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ALMOST-SPRING SNOWFALL: Islanders awoke Sunday morning to several centimetres of snow, prompting play as well as some roadside difficulties. At top, a Mandalay Gardens angel carries an extra load of the white stuff; while above, some visitors to Salt Spring slip off Fulford-Ganges Road, and, at right, Ocea Skrodolis prepares to throw a snowball.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Trust limited to 'in the box' change

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Dramatic changes in how the Islands Trust functions or spreads its tax burden among the islands won't be stealing the political lime-light in the near future.

Islands Trust Council heard last week that the provincial government is not entertaining any "out of the box" restructuring concepts - such as allowing the Trust to assume responsibility for service delivery - for at least the next few years.

And while trustees voted to include the issue of "tax equity" in an overall examination of governance renewal taking place in the next

few months, two other proposals put forth by Salt Spring trustee Eric Booth were soundly rejected.

Those proposals were to make future tax adjustments retroactive to the 2003-04 fiscal year - which would have given property owners on some islands a tax "rebate" at some point - and to institute a weighted voting system favouring more populated Trust islands when it comes to financial decisions.

Some trustees agreed a weighted voting system could be added to the governance renewal discussion list, while others felt it

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GISS takes spot among BC best

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) has been lauded as one of the top schools in the province by the Fraser Institute's Report Card on British Columbia's Secondary Schools released Monday.

But GISS principal Nancy Macdonald isn't celebrating accolades promoted by the independent public policy organization.

The Fraser Institute ranked GISS 15th out of 279 schools in their Report Card with a score of 86 per cent. Among B.C.'s public schools, only Vancouver's University Hill Secondary (tied among 10 schools for first place) and Prince of Wales Secondary (ranked 14th) can boast a better score from the Report Card.

"I take it obviously with a grain of salt," said Macdonald. "I've gone on record as being pretty critical of the Fraser Institute Report Card."

GISS GETS THE GRADE 2

Loose dogs evoke sheep 'killing season'

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Lily the lamb is happily cavorting around the laundry room of a Ruckle Park farmhouse after surviving a dog attack while still in utero. But the little lamb has a sad story to bleat.

Though Lily and her mother were lucky to live through the dog encounter, the two animals still have a questionable future after the incident left a lingering legacy on the working farm.

"We will have to cull the ewe out," said sheep farmer Mike Lane. "It cost her her life even though the dog didn't touch her. A dog doesn't have to bite them to kill them."

The pregnant ewe had been chased to an ocean-side cliff when Ruckle Park visitors let their two dogs run off-leash near the sheep flock in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Even though Lane was

able to intercept the dogs before they ravaged the animals, damage was already done to the terrified sheep.

"You can just imagine an eight-month pregnant mother being chased by a mass-murderer with two knives saying, 'I'm gonna kill you.'"

Three weeks after the attack, Lane had to pull three lambs from the ewe after she had birthing complications. Consequently, he won't

breed her again.

He won't even be able to use the ewe for meat since he had to give her antibiotics following the birth.

"Who wants to eat something that's had antibiotics?" Lane asked.

Though Lily was born to become a market lamb, she will now be raised as a breeder because she also received two courses of antibiotics.

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Chess champ

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A young Salt Spring chess prodigy crushed opponents in the Greater Victoria Regional Chess Tournament to earn a berth at the upcoming B.C. Chess Challenge Finals.

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Leitch aces exam

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) is celebrating the remarkable academic achievements of Megan Leitch, who scored a stunning 100 per cent in her Mathematics 12 provincial exam.



Leitch

But the intellectual islander didn't just hit one homerun exam, Leitch also scored 97 per cent in English 12, another 97 per cent in Biology 12 and a 96 per cent in Chemistry 12 during a January exam blitz.

"I suppose I'm a pretty competitive person," Leitch said.

While she wasn't certain she'd aced every math question, she checked her answers with GISS teacher John Nicolson and fellow student Charlotte Curtis (who scored 99 per cent in the same math exam).

The last GISS student to score 100 per cent in Math 12 was Leitch's brother Adrian last year.

"I find it interesting that the two top scores were girls this year. It proves that it's a misconception that boys perform better in mathematics than girls — quite to the contrary," she said.

There is an eight to one ratio of girls to boys in her elective calculus class, she added.

Other GISS-highlighted exam scores were Cory Marshall with 97 per cent in English 12, Sada Keel with 96 per cent in Biology 12 and Dustin Fennell with a 95 in Geography 12.

In addition to Leitch's regimen of two-to-three hours of homework per day, she also exercises daily through judo, badminton, running and weight training.

"It's a tight schedule but if you discipline yourself well, you can make it work."

At 16, Leitch is not only the youngest student in her graduating class, she's also the youngest judo black belt in the province.

Next year she plans on studying mechanical engineering with a special emphasis in robotics or biomedical technology. McGill or Queens universities are her top choices.

One reason to select McGill is that Montréal is also the national judo training centre, she said. Leitch admitted she's keeping an eye open for the Olympics.

"A lot of people think you're either a 'jock' or a 'nerd' but you can do both if you manage your time wisely."

GISS GETS THE GRADE

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Macdonald believes the Fraser Institute ranking system fails to include qualitative data about education and makes unfair comparisons between schools with different socio-economic environments.

"It doesn't take into consideration special education and the whole spectrum of what schools do," she said.

But she is pleased Report Card writers have expanded their data collection tools to include more inclusive aspects such as dropout rates, gender equality and graduation rates.

"My wish is that the Fraser Institute would continue to broaden their scope to include other pieces of data."

Prior to the 2001-2002 year, GISS garnered a 68 per cent score and a 78th-place ranking.

And though GISS took a big jump in provincial exam scores for the year in question, changes to Report Card data collection techniques might have been the biggest boost to Gulf Islands "performance."

Macdonald believes GISS would maintain or improve a favourable Fraser Institute score with an expanded emphasis on other aspects of education. But she doesn't place much weight on the document.

"I think our accreditation document is a more valuable measurement of success."

The accreditation process involved meetings with an external team which reviewed a broad spectrum of school performance indicators.

"That was more meaningful to our staff, more meaningful to the community and more meaningful to the students."

Fraser Institute Report Card authors used eight items to measure school performance: graduation rates, dropout rates, average provincial exam scores, percentage of provincial exams failed, differences between school marks and exam marks, differences between male and female student performance in English 12 and Math 12, and numbers of provincially examinable

courses taken per student. Dropout rates were a highlighted item among new measurement tools for the 2003 Report Card.

"It is very important that students are convinced of the value of staying in school and getting their high school diploma. This indicator shows that while some schools are successful in this regard, others need much improvement," said Peter Cowley, Fraser Institute's director of school performance and co-author of the Report Card.

The dropout rate results show that, on average, more than one in five of British Columbia's Grade 10 students will take more than three years to complete their secondary school programs, he said.

The Fraser Institute has published Report Cards on secondary schools in British Columbia since 1998. It will publish an elementary schools report card later this year.

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TOP GUN: Farley Cannon waltzed through light opposition at the Greater Victoria Regional Chess Challenge Sunday. The eight-year-old islander is now the top ranked Grade 2 player in the province.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

YOUNG CHAMP

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Eight-year-old tactician Farley Cannon is currently ranked top Grade 2 player in the province and has already participated in nine tournaments since he started competing in November 2002.

Cannon won three straight battles Sunday to secure a tie for first place before he knocked out Conner Gann through a timed speed-game finish at the University of Victoria.

"He made two mistakes," Cannon said.

The islander gained a two-piece advantage through beneficial exchanges before Gann lost the game due to an illegal move in the five-minutes-per-player "blitz" match.

"I put him into check, he moved into check and I won."

Though most Grade 2 players were easy prey, Gann offered the best opposition in an earlier one-hour match, Cannon said cheerfully.

"He was playing white and used a queen's-pawn opening."

The contest remained even until the islander won a knight through a superior exchange but then Gann made one oversight in the endgame, Cannon noted.

"He should have moved his rook over to prevent mate."

Cannon has an easy smile and a relaxed disarming nature, but few recreational players are likely to win against his calculations.

He's unsettled a number of hapless teenagers with his precise attacks in various K-12 tournaments and even knocked out top-rated local adults at the Salt Spring Chess Club.

But Farley gets along well with his competitors and they often play soccer, Frisbee or "monkey around" between junior matches in Victoria, said his mother Jennifer Lee.

Fellow Gulf Islander Riley

GOVERNANCE

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would erode the federated nature of the Trust.

At a Thursday workshop session on governance renewal, Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh explained the province's position to trustees, based on recent discussions with key personnel from the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services (MCAWS).

Changes "inside the box" - those that can be made within existing legislation, are voluntary and "enabling" but don't "impose" anything - could be considered, he said.

"Anything that will create noise is problematic," he said, adding: "the notion of delivering services is still outside the box."

An existing legislative option of having "local community commissions" handle specific services was raised in the discussion by Gary Holman, Salt Spring's director on the Capital Regional District board, and is something he is currently looking into.

Hornby trustee Penny Griggs pointed out that her island's active ratepayers' association already takes care of some services delegated to it by the Comox Valley Regional District.

McIntosh noted that the use of differentiated tax rates, as put forth by Booth, is already available in legislation.

Despite a lack of enthusiasm for Booth's specific proposals, the matter of who pays for what and whether it's considered fair or workable will be on the list of topics covered at an in-depth governance renewal session at the next Trust Council meeting, set for June 12-13 on North Pender Island.

From that session, which will include participation from MCAWS staff, a discussion paper will be created for possible approval at the September council meeting, and then forwarded to the provincial government.

While the governance renewal topic necessarily demanded talk of future change, several trustees stressed how well the Trust currently functions, especially at the federated level.

"What really works for me in the Islands Trust is the

council," observed long-time trustee and executive committee member Kim Benson from Keats Island. "We're 26 people from different islands and walks of life... whatever we do, I'd like us to hold that as where we work from."

Alma Lightbody from South Pender urged trustees to view the Trust area as "all parts of body. Some are smaller than others, but they're just as important."

Alison Morse, a municipal trustee from Bowen Island, said she thought the Trust's preserve and protect mandate had been enhanced by Bowen's incorporation, and that the future might see all 13 incorporated islands working together.

Governance renewal for the Trust was first raised publicly at last March's Trust Council meeting on Salt Spring.

McIntosh told the new batch of trustees it was initiated in response to the province's planned "core review" of all government services and departments.

"We originally embarked on this journey because we thought if the province was intent on reinventing us then we wanted to be active participants in that reinventing."

Pressure was also coming from constituents who kept asking the Trust "to do things we're not mandated to do," he said.

Denman trustee Louise Bell acknowledged constituents' concerns when she commented that council members need to be aware of "unrest" in their communities.

"We need to bulge the box, at the least, and we may decide as a group to go beyond the box."

Following a Trust Council resolution passed Saturday, a "governance options technical analysis" will be created for council workshops at the June and September quarterly meetings. Spending up to \$10,000 on contractual services needed for the task was also authorized.

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Trust presses for aquaculture changes

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Islands Trust Council was flooded with aquaculture information when it met at ArtSpring on Salt Spring last week, and agreed to press the provincial government for change as urged by local trustee Kimberly Lineger.

Council supported the following resolutions put forth by Lineger, which were made in response to a sablefin (black cod) hatchery being constructed on Henry Caldwell's land on Walker Hook. A company called Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. intends to lease the land from Caldwell for a period of 20 years.

The resolutions were:

- That the Trust programs committee consider community concerns regarding on-land aquaculture, including the proposed resolutions from Woodward and Company detailed in a March 6 letter, and develop recommendations for Trust Council to consider at its June meeting.

- That Islands Trust Council request its executive committee take other actions to address this issue before June "if it feels this is necessary."

- That council have its chair David Essig "communicate the Trust Policy Statement policies, precautionary principles and island community concerns regarding on-land aquaculture to the appropriate provincial and federal ministries and responsible agencies."

- That council ask Essig "to seek a suspension of on-land aquaculture application processing pending the development of siting criteria and the establishment of an aquaculture protocol agreement with the provincial government, concerning due diligence, community consultation and environmental assessment."

The March 6 letter from Victoria lawyer Jack Woodward asks Trust Council to pressure the provincial government to disallow "intensive or industrial farming and development in Islands Trust areas designated [in OCPs] for the future creation of public parks" — which is the case with Walker Hook.

Woodward also presses council to convince provincial authorities to view such developments as "an unacceptable risk to the islands' environment;" and to recommend to both the province and federal fisheries minister "that large-scale fin-fish aquaculture projects, whether on land or in the sea, should not proceed in the Islands Trust region until a full environmental assessment review of

aquaculture has been conducted under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act."

Lineger explained the issues and background of the Walker Hook case to her fellow trustees and suggested they get up to speed.

"I think it is going to come up on all the islands because we all have agricultural land," she said.

Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh agreed that developing a protocol agreement with the provincial ministries and agencies involved in aquaculture projects was possible. Essig also noted the Trust executive had joined a Union of B.C. Municipalities initiative to review conflicts between provincial Right to Farm legislation and local land use bylaws.

Trustees and a large public crowd also heard passionate comments on the aquaculture and Walker Hook topics from both formal delegations and individuals on Friday, with public-Trust interaction consuming the entire afternoon. Before that, heated debate between opposing parties bubbled over in a packed Bob Jankura Lounge at the arts centre.

Donna Martin, Kathy Scarfo and Chris Acheson formally addressed council to speak against the plan for Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. to build and operate a Walker Hook black cod hatchery.

Property owner Henry Caldwell also gave his thoughts on the subject.

Martin described her Walker Hook neighbourhood, noting that many residents and the area's water table would be affected by

the hatchery.

She also wondered if Salt Spring wanted to become known as the source for farmed sablefish, adding to current problems faced by some fish farms.

She questioned the intention of Agricultural Land Commission legislation when compared to the proposed hatchery use.

"It is irrational to call a cement block building and tanks "farming," she said.

Acheson, who fishes black cod, stressed the environmentally sensitive nature of the Walker Hook tombolo area, and the fact no environment assessments nor studies of black cod fish farming had been done.

Scarfo, who works in the sustainable aquatic resource management field, spoke about on-land aquaculture generally, and how research into its effects should be done before the Walker Hook project or any other like it proceeds.

"Aquaculture in the water clearly has risks," she said. "We have not done the research on on-land aquaculture."

Scarfo was also critical of the absence of consultation provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), which issues aquaculture licences, in the Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. case.

Caldwell explained that the Walker Hook land had been in his family since 1882, and elaborated on what he called his "philosophy."

He was critical of people who wanted to "freeze" Salt Spring Island the day they came to live here.

Referring to creation of

the Islands Trust, he said, "We produced a community that was so special and vibrant that in 1972 somebody said 'let's kill it and stuff it like Roy Rogers' horse.'"

"But when an organism stops growing, it starts to die."

Still, Caldwell said he had no objections when his land was singled out for protection in the official community plan.

But he indicated his land was more than a community attribute.

Unlike many people, he said, he had no "investment portfolios" beyond his land.

"You don't invite me to walk about in your portfolio," he said.

Trust office staff had assured him he only had to clear administrative hoops for the hatchery to proceed.

"Now that I'm in the air, someone has moved the hoops and I take umbrage."

He blamed "the organizational skills of Chris Acheson" for the hoop movement.

He claimed Acheson was among a small group of sablefish licence holders who had previously investigated raising the fish.

Acheson later said that was true — and governments had encouraged the idea — but that the outcome of their research did not encourage them to continue.

Acheson is current president of the Canadian Sablefish Association, which believes more study into aquaculture is needed and that any taking should place should be restricted to land.

Comments on fish farming in general also permeated the town hall session.

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LILY THE LAMB: 'Lambing season is killing season'

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"There's no profit in that for sure."

The cost of antibiotics for the two sheep squeaked out the meager profits from the animals, said fellow Ruckle Park farmer Marjorie Clark.

"Farming is a financial struggle at best without things like this," Clark added.

There's also huge emotional stress involved with dog attacks, she said.

"We've had to put down a ewe more than once."

That's been particularly frustrating because Clark and Lane have struggled to make the 200-acre farm an attractive feature for park visitors.

"Mike and I manage the farm for the Ruckles, who have a life-time tenure on the parklands," she said. "We try to reproduce what the Ruckles had done here for generations."

Currently Lane and Clark care for 80 ewes and 111 lambs. Dogs and farm animals are not a good combination, she said.

"Here the park is opening their arms for people to come and visit but the visitors have to be smarter about letting dogs run loose."

Dog attacks were one reason Robinson Road sheep farmers Tony and Margaret Threlfall chose not to lamb this year.

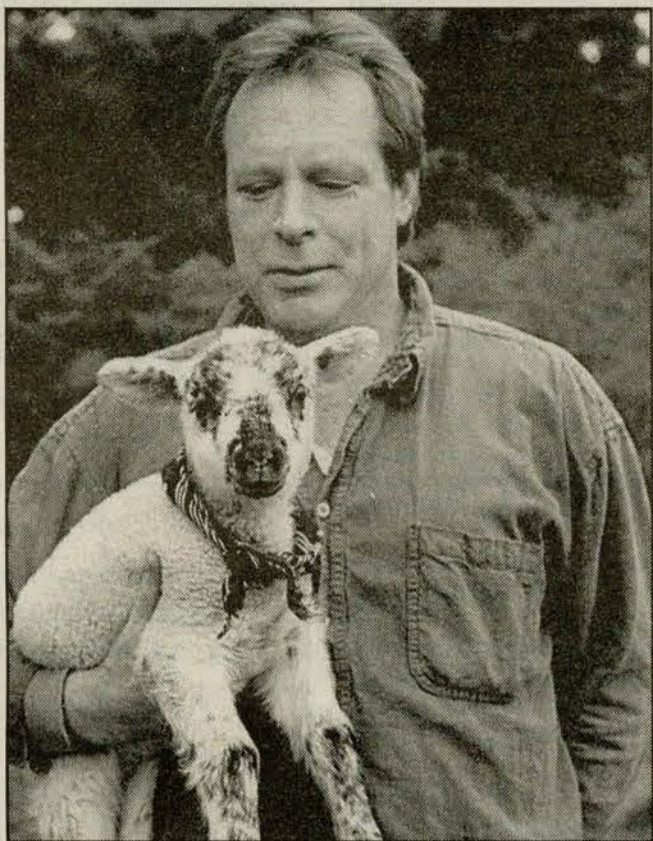
"We took a year off. We need a little quieter life that's less stressful," Margaret Threlfall said.

