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Swimmers win gold, bronze

Salt Spring swimmers Sierra Lundy, 10, and Eryn Gix, 8, brought home five medals between them after competing last week at the provincial swimming championships. They were not alone: the total medal count for the Salt Spring team was a record 14. Lundy came within 1.2 seconds of breaking a provincial record. Stories, Page A16.



GOLD MEDAL WINNER: Ten-year-old Sierra Lundy races to a gold-medal finish in the provincial championships held last week in Victoria.

Gambling habit cost family \$190,000

Family 'betrayed' by daughter-in-law with internet gambling addiction

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

A Salt Spring woman has been banned from using the internet and placed under 18 months' house arrest after she pleaded guilty to stealing \$190,000 from her parents-in-law to pay internet gambling debts.

"This is a serious offence that took some time to complete. It also took a certain amount of craft and guile... A conditional sentence is the least that can be imposed," said Judge Edward Brecknell at Ganges Provincial Court on August 12.

Defendant Joanne Villadsen sat impassively during sentencing as Brecknell read a victim-impact statement prepared by her father-in-law,

Kent Villadsen:

"I would never have dreamed that I could have been so betrayed by a trusted family member. I do not understand how she could steal our money, yet come and eat dinner with us and the rest of the family as if everything was okay; knowing full well the hardship the family was going through."

The 34-year-old mother to four children is married to Johnny Villadsen, son of theft victims Kent and Inge.

"Johnny Villadsen has recently informed the accused he wishes to seek a legal separation and divorce... He was betrayed as well," said Crown prosecutor Barb Penty.

The two men run Villadsen

Construction Ltd. and Kent Villadsen, 65, was hoping to retire prior to the theft of company assets that will force him to continue earning an income, Penty said.

"The Crown submission is that it must be driven home to the accused the enormity of what she has done."

Court heard that Joanne Villadsen gained access to the cheque book for Villadsen Construction Ltd. during visits to her husband's parents' home.

"She was welcome in their home and they had no reason to suspect her," Penty said.

There was a lengthy process to discover the full extent of numerous thefts that occurred between October 2000 and December 2001, she said.

"Late in 2001, Mr. Villadsen Sr. noticed that his business account was out of money. He located three cheques 'payable to J. Villadsen' totalling \$17,000 that he could not

account for. He showed them to his son, who could not account for them either."

During meetings with the family, Joanne Villadsen eventually admitted to taking the three cheques, Penty said.

"She said she had an internet gambling problem and swore to get help."

According to the Crown submission, Kent Villadsen initially felt the matter should be resolved within the family.

But he audited the company books and found additional cheques missing from the middle of his cheque book. His bank statements were also missing so he went to the Bank of Montreal to discover the location of the cheques.

"As more cheques surfaced, he confronted Joanne Villadsen; and

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'Marina showing complete disdain'

Editorial — Page A6 By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Just as Ganges Marina seemed to clear itself from a sandbar of public controversy, the local business has once again run afoul of bylaw regulations, this time by charting a hasty course to development with an unapproved floating hotel and other questionable practices.

"Ganges Marina has been operating a car-rental agency, using public property as their parking lot; renting rooms in the float home; no sewer permit has been issued; renting office space to other businesses... and generally going their own merry way, showing

complete disdain for the Islands Trust and the rest of us," said Allan Crane.

As a businessman who runs the neighbouring Stone Fish Studio, Crane is perplexed by operations at B&B Ganges Marina Ltd., given that the company aims to build a new 1,960-square-metre (21,000-square foot) multiple-use marina facility at the site.

"In order to get that development through, they need to get Trust approval. So why are they pissing off the Trust with this penny-ante bullshit? It doesn't add up," Crane said.

"They save on the sewer and they make a few bucks on these 'rent-a-wrecks,' but it's all so 'Mickey Mouse,'" Crane said.

He believes the marina could provide a major benefit to local tourism but the business suffers from the flotsam and jetsam of various controversial practices. "They've been running operations in that float home for months," he noted.

A brief visit to the marina's office-store on the float-camp building last Wednesday confirmed that Ganges Marina offered several "boatel" rooms with queen-sized beds and private bathrooms for \$59 per night. Two rooms were still available that evening.

Crane is curious about what happens with sewage from the Ganges Marina float house.

"Either they're running it into the

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Heather Meek, above, has earned a berth on the national sailing team after taking third place in the Junior Sailing Nationals in Vancouver last week. Story—Page A16.

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# GAMBLING ADDICTION

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once again, she admitted to only as much as she was confronted with," Penty said.

"Ms. Villadsen told them she had taken cheques while visiting for meals and while the children played on the computer."

She also told her in-laws that she would repay the family from a trust fund and gave Kent Villadsen personal cheques that totalled \$68,000.

But Kent Villadsen became suspicious of the trust fund story. He contacted the woman's parents and learned that no trust fund existed, Penty said.

By January 25, 2002, the Bank of Montreal had located the last of the missing cheques, 40 in total, and Kent Villadsen discovered \$190,447.83 had been stolen from his company.

Around that same time, Johnny Villadsen also learned that his wife had accumulated several outstanding credit-card debts through a separate post-office box and that she had created a fraudulent \$43,000 mortgage on a family property by forging his signature.

It was then discovered that Joanne Villadsen had partially repaid her parents-in-law with the proceeds of the fraudulent mortgage.

"A civil action by Johnny Villadsen against Island Savings Credit Union was settled out of court," Penty noted.

As an explanation for Joanne Villadsen's theft from her family, defence counsel Lois Phillips indicated that the woman suffered from an internet gambling affliction that consumed almost all of the money.

"One day she saw it and the next day she was hooked."

Her client did not benefit from the crime, said Phillips.

"All cheques written went to feed this insatiable gam-

bling habit."

And the full-time mother was diagnosed with a mental illness that may have made her particularly susceptible to a gambling addiction.

Joanne Villadsen was under treatment for a bipolar disorder (manic-depressive) and she was suicidal before she began internet gambling. She became suicidal once again when the crime was discovered, Phillips said.

"She was hospitalized for 12 weeks."

Support letters from friends also indicated that varying dosages of Paxil medication, used to treat her bipolar disorder, may have contributed to her crimes.

A psychologist's report also indicated that Villadsen believed her doctor was responsible for giving her an incorrect dosage of Paxil, that caused her to spiral out of control.

"The accused seems to blame her medications for her behaviour over this long period of time. The psychologist makes note of her desire to convince him that the Paxil medication contributed to what she did," said Penty.

But while medications, a gambling addiction and mental illness may act as explanations for her behaviour, Joanne Villadsen was prepared to accept full responsibility for her crime, Phillips said.

"Mr. Villadsen likened it to a hand-grenade being lobbed into their family . . . . But the effects are almost nuclear in their extent of damage."

Defence counsel noted that her client had forfeited any claim to her husband's assets as a result of her fraudulent mortgage, as determined in concurrent marriage-separation proceedings.

"The upshot is that Joanne Villadsen has no assets. Unless she wins the lottery,

and she shouldn't be buying lottery tickets, she won't have assets to base a civil case against."

Phillips suggested that the internet gambler could serve "several hundred hours of community work" as part of a conditional discharge, in lieu of a sentence that would include incarceration and a criminal record.

"That would serve the purpose of having Joanne Villadsen being seen out in the community 'paying for her sins.'"

But the Crown prosecutor argued that community service would be grossly inappropriate.

"Any extra hours available should be used to work at a second job to pay back this huge debt," Penty said.

After deliberation, Judge Breknell determined that Joanne Villadsen would serve 18 months' house arrest, three additional years of probation and pay full restitution of the remaining \$122,457.83 to Kent and Inge Villadsen.

Conditions of the 24-hour house arrest include mandatory counselling and bans of alcohol, non-prescribed drugs, gambling and use of the internet.

"No lottery tickets, pull tabs, bingo, nothing," Breknell said.

Joanne Villadsen will only be permitted to leave her home for purposes of employment and counselling along with one two-hour period per week, he said.

She was also ordered to repay the family at a rate of \$400 per month and refrain from all contact with Kent and Inge Villadsen apart from settlement of the restitution order.

"I can only say that the comment Mr. Villadsen made in his victim-impact statement should ring in your ears while you are serving this sentence."

A poor choice of words may have obscured the meaning in a story last week about a counterpetition process set up for the purchase of a new fire truck by the

Salt Spring Fire Protection District.

The counterpetition was launched by the fire district, and not by island resident Bart Terwiel.

# Police disappointed in CREST radio system

The new CREST radio system used by ambulance, fire and police services has been disappointing to its main Salt Spring user so far.

"It's not living up to our expectations," said Cpl. Dave Voller.

Since the system was implemented in June, RCMP officers have found "dead spots" — areas where signals cannot be picked up by the radios, said Voller.

Under the new system, there are simply too many dead spots on the island, said Voller.

The previous radio systems were analog, and the signal would fade gradually as dead spots were approached, which allowed people to know they were losing their connection.

With digital technology, the reception goes from perfect to non-existent when a dead zone is encountered. Reception appears to be normal, and within seconds disappears.

"When it gets to a dead spot, it just drops," said Voller of the new system. "It's like falling off a cliff instead of wading out from a beach."

He stressed that staying in touch is crucial for emergency services.

"Especially when one works by himself, it's our link to back-up," he said. "A radio you can't talk on isn't much good."

The CREST system was brought in throughout the Capital Regional District and paid for by taxpayers to facilitate region-wide emergency services communication.

He was told by CREST representatives that improvements would be made, but did not know what those would be or when they would take place.

The fire department has not encountered as many problems with the new system as the RCMP, said fire chief Dave Enfield.

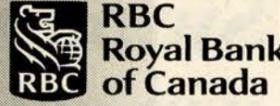
"We get dispatched over CREST and then we revert back to our old system,"

said Enfield, who reported only minor reception problems. "It's going to be growing pains as we go along."

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**MEMORIAL:** Salt Spring firefighters Amos Lundy, left, and Kurt Irwin with the new rock garden memorial at the Central fire hall. It was Irwin's idea to build a memorial for deceased members of the fire department and district, including fireman Tony Head, a victim of the Cap Rouge accident a year ago. Lundy helped design the project. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*



## MARINA: Uses not approved by permit

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'truck' . . . or they're connected to the sewer without a permit."

Crane is also frustrated by the lack of parking in the area caused by the marina's new car-rental business and traffic from Salt Spring Air, which recently moved into the marina offices.

"I complained twice to the Trust but they told me they have to take all complaints in turn," he said.

Islands Trust planner Mark Head acknowledged that his office had received complaints about B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. that are currently in the bylaw investigation process.

"We are seeking compliance," said Head.

While the local marina is permitted to operate a car-rental business, the property's zoning does not permit rental of commercial business space or operation of a hotel, he said.

"That's not a permitted use of the property. Nor is it authorized in the temporary use permit (TUP)."

Additionally, B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. was not given permission to utilize the float camp until conditions of the TUP had been met, he said.

"The permit would authorize the use. Really, they should not be occupying that building until it is lawfully permitted."

Permission to use the float camp is contingent on sewer-connection approval from the Capital Regional District (CRD), Head noted.

"We won't issue the permit until he provides written confirmation that he has an approved sewer connection."

Operators of Ganges Marina previously navigated a myriad tangle of bylaw infractions as they attempted to install the float camp as an office-residence along

with a breakwater-barge in 2001.

While the local Trust committee (LTC) ordered the breakwater barge and float camp both removed in 2002 amid community uproar, the float camp was given a reprieve and the structure finally received approval for a TUP (after an earlier application was rejected in October 2002) on June 26 this year.

Conditions of the TUP stipulated that the building could only be used for washrooms, shower facilities, laundry, storage, marina retail, administration and one caretaker's unit (accessory to operation), on the condition of approved development and building permits.

