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Rental review plan gets thumbs up

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's policy review on vacation rentals announced last week has been showered with initial positive reaction.

At last Thursday's local

Trust committee (LTC) meeting, trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger approved a process "roadmap" set out by Trust regional planning manager John Gauld.

Its checkpoints include holding two community information meetings with

the LTC and its Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and creating a "balanced" APC "resource subcommittee" made up of representatives from various interest groups.

Subcommittee terms of reference could be framed

for the next public LTC meeting in April, and the first public information meeting held in May, with APC recommendations expected by August 15. If proposed bylaw amendments are needed, they could then be done in time for the 2004 tourist

season.

Arlene Dashwood, president of the Association for Short-Term Accommodation Rentals (ASTAR), said she felt really encouraged by the report.

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KISS OF SPRING:

Looki Wickman-Ratthe sinks his nose into a Centennial Park daffodil as spring blossoms throughout the Gulf Islands.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Library location debate heats up annual meeting

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

It may be hard to imagine McPhillips Avenue without Mary Hawkins Memorial Library in the middle, but that's what people attending last Wednesday's library AGM were asked to envision.

With an initial report from the library board's long-term planning committee let loose for people to chew on, the meeting got a taste of the flavourful debate to come.

In response to a space shortage and the demands of

an old building needing attention, a process of looking at the library's physical future was initiated by the library board last year and a long-term committee struck.

As explained by long-term planning committee chair Lyda Smith at the AGM, the library association has three options to consider: expanding and upgrading on the present site; purchasing and building on another site in or near the village; or building on Parks and Rec land next to the high school on Rainbow Road.

Each option carries its own set of challenges.

Expansion on the current lot could more than triple the library's current 3,900 square feet of space to 13,600 square feet on two levels, but a multi-level facility is not considered ideal, and parking problems emerge. As well, Smith pointed out, library operations would be seriously disrupted for an estimated two years during construction.

A different central Ganges spot has not been identified,

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Victim breaks in to escape assault

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A Salt Spring man broke into a local business in a frantic effort to call police for help while fleeing from an attacker Monday night.

But the man's desperate actions led to cuts from broken glass and he suffered under continued assault before anyone could intervene.

The 30-year-old victim was treated at Lady Minto Hospital overnight, said Salt Spring RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Mike Giles.

"He took quite a beating," Giles said.

The man couldn't identify his attacker. He had shared a ride home from a party with his assailant in a woman's vehicle when the incident began around 12:30 a.m. Monday.

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Islanders pick classic and contemporary reads

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A second set of Salt Spring readers are recommending books for islanders as part of a joint literacy project between the Driftwood and the Gulf Islands School District.

This week, Canadian national women's soccer player Clare Rustad gives a plug for adventurous tales of modern magicians while local builder Mark Proctor promotes a classic novel about personal values and racial injustice.

"I know I'm almost 20, but right now my favourite series of books is J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series. She is an amazing writer," Rustad said.

Initially, she was slightly skeptical about the pop-fiction fantasy series. But

after her brother and sister begged her to start reading Harry Potter, she couldn't stop.

"It is absolutely true that these books are not just for children, as [Rowling's] imagination and writing style appeals to all ages. The world of fantasy and magic that Rowling has molded only gets better with each installment in the series."

Rustad read all four books during a soccer tournament last summer.

"For me it was the perfect way to take a break and relax after training twice a day or to switch gears a bit during some of the recuperation down-time between games."

Though recent movie adaptations made a valiant effort to describe the

strange events that transpire at Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, they can only truly be experienced through the books, she said.

"When I finished the fourth book, I didn't know what to do with myself for a little while."

She would recommend the series to anyone.

"My only criticism is that J.K. Rowling needs to write faster!"

Proctor also enjoyed reading the Harry Potter series but Harper Lee's classic novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* leapt to mind when he was asked to describe a favourite book.

"I actually read a broad spectrum of stuff but this one stands out, largely due to the high quality of the

writing," he said.

"It's about strong personal values and commitment. Given when it was written [1960], the insight into racial injustice is surprising."

Proctor has read *To Kill a Mockingbird* several times. First as a young adult and, most recently, two years ago.

He finds that he gets more out of the book as he gets older.

"It's interesting how she develops some very complex issues through the eyes of a child."

Proctor's wife Cathy works at Volume II bookstore and the couple reads most contemporary books with favourable reviews. But he still finds that 25-30 per cent of his reading is of classic literature he might

have read before.

"We just can't get into some of the ones that people are raving about."

To Kill a Mockingbird

stands up to the test of time, he said.

"It's one of those books you can re-read several times."

LIBRARY DEBATE: Location

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but the possibilities of moving within the village core will be looked at in the next while, said Smith.

The association can sell its valuable McPhillips Avenue site (estimated at \$500,000 to \$550,000), but whether or not it can maintain control of the funds is another matter. It's not that the money couldn't be used to buy another piece of land or construct a new building, but it may have to flow through the provincial government ministry which oversees library operations.

That would contravene one of the two main principles the long-term committee was charged with holding high - maintaining the "autonomy" of the non-profit library association. (The other principle is to keep the library a volunteer-run entity.)

The third option of constructing a new building on the Rainbow Road recreation lands also appears to compromise the autonomy principle, since the Capital Regional District (which formally holds the land on behalf of its Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission) would assume ownership of the building, even if it is constructed with library association funds.

Retired architect and project manager David Peter has been part of the facilities task group of the long-term planning committee. He outlined basic construction needs and the associated costs.

An initial estimate to rebuild on the current site is \$2.2 million, expended in two phases.

Constructing the same 13,600-square-foot building on a clear site such as the CRD-PARC lands would be \$2.7 million, but the half-million in revenue collected from selling the McPhillips lot would reduce the figure to the same \$2.2 million.

"As we move through the year, we want to tidy up all three options," said Smith.

They will then be presented in as much detail as possible for public comment.

At the absolute minimum, the facilities task group

about \$60,000 in maintenance in the next five years, with a \$50,000 rebuild of the flat western-side roof most significant.

Peter said the roof now leaks and "in times of snow the roof actually leans on the book stacks."

How to pay for anything beyond the maintenance tasks is yet to be determined, said Smith, but a Friends of the Library fundraising foundation has been established, with Ivan Mouat as its honorary chair. Smith said going to the public with a referendum to borrow the funds has not been in the game plan.

Board chair Garth Hendren also got some meeting blood flowing when he announced that the volunteer chief librarian position would be further "embedded" and the volunteer coordinator job "reconstituted."

"This position will oversee all the volunteers in the library and work with the chief librarian to insure that the library works as effectively as possible," he said.

Library volunteer Margaret Spencer said it sounded as if the board intended to increase the responsibilities of those two positions, which could lead to suggestions that "these people are working so hard, we must pay them... If you do that you will see a great change in the support you get from the volunteers."

Michael Wheaton, a past board member and chief librarian, said he didn't think the system needed "a rewrite," as it was tailored "to run our own unique library."

"Why try to fix a system that works well?" he asked.

Various board members and current chief librarian Grace Byrne clarified that the demands on the head person have grown enormously in recent years and that the overall system, especially in terms of communication, could be improved by Hendren's proposal.

And if possible location and volunteer role changes weren't enough to digest, relative newcomer and librarian Judy Levine raised the always-controversial question of whether the library should have a paid chief librarian.

"Volunteers are very very useful," she said, "but without professionally-trained people at the helm, there are a lot of services we are not offering the community."

At that point, board treasurer John Myers asked the several library volunteers with professional training to raise their hands.

Copies of all AGM documents, including the 2003 budget which anticipates revenue and expenditures of \$120,500, are at the library.

Three new faces will also join the board to fill vacancies: Mark Hand, David Peter and Frank Neumann.

Fireman suffers dog bite

A Salt Spring firefighter was injured by a dog attack after he responded to an illegal burn complaint Thursday.

Deputy chief Dan Akerman received a number of stitches to the back of his calves, Salt Spring Fire Department chief Dave Enfield said.

"The dog came up and nailed him good," Enfield said. "Dr. Woodley said it was one of the worst bites he'd seen."

Akerman will be off work until Monday at the earliest, when he will have his stitches removed. The deputy chief had attended a home in the area of Charlesworth and Fulford-Ganges roads to investigate an open fire containing old clothes 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Enfield said.

Burning clothing is against the local bylaw and Akerman had authority to enter the property to investigate the fire, Enfield noted.

The matter has been referred to the Capital Regional District animal control officer.

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BUSINESS BREAK-IN: *Man flees assailant*

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"One man started acting funny. The one fellow who was the victim asked to be let off and the other male started to beat him up."

The closest phone available to call for help was in Bark Avenue Grooming below Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic on Lower Ganges Road.

"He had to break the window to get to the phone," Giles said.

The man wasn't even able to speak coherently to the dispatcher as he attempted to evade attack. But police could still respond through enhanced 911 capabilities that trace the source of a distress call.

"He took the handset outside to run away somewhere."

The local man was treated for cuts and may have received cracked ribs during the attack but he visited the assault scene with police Tuesday because he wanted to "right the wrong" of damaging the local business.

"He feels responsible even though he was forced to

break the window," Giles said. "He wanted to stop by and apologize."

Police are actively looking into the matter, Giles added.

"The door is smashed in and there's blood everywhere, said Bark Avenue Grooming owner Jane Scoones.

Her floor was filled with scattered fragments of broken glass after a cinder block was thrown through the front door.

"The phone is destroyed, there's blood all over my desk, blood all over the walls, blood on the floor — there's blood everywhere," Scoones said.

The altercation resulted in a broken door and window, splattered blood, a damaged countertop, smashed sentimental desktop items and debris spread throughout the business.

"Thankfully they didn't damage any equipment. But I'll be out of commission for a couple of days," Scoones said.

Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic doctor Derek Milton expressed compassion for



his distraught business neighbour.

"Jane takes such pride in her place," Milton said. "She's one of those meticulous people."


He will absorb the cost of window and door repairs since Scoones is a tenant in his building.

The two business owners did not expect damage to exceed their insurance deductibles.

"Damage was not enough to meet the \$1,000 deductible. Between Jane's damage inside and my damage outside, we'll probably have \$1,000 or less apiece."

COLLATERAL VICTIM: Bark Avenue Grooming owner Jane Scoones assesses damage to her business after a local man fleeing from an attacker broke into her shop to call 911 for help Monday night.

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VACATION RENTALS: *Review lauded*

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"I think all along we felt that what was needed was a proper review . . . I'm hopeful that this will give an opportunity for everyone to come forward and say what they feel, and that common sense will prevail and we will all be able to work together on this."

Judi Stevenson, a Salt Spring researcher and member of a small group with an interest in the topic, is also pleased with what she read in Gauld's report.

"The vacation rental issue is really about what kind of community and what kind of neighbourhoods we want, so I'm pleased to see the breadth and sensitivity of the staff report which trustees have adopted," she said.

"The big challenge will be setting up a resource subcommittee that is not dominated by the interest groups like ASTAR, whose resources and capacity for organization greatly exceed those of ordinary citizens who just want to protect and preserve their neighbourhoods."

The Trust report suggests a preliminary list of subcommittee representatives might include "vacation rentals, affordable housing, residential neighbourhoods, commercial tourist accommodations, B&B operators, tourism groups, the Chamber of Commerce, low-income renters and off-island property owners."

Stevenson also said it would be important for committee members to be able to see the issue from a community-wide perspective.

"It becomes up to the citizenry to ensure there are strong people on the committee that will represent the interest of ordinary folks — so it's another challenge for volunteers to keep watch

over our community to make sure it doesn't change in ways we are not comfortable with."

Dashwood agreed that an ability to see broader community interests was important, highlighting the Trust report sentence that states: "[Subcommittee members'] role would be to speak for their interests while being open to consensus building."

Stevenson and Dashwood also agreed that having the Trust lead the process — rather than an official community plan or land use bylaw amendment application from a group or individual kicking it off — was the best option.

Gauld told the March 20 meeting that "to some extent, applicants do exert a little control over the content and timing [of an application], so for that small reason, and because it involves quite a few interest groups, it might be better

for the LTC to do this."

"By going this way it does establish a process and mechanism that will stay firmly in the trustees' control," said Stevenson.

"I'm really happy to see that the Trust felt . . . that the whole community was better served by the Islands Trust proceeding with a review," said Dashwood.

