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Trust menu serves up aquaculture

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

When Islands Trust Council gathers on Salt Spring this week, a sample of recent Salt Spring controversy will land on its meeting doorstep.

A group of islanders plans to bring out the placards Friday afternoon to impress on council a desire to see on-land aquaculture banned in the Trust area.

Salt Spring residents Kathy Scarfo, Chris Acheson and Donna Martin have also registered as delegations to speak about aquaculture at the opening of the business meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

Nina Raginsky, one of the people involved in a group called Salt Spring Residents for Responsible Land Use, said a desire to stop growth of on-land aquaculture on all Trust islands would be brought to council's attention.

Impact on the islands' rural character, available farmland and tourism industry, plus the potential loss of wild fish stocks should be considered, she said.

While aquaculture as a land use issue was not the core topic of a legal opinion released by Victoria law firm Woodward and Company last week, the group may still be buoyed by its contents.

It suggests the Agricultural Land Commission and Ministry of Transportation would be open to receiving more wide-ranging input from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) when it comes to commenting on an application for a 20-year lease of land between Henry Caldwell and Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd.

(If a lease of more than three years is desired, the process is considered a "sub-division" in Agricultural Land Reserve lands even though no fee-simple lot is created.)

Trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth, and the Advisory Planning Commission, had been advised they could only consider the technical merits of the subdivision application.

TRUST AGENDA 3

Live-aboards face bylaw enforcement

Prohibition of boats and floathomes as dwellings will be enforced in Fulford Harbour following an Islands Trust determination that it has the authority to do so.

A report confirming the status of the land use bylaw, Trust authority on live-aboards was received by the Local Trust Committee (LTC) at its last public meeting, followed by a resolution to direct the Trust's bylaw investigations officer to proceed with enforcement.

The report was commissioned by the LTC following public complaints made last fall about sewage discharge, garbage disposal and noise from live-aboards and float homes anchored offshore in Fulford Harbour. A public meeting was even held to air

concerns.

"The issues are ongoing and continue to generate complaints," notes the report by planner Mark Head.

John Teske, one of the affected harbour-dwelling residents, said he would be prepared to comment about the issue following a scheduled meeting with the Trust this week. He said he has been doing research about relevant federal and maritime law.

The Trust report states that prohibition of live-aboard use is not considered an interference with federal jurisdiction.

Land Use Bylaw 355 does not allow more than temporary use of vessels and

LIVE-ABOARDS 3



PUDDLE "PEDALER:" Young Chase Smith uses his tricycle to enjoy the after-effects of rainfall at Portlock Park last week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Music makers take to the sea

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Thanks to creative thinking by local educators, middle school band students from the Gulf Islands will begin attending classes aboard ferries on Friday.

"I'm really excited about it," said Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) music teacher Mitch Howard. "I'm sort of expecting they'll name a vessel after me," he laughed.

Howard will be riding the Queen of Nanaimo to meet 30 students from Mayne, Galiano and the Pender islands, who will board the ferry to participate in a floating music class as it travels between ports Friday.

"It just goes to show what lengths I will go to provide these kids with a decent music education," he chuckled.

Students and parents were very enthusiastic about the project during information meetings at each of the islands last week, Howard said.

"It means if you live on Pender, you will get four hours of music on Fridays."

Students from Mayne and Galiano will get slightly shorter programs due to docking times of the regular southern Gulf Islands ferry schedule.

Fellow ferry passengers will be welcome to attend warbling serenades by promising young woodwind, brass and other band players aboard the "milk-run" sailing, Howard said.

"I don't know how long people will want to listen to middle school kids learning to play, but they are welcome to try."

Doors to the upper lounge classroom should prevent any unwanted trumpet blasts from unsettling passengers, Howard noted.

But he expects the band program will receive community support.

"I have a feeling that people riding that particular boat will be understanding of the unique challenges to this district."

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(BCFC) endorses the project, said BCFC communications officer Stephen Nussbaum.

"We've done something similar with the Christmas choirs in the past," Nussbaum said.

"It's fully supported from the marine superintendent down to the individual ship captains and I think our customers will like it too."

The floating band program concept was instigated by a Gulf Islands School District Middle Years Task Force report that recommended more access to fine arts resources for Outer Islands students.

"We're hoping this program will offer something quite different and dovetail into existing programs," said middle years curriculum coordinator and SIMS teacher Keiko Taylor.

Using a ferry-based classroom prevents the Outer Islands students from suffering through long travel times, she said.

"It's easily accessible and they're not giving up a lot of their time by having them on a ferry."

The district had previously considered using a water taxi to relay the Outer Islands students to one location but high costs and inflexible schedules proved prohibitive, she said.

Most students will be back at their respective schools by lunch, except Galiano students who will be home before 5 p.m. but start the program later.

The ferry band program will also allow Outer Islands students to make connections with other students before they enter Gulf Islands Secondary School,

which was another task force recommendation, she said.

"One day per month they will also come to SIMS to play with the SIMS band to get that whole band experience."

Another advantage of the program is the low cost, she said.

Students from all three islands are able to see a music teacher in one day, reducing staffing costs. And the ferry will not be charging students for transportation.

"Officially the program is designated as a field trip; so we only have to pay for Mitch," Taylor said.

She believes the pilot project is a good example of teamwork and creative problem-solving within the district.

"It takes innovation to solve problems in our district."

Whale carcass on Prevost beach

Islanders might have a lingering memory of the minke whale attacked by orcas in Ganges Harbour last October, but the whale continues to create a lingering aroma at a Prevost Island beach after the pungent carcass recently appeared on shore.

The whale carcass was

spotted by local veterinarian Malcolm Bond, who was called to check on lambs at Barbara DeBurgh's farm on Prevost.

"The whale was dragged there a week ago. It attracted about 40 ravens," he said.

"There was a concern the ravens might attack the

lambs, but they didn't seem too interested."

Bond noted that ravens have been known to predate on lambs.

"Some get smart enough to realize they can go for a newborn."

Fortunately, the flock of ravens left the island without incident.

3 accidents prompt warning from police

Salt Spring police and firefighters are asking motorists to take extra care while driving after they attended three serious motor vehicle accidents this week.

A head-on collision sent three people to Lady Minto Hospital with injuries 9 p.m. Sunday after a Dodge Caravan driving southbound on Fulford-Ganges Road veered into the northbound lane and struck an oncoming Jeep at Cusheon Lake Road.

Witnesses stopped to assist the parties and called for emergency assistance, said RCMP detachment commander Mike Giles.

"Injuries were reduced quite a bit by air bags in both vehicles," said Salt Spring Fire Department captain Arjuna George.

The Caravan and Jeep were definitely a "write-off," George said.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene and the Caravan driver later received a ticket for "failing to keep right."

Another accident caused substantial vehicle damage but no reported injuries when a Salt Spring driver failed to cross the intersection at Crofton Road and Lower Ganges Road and struck the driver's side of another vehicle in "T-bone fashion" at 1 p.m. February 28.

A third roll-over accident required vehicle extrication using the "jaws of life" at the top of Lee's Hill 6:30 p.m. February 26.

"There were minor injuries but we still had to be extra cautious due to the nature of the accident," George said.

hospital and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

"Police wish to remind all drivers that with spring's arrival, traffic increases and intersections become very busy, especially those with exiting ferry traffic. Please take extra care to check traffic in all directions and heed stop signs."

FOR THE RECORD

Salt Spring Concert Band members are so eager for the spring concert that incorrect dates were released in a related story last week. The event, which will feature solo competition winners Geoff Cronin and Sylvia Louwman, takes place on April 25-26 at ArtSpring.

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Driftwood: 4 nominations including best in province

The Driftwood picked up a province-wide nod of approval last week with a nomination as best all-round newspaper in its category in the annual B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association (BCYCNA) competition.

The local newspaper also received nominations in three other categories, winning awards for photography, ad design and website design.

In the general excellence category, the Driftwood has been nominated as first, second or third in the province alongside the Salmon Arm Observer and the Yukon News.

The nomination automatically springboards the Driftwood into a national competition in the same category.

Other Driftwood nominees include photographer Derrick Lundy, whose photograph of daughter Sierra Lundy with a butterfly on her face has placed in the

top three in the black-and-white feature photograph category.

Sales manager Peter McCully and design specialist Lorraine Sullivan have taken either first, second or third for a Salt Spring Soapworks' ad called Duckies Unlimited! in the colour ad design category.

And finally, the Driftwood's website — Gulf Islands Online — has been nominated for an award in the website design category.

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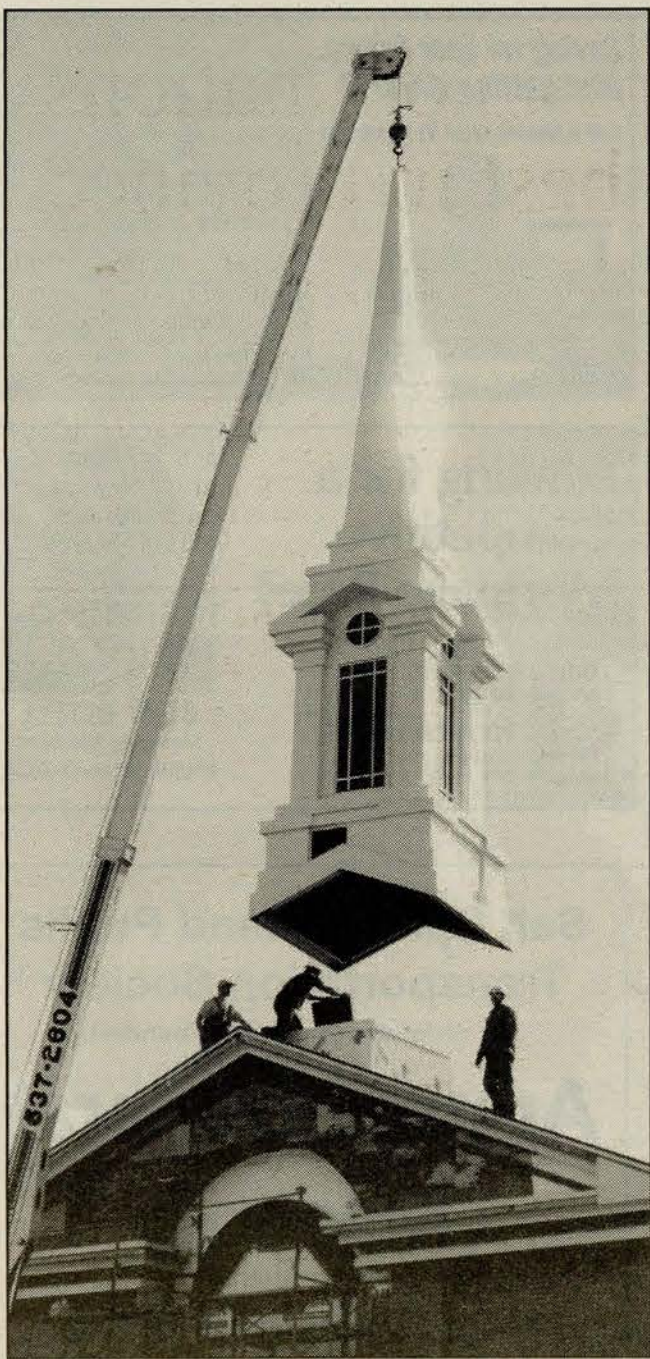
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LIVE-ABOARDS

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floathomes as dwellings.

Lee Middleton is a Fulford resident who has spoken about the issue at past meetings.

While he said the complainants feel they have tried to address the problems without going the legislative route, he believed "a legislated solution won't be very efficient if it even works at all, and it isn't a very human way of going about things."

He also thought it possible that if the four vessels are booted out of Fulford Harbour, they could just move to Burgoyne Bay and then to Ganges, which might prompt broader enforcement action.

"Is there going to be a more concerted effort to ban live-aboards on Salt Spring or through the whole Trust area?"

At the February 22 Trust meeting, island resident Marilyn Marshall voiced concerns that eliminating boats as a residential option would exacerbate the affordable housing crunch.

She said there should instead be an effort to help the boat dwellers with problems such as sewage and garbage.

Along that line and in agreement with the staff report, trustees also suggested a "community stewardship" program be implemented to address problems such as sewage discharge.

Installation of signs requesting boaters to discharge waste water outside of the harbour was one action suggested by Head's report.

Ferguson court sale adjourned

The court-ordered sale of Sandie Ferguson's home on Salt Spring has skidded to a temporary halt.

Ferguson appeared in court earlier this week to fight what she called "ridiculously low" bids on her island home, which has been used as a refuge for street youth.

Ferguson said the judge did not make a decision, but adjourned court for one week.

TRUST AGENDA

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advised they could only consider the technical merits of the subdivision application, not related land-use or environmental issues.

In a letter addressed to the Islands Trust, lawyer Jack Woodward asks that the "public interest" — including aesthetic and environmental concerns — be considered in comments provided to the Ministry of Transportation (MOT), as provided in legislation and case law.

MOT has significant latitude when it considers subdivision approval, he wrote.

Woodward also asks the Trust to request an environmental impact and planning study from MOT, as provided for under Section 86(1) of the Land Title Act, and a public hearing.

"It is apparent from community response that this information has not been provided to the Islands Trust or community members and is of extreme importance to substantiate or alleviate public concern," stated Woodward.

Rob Howat, the Ministry of Transportation subdivision approving officer for Salt Spring, confirmed the legislative process outlined in the letter is correct, although a public "hearing" would not be held.

He said that while the legislation allows him to hold a public hearing, MOT is not "financially or administratively set up to do it."

What he has done in the past and is willing to do in the Walker Hook case is attend a public meeting organized by another party.

Howat is also scheduled to visit the site Friday.

"I make my decision based on all the reporting agencies — health officer, Trust, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection — and we rely on them heavily to put forward any concerns they might have regarding the proposal."

Neighbours' comments are also considered, he said.

Woodward notes that the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation contains provisions for the ALC to hold a public meeting and considered any information from a local government respecting a subdivision application.

Chris Acheson, a member of the group that hired Woodward's legal service, said an environmental impact study should definitely be done and a public meeting held.

"Trustees need to respond to the Ministry of Transportation about this and

we believe it's clearly not in the best interests of the island and contradicts our OCP and the type of development you would allow in an environmentally sensitive area," said Acheson.

"We are talking about putting an exfiltration system on Walker Hook that has never had an environmental impact study done on it. The whole idea of sablefish farming has never had an environmental impact study done on it and the concept of aquaculture on land in environmentally sensitive areas has never had an environmental impact study done on it."

John Gauld, the Trust's regional planning manager, said the LTC's February 22 resolution and detailed comments have already been forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission.

(Gauld added that he can't comment on the contents of Woodward's letter.)

Rejection of the subdivision would only halt the hatchery project if the company felt it could not proceed without the certainty of a 20-year lease of the land, as opposed to renewing three-year leases.

Raginsky also advised the Driftwood that First Nation interests in the Walker Hook area, which contained the Shuye'num village site, are now being considered by legal counsel.

Other public concerns to be raised by delegates at the Trust Council meeting Friday afternoon are treaty negotiations, governance renewal, treaty negotiations, Galiano forest lots and environmental education partnership are also being addressed by other individuals from Salt Spring, North Pender and Galiano islands.

A town hall session from 3:30-5 p.m. Friday also allows more informal discussion between the public and trustees.

Salt Spring trustee Eric Booth is also scheduled to make a presentation on a proposal for tax and voting changes on financial matters at the Thursday afternoon "strategic planning" session of council. Discussion of the 2003/04 budget will occur Friday morning.

A community potluck dinner, tribute to past trustees, town hall and entertainment also runs Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Farmers Institute. Advance tickets, available at the Ganges Trust office, are required.

The entire Trust Council meeting runs from Wednesday through Saturday afternoons.



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Life jackets cause field trip fiasco

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A Salt Spring Elementary (SSE) field trip was prevented from boarding the Vesuvius ferry last week because the ferry didn't carry enough life jackets.

However, school staff are puzzled since they reserved the trip in September.

"We were rather disappointed," said SSE teacher Wayne Taylor. "Some of these kids are as young as five years old."

Three simultaneous groups of approximately 120 students from SSE and Fernwood Elementary schools converged for the same 9 a.m. Vesuvius sailing February 25.

School secretaries indicated that all three groups had reserved spaces well in advance.

"I think the [ship's officer] was right in saying, 'No,' ... But they should have enough

life jackets aboard," Taylor said.

Taylor was escorting a school bus full of approximately 55 kindergarten, grades 2, 4 and 5 students for an off-island skating trip.

Another group of about 20 SSE students and 40 Fernwood students walked aboard the ferry to attend the Cowichan Music Festival.

While the choir students had a wonderful time at the music festival, teachers and parents didn't realize the vessel possibly carried an insufficient number of youth life jackets to fit their students.

"My goodness. Why don't they just get the life jackets and get on with it?" said Fernwood choir teacher Mary Rockcliffe.

About 10 per cent of life jackets aboard B.C. Ferries Corporation (BCFC) vessels are fitted for children, said BCFC communication officer Stephen Nussbaum.

The Howe Sound Queen

serving Vesuvius carries approximately 50 youth life jackets while the Skeena Queen at Fulford Harbour carries about 70 child-sized personal flotation devices, he said.

Advance warning about school trips allows BCFC to carry more life jackets, Nussbaum said.

But BCFC is asking Salt Spring schools to call the Fulford office, in addition to a reservation with the Victoria office.

"It's one of those special circumstances that our usual systems don't cover that well."

On Fulford and Vesuvius sailings, only school groups can place reservations, but the Victoria-based reservation office only notifies Long Harbour about reservations.

There has not been a normal channel for Fulford or Vesuvius crews to learn about school groups, Nussbaum said.

"We are also asking our reservation office to send an alert."

Nussbaum recommends that any group of more than 30 children call the Fulford office with the date of travel to ensure that sufficient life jackets are aboard the Skeena or Howe Sound Queens.