At the meeting where the TUP was approved, marina general manager Jim Robertson confirmed hotel or pub use was not planned for the float camp.

"There was a statement that I made at the [June 26 Islands Trust] meeting that we would not be renting rooms to the general public," Robertson told the Driftwood.

When asked about the purpose of the 11 bedrooms in the float camp, Robertson said they would be needed for visiting architects and engineers working on the redevelopment project.

"We will be occupying rooms on a temporary basis for out-of-town workers."

But when asked how "boatel" rooms could be currently available, the marina manager gave another answer.

"The intention was for boaters who come into the marina that are overnighing in the marina and need a place to stay. That's what the 'boatel' thing is for. That's why it's called a

'boatel,' not a hotel."

And Robertson argued that the TUP did allow provisions for a hotel on the site.

"You go back to the [June 26] meeting. We got approval to use the building for the CA1 and S1 zoning. Within the bylaws, all those things are in the bylaws. With CA1 you can have a hotel, motel, beer pub, restaurant, almost any type of commercial business you want. That's what the zoning gave us."

Robertson went on to say: "If it was my decision, there would not be a pub. And if it was my decision, we would not be running a hotel, and in my opinion we aren't."

He also indicated that Ganges Marina complies with bylaws "most of the time."

"Before we went for this TUP, the answer I got from my contact at the CRD was that once the local Trust approves your permit, you've basically got permission to connect to the utilities, which is the sewer."

Robertson noted last Wednesday that he was in "the final stages" of receiving the sewer permit.

"As of earlier today, I've been given — the letter is in the mail right now from the CRD telling us they have no objection to connecting the sewer."

He balked at questions of where float-camp sewage had been pumped prior to CRD sewage connection approval.

"We would not knowingly dump sewage in the harbour . . . We do not, I repeat, we do not dump sewage in the harbour."

Robertson said that grey water was pumped from a holding tank in the float home and emptied into the Ganges sewer system

approximately once per week.

Salt Spring Marina Ltd. co-owner Barry Edwards is another businessman opposed to float-camp "boatel" units that operate in contravention of local bylaws.

"It was brought in under the guise of a boat that needed repairs. The whole thing has been brought in illegally."

Salt Spring Marina Ltd. has recently received Islands Trust approval to build a 20-room inn, Edwards noted.

"Why would we go ahead and build an inn on expensive property when I could float in a building? I could use the property up here for expensive retail space."

Edwards believes the Islands Trust might set a dangerous precedent by allowing the float camp to remain tied up in Ganges.

"I think a lot of people did a lot of great work to create our current OCP [official community plan] and bylaws. Now we're going to change that to have a boatel?"

Even residents might soon see the advantages of living on floating structures instead of building conventional homes on expensive real estate, Edwards said.

B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. needs to comply with Islands Trust bylaws, just as other local businesses do, he said.

"It doesn't seem to be too complicated an affair. These are the bylaws, follow them."

## Accident commemorated in special insert this week

A special insert appears inside today's paper to commemorate the anniversary of the sinking of the Cap Rouge II.

On August 13, 2002 the Galiano Island-based seiner rolled over near the mouth of the Fraser River. Five people aboard lost their lives in the accident.

The insert was the brainchild of Ralph Griffiths, editor of the Galiano monthly newsletter, The Active Page. On one side is a photograph of a memorial bench in Montague Harbour Marine Park, on the other are photos of the five trees planted at Galiano school in memory of the Cap Rouge victims.

Griffiths said on Monday he wanted to mark the anniversary in The Active Page. What began as a black and white tribute within the magazine turned into a full-colour insert with the help of a Vancouver printer, who produced the insert at no charge.

There were 2,700 copies printed, 1,300 of which were included in the August issue of the magazine. Griffiths offered the Driftwood the remaining 1,400.

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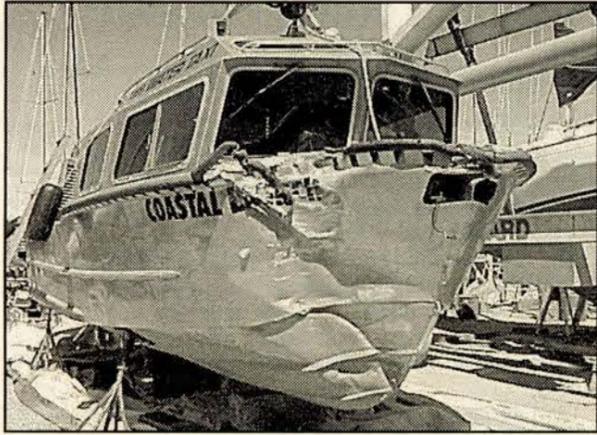
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**DAMAGED WATER TAXI:** This Gabriola Island water taxi struck Nose Point after the skipper fell asleep at the wheel Saturday.

## Vessel hits Nose Point at 25 knots

A Gabriola water taxi crashed into Salt Spring Island at Nose Point Saturday when the driver fell asleep at the helm.

Local coast guard crews received their most severe distress call — indicating possible life in danger — at 1:58 a.m. when the 28-foot water taxi, which was travelling at 25 knots, collided with the shore.

"The water taxi operator had worked hard all day and fell asleep at the helm," said Ganges coast guard member Marco Khalil.

The driver suffered several large lacerations to his face after he hit his head on the steering wheel. The female passenger, who had been sleeping on board, slid forward head-first into the back of a seat.

Both were transferred to Lady Minto Hospital on the coast guard vessel the Skua and the driver needed stitches.

Two members of Salt Spring's ambulance service accompanied the coast guard crew and the water taxi was towed to Mayne Island by the Decourcy, a commercial-assist vessel.

Earlier on Saturday, a pleasure craft was believed to be on fire in Ganges Harbour, said Khalil.

A coast guard crew and four members of the fire department investigated the vessel, which had a slipping and smoking alternator belt.

"There was smoke but no fire," said Khalil.

## Trust announces 19 for stewardship awards

A Salt Spring individual and one group are among the 19 nominations for the second annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program.

Kathy Reimer was nominated for her stream stewardship program, and the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation earned a nod for its Salt Spring Dollars initiative.

The Islands in the Salish Sea mapping project, which was spearheaded by Salt Spring residents Judi Stevenson, Sheila Harrington and Briony Penn but encompassed the entire Trust area and beyond, was also nominated in the group

category.

The Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards program offers a chance to honour individuals and organizations that support the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust.

Potential award-winning projects ranged from acquisition of a new provincial park on Hornby Island and creation of a geolibary CD ROM on Bowen Island to the Mayne Island Fall Fair.

Islands Trust Council members will determine the four award winners — two in each category — when they meet on Gabriola Island September 10-12.

## Dismissal revives residents' group

Dismissal of volunteer fire captains Bruce Patterson and Jeff Outerbridge has sparked new life into a dormant citizens group.

Morningside Road resident Barbara Lyngard said Monday the action by the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board of trustees has inspired Fulford community members to revive the South Salt Spring Residents Association.

A meeting on the topic is set for Thursday evening.

"We're not very pleased with it," Lyngard said of the trustees' decision.

What actions may be taken in response will be discussed at the Thursday meeting, she said, adding that individuals are also writing letters of complaint to the fire district board.

Lyngard said area residents had intended to revitalize the residents' organization, but dismissal of Fulford's long-time firefighter prompted immediate action.

"This just hurried it up," she said.

As detailed in last week's Driftwood, Patterson and Outerbridge were suspended from firefighting duties in early July and terminated August 6 following fire board allegations of "disruptive" behaviour and subsequent events. Problems originated in part from the proposed purchase of a new fire truck earlier this year.

Outerbridge said he and Patterson have been swamped with support and queries.

"We're getting lots of support from all corners of the island," he said. "People are concerned about what has

## Islanders 'snubbing' burning ban—chief

Salt Spring's fire department has been "very busy" chasing people who are disregarding the fire ban, and offenders will soon be billed for the response time, said chief Dave Enfield Tuesday.

"People are still snubbing the burning bylaw," said Enfield.

One man was caught blasting after two warnings against working in the woods.

happened and want to know what they can do to turn it around."

Patterson is considered "a figurehead" in Fulford, said Outerbridge, "so a lot of people are kind of outraged about the whole thing . . . People are questioning this and they need to question it."

Beaver Point resident and former volunteer firefighter Gordon Cartwright is among that number. He is asking the fire protection district to give him a copy of bylaws authorizing their actions, to hold a general meeting explaining the situation and to reinstate the two men.

But fire board chairman Ben Martens said the board has not been flooded with response or criticism.

Two letters, which he had not yet had a chance to read, were in Tuesday's mail addressed to the board of trustees, but reaction on the street was "pretty positive," he said.

"You've got your hands full," or "well done" is the type of response he has received, he said.

One person confronted him, but "he was basing his assumptions on second and third-hand information and hadn't really talked to anybody."

Martens said board authority to dismiss the two volunteers is outlined in the letters patent establishing the board as the district's governing body.

He said the whole situation with Outerbridge and Patterson was "stupid," but that "people are entitled to their opinions and I respect that and they can do what they like."

On Monday alone, three complaints of burning or chainsaw usage were received by the department.

"It's very time-consuming," he said. "I've been instructed by the board of trustees to start billing for our response time."

He said fire department operations cost \$400 per hour.

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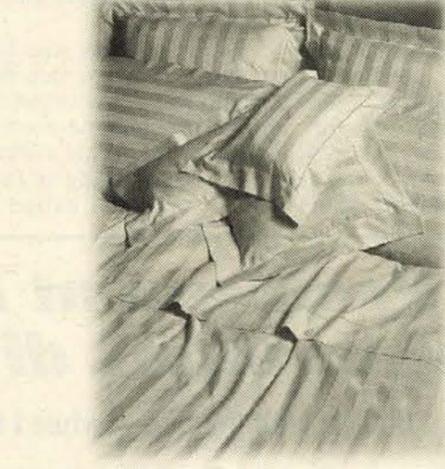
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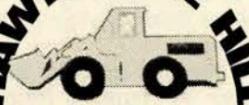


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# New RCMP officer busy with Barriere fire

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring RCMP detachment will have to wait a little longer to receive its new replacement.

Const. Jeff Swann is still working in Barriere to help the B.C. Interior community deal with the effects of ram-paging forest fires.

"We started evacuations again yesterday," said Swann.

He was busy assisting evacuations of close to 500 people from areas around the East Barriere Lakes, Agate Creek and Dixon Valley on Monday.

"I worked till 2 a.m. last night and I was up again at 6 a.m."

But when fire threatens your home community, you find the energy to keep working, he said.

"The volunteer fire department has been worked off their feet."

Evacuated Barriere-area residents were sent to 100-Mile House, Clearwater and

Kamloops, Swann said. "People around here have been phenomenal."

Swann has been overwhelmed by support from communities around the region who have opened their homes to take in evacuees.

"Enough can't be said about the people who donate their homes and cars. They're incredibly supportive."

Another 400 people were previously evacuated from areas around Barriere on Friday.

The McLure-Barriere fire had grown to cover 20,000 hectares Tuesday. Fires virtually surround the town, Swann said.

"We have one huge one to the south and now one to the west and one to the north."

Some 3,500 evacuees of Barriere had just been permitted to return home August 10 after forest fires forced them to flee 10 days earlier. During that time, 65

homes were lost and the fire caused millions of dollars in damage.

Swann and his wife Naomi were among the evacuees.

"It wasn't so bad for me because I was working the whole time."

RCMP officers conducted security patrols, maintained roadblocks and looked for fires during the evacuation period.

"It was a ghost town but people want to know their stuff is protected."

One difficult aspect of dealing with fires for Swann is that he has connections with almost everyone who lost homes and businesses.

"It's sad because you've known them all . . . That's been hard for us."

His own house only narrowly escaped the blaze.

"The fire was pretty close, just across the street. That's about 12 feet from my property."