She said ASTAR would continue with its ongoing research and will share its information with the committee.

"Obviously [other committee members] may want to validate it and that is fine with us," she added.

ASTAR says who owns vacation rental properties is among that information, and it shows "people from away" are not buying up properties for commercial vacation rental purposes.

Dashwood said the vast majority of owners are islanders and "part-time

locals" in transition to moving to Salt Spring full-time.

Gauld's report also nixes one action that had been thrown out for consideration last year: prohibiting only non-resident property owners from renting out their homes for vacation rentals.

He said such a move would be considered "people zoning," which is discriminatory and would not be supported by the courts.

The issue of allowing residences to be rented for short-term accommodation purposes erupted over a year ago when previous trustees David Borrowman and Bev Byron initiated a public information campaign and proactive enforcement of existing bylaws that prohibit vacation rentals.

Trustees Booth and Lineger campaigned last fall on a promise to revisit the controversial topic.

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Major recreation site-servicing donation considered

It's a long way from Trincomali Heights to Rainbow Road, but the two areas could be philosophical-ly connected by a subdivision that taps into official community plan amenity zoning provisions.

Trincomali Land Corporation proposes to rezone and subdivide a 50-acre parcel of land south of Trincomali Heights, and to

receive a six-lot density boost in exchange for a \$150,000 donation to the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC).

The funds would be used to help bring services to the PARC-owned parcel next to the high school, which is earmarked for future recreation facilities.

At the March 20 local

Trust committee (LTC) meeting, trustees approved the drafting of a rezoning bylaw that would shift the land's density from nine to 15 lots.

PARC is now in the middle of a planning process to determine a possible footprint for future buildings and the costs of putting it all in place.

The \$150,000 would be used to fund needed water, sewer and hydro hook-ups

to the property.

PARC chair Bill Curtin is thrilled with the proposal.

"It's really good news," he said. "Whoever builds there first, the servicing will be in right to the site for them, so then it's a go."

Tennis, gymnastics and indoor pool enthusiasts are among those already interested in facility construction on the lands.

Curtin noted that servicing the site is an expensive undertaking. "It's going to cost a big buck to bring sewer, water and hydro to the site, and this [donation] brings us halfway."

If a bare land strata subdivision plan is chosen for the Trincomali property, the applicant is also requesting a variation in seasonal cottage regulations to permit cottages

on not more than 60 per cent of the lots.

The rationale is that a strata plan can better protect green space, but would likely result in some lots being too small for seasonal cottages, according to current zoning provisions.

Last year a similar change was authorized by the Trust for a subdivision off Rainbow Road.

Trust makes more hatchery resolutions

Another spate of resolutions aimed at putting the brakes on future on-land aquaculture projects wound through the March 20 local Trust committee (LTC) meeting.

While any resulting long-term rule changes would not apply to the in-progress sablefish hatchery at Walker Hook, they could affect aquaculture projects contemplated for any other Salt Spring agricultural land.

One resolution could directly impact the Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. project. It will see Ministry of Transportation (MOT) subdivision approving officer Rob Howat asked to initiate an environmental assessment of the hatchery operation on the Walker Hook area, as legislation allows.

Howat will attend a meeting on Friday afternoon to hear public input on the 20-year lease proposal. It takes place at Lions Hall beginning at 2 p.m.

For leases of more than three years for lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve, MOT subdivision authority comes into play. Howat has discretionary powers to consider "public interest" in making his decision.

Related Salt Spring LTC resolutions ranged from affirming Walker Hook as an area of "high recreational, historical, archaeological and environmental significance to the Province" and of special concern to the LTC, to examining the island's official community plan and land use bylaw to

see how on-land fish farms could be prevented or regulated.

Fish farms in marine waters around the island are already prohibited, except for one grandfathered operation at Cusheon Cove.

Other community members spoke about the Walker Hook hatchery and related issues in the informal part of the March 20 LTC meeting. They urged trustees to advocate for the broader "public interest" and to consider how island agriculture could be supported so farmers didn't have to resort to fish farming.

On a related matter, LTC and Islands Trust Council chair David Essig told the meeting that he had apologized to Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. scientist Gidon Minkoff

on behalf of the Trust.

Minkoff wrote in a letter to Essig that he had felt "physically threatened" in the hall at ArtSpring when Islands Trust Council met there in early March. While council was meeting with B.C. Ferries representatives over lunch in the gallery space, discussions between some members of the public and Minkoff became heated.

Essig said Minkoff also complained about not having a chance to speak at the council meeting.

However, he said Minkoff had the same opportunity to speak as any other member of the public at the open town hall session. Essig said he had looked directly at Minkoff when asking for comments or questions.

Theft victims want Playstation returned

Two Salt Spring men are offering a reward for information that will lead to the recovery of their Playstation II gaming system.

Tyler Byron and Cassidy Turner were shocked to find that someone had broken into their home to remove the game player and a rented Grand Theft Auto-Vice City game Wednesday night.

"We don't want anyone arrested... We just want the Playstation back," Turner said.

The one game and computer system were the only items taken.

"They unplugged my VCR from the Playstation. It would have been easier for them to take it. But they spent the extra time to unplug

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it," Turner said.

The loss of their game player (valued at \$400 with game and adapter) is doubly significant since it serves as their DVD player, CD player, MP3 player and TV remote.

In other police news:

- Salt Spring RCMP charged a man with marijuana possession after police checked a parked vehicle with three occupants at Moutat's Park around 9 p.m. Saturday.

- Police issued three 24-hour driving prohibitions to local motorists in a span of four hours between 9:45 p.m.

Saturday and 2 a.m. Sunday.

Islanders are also advised not to loan vehicles to anyone not holding a valid drivers' licence. If an unlicensed driver with a record of driving without a licence is stopped by police, the vehicle will be impounded for a minimum of 30 days.

"We know of a few drivers

on Salt Spring in that category," said RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Mike Giles. "Invariably, it's the innocent good Samaritan who bears the brunt of going without a car for a month... It's an awful process to convince the Motor Vehicle people that this is an innocent third party."

Incidents prompt warnings

Firefighters assisted a driver after he rolled his vehicle on Fulford-Ganges Road at 6:55 p.m. Saturday.

While the driver escaped safely, his car was a "traveling bomb," said Salt Spring Fire Department chief Dave Enfield.

The Hyundai Pony contained a 10-pound propane tank, a 2.5-gallon gas can and paint thinner, Enfield said.

"There was stuff rolling

everywhere. Just the roll around could have killed you."

The fire chief was also concerned about three complaints regarding young adults preparing huge burn piles on various local beaches.

The forest ministry is already gearing up for a series of fire disasters this summer, he said.

"They are expecting one of the worst years on record."

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Marina talks head in harmonious direction

Ganges marina developers and Islands Trust staff are back on the same track after a review of the past and recent history surrounding the marina-Trust relationship.

At its meeting last Thursday, Salt Spring's local Trust committee (LTC) directed staff to continue discussions with B&B Ganges Marina representatives, with the aim of reaching agreement on a feasible rezoning and development plan.

Marina personnel had submitted a proposal requesting an increase of five densities (from two to seven) on a lot across the road from the marina, and a 15-unit mixed residential and commercial building for its main waterfront lot, which is currently zoned Commercial Accommodation 1.

A Trust staff report from planner Mark Head released at the February LTC meeting recommended against the plan as submitted.

Some confusion then ensued, with marina rep Jim Robertson suggesting Head's report didn't reflect discussions with the Trust to date.

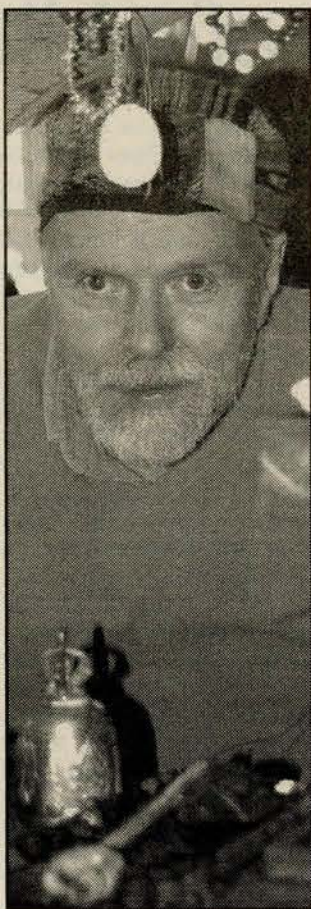
A subsequent meeting has cleared the air, the parties agreed.

Robertson told trustees he concurred with Head "that we went through a good review. I believe the task we have in front of us is immense, but I think we are still moving in the right direction."

In other LTC news:

- Trustees agreed to waive the \$1,000 fee the Salt Spring Island Conservancy would normally pay for a review of its application for a two-lot subdivision of recently purchased Mount Erskine property. Martin Williams will retain ownership of one of the resulting parcels.

A covenant ensuring the land acquired by the conservancy remains as a nature reserve was also accepted.



TREASURES ON THE TABLE: Alan Dobbs sell his wares at Saturday's Fulford Hall flea market.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Founding member of planning group remembered by islanders

Long-time Mount Belcher resident Max Soder, 74, died earlier this month at his home in Qualicum Beach.

A Swiss-born and trained architect and engineer who worked in Alberta, Soder retired to Salt Spring with his wife Elda, where the couple became dedicated to preserving the island's natural beauty. The Soders were keen members of the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club, and Max served on its executive.

According to island friend Harold Brochmann, Soder was also a founding member of the Salt Spring Community Planning Association, formed when the community became concerned by the island's rapid population growth.

In 1989 the association and local Trust committee sponsored a study and report on the purposes and goals of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan, which was about to be reviewed. Brochmann said

the report contained many of Soder's ideas about controlling and directing development on the island, which subsequently found their way into the current community plan.

"Friends of Max had the personal benefit of enjoying his ever-inquiring mind," he recalls. "He was able to ana-

lyze and explain subjects ranging from the Swiss and Canadian constitutions to the problems of Vancouver condos. It was said that his mind functioned with the precision of a Swiss watch."

In lieu of gifts or flowers, donations to any human or natural environment agency can be in Soder's name.

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Jonathan, Salt Spring's most famous seagull, has once again left his winter home, and flown off on his annual summer vacation.

For six months of the year, the seagull breakfasts on the deck of Connie Hardy's Cusheon Lake-front home. Then, in March, he takes off for unknown climes.

Hardy says she has documented "these comings and goings" since Jonathan first flew in about eight years ago.

She says the seagull leaves every March, within days of the previous year, and returns at the summer's end.

She is confident she "will see her friend again the first week in September."

- Salt Spring "quilting queen" Karen Tottman took top honours at a Canmore show and workshop recently.

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Council weighs advantages of additional LTC powers

Possible transfer of two provincial powers to local Trust committees (LTCs) was briefly reviewed at the Trust Council meeting held on Salt Spring, with limited enthusiasm expressed for one.

LTCs, along with other local governments, have been offered the chance to take on the authority to approve subdivisions and non-farm uses for Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land, and a long-simmering interest in accepting subdivision approval authority was also rekindled.

Benefits cited in a Land Reserve Commission information bulletin include more accountable and sensitive to local government decisions; a reduction in processing time and more easily arranged site visits.

A Trust staff briefing said accepting decision-making authority from the land commission meant a Trust committee "would be required to 'wear two hats' and ALR applications would have to be decided in the best interests of agriculture and not on the basis of land use planning regulations."

"I think this is a power that is loaded with all sorts of things we don't want to get involved with," commented Trust chair David Essig.

But Hornby trustee Tony Law spoke favourably about the intent behind the proposal — that decisions should be made in the interests of communities and the public.

TRUST BRIEFS

Transference of subdivision approval authority for all subdivisions on Trust islands from the current Ministry of Transportation to the Trust will also be considered at the next council meeting in June, said director of local planning services Wayne Quinn.

"It's a natural fit for us," he said.

Quinn said the last time the issue was raised the Trust was engulfed in official community plan and land use bylaw updating, so didn't have the ability to take it on. That has now changed, he said.

In other news from the March 6-8 Trust Council meeting:

- Trustees reviewed proposed changes to the Trust bylaw enforcement policy and procedure, but ended up raising even more questions to consider. The document will be referred back to council's local planning committee, a new draft circulated to all trustees and then revisited at the June council meeting on North Pender.