They have a flock of 48 Border Leicester sheep used for wool.

The Threlfalls lost two sheep to dogs last year but their "guard donkey" helped them capture five dogs that were turned over to the bylaw enforcement officer.

"I'd be terribly upset if we had a dog shot on our property. On the other hand, we don't want to lose sheep either."

Through their involvement with the Farmers Institute sheepbreeders committee, the Threlfalls know many farmers who've suf-



Mike Lane and Lily

fered from marauding dogs.

She remembers friends on Booth Road who gave up farming sheep last year after a dog attack from visitors at a neighboring bed and breakfast left them with a huge veterinarian bill.

"I read those letters in the Driftwood, 'Sheep are meant to die anyway. So what's the big deal?' But after you've seen a lamb

torn up in a field; who would even think of an animal dying that way?"

And Threlfall has helped create posters to remind islanders and visitors to keep their dogs on leashes around farms.

The posters inform dog owners that seemingly mild-mannered city dogs are commonly involved in sheep attacks, which cost a minimum \$100 penalty and

that farmers have the right to shoot dogs attacking sheep.

Islanders reported 28 dog attacks on sheep last year, said Capital Regional District bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser.

"Lambing season is also killing season," Brunnwieser said. "They are a lot more vulnerable and can't run as well. Dogs go after the easiest prey."

He saw 20 sheep killed at one location on Atkins Road in a period spanning six months last year. The dog was eventually caught and euthanized after the owner appeared in court. Owners can be fined up to \$2,000, Brunnwieser said.

"Whatever they do, people are responsible for their dogs."

A dog has already been put down this year after it was caught attacking sheep on Isabella Point Road, he added.

"There's always a couple of 'black sheep' who think the law doesn't apply to them."

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Library's future at heart of AGM

When members of the Salt Spring Public Library Association meet at the association's annual general meeting on Wednesday, March 19, there will be a lot more taking place than the usual AGM fodder of a treasurer's report, a chair's report and the election of new board members.

This year a discussion of the library's future will be at the centre of the meeting.

In trying to develop a facility large enough to meet projected space requirements for the next 15 to 25 years, a special long-term planning committee has been hard at work investigating two main options: expand the present building or construct a new one on the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) land on Rainbow Road.

Building on another site is also a possibility, said long-term planning committee chair Lyda Smith.

Each option has its pros and cons, and provisions of the Library Act must be considered, she said.

The committee's written report will be available at the library by Friday, March 14, so that people can read it before the

AGM and come prepared to ask questions.

Smith said public input is crucial to the process and she hopes as many islanders as possible will become informed about the options facing the library.

No decision is imminent, she noted, offering an illustrative analogy.

"It's like we're taking a trip across Canada trying to pick a province to live in. We're on the Prairies at this point. It's cold and we're moving very slowly."

A public survey aimed at people who will be using the facility in 20 years' time is scheduled for later in the year.

Smith said two principles have been kept at the forefront throughout the investigation: maintaining the library association's autonomy in funding, staffing and operation; and to continue with a volunteer-operated facility.

According to board chair Garth Hendren, the complicated issue of the library's future location has churned up financial worries and prompted the board to seek all tax monies it may be entitled to this year.

While it had requested a \$65,000 requisition from the Capital Regional District, it will likely receive \$62,400, which is still more than 12 per cent over last year's \$55,000 amount.

At one point the board thought it may be entitled to \$70,000 based on the wording of the 1999 referendum question that initiated local tax support for the library, but Hendren said that has since been clarified.

Creation of a separate body — a library foundation — to raise money for capital needs, will also be discussed at the AGM.

Even Hendren's report from the chair will have some added zing this year. It will be more like a "state of the union" address, he predicted. Hendren's report will also be available for reading in advance.

All Salt Spring residents can become members of the library association and then vote at the AGM.

The March 19 meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the United Church meeting room. Refreshments, including cookies baked by current board members, will be served.

Musgrave upgrade boon to farmstand

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Anticipated summer paving work on a kilometre of Musgrave Road may do more than reduce vehicle wear-and-tear for travellers.

It could see Kerry Lee of Falcon Farm get the roadside farmstand she's wanted for years.

Her husband Garnet Lee always maintained he'd build the stand for Kerry after Musgrave Road was paved, an event that seemed about as likely as construction of a bridge between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island.

"He didn't want to build the stand while the road was so rough," explained Kerry. "[A paved road] was the criteria for getting the

farmstand."

While Kerry sells at the Saturday market in Ganges, a closer-to-home outlet for her produce was also desired.

In the last few weeks, JJM road crews have been busy upgrading a kilometre of Musgrave Road, up to the intersection with Dubois Road, where lots in the relatively new Mount Tuam subdivision are accessed.

The road has been strengthened and received a major application of new gravel.

Bob Webb, district engineering technician for the Ministry of Transportation, said Musgrave Road was targeted for work because it was getting impossible to maintain.

"You couldn't grade it because the rocks that were starting to show up were six-inch rocks," he said. "So our first priority was to get it to the spot where it can be maintained."

It has also been put on the list for consideration of funding from the "first-time paving" pot of expenditures. If approved, paving would likely be done in or around June.

Webb said a "ballpark" cost for the Musgrave work to date is \$100,000.

While some islanders have questioned how Musgrave Road could receive priority over Stewart Road, which sustains much more traffic, Webb said Stewart is an entirely different case.

"It's a far bigger engineer-

ing project" that requires considerably more funding, he explained. In addition to widening the road, some right-of-way issues need to be resolved.

"If it was as simple as going in there and putting some gravel on it and paving it we would be there tomorrow," he said.

Inherent difficulties with a Stewart Road project don't mean it will never happen, he said, noting it is still "on our radar scope."

On the other hand, he added, when the topic has been raised in the past, there was no consensus on whether improving Stewart Road is desirable since it would likely increase traffic flow on Cusheon Lake Road.

Peace rally set for Saturday

Islanders have another chance to join a worldwide protest at a peace rally on Salt Spring this Saturday.

The rally begins in Centennial Park at 3:30 p.m., with a walk around town, followed by speeches and music in the park.

This follows several pre-event activities at United Church on Hereford Avenue.

A peace rally on Salt Spring last month drew some 1,000 people, and organizers hope the Saturday event will be even bigger.

To this end, they have

invited participants to meet in the church basement at 1:30 p.m. for a sign and banner-making session.

People are encouraged to bring cardboard, large felt pens and "any other material that suits their fancy," notes a press release.

Wooden sticks will be provided.

Press material says participants can "take inspiration from a giant Texan Bush puppet that is in the works."

"The early afternoon session will also offer the opportunity to sign messages

to the prime minister, foreign secretary Bill Graham, Bush, Blair, the Pope and other relevant personages," state the release.

"These will be faxed to their recipients, since timing is so urgent."

Rally organizers hope protesters will bring drums and other "sound-makers" to emphasize the positive energy.

Further information can be obtained from Irene Wright (537-5347) or Maggie Schubart (537-9804).



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Crash victims injured

An island motorist was lucky to escape his vehicle with only injuries after he drove over off a steep Vesuvius Bay Road bank above Tripp Road 9 p.m. Friday.

"It's the same old spot. I don't know why people don't drive more cautiously there," said Salt Spring firefighter Captain Arjuna George.

Firefighters spent two hours working to extricate the man from the vehicle, George said.

"He was lucky to come out of there with the minor stuff he did come out with," George said.

In total, three occupants were hospitalized for injuries.



CAR FIRE: Salt Spring firefighters extinguished a vehicle fire at 600 block Fulford-Ganges Road 1 p.m. last Tuesday. Vehicle occupants vacated the car without injuries. Firefighters believe a leaky fuel pump may have caused the blaze.

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Trust approves 5% hike

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Islands Trust Council opted last week to offset decreased provincial grant funding and rising expenses with a five per cent hike in revenue from property taxes for the 2003/04 fiscal year.

Nailing down the year's budget was a major task at council's quarterly meeting held on Salt Spring March 5-8.

Since 11 of 26 trustees from the 13 Trust area islands already serve on the financial planning committee that made the budget recommendations, only 15 others needed convincing the figures and programs being funded were acceptable.

Council approved a \$3,821,725 budget, down from \$3,896,575 last year.

With a nine per cent average rise in assessed property values generally throughout the Trust area, the mill rate was reduced from the previous year.

However, in cases where assessments rose more than the average amount, including most properties on Salt Spring, the Trust portion of the tax bill will jump more than five per cent.

Financial planning committee chair and Saturna trustee Tom Johnstone kicked off the budget presentation, explaining the facts and figures and how the committee arrived at its recommendations.

Despite the budget reflecting one fewer staff member than last year (and 3.4 fewer than two years ago), the Trust still found itself with a

\$296,000 shortfall due to a \$58,000 provincial government grant reduction (now down to \$294,000, with three more years of receding promised), salary and benefit hikes of \$154,000 and an \$84,000 reduction caused by conclusion of the Bowen Island planning contract.

Johnstone said that meant council was staring at a potential 10 per cent tax increase before even sitting down to create the 2003/04 budget.

After injecting \$43,000 in reserve funds, cutting \$85,500 from some areas and anticipating \$20,000 more in fee revenue, the committee was able to consider adding in \$98,000 to fund eight new items, ranging from additional bylaw investigation personnel to more work on Trust area governance renewal and island sustainability strategy projects.

Although Trust chair David Essig recorded 60 comments and questions from trustees during discussion, it was still a smooth and uncontentious debate - except for Bowen trustees disputing their island's required tax contribution.

Alison Morse, one of the two new Bowen trustees, said her island's portion of property taxes had been calculated on the high side. When combined with the island's rising assessment level, she said it meant Bowen was funnelling too much money to the Trust.

Since Bowen has incorporated and now takes care of its own local planning as a municipality - and is no longer even required to contract planning services from

the Trust - it needs to only contribute to the smaller Trust Area Services part of the budget.

However, as Morse pointed out, that fraction was increased substantially this year with an \$81,000 staff position formerly charged to Local Planning Services now in the Trust Area Services budget, bumping the Bowen contribution by an unexpected \$11,400 to \$110,145.

Johnstone suggested solving the problem by transferring a further \$11,400 of reserves into the budget, and that was eventually approved by the whole council after a thorough debate.

Morse pointed out that Bowen's required contribution in 2000/01 was \$67,765 and only modest annual increases from that number were anticipated.

Trustees also directed the financial planning committee to review the existing policy for allocating Trust Area Services costs to Bowen and any future municipalities.

In the overall budget discussion, several trustees referred to the fact the previous council chose to not raise taxes last year as they headed into an election, even though they knew it would create more financial pressure now.

"We chose last year to not face the reality of what we knew was coming," Johnstone told his colleagues. "We deferred the problem to you."

Salt Spring trustee Kimberly Lineger commented that she hoped this council would not do the same to the next group of trustees in office after the 2005 election.

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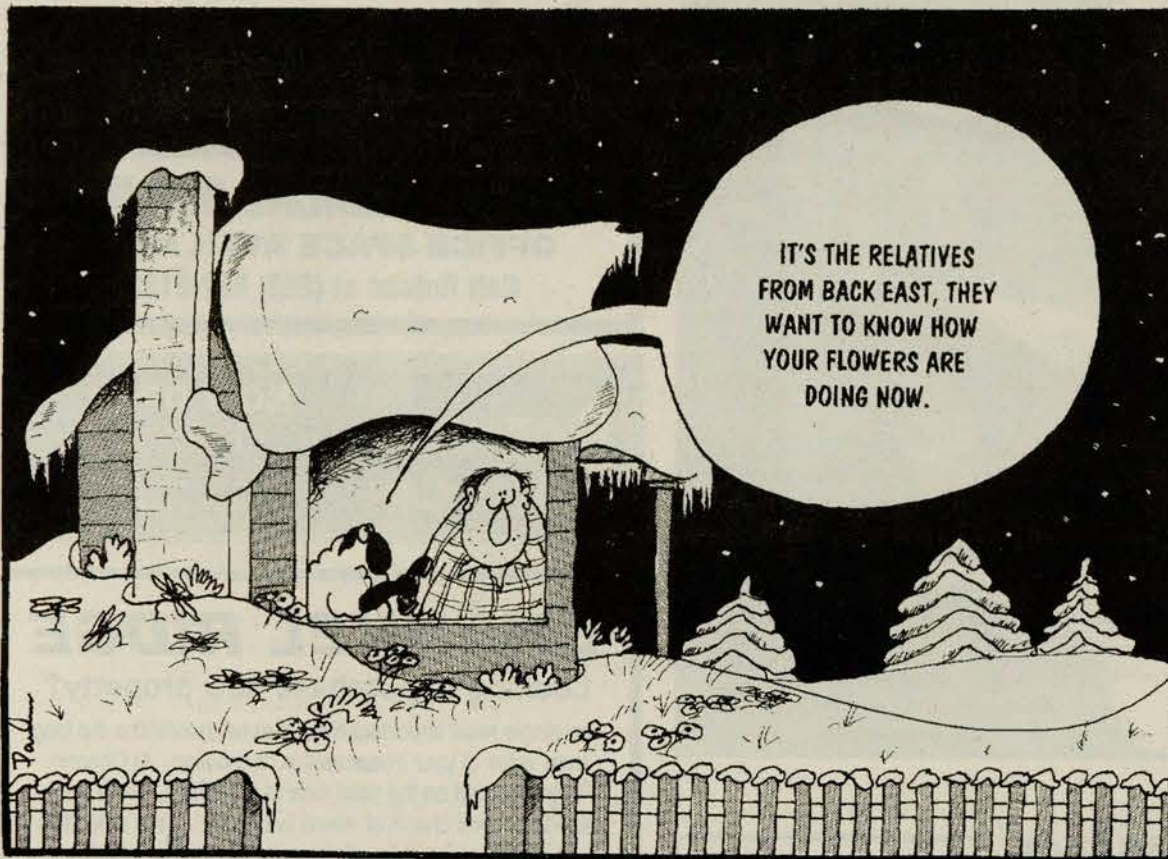
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There are no problems, only opportunities. And if you approach life with the positive spirit that accompanies such a belief, you will find solutions to the challenges life offers.

That must be the approach taken by music educators in the Gulf Islands School District. First they were stymied by a lack of commitment to music among district administrators. It wasn't many years ago that the only music one heard in the high school came from cassette tapes.

That changed when funds were found to support a newly-felt belief that music ought to be part of the curriculum. It was good news in a community that can boast several state-of-the-art recording studios that produce myriad releases by an ever-growing number of high-calibre local artists.

The next challenge was delivering music programs to students on the Outer Islands.

The geographical nature of islands without bridges has long presented a unique set of challenges for local educators, not to mention a unique set of expenses. But the will to provide some music education to middle school students on the other islands was strong enough to find a way.

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Passengers aboard the Route 9 vessel on Fridays can now expect some musical entertainment from students participating in this new classroom afloat. And if they don't like what they hear, they can simply stay away from the upper lounge.

Judging by the awards and the reviews, however, it seems unlikely that travellers should wish to avoid the sounds. Salt Spring choirs and music students have made a name for themselves in off-island recitals in recent years.

With this latest initiative, their Outer Islands counterparts are likely to continue the tradition.

Can Salt Spring afford the wildly wealthy?

By PETER ROBINSON

I am getting uncomfortable. Living on Salt Spring is getting to feel like a real life game of Survivor.

The wildly wealthy are moving in and a continuing stream of local people are on the way out. Rental rates evict some people and the dollars available from selling out entice other people to go.

It is easy to recognize that Salt Spring is a beautiful place physically. Anyone passing through can experience that and take pleasure from it. For those fortunate enough to live on the island, the beauty of the place is only

VIEW POINT

exceeded by the wonder of the mix of people that live here.

On a recent trip to California, a Saturday paper had two stories related to the lives of the wildly wealthy:

One article had to do with the granddaughter of Aristotle Onassis. She is now getting to the age where she inherits two billion dollars worth of assets. This pocket of wealth was enough to destroy this girl's mother and uncle, so it can only be hoped that

the wealth will not destroy another life.

Another article had to do with the trustees of the Hearst estate. They were busy negotiating with local authorities to get privileges related to the Hearst Castle, which will help in attracting tourists to this monstrosity. (My mind went to the castles being built on Salt Spring — in 20 years they might be the tourist attractions of Salt Spring when the quality of the community is no longer a drawing card.)

In the past 20 years, the wildly wealthy have had a field day in North America. While the standard of living drops for most of

the population, rewards for these few people have gone through the sky. Pollution of our society by billionaires is a rising concern in our world. One has only to look at the relationship between political party funding and the wildly wealthy to see a corruption in the word democracy that should act as a wake-up call to us all.

Back to Salt Spring and what we can do about the invasion of the wildly wealthy. Among the responses we could choose is one that might be a win-win for us all: Invite the wildly wealthy to become personally involved in community activities. It would be appropriate to have them attend

events such as the peace rally, to participate in activities such as the food bank, and on and on and on.

Being involved with Salt Spring people will work to humanize these folk, because they are just folk at heart even if they have bought insulation to keep clear of heart forces.

The wildly wealthy should receive a barrage of invitations to participate in every way in the Salt Spring community, even to the point that it might making them uncomfortable. Spreading the sense of discomfort around seems appropriate.