While his home was spared, it will still be

extremely difficult to sell his house so he can move to Salt Spring.

"The main industry in the area burned up with the Tolko Mill. The real-estate market plummeted."

Swann and his wife are eager to move to the island, but their plans will have to wait.

"We're biting at the bit to move. [Naomi] fell in love with the place right away."

The couple even made a brief visit to Salt Spring to celebrate Swann's birthday on Thursday when he received two days off.

"We were on Salt Spring for four hours. We met up with [local constables], toured around Ganges and got some ice cream."

The brief visit was even worth the long drive and the multiple ferries, he said.

"Already, it's starting to feel like home. It's just going to depend on when we can sell our house before we can move."

But Swann believes his

problems are minor in comparison with the various tragedies occurring around him.

"I've still got a house and a family. [Ben von Hardenberg], that pilot from Mission who crashed while fighting the fire the other day — he was just about to get married — that's the stuff that's tragic. The other stuff is minor in comparison."

Some 850 forest fires are currently burning around the province. Major fires threaten the communities of Nelson, Kelowna, Grand Forks and Nakusp.

The fire hazard rating on Salt Spring remains extreme.



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# Policing costs going up

By DEBBIE WILLIS  
Staff Writer

Salt Spring residents will likely be footing part of the bill for policing under a proposed plan that sees costs shift from the provincial government to taxpayers in 2004.

The province wants to recover 50 per cent of the \$52 million it spends on policing in electoral areas and municipalities under 5,000 in population, which means residents will be charged approximately \$26 million annually over the next five years.

Currently, the federal government covers 30 per cent of total policing costs, and the provincial government pays the rest. According to Diana Lokken, director of finance for the Capital Regional District (CRD), the changes would mean taxpayers will pay for half of that 70 per cent.

The cost shift would affect small municipalities and unincorporated areas, such as Salt Spring, the municipalities of Metchosin and the Highlands, and the Juan de Fuca and southern Gulf Islands electoral areas.

Though this proposal is not a "done deal," regional director Gary Holman said it's as good as decided.

"It hasn't been finalized but it definitely looks like it's going to go down," he said at an August 12 public meeting on policing.

The cost will be added to property taxes, but Salt Spring will not pay entirely for its own police services. A structure for cost sharing within the province as a whole and within each regional district will be in place.

"If Salt Spring were to pay on its own for officers it would be higher than through cost-sharing," Lokken pointed out.

Lokken stressed that there is no way of knowing exactly how much Salt Spring taxpayers will pay because initial calculations were done using 2001/2002 assessment

figures.

Based on those figures, islanders with an average-assessed property would cough up \$81 in property tax for policing per year.

Because the tax rates will be determined based on property assessments, communities with overall lower assessments will actually pay less than 50 per cent of the cost to police their area, and those with higher assessments will pay more.

Also, urban areas will obviously generate more money than rural areas. Lokken pointed out that this method "pits one community against the other," and described an alternate proposal put forward by the CRD.

"If the province believes some communities should be subsidized more than 50 per cent, it should be done from general revenue, not by the regional districts," she said.

This would effectively mean the provincial government would get less than the \$26 million it aimed for, said Holman, and he said people should "bet against" this alternative being approved.

"It's not over until it's over, but the writing's on the wall," said Holman, who also pointed out that the province will already be getting less than \$26 million because they have agreed not to charge for specialized services, such as highway patrols and officers

that serve First Nations.

Also, the provincial government first proposed to collect 100 per cent of policing costs, but have since agreed to pay half, for at least the next five years.

Holman pointed out another problem with basing the tax figures on property assessments.

"There's not a very strong correlation between income levels and assessed values," said Holman, who suggested a more equitable method could be to link the taxation to the level of service.

It is also questionable whether or not Salt Spring will get what it pays for.

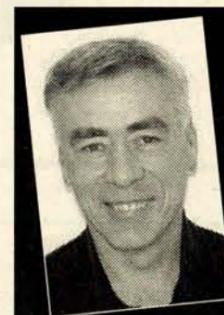
"Do we get a reduction in bills based on absent officers?" asked Lokken, referring to the fact that Salt Spring currently has seven officers assigned to the area but only six working on the island.

Currently, the province pays for the actual number of officers serving an area, said the RCMP's regional director, Robert Jorssen.

"There seems to be a discrepancy between what the province is being billed and what they're turning around and billing us," said local trustee Kimberly Liner.

This issue, and others, will be discussed by members of local and provincial governments at a meeting of the Union of B.C. Municipalities in September, said Lokken.

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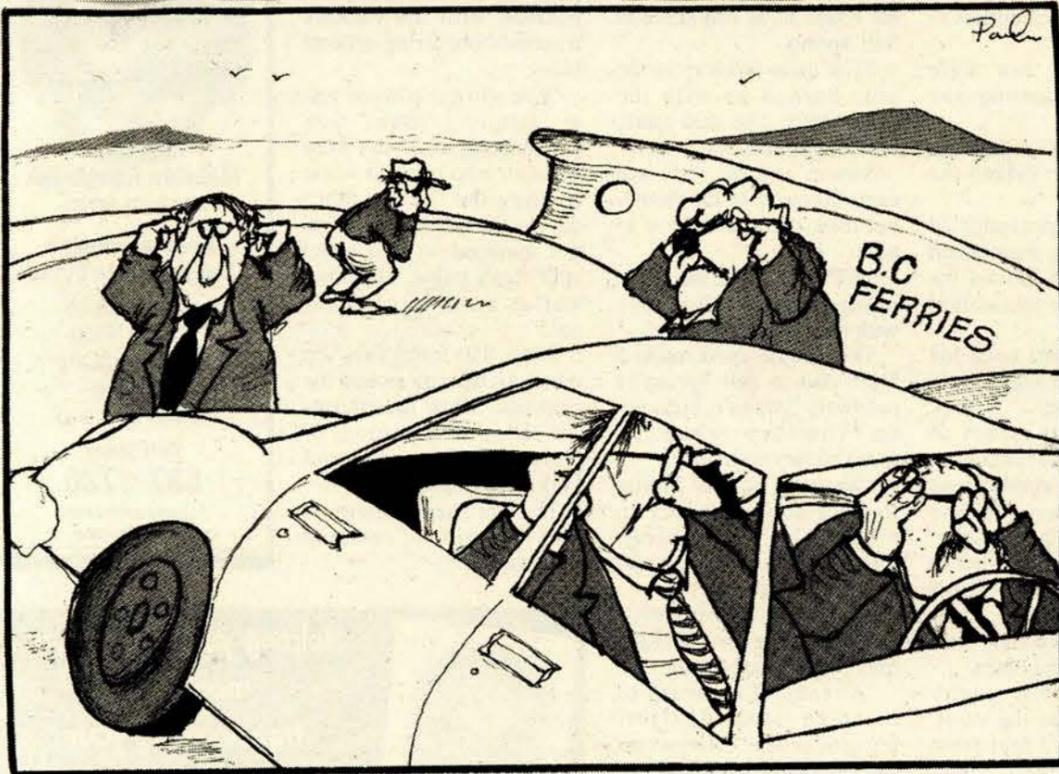
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## More marina woes

It's hard to find anything nice to say about developments at Ganges Marina over the past couple of years.

And it's equally hard to find anything nice to say about the economic prospects for Ganges should the marina cease operations.

The latter, we trust, is unlikely to happen, but prospects for the facility's development plans appear a bit shaky this week. But it didn't have to be this way.

Since the sale of the marina to Rick Barbieri it has been the butt of a great deal of public criticism, some justified, some not. But the legal case was pretty clear: the marina violated local regulations, first with its barge-breakwater and then with the float camp.

This week it gets worse. It appears the float camp is being used for purposes which a recently-granted Temporary Use Permit does not allow.

To look at these issues from the marina's point of view, the barge-breakwater provided a cost-effective means of protecting the marina facilities from the weather, protection that is sorely needed in that particular location.

And the float camp, likely secured at a reasonable price, is a huge improvement over the dilapidated old shack that used to serve as a dockside office and store.

It's too bad that both were contrary to Trust regulations.

This week we learn that further bylaw infractions may be occurring through float camp use. And all this comes as the marina works toward construction of a residential and commercial development on the nearby waterfront.

Islands Trust and community support will be required for the marina to get everything it wants: increased densities and relaxed parking restrictions. Operating outside the rules is not going to further the marina's cause.

Two private marinas operate in Ganges Harbour. Both are essential elements in our tourism infrastructure. Both provide the necessary moorage for hundreds of boats bringing visitors who don't clog the ferries, choke the roads and use up all the available parking spaces in the village.

We need these marinas. But at some point we must ask how many bylaw infractions the community can tolerate.

## United States' actions will prove to be good for the planet

By MICHAEL FRIEDMAN

Hiroshima was a tragedy and a caveat for humanity as we explore technology; but it's not an excuse for continual America-bashing (Viewpoint by Jan Slakov, Driftwood, August 6). I'd like to offer a view of the United States as the most significant force for order and justice in current history.

I appreciate that American foreign policy-makers have erred in the past. That's because the demands of empire call for more frequent application of policy and no one gets it right every time. Am I conceding that the USA is imperial? All nations are - France, Russia, China, Iraq, Canada (remember the suppression of Louis Riel's bid for an independent Manitoba).

A freeze-frame at any point in

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history will show some nations to have been more successful than others in the general pushing and shoving that transpires. When the City of God descends, nations will cease to be imperial; be thankful that it's the USA exercising hegemony in our era.

Has the USA exercised hegemony as a warmonger (to recall language used in a talk given a few months ago)? Is that term accurately applied to the nation that defeated Japanese, German and Soviet fascism? Military victory was followed up with supervised reform of government and society so that those countries now function within

the tradition of liberal democracy. Fascist regimes are a perennial threat to peace on earth; liberal democracies don't go to war with each other.

The USA now finds itself, of necessity, facing the current threat to world order: Islamic totalitarianism. Try to imagine a more intolerant and imperial ideology than that of fundamentalist Islam. You're now going to see American troops move from bases in Western Europe to new bases in the Eastern European nations that have recently joined NATO. From those locations and from their strategic new positions in Afghanistan and Iraq, the United States will be able to enforce peace in the Arab world through education, trade and, if necessary, through force of arms. Salt Springers who advocate disarmament are too far

ahead of their time - a thousand years from now we might be able to see the world community "all as one"; not at the moment.

So it wasn't about oil after all - it was about geopolitical advantage. Like many of you on Salt Spring Island, I do not believe the Americans will leave Afghanistan or Iraq any time soon. I'm comforted by that fact.

I'll rest even more quietly when all of the flash points in the Islamic world are garrisoned by American troops. That will be good for the people of those regions and that will be good for the rest of the planet. I think it's unfair, though, to ask the United States to go it alone. Canada ought to provide military support and make up for the embarrassment of our formal repudiation of the mission to Iraq. We did, of course, help; but, not in

any principled way.

To those who are understandably upset by the mayhem of war I would say, again, that His Kingdom has not yet come. The mayhem in Iraq was much greater before intervention; the mayhem in Iraq and in the region would have grown without intervention. We can now realistically hope for peace and, eventually, justice, superintended by a nation with a track record for reforming corrupt societies.

Many Salt Springers will remain unconvinced. Contrary to the prevailing notion that we are an island of independent thinkers, there is a stale ideological orthodoxy here that limits insight.

*The writer is a researcher and policy analyst living on Salt Spring Island.*

When I heard that Bruce Patterson and Jeff Outerbridge had been "dismissed" as firefighters, I was so mad I couldn't write. I spent a few hours slamming my fingers onto the keyboard but the result was unprintable. Six angry pages, strewn with hundreds of profanities, dozens of exclamation marks, and a couple of good points.

I've now had a week to calm down so there'll be less profanity and fewer exclamation marks. But I'm still very pissed off.