Through the budget process, council did approve altering the staffing configuration so that three .4 bylaw investigations officers would be based in three Trust offices — in Victoria, on Salt Spring and Gabriola — from the current full-time person in Victoria.

- The vacation rentals issue will also be on the June meeting agenda.

Trustees agreed that options available to LTCs for addressing the problems of short-term vacation rentals should be outlined in a new briefing.

The topic was raised by Pender resident Chuck Harris, Arlene Dashwood of the short-term accommodations group on Salt Spring and others during public input sessions at the meetings.

- An upgrade to the Islands Trust website has made it more useful for the public, the meeting heard. Creation of listserves for certain interest areas — such as marine issues — is also in the works, thanks to some new funding for communications efforts approved for the 2003/04 budget.

Trust Council minutes can be posted within two weeks, said Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh, and local Trust committee minutes could go up in draft form if the committees so wished.

"As it is, only the approved ones go up," he said.

The Islands Trust Fund website (www.islandstrust-fund.bc.ca) has also been part of the updating.

Linda Adams, director of Trust area services, noted the Trust website received 15,666 hits since January 31 of this year.

- A standard form of covenant was approved for the Natural Area Protection

Tax Exemption Program, bringing the Trust closer to its goal of completing all work necessary before a planned April public launch on Gambier Island. More information on the program is available on the Trust website.

- After some round-about discussion, trustees agreed to spend up to \$8,000 in legal reserve funds for a Trust Fund Board application related to the Ruby Alton Nature Reserve on Isabella Point Road.

The land and an \$88,000 endowment trust for maintenance and upkeep was bequeathed to the Trust Fund Board by Salt Spring's Alton. However, the board has since learned that between \$30,000 and \$40,000 is required to complete important structural work. A variance to terms of

the endowment trust, estimated to be successful and cost \$8,000, would allow those repair costs to be funded.

- Council endorsed a letter of understanding between itself and B.C. Hydro concerning pesticide use during Hydro's wood-pole test and treat program in the Trust Area. The agreement outlines a communications process that would reduce the potential for harm resulting from pesticide application.

Meror Krayenhoff made an intriguing presentation to Trust Council during the March 7 town hall session, describing the bureaucratic difficulties he faced in trying to build what is known as the Envirohome in Ganges.

In his experience, the Trust seemed more interest-

ed in "preserving and protecting the status quo" than "preserving and protecting the environment," he said.

Some trustees responded that was not the case.

Krayenhoff said the Trust should support environmental building and suggested that could be done by reducing fees or fast-tracking applications or appeals.

He also said a proposal for a lakeside home to be heated with an energy-saving heat pump was rejected by the Trust. Linda Adams, who was the Salt Spring planner when the current land use bylaw was created, explained that Ministry of Environment personnel nixed the heat pump idea for island lakes due to concerns about drinking water and fish. Heat pumps are allowed for oceanside properties on Salt Spring, she noted.

Water meeting Friday

Better protection and conservation of Salt Spring water resources is the aim of an island-wide water council meeting for the first time on Friday.

Initiated by Gary Holman, Salt Spring's electoral area director to the Capital Regional District (CRD), with support from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC), the council will consist of representatives from the various water board and conservation agencies.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting, which begins at 10 a.m. at Lions Hall.

In a background report given to the LTC, Holman explained that since responsibility for water on Salt Spring is held by different agencies, that the issue was well suited to the council's partnership approach.


"The main role of a partnership would be to identify the key problems and then identify and implement strategies for addressing these issues," he said.

Actions would also include providing advice on water protection strategies already being implemented by agencies like the CRD, which is considering a septic system monitoring and upgrading program.

The council could also secure funding sources for

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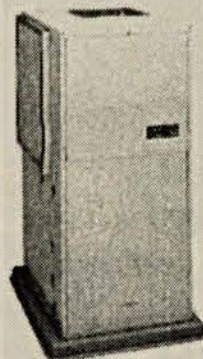
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ARGH!: A group of scary pirates dropped by West of the Moon last week to enjoy a "Brio" party at the Ganges toy store.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Korean students head home after fun-filled island visit

A small group of six young Korean students returned home March 14 after a 10-week visit where they attended Salt Spring Island Middle School and lived with local families.

A total of 13 English-immersion students aged 10-14 visited the island between January 7 and March 14 as part of the Korean Project. One group of seven children had previously returned to Korea on February 28 after a seven-week visit.

"The visiting Korean students made some great connections, perhaps life-long ones, with people here," said Korean Project coordinator Mitch Howard.

Trip highlights included: a ski trip to Mount Washington, a day trip to the Royal B.C. Museum (where the Korean students were especially fascinated by First Nations

exhibits), and "fabulous, warm, generous and caring homestay parents," Howard said.

This was the first time Outer Gulf Islands families have been involved in the school district's international program.

"Galiano school provided incredible support for the program and, not surprisingly, a unique ability to create wonderful opportunities," he noted.

"Sheri Wakefield deserves a huge round of applause for her efforts to maintain good connections between homestay families and students."

District administration, principals and staff at Fulford, Galiano and Salt Spring Elementary "deserve a hats off for their support and energy too," he said.

"A program like this can only function well when the entire school district community looks beyond

short-term bumps and glitches and builds upon the relationships and opportunities created by such a program."

Organizers are already looking forward to "short stay" visits from other young international students in the future, he said.

"Plans are currently underway to develop a series of consultation meetings with teachers, homestay families and administration in order to disassemble all the components of the program and build a better model for future visits."

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Young chess player excels

An island youngster outperformed one of his teachers when Salt Spring Chess Club members attended the Victoria U1800 Chess Challenge Sunday.

Eight-year-old Farley Cannon placed 10th while local chess coach Mitchell Sherrin finished 11th in a tournament with 23 players where children were encouraged to compete against adults.

Previously ranked with a rating of 1115 (the top Grade 2 player in B.C.), Cannon won his matches with Connor Gann (819) and Marc Rosenberg (an unrated adult).

Cannon also scored a minor tournament upset by tying top U1500 player Eddie Chang (1448) to finish with two and a half wins out of four games.

Sherrin (1501) eked out

wins against highly skilled (but under-rated) children Leo Stokes (1004) and Joshua Wild (1149) and drew a tie with Rosenberg. But the struggling chess tutor took losses against Chang

and Malcolm Bowles (1304). Sherrin's surprise loss against Bowles proved to be an award-winning victory and the 12-year-old gamer even won a prize for the biggest tournament upset.

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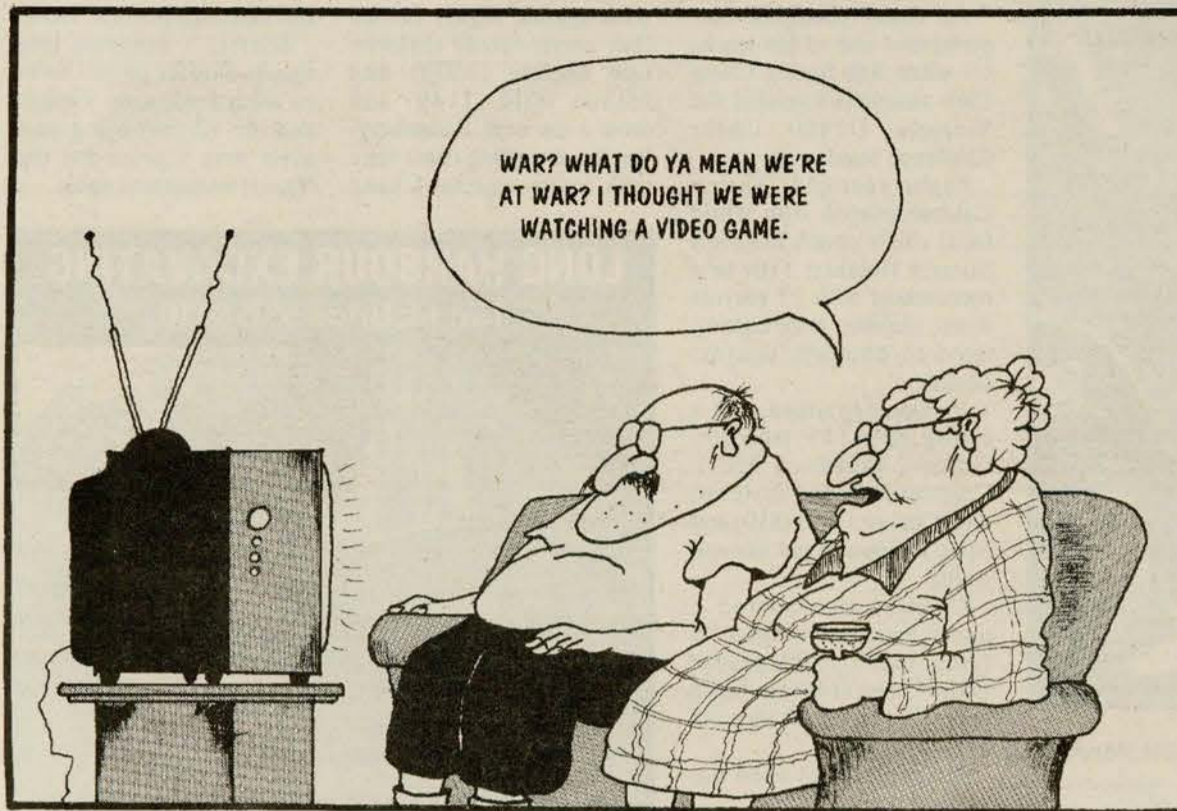
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The provincial government successfully auctioned off the ill-fated fast ferries this week.

The auction was successful in that the province has closed the chapter on this ugly legacy of bad government by disposing of the vessels.

The level of success, however, was marred by the fact that the sale's proceeds put the final price tag on this most horrific of misadventures. At rather more than \$400 million, it was a project most of us would sooner forget.

But we must never forget.

We say the province has closed the chapter on this affair, and not the book, because the latter remains wide open, and always will. Governments of any stripe in any of the world's democratic systems will always find a way around the controls intended to provide oversight to their actions.

Governments will always seek to expand their control (which usually comes at the expense of individual freedom), and consolidate power.

And the most fearsome development in this country in recent years has been the willingness of the public to cede that power.

It does so by neglecting to use the ballot box at elections for local, provincial or federal representatives.

It does so by failing to take the time to become informed on the issues of the day, relying instead on hearsay and television, neither of which contributes much to the requirement for an informed citizenry.

The Liberal government in Victoria has adopted some changes that will make it difficult for a repeat of the fast-ferry fiasco.

But given time and the eternal inclination of governments to do as they wish, those safeguards will eventually prove pliable and insufficient.

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Grappling with powerlessness could counter fears

By MURRAY REISS

Everyone's heard of "Shock and Awe" by now; fewer have heard of Harlan Ullman, the U.S. Navy's former head of extended planning.

Mr. Ullman is what's called a "defence intellectual" and his ideas provide the thinking behind current U.S. war plans, whose aim, in Mr. Ullman's words, "is to create, in the mind of the adversary, a complete sense of vulnerability, impotence and the fact that he is so completely outgunned that his best option is to surrender."

It is fear of that same vulnerability, I suspect, that secretly haunts Washington's warmongers themselves. It's intolerable. They'll do anything to escape feeling it. And the best way to do that is by inflicting their own sense of impotence on somebody else. The weaker the victim, the

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better.

On the face of it, this hypothesis might seem a little strange. With a military budget of \$396 billion, U.S. military spending is more than six times larger than that of Russia, the world's second largest spender, and more than 26 times as large as the combined spending of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Cuba, North Korea, Syria and Sudan — the seven nations the Pentagon considers its most likely adversaries.

What's to fear?

But given that this grotesquely gargantuan arsenal is ostensibly for defence, one could argue that the U.S. administration feels at

least six times more frightened than its closest rival. Who else but the terminally terrified would spend billions of dollars pursuing the chimera of missile defence?

My own suspicion is that ever since that thermonuclear summer of 1945 we have all felt so helpless in the face of our new destructive power — our ability to incinerate whole countries, and be incinerated ourselves in return — that denying these feelings of helplessness, vulnerability and utter terror has been a major pre-occupation of our psyches for the past 50 years.