In the end, everything worked out fine for the school field trips February 25.

Taylor took his students to Portlock Park for a brief run before they caught the next ferry for an abbreviated skating trip.

"The people at Fuller Lake were very accommodating. They gave us a break on the price and gave us an extra 10 minutes."

Rockcliffe also spoke glowingly about the Cowichan Music Festival.

"For us personally, it was a good growing experience," she said.

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Marina proposal: more investigation

Ganges Marina's development proposal bobbed up at the last Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, but was submerged until the next public session.

Trustees reviewed a staff report which rejected the marina company's latest development request, but also said more investigation was needed.

Trustee Eric Booth said it appears some commitments may have been made by previous trustees Bev Byron and David Borrowman, which could have an effect on how the marina development should proceed.

B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. has asked for official community plan and land use bylaw amendments that would allow construction of a seven-unit multi-family residence on a residentially-zoned lot across the road from the marina, up from its current legal non-conforming density of two dwelling units.

A 15-unit mixed residential and commercial building is proposed for the water side of the property, which is currently zoned Commercial Accommodation 1 (CA1).

Staff had previously advised B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. that it would consider a six-unit multi-family complex on the residential lot; and five dwelling units on a rezoned CA1 lot.

Parking, amenity exchanges and building designs are some of the other issues still to be nailed down.

Whether donation of two narrow waterfront lots in exchange for some extra densities should be considered is also on the table.

According to the Trust report, Salt Spring's Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) has indicated the subject lots are "considered to have little potential for public use as parkland due to terrain and configuration."

However, Trust staff

believe the lands could still be considered an eligible amenity without being formally dedicated to a public body such as PARC.

Jim Robertson, who represents the marina company, said he didn't feel the staff report reflected dis-

cussions that had taken place with the Trust.

He said that while the conceptual drawings may not comply with the bylaws at present, he hoped for Advisory Design Panel help to put together the criteria to take the con-

cept to an architect for more complete drawings.

Trustees directed staff to continue discussions with the applicant to resolve any outstanding issues and report back to the next Trust meeting on March 20.

Saanich hospital breaks ground

While medical patients on Salt Spring can anticipate a new and improved hospital here, islanders who must travel off-island for services can also expect better facilities in Saanich.

Last Thursday, the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation officially broke ground for construction for a new emergency room.

Fundraising in Saanich coincided with a successful Lady Minto Hospital Foundation campaign drive that will see a new operating room suite and palliative care suite con-

structed at the Salt Spring hospital.

The Saanich foundation raised \$1.4 million of the \$2.3 million required for its project and the Capital Regional District (CRD) provided \$931,000.

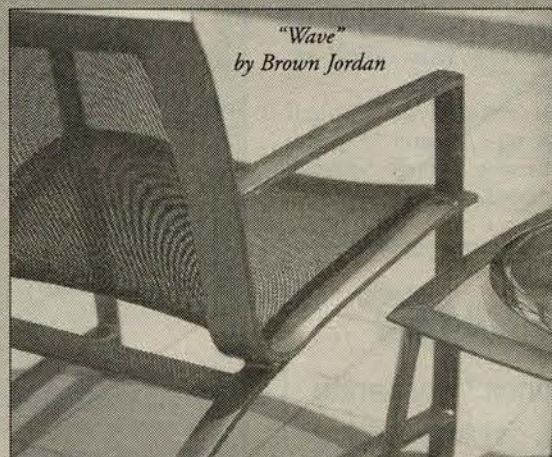
On Salt Spring, the hospital foundation raised over \$700,000 for the \$1.8-million project that will also receive CRD and provincial money.

Saanich hospital will benefit from a significantly larger emergency room, with a total of eight beds, up from the current four.

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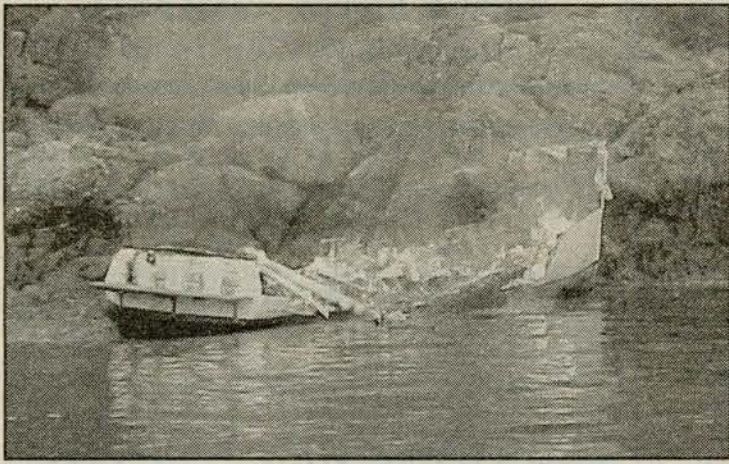
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FLAMING WRECK: A vintage Cowichan Bay powerboat burned to the water-line in Sansum Narrows Friday. A man was rescued from the scene by a passing boater with assistance by coast guard crews based from Salt Spring and Mill Bay.

Salt Spring Coast Guard crews watched helplessly as a vintage powerboat burned into a skeleton shell on the rocks at Sansum Narrows Friday.

"It was fully engulfed by the time we arrived," said officer-in-charge Paul Reynolds.

A passing boater rescued a man in a life raft just before 3 p.m. and the Skua was on scene shortly afterward with assistance from Salt Spring and Mill Bay auxiliary members aboard rigid-hull inflatables.

The burned boat was a 37-foot Mernez, built in 1917, that the owner had

maintained for 14 years, Reynolds said.

"He had just had some work done on the carburetor the day before and he was taking it out for a test drive."

The boater was planning a birthday cruise for his wife on Saturday.

Coast Guard crews monitored the vessel as it burned on rocks because it presented a possible threat to the coastline 10 feet away.

Once the fire burned the boat down to the water-line, auxiliary crews gave the owner a ride back to his home port of Cowichan Bay.

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At-risk heritage buildings focus of talk

Burned up Islanders can take a virtual tour of Salt Spring's heritage buildings when Jonathan Yardley takes the podium at next week's historical society meeting.

The illustrated talk — set for Wednesday, March 12 — will focus on the current status of heritage conservation on the island.

According to press material, the island's official community plan identifies nine heritage buildings, and provides for heritage conservation areas such as the Ganges village core.

Yardley, who has over 30

years experience in all areas of architecture, plans to explain how a heritage advisory commission could be established here, and will also show photographs of some of his favourite island heritage buildings.

Also up for discussion will be some Salt Spring buildings that have either disappeared or undergone significant change.

Yardley's talk will further examine the impact of a building's heritage status on the rights of its owner, and will outline how the buildings can continue to be used

or reused.

Yardley has been involved in the restoration and rehabilitation of numerous buildings throughout British Columbia, including the Board of Trade Building, the Young Building and Camosun College in Victoria, and The Bastion in Nanaimo.

On Salt Spring, his expertise has encompassed the Beaver Point School and Community Hall as well as a number of buildings within Ruckle Park.

He has also been a member of Vancouver's Urban

Design Panel and Salt Spring's planning association, community society, Advisory Design Panel, and Housing and Accommodation Task Force, among other groups.

He is currently a board member of the Heritage Society of B.C.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, which takes place at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

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Island man burned up over repeated vandalism of sign

A Cusheon Lake resident has posted a \$500 bounty on vandals who destroyed two hand-made signs that were built to remind motorists to slow down around the Stewart Road school bus stop.

The two wooden signs were shaped and painted to look like children holding "slow" signs and erected near the bus shelter at the intersection of Stewart and Cusheon Lake roads.

One sign dubbed "Slow Girl" was removed within the first few days after it was installed.

It was spotted at Beddis Beach, lost again, and then recovered at the school board office.

Reinstalled, the Slow Girl sign was broken from its base only a week later.

The sign-maker hung the figure from a tree but vandals severed the body from the suspended head last weekend.

The "Slow Boy" figure, which had been mounted on a telephone pole, was also decapitated.

"I'm infuriated by it and I'm embarrassed that this was done by islanders," said the sign-maker, who asked to remain anonymous.

At least two concerned parents helped build the signs in an effort to prevent an accident at the dangerous corner, he said.

"Community kids were also involved in making these signs."

Now he's posted a \$500 reward for information lead-



Devon Banman and "Slow Girl" when the sign was first made.

Driftwood file photo

ing to the arrest of the vandals who destroyed the Slow Girl and Slow Boy silhouettes.

He assures that responses will be kept confidential.

"I want them caught and I'm willing to pay for it . . . I want them to be embarrassed by what they did," he said. "It will be the best \$500 I've ever spent."

The sign-maker has already started work on a new set of signs for the Stewart Road corner. These signs will be made out of 3/8-inch steel mounted in concrete, he said.

"The next time these signs go up, it will be different."

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Surplus funding divvied up

Community groups, park equipment, a potential recreation centre and parkland acquisition fund were some recipients of 2002 surplus operating budget dollars by the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC).

At a recent extraordinary meeting reported on at the February 24 regular monthly meeting, PARC approved transfers of \$169,000 to various accounts and programs.

They were:

- \$64,000 earmarked for new playground equipment and bleachers.

- \$50,000 to a capital reserve account for the Rainbow Road recreation centre project.

- \$25,800 to the parkland acquisition reserve account.

- \$20,000 to an account to augment 2003 grant funding for community group projects. (See separate story on a grants-in-aid policy change.)

- \$10,000 to equipment replacement accounts.

PARC also authorized spending \$1,000 of an operating program model for the Rainbow Road recreational

lands; and providing a grant to the Salt Spring Gymnastics Association.

PARC's preliminary 2003 budget is similar to the 2002 version, with \$750,020 in estimated revenue, including \$573,050 from the Capital Regional District (CRD) property tax requisition. Other revenue comes from park and property rentals, Shelby Pool, Camp Colossal and tennis court fees, and Saturday Market in the Park vendor charges.

The 2003 CRD and PARC budgets will be finalized at the end of March.

PARC maintains ArtSpring funding

PARC has confirmed it will continue to provide the Island Arts Centre Society (IACS) with \$1,500 per month to help run ArtSpring.

IACS and PARC recently clarified the status of the funds, which were also provided to the arts society last year and for part of one other year.

As reported at the February 24 Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) public meeting, some confusion had arisen about whether or not the funds were intended to be tied to youth programming, but recent meetings between the parties re-established that was not the case.

Commission member Susan Russell, who is also the PARC liaison with IACS, said a recent positive meeting between the two parties emphasized a desire for the PARC and IACS boards to get together "to share in their successes and maintain good relationships..."

Also at the meeting:

- PARC passed a motion in principle approving a new policy on children busking in the Saturday market.

Subject to final tweaking, the policy would stipulate that children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult and will be allowed to busk at the discretion of the market coordinator.

Commissioner Rosemary Trump said the issue was raised at the first Market Advisory Group (MAG) meeting of the year.

Trump said problems arose in cases where children did not play their instrument well or used a battery-operated music-maker.

Trump also advised that vendors using the wash cart or needing electrical power could pay an extra fee for that service in future, following discussion at the MAG meeting. If such a policy is

PARC BRIEFS

passed, she said, it would not be implemented until the 2004 season.

PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon noted that "no parking between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday" signs had been acquired to ensure market set-up is not hampered by people parking overnight on the Centennial Park side of the parking lot shared with the Gasoline Alley complex. However, they were prematurely installed since the Saturday market is not yet under way, and someone vandalized them almost immediately.

- Commissioners heard that the newest Directory of Instructors for leisure courses on Salt Spring has been printed by PARC and will be available at the Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Wagon and other public locations. It is also available online at www.crd.bc.ca/ssi-parc.

An additional four hours of staff time every second week will be dedicated to updating PARC's website. A staff report noted funds to cover the work are in the 2003 operations budget, and the commission approved the reallocation.

- Commissioners reviewed a summary of meetings held between consultant Alan Roy, PARC reps and community groups with an interest in possibly being included in future facility development on PARC's Rainbow Road lands.

The tennis, gymnastics and library associations each had separate meetings, as did a group of fitness instructors and the indoor pool society called SPLASH20.

A meeting was also held with Kathy Reimer of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society to

determine the location of existing creek and culverts.

Regarding the indoor pool concept, PARC chair Bill Curtin said cost estimates could possibly be quantified by the end of March.

- Commissioners couldn't decide on whether or not to rent Rotary Marine Park to the Chamber of Commerce for a new celebration of Salt Spring products event on May 24.

A Taste of Salt Spring would run from 4 to 10 p.m., with live music also part of the scene.

Serving of locally produced alcohol products proved the stickiest point in discussion.

PARC's Community Relations committee will look at the issue in more detail before returning it to the commission as a whole for a decision.

- Rental of Centennial Park to the Lions Club for Sea Capers June 14-15 was approved. No alcohol is involved in that use of the park.

- PARC agreed to approve a request for a "watershed reserve notation of interest" on the Cusheon Lake Crown lands parcel it had just sought to lease from the provincial government.

The notation application has been made by the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, at the request of the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee, for the purposes of protecting the lake's water quality. It would ensure that if any future applications were made for that parcel, that MWLAP would be first advised.

PARC agreed to support the application subject to consideration being given to PARC's "continued interest in public access to the property as a link in the Salt Spring trail system."

- Commissioners thanked Judy Boylan for her years of service taking minutes for

PARC meetings. Boylan has moved from her job as Fernwood School front-line secretary to middle school clerical assistant.

Boylan also praised commission members.

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A whole generation has been raised on the bitter seeds of the Gulf War.

The demise of Saddam will come sooner or later. But the people of Iraq, many under the age of 15, have had to not only pay for his crimes, but have also had to endure more than a decade of punitive sanctions. The result is a third world country among the poorest in the world.

Still living under the long shadow of Saddam's secret police, the population is isolated and terrorized. Add to this the deprivations imposed on them by twelve years of international sanctions, a ruined economy, a broken infrastructure, unsanitary water and now fear of yet another war with the United States.

Shelley Saywell also interviewed Iraqi refugees and torture victims who've taken refuge in Iran and England. Their candid testimonies fill out what those inside Iraq cannot say. But a common view emerges: while Saddam is feared, reviled and wished gone, America is blamed for creating him, and hated for betraying the Iraqi people. As the war clouds loom, this sentiment runs very deep.

Generation of Hate is produced and directed by Shelley Saywell of Bishari Films in association with CBC Television. Hilary Armstrong is the senior producer of WITNESS. Marie Natanson is the executive producer of independent documentaries.

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Grant process studied

Organizations wanting grants from the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) will have to keep their eye on the calendar in future.

PARC agreed at its last public meeting to institute a policy of having applicants complete standardized questionnaire forms, which would be considered at two set times per year — likely the end of March and August.

Instituting use of a grants-in-aid form was already up for discussion when commissioner Bob Francis suggested PARC use a bi-annual intake system like many other granting bodies. Commissioners pondered using end of March and August dates, and how to split the annual available amount for each period.

Funding requests were traditionally considered on a one-by-one basis as groups approached PARC for assistance.

Commission member Brian Little wondered what would happen if extraordinary circumstances arose and extra funds were needed by a recreational organization.

Scott Howe suggested a certain amount could be set aside for emergencies, and PARC chair Bill Curtin said contingency funds were maintained in any event.

Howe and Francis agreed to serve on a nominating committee, along with an as-yet-appointed community volunteer.

Commissioner Susan Russell spoke strongly in favour of having a third non-PARC individual involved in grant-disbursement decisions.

Regarding a recent Salt Spring Soccer Association (SSSA) request to establish a storage locker at Portlock Park for its equipment, it was suggested the new grants-in-aid form could be used. The association requested \$6,000 from PARC to offset costs of a storage locker, however, PARC manager Dave Gibbon noted original discussions with the SSSA involved only a request for permission to build or set-up a structure such as a converted shipping container unit.

Gibbon said PARC has \$28,000 earmarked for grants in the 2003 budget — much more than usual — although a substantial chunk has already been committed to groups such as the Salt Spring Skatepark Society and the Salt Spring Gymnastics Association.



FEARLESS FRIENDS: Seen at the Fulford School's country dance last Friday evening were, from left: Erica Cronin, Sam Bird, Sam Bowen and Kristen Iverson.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Cross takes helm

SALT SPRING SNIPPETS

• Salt Spring's Larry Cross has been named president of the Structural Pest Management Association of B.C.

The local owner of P.C.S. Gulf Islands — a pest control business — was elected at the association's annual general meeting and seminar in Vancouver earlier this month.

Cross expressed surprise at the elections outcome: "My business looks pretty small compared to many others throughout the province... I guess they liked some of my ideas."

He added, "As president I want to continue conveying a message... that we are not just exterminators promoting the use of pesticides."

There is a global movement, he said, towards "integrated pest management," which means controlling pests using pesticides as a final resource.

Cross will also serve on the board of directors of the Canadian pest management association along with the presidents of four other regional groups.

• A Salt Spring woman is urging local support for an Ontario island threatened by a bridge and a jet airport.

Rachel Jacobsen has left petitions at Barb's Buns and et cetera, opposing developments at Toronto Island.

"Calling all islanders!" notes an e-mail from eastern Canada. "The community of Toronto Island, as well as those cultural groups and residents of Toronto's waterfront, are now threatened by a fixed link bridge (and) a polluting jet airport on the island."

The e-mail says resistance

is strong among those who live in Toronto, but that opposition groups are "seeking solidarity petitions from other island and waterfront communities."

• The Order of The Eastern Star was thrilled with the success of a fundraiser that run recently at Meaden Hall, describing it as a "night to remember."

"Virtual Elvis" Scott MacDonald entertained for four hours with only three short breaks for costume changes, the organization noted in a letter to the Driftwood.

"His special surprise was a performance from his lovely lady, Natalie Coran, a sultry, blues singer. At the end of the evening, all disguises dropped, they performed an additional 45-minute encore together, a mixture of blues, pop and gospel."

Thanks were extended to the many people who helped out, while a special thank-you went to the entire community for supporting the group's cancer fundraiser.

