already have it or that you have what it takes to get it.

When you are experiencing doubt, fear, anxiety or lack of will it’s because you don’t believe you can achieve your goal. Athletes psyche themselves for victory, not for defeat.

If you say: “But what if I lose?” the thought will return again and again. If you want to win you must see yourself winning and then go for it.

It is important to follow up with actions that support your visualization. Write it down, share it with a friend or keep it to yourself if that feels more empowering. Then do something — take action — that will help you reach your goal.

Try this at home. Think of a goal you would like to fulfill. Lay down on the couch and take some deep breaths. Gently ask your body to let go starting with your feet and slowly releasing any tension, working your way up through the whole body. Repeat this for four to five minutes. Now build a mental picture of your goal.

Say you want to lose 10 pounds. See yourself eight to 10 weeks in the future 10 pounds lighter. Visualize your body and how it feels. Hold on to this image while maintaining a relaxed state. Breathe deeply and really feel what it is going to be like to reach your goal. Now if you are able to visualize and feel your goal then you have the potential to reach it. Visualizing often is essential.

Over time you will find this inner meditative state is incredibly powerful not just for visualizing your goals but for problem-solving as well.

And finally, I would like to leave you with this thought from Henry David Thoreau: “If you advance with confidence in both hope and fear, never lose sight of your dreams and endeavour to live the life that you have imagined. You are capable of a success unexpected in comparison to what you have already achieved. You will pass through an invisible boundary to a state where new universal and more liberal laws will begin to establish themselves around and within you.”

Affirmation of the week: All the things in my world and I reclaim my power.

∗ Join Carole Matthews and myself on The Messenger Radio File Show, Saturday evenings on AM 900 from 7-9 p.m.

GISS survey indicates media influence grows

By CARRINE HOUSE and RON SHEETER
Driftwood Contributor

Media influences may grow with age according to a study conducted recently by a high school English class.

Violence in the media prompted Debbie Magnusson’s Grade 10 English class at Gulf Islands Secondary School to interview a group of elementary and middle school age children on how they were influenced by the media.

Survey results from a group of Grade 2 students indicated they were less influenced by the media than a group of Grade 6.

A high percentage of Grade 2s said they read or played soccer more than watched TV. Some Grade 2s did not even watch television. Reading received twice as many votes as watching television when it came to combating boredom.

The Grade 2 students also said they didn’t want to be like older kids, and were not influenced by older siblings. Although many admitted to wearing brand-name clothing such as Nike, they said they did not purchase items because of television advertising.

Most believed television advertising was wrong, but about half also said it was fun.

Survey results from a Grade 6 class showed a group of students far more heavily influenced by the media, older siblings and other teenagers.

The Grade 6 students said they choose what they buy based on commercials. Most said that if it looks good on TV, they want to buy it. Clothes worn by actors and actresses strongly influence their own choices in clothing. Wearing name-brand outfits and sportswear seems important to be “cool” with friends and older teens.

Most Grade 6 students felt it was okay for their age group to watch violence on television, but were divided in their opinion of violence in commercials. About 23 per cent had heroes or villains who included The Phantom, Michael Jordan and Mikkita.

Both classes enjoyed watching cartoon shows as well as movies with their parents. The television show The Simpsons emerged as a favourite in both age groups. Hip and rock music, plus computer games were popular with both classes.

Preparing the preceding report for publication was part of the students’ media survey project.
Honour students named

Following is the honour roll list for the third reporting term at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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Young actors tickled islanders with Hansel and Gretel

Thirty-five years ago

Little thespians delighted Salt Spring Islanders with a performance of the operetta Hansel and Gretel. In the cast of Grade 1 and 2 performers were Larry Lorentsen as Hansel, Jane Decozon as Gretel, Debbie Kavey as the father, Lorraine Dods as the mother and Jackye Moat as the witch. Other children took on roles as flowers, trees, angels, dew fairy and cookie children.

The break-in was the third in seven months.

The Salt Spring Sales Room, which represented the Cowichan Creamery Co-op on the island, was broken into over a Sunday night. A bolt on a rear door was broken and some hacksaw blades, .22 rifle cartridges, brake fluid, a diver’s flash light, wreathes, a light meter and a propane cutting torch were taken. The break-in was the third in seven months.

Thirty years ago

Salt Spring Lions looked at a proposal for a Salt Spring recreation centre which would include swimming, skating and curling facilities. Either taxes or collecting donations were suggested as the two options for financing the building of the facility. The project was also supported by the

DOWN THE YEARS

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce

A hearing into an application by Multiview Estates Ltd. to discharge partially treated sewage into Trincomali Channel drew opponents into the Legion Hall. One protestor arrived with signs opposing pollution of the channel. Another demanded that the Multiview application be refused while a third promised to immediately appeal any approval of the application.

Twenty-five years ago

Representatives from Salt Spring, Galiano and Pender asked the province to approve community plans developed on the island when MLA’s paid a visit. Approximately one-quarter of the provincial legislature visited the islands to collect information about land planning. The visit to Salt Spring included a panel discussion at Malson Hall, which outlined the history of community plan development on Salt Spring.

The mill rate for the Gulf Islands School District dropped to 2.38 mills, compared to 26.53 a year before. Assessed values had climbed during the previous year but trustees still expected actual school taxes would either stay the same or drop for most island residents.

Twenty years ago

A pilot and passenger escaped uninjured after a light plane crash-landed at the Fulford airstrip. The single-propeller Alon Air Coop was landing when it veered off the runway and collided with a fence. The pilot, a Victoria man, and his wife were the only passengers.

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce members agreed to research the use of school taxes collected on the island but spent in other school districts. Chamber president Gary MacPherson reported enough school taxes to build the new Fernwood Elementary were taken from Salt Spring by the provincial government and spent elsewhere.

Fifteen years ago

Hugh Curtis was back in government along with fellow

Secrets as return came in from the provincial election. Curtis retained his Saanich Islands seat with 2,000-plus votes over New Democratic candidate John Mika. Across B.C., the Social Credit Party collected 35 seats to the New Democratic Party’s 22.

A day-long Sunday clean-up by volunteers included the hanging of more than 200 flower baskets in downtown Ganges, at the Valcour Centre and in Vesuvius. Other projects put planters at the firehall and constructed steps between the Tourist Information Centre and Kamaka Place restaurant.

Ten years ago

A summer referendum on the incorporation of Ganges as a village might have put a mayor and council in place before the end of the year. The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce had initiated a study into incorporation for the 600 to 700 residents of the Ganges area. The study suggested there would be no increase in taxes. One benefit would be on-island administration.

The skeleton of a young girl who could have lived up to 1,000 years earlier was discovered in a shell middlen in Ganges Harbour. The bones were those of a young, native female who was likely in her mid-teens and who had died before the arrival of Europeans in the area. The remains were sent to Simon Fraser University for analysis.

Salt Spring Legion members celebrated the opening of their new Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Bluff Road.

Five years ago

A $125,188 B.C. Health Research Foundation grant was financing a community education program to combat violence against women. The project was one of four selected from 110 applications for funding. The money was to fund four half-time coordinating positions over the next two years.

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University degrees awarded

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Joelle Susan Hann, the daughter of Lavinia and Bob Hann of Salt Spring, was awarded a Master of Fine Arts degree by New York University in ceremonies at Carnegie Hall earlier this month.

At the University of British Columbia this week, Charlotte Noreen Bowen Thompson is being awarded a Master of Science in nursing, and Christine Rush is receiving a Bachelor of Science, having majored in microbiology.