The writer lives with his family on Long Harbour Road.

It's not that I don't believe in conspiracy theories, I do. I'm pretty sure there's a conspiracy to prevent us from knowing the recipe for the yellow stuff B.C. Ferries drizzles on your Sunshine Breakfast.

A few years ago, the term "chemtrail" was coined by a conspiracy theorist to distinguish between (supposed) streaming trails of chemicals intentionally being dispensed from aircraft and the contrails that are formed from the exhaust gases of jet aircraft at high altitude.

William Thomas is a guy who goes around saying the U.S. military regularly conducts secret flights to disperse chemicals into the atmosphere. Thomas says these chemicals reflect incoming sunlight back into the atmosphere to reduce global warming. The problem, as Thomas puts it, is that this aluminum oxide sinks to earth and is absorbed into the soil, the

Top secret — for your eyes only

selves and causes all sorts of nasty illnesses. He cites gushing nose bleeds, acute asthma and memory loss as examples.

Lately, Thomas has been saying that air traffic controllers in North America are talking about these secret U.S. military flights. He says controllers are also seeing more clouds of haze on their radar screens, which, according to Thomas, are caused by the reflection of the radar beams from the aluminum particles in the chemtrails.

As my three faithful readers know, I spent 25 odd years as an air traffic controller. (And yes, according

ISLE SAY! WITH JOHN POTTINGER



the right word to describe what it was like working with me.) For several years my job included responsibility for coordinating and approving U.S. military aviation activity in Canadian airspace.

I now operate an aviation consulting business, so, in terms of chemtrails vs. contrails, I know what I'm talking about.

I realize that statement may cause faint-headedness among readers who are used to me commenting on things I know nothing about. The notion that there's a subject on which I'm knowledgeable

that I apologize. (According to some, I'm also an expert in the operation of motor vehicles on the fumes that remain in the gas tank after the gasoline is all used up, but I humbly reject that accolade.)

William Thomas spent the past weekend telling a Salt Spring audience all about conspiracy theories and chemtrails; I spent the time talking to air traffic controllers and other aviation experts around North America about the same thing.

Though they all dismissed Thomas' theories about chemtrails, many of them had conspiracy theories of their own. One former ATC colleague told me that aliens took control of his bicycle last August and he hasn't been able to ride it successfully since. He says he's

utes, then an invisible force lifts his hands from the handlebars and kicks his feet off the pedals. He jumps off right away because he knows they're trying to kidnap him and force him to ride to a secret test facility in northern Saskatchewan. (He lives in Kelowna. Alone, I think.)

Another guy, who still works as a controller at one of the busiest ATC facilities in the world, told me he agreed with Thomas that there's been an increase in the past few years of these hazy clouds on his radar screen. Unlike Thomas though, this guy says it has nothing to do with the absorption of aluminum oxides into the atmosphere. He says it's more closely related to the absorption of single malt scotch the day before. I asked him to send

I was planning to fly to the Eastern Seaboard.

I'll admit there are secrets about the U.S. military I can't talk about. Believe it or not, there are secrets about the Canadian military I can't talk about.

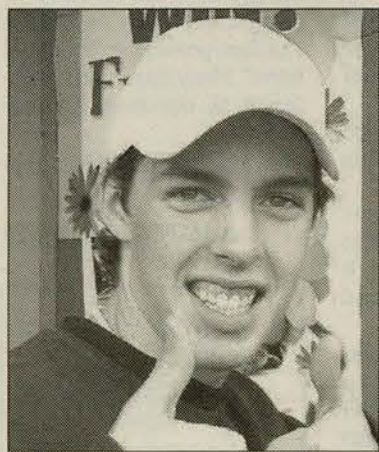
Over the past 40 years, the Canadian government has poured billions of dollars into a Top Secret and very dangerous program involving experimental types of flight.

Dozens of other nations (mostly small African and East European monarchies) have tried unsuccessfully to steal those secrets but, no matter how hard they try, none of them have been able to figure out how we can keep Sea King helicopters in the air for minutes — occasionally hours — at a time.

Next week, I'll tell you the real story behind those strange lights in the sky over Beaver Point.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What are your thoughts on aquaculture?



Bryan Hunsberger

Fish have fins, therefore they need to eat and it generates a lot of "poo" and it creates jobs for people like me and you to clean the "poo."



Ethel Odum

I'm against them completely. I've been fishing good fish from the ocean since 1926. Fish should be from the ocean.



Janet Murray

I don't think they should have fish farms on this island because of the whole thing with sea lice, sea water and the waste products of fish . . . They're just going through the loop-holes of agriculture. No, no, no.



Joy Coupland

I'm against them because the fish that come from the wild are better. Some things should not be cultivated.



Valerie Taylor

I think aquaculture is absolutely repulsive. Although there are some things we can do with nature, we should leave fish in the wild for fishermen. How would we like it if lice infested everything we did? . . . Greedy people are looking for a quick buck.

Letters to the Editor

Gravest threat

The world, Israel excepted, eagerly awaits regime change — in Washington, D.C.

The Bush imperium (achieved by a "judicial coup"), with its global ambitions, is now widely seen as the gravest threat to the well-being of our planet. Consider the unilateral rejection of Kyoto; systematic subversion of the UN; sabotage (with the UK's shameful help) of the International Criminal Court; relentless opposition to arms control (e.g. land mines); denial of life-saving medicine to the poor; arbitrary imposition of tariffs; kidnapping, torture, secret trials and indefinite imprisonment of "suspects" with no access to defence attorneys.

To this partial list of lawless acts may be added the imminent pre-emptive blitzkrieg on Iraq. There has been no showing that Iraq has nuclear weapons, no evidence of official connections between the Iraqi government and terrorist organizations. The effectiveness of such biological and chemical weapons as Iraq possesses, relative to conventional explosives, is uncertain at

best. Iraq is not a threat to the U.S. And Israel, Iran and Turkey have more effective military forces than does Iraq.

So why is Bush aiming to demolish Iraq? First, the military destruction of Iraq is achievable (whereas an attack on North Korea may be self-defeating). Second, bushwhacking Iraq will garner star TV-ratings in the U.S.-led assault on terrorism (while increasing its probability).

Third, and most importantly, Iraq sits on about 11 per cent of the world's known oil reserves (second largest), worth hundreds of billions of dollars. The U.S. currently imports about half of its oil consumption, and this fraction is expected to rise rapidly over the next two decades. The studied silence of the Bush oilmen on this crucial issue is not to be mistaken for want of interest. Finally, there is the palpable drive for revenge, to "get even."

The Bush junta has given notice that it will use all means necessary to remove the Iraqi regime. This is cowboy talk for the threat to use nuclear weapons. This dangerous, regressive and arrogant behavior by the country that brought us Hiroshima

and Nagasaki has not yet received the condemnation from the world community that is urgently called for.

The reader desiring a thoughtful analysis of this profoundly disturbing issue could hardly do better than read Jonathan Schell's recent article entitled *The Case Against The War* (see www.thenation.com, March 3.)

JOHN PROTHERO,
Cudmore Heights

Raise cheer

I don't always agree with the strong opinions held by your columnist John Pottinger, but I did raise a cheer for his very pertinent March 5 words on hitchhiking on the island. (I even witnessed an hitherto semi-conscious motorist, who must have read his column, stop for such a person this morning.)

This is something that needed to be said.

As the population of the island has increased, consciousness in this area has decreased. Many unfortunate city runaways are unused to trusting their neighbours and slide uneasily by a hitchhiker. However, everyone has to rely on this mode of transportation at some point here. The quality of the roads being what they are, cars

break down and their owners are obliged to thumb it to the garage. I certainly have reason to be grateful to drivers who have given me lifts for this reason, sometimes right to my door. They are usually those with the oldest cars and are the nicest people.

Often younger newcomers arrive on the island, rent a place, get a job, and then find they can get to neither. I had that experience when I first arrived and, consequently, I seldom pass a hitchhiker when my car is on the road.

I'm actually considering riding that golf cart, donkey or lawn mower for the summer — what's the hurry anyway?

And whilst I'm handing out bouquets, I have to offer one to Dr. Dave. I always read his column first, knowing that I'll be treated to an outrageous game of original wordplay culminating in a good giggle. One would suspect that he had graduated from the school of "Dr." films of the '50s where students like Donald Sinden took temperatures of posteriors with daffodils.

I'd pick up these guys anytime.

YVONNE ADALIAN,
Forest Ridge Road

Public transit

Regarding John Pottinger's March 5 column: Not all hitchhikers are people trying to get to work or kids trying to get to school.

Nor are all drivers nice people to pick up others looking for a free ride.

There are dangers to both the hitchhiker and the driver alike. The point is, you just don't know and you are risking your safety by doing either.

The solution is to support efforts to establish public transportation on the island. This will not only benefit those now forced to stick out their thumbs, but will help alleviate Ganges' chronic parking problems that become more pronounced with each passing year. Not to mention the tourist dollars that do not arrive in downtown Ganges because the visitor, as a foot passenger, finds himself at Fulford with no way but a \$30 taxi ride into town.

I would like to encourage islanders to take an active interest in the upcoming AGM of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Society as advertised in this paper. I look forward to seeing my fellow members of our community at the meeting, or if

you are unable to attend, they by phoning John Cade to ask your questions and express your views.

As for hitchhiking, it is only a matter of time before serious injury or injustice is done by either the driver or his or her unknown passenger.

DEBBIE CADE,
Salt Spring

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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

Government needs help with consultation definition

To consult: dictionaries define this term as an active and outgoing thing to do — to seek, to go to an appropriate source, to take counsel. It can also mean to confer, or hold a conference, which still implies making an effort to find out or do something.

These were my understandings of the word when I attended a session of the B.C. Legislative Assembly on March 4. Solicitor General and Minister for Public Safety Rich Coleman (MLA for Fort Langley-Aldergrove) put a different spin on the word.

Jenny Kwan (NDP MLA for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant) asked him, "In terms of consultation on changes to policies around access to gaming funds, what kind of consultation

has the minister embarked on? Who has been consulted?"

Coleman answered, "It's been pretty much an ongoing process for about 20 months now. Since I've become the minister, I've had different charity groups talk to me and what have you, but I'll give you just a more recent sketch.

"There are 20 major provincial groups with large numbers of people who were all consulted with [sic] the branch. They met with the branch, and they talked about the possibilities. Some of the ideas were floated, and they came back. Obviously, we

listened, because some of the things we floated are not changes we're making.

"The B.C. Bingo Council had 250 people at the meeting that they met with.

There have been hundreds of letters in correspondence that has come in from groups over the last number of years. I have spoken to provincial organizational meetings throughout the last 18 months, asking these groups to give us input with regard to charities and how it is working for them,

how it isn't working for them and how it can be improved."

In summary, he said, "We have no problem talking to any group. It's pretty well been open-door if an organization wishes to meet with myself or the branch to discuss their concerns."

This passive bastardization of the meaning of "to consult" is alive and well in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. The Fisheries and Aquaculture directive for the siting of fish farms states that, "Good water quality, adequate currents, physical protection for farm structures and distance from sensitive marine areas are some of the factors that are considered when selecting a suit-

able farm site. Government also consults with coastal communities, other resource users and First Nations to ensure that new farm sites have community input and support."

On Salt Spring Island, this latter is patent nonsense. There were no public consultations prior to the start of construction of a new industrial sablefish hatchery on the island, and it would have become fully operational without any public input had Sablefin Hatcheries not recently applied to extend the usual three-year lease with a 20-year one.

Islands Trust meetings have become the major public forum available for the community to state its concerns re: the siting of this fish farm. As wild-fish

harvester and advocate Kathy Scarfo noted at the meeting last Friday, if the B.C. government had consulted as it has promised, the furor that's mounting over this development wouldn't have happened.

Ah, but then, she's applying her (correct) understanding of the verb "to consult." The present government thinks it means to read the letters that come in, to ask for more, to set up one-on-one meetings with those who request them, then to use this spoty sampling as they see fit.

What to do? Get busy writing. Go to Victoria to talk with these guys. Take a dictionary, with the "consult" page marked. They obviously need help with this term.

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Dark days

Goodbye old friend. Mark your calendar. February 28, 2003 was the dark day when 77 MLAs gave away control of our precious B.C. Hydro. Forever.

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Predictably, instead of bright lights, we shall have dark days ahead.

With regrets, thanks a watt!

JIM CAMPBELL,
Sidney

Raising chickens

Count me in with your readers who have expressed concerned over factory farms and the irradiation of food products.

There would be little need for the radiation of poultry if Health Canada took the same interest in the humane rearing and harvesting of animals as they do in promoting the nuclear industry.

The so-called "free ranging" of chickens in large barns is where fecal coliform is first introduced. Hundreds or thousands of chickens who sometimes never see the light of day run back and forth in their own droppings, causing dust to become airborne where it imbeds in growing feathers. The chickens breathe this dust in and internal contamination starts. Chickens from cleaner operations are contaminated in transport and in the large-scale chicken processing plants.

Some of your readers who have been purchasing chicken from alternate small-scale certified organic sources may be losing this alternative or paying more because the chicken marketing board is forcing certified organic producers to apply for quota. Their supply of broiler chicks is being tampered with and small organic producers are just giving up.

The marketing boards, having failed to bring the organic certifying boards under their control, have started to go after the small producers individually. Those with internet access should look up Thomas Reid Farms on Google for details.

I have been raising certified organic poultry on pasture for many years now because this model provides an environmentally friendly,

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healthy, humane alternative to traditional farming models. Grassfed chicken is widely recognized to be a superior product and a superior tasting product.

I won't be applying to the chicken marketing board for quota because I can't in good conscience support a collusion of vested interests which promote an inhumane system that is now adding irradiation to a host of other questionable practices.

I will continue to use certified organic methods to raise and harvest chickens for my friends who for various reasons can't do this for themselves. These chickens will be their chickens, not mine.

If you would like to participate in this project, there will be an ad in the food products, section 330 of this paper. I will be arranging for the purchase of chicks within the next few weeks.

TOM PICKETT,
Lee Road

Keep abreast

Many thanks to our local trustees, Kimberly Linerger and Eric Booth, for hosting our first Islands Trust community potluck dinner Friday night at the Farmers Institute. It was great fun to socialize with our community and the 26 trustees from the 13 islands in the Trust area.

Thanks to Trust Council for listening to the community and passing the four important resolutions regarding aquaculture on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands, which will be acted upon by the Trust Council executive, chair David Essig and council programs committee.

And thanks to Salt Spring Island community members for all their amazing efforts, writing letters to the Islands Trust and to the Agricultural Land Commission, and attending meetings!

Please keep abreast of upcoming events and actions re aquaculture and ALR lands and more.

Actions: Please attend the Islands Trust meeting on Thursday, March 20 at 2 p.m. at Lions Hall to keep informed of important decisions and to express your concerns.

Come to the public meeting we will host re sablefin hatchery and the Walker Hook subdivision 20-year

lease application. The final stage of approval rests with Rob Howat from the Ministry of Transportation. He will be invited to the meeting to hear our concerns. The date will be set soon.

Thank you.
TAMAR GRIGGS,
Bold Bluff

Food and hope

Several weeks ago the Driftwood graciously published a request I submitted for sewing

machines and tools to be donated to Guatemala.

A friend, Neil Crouch, who is a high school teacher in Comox, was again taking a group of students to Guatemala, this time to the small community of La Cumbre. This community has been economically devastated by a huge landslide caused by an earthquake.

The students will build chicken barns (and also bring the chicks) and the women had asked for sewing machines so they could start a small business to help feed

their families. Neil was hoping to collect 15 sewing machines as well as useful tools, and those contributed on Salt Spring would be gratefully delivered by Rosemary and John Baxter.

We were all shocked and delighted when 12 of the 15 desired sewing machines were generously donated by people on Salt Spring!

As Neil remarked, "This will make a huge difference in the lives of this community. It will provide them with food and with hope."

Last Thursday the machines, having been reconditioned at no cost, as well as tools, were all loaded on the airplane bound for Guatemala with excited stu-

dents, teachers and some parents.

It gives me a very warm feeling to think of this generous gift from Salt Spring humming away each day in La Cumbre providing "food and hope." Many thanks and blessings to all who made this possible.

PATRICIA HOUSTON,
Salt Spring

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BOTTLE RUN: Local scouts brave snowy, cold weather to sort through items collected in a bottle drive last weekend. The youths are raising money to offset costs of a trip to the west coast.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Unexpected

Peter Cole, as Raven the Transformer, and Pat O'Rily, as Coyote the Survivor, both Tricksters, delighted an audience of 50 Salt Spring Islanders with their powerful poetic dialogue on February 21 at Lions Hall.

Their presentation was not what I, and probably most others, had expected — and that was the delight and the challenge. We had known that it was to be on Traditional Knowledge and Aboriginal Ways of Thinking but instead of talking about this, their hour-long, scripted dialogue was presented in the form of an aboriginal way of thinking, and traditional knowledge was an integral part of it.

With an impressive poetic command of the English language, Raven challenged the assumed supremacy of that language over indigenous languages. He argued with the Irish Priest and the priest's Black Book that gave people dominion over all. Raven said that the land languaged us; we adapted to its conditions; we were not separate from the bears and mosquitoes, ravens and coyotes, trees and stones — all were our relations. Coyote and Raven talked of traditional technologies and the now-time, now-then and now-to-come; that to be traditional is to be modern for we only live in present time.

Dr. Peter Cole, from the In-Shuck-ch/Lower St'atlimx community, and his partner Dr. Pat O'Riley, of Irish and French/Mohawk descent, teach in the Faculty of Education at the University of Victoria. They believe in the importance of treating western and aboriginal knowledge and thinking as equivalent. In their work on curriculum development they are attempting to introduce the study of indigenous technologies, not through conventional means, but integrated with an aboriginal way of thinking.