• Ann Tomlinson was expecting dinner for six to celebrate her 60th wedding anniversary with husband Paul on February 20. But when they arrived at House Piccolo to find she knew everyone inside, it was apparent he had arranged a surprise party.

Thirty-one people attended. "They gave us a super dinner and the bubbly flowed," said Ann Tomlinson. "We had a wonderful time and thank the staff there for all they did. We highly recommend it for a special celebration."

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This may well prove to be a significant week in the history of the Islands Trust.

Meeting on Salt Spring beginning today, the 26 members of Islands Trust Council will follow a typical agenda, with one exception. They will be required to address the potentially sticky issue of tax equity within the Trust area.

Salt Spring trustee Eric Booth raised the issue during last fall's Trust elections. This week voters might be able to take the somewhat rare comfort in witnessing an election promise fulfilled.

But not everyone will favour the introduction of a more equitable system of Islands Trust taxation. First and foremost are bound to be those smaller Trust islands that have long enjoyed having planning services subsidized by the larger ones.

And there are those islanders — on Salt Spring and elsewhere — who have a soft spot in their hearts for what has often been called the federation of islands that is the Islands Trust.

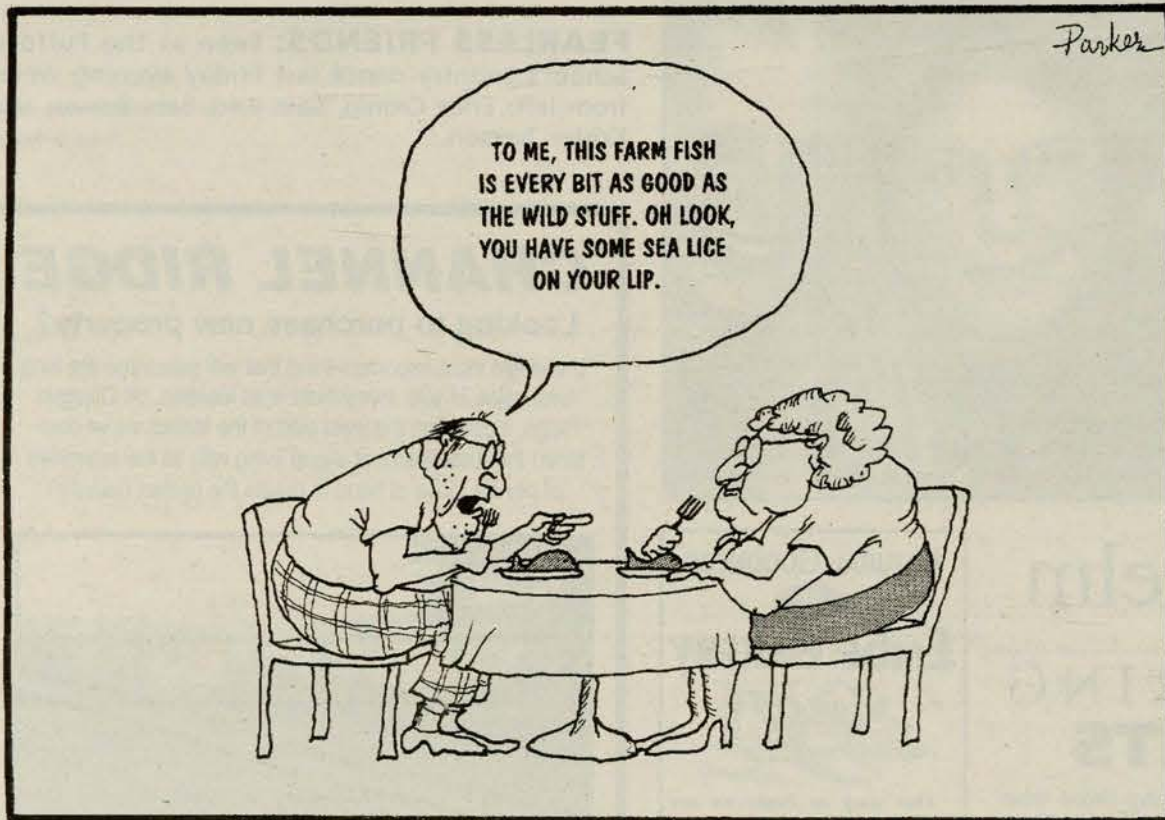
Although by definition "federation" may not be the best word to describe this alliance, the common perception is that it means each island is equal at the Trust Council table, and that we're all in this together. Hence there ought to be some sharing of resources, as in tax revenues.

However, the resources at stake are considerable.

The incorporation study determined that Salt Spring could save \$450,000 annually by undertaking its own planning services under incorporation. Added up over the course of several years, that annual sum could build one or two recreation centres, fund the purchases of large tracts of park land, build many units of affordable housing and finish the seawalk. (Well, perhaps not the seawalk, but you get our drift.)

The decision ultimately lies with members of Trust Council. If anyone were taking bets we'd put our money on them giving a cautious no to Booth's proposal. Their caution would arise from the realization that an incorporated Salt Spring would have the same effect on the Trust's financial stability. But they would vote no because there is no immediate threat of Salt Spring incorporation, and no ready alternative means of funding planning services on smaller islands.

On the other hand, an outright rejection of tax reform could easily kick-start a fresh incorporation initiative. That's something trustees might want to keep in mind.



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Trust should provide protection for beautiful Walker's Hook

By NANCY WIGEN

Are our own official community guidelines being used as a "loop hole" to defeat our real purpose, the purpose of keeping our beautiful island as a Trust area?

I'm writing about Walker's Hook.

For thousands of years people have camped at this beautiful place, enjoyed its wide sunny tombolo, feasted on its shellfish and watched their children play on its sand beach and swim in its clear waters, and they left it unharmed.

Surely we can do as well as they did.

For this reason we have the Islands Trust. It should have provided protection for this unique, sensitive and beautiful area. A designation of park or

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ecological preserve would have been even better.

An industrial-level black cod fish hatchery will change it forever. Even high-tech methods don't change the fact that salt water is being brought onto agricultural land and nutrient-laden water will be discharged back into the sea. The sand beach, by far the best on Salt Spring Island or any of the southern Gulf Islands, is an obvious treasure.

The extensive mud flats in the hook aren't so appealing, but inch for cubic inch, natural mud flats have the most dense concentration of life on this planet.

They are essential nursery areas for myriad marine creatures. The depletion of our marine fisheries is directly related to the contamination and destruction of mud flats, salt marshes and sheltered coves and bays by human development.

Our Gulf Islands are like a string of pearls in the Strait of Georgia. Surrounded as we are by increasing urban populations on the B.C. Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and the Seattle area, the need for this as a recreational area increases daily.

The Islands Trust was established to protect the beauty, ecology and recreational potential of these islands for all of B.C., Canada and our many other visitors. Once destroyed, this priceless area can never be replaced.

I know this is privately owned by the Caldwell family and they deserve to be able to meet their financial needs from this property, but at a time when the federal government is seeking to expand park land in the Gulf Islands, and when an Islands Trust Natural Area Protection Tax Incentive has been passed, which gives up to a 65 per cent tax break to landowners with five acres or more for keeping their land in its natural state, surely an environmentally and ecologically sound and fair use and remuneration for Walker's Hook could have been found.

This is now happening on Gambier Island as a test project and it will eventually be available to all the islands. Would the Islands Trust please make the

details of this available to the public?

At one time I believe the Caldwell family offered to sell to the B.C. government for park.

We were very sad this opportunity was missed. Perhaps they'd consider the federal government at this time.

If we had known, many of us would have done everything possible to accomplish this and save this precious area.

Islanders have recently raised money for other important parts of Salt Spring. We could do it again. Couldn't it still happen that this beautiful place can be saved?

The writer lives in Fernwood and is concerned with preserving the island's natural beauty and environment.

Okay, it's time for my annual rant about picking up hitchhikers.

Salt Springers tend to chatter on about how wonderful this island is. We tell everyone who'll listen, including other Salt Springers. It's as if we're trying to convince each other how special we are.

It is a great place to live — it may even be a very special place — but it won't stay that way by talking about it. The unique character of our island is not a constant thing, it's changing with every new arrival and, just as importantly, with every departure. Over time it will disappear, as surely as any other endangered place or species, if we don't take action to preserve it.

What's this got to do with hitchhikers? Everything.

Hitchhikers in a community are like canaries in a coal mine — an indicator of the health of the place. If there comes a day when we don't see hitchhikers every few miles on Salt Spring, we'll know that one of the supporting beams of our community has rusted away.

The people who hitchhike on Salt Spring are not simply people who need a ride; they're a critical and important part of the fabric of our island. They are people who we want and need here

These are people trying to get to work on time, or to school, or to a doctor's appointment. Or even just to get to town to sit and visit with friends over a cup of coffee.

We have no transit system on this island. Yes, I know there are still rumours of the imminent construction of rows of giant windmills atop Mt. Bruce, magically spinning wind into

busses for a new transit system.

In the past year, hitchhikers have often told me that it's getting harder and harder to catch a ride. It seems more folks are whizzing on by, in a hurry to get to an appointment, or catch a ferry, or simply enjoying a few quiet moments insulated from the real world on the other side of the shatter-proof glass.

It's those habits, small though they seem, that begin to separate us from our community — to break up the family.

Anyone who's studied community policing will tell you that the introduction of police cars to

replace the "beat cop" was the beginning of the end of police being seen as an integral part of the community. The cars insulated them from constant interaction with all the other folks.

Islanders complain about the traffic on Salt Spring, yet every hitchhiker means one less car on the road, not to mention more parking spots and less pollution.

From a hitchhiker's point of view, not owning a car means he or she can afford to stay here: to live and work on Salt Spring.

These are the same people who tend to spend more of whatever disposable income they have at local businesses because

they don't have a car to go to Nanaimo and load up with boxes of stuff from some huge, money-sucking, immoral, parasitic, international big-box store.

(I have a wee bias against those over-stuffed, community destroying, sponging leeches that are nothing less than festering carbuncles on the neck of society.)

Where was I? Oh yeah, hitchhiking. Hitchhikers are far more than a quaint symbol of island life that we should accept and tolerate.

They're a crucial part of our island's culture. One of the easiest ways to help preserve that culture is to pick them up. You'll also meet some interesting people.



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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What would you say to the UN Security Council regarding Iraq?



Frank Gronich
(Newfoundland)

Should we get rid of [Saddam Hussein] or eliminate his weapons? If we don't get rid of him, he'll just build new ones.



Patricia McLung
(Vancouver)

No dirty bombs; I just think those are weapons of mass destruction and the U.S. should be called into order on the subject.



Mohan Raman

I would like to say I'm all for peace. On the one hand you have the Iraqis who are trying to come clean and the U.S. is still trying to find ways to get them.



Bronwyn Sutherland

I don't pay enough attention. I choose not to. Other people inform me if it's important enough.



Nina Raginsky

We're all brothers and sisters and we're all connected to everything. Let's work together through diplomacy, not weapons.

Letters to the Editor

Real vision

What is most troubling to me about the sablefish controversy is the silence that will come afterward when this issue "goes away."

It is the same silence that seems to occur between crisis. One by one I have watched Salt Spring disappear in the few years I have been in this region. From Texada, to the landowner on Walker's Hook Road who clear-cut his property last year and now the fish hatchery.

And more is to come.

What surprises will the provincial government reveal especially to Salt Spring since we didn't vote for incorporation? And who knows what will come our way if a war in Iraq erupts.

What is our destiny? And what I gather from the silence in between the crisis is that we don't have one. We are guided by what is happening to us and not from us. And as a result, little by little, piece by piece, Salt Spring is disappearing.

It doesn't have to be that way. Examples abound of communities in the world with far dire conditions than Salt Spring that have become prosperous, self-sustaining and healthy. Villages in Uganda, despite brutal dictatorships, civil wars, starvation, exploitation and economic

inviability, are flourishing even though most of those conditions still exist around them. Brazil, most recently, has nearly eliminated its AIDS epidemic.

And how did they do this? Because they wanted to. Villagers in Uganda focussed on what they wanted in their lives and set out to get it with the civil wars, with the exploitation, with the starvation, with the disease, with government oppression, with deteriorated environmental conditions, with . . . and the list goes on. People in Brazil wanted to rid their communities of AIDS and they took the initiative, wisdom and resources they had and they now have communities virtually free of AIDS.

So why not Salt Spring? What does Salt Spring want, Salt Spring? What do we want to create despite all that is going on around us and with all that is going on around us?

For me, I want Salt Spring as a place where we do things differently. Where we are a model for other western society communities in that we are guided by what is happening from us and not to us.

And you? What is your vision for Salt Spring?

JACK TURNER,
Demetri Way

Support trustees

Hats off to Eric Booth for his well-researched and well-presented analysis of how Salt Spring is paying an inordinately high percentage of the Islands Trust operating budget without equitable representation.

His research clearly shows that Salt Spring Islanders do not get the representation they should for both the high proportion of taxes we pay to the Trust and the high per cent of population we have within the Trust.

It behooves islanders to go to the Trust Council meeting at ArtSpring on Thursday afternoon, March 6 to watch Eric's presentation to the Trust Council and witness the reaction to this inequitable situation. It would be a far healthier situation for the Islands Trust for each island within the Trust to pay its own way.

Let's show our support to our trustees in this matter!

BETSY JOHNSTON,
DEREK HILL,
Long Harbour Road

Slow suicide

The air people breathe inside their cars can be as much as 10 times more polluted than the typically dirty

outdoor air in the Los Angeles area, according to a study released by California air-quality officials.

Making matters worse, the researchers found that there is little that motorists and passengers can do to protect themselves other than staying away from rush-hour driving and in particular avoiding getting stuck behind diesel buses, trucks, diesel cars (especially older ones) and older model gasoline-powered vehicles. Los Angeles motorists spend the most time stuck in traffic — an average of 56 hours per week.

Other common tactics, such as opening or closing vents or turning on the air conditioner, do not help, according to a new study of motorists driving on Los Angeles County and Sacramento freeways.

While a car's ventilation system did show marginal success in filtering out tiny soot particles, the contaminants that belch from diesel buses, toxic gases such as benzene, sulfur trioxide, formaldehyde, butadiene, acrolein and dioxin managed to leak inside the vehicles no matter what, the research showed.

On Salt Spring, all one has to do to simulate the same

slow suicide is to follow commercial ferry traffic from Fulford to Ganges — or follow diesel and out-of-tune "pre-pollution control" beaters anywhere, for that matter.

TERRY GRAHAM,
Canal Road

Helmets save

I am writing on behalf of the Legion. As you know, Margaretha Nordine was cycling to work on Thursday, February 20 and was struck down by a vehicle.

It was observed by one of the ambulance crews that her bicycle helmet was split in two and that if she had not been wearing a helmet of such good quality, she would have suffered serious head injuries.

I believe that it is worth noting that Margaretha, in her capacity as one of the founding members of Island Pathways, was instrumental in getting bicycle helmets purchased for young children on Salt Spring. She insisted that helmets of high quality be purchased, and Branch #92 of the Legion donated \$400 towards the cost of same.

I believe this is an opportune time to once

again emphasize to young children the importance of wearing their helmets at all times whilst bicycling, as well as taking a moment to recognize the Legion that donates so generously to the youth on Salt Spring.

ROSEMARY WYATT,
Publicity, Royal
Canadian Legion Branch #92

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Your letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 400 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. "Thank you" letters will not normally be considered for publication.

Email your letters to news@gulfislands.net

It's wrong when 'policy' trumps kind treatment

I go into a gift store. The lone woman running it is on the telephone. I wait for her to serve me . . . and wait.

That's okay; she's having a very serious conversation. Her old mom is in hospital from a fall and must come home today, despite no one being there to help her. No, she can't be released a few hours later, when her daughter can arrange to be there, and no, she certainly can't stay another night. And yes, a home care attendant will come for two hours tomorrow to make sure she's safe with the walker, but not today.

This doesn't make sense, the gift shop woman says. Is there no

way to make this all come together, so an old, unsteady woman

won't have to navigate her new walker alone, without help or instruction, through some oddball corners and stairs when she has to use the toilet, which is often?

It's policy, she's told. The policy is . . . with that, the person delivering it said it again and again, as if the gift shop woman were stupid or scarcely human. I waited and overheard for a long, stressful time. The gift shop woman explained to the policy person that she got it, but what she was-

SPRINGBOARD
BY BRENDA GUALED



n't getting was the non-sense and inhumanity of it. Did her contact not agree that it was a bad policy in this situation? That policy needn't be so rigid? That something should be done so these gaps in care don't happen?

Her contact was having none of it. You can't get there from here, and that's that. The gift shop woman found this lack of understanding and compassion so upsetting that she finally hung up in

tears. It took me as long as the distressing call, with much sympathy and many hugs, to help her calm down.

She apologized repeatedly for her inability to cope and for putting this on a stranger.

I was glad to offer what I could, stranger or not, because I'm no stranger to these go-rounds with the high-horse policy parrots. I don't know if I've just run into an oddball bunch of them — one every few weeks — or if they're happening more often.

My latest resulted from cancelling a cell phone account. In December, I called to cancel in January. No go. I had to call back exactly one day

before the end of my billing period. I actually remembered to do this. I cancelled the account and paid up. I got a regular bill the next month. I called a third time to cancel for sure. I got a small bill the next month for some unwarranted charges. I made a fourth call to get them waived. I hit the policy wall.

Nice young guy, pleasant voice, no understanding of anything except I owed his company money, and I wasn't getting out of it nor would he credit that I made any sense. No amount of explaining or questioning went anywhere. In great frustration, I hung up. I then gathered my wits, called Fido again, got a

different nice-sounding young fellow, and asked if he had the authority to waive a small bill that I didn't owe because . . . I explained.

No problem. He did it in a minute. "Have a nice day," he said. What a good idea.

Why is it so difficult to communicate with communications companies? Why is caring an option for people working in caring professions? Why are so many service employees long on policy and short on service? Got a good story?