Those nations with the largest nuclear arsenals (the only weapons of mass destruction worthy of the name) become, on this reading, the most susceptible to these subterranean surges of panic, and the most desperate to deny them. Which is certainly one

explanation for how successive U.S. administrations have arrived at the point of spending close to \$400 billion a year in the pursuit of total invulnerability.

When a handful of terrorists armed only with box-cutters inflicted the worst carnage on American soil since the Civil War, they also inflicted irreparable damage to that illusory pursuit, uncovering the vast churning abyss of fear that has always propelled it. This dismaying revelation of the nation's utter vulnerability and ultimate indefensibility was swiftly drowned out, first by the roar of bombers over Afghanistan, and then by the crash of cruise missiles smashing into Baghdad.

There's a letter going the rounds of cyberspace, written by Paulo Coelho, in which he thanks President Bush for, along with

much else, "allowing us — an army of anonymous people filling the streets in an attempt to stop a process that is already underway — to know what it feels like to be powerless and to learn to grapple with that feeling and transform it."

It's true. The efforts of millions of protesters around the world (as well as the opposition of many presidents, premiers and prime ministers) have proved powerless to prevent the President of the United States and a handful of his advisors from launching a devastating war of aggression. Our willingness to pause and reflect deeply on this powerlessness we all share is, I believe, essential to building and sustaining a movement powerful enough to counter these latest embodiments of our deepest fears.

The author is a writer living in Fulford Harbour.

Okay, all you followers of Will Thomas — otherwise known as Doctor Chemtrail — listen up.

I'm not a journalist, I'm a columnist. Which means I express my views on issues that I choose to write about. You're free to agree or disagree with anything I say. As most of you know, I not only expect argument, I enjoy it. We all benefit from the discourse that results when you get stirred up enough to write letters or stop me in the coffee shop to debate.

So I'm glad you're upset about the things I wrote about your guru. Maybe you'll get so upset you'll wake up and do some independent research instead of blindly bowing to the spurious sermons of Mr. Thomas. Oh, he's interested in the truth all right. The same

way an eagle's interested in a field mouse —

something to be played with, ripped apart, devoured and finally excreted in unrecognizable form.

Some of you suggest that I take the position I do about his chemtrail theories because I haven't read his drivel.

What you seem unable to comprehend is that someone can read this stuff and disagree with it. In fact, the more I read of Mr. Thomas' twaddle the stronger I am

in my conviction that his views are idiotic.

To simply parrot Mr. Thomas' assertions about chemtrails, without checking the facts, truly amazes me. Maybe there are people out there who simply need a conspiracy to believe in, regardless of how tightly they have to shut their minds to keep the light out.

So who sits in blissful ignorance? Not me — I've read more about chemtrails than I'd even wish on the

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most avid conspiracy fan.

Contrary to the assertions of his fans — who insist that I didn't do my homework — I labelled Thomas a conspiracy theorist because I did my homework. I did a heap of research into his theories, his writing and his background.

Here's what I know about this chemtrail guru: His comments about the characteristics of chemtrails versus contrails (repeated as fact by some gullible followers) show that he lacks the most basic understanding of meteorology. Either that or he's more interested in deceiving people than he is about the truth.

He promotes himself as an expert in chemtrails. If he's an expert, I'm an alien. No,

wait — I could lose that argument. If he's an expert, I'm a farmed salmon.

And for someone who claims to be an experienced journalist, the quality of writing on his website compares favourably with my nephew's Grade 4 essay on what he did for spring break.

His website also lists some writing awards he's won, including a 1997 award from the BC & Yukon Community Newspapers Association. The association says nobody with that name has won any award from them — ever. So, unless he was using an alias — or maybe a name from a previous life — he's being as deceptive on his website as he is with his chemtrail talks.

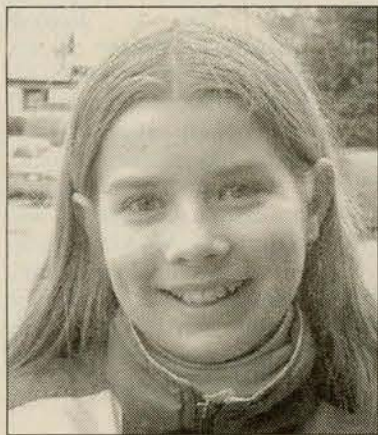
The difference between Thomas' cult followers and me is that I've read more than just his clap-trap. I've also read the rebuttals and criticisms of it. If any of you who attended Mr. Thomas' presentation on Salt Spring want to hear the other side of the chemtrails story, I have an idea. Give him a call and invite him back. We'll rent a hall and debate the existence of chemtrails, then we'll donate all the money raised to a worthwhile island charity. I'll even help publicize the event.

Ironically, I do believe there are real conspiracies out there; some perpetrated by governments, others by corporations, still others by individuals. If there is a chemtrail conspiracy, it's not a project of the U.S. government. It's being perpetrated by Mr. Thomas.

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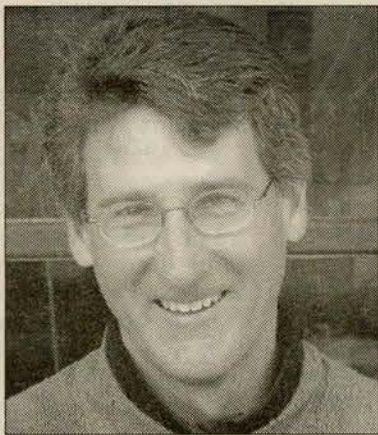
SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What's one of your favourite books?



Carmen Herbert

Watership Down by Richard Adams. It's like an unknown adventure; something rabbits do that none of us have heard of... If you look at rabbits in the wild, they all look the same but they all have different personalities in the book.



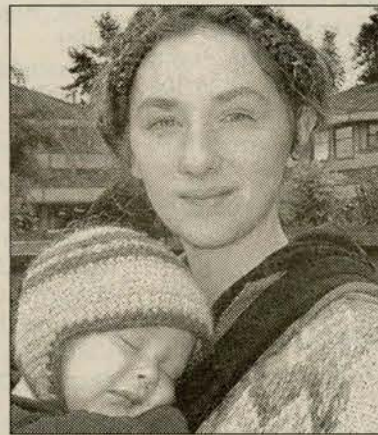
Jim Raddysch

Holes by Louis Sachar. It's the best. It's good reading for adults and for kids. It's got a good story line; an adventure about kids having to dig holes in the desert... looking for treasure. My boy loved it.



Marlie Kelsey

Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell. Just the vivid description of that time period and the diverse personalities of the characters [make it a favourite]. It's an epic tale of the north and south in the U.S. Civil War.



Iris and Chyme Blue

The Fifth Sacred Thing by Starhawk. It gives an incredible description of the two paths we have to go on this planet and it shows the power that love and magic have over war and destruction.



Michael Levy

Marcel Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past* because it gives you the opportunity to step into a world that no longer exists; *Paris at the fin de siècle* (the turn of the century).

Letters to the Editor

Obvious

Interesting that John Pottinger claims he knows what he's talking about when he obviously doesn't.

If he had gotten around to attending the workshop Will Thomas gave, or looked at the sky, he would have known that contrails disappear in seconds and chemtrails stay up for over four hours. He also would have had to acknowledge that it has been admitted publicly and in the media (including *Alive* magazine over a year and a half ago) that the Canadian government had agreed to an American military experiment involving the spraying of aluminum (and other classified particles) over North America.

Chemtrails are not realistic in terms of a wholistic sustainable planet, and poisonous to myself, my family and all living things.

John, it is okay to claim ignorance, but don't deny the obvious. We can't start finding solutions for our mistakes if we can't even admit we're making them.

IRIS ROBINSONG,
Old Scott Road

Hurtful

The Driftwood recently ran detailed stories about

two impaired driving convictions that appeared before the courts.

I question whether it is necessary to mention too many details that can be hurtful to the families of the convicted. This is a small island.

The World Health Organization accepts alcoholism as a medical problem. Experts in the field of substance dependency refer to alcoholism as a bio/psycho/social disease, which requires a holistic approach to recovery. It is not a moral issue.

There is no doubt that the law was broken and the penalties must be doled out as with other law-breaking acts. Most people with an addiction to alcohol die as active alcoholics. When someone is earnestly seeking help, what they need is support through the recovery process, which can include matters relating to health, family, housing, job and finances.

Alcoholics Anonymous was mentioned in one story. Anonymous means just that — that anonymity is respected within the organization and hopefully in the community as well, in order to give the recovering alcoholic a fighting chance.

As a certified addictions counsellor working in this field for many years, I would like to see less focus on the problem and more focus on the solution. I am strongly in favour of more public education and support programs both nationally and locally. There is still a great deal of misinformation and a stigma attached to this complex disease which affects many either directly or indirectly.

HELANI DAVISON,
Salt Spring

Refreshing

In the March 12 Driftwood, John Pottinger characterized William Thomas as a "conspiracy theorist," and cited two days of investigation, calling friends in air traffic control to debunk Mr. Thomas's assertions, vis a vis the contrail-chemtrail debate.

I've been reading a book by Mr. Thomas titled *Scorched Earth* — the Military's Assault on the Environment, an assessment of the "world militaries" impact on the biosphere.

Not that long ago I characterized J.F.K. as a great man. I learned in Mr. Thomas's book that "President Kennedy ordered chemical spraying to commence in the early 1960s"... "All told 72.4 mil-

lion litres of pesticides were sprayed over 20 per cent of the forests in South Vietnam. In approximately one decade, 990,000 acres of prime agricultural lands were poisoned"... "The highly mutagenic dioxins used in Agent Orange were later described by U.S. scientists as the 'most deadly toxic substance known.' Dioxins are bioaccumulative in the food chain."

So much for icons. I also wrote back then (in my "it's all good" days) that the mega deaths had been stopped at 50, which was of course roughly two decimal places from reality. Apparently capitalism was threatened by "the possible domino effect of communism" (U.S. State Department), which promised land reforms to the peasants, so the U.S. military reformed much of the landscape "for them," in actions like operation "Ranchland," using things like Agent Orange.

I wouldn't characterize Mr. Thomas as a theorist, but more an accomplished investigator, which I find "refreshing," if at times "sobering." He is a U.S. Navy veteran and his day-to-day life in the military may account for his motivation and the ordered approach he brings to his writing.

ROD MCGUCKIN,
Salt Spring

Murders

I am aghast at the March 12 article about Lily the Lamb.

Mr. Lane asks us to pity this poor lamb chased by dogs. Now, he says, the poor thing (pictured with Mr. Lane wearing a little handkerchief as if she is a family pet) will not be able to be slaughtered and eaten!

I'm not in favour of letting dogs run loose to harm animals, but in a way those dogs did Lily a favour; now she will be able to live for a bit longer until she has babies that are taken from her and slaughtered.

Mr. Lane likens the dogs to murderers with knives, saying "I'm gonna kill you." Well, either Mr. Lane or someone else was going to kill Lily anyway — I shudder to think in what manner. If the dogs are murderers, doesn't that make those people murderers?

How many of you (people who kill for "sport" excluded) would want to watch or take part in the death of little Lily, watch her dead body processed and then have a nice hearty "Lily dinner" at the end of the day? When you are driving along and see those baby lambs gambling and

then slow down to point them out to your children, do you tell them, "In a short while they are going to be slaughtered and their skins cut off and they will be cut into pieces and we will cook and eat them"?

If there is nothing wrong with it then why don't you tell your children that? Because they haven't gone through the brainwashing that makes you believe it's okay — they would be horrified and refuse to eat meat.

I have so many people tell me that they try not to think about the fact that the food on their plate was a living breathing animal that lived (in most cases a miserable life), suffered and died.

I wrote this in hope that maybe just one person would stop looking the other way.

I would love to sign my name to this — I am more than happy to stand up for what I believe, but I have had people become violently angry with me about this (I believe because deep down they know it's wrong) and I have small children to consider.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

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Youth not buying in to 'us' and 'them' schism

"They're bombing our world," said 16-year-old D'Arcy Ruddy, on the morning the U.S. strikes started against Iraq.

I was visiting him and his dad in my old hometown of Jasper. (Hello from him to his friends on Salt Spring, where he's attended school in past years.)

It was a glorious day in the Canadian Rockies, skies bright blue over stunningly beautiful white peaks.

Ten time zones away, hell was starting to rain down, as the same sun set over a desert land.