There will be more! Guujaaw is coming on March 22.
JACQUELINE THOMAS,
King Road

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Hunter says with the arrival of the bottled products they are hoping for a 20 per cent increase in production. "The question we have been asked more than any other has something to do with bottles", says Hunter, President and Brewmaster. "We can finally tell people: Yes! We are bottling!" exclaims partner Bob Ellison. "This is a tremendous step forward for us and the reception so far has been fantastic" he continues. "Our plan from the beginning has been to create a locally focussed business, which is why we are initially restricting our bottle sales to Salt Spring Island", states Hunter.

The Brewmaster says "Given that 70 per cent of all beer consumed in BC comes out of a bottle, this will open up a fairly substantial market for us," The bottling and labelling of the 650-millilitre servings of Pender Island Porter, Mayne Sail Ale and Salt Spring Golden Ale are done by hand.

"It will be one bottle at a time for a while. But it's worth it to service our customers," Hunter said. "We plan to sell our glass-bottled product to local cold beer and wine stores and the government liquor store," he said.

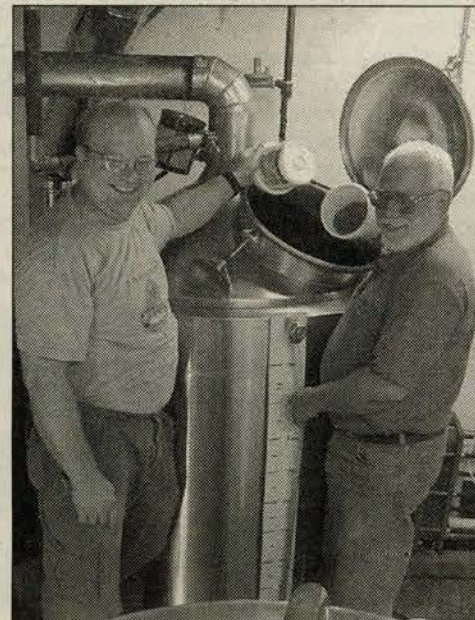
The partners state that one of the reasons for the amount of time that it took to get product into bottles is their concern over product quality. "We have been working on this for over a year", states Hunter. "We did extensive testing of our bottling system before releasing the beer", states Ellison, "We found that the shelf life of our bottled product is three months"

"Product quality has always been a major concern for us", says Hunter. "Our beer is hand made with the best quality barley, hops and water", he says. "Our beer is not filtered so that as much of the flavour and aroma of the beer is retained. Over time, a light dusting of brewer's yeast will settle on the bottom of the bottle. Carefully pouring the beer into a glass will leave the yeast in the bottle."

When asked about any concerns with regard to the upcoming privatization of Government Liquor Stores, Hunter responds "Since private stores have a limited amount of shelf space, smaller outfits could get bumped off the inventory, but we have had a tremendous amount of support so far from our local outlets, so it's not a major concern"

"We really appreciate that support", say Ellison, "Most of the people we talk to are very proud of the fact that there is a local brewery on Salt Spring Island. It's becoming part of the makeup of Salt Spring," he says.

And since the local brews are now found in convenient bottles, they're even easier to carry.



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People power is part of worldwide response to American war stance

By JOHN CHRISTIAN, MARGARET FULTON, LORRAINE MORTON and BOB WILD

We are writing to urge Salt Springers of all backgrounds and ages to join the peace rally in Centennial Park as part of an international peace march taking place on March 15.

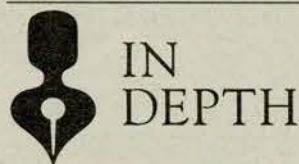
This rally is in support of growing world opinion against war in Iraq as a means of conflict resolution. More particularly, as sentiment in the U.S.A. is shifting against their government's war policy, American citizens need our support, because their dissidence is considered unpatriotic/un-American.

An eloquent statement of one senior American diplomat's position, who served from Tel Aviv to Greece, comes in the letter of resignation of John Brady Kiesling, addressed to Secretary of State, Colin Powell (New York Times, February 27, 2003).

Besides the horrendous cost in human life and damage to our physical world, Kiesling identifies the casualties of this pursuit of war as truth, American international legitimacy, civil liberties and freedoms, and the power of the United Nations. These major points are illustrated by parts of his letter as follows:

"Dear Mr. Secretary, I am writing you to submit my resignation from the Foreign Service of the United States

It is inevitable that during 20 years with the State



Department I would become more sophisticated and cynical about the narrow and selfish bureaucratic motives that sometimes shaped our policies.

Human nature is what it is, and I was rewarded and promoted for understanding human nature. But until this Administration it had been possible to believe that by upholding the policies of my president I was also upholding the interests of the American people and the world. I believe it no longer.

The policies we are now asked to advance are incompatible not only with American values but also with American interests.

Our fervent pursuit of war with Iraq is driving us to squander the international legitimacy that has been America's most potent weapon of both offence and defence since the days of Woodrow Wilson

The sacrifice of global interests to domestic politics and to bureaucratic self-interest is nothing new, and it is certainly not a uniquely American problem.

Still, we have not seen such systematic distortion of intelligence, such systematic manipulation of American opinion, since the war in Vietnam. [Using] September 11th, this Administration spreads disproportionate terror and confusion in the public

mind, arbitrarily linking the unrelated problems of terrorism and Iraq.

The result, and perhaps the motive, is to justify a vast misallocation of shrinking public wealth to the military and to weaken the safeguards that protect American citizens from the heavy hand of government.

September 11th did not do as much to the fabric of American society as we seem determined to do to ourselves

Even here in Greece, purported hotbed of European anti-Americanism, we have more and closer friends than the American newspaper reader can possibly imagine. Even when they complain about American arrogance, Greeks know that the world is a difficult and dangerous place, and they want a strong international system, with the U.S. and E.U. in close partnership.

When our friends are afraid of us rather than for us, it is time to worry. And now they are afraid

Mr. Secretary, I have enormous respect for your character and ability.

You have preserved more international credibility for us than our policy deserves, and salvaged something positive from the excesses of an ideological and self-serving Administration.

But your loyalty to the President goes too far

I am resigning because I have tried and failed to reconcile my conscience with my ability to represent the current U.S. Administration.

I have confidence that

our democratic process is ultimately self-correcting, and hope that in a small way I can contribute from outside to shaping policies that better serve the security and prosperity of the American people and the world we share"

These comments of Mr. Kiesling are indeed encouraging to those of us who fear that war with Iraq can only bring disaster to the world. We do, however, reply to the argument that the Bush administration has its mind made up and so there is no point in protesting its decision.

We would say that the remarkable evolution of world opinion has led to a world community whose collective voice is already exerting a powerful effect. One witness to this collective voice is from Australia, where the prime minister and his inner cabinet committed troops to the war against Iraq, whether or not there was United Nations involvement.

This act by the prime minister was later censored by the Australian Parliament. This is but one example.

In response to American "superpower" a voice is rising everywhere in the world: people power.

The voice of the ordinary person counts, when they are speaking in the millions.

Please join our collective voice at the peace rally, this Saturday, March 15, 3:30 p.m. at Centennial Park.

The writers are involved in organizing the March 15 peace rally on Salt Spring.

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Helmets save

I would like to add a few points towards R. Wyatt's letter of March 5.

Yes, it is so true that my helmet saved my life but, on a very important note, my helmet would have done me no good if it had not been properly fitted on my head. It stayed on through the whole ordeal, taking the first impact where a large chunk of the helmet broke off. Had it been my head that took the impact I would have had a serious head injury along with my broken bones.

Helmets for Life program was started by Island Pathways about four years ago. I took it on as my project. I love going into the schools talking and listening about bike safety issues. This spring my plan is to do a

Helmets for Life program at Fulford School.

We take our hats off to the Legion of our community, which very generously donates monies to many of our community activities. Island Pathways has received \$700 from the Legion over the last two years towards the Helmets for Life program. Thank you, Legion.

MARGARETHA NORDINE,
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The R.I.S.P. computer-based registry was created to assist in the fair and equitable selection of professional and technical consultants for the Ministry of Transportation for assignments estimated at less than \$1 million.

The Ministry of Transportation recently revised its R.I.S.P. system and is inviting consultants and consulting firms to submit registration information for this revised system, regardless of whether they are registered for the current R.I.S.P. system.

Registrations received by March 28, 2003 will be processed in April, and responses will be sent to consultants and firms by the end of April.

To get more information about R.I.S.P. and obtain application forms, visit the Internet site of the Ministry of Transportation or contact the R.I.S.P. administrator.

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330	379	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News		News	News	Magazine	Squares	Ed				The West Wing		Law & Order			
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454	523	BRAVO	3:30 Avonl.	Sweet 16		The Actors		Best Girl	Appointment With Drama					Law & Order		NYPD Blue		The Summer of Aviya	:45 News
472	583	CMT	CMT Buzz			Little House Prairie		The Gambler (1980)	Christine Belford.					CMT Buzz		The Gambler (1980)	Christine Belford.		Matlock
436	560	TLC	Med. Det.	Med. Det.		Super Structures		Junkyard Mega-Wars						Super Structures		Junkyard Mega-Wars			Med. Det./Med. Det.
483	541	FAM	15 Tarzan	40 Wkndr.		105 Recess	McGuire	Amanda	All That	Stevens	Jackson	Boy MW	Mentors	White Fang 2: Myth of Whi...	:45 Dark?			05 Your Big Break	
450	520	A&E	American Justice			Biography		American Justice		City Confidential				Biography		American Justice			City Confidential
400	400	TSN	MolsonH.	Hockey NHL	Montreal vs Florida			Sportscentre		Tennis Pacific Life Open				Strong M.	Molson2				Sportscentre
407	419	RSP	Basket..	In. AHL	NHLPA	SportNws		Hockey Night WHL	Red Deer Rebels vs Calgary Hitmen					Skiing World FIS		Sportsnet News			Sportsnet News
23		KSTW	Digimon	Tarzan	Home Im.	Home Im.		Frasier	Frasier	70's...	70's...			Enterprise		The Twilight Zone		News	Seinfeld
24		KVOS	S. Susan	FamFeud	Pyramid	St.Smart		W&Grace	Elimidate	Justice	Extra			The Taxman (1998)	Joe Pantoliano.	W&Grace	J.Shoot	Cheers	N. Radio
333	382	KCPQ	Maury Povich Show	3rd Rock	Simpsons	King Hill	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	70's...	American			Bernie M. Cedric		Q13 News			Star Trek: DSN
511	390	NEWS	Can. Now	Health	Counterspin			The National/Mag.		Antiques Roadshow				National BusNews		Antiques Roadshow			Counterspin
332	381	KIRO	J. Judy	J. Judy	KIRO News			News	News	ET	Access			Star Search		60 Minutes II			48 Hours
331	380	KOMO	Million?	Pyramid	KOMO 4 News			News	News	Wheel	Jeopardy			WifeKids	G. Lopez	All American Girl (P)			News
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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- WEDNESDAY, MAR 12
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- 15 ★★ ★ The Gambler (1980, Action) Brady, a gambler, is en route to from El Paso to Yuma to see his son he never knew. *Christine Belford, Bruce Boxleitner* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 The Risen (2002, Drama) A woman suffers from complete amnesia after undergoing emergency surgery. *Alberta Watson, Eugene Lipinski* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
- 24 ★ The Taxman (1998, Crime Story) A tax investigator teams up with a rookie cop to help solve several related murders. *Joe Pantoliano, Wade Dominguez* (1h30)
- 8:30 PM
- 3 ★ Exit Wounds (2001, Action) A tough cop in an inner-city precinct discovers a web of dirty cops and corruption. *Steven Seagal, Isaiah Washington* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM
- 15 ★★ ★ The Gambler (1980, Action) Brady, a gambler, is en route to from El Paso to Yuma to see his son he never knew. *Christine Belford, Bruce Boxleitner* (2h)
- 9:15 PM
- 19 ★★ White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf (1994, Adventure) A young Henry Casey set out to help an Indian tribe find the Great Caribou to save them. *Scott Baird, Charmaine Craig* (1h45)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 The Summer of Aviya (1988, True) The story of a ten-year-old girl, who's mother is halfway between sanity and madness. *Kaipo Cohen, Gila Almagor* (1h45)
- 10:15 PM
- 3 ★ Resident Evil (2001, Action) The leaders of a commando-team break into a secret laboratory where a deadly virus looms. *Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez* (1h45)
- THURSDAY, MAR 13
- 6:00 PM
- 3 ★ See Spot Run (2001, Comedy) A drug-sniffing FBI dog is adopted by a mailman in an effort to hide him from a mob boss. *David Arquette, Michael Clarke Duncan* (2h)
- 20 ★★ Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (1998, Mystery) A legendary film composer murders his assistant to conceal a career ending secret. *Peter Falk, Billy Connolly* (2h)
- 23 ★★ ★ Breaking Away (1979, Drama) A group of teenagers look for a sense of direction after graduating from high school. *Dennis Quaid, Dennis Christopher* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
- 24 ★★ The Windsor Protocol (1996, Suspense) An Irish spy uncovers a plot by Washington politicians to revitalize the Fourth Reich. *Alan Thicke, Chris Wiggins* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 4 ★★ The Grocer's Wife (1991, Drama) The grocer's wife tries to seduce a man who lives with his bossy mother. *Simon Webb, Susinn McFarlen* (2h)
- 19 Zenon: The Zequel (2001, Sci-Fi) Zenon comes in contact with Aliens and must convince everyone to fly out and help them. *Kirsten Storms, Shadia Simmons* (1h30)
- 23 ★★ ★ Breaking Away (1979, Drama) A group of teenagers look for a sense of direction after graduating from high school. *Dennis Quaid, Dennis Christopher* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ ★ The Long Goodbye (1973, Crime Story) A man finds himself wrapped up in murder, double cross, and stolen money. *Elliott Gould, David Arkin* (2h)
- 20 ★★ Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (1998, Mystery) A legendary film composer murders his assistant to conceal a career ending secret. *Peter Falk, Billy Connolly* (2h)
- 3 Terminal Invasion (aka Devil's Pass) (2002, Drama) A convict must save the day when aliens disguised as humans take over an airport. *Bruce Campbell, Chase Masterson* (1h30)
- FRIDAY, MAR 14
- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ Apt Pupil (1998, Suspense) A high school student befriends a former Nazi war criminal and then blackmails him. *Brad Renfro, Ian McKellen* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★ ★ Changing Lanes (2002, Drama) A car accident triggers a fierce war of rage and revenge between two New Yorkers. *Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson* (2h)

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330	379	KING	7:00 Today Show			Martha Stewart		Caroline Rhea		News				Days of Our Lives	Passions		Dr. Phil		
244	358	CH	Gold Trail/Pet Guys	Oprah Winfrey		The Price is Right		Young & Restless		News				BodyHlth	Travel	Various	Travel M.	Wheel	Jeopardy
243	321	CTVBC	6:30 Canada AM	Regis & Kelly		The View		Balance	Planet	eTalk	Bold & B.			Vicki Gabereau	General Hospital		Dr. Phil		
241	336	GBLBC	6:00 News	100 Huntley Street		Worldvision		Cross. O.	MoneyW.		News			As the World Turns	Passions		Young & Restless		
443	383	KCTS	Sagwa	Clifford	Caillou	DragonT		Various	Elmo's...		Barney	Rogers	Various	ReadRain	Teletub.	Jay Jay	Bet.Lions	George	Various
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242	359	CITY	6:00 Breakfast TV	Star Trek: DSN		Relic Hunter		CityLine		Cooks	Various			Various	Various	Various		Media	DataC.
454	523	BRAVO	Various	TH Ode		Road to Avonlea		Law & Order		Various	Movies			Various	Various	Various	Various	Videos	Avonlea
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436	560	TLC	Personal	Personal		Makeover	Makeover	DatingSt	DatingSt		Wedding	Wedding	BabyStry.	BabyStry.	Trading Spaces		While You Were Out	Various	Various
483	541	FAM	Rangers	Various		15 Katie	40 Stanley	10W Pooh	35 O.Box		Various	Amanda	15 Recess	Various	20 O.Box	145 Houndz	10 Goof T. D'cktale	Various	50 Pepper
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333	382	KCPQ	6:00 News			Good Day Live		Jerry Springer		Jenny Jones				Maury Povich Show	Beyond	Justice	Jerry Springer		Jenny Jones
511	390	NEWS	News	News T.		Various	News T.	News	News T.	News	News T.	News	News T.	Various			Politics		News
332	381	KIRO	The Early Show			Life Moments		The Price is Right		Young & Restless				News	Bold & B.		The Guiding Light		Montel Williams
331	380	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.			Regis & Kelly		The View		News	P.Charles	All My Children		One Life to Live			General Hospital		Northwest
438	394	VISION	It's a New Day			Mass	Various	Twice in a Lifetime		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 13. Includes programs like 'The National/Mag.', 'The Wire', 'The Grocer's Wife', and 'Terminal Invasion'.



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7:30 PM
MVP: Most Valuable Primate (1999, Comedy) An adorable chimpanzee escapes from a laboratory and becomes a champion hockey player.
8:00 PM
Strictly Business (1991, Romance) A man enlists the help of a mailroom employee to make over his personality.
9:05 PM
Free Willy (1993, Family) A wayward twelve-year old befriends an Orca whale that is later exploited by its owner.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 14. Includes programs like 'The Sweetest Thing', 'Zoolander', 'The Golden Child', and 'Snatch'.

10:40 PM
The Golden Child (1986, Comedy) Man tries to rescue an Asian child with magical powers who was kidnapped by an evil cult.
7:00 PM
Snatch (2001, Comedy) Three groups of characters are intent on retrieving a stolen diamond in London.
8:00 PM
Love Letters (1998, Drama) A lifelong bittersweet relationship is sparked by letters exchanged between two people.