Jeff and Bruce are friends of mine, as is Bart Terwiel, the other insurgent targeted in this sniper attack.

These three are more than just Salt Springers, they're exemplary members of the community. If I made a list of the 10 people I respect

## Patterson and Outerbridge were hosed

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most on this island, Bruce Patterson, Bart Terwiel, and Jeff Outerbridge would be there. That's a powerful statement considering the number of amazing people, who call Salt Spring home.

That may be so, but these three are committed to the people on this island. Most of you know Bruce and Jeff as business people and firefighters. Many of you also know how far beyond the

call of duty they both go in the time, effort, leadership and generosity they pour back into our community.

Let me tell you about Bart Terwiel. He puts more energy into this community, every day, than most of us do in a year. Bart's a ship's captain, having sailed this world as master of the Rainbow Warrior, putting himself and his vessel in harm's way time after time, to stop com-

mercial whaling. He's also a commercial pilot, a gardener, a labourer, a builder of movie sets and straw-bale houses, a rider of motorcycles and, best of all, a soon-to-be dad.

So, the fire chief and the board of trustees are right, these three people display an attitude, and they're men of action. In times of disaster, they're the people we depend on, to take charge and lead the way.

The spark that started this nasty fire wasn't dropped by Outerbridge or Patterson. Nor by Mr. Terwiel, who simply wanted to ask some questions about the process used to justify spending \$670,000 on a new truck.

He didn't say anyone was acting in bad faith; he didn't even say we didn't need a new truck; he was simply doing what we all should do more of: questioning the details of how our tax dollars are being spent.

The fact that Captain Outerbridge agreed with Mr. Terwiel on some of his points - i.e. why wasn't a needs assessment done before spending that much money on one piece of equipment - is at the root of why Outerbridge and Patterson were disciplined.

Those who made the decision to purchase the truck didn't want anybody questioning them. They couldn't

do anything to Terwiel - except avoid answering his questions and make it difficult for him to get a petition started, but they could damn well discipline the firefighters for their insolence.

These two senior captains were fired because the closed culture of the Salt Spring Fire Department clashed with the desire for some adequate answers to some serious questions.

Firing two senior captains simply because they bruised some egos and tempers flared, is irresponsible, inappropriate, and unacceptable.

Unless the board takes a step back, this little brush fire threatens to grow into a wildfire, and I for one, will be calling for an independent inquiry into the operation of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department.

# SALT SPRING SAYS

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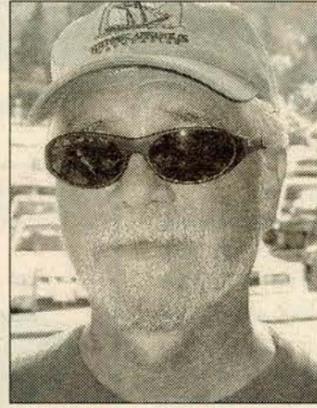
**Adam Lee**

*I'd go to Mars. You don't know what's out there, so you'd get a chance to explore it.*



**Julie Zapf**

*I guess [U.S. President George] Bush. Because assassination is illegal.*



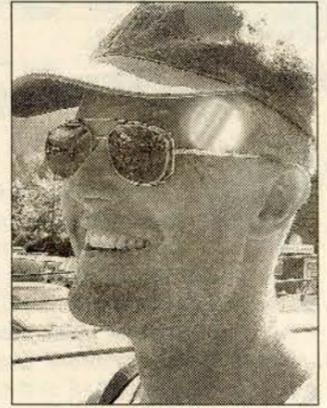
**Bob Williamson**

*I would send President Bush, because I do not like his politics and I think he's put the U.S. in a very uncomfortable position with other nations.*



**Linda Jones**

*I'd like to send Ernie Eves, premier of Ontario, to Mars. I don't think that his political party supports enough of all of the people.*



**Ebbe Nilsson**

*Can you vote for yourself? I would not hesitate to go. I would like to be the first person on Mars.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Public must vote

I would like to add my comments to the debate regarding vacation rentals.

I refer specifically to statements made by Mr. Booth, pointing out his majority in the Trust election, and inferring that certain things needed changing, for example — vacation rentals and their legality.

At this time our community plan states that vacation rentals are illegal. I gather, though, that Mr. Booth wants to change all that. But before it can happen, any changes in the community plan and the relevant bylaws have to be presented to the public and then voted on.

When my husband and I came here 16 years ago, Salt Spring had its own way of looking at things. We remember that people rented out their houses on a short-term basis, usually when they were away on holidays. "Cottages" meant for family use were rented out at a low cost. If a complaint was made it was dealt with by the owner.

However, we are not talking now about low-cost cot-

tages or short-term rentals of family homes. We are into houses bought as a high interest investment — the interest being the weekly rental which is usually in the thousand-dollar mark.

Further, the owner may not be in attendance and very often in another province, or even out of Canada. So these vacation rentals are not neighbour-friendly affairs and most of the people who own them have no allegiance to Salt Spring. Their investments are managed by companies.

And I have not touched on diminishing water supplies, overloaded septic tanks and disregard for neighbourhood values. All these and more will have to be considered by the subcommittee on vacation rentals which meets every Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Lions Club on Drake Road.

I do applaud the effort of Mr. Ehring (Driftwood, July 30) to bring this whole matter out into the open, even though he has come under criticism from other members of the committee. I shall no doubt be rebuked myself, in next week's Driftwood, for daring to take a negative attitude towards vacation rentals.

According to the grapevine, "no one must criticize them" and a "gag order" has been issued by the committee that no public comments of any kind are to be made by members, otherwise there will be consequences!

Surely not on Salt Spring, you say? I am afraid so.  
**PATRICIA MASSY,**  
Salt Spring

### Economic engines

The common fallacy that "tourism is the mainstay of our economy" was repeated in the letter of Wendy Beatty (Driftwood, August 6). I was told by Glen Moores, then president of our Chamber of Commerce, that the chamber did an informal study 10 years ago, which showed that the main engine of Salt Spring's economy was, unquestionably, pension income. He said this was the "nucleus" for island income, like a big factory in a town, and the income spread to all other segments. Glen is an accountant, and is not given to wild statements.

It makes sense. Pensioned retirees buy, build and modify homes,

supporting real estate agents and contractors. They patronize local merchants for the entire year, in a dependable way. Beyond economics, these people help support cultural activities such as ArtSpring and work in volunteer groups that make this community function so well.

Salt Spring's major foundation of pension income is a manageable resource, because changes in the character of island living, or its cost, will influence retirees on whether to come, settle somewhere else, or indeed leave as some friends have done.

Beatty's letter says that the purpose of the Vacation Rentals Resource Subcommittee is to ensure a "diversified economy, satisfying the needs of our tourists." Surely the purpose must be broader than that. Even from an economic standpoint, a first thought should be the needs of residents, including pensioners, and the factors that influence us to live here.

Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce could do a new survey of money flow to this island.  
**JOHN SPRAGUE,**  
Salt Spring

### Volunteers

The folks at table 17, Tree House South, discussed the August 13 Driftwood article on dismissing our local volunteer firefighters.

We concluded that the primary concern of a volunteer (firefighter or trustee) is the welfare of and service to the community.

Egos should be way, way down the list.

Shocked but not in awe.

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### It's different for renters

Wendy Beatty wrote in favour of vacation rentals last week. I have great respect for Wendy, however

.... Wendy is a house owner. I wonder how different her opinions of vacation rentals might be if she was a renter?

As a renter she would be subject to the will of the owner and the whims of the local "government."

Recently my property at Lee Road was invaded by a

joint "SWAT" team of CRD and Islands Trust inspector/enforcers. My tenants — a caring, low-impact couple and their five-year-old child — were to be given one month's notice to vacate! Failure to comply left me and the tenants subject to a fine of "up to \$2,000 per day!"

Thanks to the humanity of an official at one of the above-mentioned government agencies, I was allowed to house my tenants until September.

Where will they go, this lovely young family who have much to offer in gardening, art, education and healing skills?

As the great vacation rental gold rush is allowed to proliferate unchecked by existing bylaws, off island seems to be the only answer for many dispossessed.

Who will tend our gardens, serve in our shops and restaurants?

I have a horrible vision of Ganges in 20 years time:

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I can only pray that I will not be alive to witness it.

**HARRY J. WARNER,**  
Lee Road

## Ex-patriot Americans are a boon for Salt Spring

I would like to say something pretty controversial and shocking, particularly here on Salt Spring. I like Americans.

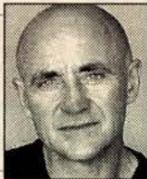
And I really like the Americans who have settled on Salt Spring. Like myself, they were seduced by this island. I came over here for lunch. That was 14 years ago.

In the last six months there have been a number of disturbing reports of Americans being deliberately targeted by vandals. There have been nasty little notes left on windshields. Cars with American plates have been "keyed" from stem to stern.

Word spreads quickly. I have had American friends phone me from San Francisco, wondering if it was safe to come to Salt Spring. I know Americans who won't park their cars in Ganges for fear of becoming targets. Very nice.

Why all this vitriol for American ex-pats? Are they stealing jobs from your children? No, they are likely

**PERSONALLY SPEAKING**  
BY PETER VINCENT



employing your children. And plumbers. And carpenters. And electricians, gardeners, cleaners.

You don't come to Salt Spring to make money. You come to spend it. And spend they do. They buy expensive art, fill the restaurants and open bank accounts. They are generally easy-going, generous and would rather slip the "Yankee Go Home" note left under their windshield wiper into their pocket than cause a scene by reporting the incident.

And they buy property. There is a sentiment afoot that the Americans are buying up all the property and pricing the "locals" right out of the market. This must come as a great

relief to the Asians, who have worn that albatross around their neck for the past 20 years, particularly in Vancouver.

But it wasn't the Asians in Vancouver, nor the Americans on Salt Spring, who set real estate prices. A property owner will slap an astronomically stupid price tag on their little piece of heaven, and if someone is so taken with our island, and is so taken with the property that they are willing to pay way over market value, the deal is done.

And real estate prices all over the island float up to that level. If prices are rising, don't blame the buyer. It's the vendor that sets the price.

Last I heard we were still in a market economy. I have never yet heard of a vendor lowering her price because her conscience was keeping her up at night.

These purchasers aren't looking for single-wide starters on Maliview. They are big game hunters, bagging waterfront properties in the high six or seven figures. That is indeed rarefied air and, barring a lotto windfall, the sound of salt water lapping the edge of my property is not in the books. But just because I can't pony up for waterfront, why should I hold a grudge for those with the kind of bank account that allows them to house hunt along Sunset Drive?

Have my property taxes skyrocketed? I own one of those "starters" on Maliview (which is indeed pathetic given my advanced age) and my taxes have only marginally increased over the past three years.

House prices? Of course they have taken a quantum leap in the carriage trade bracket — say, the \$500,000-plus market.

But down here amongst the great unwashed, house prices in the \$200,000 range haven't gone up all

that much in the past five years. On the contrary, ex-pats, whether they are from Calgary, Copenhagen or Carmel, aren't costing us money, they are making us money, pouring literally millions into the local "industry-free" economy.

If you don't want clear-cut logging, and if you cringe at the thought of fish farming, then you should be welcoming these people with open arms. And please, no politics.

American foreign policy wasn't set by your new American neighbour. In fact, she may have chosen Salt Spring for entirely political reasons.

Remember, there was a time not so long ago that you were a newcomer to Salt Spring. Give these newcomers the same courtesy that you were given. To judge people by their skin colour, religion or what is stamped on the front of their passport is blatantly narrow-minded and should not be tolerated.

# Back To School **DA**

## Get an A+ for Planning Creative School Lunches



Preparing children for the upcoming school year can mean buying a new school wardrobe, purchasing notebooks, pens and other supplies, and of course, coming up with new lunch ideas.