What to do... or go fishing? as the old saying goes. What's a boy to do who's so aware, yet so isolated from this terrify-

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other
reality?

How do they
reconcile his
song of a
life in

a clean, crisp paradise valley with the unimaginable horrors of life just next door in his imagination, just a long flight east in fact? How do they connect? Will the festering way over there reach to here and pull him into it?

That's a real fear, and how's a 16-year-old to know how fast the war might escalate and spread? Or will this misery be the way by which his good fortune might eventually spread to there? We all hope this,

SPRINGBOARD
BY BRENDA GUILD



President Bush included, but is wrecking a country first the way to do it?

He knew his school wouldn't talk about his concerns, not at the level and in the way, or for the length of time, that kids need to devote to it. Media bombard with news and opinion; adults discuss and argue from every point of view, until the whole world seems fractured to pieces, with no clear operating principles on which to string one's beliefs and

behaviours.

So D'Arcy added all this up and did a very sensible thing on what could be the last day of life as he knew it — and most certainly the last day for Iraqis: he went boarding for the whole awesome day at the local hill. Sure, the school busted him and his dad understood but could hardly condone his choice. Nonetheless, both authorities knew it was a perfectly healthy kid response to an impossible mess of information, thoughts and feelings. He had to do something. To just go to school and carry on with daily trivialities there, however great the road to learning, wouldn't have been a memorable way to mark a powerful

day.

How our kids are responding to the war is, I think, the most important thing that's happening where we live. What they think and do about it matters not only as it's happening, but will echo through the decades, especially as they raise the next generation and gradually take over the reigns of power.

From all I hear about and see, these young people give us great hope at a dismal time. No, their responses are not all wise and wonderful, but they're engaged. They care deeply, and they're reacting. They're not buying in the way the Gen Xers did, all limp and primping on their Shampoo Planet.

It's all in D'Arcy's brilliant summary: "They" — them, our leaders, but to him and countless others, not us; "are bombing" — lobbing death, loosing terror, and however justified, it is exactly what it is; "our world" — OUR world, there is no us and them, it's all connected, all one.

It's as if aliens attacked, aliens who expect him to split himself, as they have, into the great protector within and the righteous, wrathful killer without. What to do... or keep yourself and your world whole?

I admire and trust all the young people who are doing that, however they go about it.

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Minority

I was struck by the photo in the March 12 issue of the participants in World Day of Prayer: 13 middle-aged and elderly women and one elderly man who has a vested interest in promoting superstitious practices.

We know the Driftwood is a conservative weekly that covers many religious events from sod-turning for new buildings to dedication ceremonies when they open to push their propaganda. Sometimes favourable comments are couched in reverential language whereas criticism is what is warranted. Criticism of the evil belief and practice of Jehovah's Witnesses that deny minors life-saving blood transfusions over some obscure line in the Hebrew Old Testament in a millennium when such procedures were neither known nor possible. Then there is the Roman Catholic Church's suppression of women, oppression of gays and lesbians and promotion of Third World poverty by refusing to sanction the use of condoms.

When I was a child I did childish things and was sent to a United Church Sunday School (it now has a lesbian minister); when I was a confused and emotional teenager I was "saved" in a Baptist Tabernacle, a Stockwell Day kind of church. Fortunately I started to backslide quickly, at university I attended the liberal and progressive Unitarian Church, by age 25 I was a don't-know agnostic and by 30 a convinced atheist who knows with certainty that there is no supernatural deity and that in every culture the human mind has sought to explain life and the universe by creating one or more gods.

To read the Driftwood one would assume people who think as I do are a tiny minority, while on Salt Spring that is far from the case. I belong to a small club (nothing to do with religion), presently of seven members, all men, and six are atheists. I played bridge for years with another man and two women, one atheist, two agnostics.

Because we humanists, agnostics and atheists do not gather in organized groups, do not build and dedicate buildings, we are usually ignored or dismissed as a few malcontents, but we are the ones who have thought long and hard about organized religion and its effects in Beirut, Belfast, Bombay and now Baghdad.

For those people who pray for peace, it may make them feel better (like many placebos). If so, I have no objection. I would hope the Driftwood might run an occasional article on why a large minority on Salt Spring Island thinks this way.

JACK C. HALLAM,
North End Road

Check feds

If you are interested in what the federal government planned to do for the First Nations people during the federal fiscal year 2002-03, log onto the following website and click on Key Co-delivery Partners in section 2: www.a-inc-inac.gc.ca/pr/est/index_e.html.
C.S. OLIVER,

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Addicted

An article in last month's New Internationalist listed the appalling fact that the U.S. government has bombed 22 countries since WWII.

China, 1945-46 and 1950-53; Korea, 1950-53; Guatemala, 1954, 1960, 1967-69; Cuba, 1959-61; Congo, 1964; Peru, 1965; Laos, 1964-73; Vietnam, 1961-73; Cambodia, 1969-70; Lebanon, 1983-84; Grenada, 1983; Libya, 1986; El Salvador, 1980s; Nicaragua, 1980s; Panama,

1989; Bosnia, 1985; Sudan, 1998; Former Yugoslavia, 1999; Iraq, 1991; Afghanistan, 1998, 2001-02; Colombia, 1990s to present.

Is the U.S. addicted to war and killing?

Of course, many American individuals and peace/justice groups have been working against such a violent agenda throughout the 20th century and up to the present.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Quebec Drive

Partners

I know the truth about salmon farming. As a com-

mercial dive fisherman and aquaculture dive contractor, I am qualified to share my eyeballs from both sides of, under and around "the net."

I have climbed reefs from Victoria to Prince Rupert, swam uncounted fish farm mooring systems and kissed more than my share of salmon.

There is science in my background, and one of my college instructors owned the first salmon farm in Canada. The gentleman that launched my commercial diving career was one of two pioneers splashing in the first New

Brunswick fish farms. Since then, I have ridden a wave of change throughout my career. It is my personal witness that accounts for sweeping industry improvements.

It is a fact that our Liberal government has made a call to action. It is important that we all understand that fish farms have a mandate of developing sensible protocol. It is the truth that salmon farms are moving forward with responsible initiatives. Fish do best in an optimal environment. This industry came to grips with that fact years ago. Since then there

has been a learning curve to find a sensible balance.

Farmed salmon is simply an agriculture commodity. Health-conscious people eat fish. We as British Columbians benefit our tax base with this export. Our local community spins off more than most realize. Some may not even know it.

It is not all about money; it's about real people and community. Working together, we have a vibrant future. Salmon farmers are not the enemy, but rather a contributing partner sharing our God-given resource.

DARREN REID,
Campbell River

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ISLANDS TRUST NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on the following proposed bylaws:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 149 (LUB amendment), cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 6, 2002". In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 149 is to amend the Land Use Bylaw to (1) establish a general regulation stating that construction trailers are permitted in all zones for construction purposes only; and (2) consolidate two existing tables in Section 8.3 (Agricultural zone) and change the zoning on the land shown in the sketch below from AG to AG(d) to indicate that there is a site-specific regulation pertaining to the land.
- Proposed bylaw 151 (OCP amendment) cited as "North Pender Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 83, 1993, Amendment No. 1, 2003." In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 151 is to amend OCP policy 2.1.1.6 (Rural Residential) to add a phrase stating that the Local Trust Committee may give consideration to applications to permit one additional dwelling where the dwelling in question is a pre-existing, non-conforming use.
- Proposed bylaw 150 (LUB amendment - Neumann) cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996 Amendment No.1, 2003". In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 150 is to amend the zoning on the lands shown on the sketch below to permit two existing dwellings, one of which may be sited as close as 5 metres from the front lot line.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

The Public Hearing will commence following a Community Information Meeting which starts at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Pender Island Public Library, 4407 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC.

At the Public Hearing, the public, including all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws, at the above time and place.

All persons concerned should inspect the proposed bylaws to satisfy themselves as to how their lands may be affected by the proposed regulations. A copy of the proposed bylaws and relevant background documents in respect of the proposed bylaws that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing, Wednesday March 26, 2003 up to and including, Friday, April 11, 2003.

For the convenience of public only and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the North Pender Capital Regional District Office and on the various Notice Boards on North Pender Island and on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

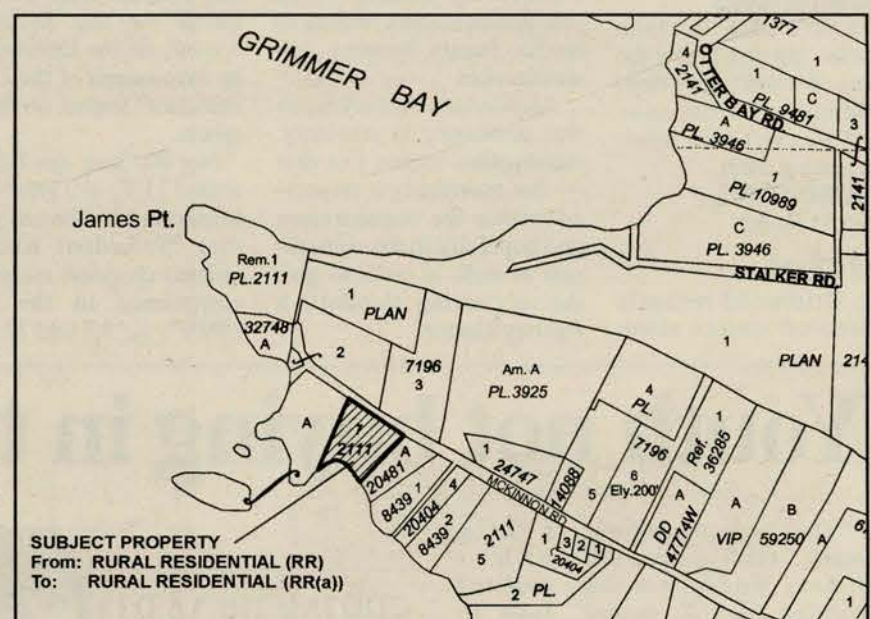
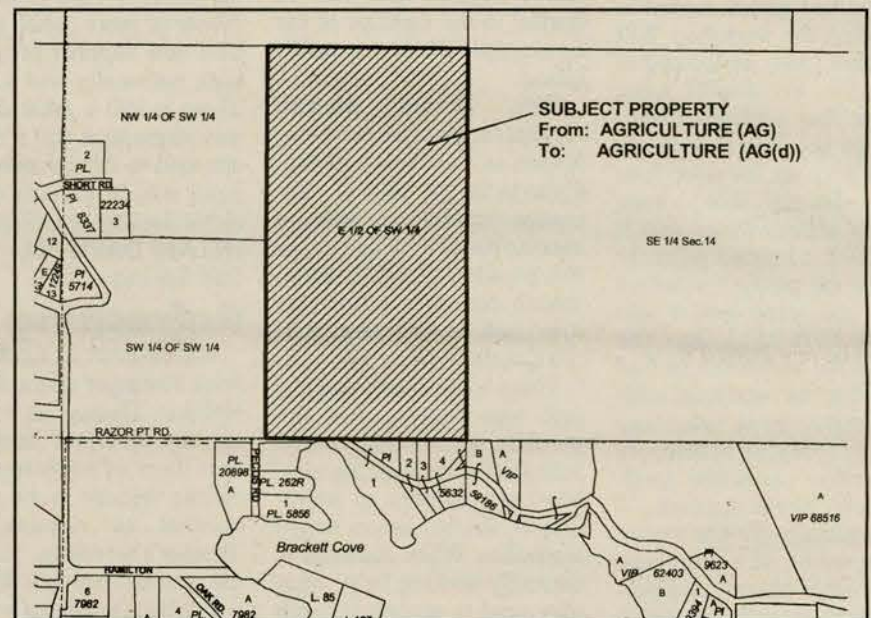
Written submissions may be delivered to:

- the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250)405-5155, prior to **4:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2003; and**
- after **4:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2003**, by delivery to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing starting at **11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 2003** until the close of the hearings.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, North Pender Island Planner, at (250) 405-5159, or for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary



Proud

I am proud to be a Canadian and proud of my fellow Canadians.

To hear my government standing firm and resolute about not going to war in Iraq with the U.S. is a great thing. To know that my fellow citizens made the effort to be heard and that they were heard is a glorious thing. Let us not forget that each of us do matter and that our perceptions and opinions are needed in this world. We must continue to search our own souls and reflect with true awareness upon the state of the whole human species and the planet we inhabit.