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Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for SATURDAY DAYTIME MARCH 15. Includes programs like 'The National/Mag.', 'The Wire', 'The Grocer's Wife', and 'Terminal Invasion'.

10:45 PM
Johnny Suede (1991, Drama) The story of a young man who dreams of stardom as a Ricky Nelson-type pop singer.
11:00 PM
American Buffalo (1996, Drama) Three losers plan a robbery to steal a valuable coin they had earlier sold for pennies.
11:55 PM
Complot mortel (1997, Drame de suspense) Un chauffeur de taxi un peu paranoïaque croit avoir découvert les plans d'un complot.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 15. Includes programs like 'The National/Mag.', 'The Wire', 'The Grocer's Wife', and 'Terminal Invasion'.

6:00 PM
The Client (1994, Thriller) A lawyer tries to help an 11-year-old boy who learned details of a murder by the Mafia.
8:00 PM
Betrayed (2002, Drama) The story of a Prairie town that suffers through an outbreak of severe water contamination.
8:00 PM
Air Force One (1997, Action) The President finds off deadly terrorists who are holding his plane and family hostage.

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PRAYER DAY: Participants at Friday's World Day of Prayer gather in the snow around a recently planted cedar tree. The event took place at Our Lady of Grace Church, where a service written by the women of Lebanon was read.

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Haida Gwaii's Guujaaw at SSLJR

Twenty years ago Guujaaw and the Haida Watchmen made headlines when they blockaded logging on Lyell Island in the Queen Charlotte Islands, leading to the creation of one of the largest protected areas on the coast.

Out of their determination to protect the forests of their ancestral lands came a new form of land management: the creation of Gwaii Haanas/South Moresby National Park, co-managed by the Haida and Parks Canada.

Guujaaw will speak on Salt Spring on Saturday, March 22 about the ongoing work of protecting Haida Gwaii. Part of the Aboriginal Speaker Series, the event is sponsored by Salt Spring

Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation (SSIAR) and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

Called Protecting Haida Gwaii — An Evening with Guujaaw, it takes place at Gulf Islands Secondary School beginning at 7 p.m.

Admission and refreshments are by donation.

Guujaaw is of the Raven clan of the Haida Nation. Guujaaw means "drum," a name formally given him at a potlatch at Kiusta.

He is a member of the Archipelago Management Board, which co-manages Gwaii Haanas with the Government of Canada, and was involved in developing the policies and strategies of the Council of the Haida Nation and serving as a

negotiator for the council.

He has also held the official position of "firekeeper" for the hereditary chiefs of Haida Gwaii.

Last March the Haida First Nation filed a writ in B.C. Supreme Court for recognition of its "exclusive right to make decisions about their land" and surrounding waters.

Their attorney, Louise Mandell, said the Haida claim is very strong, following upon a precedent-setting ruling from the B.C. Court of Appeal the previous week. In that case, both the province and lumber giant Weyerhaeuser were judged to have legally enforceable duties to "consult in good faith" about management of a tree farm licence on

Crown land within territory claimed by the Haida Nation.

These legal matters will have far-reaching effects, particularly on the B.C. government's plans to re-open the coast to oil and gas exploration. Haida leader and activist Guujaaw says his people do not believe oil can be extracted safely from offshore.

"We can learn a lot from the people of Haida Gwaii," says Phil Vernon of SSIAR. "The Haida know their identity and culture depend on their forests and waters. And many non-aboriginal people there — even loggers and mill-owners — know the resources would be better managed by the Haida."

Seniors' talk looks at gatekeepers program

Islanders can learn ways to better look out for one another at an upcoming presentation on Salt Spring.

Jo Ann Murray, coordinator of the Victoria Gatekeeper Program, is set to speak at Salt Spring Seniors Services next Monday, beginning at 2 p.m.

The gatekeeper program, which is currently being piloted in Victoria, was developed to address the needs

of seniors experiencing at least one form of neglect or abuse.

According to press material, "gatekeepers" are individuals who, through the course of their daily lives, come into direct contact with vulnerable adults.

These might include community volunteers, service providers, pharmacists, bank tellers, cashiers, church members and many others.

"Most often it is isolated individuals who are most vulnerable, as they are less able to access local support and services on their own, and gatekeepers provide that essential link between vulnerable members and community resources."

The presentation is being organized by the Salt Spring Community Response Network.

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- **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
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Tips on living with chronic conditions

By BRIAN GRADY

Special to the Driftwood

"There is nothing more we can do; you will just have to learn to live with it."

This is the message heard by many people suffering a chronic condition — chronic illness or pain. Medical treatment has not fully resolved the problem. The patient's question remains: "But how do I live with this?"

The answers are not easy, but they exist. As people learn to adjust to a new life, priorities often change, and some old attitudes and habits will shift. Meanwhile, learning a set of well-understood coping strategies makes a chronic condition manageable. Life can be rewarding again.

Recognizing the various problems that come with a chronic diagnosis is a start for the patient and their caregivers. While some of this depends on the condition, there are common emotional, behavioural, social, physical issues facing people with chronic pain or illness. These are all interconnected.

Mood changes, such as depression, anxiety or anger result from disappointed hopes for a cure, difficulties with medical systems or insurance, loss of ability to do valued activities in work, sports, hobbies or family life. Some people go through a stage of grieving the person they were and the life they had. Behaviour and social changes that go with this might be withdrawing socially and becoming less active.

Some people become more dependent; others insist on trying to do things the way they used to, regardless. It can be tough on everyone, and families usually feel some stress. A spouse may have to take on much more of the family's responsibilities and chores, while also providing practical and emotional support for an ill partner. Marital strain may result.

Physical changes result from the condition, and also from the changes in behaviour and mood. These often involve sleep problems, weight change (more or less), fatigue, loss of strength, flexibility and endurance. Medication side effects also play a role in physical changes.

Clearly, learning to "live with it" involves much more than just managing symptoms. The condition is a rock dropped in a pool of water. Ripples wash across the pond and nothing remains the same.

The person who is ready to learn to "live with it" will be helped by making positive decisions about themselves, their life and their relationship with the condition.

Here are some suggestions — 10 resolutions — that can help people learning to cope with their changed lives. Those who make these resolutions their own stand a good chance of thriving, not just surviving.

Ten resolutions for people managing chronic pain or ill-

ness:

1. **ACCEPTANCE:** I realize that my condition has not been completely cured or resolved by medical treatment, or the force of my will, by waiting, other sources of help, or by deciding it's not important. I am prepared to accept this and move in a new direction.

2. **POSITIVE APPROACH:** I recognize that I need a positive relationship with my body and symptoms. I am learning positive ways to live with this condition.

3. **LETTING GO:** I let go of parts of my past life that are over. I may grieve what is lost, but I am committed to living well with what is.

4. **SELF-FORGIVENESS:** I forgive myself for having had difficulties. I recognize that I am human, and have human limitations like everyone.

5. **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS:** I build and heal my relationships with others.

6. **NO BLAME:** I forgive anyone I have blamed for my condition or for mistreatment.

7. **RECOGNIZING HABITS:** I recognize mental and physical habits and reactions involved in my condition.

8. **RECOGNIZE REINFORCERS:** I acknowledge ways my symptoms are reinforced.

9. **INDEPENDENCE:** I understand how I can become dependent in unhealthy ways — on people, on medications, drugs, alcohol, on organizations, on objects, on ideas. I am willing to release these things and regain my power and control over my life.

10. **TAKING IT FORWARD:** I am ready to make positive choices and to see them through. I am open to new ideas and ways of living. When I have made these changes part of my life, I can also help others.

Brian Grady, Ph.D. is a registered psychologist on Salt Spring, who has been working with people with chronic health problems since 1992. To learn more, see his website www.tenresolutions.org

An eight-week course called Living with Chronic Conditions: From Surviving to Thriving starts Friday evenings on March 21 at the United Church, upper hall, at a cost of \$200. Most extended health plans will reimburse this fee.

Registration is limited to 14 people. Call 653-0081 or e-mail info@briangrady.com for more information or to register.



A CLASS QUILT: Wendy Mullan, left, and Renee Hewitt surround themselves in quilts after participating in a stripes and curves quilt-making workshop held recently at A Class Act on Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

LET'S EAT! WITH LINDA KOROSCIL



Chicken Fajitas

If you like fajitas as I do, well, here they are, and much easier than you think. Use beef or pork as well as chicken to vary the flavour.

- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 4 large flour tortillas
- 2 gr. peppers, sliced
- 2 onions, sliced
- Marinade:
- 1/2 c. lime juice
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp. worcestershire sauce
- 1 small onion, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 tsp. cumin
- generous grinds of pepper and salt

Cut chicken in strips and pour over marinade with onions and peppers. Stand about 1 hr. and drain. Heat a ribbed grill — this gives a wonderful char-broiled taste — and stir fry chicken, onions and peppers. Meanwhile, heat tortillas in an ungreased frying pan. Pile chicken on tortillas and fold in half. Serve with sour cream and salsa.

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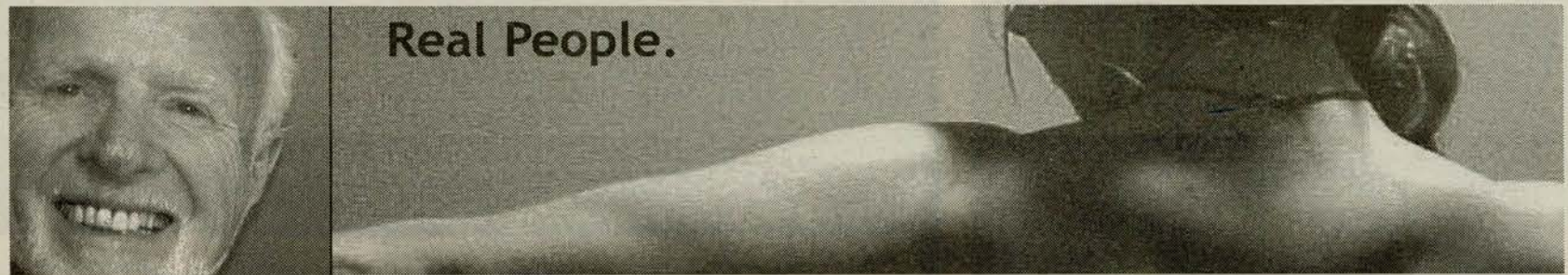
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Parenting courses dished up by Lisa Sigurgeirson

Parents of children of any age are invited to upgrade their parenting tool-kit in three different workshop options.

Courses called How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk, and Siblings Without Rivalry are set to begin Thursday, March 27, led by Lisa Sigurgeirson.

A How to Talk refresher is also set for Saturday, April 12.

Sigurgeirson has taught the popular How to Talk course at various times over the last 15 years, and is always impressed by participants' responses and how much she learns herself each time.

Based on the book by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, it provides ultra-practical tools for communicating with your children, dealing with conflict, exploring feelings and how to encourage cooperation, along with other topics.

Siblings Without Rivalry is also based on a Faber/Mazlish book of the same name, and that upcoming session will cover new ground for Sigurgeirson.

"We learn the tools, practise them in the group, and then practise them at home and bring back find-

ings of the real-life laboratory at home," said Sigurgeirson.

Both classes run for seven Thursdays: How to Talk is from 7-9:30 p.m., and Siblings Without Rivalry is during the afternoon from 11:30-2.

Cost is \$85 per person, or \$150 per couple, plus a \$15 workbook fee for each course. The April 12 refresher, for people who have taken How to Talk in the past, is \$20 or \$35 per couple.

The two seven-week courses will be repeated later in the spring.

Sigurgeirson received her early childhood education certification in the early '80s, and taught in both preschool and daycare programs.

She has also been a high school teaching assistant, a guest speaker and lecturer for numerous parent-related groups and is well-known for her musical accomplishments as Lisa Maxx.

Sigurgeirson will also be a guest speaker at the Making Tomorrow educational conference in Victoria on May 3.

Call her at 538-1703 to register for any workshop or for more information.



HONOURING WOMEN: Myranda O'Byrne helps hand out roses to performers at Saturday night's celebration of International Women's Day. Recipients shown include Lynda Laushway, Sue Newman and Virginia Newman. The roses were donated by Thrifty Foods.

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Charity t-shirts: Mouat's

In response to requests from Avril Lavigne fans across Canada, Home Hardware has produced a new version of the Home Hardware Napanee T-shirt the singer wore during a recent appearance on Saturday Night Live.

As of March 5, a limited number of t-shirts were on sale at Mouat's Home Hardware.

Proceeds from the sale of shirts will benefit The Hospital For Sick Children Foundation, one of Home Hardware's national charitable partners.

To date, over \$27,000 has been raised for the charity.

At the request of the Lavigne family, the shirts were made by Napanee, the Ontario-based supplier that produced the original T-shirt for a local community soccer association.

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FIRST SPEAKER:

Local artist and historian Rocky Sampson holds a mask he carved with his brother Brian, a Ladysmith RCMP officer. The Sampson brothers met with approximately 30 Salt Spring Island Middle School students and family members with First Nations ancestry to share history and stories Friday. The event provided an opportunity for SIMS students to connect with their culture, said local youth and family counsellor Chris Cunin.

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Island students' writing part of literacy project

Eager reading islanders will need to keep their eyes peeled for installments of an epic anthology of students' writing set to appear at literature-loving locations throughout the community in early April.

"They are going out to schools and businesses to give the community an idea of what kids are writing," said literacy project coordinator Keiko Taylor.

Taylor and fellow curriculum coordinators Eleanor Cocker and Kathryn Akehurst have penned an invitation for more than 250 submissions from the 11 schools in the Gulf Islands School District.

"We are looking for meaningful, significant work. We're hoping we can get the full spectrum of writers," Taylor said.

Once student writing submissions have been collected, they will be divided into approximately 30 separate volumes to create a body of

work that could weigh in at over 300 pages.

The anthologies will include poetry, stories and all other forms of student writing, Taylor said. Stories up to 10 pages in length will be accommodated.

"Because we want to cover all the genres, I don't think we're going to limit it," she said.

"We will leave them at various locations around the community and we are asking people to please read them," she said. "We want people to read through them while they are waiting for lunch at Barb's Buns or having a coffee at the Roasting Company."

A space will be provided at the end of each anthology to allow readers to comment on student writings and Taylor hopes to eventually publish the community remarks on student writing.

The writing project is part of a larger literacy project

integrating schools within the community.

Each school will be inviting local writers to meet with students, and the schools will also participate in various literacy projects, such as a "school-wide write" or a "cold turkey" week of no TV, Taylor said.

"We've been holding off on inundating schools with this project while they are working on report cards. We're leaving it up to individual schools."

As part of the community project, the Driftwood is set to print a special literacy section in its April 9 edition.

Selections from the anthology of student writing will be available April 2 at Barb's Buns, Calvin's Bistro, Lady Minto Hospital, Mary Hawkins Library, the Oystercatcher restaurant, both locations of Salt Spring Roasting Company and at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

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Appraisal tickets on sale

It's not the Antiques Roadshow, but it's the next best thing. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday April 5, Al Bowen, skilled appraiser and former decorative arts curator of the Vancouver Art Gallery, will be at the Community Gospel Church to tell a number of islanders if they own a treasure or not.

Last year, a surprised and delighted islander learned that a painting owned in his family for many years was worth \$50,000. Tickets cost only \$10 for each item appraised and include admission. They can be purchased outside the Ganges Village Market on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

People are advised that tickets usually sell out during that time period so early purchase is recommended.

Any remaining tickets will be sold on Tuesday, March 25 at 10 a.m. Favourite treasures, which must be small enough to be carried, can be brought to the April 5 event for a verbal appraisal. Those wanting a written appraisal should bring a photograph with the item.

People without treasures for appraisal are welcome to come see the articles, hear a little of their history from the owners and then hear what the appraiser knows about them and what he thinks they are worth. Tickets to watch the show are \$5 admission at the door on April 5. Refreshments provided.

For more information, call June Perry at 537-9838. All proceeds go toward a Gulf Islands Secondary School scholarship for a worthy graduating senior planning to attend university.