Research has shown that there is a definite link between good nutrition, health and learning. If your child is bringing his or her own lunch to school, you will want to pack a meal that contains a variety of healthy options.

• First, it is important to acknowledge the tastes of your child. Ask your child to get involved with the lunch planning, preparing and packing process.

• Use the Canada Food Guide for creating healthy meals. Try to include at least one serving from each of the food groups: dairy, fruits, vegetables, grains & cereal, & meats & poultry.

• Try to include foods with varied tastes, textures and colours. Remember, variety is

the spice of lunch as well as life.

• The average lunch period lasts between 20 and 45 minutes. This includes the time children spend chatting and using the restrooms, so be sure to include snacks that are simple to eat.

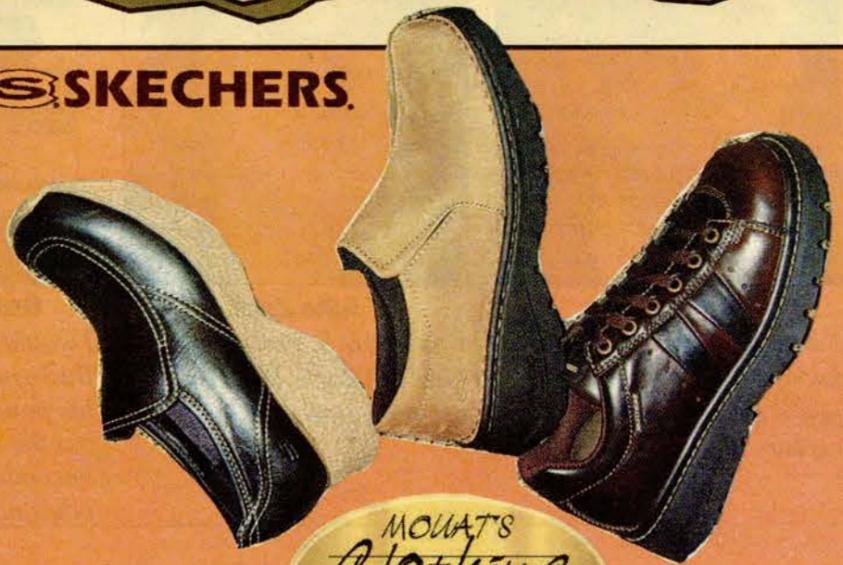
• Add a few condiment packets from fast-food restaurants, like ketchup, mustard & mayonnaise to your child's lunch box, rather than placing the condiments on the sandwich directly. This keeps sandwiches from getting soggy.

• Vary bread offerings for sandwiches: try using pita pockets, mini bagels, tortillas and even mini dinner rolls.

• Cut vegetables into bite-size pieces, pack in a sealed plastic bag for freshness, and send alongside a container of flavoured cream cheese or salsa for dipping.

• A cup of soup, kept warm in a sealed thermos, or a container filled with pasta salad are healthy and delicious lunch ideas.

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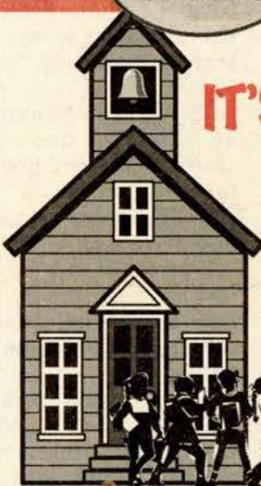
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## Ways To Teach Children Responsible Behaviour



Children learn by observing the world around them. By imitating what their parents, friends and teachers do they often learn what "proper behaviour" really involves, from follow-through with tasks to following directions. It's important to show your children that you take satisfaction in acting properly and accomplishing difficult tasks.

Here are some easy tips on how to inspire children to act responsibly.

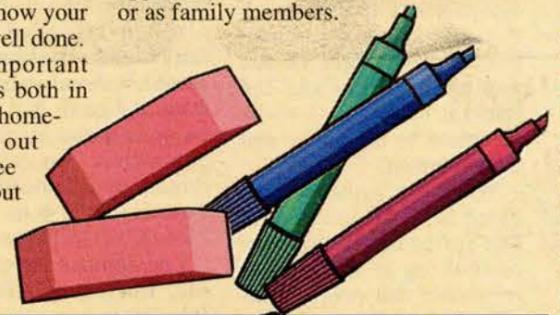
• Through your daily activities, show your children that you care about a job well done.

• Perhaps children's most important tasks are their school assignments both in and out of class. When you check homework and constructively point out mistakes, you help teach them see not only how the error occurred, but how to read over their own work. By allowing them to correct their own mistakes, parents can inspire

self-confidence. Be sure to congratulate your child on his or her good efforts.

• Teaching self-respect does not mean complimenting everything they do. Children also need honest criticism from time to time. When you do criticize, be sure to do it constructively; it should be about things your child has done, not him or her personally.

• Most of all, help children form the self-confidence and self-respect that come from opportunities to do good work as students or as family members.



## Help Kids Get 'Wrapped Up' in Learning



Math, vocabulary, science, and geography — many children flee for cover just at the mention of going back to school. After all, doesn't their time for fun and adventure end once the school bell rings? It doesn't have to.

One of the easiest ways to help your child excel in school is to make learning fun, not a chore. Think of all the teachers who made a difference in your life. They probably made the subject matter seem compelling, opened your eyes to new ways of understanding difficult topics, or they

may have used interesting learning tools and strategies that made remembering math formulas or history dates that much easier.

With this in mind, there are several ways you can give your student a boost by changing the way he or she looks at learning.

- Be supportive of your child.
- Rely on learning aides that are educational and fun.
- Look to your local neighbourhood for hidden lessons.
- Think visual.
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## 'Brainy' Tips to Help Kids Make the Grade

It's scarcely secret that practice, organization and paying attention in class are key to making the grade, from kindergarten through college. With back to school season right around the corner, here are some easy "brain raining" tips to get on track at school:

- Train your brain. Set aside a regular time and place to do your homework everyday so that it becomes a habit.
- Organize your schoolwork and supplies. The process doesn't need to be a ranteaser. Have a notebook with sections for each subject and write down all of your assignments in one place. Set up a monthly alendar and schedule in homework time, tests, reports and extracurricular activities.

- Prioritize your homework. You can alternate easier and tougher assignments, but it's a good idea to do the tougher homework first, when you're feeling alert and focused.
- Don't strain your brain! Plan short study breaks as rewards for getting work done. Take a five to 10-minute doodle break for each hour spent studying.
- Don't be afraid to pick someone else's brain. If you get stuck on an assignment, don't hesitate to ask for help from a teacher, classmate or parent.
- Listen up. Give the teacher your undivided attention — keep those brain waves focused. Take notes in class and try to review them daily.

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## Famous People with Learning Disabilities

Learning disabilities can be overcome, as this list shows.

**Albert Einstein:** He did not speak until three. Even as an adult Einstein found searching for words was laborious. He and school work, especially math, difficult and was unable to express himself in written language. He was thought to be simple-minded, until it was realized that he was able to achieve by visualizing rather than by the use of language. His work on relativity, which revolutionized modern physics, was created in his spare time.

**Thomas Alva Edison:** He was unable to read until he was 12 years old and his writing skills were poor throughout his life.

**George Washington:** He was unable to

spell throughout his life and his grammar usage was very poor.

- Tom Cruise: Is unable to read due to severe dyslexia. He is able to memorize lines and perform on the stage and screen.

Others notables include: Galileo, Mozart, Wright Brothers, Leonardo da Vinci, Cher, Bruce Jenner, Thomas Thoreau, Charles Schwab, Henry Winkler, Danny Glover, Walt Disney and John Lennon.

If you suspect your child has a learning disability, you should speak to his or her teachers and school counsellors, talk with other learning experts, and consider a formal evaluation. It's important to remember that a thorough evaluation of your child's skills must be done by a professional.

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## Did You Know?

It is important for children to review their own test results. They can learn from graded exam papers. They will show where they had difficulty and, perhaps, why. This is especially important for classes where the material builds from one section to the next, as in math.

tion is worded or misinterprets what was asked. The child may have known the correct answer but failed to express it effectively.

Discuss the wrong answers with your children and find out why they answered as they did. Sometimes a child misunderstands the way a ques-



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## No problem

I raise my hand high AGAINST traffic lights on Salt Spring.

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The patience required to wait for a clear moment at these intersections is much less patience than that required in being courteous to the pedestrians wandering all over the downtown streets on market Saturday.

However, traffic circles/roundabouts could

even add to the ambience of Salt Spring as we gently wend our way through town, waving to friends and smiling at jay-walkers.

**DEBBIE FEDORAK, Ganges**

## Molly's rescue

Recently I was shopping while my daughter took care of our dog Molly outside of Thrifty's.

Molly was startled, slid out of her collar and ran up Fulford-Ganges Road.

Many caring people, including Const. Martin Beardsmore, stopped traffic to help get Molly off the road. Molly ended up on Drake Road at the Moldon

residence, where she was apprehended and given some water.

We would like to thank everyone who took care of my daughter Deena while I was running after Molly, as well as the caring motorists and pedestrians who tried to help, and especially to the police officer who took the time to help a confused dog.

**WHITCUTT FAMILY, Salt Spring**

## Not admirable

In his vitriolic attack on Jan Slakov (August 13 letter), Tom Galvin has lucidly demonstrated the type of

thinking that so disturbed Einstein after the development of the atomic bomb.

Einstein said, "Everything has changed except man's way of thinking."

How can Galvin have so much admiration for a country that melted two cities and their civilian populations in Japan with nuclear weapons, defoliated about 20 per cent of Vietnam with Agent Orange, has left depleted uranium scattered over the landscape in Iraq, has installed brutal military dictatorships in a variety of Central and South American countries, assassinated a number of democratically elected leaders, is destroying the livelihood of thousands of Third World

cotton and coffee producers by subsidizing their own producers, is the number one exporter of armaments, etc.

Sadly, Canada has supported many of these activities, if not explicitly, at least implicitly. If the \$8 trillion (US) spent on nuclear weapon development since 1945 had rather been spent to improve the living conditions of the impoverished in this world, it is just probable that we would all have a kinder, safer place in which to live.

**BRIAN I. FINNEMORE, Fulford**

## Wrong Haigh

Susan Lundy's review of *Homemade Soup: A Fine Arts Show* (August 13) was

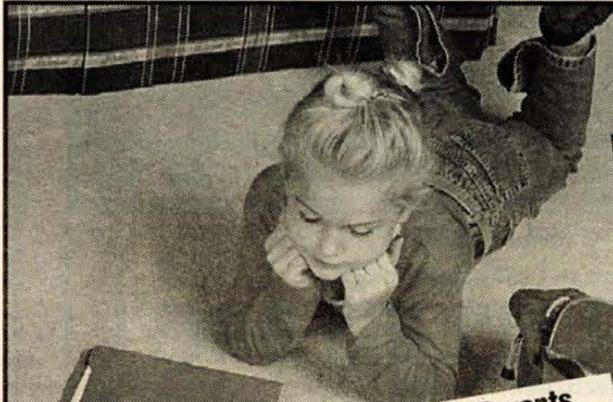
most refreshing, especially, in part, as seen through the eyes of the two young art-lovers who accompanied her through the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists Summer Show at ArtSpring.

I am pleased that it is appreciated by all ages.

I would like it to be noted that Derrick Lundy's photograph on page 18, showing two Salt Spring ladies, incorrectly identifies one as being Carol Haigh. This is in fact Susan Haigh, who is one of the exhibiting artists in the show. Her sister, Carol Haigh, is not exhibiting in this show.

An easy mistake to make but an important one to correct.

**STEPHEN GLANVILLE, Salt Spring**



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**Back-to-School Safety Pointers for Parents**  
The back-to-school season presents the perfect opportunity to reinforce lessons and advice that you've gone over with your kids. Safety should be at the top of this list.

- Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number (including area code) and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult, and how to use 911 for emergencies. Make sure he or she has enough change for a phone call.
- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings. Test the route with your child.
- Teach children — whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school — to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers and safety patrols.
- Make sure they walk to and from school with others — a friend, neighbour, brother or sister.
- When car pooling, drop off and pick up children as close to school as possible. Don't leave until they have entered the school yard or building.
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children doesn't know well or doesn't trust.

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### Unacceptable

Trustee Eric Booth has asserted that his win in the last election was a mandate for changes to the OCP, in particular that the status quo regarding vacation rentals was unacceptable.

Frankly, the assertion is patently ridiculous. There are multiple reasons why Mr. Booth and Ms. Liner won their current office, but legalizing willy-nilly the commercialization of our residential neighbourhoods was absolutely not one of them.

Quite the contrary. Every review of the issue leading up to the creation of our OCP demonstrated overwhelming community opposition to full-time vacation rentals and there is absolutely no evidence that that opposition has diminished.

Unacceptable? I'll tell you what's unacceptable. What's unacceptable is for a tiny, profit-driven, vocal minority of largely absentee interests to drive the whole community in a direction it has indicated it does not want to go.

What's unacceptable is for trustees who are supposed to be representing the interests of this community to assert the contrary and pander to this greedy little cabal.

No one cares if their neighbour rents out her house to pay for a couple of months in Provence. She'll be back and things will return to normal. It's the full-time, unsupervised vacation rental that's causing the grief. Examples of the massively negative impact of vacation rentals have been cited in this paper repeatedly and sometimes at length, most recently just overleaf from Mr. Booth's letter by a resident of Point Reyes Station, California, who spoke from bitter experience. The litany of detrimental effects to the community is worth repeating one more time, in case Mr. Booth and Ms. Liner missed them the first few dozen times they appeared:

Vacation rentals drive up real estate speculation and encourage off-island land ownership, which in turn lowers permanent community participation and volunteerism, negatively affects school district enrolment and produces vacant housing in neighbourhoods.

They displace permanent tenants, can turn into unsupervised party houses where

the guests might not give a damn about water use, fires, noise, etc., and compete directly with existing legal businesses that pay significantly higher commercial taxes.

Once allowed, as we've already seen, they grow like mushrooms and are then impossible to prevent. They hollow out communities and, unlike full-time rentals, increase the overload on our facilities when we least need them — during the tourism season — while contributing nothing to the community or its economy in the off season. None of this is news.

For Mr. Booth to imply, as he did in his letter, that legalizing them is a done deal, irrespective of the findings of the committee currently studying them or the recommendations of the APC, is a dereliction of his duty as a representative of all islanders.

Mr. Booth needs to recalibrate his self-celebrated open mind on this issue, and admit the obvious: Vacation rentals may be good for the odd friend, but they are demonstrably bad for Salt Spring.

**SAM LIGHTMAN,**  
Fulford

### Strong muscles

I'd like to reply to the August 13 letter accusing me (and others) of being "whiners."

The letter expresses a point of view which is actually quite prevalent I think — the idea that those of us who criticize U.S. government actions would not be able to speak out if we lived under a dictatorship, and since the U.S. is such a strong defender of democracy (sadly, not true), our criticism is "ridiculous."

I acknowledge that we Canadians have much more freedom than many people of other nationalities. Not only do we have considerable political freedom, but we also have economic possibilities which can help us to find out about and fix problems. Our privilege entails a special responsibility to work towards a better world.

Somehow Tom Galvin's letter was sent by e-mail to Mike Kaulbars, who lives in Ontario. Mike took the time to reply to the letter and some of his points are definitely worth sharing.

Using Tom Galvin's logic, people shouldn't dissent in

repressive countries because it's impossible to do so and in "free" countries people should celebrate their freedom by never dissenting?

Actually, Jefferson, Lincoln, T. Roosevelt, F. D. Roosevelt, Eisenhower, indeed every decent U.S. president for the past 250 years, repeatedly cautioned the American citizenry against blind obedience to their own government. Most of them also reminded the U.S. citizens of their moral duty to revolt (that's revolt, not simply dissent) when the government betrayed its trust — which, as they also noted, frequently occurred.

As for the idea that the U.S. "rescued" Europe twice in the last century, it was pointed out that they did help in WW I, but actually only entered that war quite late, in 1917.

As for WW II, Mike Kaulbars wrote: "The Russians tied up and defeated over 200 German regular divisions while the West typically faced between 40 and 60 divisions of mostly Volksgrenadiers and reservists, except during the Wacht Am Rhein offensive ("Battle of the Bulge") when an additional 20 or so understrength regular divisions were committed to the West."

By Tom's logic, should we not be looking to Russia with gratitude and for leadership?

Mike also feels those who fought and died to save their families from living under regimes where they are expected to be flag-waving automons who keep quiet and obey orders did not want their children and grandchildren to become flag-waving automons who keep quiet and obey orders.

Freedom is a muscle, you keep it strong by exercising it!

He closed with a quote from Adrienne Rich that is one of my favourites as well: *My heart is moved by all I cannot save so much has been destroyed. I have to cast my lot with those who age after age, perversely, and with no extraordinary power reconstitute the world.*  
**JAN SLAKOV,**  
Deer Park Road

### Astonished

I was astonished to read that two senior and long-time local volunteer firefighters have been dismissed from their positions by the board of trustees, apparently because of "lack of respect"

allegedly shown to the board, and to the department (Driftwood August 13).

I recall the magnificent response, two years ago, by the local, and off-island, firefighters to extinguish a potentially disastrous fire on Channel Ridge. That fire, which was the result of the careless action of some picnickers, came close to spreading into a holocaust similar to those experienced in central B.C. during the past week.

If the dismissal of two key Salt Spring firefighters results in a devastating local fire, then "lack of respect" will be the least of the board's problems.

**ALAN CLEWS,**  
Salt Spring

### Exceptional

During my stay on holiday on Salt Spring Island I was compelled to visit the emergency facilities at Lady Minto Hospital.

The reason for this letter is one of appreciation and thanks. The service at the hospital was exceptional! From registration at the emergency ward to X-ray and ultrasound, every staff member was efficient and caring.

I would like to especially thank Dr. Georges Benloulou, the attending physician. He was a real breath of fresh air with his ability to put every aspect of his diagnosis in layman terms.

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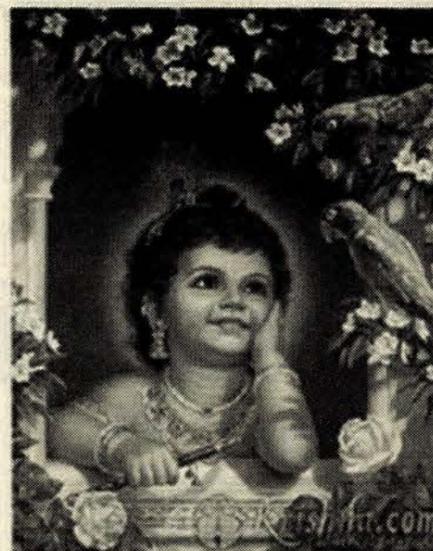
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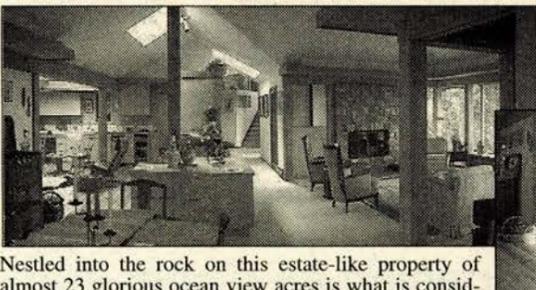
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## Crofton space problem creating sailing delays

Limited space at the Crofton ferry terminal is creating delays of up to 25 minutes for the Vesuvius ferry this summer, according to B.C. Ferries communications director Steven Nussbaum.

Because the holding compound for cars bound for Salt Spring is small, only about 12 tickets can be pre-sold for the Howe Sound Queen, said Nussbaum.

When the ferry arrives at the Crofton terminal, cars have to pay at the ticket booth as they drive onto the ferry, causing the delays.

The problem arises most frequently in the summer months, when the ferry is busiest, said Nussbaum. In May and June, 16 per cent of the sailings from Crofton left late.

Other factors, like heavy loads or stalled vehicles, can compound the problem.

"You have to commend the crew though," said Nussbaum. "Quite often they work through their breaks to make up the time."

Nussbaum said that B.C. Ferries is involved with

Crofton and the district of North Cowichan in a waterfront revitalization plan, and the holding compound space will be expanded. He did not know when the expansion would get under way.



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Rants for the people who insist on bringing their motor boats right up to Vesuvius Beach with no thought to the danger to swimmers and all the children who play in the water, while also polluting the beach with boat fumes and noise. Will it take a horrible accident for you to finally see the sense in not bringing the boats so close to the beach?

Rants to those who didn't use the tickets given to them for the wonderful concert by the Vancouver Chamber Choir at ArtSpring and who thoughtlessly failed to return them to the box office. There were many others on a waiting list who were unable to buy tickets and who would have loved the concert.

## ROSES

Roses to everyone who bought a ticket or made a donation for the Rusty Collins Benefit Dance. Thanks to Thrifty's, GVM, Pinnacle Pizza and BC

Ferries for their kind donations. A special rose for the heartfelt donation Valdy and Kathleen Horsdal dropped off after passing the hat around to all the generous folks from Maracaibo. You made the benefit exceed our goal!

The Salt Spring Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Salt Spring Fire Protection District thank Amos Lundy and the following for their donations of time and materials to the memorial erected at Fire Hall #3: Windsor Plywood, Gulf Coast Materials, Ken Byron, Drew Clarke, Ganges Village Market, Thrifty Foods, Grant Tamboline, Banana Joe and Marsha Goldberg. If we have missed anyone, please accept our thanks.

Roses to the cashiers at Thrifty Foods who found my wallet. Many thanks. J.

Roses to generous islanders who have managed to contribute more than \$500 to Warchild Canada (and their efforts on behalf of war-torn children in Iraq and around the world) through two little donation jars at the Raven Street Market Cafe. Sincere thanks! Don't stop now! RV

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**VIDEO RENTALS:** The new Movie Gallery outlet in the Village Market centre opened its doors on Friday.

## Movie Gallery opens amid claims of cut-rate pricing

By **DEBBIE WILLIS**  
Staff Writer

Amid claims that they will push out local businesses on Salt Spring, Movie Gallery, the third largest video rental store in the U.S. swung open its doors on Friday.

The location beside the Ganges Village Market has rows of new releases, comedies and action flicks, and the employees were not worried about letters to the Driftwood describing Movie Gallery's alleged aggressive business tactics.

"Awesome customer service" is the main strategy for competing with locally owned video stores on the island, said Movie Gallery's district manager Diana Foot.

Dave Longpre, Movie Gallery's Western Canada real estate manager, agrees.

"We have very good service, with staff trained to be very knowledgeable about the industry," said Longpre.

"There are some sensitive people, I guess," he said in reference to letters protesting Movie Gallery's move to Salt Spring. "Several towns we go into, there [have been] sensitivities. We hire local people and hope that they can reach into the fabric of the community and offer what people want: good selection at a good price."

Prices for the most recent DVD releases run at \$3.99 for two-day rentals, and regular DVD and VHS releases go for \$3.99 for seven days.

Older DVD releases are \$2.99 for seven days, and VHS is \$1.99. All games, except the cheaper Nintendo, are \$3.99 for two days. The store will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and has a debit machine. Foot also

mentioned a deal offered for frequent renters.

Prices at the locally-owned Island Star Video for new releases are \$2.99 Monday through Wednesday, \$3.45 on Thursday, and \$4.50 on Friday and Saturday, said manager Valerie Nielson.