Write to me if you've been driven to distraction or tears by policy trumping logical, kind treatment.

b_guiled@yahoo.ca

More letters

Parents note

At the March 12 Gulf Islands Secondary School Parents Advisory Council meeting, we will be voting on amendments which have been made to our constitution and bylaws.

A copy of these changes is available by contacting me at 537-5261 or looking at the copy displayed in the school on the parent advisory board.

Parents of GISS students who have any comments or suggestions about the changes, should make sure they come to the meeting. It's in the library at 7 p.m.
MARLIE KELSEY,
PAC Chairperson

Food rights

I was delighted to read in last week's paper that 14 videos from the film festival will now be available for loan through the library.

Many thanks to the Celebration Coalition and others in the community for their generosity.

I was particularly pleased to learn that Deconstructing Supper, Bacon, Not for Sale and Net Loss, films all dealing with food security issues, were among the videos donated.

The ability to provide safe, healthy food for our families is a right that cannot be taken for granted. Nor can we rely on our governments to protect us. Monsanto continues to pressure our government into allowing GE wheat to be grown commercially in Canada despite pleas from consumer, farm, industry, environmental and food industry groups for a more cautious, responsible approach.

Pressure is also being brought to bear in another area: food irradiation!

It's not enough that we have to worry about GE contamination, or herbicides, pesticide, hormone and antibiotic residues in our food. Now our government wants to allow ground beef, prawns, shrimps, mangos and poultry to be zapped with radioisotope-generated radiation beams equal in power to 150 million chest x-rays. So instead of living food, we will have dead food, bereft of some vitamins, amino acids and fatty acids.

Yes, Virginia, that's why commercial potatoes and onions sometimes don't sprout.

There was a short window in which the government invited public input on the irradiation issue. Happily that time period took in the film festival, where 130 letters were signed at the Saltspringers for Safe Food table and subsequently mailed to Health Canada in time for the February 28 deadline.

We can only hope our contribution will have some impact.

The same number of letters were also mailed to Rogers Foods Ltd. (B.C.'s flour producer) asking for its support in the fight to keep Canada's wheat GE free.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our table to sign letters or better yet, wrote their own personal letter. Your support is much appreciated.

In the meantime, keep buying locally grown food, it's still your best protection against most everything — GE contamination, irradiation, herbicides, pesticides, antibiotics etc.

MICHELLE GRANT,
Co-chair, Saltspringers for Safe Food

Autocratic

While I agree with aspects of Brenda Guiled's piece "Always playing store" (February 26 Driftwood), there are aspects of Gordon "Seeing Double" Campbell's activities that are not recognized. The throne speech many times mentioned opening up the province, and it is clear that he is opening our province to multi-national corporate interests.

I am not against commerce, or the "balanced" use of the environment, but I am against industrial activity that externalizes or defers costs to future generations.

When we condone clear-cut logging, for example, we allow soil erosion, oxygen depletion, lost biodiversity and other real costs to be realized by future generations, for the short-term gain of an elite few "shareholders."

Now Mr. Campbell, in an amazing feat of autocratic governance, without even the usual appeal to the NAFTA Chapter II tribunal, is preparing to hand over millions to multi-nationals for nothing, or specifically to "not cut our forests." Up until now the trees on Crown land belonged to the people of B.C. and the multi-nationals used to pay us "stumpage" before exporting raw logs and jobs out of the province, but Gordon has changed all that. Now the vast majority of British Columbians will be working to keep our forests, further fragmenting public opinion on the value of environmental protest movements which have seen this autocrat gut decades of work to achieve a foothold toward balance in this industry.

I would like to close with a quote from David Korten, founder of People-Centred Development Forum, from a book entitled Global Uprising. "Today, capitalists would like us to think that capitalism is synonymous with a market economy and private ownership. By their definition, a market economy must be a 'free market,' with no public rules, which of course means that the most powerful players are able to make their own rules at the expense of the weaker.

"Capitalism is actually a pathology of a market economy, which tends to evolve in the absence of adequate governmental regulation and citizen oversight. As capitalism thrives, it kills both the market and democracy,

because it's about taking rules of the market.

You end up with an unlimited concentration of economic power without accountability and institutions with enough power to reshape the rules of government."

ROD MCGUCKIN,
Salt Spring

P.S. As Robert MacDonald said in Mort Ransen's film, Ah the money, the money, the money, "It only takes one Hitler." Well, we elected Gordon Campbell. It's almost spring and I can already hear the jack boots in the forests, ready to "preserve and protect" a new set of laws.

Circle date

Derrick Lundy's wonderful photo on the front page of the Driftwood after the recent peace rally should help to sustain the hope of all who were there. It was a reminder that we don't need to feel powerless in the face of those forces that are trying to stampede the world into war.

Those who came to the rally will have a chance to gain knowledge and inspiration when Dr. Helen Caldicott comes to Salt Spring Island Saturday evening, April 26. All the peace people can circle the date on their calendar and plan to bring a friend.
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Salt Spring Island FOUNDATION

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Would a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation help your organization with a capital project? The Foundation invites Expressions of Interest from charitable organizations on Salt Spring Island.

Thanks to a significant bequest from the Shaw Family Estate, the Salt Spring Island Foundation is in the position of being able to invite submissions for prospective projects that would fulfill the Shaws' wishes—ones that would, by the terms of the Will, "benefit charitable institutions or other charitable objects on Salt Spring."

This is the first of a two-stage process. After a screening of submitted Expression of Interests, a limited number of organizations will be invited to submit more-detailed proposals, from which two or more will be selected for funding.

GUIDELINES

- As the Salt Spring Island Foundation is registered with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) as a "public foundation", it is restricted to funding only "qualified donees", as defined by CCRA (most-often registered charitable organizations that are permitted to issue tax receipts).
- Proposals should be for capital projects, not for operating funds.
- Proposals for up to \$250,000 per project for the Foundation's share of the total cost will be considered.
- Proposed projects must be those that could not be funded through property taxes.
- Proposed projects should not include the purchase of land (unless secondary to the principal objective).
- Projects must be self-sustaining once completed. (On-going operating costs must be sustainable.)

SUBMISSIONS

Expressions of Interest should include the following basic information:

1. A brief description of the proposed project (no more than 200 words).
2. An estimate of the total cost and the portion being requested from the Foundation.
3. Anticipated start and completion dates for the project.
4. The organization's charitable registration number.
5. A statement as to how it is felt the project would enhance the quality of life in our Island community.
6. The name of a contact person, with home phone number, e-mail address (if available), and mailing address.

Submissions should be received on or before April 30, 2003. They can be submitted either by regular post or by e-mail. Mail should be addressed to Salt Spring Island Foundation, #2 - 110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2S5. E-mails should be sent to lrpepin@saltspring.com. Phone enquiries may be directed to Ruth Pepin, Executive Assistant, at 538-1939, or to the Chairman of our Grants Advisory Committee, Tom Toynbee, at 537-8515.

This invitation has been placed here on behalf of the Foundation's Trustees by Bob Rush, Chairman, Salt Spring Island Foundation, March 5, 2003.

Sustainable housing group looks at building concerns

By ELIZABETH WHITE
Special to the Driftwood

Our homes have a huge impact on the environment, and dictate to a large degree the amount of energy we consume.

Sometimes it seems as if just about everyone on Salt Spring is involved in construction one way or another, whether as a homeowner, designer, builder, tradesperson, or all of the above.

Every construction project involves innumerable decisions, many of which have environmental impacts which can last for decades.

Most of us want to make the right choices, but even when one has a thorough

grasp of the principles, it is not always easy to determine the best options, or to find special materials and equipment.

An informal "sustainable housing group" now plans to meet monthly to share information, using real built examples in the community.

The intent is to focus on practical building issues: design principles, materials selection and appropriate technology. Everyone is welcome to attend; and we hope the group will include people wanting to build or renovate, carpenters and builders, designers and people interested in co-housing, eco-villages and affordable housing.

Meetings will be held at a different home each month so that we will have hands-on examples of different approaches to discuss. We also have a growing library of construction videos to view.

The first meeting will be held Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. at my home — 171 Vesuvius Bay Road. This is a modest 50-year-old bungalow which has had an energy retrofit and a thermal solar system added. Bring a mug, a chair and some organic cookies to share.

If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact me at 537-2616, or elizwhite@salt-spring.com.




LOOKING GOOD: Tony McEwan reviews site preparation for a new Therapeutic Riding Association riding ring on Salt Spring. This marks the second full year of operation for the association, which expects to accommodate nine riders and 30 weeks of lessons this year. Anyone wishing to sponsor a horse or a lesson, donate or volunteer, should call McEwan or Liz Anderson at 653-4979.


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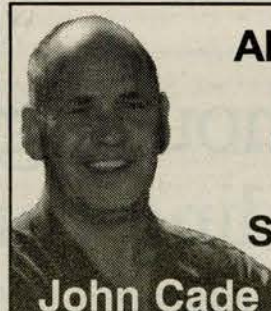
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407	RSP	Basket...	Snapshot	NHLPA	Miller TV	GottaSee	SportNws	Skiing	Sac. Ride	Miller TV	Beyond the Glory	GottaSee		Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News	
23	KSTW	Digimon	Tarzan	Home Im.	Home Im.	Frasier	Frasier	70's...	70's...	Enterprise				The Twilight Zone	News	Seinfeld	Spin City
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511	NEWS	Can. Now	Health	Counterspin		The National/Mag.	Antiques	Roadshow	Counterspin	National	BusNews	Antiques	Roadshow	Counterspin			
332	KIRO	J. Judy	J. Judy	KIRO News		News	News	ET	Access	Star Search				60 Minutes II	48 Hours	News	Letterm'n
331	KOMO	Million?	Pyramid	KOMO 4 News		News	News	Wheel	Jeopardy	WifeKids	J.G. Lopez			I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here (SF)		News	Nightline
438	VISION	Twice in a Lifetime		National Film Board		McLeod		Credo	J. Vanier	National Film Board	McLeod			Your Music Zone		NorthR.	NorthR.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- WEDNESDAY, MAR 5**
- 6:00 PM
13 Albertine, en cinq temps (1999, Drama) Albertine reflects on 50 years of her life by meeting the women she once was. *Monique Mercure, Macha Limonchick (1h45)*
- 7:00 PM
3 Terminal Invasion (aka Devil's Pass) (2002, Drama) A convict and his officers find themselves stuck in a remote airport due to a blizzard. *Bruce Campbell, Duncan McLeod (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM
11 Dickens (1976, Drama) This touching film is an innovative mix of fact and dramatic reconstruction. *Anton Lesser, Timothy West (3h)*
- 8:30 PM
3 Everybody's Doing It (2002, Comedy) A high school girl is pressured by peers to join a pledge program, abstaining from sex. *Lizzy Caplan, Eugene Lipinski (1h30)*
- 9:00 PM
19 Shipwrecked (1990, Adventure) A boy is stranded on an island where a treasure is hidden. *Gabriel Byrne, Louisa Haigh (1h30)*
- 10:00 PM
14 The Color of Paradise (1999, Family) A blind boy teaches his recently widowed father how to sense the world without sight. *Salime Feizi, Mohsen Ramezani (1h45)*
- 8:00 PM
3 Down to Earth (2000, Comedy) An obnoxious comic is given a second chance at life in the body of a despised businessman. *Chris Rock, Eugene Levy (1h30)*



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4	NewVI	7:00 New Day		CityLine		Various	Health	Pacific Blue		All My Children		One Life to Live		Touched By Angel	Earth: Final Conflict		
330	KING	7:00 Today Show				Martha Stewart		Caroline Rhea		News		Days of Our Lives		Passions	Dr. Phil		
244	CH	Gold Trail	Pet Guys	Oprah Winfrey		The Price is Right		Young & Restless		News		BodyHlth	Travel	Various	Travel M.	Jeopardy	
243	CTVBC	6:30 Canada AM		Regis & Kelly		The View		Balance	Planet	eTalk	Bold & B.	Vicki Gabereau		General Hospital	Dr. Phil		
241	GBLBC	6:00 News		100 Huntley Street		Worldvision		Cross O.	MoneyW.	News		As the World Turns		Passions	Young & Restless		
443	KCTS	Sagwa	Clifford	DragonT		Sesame Street		Barney	Rogers	Various	ReadRain	Teletub.	Jay Jay	Bet.Lions	George	Arthur	
101	SRC	7:00 Matin express		Tous les matins		Ricardo		L'Heure du Midi		Variées		Cinéma variées		Variées	Variées		
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242	CITY	6:00 Breakfast TV		Star Trek: DSN		Relic Hunter		CityLine		Cooks		Various	Various	Various	Various	DataC.	
454	BRAVO	Various		Road to Avonlea		Law & Order		Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Videos	Avonlea
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23	KSTW	7:00 Club		WeakLink		Cross O.	Ricki Lake	J. Joe	J. Joe	The People's Court	Divorce	Divorce	Hughleys	Sabrina	Buzz	Recess	
24	KVOS	Various	Buzz	Paid	Various	The People's Court		Judge Greg Mathis		Touched By Angel		Seventh Heaven		Montel Williams	Diagnosis Murder		
333	KCPQ	6:00 News		Good Day Live		Jerry Springer		Jenny Jones		Maury Povich Show		Beyond	Justice	Jerry Springer	Jenny Jones		
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332	KIRO	The Early Show		Life Moments		The Price is Right		Young & Restless		News	Bold & B.	As the World Turns		The Guiding Light	Montel Williams		
331	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.		Regis & Kelly		The View		News	P.Charles	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital	Northwest		
438	VISION	It's a New Day		Mass	Various	Twice in Life./ Neon R.		Youngren	Robison	Various		Q.Study	Various	Little House/Music	Promised Land		

YOUR WEEKLY PULL-OUT TV GUIDE

Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for Thursday Evening March 6. Includes programs like 'The One', 'Hounded', '3 Strikes', 'Perry Mason: Case of the Wicked Wives', and 'Four Days'.

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Vertical text column on the right side of the page containing program descriptions and cast members for various shows like 'The One', 'Hounded', '3 Strikes', 'Perry Mason', 'Dickens', 'The Man Without a Face', 'The Seven Minutes', 'La Candidate', 'Dragonfly', 'Con Air', 'Monster's Ball', 'The Saint', 'Wall Street', 'Silverado', 'September 30, 1955', 'A Tiger Walks', 'Unforgiven', 'An Occasional Hell', 'Deuces Wild', and 'Notting Hill'.

Valid concerns should be addressed before a new fire truck is purchased

By MURRAY RITCHIE

I read with some interest last week's article about the fire truck purchase, which I found very well rounded with many valid points being raised by both sides.

Firstly, let me say that I have nothing but the highest regard for the men and women who put their life on the line and give much of their time as volunteers on our fire department. Thank you! Also I would like to thank Bart Terwiel for raising some very important questions and points in the article.

The first issue that caught my eye and attention was that the counter petition form was made available from the fire chief. This would appear to have somewhat of a conflict of interest element to it. Of course I understand that it allows the fire department to present its case and fair enough, but I can see how that might be intimidating to members of the community. After all, we don't put polling booths in the homes or workplaces of candidates.

Mr. Terwiel's point regarding the lack of a "needs analysis" is also very well grounded. While I am sure that the new pumper is no less than state of the art, I have to ask what studies were done to ensure it is adaptable to a community such as ours.

In the early 1990s I was part of a consulting group which reviewed the "wild land urban interface" fires that completely destroyed the community of Twin Peaks in Oakland, California. The problems faced there were two-fold. The new high-volume pump trucks used by the Oakland Fire Department were too big to maneuver the often narrow, winding roads.

Secondly the trucks that did manage to get there were not equipped to be compatible with the California Forest Service firefighting equipment. While one in 10 homes were lost, the true nature of the blaze was the wild land urban interface — much like



Salt Spring, where homes are quaintly nestled in the beauty of fir and cedar forests.

This would cause me to ask if either of these issues have been addressed. I would hope that for \$670,000 we are getting a truck that not only can service all of the island's communities but also one that will come complete with the required adapters to allow our local firefighters to work alongside the B.C. Forestry Service when the need arises.

I also understand that a fire truck that has an underwriter's rating for "first-in service" of 15 years could indeed not reach that life cycle safely in use here on Salt Spring. Anyone who drives a vehicle knows that our island roads and terrain is much harder on any vehicle in comparison to the city. I would have to agree with both the fire chief and Ben Martens that this old mini-pumper could be of good use elsewhere.

As for the water capacity and consumption rate, this issue has me a bit baffled. If a 200-gallon "mini-pumper" costs a third of the new one, would it not make more sense to look at spending the difference on increasing our fire hydrant capacity? Regardless of the new truck's payload, it will still only deliver 200 gallons per

minute. Piggy backing to a hydrant is always the method of choice to supply water to any fire. I feel that we should look at the current availability of fire hydrants on the island and the cost of increasing them. This money would not only be well spent but could lead to a drop in fire insurance rates for many home owners if a hydrant is more readily available.

The fire department points out that the new truck would be "dual purpose" and able to double as a rescue truck. This could well be but it would appear that if we spent \$200,000 on a new mini-pumper we could most certainly purchase a rescue truck for the same. That's \$400,000 for two trucks as opposed to \$670,000 for one.

Further to this, what function would get priority — fire or rescue? With two trucks we would never face the possibility of needing both a pumper and rescue truck in separate locations at the same time. It's hard to split a truck and its crew to be in two places at once. And again the savings could be used to replace other equipment and increase hydrant coverage.

The last question I have is regarding the statement that much of the money for the new truck, "about \$170,00," is for new equipment. This is due to the fact that this is a new truck and not a "replacement truck."

But I have to ask — why do we need to purchase new SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus) for this

new truck? Certainly the ones employed in the old truck would be compatible with a different truck. If these are being purchased at a cost of about \$2,000 apiece are they replacing old ones? If so this is a separate budget item entirely. If, on the other hand, they are required because somehow the old ones don't work with the new truck then does that mean that the new SCBAs are not compatible with the old?