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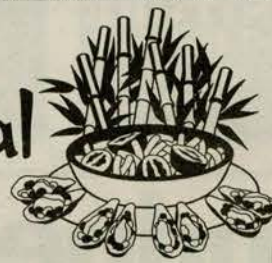
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330 379	KING	News	Weekend News							Meet the Press	Golf The Honda Classic PGA					Football AFL Col/Ariz				
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243 321	CTVBC	7:00 Morning Canada	Eagle C.	Eagle C.		Eagle C.	Worldvision	King of Q		Question Period	W-FIVE		eTalk		The Birdcage	Robin Williams.				
241 336	GBLBC	Sunday Morning News					Beer TV	Eagle C.	The Hour of Power				HomeCk.	M. Feast	Doggin' It	Taste				
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242 359	CITY	CityLine		Feet F.	ArtsMinds	Negaraesh	Television		N. Music	Ethnosonic	Electric Circus	SpeakEasy	Fashion	Movie TV						
454 523	BRAVO	Movie	45 Swashbuckler (1976) Robert Shaw.			45 Grey Owl (1999) Pierce Brosnan.				Definitive Elvis		IAS	Bravo! Profiles							
472 583	CMT	eQuest			CMT Weekend					Chevy Top 20 Countdown			Power Trip							
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450 520	A&E	Mansions	Historic Homes	The Big Heist (2001) Donald Sutherland.						No Mercy (1986) Richard Gere.			Columbo: Murde...							
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333 382	KCPQ	FOX News Sunday	Paied	Auto Racing	Carolina Dodge Dealers	400 NASCAR				Sports	Paied	Paied	Vanishing Point							
511 390	NEWS	World V.	ForeignA.	NewsWorld Live		Inside Media	Antiques Roadshow	Hot Type	Docket	World V.	ForeignA.	NewsWorld Live	News	ForeignA.						
332 381	KIRO	7:30 Sunday Morning	Arnold	Paied	Basketball SEC Championship	NCAA Teams TBA				Basketball Big Ten	NCAA Teams TBA		Selection Show							
331 380	KOMO	7:00 KOMO 4 News	Paied	Tennis Pacific Life Open				NBA Sht.	Basketball NBA Dallas Mavericks vs Sacramento Kings			Paied								
438 394	VISION	Islam	The Hour of Power	J. Meyer	The Living Truth	Revival	Food Life			700 Club	Light for All Nations	P.Focus	Tomorr'w	R.Martin	Ministries					

23 Warlock III: End of Innocence (1999,Horror) A group of students are targeted by a warlock who is interested in a girl's bloodline. Bruce Payne, Ashley Laurence (2h)

24 ★★★★★ The Spy Who Came in From the Cold (1965,Suspense) A spy infiltrates enemy circles and discovers he's been set up for a different mission. Richard Burton, Oskar Werner (2h30)

8:15 PM

14 ★★★★★ The Witches of Eastwick (1987,Comedy) Three bored women innocently conjure up a mysterious man, who turns out to be the devil. Jack Nicholson, Cher (2h15)

9:00 PM

3 ★★ We Were Soldiers (2002,War) A story about the soldiers who fought the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War. Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe (2h30)

13 ★★ To Be Announced (2h)

15 ★★ 8 Seconds (1994,Drama) A rodeo champion experiences marriage problems after his many successes go to his head. Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin (3h)

19 ★★★★★ Beetlejuice (1988,Comedy) A newly deceased couple try to drive away the obnoxious new owners of their house. Michael Keaton, Geena Davis (1h50)

27 Mafia Doctor (2003,Drama) Frank and Danny are mesmerized by the lavish Mafia way of life that surrounds them. Paul Sorvino, Olympia Dukakis (2h)

10:30 PM

14 ★★★★★ The Great Waldo Pepper (1975,Drama) An ex-World War I pilot is grounded, but takes to the skies again as a movie stunt pilot. Robert Redford, Bo Svenson (2h)

10:50 PM

19 ★★★★★ The Flamingo Kid (1984,Drama) Boy whose head is turned by slick sharpie. Matt Dillon, Richard Crenna (1h35)

11:30 PM

10 ★★★★★ Les Enfants volés (1991,Drama) Un jeune carabinier doit reconduire deux enfants dans un foyer d'accueil. Enrico Lo Verso, Valentina Scalici (2h)

3 ★★ The Caveman's Valentine (2001,Drama) A schizophrenic genius struggles to track down his mind-controlling nemesis. Samuel L. Jackson, Colm Feore (1h45)

MONDAY, MAR 17

7:00 PM

3 ★★★★★ Merlin (1998,Fantasy) The story of the wizard Merlin, from his youth and Camelot to his conflicts with a queen. Sam Neill, Miranda Richardson (1h30)

8:00 PM

24 ★★★★★ Lovin' Molly (1974,Romance) Two close friends both fall in love with a woman who, in turn, loves both men equally. Anthony Perkins, Beau Bridges (2h)

8:30 PM

3 Red Green's Duct Tape Forever! (2002,Comedy) Red and his buddies struggle to save Possum Lodge when the court threatens to take it away. Steve Smith, Patrick McKenna (1h30)

9:00 PM

13 Blue Streak (1999,Comedy) A convict out on parole must impersonate a detective in order to get his loot back. Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson (2h)

19 The Luck of the Irish (2001,Comedy) Kyle Johnson and his mother, both leprechauns, must recover his stolen magic coin. Ryan Meriman, Henry Gibson (1h30)

10:00 PM

14 ★★★★★ The Turning Point (1977,Dance) A housewife's daughter becomes enthralled with her mother's friend, a prima ballerina. Shirley MacLaine, Anne Bancroft (2h15)

3 Chain of Fools (2000,Comedy) A barber gets caught up in a precious-coins scandal and finds love along the way. Steve Zahn, Salma Hayek (1h45)

11:45 PM

3 ★ Turbulence 3: Heavy Metal (2001>Action) Terrorists hijack an airplane that is broadcasting a rock concert live on the internet. Zak Alcott, Sharon Alexander III (1h45)

TUESDAY, MAR 18

6:00 PM

29 ★★★★★ Harvey (1950,Comedy) A woman is mistakenly committed and it is up to her brother to get her released. Mary Chase, James Stewart (2h)

8:00 PM

24 ★ Trade Off (1995,Suspense) A man's lover suggests that they knock off each other's spouses. Theresa Russell, Adam Baldwin (2h)

9:00 PM

13 ★★ Deep Rising (1998,Horror) The passengers on a hijacked luxury cruise liner are massacred by gruesome sea creatures. Treat Williams, Wes Studi (2h)

19 ★★★★★ Prehysteria (1993>Action) A family of raisin farmers tries to protect unusual critters that have hatched from eggs. Brett Cullen, Colleen Morris (1h30)

29 ★★★★★ Harvey (1950,Comedy) A woman is mistakenly committed and it is up to her brother to get her released. Mary Chase, James Stewart (2h)

10:00 PM

14 ★★★★★ Backbeat (1993,Docu-Drama) The story of the man who deserted the Beatles for a career in art, and the woman he loved. Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee (1h50)

3 ★ No Such Thing (2001,Thriller) A young journalist travels to Iceland where she encounters a murderous monster. Sarah Polley, Robert John Burke (1h45)

11:45 PM

3 Dark Water (1999,Thriller) A young man believes that he has become a vigilante, targeting pedophiles. G. Patrick Currie, Holly Ferguson (1h30)

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240	CBC	Wind at My Back						Tommy Hunter		Betrayed (2002) Kari Matchett.			News	Venture	Reflection	CoolShot				
600 621	MC	3:30 Head Over He...						Showtime (2002) Robert De Niro.		We Were Soldiers (2002) Mel Gibson.			Movie							
4	NewVI	Farscape	Touched By Angel			News	Enviro TV	Right On!		Air Force One (1997) Harrison Ford.			VILand	News	Enviro TV					
330 379	KING	3:00 Football A.F.L. Colorado vs Arizona				News	News	Dateline NBC		American Dreams	Law & Order: C.I.	Boomtown	News	35 Sports						
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241 336	GBLBC	Heart Simpsons	Simpsons	Global		News		Futurama	King Hill	Simpsons	Fat Life	Malcolm	Raymond	Dragnet	News	35 Global				
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242 359	CITY	Savage Land (1994)	Corbin Bernsen.			News		Speaker's Iconocl.	Dead Man's Gun	To Be Announced			Sex TV	Il Said So						
454 523	BRAVO	ArtsMinds/Banff	Visual Arts			The Client (1994) Susan Sarandon.		15 The Witches of Eastwick	Jack Nicholson.	The Great Waldo Pepper										
472 583	CMT	Nashville Star		One/One		8 Seconds (1994) Luke Perry.				8 Seconds (1994) Luke Perry.										
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407 419	RSP	Sunday Night Heat	Skiing Alpine FIS			Basketball NBA Toronto vs Los Angeles				NBA XL	B.D. Sports Show	Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News							
23	KSTW	Leprechaun 3 (1995)	John Gattins.			Leprechaun 4: In Space	Warwick Davis.			Warlock III: End of Innocence			News	M.A.S.H.	The Practice					
24	KVOS	Twilight	Paied	Seventh Heaven		Maximum Exposure	Serve & Protect			The Spy Who Came in From the Cold	Richard Burton.	Cheers	N. Radio							
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WED. March 12	THURS. March 13	FRI. March 14	SAT. March 15	SUN. March 16	MON. March 17	TUES. March 18
Meetings GI School Board. GISS, 1 p.m. SS Historical Society. Jonathan Yardley on SS historical sites and buildings. Central Hall, 2 p.m. The UFO Phenomenon. Video at StarBooks, 5:30-8 p.m. GISS PAC. Constitution/bylaws meeting. GISS library, 7 p.m.	Stage A Slice of Shakespeare. Jim Lightfoot's Grade 4-5 class, Fulford Elementary, 7 p.m.	Stage A Slice of Shakespeare. Jim Lightfoot's Grade 4-5 class, Fulford Elementary, 7 p.m.	Special Events Family Variety Show. Children's entertainer Jim Raddysh & Meeks the Clown, ArtSpring, 10 a.m. Free. Peace Rally. Centennial Park, 3:30 to walk around town and then return to park. Irish Pub & Trivia Night. Legion lounge. Irish stew, 6 p.m.; Trivia, 7 p.m.	Meetings Sustainable Housing Group. 171 Vesuvius Bay Road. 2 p.m. Info: 537-2616.	Special Events Author Visit. Jocelyn Reekie is at Fables Cottage, 2 p.m.	Special Events Author Visit. Robert Perry & Greta Guzek are at Fables Cottage, 2 p.m.
Music 'Simply Organic.' Organ recital, muffin & coffee. All Saints, 10:10 a.m. Lisa Lindo. Jazz vocalist. ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Sunset Spotlight. Island musicians perform at	Meetings Mount Belcher Improvement District. AGM, All Saints, 7 p.m.	Meetings Quatrieme Soiree francaise. Evening of French conversation. Info: 653-4614. SPLASH Marathon Volunteers. Meeting at Porlock Park portable, 4:30-6 p.m.	Music Drop Radio. Reggae, funk, soul & groove at Anise Restaurant, 8 p.m. Kettle of Fish. St. Patrick's Day bash at Moby's. Super Dance Party. Mahon Hall. Tango, salsa, swing, calypso; world beat line dance lesson, 8:30 p.m.; dance from 9-12:30.	Music The Barley Bros. Every other Sunday, Fulford Inn, 6-9 p.m. Music Jam/Potluck StarBooks, 6-8 p.m. Kettle of Fish. St. Patrick's Day bash at Moby's.	Workshops Creating Believable Characters. Writing workshop with Jocelyn Reekie for 12+ years. Call ArtSpring, 537-2102. Dance Workshops. With Robbyn Scott, for 9 - 12 years. Call ArtSpring, 537-2102.	Meetings Central Community Hall. Board of directors meeting, 7 p.m. SS Golf & Country Club Ladies. Business meeting, clubhouse, 7 p.m. Prostate Cancer Support Group. Farmers Institute meeting room. 1 p.m.
Family Build a Solar Car. Fables Cottage workshop, 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Family Mouat Park Walk/Family Art. Meet at park 10 a.m., then to Family Place for art with toddlers, 11-1.	Music Gord & Trish. Porters, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Musicians Jam Nite. Fridays at Anise Restaurant, 9 p.m.	Music Drop Radio. Reggae, funk, soul & groove at Anise Restaurant, 8 p.m. Kettle of Fish. St. Patrick's Day bash at Moby's. Super Dance Party. Mahon Hall. Tango, salsa, swing, calypso; world beat line dance lesson, 8:30 p.m.; dance from 9-12:30.	Activities Da Mo Tai Chi. Free at Beaver Point Hall Sundays, 3-5 p.m. Spoken Word Open Mic. Anise Restaurant, 8 p.m. Sundays. Call 537-1097 to sign-up for a spot.	Activities Jhana's Relaxation Massage. StarBooks, 6-9 p.m. Partnership Dancing With Mike Young. Mahon Hall. Swing, 7 p.m.; ballroom, 8 p.m.	Workshops Dance Workshops. With Robbyn Scott, for 9 - 12 years. Call ArtSpring, 537-2102. Songwriting Workshop. With Jim Raddysh, for 8+ years. Call ArtSpring, 537-2102. Jazz Dance. With Jekka Mack, for 12+ years. Call ArtSpring, 537-2102.
Activities Yoga By Donation. With SS Centre teachers in training. 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.	Activities Yoga By Donation. With SS Centre teachers in training. 9-10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Tai Chi. With Tao Kimball, Central Hall Thursdays, 10 a.m. Life Drawing. Thursdays, Beaver Point Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Activities Yoga By Donation. With SS Centre teachers in training. 9-10:30 a.m. Fridays. Life Drawing. United Church, Fridays, 1-3 p.m. Roller-blading to Music. Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 p.m.	Family Chatterbox & Paper Creatures. Fables Cottage workshop, 1-2 p.m.	Workshops Dance Lessons. Mahon Hall. Swing & blues, 2-3:30; salsa, merengue etc., 3:30-5.	Activities Jhana's Relaxation Massage. StarBooks, 6-9 p.m. Partnership Dancing With Mike Young. Mahon Hall. Swing, 7 p.m.; ballroom, 8 p.m.	Activities Partnership Dancing With Mike Young. Mahon Hall. Latin, 6:30 p.m.; beginning tango, 7:30.

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Two Weeks Notice — Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant star in a romantic comedy about a left-wing female lawyer who ends up working for a right-wing real estate magnate. Bullock and Grant have great chemistry.

Cable TV

Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 — SSTV's spring broadcast launch is in the works. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

Exhibitions

Colour: border — work by Laura Hughes McGrath is hanging at Moby's this month.

Donna Hall and Karen Reiss are showing sculpture pieces at Island Savings until April.

Xuhong Mao is exhibiting work in the ArtSpring lobby.

Johanna Hoskins shows Affairs of Life mixed-media pieces at Salt Spring Roasting Co.

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BELLY MOVES: Belly dancing teacher Tara Harper is a whirl of colour as she leads a day-long workshop at Cats Pajamas on Salt Spring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Violin donations needed as teacher heads to Arctic

Jaime Rokeby-Thomas, a Salt Spring fiddle teacher and professional musician, is donating a week of her time to give a workshop in late March at Salt River, Northwest Territories.

And she hopes to take as many violins as possible with her for students in the Canadian Arctic.

Rokeby-Thomas' workshop and visit is part of the acclaimed music program called Strings Across the Sky Foundation.

The foundation was started by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra violinist and

Order of Canada winner Andrea Hansen after she visited Inuvik in 1975 and saw how traditional fiddling, which had been an important part of most native communities, was dying. She founded the organization with the goal of helping to revive traditional fiddling in northern Canada's native communities.

Hansen and other violinists have donated their time and given workshops and lessons to students across the Arctic, but many students cannot afford violins. Some of the people taking the

workshop at Salt River come from communities where 20 people will share four or five violins. The Strings Across the Sky Foundation has placed fiddles in communities across the Arctic but more are needed.

Hannah Munro and Laura Stewart, two Gulf Islands Secondary School music students, are collecting donated violins to send with Rokeby-Thomas.

People can contact Munro at 537-4891, Stewart at 537-9695 or Rokeby-Thomas at 538-1919 if they can donate an instrument.

St. Patty's bash swings at Moby's

The annual St. Patrick's Day event at Moby's Pub will be celebrated in style with back-to-back gigs this weekend.

Well-known Celtic band Kettle of Fish — based in Victoria but with solid participation from some Salt Spring musicians — is gearing up and ready to inspire its audience with rousing songs, jigs, reels and heartfelt ballads.

Kettle of Fish has received numerous accolades in its six-year history and has

played warm-up gigs for acts such as Ashley McIssac and Great Big Sea.

Band members are Ken Hall — also of Sunyata; Salt Spring's own guitarist and vocalist Derek Duffy; fiddler extraordinaire Jaime Rokeby-Thomas; and Glen Manders of The Bill Hillies on stand-up bass.

The no-cover event is usually packed to the gills.

It runs Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16.

Salish Sea maps exhibited at GSX panel discussions

An "awe-inspiring" exhibition showcasing the Gulf Islands is providing a backdrop to GSX discussions underway in Sidney.

Thirty artwork maps from the Salish Sea Mapping Project created by artists from 17 Gulf Island communities are on display at the Myfanwy Pavelic Gallery of the Mary Winspear Centre until March 21.

According to press material from The Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia, the exhibit is providing a "meaningful backdrop" to the National Energy Board (NEB) joint review panel hearings in the GSX gas pipeline project proposal currently underway at the centre.

The hearings mark the final round of public review of the environmental, economic and social effects of the proposed pipeline which crosses Georgia Strait from Washington state to Vancouver Island, past the shores of several Gulf Islands.

The "Islands in the Salish Sea" maps were created through a two-year-long community inventory and bioregional mapping project.

"They portray selected important natural, economic and cultural features of these sensitive islands — considered one of the most threatened ecosystems in Canada," notes the alliance.

"Community groups on each island sponsored the project, and the final maps are statements about the values held by local communities and which should be respected in land use and

development decisions."

The project is also set for exhibit on Salt Spring, May 12-19, and at the national land stewardship conference in Victoria at the beginning of July.

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Fish glide by humans in pain

I don't recall all the comic books I devoured in my mis-spent youth, but I do remember one of them.

It was called *Haunted Tales* and it specialized in creepy stories calculated to send shivers of dread down impressionable prepubescent spines.

I even remember one particular story in *Haunted Tales*. The first panel showed a close-up of a delicious looking chocolate bar, still in its shiny wrapper, lying on a dock by a lake. Along comes a middle-aged looking guy with a fishing rod over his shoulder, obviously out for a day of angling.

He spies the chocolate bar, picks it up, unwraps it and pops it in his mouth with a contented smile.

In the next panel he's dropped the fishing rod and his eyes are big as golf balls. His mouth is all puckered and distended — and you can see now that there's a thin, taut line running from the corner of his mouth, straight across the dock and into the water. The fisherman is on his knees and he's being dragged — reeled in — inexorably across the dock. The last panel of the story is a close-up of the lake surface with just a few bubbles rising and the fisherman's hat floating beside them.

The story was a rather clever, if unlikely, morality play designed to make the reader think about angling from a different — angle, as it were. The moral being "What if fish did to us what we do to them?"

Except not.

Anybody who's ever hooked a fish — be it a 60-pound tyeo or a six-inch chub — knows that what you get right from the get-go is *A Fight*. The fish struggles, resists, tries with every muscle in its body to shake that hook out of its jaw.