Nielson said that Movie Gallery is known for keeping its prices low to initially drive out competition, and later raising prices to recoup their losses.

Foot said these claims are false.

"Sometimes we up the prices due to the market, but usually not right away, maybe in a year or so," she said.

Prices will be lowered in a month to celebrate Movie Gallery's grand opening, said Foot. They will stay low for about four weeks, before they return to the present rates.

But Island Star's owners, Tim O'Connor and John Dolman — who were out of town at presstime — had proof of Movie Gallery's tactics, said Nielson.

They rented a new release at the Movie Gallery outlet in Sidney for \$5.70, she said.

"From the feedback we've been getting, the only thing they have that we don't is a bigger DVD section," said Nielson, who pointed out that Island Star has ordered more DVDs to expand its

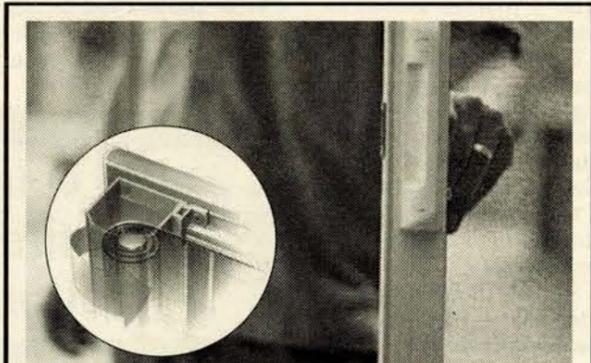
selection. "We have a foreign section, and they don't. We have documentaries, and they don't. We've done a lot of things to get competitive."

Nielson was also concerned about the impact of an Alabama-owned company on the island.

"Everything comes from the U.S.," said Nielson. "All the profit goes to the U.S."

But above all, Longpre said, Movie Gallery is a company intending to give consumers a choice.

"People don't have a lot of choices [on Salt Spring]. I would imagine there is a lot of shopping that goes off-island, so the more you can keep on-island the better."



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## No decision yet on moving Land Office to Mainland

The Capital Regional District (CRD) board last week added its voice to those seeking reconsideration of a provincial government plan to close the Victoria Land Title Office (LTO).

Stan Hagen, Minister of Sustainable Resource Management (MSRM), last month announced the office would be closed as of April 1, 2004, with all records transferred to the LTO in New Westminster.

However, MSRM spokeswoman Barb Wright said Tuesday that no final decision has yet been made by Hagen, who is still looking at all the information submitted in response to the proposal.

A CRD staff report noted the office closure would cause time delays in registering documents for real estate transactions and increase

costs through higher courier charges and staff travel expenses, along with other problems.

While many land title services can be accessed electronically through the BC Online service, others still require copies of physical documents dating before 1990 that cannot be scanned because they were created using blue ink.

Salt Spring's regional director Gary Holman said the issue prompted ample discussion at the August 13 board meeting.

"It seemed to affect a lot of local politicians who felt quite strongly about the economic impacts, primarily," he said.

One point raised was that a fee-increase proposal would more than recoup the one-time \$500,000 the government hoped to raise from closing the Victoria office.

## Island clean-up planned

Jaime MacManaway has a challenge for all islanders: to clean up Salt Spring.

MacManaway is organizing an island-wide effort to pick up trash on the island from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Sunday. The litter removal will be followed by a potluck barbecue and live music.

The crusade of cleaners will meet outside Patterson's Store in Fulford at 11 a.m. to pick up litter, and will move to a new location every 20 minutes or so.

MacManaway hopes the group will meet again in Centennial Park to do a sweep of Ganges at around 11:20, then at the Raven Street Cafe to clean up Fernwood at around 11:40. Twenty minutes after that he hopes to hit Vesuvius, and wants to meet with volunteers outside the Vesuvius

Pub. MacManaway suggests that people bring cars if they want to go from one location to another.

He wants the day to be more of a game than a chore, and hopes people will come in groups for the community event.

"It's more fun than walking around with a trash bag by yourself," he said.

MacManaway does not live on Salt Spring, but still feels committed to keeping it clean.

"I love spending time here. It's such a beautiful

place and it's sad that there's so much trash around."

The Let's Clean Up Salt Spring event still needs volunteers to help with the organization of the day, and MacManaway said that the barbecue is also entirely dependent on volunteers. People are still needed to bring food and play music.

Anyone who wishes to pick up garbage or volunteer in any other capacity can reach MacManaway at SnoWraith@Snowboard.com, or sign up at the information centre.

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# Two island archers score gold

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Local shooters Lynne and Greg Durward can add a few more feathers to their caps after they both won gold at the 66th Annual Canadian National Archery Championship in Victoria last week.

Women's masters-division competitor Lynne Durward won gold in both the FITA (Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc) field and target events and gold in the FCA (Federation of Canadian Archers) open event to become the undisputed national compound-bow champion.

"It was a great competition," Lynne Durward said Monday.

She scored 338 and 340 (out of a possible 360) to win the FITA field event after two days of shooting on a course of 24 targets.

The field archery course had targets arranged at distances of 10-60 metres tucked away in the forest of the Victoria Bowmen Archery Club in Colwood, she said.

"Those are my personal best field scores."

But she noted that like golf, scores from two field archery courses can't really be compared because every course is different.

"I don't have that much opportunity to try field archery because there are not many courses."

Four days of target shooting at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre saw Lynne Durward score 1301 and 1309 (out of a possible 1440) by pegging targets at ranges of 30-70 metres.

Even though she won the August 11-16 Victoria event, her scores fell well short of her 1343 personal best.

"The wind was quite strong, which is quite a challenge. Everyone's score was below average because of the wind."

On the fifth day of the event, Durward challenged women of all ages, and some from out of the country, in an open competition with a double-elimination format.

"We've got a lot of very strong young archers coming up. In fact, the girl I was shooting against for the gold was a 16-year old cadet."

Durward was knocked down to the B-pool after an early loss but she won all her subsequent rounds to face the top A-pool archer in the final match.

"If the other person has not lost a match, you must beat them twice in a row, which is what I did. It was pretty exciting in the end."

Ashley Wallace of Saskatchewan took silver in the Canadian Open after Durward won the 13th round of play.

"It's interesting to have one of the most senior competitors vying against one of the most junior," she said.

Durward's husband Greg also scored top marks in the men's masters FITA field and target events to bring home two golds.

"He is my coach and I attribute a lot of my success to his excellent coaching," she said.

But the coach offered kudos to his student.

"She carried the day, I'm afraid."

Her two wins in the masters division

extended to cover the entire field of women competitors, he noted.

"Lynne had the highest women's field score in all divisions and she had the third highest among FITA target shooters."

While Durward found his own field scores to be acceptable (340 and 336), he was not pleased with his target results (1268 and 1270).

"I shot disappointingly, but I won two gold medals."

Fellow islanders Ken Cameron and Keith Newman also entered the national competition among 171 archers from around the country.

"Not bad, to have four archers from Salt Spring represented at a national event," Newman said.

The novice archer shot a 182 and a 204 in the field event and a 605 and an 821 in the target shoot as a senior-compound competitor.

"It was a blast," said Newman.

Cameron hit a 205 and 252 in the field event as a master-bowhunter-unlimited competitor.

After two more minor events in Victoria, the outdoor archery season will wrap up until spring, said Greg Durward.

Though he and his wife both won the national championships, there is a different process for admission into the Canadian National team (to which Lynne is already a member), Durward noted.

"There's no advantage to winning the nationals, other than the glory of a couple of gold medals."



**THE REAL LINDA WOODLEY:** Louise Foulis, left, presents the ladies' low-net trophy to Linda Woodley following the recent Salt Spring Invitational Golf Tournament. The wrong photograph was published last week.

## Galiano ball players wanted

Salt Spring Island ball players have challenged Galiano Island to a slo-pitch ball game — or maybe two — set for September 14 during the Roddy Wilson Memorial Tournament.

But because Galiano has no team to call on, the smaller island hopes to assemble players from two tourna-

ments, one already held at the Galiano Lions Field on July 27 and another coming up on August 24, starting at 11 a.m.

Burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and a beer garden will be near the field, and anyone interested in playing should contact Eva Wilson on Galiano at 539-0146 or John Donaldson at 539-2839.

# Referees needed for soccer season

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor

With soccer season eagerly tapping at our doors, the Salt Spring Youth Soccer Association naturally becomes preoccupied with player registrations, uniforms, coaches, balls and more.

Of course, one must not forget the referees, although many players and coaches would like to, since they play an integral part in the running of our successful program.

Once again this season we are desperately short of referees, especially at the older levels, as several senior youth referees graduated from school and left the island this year. And once again our executive and myself as the head referee are putting out the call for people to step forward to help us in this area.

It is not like we just hand anyone a whistle and send them out on a field to a game, something some players and coaches might believe, but we actually do the training, pay for upgrading, supply all the necessary equipment and provide a monthly meeting to work on their knowledge and application of the game's laws.

On top of this is the lucrative pay offered. (Well, maybe lucrative is stretching it a bit.) Referees also get a good workout and rewards from being an integral part of the enjoyment that players get from games.

Our association has a series of options for all active and new referees.

all established Class 4-and-up referees on the weekend of September 6-7, with the exact days and times to be announced.

It's a four-hour course to bring all referees up to date with law changes, to brush up on the laws and have a discussion on aspects of officiating.

This course is mandatory to stay certified with B.C. Soccer.

Class 5 referees can attend this course if they wish to continue on to becoming a Class 4 or higher referee.

• Class 5 course: The association is willing to hold a Class 5 course in September, which would be run by the head referee in a series of mid-week sessions totalling seven hours. The course, aimed at youths aged 12 to 14, needs 15 registrations in order to take place.

Fee is \$45, and includes booklet on game laws, referee's shirt, shorts and socks, whistle, game book and flags.

Class 4 course: Class 5 referees, or anyone 14 and older, can register to write the Class 4 exam, which enables one to officiate all youth matches. The association will pay for half the course cost and the ferry fee to travel and take the course in Victoria. (If we get close to 15 people on Salt Spring then we can hold it here.) The course takes a weekend to complete and includes the exam. Those passing the exam are supplied with the full strip and equipment.

To register for any of these courses, or to get more information about refereeing, call me at 537-4970 after 7 p.m. or e-mail to mlegg@saltspring.com.

You will find, as I have, that once you start refereeing it is a challenging but very rewarding job. As you climb up to Class 4 or 3 or even a Class 1, you can travel to tournaments and officiate provincial games and tournaments.

So find out more and register now — the youth of Salt Spring need you.

### Registration

If you still need to register your child for the upcoming season, forms can be picked up and dropped off at Portlock Park, or call Mike Barter at 537-2446.

### Association meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 25 at 7 p.m. at the Portlock Park portable. Everyone is welcome to come and get informed about what the association has planned for

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# Team brings home 15 medals from Powell River meet

Twenty-one Salt Spring swimmers trekked up to Powell River recently, competing in the region's B&C championships, and bringing home a truck-load of medals, ribbons and personal best times.

Team members won a total of 15 medals and swam close to 80 personal bests.

The B&C championship is an annual event that runs two separate meets consecutively, based on "B" and "C" times. Swimmers are unable to compete in any event in which they have achieved an

"A" time during the season. Nineteen of the swimmers qualified for finals in Powell River, including novice swimmer Liam Sinclair, who entered his first 50-m events, and took second place in Div. 1 50-m back.

Top three "B" swimmers were awarded medals at the event, while 4th-6th-place "B" finishers and 1st-6th "C" finalists won ribbons.

Topping the medal round was Div. 4 swimmer Isaac Raddysh, who came home with three gold "clinkies." Danielle Viozzi (Div. 6)

won two gold and a silver, while Grace Morgan (Div. 2) took home gold and two silver.