Not all SCBAs are created equal and of course each manufacturer has slightly different operating instructions. I would hate to think that one of our volunteers could be put at risk by mistaking the operation of one type for another while under fire.

I once again applaud the fine and often heroic work done by the men and women of our fire department. I am all for updating equipment, increasing full-time paid staff and increasing training for all but I feel that Mr. Terwiel has raised some very valid concerns that we should address before we proceed to spending three quarters of a million dollars in this economy.

Perhaps there is indeed a need for a "needs analysis."

The writer works as a health, safety and environmental consultant, is licensed in Canada and the U.S. as a lead auditor for safety and environmental management systems, and is a U.S. nationally registered paramedic who has worked as a fire medic in residential, industrial and maritime firefighting.

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Local brings HOPE to Cambodia

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

A woman who grew up on Salt Spring is helping bring water to a Cambodian community this summer.

Katie Watt, who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1997, is taking a group of UVic students to the Pursat region of Cambodia in June, along with her husband John Mulligan.

Watt and Mulligan are involved with HOPE International, a non-governmental organization that spearheads development projects in Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Watt's group will construct wells, provide tools and seeds, training and health education for villagers.

The \$4,000-per-person cost includes well materials, the training, transportation, food, accommodation and health insurance for the month-long period.

According to Watt, Cambodia desperately needs the kind of work the HOPE clan can provide.

"The biggest issue over there is that less than 30 per cent of people have access to clean drinking water."

Watt explains that buying land is a long process, so many people take unclaimed land instead. But that property is often available because it is so far from a clean water source.

Accessing water can consume the farmers' invaluable



OFFERING HOPE: Katie Watt, who grew up on Salt Spring, returns this summer to Cambodia where she and her husband will lead a group of aid-givers.

time, though, so rainwater collected in deep pits is the more usual source.

"It's sort of a toss-up between having clean drinking water or missing a day's work on the farm."

Unfortunately, consuming the pit water can lead to parasitic infestations and other health problems.

Watt and Mulligan went to Cambodia last summer and provided "helping hands" for a smaller project, which inspired them to return in a more organized way through HOPE International.

"We really got attached to the people," said Watt. "They are selfless people who seem contented in their life when they have so much less than any of us over here."

At their wedding last summer, the couple also asked for donations to HOPE instead of wedding gifts and managed to raise enough money for three wells in

Cambodia.

In learning about HOPE, Watt has been especially impressed with its attitude in providing assistance.

"The big thing about the organization is that we go there not thinking we are the privileged westerners helping them. It's that we are working with them, not for them; that we don't come across as if they can't do it themselves."

The eight-member Watt-Mulligan group has jumped into fundraising in a big way, from undertaking bottle drives to collecting raffle prizes and holding an International Water Day event on March 22 at UVic.

Some bigger items will also be auctioned off on E-bay.

Public contributions would also be greatly appreciated.

Cheques for the project can be mailed to HOPE International, c/o UVic HOPE Club, 214 Sixth

Street, New Westminister, BC V3L 3A3. A receipt for income tax purposes will be issued for all donations exceeding \$10.

The toll-free phone number is 1-866-525-HOPE.

In addition to providing water for drinking and irrigation, HOPE assists Cambodian peasant families by providing manual labour on farms and doing workshops on organic farming techniques and soil restoration.

HOPE has an established presence in the village, and also provides counselling and other social services to community women.

People can check out the website at: www.hope-international.com.

HOPE work projects address continuing needs to build adequate shelter and schools for the children, water and irrigation systems, and new roads so poor farmers can take their crops to market places.

For further information, Watt can be reached by e-mail at kwatt@uvic.ca or by phone at (250) 721-9944.

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World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday

Salt Spring Islanders will join people in more than 170 countries as they celebrate the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7.

The ecumenical service held at Our Lady of Grace Church on Drake Road, beginning at 1:30 p.m., welcomes people of all faiths.

This year's theme is Holy Spirit Fill Us and the service was prepared by the women of Lebanon.

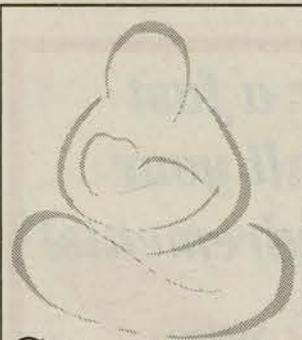
Lebanon is famous for its cedar trees, and so a tree will be planted after the service led by Father Jules Goulet.

Tea will also be served.

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Waldorf school opens doors

Waldorf on Salt Spring welcomes families to visit this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Having settled into a new home at 120 Stark Road, the school is running a kindergarten and two grade-school classes this year, with the ability to expand as far as Grade 8.

As explained by long-time Waldorf teacher Marsha Flad, "Waldorf education considers the emotional and academic development of the student. Art is used to unite these, and therefor Waldorf is often referred to as 'the art of education'."

Rudolf Steiner, the founder of Waldorf education, developed a theory about the various developmental stages of a human being and then determined the needs associated with each stage. He presented this in the Waldorf curriculum and told teachers to use it as a guide for what they would present in class.

"What each teacher creates from themselves is what brings life to the students," said Flad. "Stories are told, not read. Text books aren't used. There are many things unique to Waldorf, such as class teachers staying with a class from Grade 1 to Grade 8."

Waldorf schools have been established all over the world and their popularity continues to grow, she said.

Flad said Waldorf on Salt Spring currently has six staff members: a kindergarten teacher, kindergarten assistant, a Grade 1-2 teacher, a Grade 5 teacher, a French teacher and an eurythmy teacher. (Eurythmy is a form of movement which makes words and music visible.)

For more information, call 537-5804, or visit the website at www.waldorfssi.com.



TREASURES FOR SALE: Treasures and rare finds were the norm at the Farmers Institute on Saturday as a flea market attracted hordes of bargain-seekers.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island golf, country club set to celebrate 75 years

Island golfers are celebrating a little history this year with the 75th anniversary of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

A gala event is planned for May 23-25, and in the meantime organizers are looking to get the word out on the upcoming festivities.

The roots of the club date back to 1928 when 33 people attended a public meeting at Mahon Hall.

Today the club has more than 350 members, and a colourful history of events and personalities that have contributed to the community recreation facility that now exists at Central.

According to press material, the beginning of golf on Salt Spring likely started at the farm of Norman Wilson.

Wilson apparently shared his Barnsbury estate with an ad hoc group of players who simply came to hit some balls around between



HISTORICAL LOOK: Golf on Salt Spring is said to have started at Norman Wilson's Barnsbury estate.

trips to Duncan or Victoria, where they played real games of golf.

"But it didn't take long for dreams to develop and plans to hatch," notes the press material, "and the first annual general meeting was held on the Barnsbury Farm on May 29, 1928."

In the first 33 years of its existence, the golf course changed hands three times before a fire in the fall of 1959 destroyed Barnsbury.

Following the fire, the golf course came close to extinction, but in 1961 the club was born again through

a transition from private to public ownership, which then led to the newly born Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

Now the club's 75th anniversary committee is planning a gala weekend celebration for May 23, 24 and 25.

It will tee off with an alumni reception Friday, followed by a members-only day on Saturday, and ending with an open house for the public on Sunday, May 25.

Special events and activities will take place throughout the weekend. As well, a history book, first published for the club's 60th anniversary, is being revised and updated and will be available to mark the club's journey from the early farmland links of 1928 to the well-dressed fairways of today.

More information on the festivities will be forthcoming but those who have anything to add to the book or any questions about the upcoming celebration should call Steve Marleau at the golf club.

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Work students making music

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A band of 13 musically oriented students will be recording a CD in a Victoria studio as part of an upcoming Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) work experience project.

The GISS group performed a live "demo" of two songs for visiting Sea Coast Communications executive vice-president Terry Spence Thursday.

"I think it's great that (they) picked some really complex pieces. It will be fun to get them on multi-track," Spence said.

The 11-piece ensemble performed You Belong To Me with a jazzy choral arrangement and guitar accents by Ed Perkins, solid bass work by Evan Hardy and moody saxophone interludes by Phil Wurr.

A second student-arranged song — Fly Me to the Moon — flowed from traditional treatment through reggae and into ska beats as Aubrey Zacharias slapped congas to support solo vocalists Lindsay Bryan, Sophie Burke and Marlies Iredale.

Two other GISS students, Taylor Booth and Morgan Marshall, are interested in the technical aspects behind the recording industry.

"You'll find a sound system that will blow back your hair," Spence told the two.

After the performance of recording work, Spence met with the students and GISS career advisor Maggie Allison to discuss the recording industry.

Most of the students indicated they were interested in musical careers.

"It's tough at the beginning to realize how much competition there is in this business," Spence said.

He runs CFAX and B107 radio stations in addition to an advertising recording studio within Sea Coast Communications.

Spence candidly answered student questions on all aspects of the radio and recording business.

"Where do you rake in the dough?" Zacharias asked.

"Ratings are under way right now. How many listeners you get affects how much you can get for a commercial."

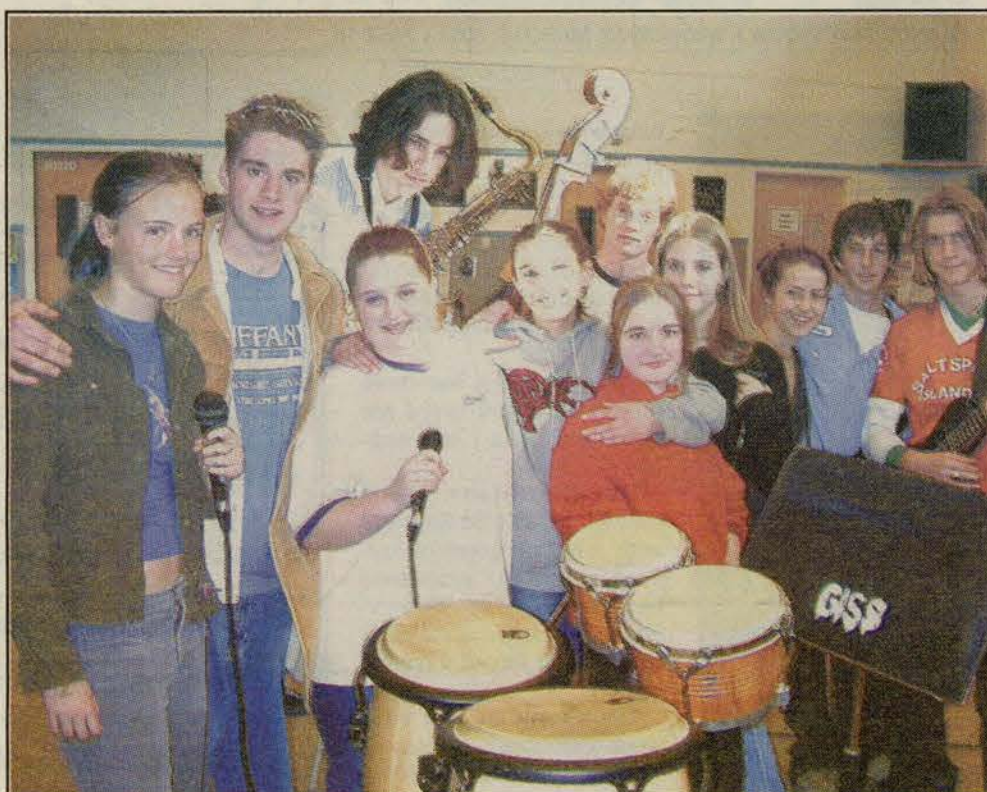
Spence also answered questions from students about royalties for lyricists, Canadian content in radio, studio rates, corruption in the rating system, the duties of a corporate vice-president and his own background in the radio business.

"It was more fun in the old days when you could go out and make a complete fool of yourself," Spence reflected.

Allison and Spence both indicated that potential disc-jockeys are now expected to complete a broadcast school program in order to get a foot in the door of any studio.

"It's very difficult to get an entry-level position anymore."

Spence seemed to gen-



STAR SEARCHING: Musicians from GISS are bound for a recording studio in Victoria to record a CD as part of their career preparation work experience.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

uinely enjoy his visit with the GISS students.

"Students from this school are always so enthusiastic and motivated. You can see that. It's not the case with all the students we run into."

Sea Coast Communications has been working with GISS students for the past five years.

"If you're not tied into the community, you're out of business," he noted.

The CRTC requires radio broadcasters to support Canadian talent, Spence noted.

"The easy way is to give a cheque to some big music festival. We've taken another approach."

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Growling bourbon-smooth blues with mesmerizing confidence, Salt Spring's Harry Manx pounced between Rajasthani ragas and Mississippi melodies to captivate a jam-packed Mahon Hall crowd last Thursday.

And it's no surprise Manx's concert was sold out long in advance.

MANX

Listeners can curl up in the lap of his classic blues grooves while he strides through complex time signatures and haunting poetic lyrics with the easy grace of a slide-guitar bodhisattva.

Like a host of true believers, a loyal following of fans has flocked to see the local singer-songwriter wherever he's appeared, long before he was recognized with a recent Juno nomination and Maple Blues Award.

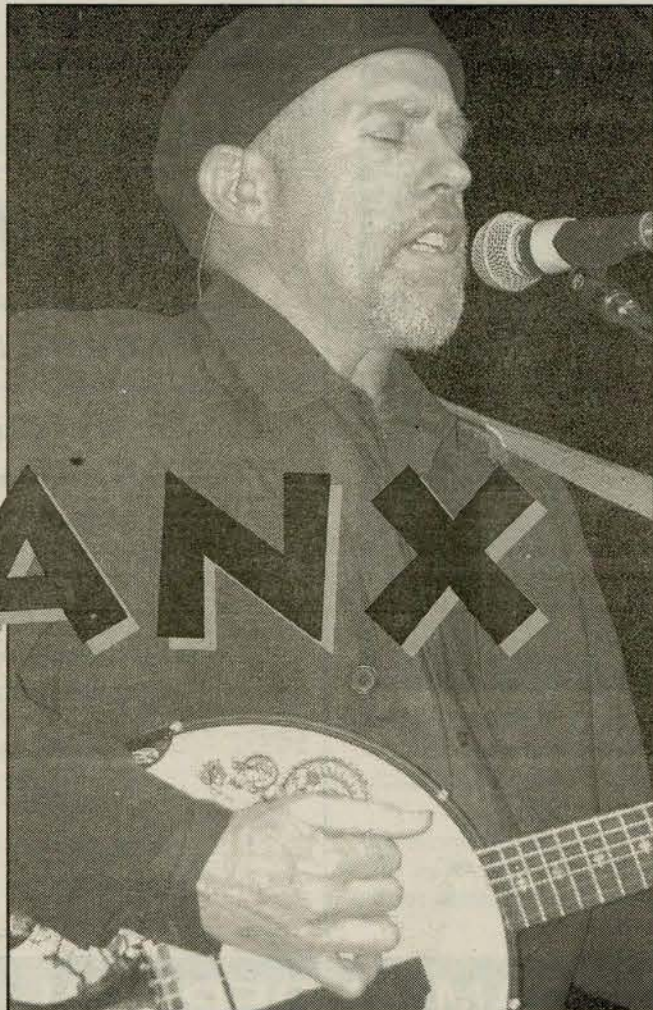
Mutual affection between the Salt Spring audience and well-travelled musician was evident throughout the performance.

"The whole town's here," Manx reflected as he observed the gathered masses.

Setting a compassionate tone for the evening, he opened the concert with globally sagacious lyrics of Only Then Will Your House Be Blessed from his 2002 album Wise and Otherwise.

"Let it go; let your sword of vengeance rest . . . Turn your cheek; may your mercy manifest."

Maintaining multicultural seasoning, Manx blended eerie Indian slide-guitar scratches with deep infectious rhythms and gravelly harmonica to send feet jiv-



ing helplessly through Bring That Thing.

Manx garnered howls of delight from the crowd as he revisited Jimmy Hendrix's Voodoo Child with a blues banjo solo in place of electric guitar and wah-wah pedal.

Take this Hammer created a startling level of storytelling complexity with the changing nuances of a single repeated lyric.

(It's from one of his two new releases, Jubilee, a co-project with guitarist Kevin Breit.)

Manx used the dancing depth of the 20-string mohan veena to weave a tapestry of emotion that brought sympathetic responses from the crowd with a cover of Van Morrison's Crazy Love.

And as the song blended from a shimmering raga opening into classic resonant blues, Manx's voice accented the lyrics to main-

tain a winsome shroud over listeners.

Kicking off the second set with a mystical dream on banjo, Manx delivered The Gist of Madhuvanti with a shamanistic slip-skip into the intoxicating blues spell of The Thrill is Gone.

Maintaining a wry smile while singing "caught between a rock and something hurting at the core," Manx whispered Don't Forget to Miss Me as a rumbling remembrance to absent love.

Islanders will certainly feel the pang of absence while Manx tours Australia over the next seven weeks.

He shared a similar sentiment about life on the road since he just returned from touring Alberta and Saskatchewan.

"It sure has been hard travelling with that new baby at home," Manx said, regarding his nine-month-old son Hector. "But I sure

have been sleeping well," he grinned.

After a whimsically uplifting rendition of Lay Down My Worries, the Mahon Hall crowd burst into stunning applause to trap Manx onstage for an encore.

"Okay, I saved one more just in case you loved me that much. And I was hoping you would."

But after Manx strode through I Can't Be Satisfied with a billion notes of layered strings crammed between Muddy Waters' lyrics, he caught a standing ovation that forced a double encore.

"Don't any of you guys work tomorrow?" he asked.

So Manx found a little "sunshine to leave the rain" with a finale of Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues.

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Thomas will touch on chemtrails, September 11 and what can be done in response on Friday, March 7 from 7 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, March 8 from 4 to 8 p.m.

According to press material, after many years of environmental action and writing alternative health articles for Monday magazine in Victoria, Thomas went to Kuwait in 1991 with an emergency response team.