Now imagine yourself in place of that fish on the line, with a great big treble hook set deep in your cheek (and imagine that, like a fish, you had no arms to grab the line and relieve the pressure). Would you be shaking your head and bucking your weight against the hook? No. You would be whimpering and mincing and tippy-toeing ever so rapidly in whatever direction the hook was pulling you. That's because we human beings have oodles of nerve endings in our cheeks. A hook in the cheek would hurt plenty.

Whereas fish — at least in the bony cartilage of their mouths — have no such nerve endings. That's why they can put up a fight when they're hooked.

Now I know I'm going to get letters on this — especially from the PETA folks. PETA — that's People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals — has already spent millions of dollars on a campaign to outlaw angling, which it considers barbaric.

All I can say is, save yourself a stamp.

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James D. Rose at the University of Wyoming. He's a professor of zoology and physiology and he's been working on the ins and outs of fish neurology for the past three decades. Last month Professor Rose published a study that compares the nervous systems of fish and mammals. His conclusion? Fish lack the brainpower to sense pain or fear.

But a minnow sees a large-mouth bass coming at him and flees — isn't that fear? No, says Professor Rose, that's "nociception" — responding to a threatening stimulus. Which he contends is an entirely different kettle of — well, you know.

According to Professor Rose's report, the awareness of pain depends on functions of specific regions of the cerebral cortex that fish simply do not possess.

So it looks like PETA's out of luck with their anti-angling crusade — but wait a minute! What about bait? Doesn't live bait suffer from cruel and unusual punishment?

Not necessarily. I remember the time I was ice fishing on a lake north of Thunder Bay. It was bitterly cold and I wasn't getting a nibble. Just then an old Finlander settles in about 30 yards away, bores a hole in the ice, drops a line in and starts hauling in

fish after fish. Finally I couldn't stand it. I walked over to him and said, "Excuse me, but I've been here all day and I haven't had a bite. You've been here half an hour and you've got a dozen on your string. What's your secret?"

"Roo raff roo reep ra rums rarm," he says.

I say, "Sorry, I didn't catch that."

"Roo raff roo reep ra rums rarm."

I say, "Sounds like you're speaking Finnish — can you tell me in English?"

With a look of disgust he spits a slimy brown ball into his mitten and says, "You have to keep the worms warm!"



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Chemainus bursaries up for grabs by youth

Young musicians wanting to attend summer workshops in Chemainus are being offered some financial assistance.

Guitarists, fiddle players and accordionists aged 18 and under are invited to apply for bursaries to attend three instrument-specific festivals.

The Chemainus Valley Cultural Arts Society is holding Guitar Fest from June 27-29, Accordion Fest August 15-17 and Fiddle Fest on September 13-14.

Young musicians need to indicate the instrument(s) they are studying, how long they have played, a little about themselves and which festival(s) they wish to attend.

Application deadline is May 1, and recipients will be notified by mid-May.

People wanting to access the several small bursaries, which have been made possible by local service clubs and the Joe Spano Memorial Fund, should write to Shelagh Armour-Godbolt, Chemainus Valley Cultural Arts Society, at Box 124, Chemainus, B.C., V0R 1K0, or e-mail to shelagh@shaw.ca.

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ON THE RIGHT NOTE: Women of Note choir members Sandy McNie, left, and Patricia Flannagan sing a rousing tune at an International Women's Day celebration held Saturday night — and cut short by snow — at Meaden Hall.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

The Ring hits new level of horror

Your television can kill you. That's the essence of The Ring, a subtly disturbing new film that pushes creepiness to a new level.

It stars Naomi Watts (the blonde half of Mulholland Drive) as a Seattle journalist who comes across the story of a homicidal video tape. You throw it in the VCR, see some surreal imagery, including a glowing "ring," and then you get a phone call: "seven days." Seven days later, to the minute, you die.

FLICK PICK WITH JASON TUDOR



I resisted watching The Ring, having heard wild tales of grizzled horror veterans having nightmares for weeks. One fairly tough-looking guy, eyes downcast in embarrassment, mumbled he had to go straight from the theatre to the pub. But, knowing well that it's my job to be on the front line, and (taking no chances) unplugging the phone, I pushed the play button.

Is it scary? Abso-freakin'-lutely, but not in any conventional way.

Horror films, at least in North America, tend to frighten through gore or surprise.

The Ring, however, has a distinctly nightmarish feel, as if those things on the screen came from deep within you the viewer and not the screen. It will take me a long time to forget the sight of the evil tape's victims; imagine a zombie version of Robert Munsch's The Scream, only after he's screamed himself to death. Ugh.

But The Ring has more ambitions than the simple messing-up of your brain.

At its thematic heart is a

sincere distrust in technology, and the mass media in particular. In this way it can be seen as a sort of surreal cousin to Michael Moore's devastating Bowling for Columbine.

Both involve scathing attacks on the tendency — or aim — of newspapers, television, the internet (and movies, of course) to use fear as an addictive drug to get you to consume more media. The Ring hits harder by gruesomely representing on-screen how it is the fear itself (and not what is feared) that kills you.

At least, I think so — I'm still too freaked to watch it again and find out.

Children's authors at Fables, ArtSpring

When it comes to sharing children's authors, ArtSpring and Fables Cottage have teamed up to treat Salt Spring families next week.

Jocelyn Reekie, Robert Perry and Greta Guzek are offering workshops in the Spring Break at ArtSpring series, and also doing readings and book signings at Fables Cottage.

Reekie, author of the novel Tess, is at the store on Monday, March 17 at 2 p.m., after completion of the ArtSpring creative writing workshop titled Creating Believable Characters.

Tess is the story of a 13-year-old girl living in Scotland in 1857, who is forced to move to Vancouver Island with her father.

"In gripping detail, Tess tells the dramatic story of one young woman's journey to a new land — and towards adulthood," states promotional material from publisher Raincoast Books. "Here is classic historical fiction by an immensely talented writer who brings a fateful voyage across the ocean, and the fascinating frontier of North America in the 1850s, vividly to life."

Then on Tuesday, March 18, author Perry and illustrator Guzek will also read and sign at 2 p.m.

They have produced the picture books called Down at the Seaweed Cafe, The Vancouver Sketchbook and The Ferryboat Ride, which reflect the beauty and magic of west coast life.

Perry and Guzek are set to present Creating Rhyming Text and Illustrating Your Ideas in a Tuesday morning workshop for six to 12-year-olds.

Call the ArtSpring box office at 537-2102 for information about the 29 free spring break workshops

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Alonso takes fourth and team pins silver at Winter Games

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's Natalya Alonso returned jubilant from the Canada Winter Games with a silver medal as a souvenir after the B.C. women's judo team made their best performance in history.

After a near miss for bronze in individual competition, Alonso was pleased to get a chance to prove her abilities as part of an eight-woman judo team competing in different weight classes.

Unfortunately, Alonso didn't get a good start in her first individual match against Christine Wilbert (P.E.I.) March 4.

"She was only good at one throw but she was very good at it," said Alonso Monday.

The 12-year-old islander went on to use power and technique to defeat Manitoba's Alexa Kowarchuk and Nova Scotia's Jessica Wong.

With two wins, Alonso battled back into medal contention but she lost a re-match against Wilbert for bronze.

"This time I gave her a better fight but I still couldn't deal with her grip. She had a good right hand."

But Alonso's team threw their opponents to the mats to take a silver medal Friday.

Alonso won a team match against Kowarchuk to help her seven teammates score 60-20 over Manitoba. She then beat Ashley MacHattie of Alberta to put the B.C. team into a 40-40 tie that was resolved by a single competition.

"When they have a tie, they pick a weight class out of a hat . . . Lisa Nakajima



Natalya Alonso

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

won against a girl that had already beaten her before."

Team B.C. went on to the semi-finals against Saskatchewan where Alonso got a chance to compete against her friend Chantal Beausoleil, who won silver in the individual competition.

"We met at a Kelowna tourney before but at this tourney we became friends," she said. "Chantal beat me. She's very good."

The B.C. team managed a slim 47-30 win in the semi-final and went on to the gold-medal match, but Québec fielded a group of formidable opponents and beat every B.C. player 69-8.

"We got to Québec and they slayed us."

Alonso was even hurt in her fight against Eve Renaud-Roy.

"She actually injured me

by accident. She sort of 'Charlie-horsed' me with her knee before she threw me."

While Alonso might have fought against some of the top judo competitors in the country, battles against a cough, bad beds, freezing temperatures and a 26-hour return trip were the greatest ordeals of the 10-day event, she said.

"It was really cold. My ears and nose were about to fall off," she grinned.

Weather also caused delays to return flights and gave her a snuffly cold.

But Alonso made lots of friends and had a great time in the Bathurst, New Brunswick athletes village.

All competitors from every sport stayed in a complex of mobile homes built around a school where organizers set up entertainment with TVs, computers, pool tables, a dance and magic show over the 10-day event.

"It was really great meeting athletes from all the different provinces and different sports. It was like a mini-Olympics."



JUDO TUMBLER: Adrian Alonso practices his flips beside Salt Spring Judo Club coach Shaun Adams. Adrian is the younger brother of Canada Winter Games silver medalist Natalya Alonso.

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DOWN THE GUTTER

By PAULA BEDFORD
Driftwood Contributor

Here's one for you . . . who was the first and only bowler to get a perfect game here on Salt Spring? We've been getting a few good scores this week and here they are:

Circus: Fred Broadbent, 234, Lance Leask, 203.

Tues. a.m. Seniors: Marg Baker, 244, and Stan Sage, 248.

Tues. p.m. Seniors: Rita Dods, 216, Ken Robinson, 201, 210/603.

Tues. evening: Carole Lee 205, 236/638, Jason Newport, 250 (Good one, Jason. Must be the new shoes!).

Special Olympics: Jason Newport, 168, Gloria Dale, 183.

Legion: Fishmonger (who's opening soon), 229, Bruce Watkins, 225, Nikki Moreau, 206, Lori Coulombe, 210 and Myles Wilson with his hot new shoes, 214, 214/623.

Well, Ditlof, what scores will yours bring?

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Islanders have chance to check out FC in top-notch action

Local soccer enthusiasts should circle March 23 on their calendars to catch Salt Spring Football Club (FC) host an exhibition match against Division 1 champions Nanaimo United.

After winning Division 2, Salt Spring FC was knocked out of Jackson Cup play March 2 when the team fell to Division 1's Powell River Villa in a shootout after a 0-0 tie through regulation and extra time.

Nanaimo United was also eliminated by Vantreights in the second round of the Jackson Cup.

United is preparing for the provincial A championships with a game against the UVic Vikings at Centennial Stadium March 16.

Team members also agreed to play an exhibition match against Salt Spring as part of their preparations. FC will meet United at Portlock Park 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 23.

After the game, FC is hoping to secure a licensed facility to invite supporters and United players to view the taped Powell River game.

FC will announce the location as soon as it is secured. "Tooney" donations will be requested to offset costs.

As an additional note, FC will help Salt Spring Youth Soccer wind-up its season at Portlock Park March 15, and FC's last league game of the year should be against Lakehill at Braefoot Park Sunday.



TSUNAMI SHOOTER: Megan Cameron practices her lay-up with Salt Spring Island Middle School team-mates to help win the Mid-Island Basketball Tournament March 7.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

SIMS Grade 7 hoopsters wrap-up basketball season

Tsunami teams pounced on unsuspecting guests with strong play during the Grade 7 Mid-Island Basketball Tournament at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Wednesday.

The Grade 7 SIMS boys trounced the George Bonner B-Team 28-12 while the Bonner A-Team beat Queen of Angels School 38-22 in the first round.

A final match saw a tight battle between SIMS and the A-Team locked at a 22-22 tie at the half.

"They 'see-sawed' back and forth," said coach Ken Cameron.

But SIMS finally pulled ahead in the second half to

win 39-33.

"They were not allowed to use the press until the fourth quarter," Cameron said. "It made it a little more interesting."

Players on the SIMS team are pretty equal and play well as a unit, he said.

"There isn't one outstanding star... It's good not to rely on one person. Some kids were scoring, while some grabbed rebounds and others played defence. They all melded into one team."

The SIMS girls also played two exhibition matches against the visiting boys since there are no other Grade 7 girls teams in the region.

Though the SIMS girls lost 22-13 against the Bonner B-Team and 34-22 against Queen of Angels, visiting coaches said the island girls were the best players they'd seen on a Grade 7 girls team.

Following up on their much complimented performance, the Grade 7 girls went on to challenge the undefeated SIMS Grade 8 girls team to an exhibition match Thursday and the younger girls won.

Tsunami league play wrapped up for Grade 7 players Tuesday while Grade 6 athletes will have a finale on Thursday.

"So ends a short but intense season," Cameron said.

Big run training continues

By BEN COOPER
Driftwood Contributor

Training is coming along great for the Salt Spring Pool Association (SSPLASH) May 25 running event. Those aches and pains should disappear as your muscles adjust to running.

Soon, if not already, all the effort you put into training will be paying off in feeling and looking good. The "runner's high" is in your grasp.

Week five of training continues with longer sessions and more running, with the faster group getting a taste for speed work.

Beginners will run for two minutes and walk for three minutes with 12 repetitions (60 minutes) for session one, 10 repetitions (50 minutes) for session two and 10 repetitions (50 minutes) for session three.

Experienced runners can run 45 minutes in session one (with two stints of five minutes at a medium pace during continuous running), 45 minutes in session two and 40 minutes in session three.

Now is the time to register. Participants in the race event will receive a race T-shirt, lots of "munchies" following the run and the possibility of winning some fine draw prizes donated by a supportive local business community.

Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce, North End Fitness and online (www.ssplash.org).

Anyone wishing to volunteer can call me at 537-1951 or come to a special volunteers meeting on Friday, March 14 at the Portlock Park portable from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

All sorts of people are needed, from marshalls and people serving water to the runners as they dash past, to presenters for the awards and draw prizes at the end.

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Before the season ends . . .

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

As the soccer season starts to close down our the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association thought it was a good time to update all our soccer participants and followers on the latest happens.

The Tube

Yes the Tube, or the Howe Tube as it has become affectionately known as, is coming to Salt Spring. The Association has for several years attempted to find a way to store all its uniforms, balls, etc. on a year-round basis and finally through the diligent hard work of director Bob Howe, with the assistance of PARC, we have come up with The Tube. This is a metal container unit which will be modified to store all the association's equipment and files and will be situated at Portlock Park for easy access. Well done, Bob.

Handbook

After a couple of years delay, the directors of the SSIYA have held a series of meetings since December to put together a manual that will be the framework of how our association works. It will have dates to remember, contact people, guidelines for coaches, players and parents, travel, player movement, registration, sponsors and everything one could possibly imagine could be in it. The final draft should be completed by the end of March and then adopted by the executive for use next season.

District cup

This past weekend saw U12 boys and U13 girls teams and all those with older members begin the hunt for their respective District Cups.

The next few weeks mark islanders' last chance to get out and support our youth teams as they all try to reach

SOCCER SNIPPETS

the cup finals on April 5-6 at Juan de Fuca. Come on out and cheer them on.

Tournaments

The mini tourney will be played March 15 at Portlock Park. Teams will play in their regular time slots and will do skill testing, try new challenging games, have a lunch provided, have a mini World Cup near the end as well as receive their medals. It should be a great wrap-up for this age group.

Euro wrap-ups are going on throughout the lower Vancouver Island district and our four Euro teams will be attending those. Contact person is Sue Spencer at 537-2287.

Our tourney for the U12 and older teams had to be cancelled this season because there were no available dates to stage the tourney.

Uniforms

It is the association's intention to collect all uniforms from players directly after they have completed their last match/tourney. Players and parents should make sure uniforms are handed in to ensure they receive a new size next season.

We also will collect all balls, cones, pinnies, etc. from all coaches/managers at the same time.

This collection of uniforms and equipment is critical for us to itemize our current stock and order in for next season. Please get them in!

Coaches/managers meeting

This meeting was held on Monday, March 10 at the GISS library, primarily to outline what will be happening next season regarding

registration, scheduling, clinics, etc. and introducing the manual. Any coaches/managers who missed the meeting can get updated on the information presented by contacting Sue Spencer, 537-2287.

Related news

Congratulations to both Salt Spring FC Division 2 and the women's teams, the Dragons, on promotion to Div. 1 and Div. 2 respectively. Also special congratulations to FC Div. 2 on a great cup match, although a loss, in Powell River last week.

From March 26-30 at Centennial Stadium in Victoria, people can watch the CONCACAF U-17 Junior Tournament featuring our Canadian U17 boys team in action against Mexico, Cuba and Costa Rica. Tickets are available at Soccer world (475-3777) or Allsorts (380-1980).

Want to see world class soccer? Manchester United vs. Celtic in Seattle on July 22, 2003. Tickets go on sale this Saturday, March 15 on Ticketmaster — this will be a great game to see.

Referees

Any adult or youth interested in refereeing for next season should contact Malcolm Legg at 537-4970 or e-mail at mlegg@salt-spring.com so that I can register you for the courses as they come up over the next few months.

Sports swap runs March 30 at hall

Sports enthusiasts looking to either clean out or restock their equipment closets should mark Sunday, March 30 on their calendars.

That's the day the Salt Spring Aquatic Society — which runs the Stingrays swim team — is staging its second annual sports swap at Fulford Hall.

Last year, bargain hunters went home with everything from bikes and skis to soccer cleats and basketball hoops.

This year's event has been honed to a single day, taking place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with doors opening to buyers at noon.

Those wanting to sell items at the swap should bring their items to the hall around 9 a.m.

Cost to the seller is \$1 per item, and the aquatic society also collects 10 per cent of the sale. Sellers can mark down the price at any time during the swap. Unsold items need to be picked up after 5 p.m.

Donations to the swap (for 100 per cent profit to the society) are also accepted.

Organizer Jim Raddysh can provide further information or arrange for the pick-up of donations. He can be reached at 653-0025.