In Div. 6, Noah McColl won gold and silver.

Single medal winners included Emily Gix (gold), Rebekah Lee (gold), Adriane Harkema (silver), and Matilda Morgan (bronze) in Div. 2; and Div. 5's CC Coelho (silver).

Harkema hit the best times (BTs) challenge head-on, swimming seven personal bests.

Maddi Mackay, Grace

Morgan, Rebecca Hylands, Meredith Raddysh, Isaac Raddysh, CC Coelho and Danielle Viozzi all achieved 5 BTs, while Matilda Morgan, Rebekah Lee, and Bradley Watson swam to four BTs.

Medals, top placements (with no designation between B and C meets) and best times from the B&C Championships in Powell River were as follows:

Div. 1 Maddi MacKay, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5 BTs; Liam Sinclair, 2nd, 3rd, 2 BTs.

Div. 2: Emily Gix, 1st,

4th, 3 BTs; Adriane Harkema, 1st, two 2nds, 4th, 7 BTs; Rebekah Lee, 1st, 2nd, two 4ths, 4 BTs; Grace Morgan, 1st, two 2nds, 5 BTs; Matilda Morgan, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 4 BTs; Amalia Smith, 4th, 3 BTs; Connor Elwell, 2nd, 3rd, 2 BTs.

Div. 3: Lara Coelho, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 2 BTs; Rebecca Hylands, 1st, two 5ths, 5 BTs; Kara MacKay, 1 BT; Meredith Raddysh, two 1sts, 4th, 6th, 5 BTs; Julian Smith, two firsts, 3 BTs; Bradley Watson, 2nd, three

3rds, 4 BTs. Div. 4: Erica Cronin, 4th, 3 BTs; Olivia Morgan, 3rd, 2 BTs; Isaac Raddysh, three 1sts, 5 BTs.

Div. 5: CC Coelho, two 1sts, 2nd, 4th, 5 BTs.

Div. 6: Danielle Viozzi, two 1sts, 2nd, 4th, 5 BTs; Noah McColl, two 1sts, 2nd, 2 BTs.

# Alice Fraser low gross winner in 9-hole play

Alice Fraser carded a low gross score of 56 last Wednesday in ladies' nine-hole play at the Salt Spring Golf Club. She was followed by runner-up Joan Conlon with 57.

Low net was won by Isobel Heffernan and Conlon, both with a 36 score. Runner-up was Fraser with 38. Putt pot winner was Joyce Thompson with 14.

Fraser won a chip-in on #13 and Joyce Thomson on #15 and #18.

Vi Austin won a playoff for Frattinger Cup runner-up with a low-net score of 39, beating Ann Leigh-

## GOLF TEES

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In 18-hole ladies' play last Tuesday, Eileen Botham won the Bank of Montreal Cup with a low net of 69. Runners-up were Pat Lavender, Mildred Mitchell and Marlane Rista with 74.

Botham won the putt pot with 27 putts.

In business ladies play the same day, Dora Reynolds won low gross with 47, followed by Deb Hamilton and Joanna Barrett with 53 for runners-up.

Heather Lawler won low net with 34. Runner-up was Carolyn Mouat with 35.

Femmy Schuurmans won the KP on #11; Hamilton and Mouat tied for the putt pot with 15.

Bill Bauman and Keith Lavender took first place in a two-ball best ball event on men's day Thursday. Both carded a net 58.

Tied for second place were Bob Hann, Dennis White, Gus Mitchell, Glenn Champion, Larry Davies and Mike Morgan with net 61. The 50/50 winner was Don McMahon.

High handicap KP winners were Mike Morgan on

#2 and #11 and Tim McBride on #6 and #15.

Low handicap KP winners were Winton Derby on #2 and #11 and Gus Mitchell on #6 and #15.

The Fickle Fingers' 31st anniversary was recently celebrated with their annual nine-hole, four-man best ball tournament.

The Anniversary Trophy went to the winning team of Warner Woodley, Bob Rush, Peter Brodie and Vic Austin. They came in with a team score of 37 (one over par) and 13 putts.

KP was Jim Andrews and longest drive was made by Sterling McEachern.

# 4-H Sheep Club members spend summer learning how to spin and knit wool

By MARANDA BELANGER Special to the Driftwood

This summer, Salt Spring Island 4-H Sheep Club members have been learning knitting and spinning at workshops with instructors Susan Berlin and Cheryl Weibe.

We started at the end of June not knowing anything. We continued to go to workshops every week to practise more, then participated as a team at the Natural Fibre Festival on July 27 to go from "sheep to scarf."

At the beginning of July, members of the 4-H Sheep Club were hard at work preparing their lambs for their first show, Saanich

Project Day.

They all had a great time competing and Salt Spring Island member Adrienne Parks came home with the Grand Champion Showmanship ribbon.

Later in the month was the club camp-out. We brought all our sheep to the Farmers Institute to camp with us.

The next day, July 23, was our club Achievement Day with judge Christy Robley.

Kylarr Simmers received the Champion Best Fitted and Trimmed award.

The second weekend in August saw some club members attend the Coombs

Fair, followed by camping and showing sheep at the Vancouver Island Exhibition in Nanaimo this past weekend.

Everyone in the club sends a thank-you out to all

those who have helped us with our goals over the summer.



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All travellers going to the ferry and Crofton will exit the Trans Canada Highway at Herd Road and then take a left onto Osborne Bay Road. Osborne Bay Road becomes York Avenue which will take motorists to Chaplin Street and the ferry. Motorists leaving from Crofton and the ferry towards the Island Highway will follow this same route in reverse.

This detour route will result in a distance increase of 18km for motorists travelling from the north.

The Ministry of Transportation apologizes for any inconvenience this detour route may cause. Please allow extra time to reach your destination, anticipate heavy traffic along the detour route, and observe speed limits and directional traffic signs.

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# 'I just like going through the water,' says 10-year-old gold medal winner

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Two young Salt Spring breaststrokes led the way to the medal podium at the provincial swimming championships last weekend, winning five medals and taking close to 20 seconds off their personal best times.

In total, the Salt Spring team brought home an unprecedented 14 medals from B.C. championship competition held at Saanich Commonwealth Place.

Ten-year-old Sierra Lundy came within 1.2 seconds of a provincial record as she swam to gold in the Div. 2 50-metre breaststroke with a time of 41.32.

"I was aiming for '41' and I got it," Lundy said, beaming.

"I've been trying pretty hard with practising and training. I was anxious to race this one race and I tried my best," she added.

Lundy trains six times a week by swimming approximately two to three kilometres per session, she said.

"I enjoy training. I like just going through the water."

In Div. 1 girls competition, eight-year-old Eryn Gix took three seconds off her regional time to win bronze in the 50-m breaststroke, swimming a personal best of 48.52.

"It's pretty exciting," Gix said.

She had already won gold and two bronze medals earlier this month to qualify for the provincials, but the glitter of those medals paled against the glory of a provincial award.

"This felt bigger because it was against way more people," she said.

Both girls represented Vancouver Island as breaststrokes in the regional relay competition, with Lundy's Div. 2 girls team winning gold and Gix's Div. 1 team picking up bronze.

"Swimming on the Vancouver Island region medley team was a lot of fun," said Gix.

Although Lundy was seeded 5th in the 100-m IM (the individual medley which combines all four strokes), she took four seconds off her best time to win bronze with a 1:24.73.

As well, Lundy took 5th in 50-m fly



**BRONZE WINNER:** Eryn Gix, 8, swims for a bronze medal at the provincial championships on the weekend.

(39.08) and 10th in 50-m backstroke (41.65). Gix placed 11th in 50-m fly (48.42), and 13th in the IM (1:48.23).

Lundy swam personal bests in all of her eight races, slicing off a total of nine seconds. Gix swam personal bests in five of her six races, cutting off 9.5 seconds.

But both Lundy and Gix said meeting new friends from different communities was the highlight of the event.

"My [toughest] competition is now a best friend," said Lundy.

Stingrays coach Kellie Rolston, who lives on Salt Spring during the swim season, added five medals to her collection, winning gold in Div. 8 100-m fly (1:07.33) and 200-m IM (2:32.06), silver in 100-back (1:11.13) and regional relay event, as well as bronze in 50-m fly (31.04).

Salt Spring Div. 6 swimmers Nicola Temmel and Miranda Logan-Webb also competed in finals at the three-day event, which hosted about 1,000 swimmers from all over the province.

The meet was run with morning heats from which the top eight swimmers moved into afternoon finals, and the 9th-to-16th-place finishers swam in consolations finals.

Temmel made finals in three of her four events — placing 6th in 100-m back (1:13.75), 7th in 100-m fly (1:15.26), and 8th in the 200-m IM (2:41.93) — and took 12th in 50-m

fly (32.99).

Logan-Webb also had top-place finishes in her four events, swimming to a 5th in 100-m back (1:12.03), 11th in the 200-m IM (2:44.65) and 50-m free (29.02) and 12th in 100-m free (1:04.02).

Both island teens also came home with bronze medals when their regional relay team took third.

Div. 4 swimmer Brendan Nickerson went into finals seeded 8th in his 200-m IM event and came out 6th. He also took 10th in 100-m back (1:16.31), 17th in 50-m fly (34.20), and won bronze with his regional relay team.

Coach Christina Penhale also made a top-eight finish in Div. 7, taking 5th in 50-m fly (33.29), and won gold

with her regional relay team.

Five Stingrays qualified to swim in one individual event at the provincial championships.

Winning the consolations finals and therefore taking 9th place were: Div. 3 swimmers Danica Lundy in 50-m fly (36.61) and Meredith Raddysh in 50-m breast (42.78); and coach Chris Brodie in 100-m back (1:09.99).

Div. 2 swimmer Liam Budd took 10th in 50-m breast and 5th with his regional relay team; Sarah Penhale in Div. 4 placed 20th in 100-m back (1:25.27); and Noah McColl took 26th in 100-m fly with a 1:25.16.

Four Salt Spring relay team swimmers also made top-eight placements, with the Div. 2 combination of Emily Gix, Sierra Lundy, Grace Morgan and Matilda Morgan taking 7th in the medley relay and 8th in the free relay. The Div. 6 group of Victoria Budd, Logan-Webb, Temmel and Danielle Viozzi placed 8th in the medley event, while the freestyle relay, which included Logan-Webb, Temmel, Viozzi and Meaghan Toole, took 7th.

"It goes to show what our kids can accomplish with our little pool," said swim-mom Maureen Gix.

Coaches from other teams might mock the local training facilities but islanders still haul in more than their share of medals, she noted.

"It's not the pool, it's the kids."



**WINS THIRD PLACE:** Heather Meek earned a berth on a Canadian national sailing team with her finish at the Junior Sailing Nationals.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Island sailor on national team

Salt Spring's Heather Meek has earned a berth aboard the national sailing team after placing third among young Canadian sailors racing at the Junior Sailing Nationals in Vancouver last week.

"I did quite well, to my surprise," said Meek.

The 17-year-old mariner hardly thought she would win races against competitors from all over the country at the event, even though she had previously placed well in local races this season: second in the Canadian Forces Regatta and first in the Cow Bay Regatta.

"The nationals is quite a high-level competition so I didn't expect to do as well," she said.

Meek races in radial-Laser sailboats and took third among junior women (11th overall against male and female competitors) at the Junior Sailing Nationals.

"I had a lot of fun. I just went to it because it was in Vancouver and this is the last year I could go."

Over 200 young sailors from Newfoundland to Victoria competed at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club between August 8 and 13.

Apart from seven races in six days, highlights included billeting at U.B.C. and making friends with racers from all over the country, she said.

Meek currently works as a sailing instructor at the Salt Spring Sailing Club. She plans to join the Royal Victoria Yacht Club so she can train in Victoria twice per week.

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