We must continue to speak and to expect that we will be heard and represented by our leaders.

ARA MILES,
Salt Spring

Not lost

Who says generosity is a lost art?

Due to medical expenses not covered by Medicare, I found myself without money to buy food.

So I decided to go to my neighbours for help.

I asked them each for \$10 to tide me over the last two weeks of March. Every one of them obliged.

I want to name each one for the recognition they deserve. Madge Kimball, Jack Stibbards, Leonard Mizen, Reg and Vanda Winstone, Sheera Atley, Grace Barkes, Grace Marceau, Bob and Bette Burbidge.

Your kindness touched my heart. Of course, you will all be reimbursed by the end of the month.

Running out of food is a serious matters, and you all came through for me.

Due to extreme fatigue, I was not able to negotiate Ganges hill, which would have led me to the food bank.

Croftonbrook is a wonderful place to live. Thanks to you all.

I just hope Premier Campbell reverses his attitude towards Medicare coverage of medications which should really be covered.

I would also like to express my gratitude toward

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Donna Flannery (from my French-speaking group, which meets every Thursday at 10:15 a.m. at the Croftonbrook social building), and Betty Pinchin, who is such a help for my mental health group.

FRANCOIS JAUBERT,
Croftonbrook

Return signs

Last Friday our property was vandalized and the hand-crafted sign was removed from our property. We are sorry to say that the sign has not been returned and that as well as being rather unique and expensive, it has a great deal of sentimental value.

It was brought to our attention that other folks on Maliview suffered the same damages to their property, and we hope that the person or persons involved will make restitution and return the stolen signs, as they are useless to anyone but the owners.

This may seem like a prank, but it is not a practical joke to those who have to replace the sign posts, and it causes distress and personal anxiety to the residents of the usually quiet area.

DONNA and GERALD FLANNERY,
Maliview Drive

Courage

I emigrated to Canada in 1968.

Over the years I have returned many times to my birthplace, where my four brothers and sisters are still living. I have often felt ambivalent about living so far away from them. That ambivalence has now been resolved. I have never felt better about my decision to leave England than I do at this sad moment for the world.

Unlike Tony Blair and the government of England, the Prime Minister of Canada has had the courage to stand up and say no to war. Despite the possible political-economic risks involved, Mr. Chrétien has shown the moral courage to resist the fearful warmongering ideol-

ogy of G.W. Bush and his U.S. cronies.

The desperate, misguided individuals who gave their lives and took the lives of thousands on September 11, 2001 also believed that their ends justified the means they used. What is the difference between their decision and the decision made by Bush and Blair?

Shame on them and shame on all of us for allowing fear and politics to prevail in this matter.

If wars were physically fought by the people who make the decisions to go to war, there would be no wars!

TOM GILLIGAN,
Salt Spring

'Tirade'

The March 12 Viewpoint piece by Peter Robinson (Can Salt Spring afford the wildly wealthy) was just about the silliest tirade I have read to date in your paper.

The writer seems to be suggesting that an ad hoc committee of non-wealthy individuals come up with a list of property owners considered to be overly endowed with surplus cash and/or other assets. Then, he

suggests, these Fat Cats should be singled out and "barraged" with invitations to participate in the community, "even to the point that it might make them uncomfortable."

Gee, I can almost hear the strains of L'Internationale booming in the background as visions of pogroms directed against the filthy rich pop into mind.

This kind of divisive "us against them" thinking is simply not helpful. If Mr. Robinson really believes that our wealthier residents here are nothing but a pain and a burden to us, perhaps he should take himself down to ArtSpring and look at some of the names on the wall there.

He should also head over to the Core Inn and learn that the purchase of the building was only made possible by an anonymous donation from a "wildly wealthy" island resident. Or, he could clear his head by taking a walk in the Mount Maxwell watershed and other Texada Logging lands saved by the generous contributions of those people who are making him so "uncomfortable" here.

See you at the peace rally!
JIM RUSSELL,
Sun Eagle Drive

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'SCORE': Cecillea Schreiner is thrilled with her purchase of "Pepe and Marie" at Saturday's Fulford Hall flea market.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Less hysteria

It was refreshing to see the open letter from Henry Caldwell regarding the sablefish hatchery controversy published in your March 19 newspaper, particularly considering that your reporting has been so biased towards Mr. Acheson.

It makes one wonder, though, if perhaps Mr. Caldwell and his associates had to pay to have the letter published.

It has all been very dramatic. First we have a disgruntled individual who Mr. Caldwell alleges not only failed in his negotiations to build the hatchery, but also failed in his attempt to make a deal to grow the sablefish in open net pens (but of course not in our backyard). It seems he experienced an epiphany and converted to environmentalism.

Next we have a newspaper which failed to report on the issue in a fair and balanced manner.

Then we have a group of noisy, raucous people who turn out and object to almost any change on the island. These individuals discredit themselves by their rude and objectionable behaviour and end up by being ignored or ridiculed by ordinary intelligent people. They would do us a real favour by protesting the coliform pollution from the septic fields around Fernwood which pose a far greater threat to the Walker Hook area than the hatchery will.

Maybe it is time we look at this issue with more common sense and less hysteria. Hatcheries of many types have been operated safely and successfully all over the world for years. Our lakes are stocked with farmed trout.

Decades of school children in the Greater Vancouver have been taken to the Capilano River to see how salmon are spawned in a hatchery, raised and released into the river. Presumably a large percentage of the fish eventually make it into the ocean where they are harvested as "wild" salmon. Mussel hatcheries and grow-out sites thrive safely in the waters of Prince Edward Island, Washington State, Hawaii, New Zealand, Europe and now, here on our island. Fanny Bay oysters have been grown and harvested for years.

Of course caution must be exercised in any new technology, but to condemn all aquaculture because there are problems in one section is just plain silly. Contrary to what some people would have us believe, sea lice existed long before salmon aquaculture and there were cyclical infestations from time to time.

A walk through our village any day of the week illustrates the disparity between the well-to-do and the poor, more so than in many communities. Jobs are as necessary on this island as they are anywhere else. If, as it seems in the case of Dr. Minkoff and his group, research and due diligence has been undertaken, they have worked within the existing land use regulations, are willing to take the

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risk to invest in this island and create much-needed employment, then let them get on with it.

LORRAINE NORFOLK,
Monteith Drive

Editor's note: Henry Caldwell bought the space containing his statement made to Islands Trust Council. It was not submitted as a letter to the editor.

Immoral

According to highly respected jurists throughout the world, America's preemptive attack on Iraq contravenes both the United Nations' Charter and international law.

In consequence, the United Nations should pass a resolution condemning this illegal, immoral U.S. aggression and demand an immediate cessation of hostilities followed by the total removal of American weapons of mass destruction, including its nuclear arsenal.

U.S. non-compliance would result in mandatory sanctions: a 100 per cent embargo upon all international commerce with the U.S., including natural resources, i.e. oil.

Futile effort? Perhaps. But to do anything less would be to acquiesce to the American government's self-absorbed, self-righteous ultimate objective: the political and economic and, if unchecked, military control of the entire world.

DAVID KOS,
Salt Spring

Model

I would like to thank Peter Robinson for his March 12 Viewpoint.

I live on Robinson Road, part of the original Robinson Farm. I am seen as a "refuge for street kids." I have been told by a few that considering the age of the population on Salt Spring, what I do isn't valued and it isn't wanted "in our backyard."

I find this interesting. I am not a refuge for street kids. I have and do teach youth in need how to dream again and how to put their backs into making their dreams a reality. I do often keep local kids in school and help them have a place to live while doing so. Currently, youth aged 15-19 often can get no funding for room and board by the ministry in spite of valid circumstances.

I also have completed the first phase through the development permit area, with incredible environmental standards. I did this with the help of loggers, fishermen, neighbours, environmentalists, organic farmers, regular farmers, "street kids" and one very dear colourful immigrant.

I believe what I have accomplished is a model that can change how developments are completed. It can be adapted to fit many needs. I have worked to unite people and protect the environment.

My dream is to create an opportunity for the incredibly wealthy to sit around the fire with the incredibly poor and the incredibly interesting. Have them

share their gifts in a most delightful way. I have been absolutely blessed in my life. I have shared meals with the most unexpected people and it has changed my life beautifully.

I am very close to losing the ability to complete this vision and this community is very close to losing an opportunity not realized. I have made my choice freely. Not only do I invite participation by the wildly wealthy, I invite participation by the wildly interested. Do you dare to love your life? I do.

SANDIE FERGUSON,
Robinson Road

Honourable

I have written MP Gary Lunn to ask when he plans to next visit this part of his constituency. I don't recall when he was last here but you can be certain there are a large number of issues his constituents want to direct him on, in order that he can better represent us.

As with any government it is easy to sling mud. It

would be more appropriate, in my view, for Lunn to simply inform us what he has accomplished in our "expressed" interests.

To make remarks as he does in his recent report to residents, like: "The last time British Columbians witnessed a government (Ottawa) this out of touch and wasteful with the public's finances they reduced them to two seats in the legislature" is waving a red flag. It's like saying, "the next time B.C. residents witness a government so out of touch in this province they will reduce them to two seats."

Isn't this "You're it" . . . "no, you're it" behaviour rather childish?

Come on over, Gary, get tuned in, then go forth and do what we ask, not what you want. If your party does not agree with constituents' expressed views, resign the party.

This is an act deserving of the word "honourable."

RON HAWKINS,
Salt Spring

Beauty/beast

Habitually I criticize. Being critical is what one should be, for although praise has its place, it must remain sparse.

Praising the expected is wasting ink and, worse, it legitimizes substandard performance. Today I am pleased to say I will dish out some praise, but I regret to say I will not sign my letter before contrasting the good to the ugly.

I never thought I would praise any prime minister, for the position they hold has been inflated beyond the capacity of even Superman to perform in it adequately, save do it praiseworthy. Much less did I think I would praise Jean Chrétien, for I found much fault with his performance since the day he entered the post. But praise I have for Mr. Chrétien today.

Somehow, mumbling in French and broken English and waffling hither and yon, Mr. Chrétien managed to navigate a most labyrinthine

path through a thickly mined field. He spared our soldiers the shame of trailing Bush's butchers to Baghdad and, most important, spared us the fate of being targets of revenge from the Islamic world, a revenge that Bush is seeding thickly in the craters of his bombs. Thank you, sir, for a job well done. Your past is forgiven by this scribe; your legacy stands high.

Undoubtedly hearty thanks has been earned by Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham. Was he to run for the leadership of the party, a most eminent candidate he would be.

The picture would be left incomplete without contrasting the beauty to the beast, in this instance the latter being Stephen Harper, Stockwell Day and, by association, their local agent Gary Lunn.

This pack, hungry for the American branch plant "contribution" to their reelection coffers, are now fighting Bush's war inside the walls of the Canadian Parliament. Shame on them.
TOM VARZELIOTIS,
Booth Canal



CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTICE FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SALT SPRING ISLAND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 1999, the CRD Board approved establishment of the Salt Spring Island Transfer Station Regulation committee (SSITS) to develop and implement Bylaw 2810 to regulate the operation of solid waste transfer stations on Salt Spring Island. The bylaw was developed in response to environmental concerns from the island community and elected officials.

The bylaw came into effect 09 November 2002. The mandate of SSITS is now completed, and the committee has been disbanded.

SSITS members, at the final meeting in November 2002, unanimously agreed that the committee should continue with an expanded scope to encompass all solid waste issues on Salt Spring Island, such as, recycling, household hazardous waste, burning, etc. To more accurately reflect the wider spectrum of solid waste issues, the new committee will be named the Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory committee (SSISWAC).

SSISWAC will be comprised of elected officials, individual residents, representatives from the business community and community groups from Salt Spring Island. CRD Director Gary Holman has been appointed chair and will appoint committee members.

SSISWAC will make recommendations to the CRD based on upholding the public interest and furthering the goal of recycling and waste reduction, and the environmentally responsible disposal of solid waste.

Applications are invited from individual residents, business and community groups who would like to serve without remuneration and can make a commitment to attend a minimum of six meetings in 2003. Dates and times will be set at the first meeting, and are expected to be once per month in Ganges for two hours. A willingness to work toward consensus with people who may hold different views is essential.