Those wanting additional information on the Stingrays swim team should call registrar Jill Smith (538-0026) or aquatic society president Susan Lundy (537-9957).

BRIDGE TRICKS

On February 24, Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt were first, Isabelle Richardson and Joan Conlan were second, and Irene Hawksworth and Bob Morrisette were third.

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Golfers take match

A Salt Spring team of golfers braved the frigid elements and a close match to beat out Prospect Lake in southern Vancouver Island golf action last week.

The first match of the Lower Island Nine Hole Golf Association's season took place Sunday at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

The local team took the game by a score of five points to four.

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6 DEATHS

LEE, SYDNEY, 72, died at home March 5, 2003. He is survived by his wife Sandra, sister Audrey, brothers Bob and Don, his son David, his daughters Lori and Nancy, their mother Margaret Hazel Lee and his grandchildren, Alison, Amanda, Patrick, Daniel, Katherine, Sara, Jennifer and Michael, and the friends who loved him. A celebration of Syd's life will be held at his home, 186 Arnell Way, Saturday, March 15 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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10 CELEBRATIONS

20 COMING EVENTS

POETRY DISCUSSION Group at Sabine's Book Store. Anyone interested in joining call Jennifer at 537-4846.

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

SHAKESPEAR. MR. Light-foot's grade 4 - 5 class proudly presents "A Slice of Shakespear". Thursday & Friday, March 13 & 14, 7:00 p.m. At Fulford Elementary School.

SEMAINE DE La Franco-phonie, celebration, March 13, Croftonbrook. 10 a.m. - noon.

AROMA CRYSTAL Therapy presents The Magic of Crystals! Bringing awareness of Lemurian Seed Crystals Saturday March 29th 9 - 4. Call 538-1833 or drop by our store for more details.

ULRIEKE BENNER, a course in card art. Develop your own style and ideas and make personalized cards for special people and occasions. March 19th, 10-5pm; or April 9th 7 - 10pm; or May 7th 7-10pm. Ulrieke's Textile Arts Studio, Call 537-1723, or visit www.ubtextilearts.com.

10 CELEBRATIONS



Phillips - 50th

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20 COMING EVENTS

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 at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

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.

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

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20 COMING EVENTS

Victoria Gatekeeper Program

- designed to identify and address the occurrences of abuse, neglect and self-neglect.

Presentation with:
Jo Ann Murray

Monday, March 17, 2p.m.
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20 COMING EVENTS

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

DANCE to ZIMBALACIOUS

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20 COMING EVENTS

PRESS for PEACE

Saturday, March 15
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32 MEETINGS

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.

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society

Annual General Meeting
March 24 - 12 p.m.
Lions Hall 103 Bonnet Avenue
12 pm - Lunch
1:30 pm Meeting and Election of Officers
All members urged to attend.



SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Thursday, March 20th, 2003

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Hart Bradley Hall, 103 Bonnett Ave. Ganges

Starting at 2:00 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

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.

HELP RUN the Race! Volunteers needed for a variety of roles for the May 25 running races in aid of the indoor pool. Absolutely no experience needed! Organizing meeting Fri. March 14, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Portlock Portable.

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Portfolios, tapes, videos etc. will be required for judging.

34 NOTICES



1987-2003
Buck went peacefully March 6th/03. He had a good, long life and was my very best friend. Thanks to friends and family for your love and support. A special thanks to Malcolm & Stephanie Bond who were with us at the end. Anyone wishing to can make a donation in Buck's name to the SPCA. Go in peace, Buck. Love, Nirmal



Jessie's loyal and loving heart gave up after 16 years. Best known for her enthusiastic barking and love of car rides. She was a friendly neighbour and although she never learned to fetch, she never gave up trying, or barking. She was a good dog and a great friend.



SS Kalette

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Gone but never forgotten by those to whom this beautiful mare gave so much pleasure. Patricia and Bill would like to extend their deep gratitude for the extraordinary care given to Kalette during the past two months by John and Andrea Pringle, as well as to Drs. Chris Archibald and Malcolm Bond. To all our friends who have expressed concern and good wishes, thank-you.

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LOCAL COURIER Operator looking for part-time office help. Duties include office administration, telephone and counter reception of customers. Basic computer skills required. Data entry & bookkeeping an asset. Apply in hand writing to: 133 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T6.

SHIFT WORKER needs child minder in my home for early a.m., some p.m., must have car, pays well. 537-5508.

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If this sounds like a place you might like to work (if you can call it that), please drop by "The Local" at Gasoline Alley with a resumé and list of references.



Summer Day Camp Leader - Salt Spring Island

Salt Spring Island Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission plans to hire three camp leaders for its 2003 Camp Colossal summer day-camp program. Camp Colossal is a 43 day, Monday to Friday program, that takes place in July and August with a focus on local outdoor activities for children in the 5 to 12 age group.

We are looking for dynamic, innovative and enthusiastic leaders who are prepared to create a fantastic experience for participants.

Registration for Camp Colossal is taken on a drop-in basis and most days will have 18-30 children in attendance. A 15 passenger minibus (van) is provided for transportation and driven by the leaders.

Salt Spring Island provides a multitude of interesting venues for local field trips, including ocean beaches, fresh water lakes and mountain trails. The Camp offers a number of off-island day trips, involving such experiences as the Royal BC Museum, the Inx Theatre, waterslides or CRD Regional Parks attractions.

Salt Spring Island is one of the largest of the Southern Gulf Islands and offers a wide variety of leisure-time activities as well as many shops, studios, craft stores and recreational activities. The Saturday 'Market In The Park' is a well known weekend attraction for residents and visitors.

Short-term accommodation is readily available although it is important to make arrangements early.

This is a bargaining unit position (CUPE Local 1989). Camp Leaders will be employees of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and are paid every two weeks. Classification - Program Instructor III (JB05). Pay Rate: \$13.50/hr plus 11% in lieu of benefits.

First Aid Certification, a Class "4" B.C. Drivers Licence and a clean driving record are mandatory.

Reply in writing, including a resume and references, to:

Parks Operations and Project Manager
Salt Spring Island Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1K3

School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

Applications are invited for substitute/casual work as School Secretary in all district schools.

Applications should be accompanied by evidence of successful demonstration of the following:

- Complete confidentiality
- Excellent time management and organizational skills
- Ability and desire to work collaboratively
- Excellent language skills: reading, writing, spelling, speaking, listening
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Two year diploma in Office Administration and Business Accounting

The school district is also looking for successful evidence of two to five years work experience as a school secretary resulting in documented skills, abilities and working knowledge of:

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- Education terminology

Please include work references with your application. Applications with supporting documents should be forwarded by **Sunday, March 23** at midnight to:

Rod Scotvold, Secretary Treasurer
School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
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THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



For the week of March 16, 2003

Tip of the Week: As of the writing of this week's horoscope, Uranus is entering Pisces in the tropical zodiac. As mentioned a few weeks ago,

the tropical zodiac is based more on the Sun and the seasons than the actual constellations. It is as if over the course of the billions of years - that marks the age of our planet - the Sun has burnt its signature into the very being of our planet along with all her inhabitants. Since the ancient times that we are historically aware of, at least, monuments were built to mark the Equinox and Solstice points and to this day the Sun aligns with these places, monuments and points at the same time EVERY YEAR! (Due to the imperfection of the Gregorian Calendars the dates may vary within a day or so on the calendar). The constellations of the Zodiac are still very important and can be seen as the head council of all the constellations in the sky, as far as life on our planet Earth is concerned. This is so because the 12 signs of the Zodiac lie exactly on the plane of the ecliptic, or apparent path of the Sun around Earth every 365 & 1/4 days. Of course, it is Earth that travels around the Sun, but that is not the way we experience it. Now, with Spring Equinox upon us, marking equal hours of day and night, the Sun will align with the temples and monuments once again. Meanwhile, Uranus in Pisces is increasing everyone's intuition. People who are more sensitive, awake and aware will feel it already. Focus clearly upon what you want now, as our manifestation power is stronger than ever and will increase measurably while Uranus is in Pisces.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Spring is here and you are eager to dive into it fully. This is a great time to learn and/or teach new skills. This is a foundational time and your sincere efforts now will increase your success when you are challenged to take certain leaps of faith in a few months. Emotional strength and confidence is the goal. As you exercise your decision-making muscles now you will enter the game more confidently when the real season gets under way with Saturn entering Cancer in June. Foresight!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

An inward draw to assess just who you are and are not continues. This is a time of awakening and if you sit still and quiet enough you may even hear the angels sing. A greater degree of independence is calling you. You need this so that the wisdom of your soul can be heard speaking through your heart. Still, you are ready to push beyond established limits. This may be creating anxiety, however. Trust that the more you change within the more will real change occur without. Peace.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

You are on the verge of a deepened soul searching journey. This may prove to be apparent only to those who know you best. Meanwhile, you feel rebellious and charged. You yearn for freedom from limiting situations. Your challenge is to recognize that it is not so much others as it is your own mental focus and attitude that imprisons or liberates. The dividing and separating faculty of the mind operates most strongly in your sign. Anchor in your heart and all divisions will be overcome by the greater reality of unity.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

All being well you have been tapping into your higher mind. Now you are poised to launch some new initiatives especially in your public and professional life. It is likely that some pretty tough negotiations will be a part of the process. Your willingness and ability to see yourself and situations as they are will determine the outcome. Accept that you are on the threshold of new things. Understand and make new connections where other doors are closing. Begin anew again.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Like Alice in wonderland you have been on a fantastic journey. As in a dream where everything appears different, somehow more vivid and perhaps scary, yet illuminating and delightful as well. The adventure will continue as you take even more pioneering strides. Accept that you will have to work more diligently to succeed for a while. Keep an open mind at each turn of the page to avoid judgment ruts. Just like what you eat you will become what you think. Victory!

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)

The beginning of the end, in certain areas of your life, is now at hand. Familiar patterns of thought, self-concept and behaviour based on security are poised to change. Relationships with certain male figures as well as your career are part of the plot. Trust that whatever is changing has served its time and the new experiences are needed for the next phase of your growth. Intend to incorporate more active, sporty and playful experiences into your lifestyle.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)

The warrior within is being called out. Other key players and/or events are challenging you to make some needed changes. Some of these are likely to be in your home environment while others will include the quality of your focus and vision. Changes in your career and/or public life are on the horizon. You have been feeling somewhat uncertain about your current status anyway, haven't you? Hopefully you are ready for the change of guard that is soon to occur. Attention!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)

With spring now here this is the right time to get going with some new attitudes and

activities. This may include getting rid of certain stuff or thought and behaviour patterns. Intend and focus upon creating a clearer environment. Again this includes your consciousness as well as your living space. Intend to be more selective with what you expose yourself to in terms of T.V., radio, news media not to mention places and people whose attitude seems negative. Clear the clutter!

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

A spirit of adventure and play is beginning to rise again. This includes creative planning and action. Practical ambitions are in there as well. You yearn for a more stable and yet refined existence. This could include new stuff for your home and lifestyle and it also implies a healthier outlook. Needing little and wanting less this is the time to settle only for the best. To make the dream a reality, learn how to dream vividly with all senses activated.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

You are a warrior at the core of your being and you are in the mood to demonstrate why you have earned all those stripes. Not that you want to show off but circumstances are pushing you to prove your worth. Start by outlining a plan. Make it a seven-year plan and break that time period down into as many components as you wish. Do it now and do it quickly, you can tend to the details a little later. Give your manifestation mind something to go on get real in the field.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

You are ready to see the world in new ways. As though all of a sudden your whole value system has been jolted awake to new visions and aspirations. Freedom and justice for all is brewing in your mind. This is a job for the spiritual warrior who recognizes that peace is the ultimate means and end. Security can only truly be felt when we are anchored in the spirit. No amount of power and wealth can replace being spiritually aware, anchored and centered. Break through the materialism trance!

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

The pre-game entertainment is wrapping it up and the real show is about to begin. Like the whistle that starts the play you are being called to position. Are you ready? There is a charge in the air and the fans await some real excitement. The time has come to take yourself a little more seriously and go for gold. Intend to break through all lines of opposition with grace and intelligence. Above all, even in your more challenging moment, remember to wink at the crowd.

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Disc golf ducks battle blizzard

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A flock of eager Salt Spring disc golfers braved snow flurries and extended ferry rides as they waded over to Pender for a fling at the Duck Golf Series Saturday.

But only a few island Frisbee enthusiasts made a dent in the standings as Vancouver and Victoria players took top spots.

"We had snow, we had darkness, we had mass amounts of people," tourney organizer Alex Fraser said.

Participants battled through 54 holes of back-to-back disc golf action that extended from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Fraser wanted to apologize for a flashlight award ceremony and closest to the pin competition fought through a blizzard. Fraser also thanked his wife and sister for their help to pull off the event.

"We like to put on top-notch tournaments . . . We managed to pull it off but there was probably some disenchantment."

Best overall play went to Vancouver's Dave Ross, who shot a 127 (35 under par) among a field of 118 participants. Fellow mainlanders Matt McDonald (130) and Glen Oliviero (134) took second and third places in the open pro division.

Salt Spring's pro Dean Crouse (143) did not place in the top standings but

nabbed one of 20 aces heard ringing around the park.

Top woman golfer was Pender Islander Jen Larson (168), followed by Salt Spring's Tanya Van Ginkel and Vancouver's Alice Crawford tied at 170 among the 22 female players.

Islanders also made a respectable showing among the elder statesmen, as Fraser placed second in masters with a 136 (behind Vancouver's Mike Graff with a 135). Steve Maudsley of Cortez placed third (138) and Salt Spring's Scott Chapman placed fourth with a 142.

"It was a gruelling, big long day," Fraser said. "The snow got pretty adverse for the last nine holes."

"Elvis" Berson swept advanced play with a 133, followed by Rod Crook of Pender (138) who hit two aces.

Recent Salt Spring acquisition Jerome Gagne took first place in the amateur division when he shot 145 (17 under par 162).

Thanks to the deft planning of a Pender ferry worker, the nine-player Salt Spring team was able to catch a boat back to the island Saturday night.

But a transfer at Galiano, a refuelling break and vessel maintenance meant a 1:30 a.m. return to Long Harbour.

"It was the fiasco from Hell to get home," Chapman said.

SALT SPRING SNIPPETS

• Approximately 100 supporters said farewell to retiring coast guard officer Dave Howell at the Harbour House Hotel Saturday.

Howell has worked all over the Pacific coast during 37 years of service, including a 12-year stint as officer in charge of the Ganges station until 2000, said local coast guard officer Sid Jones.

Though Howell maintained a residence on Salt Spring, he operated the 47-foot lifeboat Cape St. James out of Tofino and commuted for the past two years.

In July, he was honoured with two meritorious service medals marking 20 and 30 years of coast guard service granted by Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson.

• A pack of rogue turkeys were put on ice after the animal control officer received reports that feral fowl had been attacking people and terrorizing cars in the Furness Road region.

"All four were coming at me," said Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser.

"The males had two and half inch long spurs on their legs," he said.

The four turkeys originated from a flock from Camp Narnia when it operated in the Burgoyne Valley.

Once the animals were collected and put down, they were impounded in the CRD freezer, he noted.

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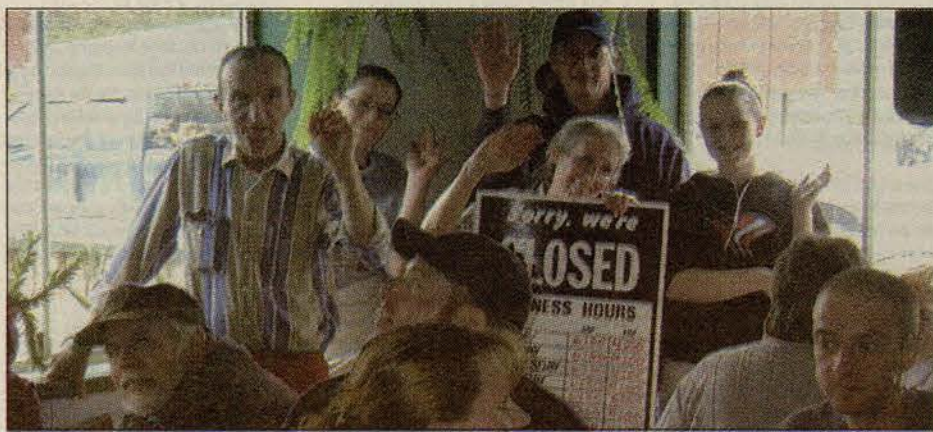
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SIMS cross-country runners take top spots

The running season leapt into action for the Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) cross-country team at Shawnigan Lake School Thursday.

Among SIMS students: Avery Brown and Lowell Rockliffe both placed first in their age groups, Gilbert Comeau placed second and Emma Rimmer placed third.

The cross-country team returns to Shawnigan Lake for the Island Championships Wednesday.



Local landmark closes

Placard waving protesters from more than a dozen special interest groups chanted "Hell no, we won't go" as attempts to break up a spontaneous gathering of support for DAGWOOD'S DINER degenerated into an ugly mob scene Sunday afternoon. No arrests were made and only minor injuries reported in the aftermath of the not-so-civil protest. Protesters were angry when the venerable old diner closed its doors Sunday after 25 years of continuous service to the community. Manager Neil Cameron reported that the popular blue collar greasy spoon will remain closed for indefinite periods

during upgrades and renovations to the Dagwood's complex.

Dagwood's Public Relations Officer Janet Reid labeled reports that the "renovations" call for the construction of a Hotel/Casino/RV Park as "speculative and premature". Reid was able to confirm the new complex would include a drive-through beer/wine outlet and an Anti-trust suite, and she assured the crowd that input from concerned citizens of Saltspring is welcome via a series of public forums. Dagwood's CEO William Kelly Nemeth dodged the media scrum by claiming he had to go for his nap.

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