When he returned, Thomas wrote the first book on Gulf War Illness and produced an award-winning documentary on the "eco-war."

He wrote the first mass circulation article on the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program and broke the story on chemtrails over the past four years in two books, a documentary video and countless radio interviews.

On February 26 he spoke on Coast-to-Coast AM, reportedly the largest nightly radio program in the world.

Thomas' last book, called All Fall Down — the Politics of Terror and Mass Persuasion — documents the who and why of events surrounding September 11.

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Lindo trio swings onto island stage

ArtSwings! continues on Salt Spring next week as rising star Lisa Lindo brings her high-profile act to the island next Wednesday.

According to ArtSpring press material, Lindo's fame was born during one of Stuart McLean's very first Vinyl Cafe live-to-tape CBC Radio Broadcast concerts.

"When (she) lit into her roof-raising performance of the spiritual Go Tell It on the Mountain, there was absolutely no doubt that a star was born, as the rapturous and extended applause attested."

Lindo has gone on to join Stuart McLean on many of his Vinyl Cafe concert tours, appearing on his Western Canada Fall Tour, Ontario Christmas Tour and his inaugural U.S. concert dates.

In early October 1999, Lisa's first CD, Drink Your Coffee While It's Hot, was launched on the season's first Vinyl Cafe live-to-tape show to great acclaim.

In keeping with her Gemini nature, Lindo has her fingers in a variety of musical pies, notes the press material.

It has not been unusual to catch her gyrating in

West African dance with the Flamingo Dono Drums and Dance Ensemble, participating in opera workshops and singing back-up vocals for Jane Siberry.

Lindo has played with such diverse groups as Maza Meze (Greek and Arabic), Maderaz and Chalocos (Afro-Venezuelan and Peruvian), Ilede (Afro-Cuban) and Pacande (Columbian).

At ArtSpring next week, Lindo will be joined by Kevin Barrett (guitar), Drew Birston (bass) and Mark Congram (drums).

Collectively or individually, these musicians have appeared at the DuMaurier Downtown Jazz Festival, Can-am Kingston Jazz Festival and Montreal Jazz Festival, and can be heard on dozens of recordings.

The Lisa Lindo Trio appears as part of ArtSwings! on March 12 at 8 p.m. ArtSwings! is a four-concert series integrating jazz classics, gospel, improvisations, swing and more.

The series is sponsored by Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty, and its final event runs March 30 at 2:30 p.m. with a performance by Joëlle Rabu.



COUNTRY HOE DOWN: Fulford School's annual country dance and auction drew a crowd of happy dancers and musicians, including Shanti Amal.

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More kudos for Millerd

An "excellence in jazz" award from the Fraser MacPherson Music Scholarship Fund is the latest accolade announced for Salt Spring trumpet player Simon Millerd.

Millerd, 15, and 18-year-old pianist Amanda Tosoff from Surrey were the two winners of the new RBC Financial Group Award for Excellence in Jazz. Each will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Millerd is currently attending school at Semiahmoo Secondary in White Rock, which is renowned for its music program led by Dave Proznick.

In the past month, Millerd also earned an outstanding high school trumpet solo award at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Idaho and best trumpet and soloist honours at the Envision Jazz Festival in Vancouver.

Musical runs at chapel

An ancient biblical story will be brought to life this week as a Chemainus theatre troupe brings the musical Samson & Delilah to Salt Spring.

Kingsfool Productions presents the show this Saturday at the Community Gospel Chapel, beginning at 7 p.m.

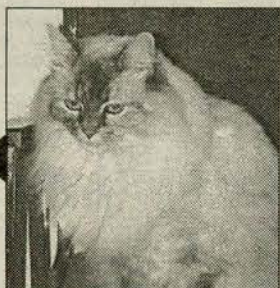
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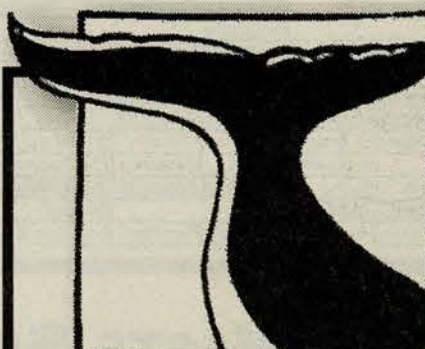
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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

WED. March 5	THURS. March 6	FRI. March 7	SAT. March 8	SUN. March 9	MON. March 10	TUES. March 11
Special Events Teachers' Tea. At Fables Cottage, 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Special Events Generation of Hate. CBC documentary showing re Iraq. United Church, 7:30 p.m.	Special Events World Day of Prayer. Our Lady of Grace Church, 1:30 p.m.	Special Events Samson & Delilah. Musical comedy Bible story. Community Gospel Chapel, 7 p.m.	Special Events Interdenominational Worship Concert. Community Gospel Chapel.	Special Events Jessakka Hill. Musician/beat poet at Core Inn, 8 p.m. All ages.	Workshops Advanced Foodsafe. Harbour House Hotel, 8:30-1:30. (and March 12) Sheri, 537-1883.
Meetings Islands Trust Council. Meeting procedures workshop for trustees. ArtSpring, 2:30-7 p.m.	Meetings Islands Trust Council. ArtSpring. Legislative workshop for trustees, 10:15-noon; strategic planning, 1:30-5 p.m.	Meetings Getting Rammed Earth Off the Ground. Meror Krayenhoff talk/slide show. United Church, 7-10 p.m.	Meetings Five Feminist Minutes. A Celebration of Women's Talents. Meaden Hall, 7 p.m.	Music Roy Reynolds Trio. Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m.	Workshops Basic Foodsafe. Harbour House Hotel, 8:30-4:30. Sheri, 537-1883.	Activities Floor Hockey. Tuesdays at Fulford Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Music Music & Munch. Duo Perriam Abbink, saxophone & piano. All Saints, 12:10 p.m.	Family Family Place Moutat Park Walk. Thursdays at 10 a.m., followed by art for parents and toddlers at Family Place, 11-1.	Meetings Chemtrails & 9-11. With William Thomas. StarBooks. 7-10 p.m. Phone first, 537-2633.	Meetings Islands Trust Council. Business meeting. ArtSpring, 8:30-2 p.m.	Workshops A Living Instrument. Vocal workshop with Patricia MacFarlane. ArtSpring, 1-4 p.m. Kindred, 653-9797.	Activities The Language of Poetry. Four-Monday course with Lorraine Gane, 7-9 p.m. 537-5294.	
Activities Healing the Crisis in the Mid-East. StarBooks. 5:30-8 p.m.	Activities Canada's Banking Fraud, Part II. StarBooks. 5:30-8 p.m.	Music Musicians Jam Nite. Fridays at Anise Restaurant, 9 p.m.	Workshops Seeking Solutions: Choosing the Road Ahead. Workshop with William Thomas. StarBooks. 4-8 p.m. Phone first, 537-2633.	Activities Newcomers Walk. Meet at Centennial Park buoy every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11 a.m.	WED. March 12 Lisa Lindo. Jazz vocalist. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.	
	Activities Bingo. Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games, 6:30.	Activities Roller-blading to Music. Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 p.m.	Workshops Belly Dance Workshops. Cats Pajamas Studio. Register at 537-8578.	WHAT'S ON	WHAT'S ON	WHAT'S ON
	Activities Life Drawing. Thursdays, Beaver Point Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.					
	Activities Movements of Dance Classes. 12-Thursdays series begins at Fulford Hall, 10-11:30 a.m. Dana, 653-9549.					

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Cinema
Star Trek: Nemesis — Captain Jean Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) and the Enterprise crew travel to another planet on a peace mission that turns deadly. Very entertaining.
Confessions of a Dangerous Mind — George Clooney directs and stars in a movie about the creator of The Gong Show, Chuck Barris, and his alleged involvement with the CIA while he was producing The Dating Game. Great performances.

Cable TV
Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 — It's now been weeks since programmer Peter Prince has communicated with the Driftwood, but we're still guessing that the next program announcement will float our way before the end of March. But what's this about last weekend's Salt Spring FC game against Powell River Villa being broadcast on SSTV after Powell River cable audiences have their fill of it? Truth or rumour?

Exhibitions
Snap Shot and Reflexion — work by Judy Harper and Rachel Vadeboncoeur is at Moby's.
Donna Hall and Karen Reiss are showing sculpture pieces at Island Savings until April.
Xuhong Mao is exhibiting work in the ArtSpring lobby.
Dana Pennington shows Affairs of Life mixed-media pieces at Salt Spring Roasting Co.

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Singer brings her 'jazzy sweet voice' to two island shows

Audiences of all ages can take in what guarantees to be a dynamic performance at the Core Inn next Monday evening.

Only 80 tickets are available for an intimate concert by singer/songwriter/beat poet Jessakka Hill, set for 8 p.m. on March 10.

Hill will start the day by performing at Gulf Islands Secondary School before heading over to the Core Inn for the evening show.

Biographical information notes this is her "fifth year jumping around in the landscape of sound . . . It has been said she sounds like the love child from a little-known, spicy affair between noises made by the likes of Joni Mitchell and Dave Matthews."

According to press material, "akka Hill's style lends itself to a diverse group of music lovers and enables her to engage the audience in conversation.

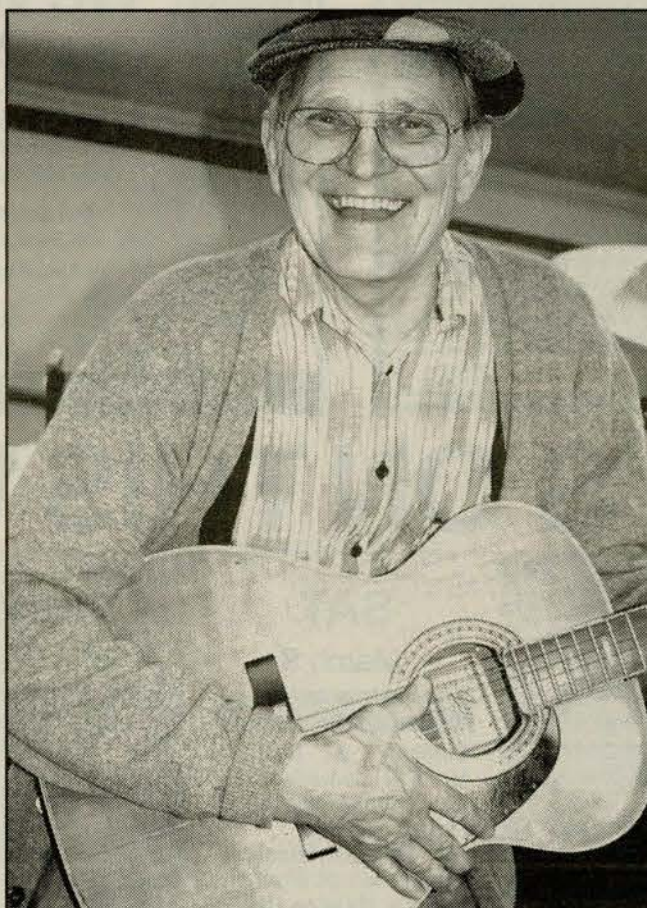
"She has been known to ask for volunteers to step up to the mic and attempt to sing along with the tongue twisters she has written into her poetry. This often leads to the sharing of tongue tricks, funny faces and a whole lot of laughter."

One reviewer applauds Hill's "jazzy, sweet and playful voice, her conscious, colourful and careful lyrics (and) her funky, intricate and skilled guitar playing.

Tickets are \$10 in advance available at Acoustic Planet Music in Ganges, or \$12 at the door.

Special guest Alissa Raye will join Hill for part of the night.

The concert is presented by Tarris Innovations.



READY TO ROCK: John Woodward is set to pluck out a tune at a Farmers' Institute flea market last Saturday. Photo by Derrick Lundy

New scholarship helps young writers

A new scholarship on Salt Spring will help springboard aspiring young writers into the world of creative writing.

The newly-formed Salt Spring Writers & Friends (SSW&F) will be offering a \$500 creative writing scholarship to a graduating Grade 12 student who wants to become a writer.

According to press material, this is the first writing scholarship offered to Gulf Islands graduates. The award will be accompanied by a selection of books written by island writers.

SSW&F will award the scholarship based entirely on the quality of submitted material — academic grades will not be relevant.

Submissions will be judged by professional writ-

ers from SSW&F.

Those interested in applying for the scholarship should submit either a manuscript of 10 poems (typed on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper), one chapter of a novel or a short story (minimum 2000 words) along with a covering letter that states why the applicant wants to be a writer.

Applicants should have plans to study creative writing at a recognized writing workshop, university or college creative writing program after they graduate.

Application deadline is April 25. (Further information is contained in the Gulf Islands Secondary School scholarship booklet.)

In the meantime, SSW&F is also looking for community support for the scholarship.

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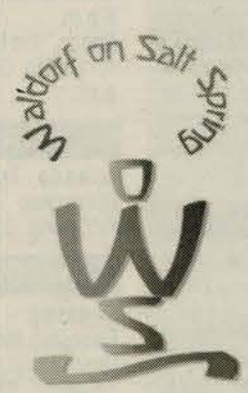


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2. Langdon Jack	381	499	880	44	27. Field Marilyn	324	481	805	54
3. Jason Chris	331	533	864	60	28. Grams Ed	308	496	804	42
4. Payne Jon	362	492	854	71	29. Devereux Mark	310	492	802	50
5. Tamboline Philip	343	511	854	72	30. Kerr Brian	369	431	800	47
6. Funk Rainer	394	459	853	46	31. Lynch Steve	320	480	800	53
7. Burns Lorne	340	506	846	65	32. Curtis Joe	308	490	798	48
8. Anderson Dennis	360	481	841	56	33. Bradbert Fred	336	461	797	47
9. Shaske Lucy	371	466	837	46	34. Miller Peter	362	434	796	53
10. Shaske Edward	363	474	837	44	35. Courtney Danny	338	452	790	52
11. Bader Larry	368	467	835	43	36. Campbell Peg	329	458	787	41
12. Eyles Evan	365	465	830	38	37. Redden Charlene	351	434	785	64
13. Godolton Jordan	372	455	827	70	38. Eyles Tobin	332	452	784	42
14. Grams Jessi	363	462	825	49	39. Byron Nicola	321	463	784	56
15. Forsyth Deb	321	504	825	53	40. Johnson Liam	322	462	784	55
16. Mara Kathy	359	465	824	52	41. Sneltinger Hannah	323	461	784	50
17. Johnson Cam	342	482	824	44	42. Bateman John	307	477	784	48
18. Garner Dag	340	480	820	54	43. Cunningham Jean	318	465	783	49
19. Reinholdt Kim	339	480	819	42	44. Moser John	327	456	783	59
20. Tamboline Grant	320	499	819	55	45. Miles Mike	322	460	782	47
21. Grams Doug	342	477	819	41	46. Huser Christian	337	444	781	49
22. Delmandallo Mallo	343	475	818	38	47. Alexander Jamie	309	470	779	66
23. Fuller Lorne	315	502	817	64	48. Tamboline Tina	336	442	778	54
24. Dunbar Bruce	343	473	816	71	49. Romain Sheldon	336	442	778	56
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					51. Byron Seth	314	462	776	51

52. Collette S	337	437	774	48	82. Marley Deanna	317	419	736	46
53. Buckley Jim	305	469	774	69	83. Hardy Connie	306	426	732	29
54. Robertson William	341	432	773	40	84. Robertson Bill	309	421	730	30
55. Huser Kara	341	432	773	39	85. Irwin-Campbell AR	340	390	730	40
56. Hitchcock Bill	304	466	770	46	86. Tamboline Todd	350	379	729	47
57. Shantz Lorne	309	460	769	55	87. Morrison	311	417	728	43
58. Funk Ziggy	325	443	768	36	88. Russell Lori	321	405	726	48
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70. Anderson Kobe	325	423	748	45	100. Villadsen Jeanne	286	406	692	28
71. Forsyth Norm	314	431	745	60	101. Hradecky Veruca	297	390	687	45
72. Courtney	307	438	745	56	102. Longeau Fiona	278	406	684	40
73. Morrison Jeremy	298	445	743	42	103. Marshall Janet	275	409	684	43
74. Speed Patti	326	417	743	33	104. Macrae Darren	281	398	679	42
75. Marleau Gerry	320	421	741	47	105. Steele Casey	263	416	679	31
76. Gillham Jeffrey	292	449	741	77	106. Strohmeir Monica	274	402	676	26
77. Shantz Colleen	328	413	741	47	107. Bayly Warren	285	387	672	35
78. Gillham Jerome	311	429	740	44	108. Smith Donald	309	362	671	36
79. Tanti Mary	320	419	739	50	109. Langdon Jocelyn	299	369	668	31
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BELOVED BAND BACK: Auntie Kate — Cathy Roland — sings to a jammed-packed crowd at Meaden Hall Saturday night as Club Mongo returns to Salt Spring. In the background, Dave Roland sets the beat on the bass. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Five-minute stints celebrate International Women's Day

A "raucous, rioting and rivetting good time" is promised at Saturday night's International Women's Day gala.

Called Five Feminist Minutes: A Celebration of Women's Talents, the event at Meaden Hall will see several island women take the stage for five minutes to show off their talents in poetry, comedy, songs and surprise performances.

The March 8 event begins at 7 p.m. and will be MCed by Deb Toole.

Some scheduled performers to date are "poets extraordinaire" Ahava Shira, Cherie Geauvreau and Vivian Nelson; and comedienne Florence Cook Reid.

Singers and musicians include Toole, Sue and

Virginia Newman, and Carolyn Flan and Marilyn Marshall with a surprise.

Two women's choirs — the Raging Grannies and Women of Note — will also perform.

Admission is by donation. International Women's Day was established by the

United Nations in 1977 to reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, to assess the challenges facing women in contemporary society, to consider future steps to enhance the status of women and, of course, to celebrate the gains made in these areas.

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Heard from Chicken Little?