A draft copy of the terms of reference for the committee is available online at <http://www.crd.bc.ca/es/sw> or by calling John Craveiro of the CRD at 1-800-663-4425.

The deadline for submissions has been extended to 02 April 2003. If you are interested in applying please forward your resume by mail, fax or email to:

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In defence of linguistic tactics

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

This week has unfolded as a dark time for peace activists now that glowering clouds of war are broiling over the Middle East.

Months of peaceful protest and efforts to find diplomatic solutions were silenced under the rumble of cruise missiles and tank tracks.

Reporters on TV networks are now cheerfully depicting warfare with the banter of sportscasters and using graphic symbolism from computer games to display the tools of conquest.

As loathsome as this behaviour might appear, we have to ask ourselves whether we want to silence journalists in their role as story-tellers to the community at large.

I take comfort from Bob Wild's address to a crowd of islanders gathered in Centennial Park for a March 15 peace rally. I believe Wild when he says the people of the world are making an affirmation of life that will make war unacceptable in the future.

Still, it was surprising to find a letter to the editor in the Driftwood last week from prominent Canadian poet Phyllis Webb, who lumped me in with the warmongers after I used "battlefield imagery" in a story about a local young chess player.

Webb touched on a very interesting aspect of journalism when she questioned the use of "deadly metaphors" in sports writing and other forms of reporting. But I think she fell short of the mark by simply labelling my writing as a "nasty little horror show" without investigating the problem more thoroughly.

I heard a fascinating interview on CBC Radio March 19 that addressed the same issue with much greater clarity. In Sounds Like Canada, John Collins, co-editor of the book Collateral Language, spoke about "the tyranny of political rhetoric" while ethics professor Bruce Wark discussed the "war of words" and the "language of war" common to reporting.

I would agree with Webb, Wark and Collins that language can have great power in the way that events are interpreted.

News writers need to be exceptionally careful about how they craft a story to prevent readers from seeing



conflict where none exists or from simplifying a multifaceted situation into a simplistic combative dichotomy.

It's also unquestionable that a "battlefield" mentality is unhealthy for society and leads to further conflict; while dualistic thinking reduces the chances of finding creative solutions to problems.

A reflective reporter must be cognizant of these factors when writing a contentious story.

But the reality of our society is that participants in games regularly employ the language of conflict.

Chess and many team sports are abstracted forms of conflict themselves and utilize terms that are common in combat.

It would be unnatural and awkward to avoid the use of such language. The vernacular of chess is: "attack," "defence," "strategy" and "tactics."

While the word "blitz" to some might conjure images of World War II, the translation of the word from German is "flash, bolt or lightning."

In chess terminology, "blitz" is a technical term for a speed game under five minutes in duration.

For someone unfamiliar with sports tournaments, a "knock-out" might evoke thoughts of punching. But the term simply refers to a participant leaving an event through a loss in play.

Similarly, a "Titan" is a mythic, god-like figure from Greek mythology. Gaia

(Mother Earth) and Cronos (Father Time) are two commonly recognized examples.

My intent with the chess story was to celebrate the achievements of an intelligent local boy. To that aim, I admit to employing "my pathetic attempt at humour" and some "linguistic fun and games," as Webb argued in her letter.

However, any first-year student of post-modern literary theory will tell you that interpretation is as much a part of meaning as the author's intent or the text itself.

In other words, the reader brings her own set of interpretations to the story.

War rhetoric sounds different to me as well now that another major war has been thrust upon us.

I rankled when a Monday radio story described a union "going to war" against university administration. And jingoistic or upbeat war correspondents leave me feeling nauseous.

But the big question is whether we want to ban questionable language from sports and news writing. If so, what would be a guideline? Soldiers talk about "engaging the enemy" and a "theatre of operations." Where would a writer turn when discussing romance, acting or medicine?

U.S. Army general Tommy Franks even described the "ingredients" of a successful war.

Propagandists would happily appropriate the entire language if writers started handing it over for their exclusive use.

I'm surprised that Webb would attempt to censor a fellow writer after she

gained prominence for poems such as To Friends Who Have Also Considered Suicide.

"... To consider the numerous methods of killing oneself,

That is surely the finest exercise of the imagination," she wrote.

The poem continues: "And consider the drama! It's better than a whole season at Stratford."

Her deftly constructed poem utilizes examples of "deadly metaphors" to perfection.

Yet in her letter to the editor, Webb suggests that students might find a valuable lesson in re-writing my chess story without the language of war.

But I believe the student exercise would be fruitless without the caveat that they "consider the drama." Because if a story isn't interesting, people won't read it.

And if we follow Webb's suggestion to re-write sports stories without compelling language, those stories will be as palatable as a carton of "freedom fries."

In the interests of peace, I would rather ask children to practise making compassionate and thoughtful decisions.

Metaphors are not the principal cause of conflict. If we want to end war, we need to act peacefully.

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Input encouraged as CRD budget scrutinized

By GARY HOLMAN
CRD director

CRD REPORT

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board will finalize its budget this week.

The provisional budget brought forward by the previous board proposed an increase in CRD taxes for Salt Spring of more than four per cent.

Based on more up-to-date information, the Salt Spring share of CRD taxes for 2003 (including debt payments for the regional hospital district) will be about \$2.5 million, or 3.5 per cent over the 2002 level. This increase (about \$83,000, or \$16 per household) is roughly equivalent to the current rate of inflation.

The Salt Spring CRD budget is comprised of a number of requisitions for various services. Some requisitions are for Salt Spring alone (e.g. library, PARC, CRD director administration and grant-in-aid bud-

gets), some are shared among electoral or unincorporated areas (e.g. building inspection and animal control), and some are shared across the entire CRD (e.g. hospital district).

Budgets for some specific CRD services are described below.

- The Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) achieved cost savings in 2002, in part by refocusing its priorities from programming to provision of facilities. PARC was therefore able to allocate about \$170,000 at the end of 2002 for new playground equipment and to various capital reserve funds, including one for the proposed new recreation facility. PARC's tax levy for 2003 is \$717,000,

including operations, maintenance and retirement of debt incurred to purchase land. This overall levy is still below the maximum allowed by bylaw. PARC's 2003 requisition includes \$18,000 for ArtSpring and \$3,000 to the Community Arts Council, as in 2002.

- The library budget of about \$62,000 represents a significant increase over 2002 levels, which will enable it to improve its services. This is the first requisition increase for the library since the 1999 referendum and is still below the maximum levy allowed.

- The Emergency Services Program Committee reduced its requisition in 2003 because of unspent funds carried forward for a number of years. For example, the unspent funds in 2002 amounted to about \$29,000 out of a \$46,000 requisition. The committee is determined to revitalize emergency preparedness, and will still

have the budget required to enable this.

- The total 2003 requisition for CRD director administrative support and grants-in-aid is about \$66,000. I reduced the requisition proposed in the provisional budget for these categories because of surplus carry-overs from previous years and by deferring consideration of the electoral area director salary increase.

- Two recent changes I have supported since the provisional budget was put forward are the establishment of a feasibility reserve fund (\$21,000) and an increase in the liquid waste levy (\$26,000). The feasibility reserve provides grants for evaluating potential new services in the CRD electoral areas, including the feasibility work to be undertaken for the Ganges treated water recycling project.

The liquid waste levy will provide funding to

secure a site when the current Texada lease expires, and to upgrade equipment to handle increasing sewage and septage volumes. These additional requisitions are temporary increases.

The feasibility fund is a one-time levy, and the increase in the liquid waste levy, now totalling about \$152,000, will cover a loan to be retired in five years. Both levies also represent investments that can potentially generate future tax savings or community benefits, which I will outline in future reports.

- The total \$177,000 requisition for animal control and building inspection represents a decrease from the 2002 budget. This tax decrease was due, in part, to increased building permit revenues, which are expected to stay at high levels for 2003.

The nature and timing of the budget exercise and related data availability

mean that final numbers cannot be determined until early March in each year. However, based on experience with this first process, I intend to provide for more public input for next year's budget.

When the numbers are finalized, I will leave a copy of the detailed budget at the building inspection office, and will post it on the CRD website — www.crd.bc.ca.

I will also be prepared to answer any questions at the next Trust-CRD town hall meeting on April 12.

For any comments on the 2003 budget, please feel free to call me at 653-2042 or e-mail me at gholman@saltspring.com.

Editor's note: Director Holman's CRD report was submitted in time for last week's paper and in time to receive public input before the budget was passed, but was not published due to space limitations.

Park fire-bug fined in court

Two Galiano Island residents appeared in Ganges Provincial Court on March 11 to contest tickets they received for illegal fires and litter on Wallace Island last summer.

"Their argument was that they weren't responsible," said B.C. Parks area supervisor Todd Shannon. "I'm surprised it was disputed."

Tyson Harris was found guilty for lighting an illegal fire on August 29 at the Wallace Island park and Judge Keith Bracken ordered him to pay the \$86 fine to B.C. Parks.

The B.C. Parks service was not able to prove that another islander present was responsible for the fire.

"Neither one took credit for the litter that was left there," Shannon said.

B.C. Parks has a "zero-tolerance" policy for illegal fires because fire is

such a high risk, he noted. "There are extensive signs around the park informing people of fire risk and asking them to pack out what they pack into the park."

Wallace Island park facility operator and North Galiano fire chief Cees den Holder was disappointed that fellow islanders could show so little respect for fire hazard at the park.

"There's no fire department on Wallace Island... It's a nightmare if we get a fire there," den Holder said.

The Gulf Islands fluctuate between high and extreme fire risk in the summer, he noted.

Fires are not even permitted on Wallace in the winter due to the inaccessibility of the park.

"The biggest worry is how would we get these people off... It's a small

island and it would go fast if there was a little wind."

Fortunately, 99 per cent of park users are cognizant of fire danger and treat Wallace Island appropriately, he noted.

"It's a joint effort for all islanders to take care of it," said den Holder.

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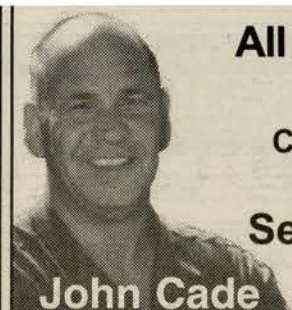
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14 **The Alley Cat (aka La Matou) (1984, Suspense)** A young couple tries to uncover the truth after every possible mishap that befalls them. *Jean Carmet, Serge Dupire (1h45)*
7:00 PM
3 **★ ★ ★ Dead Heat (2001, Thriller)** A retired officer ends up on the wrong side of the law thanks to his fast-talking brother. *Kiefer Sutherland, Anthony LaPaglia (2h)*
8:00 PM
24 **The Commissioner (1998, Political)** The Commissioner of Industry discovers a web of political and industrial corruption. *John Hurt, Armin Mueller-Stahl (2h)*
9:00 PM
3 **★ ★ ★ The Queen of the Damned (2002, Horror)** A vampire's music awakens an ancient queen who threatens humans and vampires alike. *Stuart Townsend, Aaliyah (1h45)*
19 **★ ★ ★ Beaches (1988, Drama)** A meeting on a beach sparks a once-in-a-lifetime friendship for two very different women. *Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey (2h)*
10:00 PM
14 **The Kingdom (1994, Suspense)** A terrible secret causes a restless spirit to roam the halls of The Kingdom Hospital. *Kirsten Rolffes, Ghita Nörby (2h45)*
10:45 PM
3 **★ 100 Girls (2001, Comedy)** A college freshman meets his dream girl during a blackout and sets out to find her. *Jonathan Tucker, Larisa Oleynik (1h45)*

THURSDAY, MAR 27
6:00 PM
20 **Columbo: A Bird in the Hand (1992, Mystery)** From the Vegas strip to the football field, gambling and power lead to three deaths. *Peter Falk, Greg Evigan (2h)*
29 **★ ★ ★ A Man for All Seasons (1966, Drama)** Sir Thomas More goes willingly to the chopping block rather than sacrifice his ideals. *Robert Shaw, Leo McKem (2h30)*
8:00 PM
23 **★ ★ ★ ★ The President's Analyst (1967, Comedy)** The President's psychoanalyst becomes allies with an assassin and a spy. *James Coburn, Godfrey Cambridge (2h)*
9:00 PM
4 **Top of the Food Chain (2000, Sci-Fi)** After a meteor crashes in an isolated Canadian community, townspeople begin to disappear. *Campbell Scott, Tom Everett Scott (2h)*
13 **★ ★ ★ Blood and Wine (1996, Suspense)** A merchant plans a jewel heist at the expense of one of his wealthy clients. *Jack Nicholson, Michael Caine (2h)*
19 **★ ★ ★ A Case for Life (1996, Drama)** Two sisters are best friends until one of them is faced with a life-threatening injury. *Valerie Bertinelli, Mel Harris (1h30)*
27 **★ ★ ★ Thunderheart (1992, Thriller)** A part native American FBI agent is called on to investigate a murder on a reservation. *Val Kilmer, David Crosby (2h)*
29 **★ ★ ★ Cocoon II: The Return (1988, Sci-Fi)** Three rejuvenated elderly couples return to Earth to help rescue alien pods. *Jessica Tandy, Don Ameche (2h)*
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14 **★ ★ ★ ★ The Leopard (1963, History)** A violent upheaval in 19th-century Italy affects a powerful Sicilian family. *Burt Lancaster, Alain Delon (3h)*
20 **Columbo: A Bird in the Hand (1992, Mystery)** From the Vegas strip to the football field, gambling and power lead to three deaths. *Peter Falk, Greg Evigan (2h)*
3 **★ Deuces Wild (2002, Drama)** Two gang leaders vow to keep drugs off their block when their brother dies of an overdose. *Stephen Dorff, Brad Renfro (1h45)*

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Bridge tourney draws 80, raises funds for local group

Eighty bridge players participated in the Wim Krayenhoff Memorial Bridge Tournament at Fulford Community Hall on Friday.