Back in the bad old days of mining, when underpaid workers crawled

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and scabbled through underground shafts with pickaxes and carbon-arc headlamps, the mine owners didn't spend a lot of time or money improving the air those miners were breathing. So the miners were forced to look out for themselves and they came up with an ingenious method of monitoring the underground air quality. They took down canaries in cages.

Why canaries?

Because the miners didn't have to watch them; they could hear them.

Canaries sing pretty well all the time. When they're happy.

Canaries' songs change or stop completely when they're distressed or frightened. Or when the atmosphere around them turns threatening. Thus, canaries could tell when trouble was "in the air" long before the miners would become aware of it.

There's a school of thought that says we could learn a lot more from animals, if only we could decode the messages they're sending us. What do we make, for instance, of the swarm of frogs that recently surrounded a home in Double Bay, Australia?

As near as anyone can figure, the frogs were drawn by the cries of a newborn child. Hours after baby Gwen Notley came home from the hospital, the frogs started showing up in the front yard.

"By the end of the week, there were millions of frogs on our porch," says Gwen's father, Rourke.

Scientists were flummoxed. Maybe the baby's cries sounded like a frog mating call? The Notley's finally moved to a frog-free suburb of Sydney.

Here in Canada, we almost didn't have a Groundhog Day on February — due to an alarming shortage of groundhogs in Ontario. For years, believers have crouched around a groundhog hole near Warton, Ontario on February 2 to see if "Warton Willie" would see his shadow or not — legend being that if he does, we're in for another six weeks of winter. (Or is it if he DOESN'T see his shadow? Doesn't matter. It's just a photo op for newspapers and an excuse to have a few beers.)

The point is, there has never in all the years of Groundhog Day observing, been a problem with finding a groundhog. I grew up in a rural Ontario that had a lot of shortages — but never of groundhogs. Just about every farmer's field had a resident groundhog or two — sometimes whole colonies of them. And the rural roadsides were festooned with the remains of some of the slower ones. But in recent years, Ontario's groundhog population has nose-dived and no one is absolutely certain why.

Over in England, they're less worried about mineshaft canaries singing than the fact that they can't hear the chirp of a simple house sparrow. It wasn't long ago that the little grey and brown bird was considered a pest in British cities, towns and countryside. Now it's almost disappeared. "The population has fallen by 99 percent since 1980," says ornithologist Denise Summers-Smith. "This is almost extinction."

So what's causing the virtual obliteration of a feisty little bundle of feathers that survived the Blitz, air pollution, British housecats and the music of Herman's Hermits?

Then there are the penguins at the San Francisco zoo. Forty-six of them. They've been lazing around on the banks of their pond in the penguin enclosure for the past five years, preening their feathers and waiting for their three-squares-a-day zoo handouts.

Until the newcomers came. Six new penguins were introduced to the enclosure last month. The newcomers instantly jumped in the pond and began swimming. Weirdly, the original 46 also jumped in and began churning around the pond as fast as they could go.

And they're still doing it. The penguins swim until they collapse from exhaustion. They rest a while, then they get up and start the marathon again.

"We've lost complete control," says a zoo official. "They've swum more in the last three weeks than they have in the past five years."

The zookeepers even drained the pool in an effort to interrupt the behaviour.

The penguins jumped in and marched around the bottom.

What's the deal? It's like the massing Australian frogs, the disappearing Ontario groundhogs and the brink-of-extinction British house sparrows — nobody knows for sure.

But it might be wrong to jump to apocalyptic conclusions. We mustn't forget the case of the Massachusetts two-headed toad.

This biological phenomenon was discovered by a four-year-old girl in Framingham, Mass., and written up in the town's newspaper, The Metro West Daily News.

"The two amphibians are conjoined, unidentical twins," read the newspaper report.

A week later, the paper printed a "correction." What the girl had found was, in fact, two toads. Being extremely friendly with each other.

"The male toad was hanging on for dear life," explained a local biologist.

Err. Precisely.

Freud was right. Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.



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HORNETS' NEST: Hamish Lloyd, Tom Berry and Colin McDougall (behind a defender) attack the Saanich Hornets' net during a Salt Spring Division Six corner kick at Portlock Park Sunday. The Div. 6 team lost 5-3 to Saanich.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Titans nail shut-out in big season finale

The U15 silver Titans boys ended their regular season with a 9-0 bang over a Bays United squad at Windsor Field in Victoria Saturday.

But even though the Titans' heavy-hitting offence racked up goals, an equally tenacious defensive unit deserves praise, said coach Peter Haase.

Julian Goodman opened the scoring with a beautiful shot from 18 yards.

Both Paris Haase and Yoni Marmorstein scored hat-tricks, Goodman scored a second goal and Ryan McLeod went past two defenders to score unassisted.

Titans keeper Zander Ritson stopped a couple of hard shots to earn the shut-out while defenders Boris Sipone and Sheylon Young also had outstanding games, the coach noted.

"They went above and beyond the norm."

The Titans are now heading into instant knock-out cup games where the winner will go on to the provincials. The Salt Spring team is currently at second position in the league with a shot at promotion to the gold division.

"With our performance in the last few games, our chemistry is really coming together," said coach Haase.

Run training continues

By **BEN COOPER**
Driftwood Contributor

"Try some light jogging or walking before you stretch, or stretch after you run. Stretching 'cold' muscles can cause more harm than good." (Runners World).

Last week's great weather was a bonus for getting out and training for the upcoming Salt Spring Indoor Pool Association (SSPLASH) running event.

Registration forms are available at North End Fitness and the Chamber of Commerce, where entry forms will also be collected.

Participants can also register on-line (www.splash.org).

The SSPLASH running event schedule was developed by SportMed BC and can be found on its website (www.sportmedbc.com) along with other useful running information.

The three-session training schedule for beginners in week four is to run for two minutes and walk for three minutes with 11 repetitions (55 minutes) for session one; nine repetitions (45 minutes) for session two and 10 repetitions (50 minutes) for session three.

Experienced runners can run 40 minutes in session one, 35 minutes in session two and 40 minutes in session three.

Hornets swarm all over Div. 6

Salt Spring FC's Division 6 men's team was stung but undaunted in a 5-3 loss against the Saanich Hornets at Portlock Park Sunday.

"They showed up to play and wanted to win. Nonetheless, I had a great time," said coach-captain Mike Brown. "On a positive note it doesn't affect our standing in any way and they were happy to get the win."

Since winter travels have whisked a few players to exotic lands and promising stars have been drafted by the Div. 1 FC team, Div. 6 has seen their numbers dwindle from 28 to 13

players over the season.

"We have no chance at promotion and I'm fine with that. Our purpose is to be a farm team for the Division 1 team."

Div. 6 will only need one more win and a tie over its next three games to solidify third place in the division, Brown said.

They played especially well against Saanich, given that they were down to 10 men for the second half, he noted.

"It was a good chance for a lot of players to get a feel for different positions."

After the islanders were down 2-0, Div. 6 staged a

comeback and Daemon Baker scored the first Salt Spring goal by nailing a rebound after he crashed the net with Colin McDougall and Tom Berry.

Following another Hornet stinger to wrap up the first half, Baker made a sacrificial pass to McDougall, who went in to score a second Div. 6 goal.

But tough luck gave the islanders a 4-2 deficit under another Saanich net-popper.

Maintaining pressure against the visitors, Salt Spring earned a free kick at 20 yards and Brown pounded the ball into the net.

"I was aiming for Colin's chest and it hit a defender's head who'd bent over. I don't know what he was thinking. It hit his head and went straight in."

But just as Salt Spring had formulated a comeback, the Saanich swarm picked up another goal to finish off the match.

"The other team took their opportunities on a kick-and-run style of play; that's the risk on an off-side trap. Everybody needs to know their part," Brown said.

Div. 6 next faces Lakehill at Braefoot Park 2:15 p.m. Sunday.

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Alonso has Games gold medal in sight

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Judo Club will be cheering for islander Natalya Alonso when she competes at the Canada Winter Games in New Brunswick this week.

"She does have every chance to bring home the gold," said coach Shaun Adams. "If she doesn't win, it will just be luck."

Alonso has beaten every competitor in her class from western Canada, Adams said.

"She hasn't lost a tourney fight in a couple of years. I'm sure there are lots of athletes who wish they could say that."

The mild-mannered 12-year-old athlete has incredible ability and balance, Adams said.

"I've watched her practising with much bigger young men and throwing them around."

Her delicate appearance is quiet misleading.

"She looks like she'd have a black belt in shopping."

But she commands the top of her 39-44 kilogram juvenile women's weight class.

Her eight-year-old brother Adrian is another tenacious fighter who just placed fourth

at the North Vancouver Spirit Invitational qualifier tournament last weekend. "He's already had more tournament fights than a professional boxer," Adams said. "He's a brave and gutsy young man."

Though Adrian was shut out of the medals in the March 1 tourney, he was only a hair away from a win in each match.

"One fight could have been used for an instructional video to show intelligent and creative technique."

Fellow Salt Spring competitor Ian Simpson placed fifth in the Juvenile Men's under-71 kilogram class in North Vancouver.

Megan Leitch placed second among junior women and Sasha Floercke won a gold medal.

"Sasha was so much better than the opposition, remarkably better," Adams said.

While Natalya Alonso battles in New Brunswick this week, Floercke and Leitch will keep a lock on upcoming national and world championships.

And given a couple more years of practice, young dynamo Adrian Alonso could reign king over his division as well.

Slugs squelch Typhoon

A few special guests helped the Salt Spring Slugs blow out the Saanich Typhoon 18-5 at Fuller Lake Arena Sunday night.

"We usually beat them soundly, but they were a little short-staffed," said Slugs forward Derek Topping.

Saanich was only able to muster five skaters for the game and looked a little short on bluster.

But that didn't deter the ex-goalie from scoring five goals against the Typhoon team, given his second start out of the net this season.

Topping's linemates Bob Akerman and Blaine Johnson each scored hat-tricks.

And veteran Slug Brad Patchett scored three goals while visiting the island from his new home in Fort McMurray.

Even gardening ace Peter Huser came

out to play and scored with "the old 'Geritol' line," Topping said.

"We almost nailed him to a contract last night," Topping said Monday.

Huser's linemates Pat Akerman and Todd McIntyre each scored two goals for a total of five for the night.

"The young line outscored the old line even with a goalie on offence," Topping said.

As a bonus to the evening, the game almost met record attendance figures with one fan in the stands.

"Patty's dad [Bob Akerman Sr.] came along to keep him intact."

If the Slugs can keep up friendly visits from their vast mucilage pool, they should be able to continue a slimy drive for top spot in the recreational conference.



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Question answered; top scores released

By PAULA BEDFORD
Driftwood Contributor

I didn't have to dig too deep to find the answer to last week's question about when the automatic pinsetters were installed.

My brother Danny (aka The Machine) said it was the Christmas week of 1969. He should know 'cause it was him and our dad who hurried that week so they could re-open January 1, 1970 "all automatic."

Danny just reconditioned all the pinsetters in September of 2002! Wow, bet they don't build them that way anymore.

A reminder that you don't have to wait until Christmas to have a staff get-together. Come see me to find out more.

Now for our top scores.
Circus: Ron Cunningham, 207, Brian Radford, 217.

Tuesday a.m. seniors club: Jim Glenn, 211, Marg Baker, 207, 236/617, Ken Robinson, 211.

Tuesday p.m. seniors club: John Pringle, 222, Ken Robinson, 210, Bruce Watkins, 201, 205.

Special Olympics: Jimmy Beck, 151, Carlos Manzano, 160, Gloria Dale, 169, Jason Newport, 197, Dominic George, 157.

Legion: Ron Cunningham, 221, Ken Ditlof, 230. Myles' new shoes are hot! 210, 205, 213/628. Nikki Moreau 243, and guest bowler Jerry Williams from Vancouver, 201, 205.

Not only does Jerry bowl great, but he's going to send over some fun ideas for bowling. Thanks, Jerry.

I did it, I finally beat The Machine — 248, 242/649.

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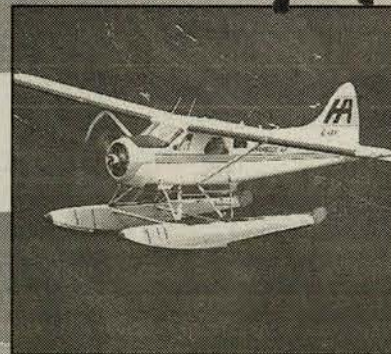


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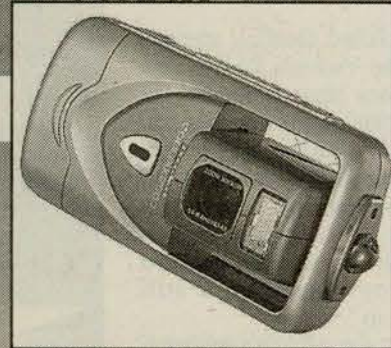
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'Plucky FC upstarts' challenge Div. 1 champs

By **KEN MARR**

Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring FC stymied a power-house Division 1 Powell River Villa team through regulation and extra time in the second round of the Jackson Cup, but the match was resolved by the whims of a shoot-out for a 4-2 Villa win in Powell River Sunday.

It could be argued that FC had nothing to lose from the game.

They could serve themselves up as dinner to Villa and still go home with their heads held high. At the very least they would be considered plucky upstarts no matter how lopsided the result.

But to come out and survive a ferocious early onslaught by Villa and then wrestle control of the game away! Well, this must have been revelatory to the seasoned football

cognoscenti of Powell River, if not to themselves.

Villa went directly into attack off the opening kick-off and seemed intent on providing FC with an early and painful introduction to the big league.

Salt Spring never looked entirely rattled, especially due to keeper Jono McDonald who made two stunning early saves.

The first sure sign that Salt Spring belonged in the top division was the speed with which they adapted to the pace of the game.

The second sure sign of FC's arrival began with Corbin Scott sending Mark Nordine down the right side. Nordine hit an early cross to a hard-charging Rhys Beasley, whose header flashed just past the wrong side of the post.

While Chris Jason and Jeremy Morrison waged an

energetic battle for control of the middle, Dave McColl and Scott invited more players into attack.

FC had four excellent chances in the first half but was matched by Villa as the game see-sawed back and forth through the break and into the second half.

After the introduction of Harrison Jason midway through the second, the momentum skewed heavily in favour of the visitors.

Villa was already stretched thin by the excellent work of Beasley, McColl, Scott, Tom McColm and Chris Langdon, so the arrival of Jason looked likely to tip the balance entirely.

Villa managed to survive until the end of regulation but was fortunate to do so.

In the half hour of extra-time it was a different matter.

Somehow the home side dug deep into their vast reserves of experience and found the drive to fight back.

You wouldn't have expected anything less from a side of their quality and, but for some superb and brave goalkeeping from McDonald, they might have conjured up a winner.

Nevertheless it was

McColm who supplied the closest thing to a winning goal when he broke free on the left and ripped a shot a hair's breadth past the right post.

But 120 minutes of scoreless soccer had to be settled by penalty kicks.

Villa put four past McDonald, who nearly pulled off two remarkable saves,

while only Nordine and Jesse Fisher could score from the spot for FC.

The decision went to Powell River, but in any number of ways FC was a winner on the day too.

Islanders can see the game, which was filmed by Powell River TV, when it airs on Salt Spring TV.

Squad bounced from cup game

The Salt Spring Old Boys captured an early 2-0 lead but fell to a 3-2 finish against the Victoria Athletics in Tony Grover Cup play at Topaz Park Sunday.

"It was a strange game," said Old Boys team member Alvaro Sanchez. "We outplayed them big time in the first half but we were slack in the second half and they came back and scored three goals."

Salt Spring already had a couple of chances before the Old Boys scored 20 minutes into the match.

Sanchez brought the ball down the right wing and fed a pass through to Rainer Funk who was streaking in from the left.

"He met the ball at the top of the box and put it between the keeper's legs," Sanchez said.

A failed clearing attempt by the Victoria keeper five minutes later resulted in an interception for Sanchez and another goal for Salt Spring.

"The keeper was still out of his net and I lobbed it over his head. He almost made it because the ball was rolling slowly but it still went in."

But the Athletics rebounded to score two minutes into the second half, Sanchez said.

"Their first goal was a beautiful goal."

An attacking Victoria player with his back to the net flicked the ball over his head and an Old Boys defender. He then spun, walked around the defender and finished the ball in front of the keeper.

The two other Athletics goals came from bad bounces on an awful field, Sanchez said.

Salt Spring mustered a tying goal near the end of regulation time but the shot was waved off for an offensive violation in the box.

"With a tie we could have made it to the next round," Sanchez said. The Old Boys still have a shot at returning to cup play pending the results of other games next week. "But that's unlikely," he added. "We are already thinking about the May tournament."

Until then the Old Boys will keep practising and try

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6 DEATHS

SPENCER, A. N. (Spence): Born on Aug 6, 1912 in Alberta. Passed away at Lady Minto Hospital on Feb. 25, 2003. Survived by his nephew George McGillivray, niece Iris Steward, companion Doreen, and Marty and Brian. At Spence's request there will be no service. Donations in Spence's memory may be made to Lady Minto Hospital. The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to the doctors and nurses of Lady Minto for their care and kindness.

PERRY, EILEEN (nee Body) Born May 2, 1916 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Extended care February 4, 2003. Predeceased by her husband Alan Perry, 1966. Survived by her caring step-daughter Diane Hromyk, step-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Eileen has resided on S.S.I. since 1965. She will be remembered for her years as a volunteer and caregiver, not forgetting her enthusiasm as a member of a bowling team. Grateful thanks to Dr. Woodley, nursing staff and caregivers of Lady Minto Hospital for their dedicated and compassionate care. A memorial service at St. Marks Anglican Church, Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, 135 Crofton Rd. S.S.I., V8K 1T1 in Eileen Perry's name.

STOCKS: RONALD Kemp, March 14, 1920 - February 21, 2003. After a short stay on Saltspring Island, Ron left us in the same dignified way he lived his life. He was a respected Pharmacist, businessman, loving father, grandfather and a true friend to everyone. His wisdom, wit and funny stories will be greatly missed by his children Terry, Susan, Greg (Diana), Kirstin (Phil) & Jonathan (Marcie); grandchildren Jamin (Bronwyn), Leah (Josh), Tristen (Christine), Kathy (Martin), Andrea, Jennifer & Eli-anna and all his great-grandchildren. Private memorial will be held March 6, 2003.

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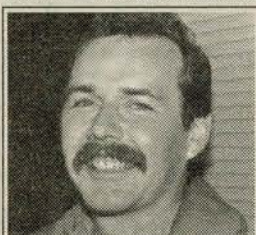
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10 CELEBRATIONS



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20 COMING EVENTS

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SWOVA INVITES everyone to "Five Feminist Minutes: A celebration of Women's Talents" on International Women's Day, Saturday, March 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Meaden Hall (Legion). Admission by donation. Everyone welcome!

POETRY WORKSHOP with Lorraine Gane. Practical and inspiring for poets at all levels. Mondays, March 10 - 31, 7-9:00 p.m. \$120. 537-5294.

SOS! SINGLE On Saltspring, Pisces dance party with Gene Grooms Band. Arvid as Maggie! All welcome. Saturday, March 8, Mahon Hall, 8 p.m. \$12.

WIM KRAYENHOFF Memorial Bridge Tournament. Friday, March 21 at noon. Fulford Community Hall. \$20 (includes lunch). All profits to Planned Parenthood. 537-0897.

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at <http://www.gulfislands.net>. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

WORLD DAY of Prayer, March 7th, at Our Lady of Grace Church 1:30 pm. Inter-denominational - Everyone Welcome! 135 Drake Rd.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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BUSINESS LADIES Golf Spring Meeting, Sunday, March 9, 10 a.m. at the Salt Spring Island Golf Club. New members welcome. For more information call Joyce Scott, 653-9360.

FREE REIKI introductory evening March 14. Reiki One Course March 23. Reiki Two Course March 30. All ages welcome. Joy 537-8411, www.innerjoy.ca.

DA MO TAI CHI at Beaver Pt. Hall. Free on Sundays 3-5 p.m. Info 250-472-3679.

Annual General Meeting
Mount Belcher Improvement District
Thursday, March 13th, 2003
7:00 p.m.
All Saints' By The Sea
Anglican Church, Lower Hall
110 Park Drive

Coming Events
Did you know that the R.C. Legion #92 gave \$400 towards the "Helmets For Life" program on Salt Spring Island?



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Super Dance Party!
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MEADEN HALL
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THURSDAY,
March 6 - 7:00pm
Early Birds - 6:30pm
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20 COMING EVENTS

ART CLASSES in watercolor or acrylics in small group setting. April-June. Beginner to advanced. Val Konig 537-9531.

FABULOUS FLEAMARKET, Saturday, March 22. 11 am to 3 p.m. at Fulford Hall, entrance free. Food available. Table rental #18 prepaid. Information, 537-5482.

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32 MEETINGS

SALT SPRING ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003
Lower Hall United Church Ganges
Tea 3:30 p.m.
Meeting 3:45 p.m.
Election of four Trustees
Nominations from the floor accepted
Special Report from the Long-Range Planning Committee
The report may be viewed at the library after March 13

32 MEETINGS

MEETING BOARD of Directors of Central Community Hall, Tuesday March 18th, 7:00pm. Public welcome.

THE SALT Spring Golf and C.C. Ladies Annual Spring Business Meeting will be held Tuesday, March, 19th at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. All lady playing members are welcome.

Salt Spring Island Historical Society
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. March 12, 2003
at Central Hall
Jonathan Yardley
to talk about
"Historical sites and buildings on Saltspring Island"
All welcome

Notice of Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of the **Alliance of Salt Spring Artists**
will be held at
The Sailing Club
152 Douglas Road
on
Wednesday, March 5th
from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

please come for a potluck dinner and social time, followed by the AGM

Agenda
• Minutes of 2002 AGM
• Financial Report
• Adoption of 2003 budget
• Report from the Chair
• Reports from Shows
• Venues Reports
• New Business - proposal to raise commission rates
• Election of Board of Directors

34 NOTICES

CANADIAN FIREARMS Safety Courses. Core Hunting Program. Info 537-1243.

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School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
 A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held at Gulf Islands Secondary School Wednesday, March 12, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Public welcome!

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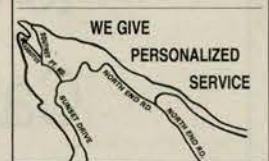
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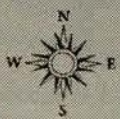
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a belly button is seldom as
 urgent as extricating a har-
 poon from a carotid. A rag-
 ing wart doesn't generate the
 same nervousness an out-
 break of PMS.

Yet abdominal pain and
 rashes tend to be the tough-
 est problems for most GPs to
 solve. A patient can often be
 panic stricken about an
 intense rash, one that I might
 not recognize. Adding,
 "Wow, I have never seen that
 before on a live patient!"

tends to convert their panic
 into frenzied terror.

So I call up a helpful der-
 matologist, the nicest of all
 specialists (something to do
 with eight hours sleep), who
 calmly solves the carcass
 conundrum.

They are expert rasholo-
 gists, toenailologists and
 bleebieologists. Knowing
 about a few common bleeb-
 ies may save you unneces-
 sary panic. So, while I close
 my eyes, remove all of your
 clothes, get out a mirror and
 check for:

Seborrheic Keratosis

Commonly mistaken for
 moles or warts, SKs are,
 next to moles, the most com-
 mon skin lesion. Seen in the
 aging population (i.e. those
 whose actions creak louder
 than their words), SKs are
 found primarily on the trunk,
 back, face and hands.

They have a tan colour
 and a stuck-on appearance,
 meaning that they are only
 part of the outer layer of skin
 (epidermis). Those with sev-
 eral SKs look as though they

have rolled naked in a field
 of light brown gum.

An SK might be a large
 thick hard wad of gum, or a
 small thin piece. And like
 gum, SKs can virtually be
 scraped off the skin with a
 dinner knife and flicked
 across the table for a little
 dining fun. They can even be
 gnawed off with your teeth
 (for those hard-to-reach SKs,
 remove denture and start
 champing). Should you be
 blessed with a more refined
 upbringing than my own, see
 a doctor who will freeze
 them off or scrape them with
 the cheese grater.

Skin Tags

Do not turn into cancer. 50
 per cent of these wee
 cauliflowers are found in the
 armpits, 35 per cent on the
 neck and the rest in the
 groin. Tags typically hang on
 a stalk like a floppy little
 mushroom and get caught on
 clothing or necklaces, cam-
 era straps, purse straps,
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 gernails, the cat, pony tails,
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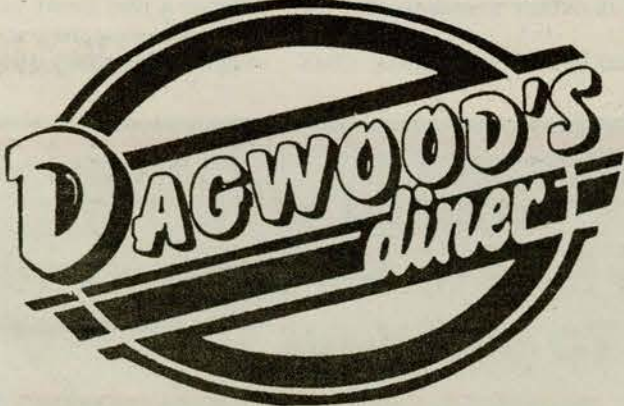
ZZZ top beards, mink stoles
 and the like. A good sized
 tag can tear into grandma's
 pearl necklace like it was
 silly string. Have those tags
 snipped or frozen off.

Basal Cell Cancer

I recall a dermatologist
 taking me for a stroll and
 pointing out numerous peo-
 ple walking about sporting
 BCCs on their face. This
 most common of the skin
 cancers has a pearly white
 border and occurs only in
 the white population. They
 are sun-sensitive tumours,
 85 per cent of which occur
 on the face, 30 per cent on
 the nose alone.

Not an aggressive cancer
 that can metastasize, this
 basal cell cancer invades the
 skin eating away at the nose,
 like Michael's plastic sur-
 geon.

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 checked out by a profession-
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Tip of the Week:

That magic moment has finally arrived and it is here to stay for about 7 years. Uranus

enters Pisces in the Tropical Zodiac on March 10th at 3:54 Pm PST. (Interestingly, that is also said to be the Birthday of Osama Bin Laden! Uranus acts as a revolutionary and an awakener. As mentioned in recent weeks, when Uranus was in Capricorn, the sign of political structures, the Berlin Wall was toppled and the Cold War along with the Soviet Union, not to mention the Union itself, ended. While Uranus was in it's own sign of Aquarius the Internet was born, many breakthroughs occurred in the realms of science and technology and the Euro Dollar was officially implemented signaling a merging of economies. While in Pisces, Uranus will revolutionize what and who we believe and why. Pisces is the sign of the collective subconscious or the mental and emotional or astral world as well as of dreams, illusions and fantasies etc. Pisces is also linked to institutions like schools, hospitals, churches and any other institutions focused upon social welfare. All the above will go through revolutionary change. As Pisces is the sign that understands the workings of subtler dimensions of reality, our whole collective concept of what is deemed real and/or spiritual will be changed while Uranus transits through Pisces.

ably has caused a little rattle and roll. You feel feisty and determined to follow through with the revolutionary pace. Your capacity to see things in a very clear light is strong now. Only beliefs and judgments of others may stand in the way of full clarity. You are willing to live and let live but that may require a few definite changes. Meanwhile, your soul is calling. You will be reminded about what security means to you.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

The spiritual mystics and masters have always thought others to see beyond duality. Duality is another word for the physical world. The physical world, in turn, is co-created with the division of a greater whole into male and female, right and left, black and white, Yin and Yang etcetera. Yes, reality as we popularly know it is based on a simple binary code. Seeing beyond this code means seeing with the higher wisdom mind or heart and is what is know as a transcendental process. See above and beyond!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

You are awakening to ever-deeper levels of reality. As you do your heart is opening and you feel more kinship with strangers and love for humanity. Also, you are moved to refine and heal your relationship with your everyday life. You are ready to go, see and learn new things and meet new people. While you honor differences, you are increasingly able to see that we are all essentially the same. We are all spiritual and human beings with hearts and desires to love and create. See more but keep it simple.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)

The drums are beating loudly now. Change is rumbling on the horizon. You are ready to negotiate a new deal. You seek more freedom and security at the same time. You are rapidly reaching a plateau. From this place you will know better what you want and what you do not want. It will take several months before you achieve this place, however. Ideally you are open and ready for some kind of rebirth. In the meantime, get sporty and/or physical.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)

Making changes in your daily routine that include more of a focus on health is a central theme now. This may include an artistic and/or spiritual aspect in the picture. Mind/body links are gaining your attention. You are ready to shuffle and renovate things both close to home and on the job. You want an overall better fit between who you feel yourself to be and how things are actually. Start by associating pain to all the bad habits you want to quit and pleasure to a healthier life style.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)

You are ready to build a more solid foundation in your life. This includes both your personal and your professional relationships. You want more

fun and romance, adventure and spirituality. Begin to create this by honoring the individuality of the people in your life and this includes your own. Acknowledge yourself and others for what each person brings to the given relationship. Focus on the positive. This will serve to activate and uplift what you may feel is lacking. Lead by example.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

An escape into the sanctuary of your mind or one of some other kind is calling you now. This is the last stretch of winter and your chance to go within and dream a little more before the springtime pace begins. Hot baths, tubs and springs are like-ly choices. Anyway you can cuddle in close to home and feel soothed and secure will fit the picture. Take time to visualize your commitment to a more refined and secure base of operations. Plan to take direct action, later.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Striking a balance between what you deem fact and fantasy is a central theme now. This implies knowing the line between the reality and the illusion of your own self and perhaps the bigger picture as well. This process is accented now and will continue all the while that Uranus is in Pisces. Yours is quite a mystical path this time around. You are destined to discover that reality is not quite all that it appears to be the five senses. With this awareness you will help to restore harmony with nature.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Why is it that getting back to basics is not quite as simple as it used to be? Simple, we have made life very complex. Re-establishing wholesome values and activities is a good place to start to restore simplicity. How do you think you can do that in such a way that it might benefit others as well as yourself? Even simply holding a vision and/or an intention helps. Have faith in your manifestation powers. Begin with thoughts; follow-up with spoken and written words and actions will grow.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

With the Sun and especially Uranus now in your sign you are in a pioneering and revolutionary mood. Inner guidance is telling you that the time has come to make certain definite changes. Initiations of a variety of kinds will begin soon and continue for two to three years! These will include creating more stable modes of perception and operation. Your first task is to learn how to create a more reliable approach to freedom. Whether it is a more regular meditation practice or how to balance your chequebook or both, there is work to do.

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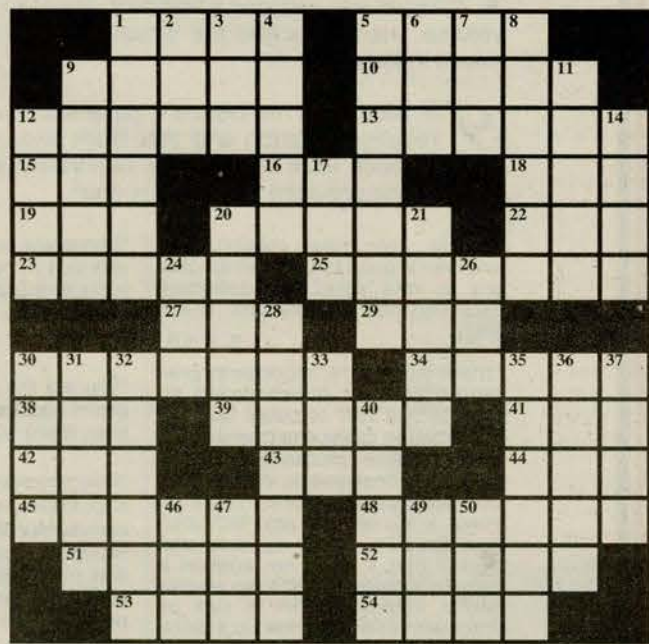
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Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

You have recently been awakened to new beliefs and attitudes. This prob-

Tsunami girls sweep basketball tourney



UNBEATABLE: The Salt Spring Middle School Tsunami basketball team is picking up easy wins in most matches they play. However, a tough final in a mid-island basketball tournament forced the girls to pour on the power.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Tsunami Grade 8 girls swamped their opposition to win the Mid-Island Basketball Tournament in a scrambling final Friday.

After dominating the league in regular season play, the SIMS girls trounced the Cowichan Lake Lakers 49-14 without much trouble in the tournament's second round.

(Tsunami had a bye for the first round while the Lakers topped Shawnigan.)

"It was a comfortable win. But I'd have to say that the Lakers were an extremely competitive team that never gave up," said Tsunami coach Karen Hosie.

The islanders faced a tough Queen Margaret's School (QMS) team for the championship final at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

"We knew they had a couple of good players that were going to be our challenge," Hosie said.

QMS had beaten Quamichan and Brentwood in earlier rounds to play the islanders.

At the end of the first quarter, QMS

and SIMS were tied 10-10.

The Tsunami girls were trying hard and just had a handle on the game, Hosie said.

While SIMS was still scrambling at the half, they led 20-15 and started to "read the other team better," she added.

But a few key suggestions from visiting GISS senior girls coach Lyall Ruehlen helped the Tsunami girls start the second half with added determination.

"I would say that one of Lyall's suggestions enabled the girls to completely shut down QMS' fast little guard who kept sneaking past us in the first half," Hosie said. "It was definitely a fast-paced, exciting game for the girls."

The Tsunami girls slowly built momentum on their lead to finish the game 52-31.

A large crowd of parents, teachers and students attending the SIMS games offered a real boost for the girls when they were struggling at the start of their match against QMS, Hosie said.

SIMS boys battle injuries but still shine on the court

The Grade 8 Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Tsunami boys worked through injuries and adversity to take a second-place finish at the Mid-Island Basketball Tournament in Shawnigan Lake last weekend.

"We normally have nine players but one was away sick; one had a broken finger and played anyway; one slammed his fingers in a door and played; and one had a bad back and still played," said coach Ken Cameron.

A broken finger couldn't keep Gilbert Comeau off the ball and despite Liam Johnston's smashed hand, he had a great game along with Kirby Garside to drown hosts Shawnigan Lake 66-14 in the opening match Friday morning.

A second match saw Tsunami triumph 63-27 against Duncan Christian School (DCS) Friday afternoon.

Gordon Havelaar and

Alex Hannah stood out in the DCS match even though Hannah had to ice his back between shifts, Cameron said.

The final match against Quamichan Saturday was "a real crowd pleaser," he noted.

"Quamichan came in shooting the lights out."

Cameron worked with fellow coaches Susan Garside and Stu Rimmer to help the boys come back from a deficit.

After SIMS fell behind in the first half, they battled back to lead by one point at various times in the third quarter with tight "see-saw" action.

"Jordon Borth played really well and hit a couple of three-pointers that got us back in the game."

Unfortunately, Tsunami centre Eland Bronstein rolled his ankle during the counterattack, which depleted the SIMS squad even further.

In the subsequent shuf-

fle, Bob Byron stepped up to play forward and dazzled onlookers as he beat a Quamichan student who towered over him.

SIMS kept within two points in the fourth quarter but a late foul sent Quamichan up by four.

A late attack in the last 10 seconds put Tsunami on the rim. But in the end, Quamichan won 54-50.

"Our team played really well with all the injuries," Cameron said.

The Tsunami Grade 8 boys finished up the season with only three losses, he noted.

The SIMS Grade 7 boys also host a mid-island tournament on Wednesday, March 6, with a 1 p.m. final match.

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