Described as a celebration of life sponsored by Planned Parenthood Gulf Islands, play was preceded by a lunch prepared by planned parenthood committee members.

Among the distinguished company were a number of members of the Krayenhoff family and a former lieutenant-governor of the province, Bob Rogers.

After lunch, there was sectioned play. Winners of Section 1 were Gail and Don Sharp, while Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt won

Section 2.

Section 3 winners were Lorraine Bell and Ethel Odum.

Thomas and Vane-Hunt also won daffodils for the highest single score — seven no trump bid and made.

Two door prizes were won by Ruth Gruneau and Mardie Banks.

The Gulf Islands Planned Parenthood clinic can usually cover ordinary expenses like the telephone and the rent from money raised through Ganges Village Market save-a-tape and Thrifty's programs, says group spokesperson Jean Elder.

"For the purchase of equipment we have depend-

ed on very welcome grants from the Salt Spring Island Foundation. The IODE has contributed funds annually, which we put towards volunteer recognition."

With the bridge tournament money, Planned Parenthood will be able to offer training and upgrading to local clinic volunteers.

"To do the best we can for our volunteers and therefore our clients, we have to bring a Planned Parenthood educator in from Nanaimo or Vancouver to offer one-day or even two-day workshops," explained Elder.

"We now have enough money to pay for the training for this year."



RIGHT ON TARGET: Members of Salt Spring's youth archery club — clockwise from top, Annabel Tatnall, Eric Pultke, Russell Minvielle and Kayla Pultke — take time out from selling raffle tickets at Ganges Village Market.

Photoby Derrick Lundy

BRIDGE TRICKS

On March 10, Irene Hawksworth and Ron Dickson came in first, followed by Brent Vickers and Bill Buckler.

Jill Evans and Tony Luton were third.

On March 17, first place was a repeat performance by Irene and Ron. Second were the Laundrys; third, Glenda Kaiser and Donna Taylor; and fourth, Tilly Crawley and Patricia Van Nus.

Readers take Turkey Challenge

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Driftwood and Gulf Islands School District might have teamed up to promote literacy over the next three weeks, but Salt Spring Elementary is already reading way ahead on the page.

The local elementary school held a Reading Blitz through the month of February with "read-ins," read-a-thons, book riddles, book grins, a cross-Canada read, a book fair and a Cold Turkey TV Challenge.

"We had a real focus on reading," said principal Rineke Jonker.

Seeing kids take on a leadership role with the events and watching students have fun with reading were two reading festival highlights for Jonker.

Weekly book riddles, where children tried to guess the title of books through progressive clues, garnered a lot of student attention.

"Kids could hardly wait until the next clue with the book riddles."

Every staff member was involved in selecting and reading aloud books for two read-ins. Book grins and

cross-Canada slips decorated the school walls. And hallways were filled with cushions and mats for an afternoon read-a-thon.

The Cold Turkey TV Challenge saw 34 students and an adult commended for successfully avoiding the "tube" for the month.

"The whole thing with Gord [Hollingsworth] was a lot of fun. It's kind of neat because they all know him. He coaches basketball here."

Hollingsworth received a "Turkey Award" certificate along with the students at the celebration.

One of the biggest obstacles to the Turkey Challenge

was giving up watching hockey, Hollingsworth said. But he found a lot of great activities to do with his son Matthew.

"I really enjoyed the time I spent with him instead of sitting in front of the TV," Hollingsworth said.

They read, played board games, checked homework and went for walks together while the rest of the family watched the TV.

"It gave us a lot of time to sit down and talk."

He's noticed that the TV and computer have stayed off a little more often following the Turkey Challenge. However, Matthew and Gord still like

to watch a little hockey together.

"I'm glad they did it in February. If they did it in March or April [during the hockey playoffs], I don't know if I could do it."

A side bet with Hollingsworth's sister even provided \$50 that he donated to the school library.

"She said 'There's no way you're going to do this,'" he laughed.

But Hollingsworth figures he'll do it again if the school promotes another TV-free event.

"Maybe we'll throw a fishing rod in the lake or something."

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Sports swap Sunday

Budget-minded sports enthusiasts can rustle up a wagon of bargains at the Second Annual Sports Swap at Fulford Hall this Sunday.

Sellers can register between 9 and 11:30 a.m. for \$1 per item, sales will run from 12-5 p.m., and payouts to sellers will occur from 5-6 p.m. at the hall.

The sports swap is a fundraiser for the Stingrays swim team via the Salt Spring Aquatic Society. The swap will pay sellers 90 per cent of selling price, said organizer Jim Raddysh.

As an example of the pricing system, Raddysh described the following scenario: if someone sells a bike for \$100, they will pay a \$1 registration fee and receive \$90 while the swim club will net \$11 in profits.

Donated sports items will also be accepted. Anyone interested in early registration or pick-up of donated items can call Jim at 653-0025.



BACK ON TRACK: Marketeers — such as Lari Robson, centre — brought their goods to Centennial Park last Saturday, getting a head start on the market season, which opens officially soon.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Parenting on the edge of violence

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

An upcoming parenting workshop will give caregivers a chance to share stories and develop personal tools to help prevent being overwhelmed with intense emotions that can cause physical and emotional harm to children.

"We call it, 'Parenting on the Edge.' It's about healing relationships with our children," said co-presenter Cindy Clark.

"Parenting on the Edge" is the moment where parents barely have control over their reactions, Clark said.

"It's the fine line between wanting to throw your child out the window and not throwing your child out the window."

And regardless of whether or not a parent acts on those violent impulses, intense emotions have the potential to cause harm, she said.

"You know by the look on their face, tears and confusion, that they are feeling a lot of the intensity."

But parents, teachers and other caregivers might not even be conscious that their actions are damaging, she said.

"When your intention is to cause harm or hurt, it's time to step back. Because you'll do it on one level or another."

As parents cross their own lines of appropriate conduct, they are filled with shame and guilt, children are overwhelmed by the emotional outburst and it takes time to rebuild the relationship, said Clark.

"In a moment there is no trust."

Clark has been collecting stories and exploring her own behaviour to find ways to improve her parenting and help other caregivers guide themselves.

"Our intention is to start talking about intense emotions and de-isolate experiences."

Called Parenting on the Edge, the presentation runs from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Hall on Tuesday, April 1.

Two years ago, a single

event fuelled Clark's personal impetus to initiate the Parenting on the Edge project.

"I was just playing with my son having a fine morning," she recalled.

But then her two-and-a-half-year-old son surprised her with a blow that set a life-altering chain of events into motion.

"He hit me in the nose. He hurt me, and I entered a place of rage."

In reaction, Clark picked up her son and put him in his room. She didn't use physical or verbal violence but she was overwhelmed with anger.

"I didn't do anything more. But I didn't know where my love for my son was at that moment," Clark said. "My desire to hurt him was overwhelming."

She intends to describe the incident in detail as part of her upcoming presentation.

"I felt like I had fallen down."

Her sense of guilt was quadrupled by a background in family counselling and work with Child Protection Services.

"I'm a teacher of anger management. Now I'm sleep deprived, isolated and losing it," she thought.

But the emotional experience gave her greater compassion for parents struggling with violence.

"Now I get it, let alone I'm wearing it."

Sharing her story with fellow caregivers has been pivotal for working through her strong emotions in parenting.

"For me, talking about it, dealing with it and being responsible defused it."

And once Clark started talking to other parents, she found her experiences were not uncommon.



Cindy Clark, and Olivia Hackett

"Everybody seemed to have a story and expressed relief in sharing it."

Clark has been working with islanders Sue Banks and Margaret O'Hara to create a collection of stories as part of the project. Banks and O'Hara are co-supporters of the April 1 workshop.

"Parents can explore what might work for them by hearing what worked for other people," said Clark.

At this point, the team's research indicates that self-care and community support are two of the greatest factors in reducing moments of parenting stress.

"Self-care is the bottom line right now."

As one example, self-care could look like a community resource that would allow par-

Seniors take to the fields

By KEN MacKENZIE
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Seniors members are starting to come out of hibernation!

In addition to the regularly-scheduled events listed on the members' monthly calendar — which is available to all from the Seniors' Centre, opposite Ganges Village Market — there were some special events to keep them off the streets and in, well, fields.

Thus the seniors' Lost Chords choir, 35 strong under the energetic direction of Shirley Bunyan, trotted off to a sheep pasture in Ruckle Park for a short al fresco, not to say a capella, musical performance.

Although the word was that this was to justify the choir's application for a cultural grant in connection with the Vancouver/Whistler 2010 Olympics bid, more than a few wondered if this was simply an excuse to gather proof to send back east that our weather is as good as we have been reporting — and reporting!

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A good time was had by all, and the sheep seemed to be listening too.

A fascinating talk by Naidine Sims on her family's history on Salt Spring enthralled a capacity audience and could be the precursor for similar such events.

It really helped to take away the frustration of all those helpful discussions on preparing one's income tax - discussions that will continue right up until the end of the tax season! We will even have a talk at 2 p.m. on March 26 on "Ways of getting out of paying lawyers' big fees." Great stuff.

Finally, one of the more interesting responses to our call for volunteers has been answered by the local HMS

Ganges Chapter of the IODE. Its members have offered to take charge, once a month, of the Thursday luncheon.

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Haida, Tseycum leaders impress island crowd

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Salt Spring welcomed one of the West Coast's most prominent First Nations leaders when Haida Council president Guujaaw met with islanders Saturday night.

From sharing traditional songs about cocky herons and killer whales, flirtatious ravens and shattered-moon-light-gathering eagles, and stories both thousands of years old and still unfolding, Guujaaw entertained a crowd of about 150 at the high school multi-purpose room.

While the topic of his presentation - Protecting Haida Gwaii - was a serious one, Guujaaw stitched it with threads of easily expressed humour.

Guujaaw wove a short version of Haida history, beginning with the first life on Earth emerging from the water as "seafoam woman," to the present day of court cases with international logging companies such as Weyerhaeuser.

In March 2002, the Haida Nation claimed legal title to Haida Gwaii, or the Queen Charlotte Islands, as well as the surrounding waters.

The courts have already found that the province and Weyerhaeuser must consult with the Haida before undertaking any logging in their territory. Although the right to appeal that decision was recently granted, confirmed Guujaaw, he said he wasn't worried about the outcome.

"We're not too concerned," he said with a nonchalant confidence that characterized many of his answers to audience questions. "We will beat them again, and even if not, we'll chase them out again."

Direct action to halt logging on Gwaii Haanas (South Moresby Island) in the 1980s, and widespread public lobbying, eventually led to creation of Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site.

"It's a big personal sacrifice for those who go down and decide they are going to do it," he said of the physical protests.

Now, he said, the 550-square-mile park on South Moresby is co-managed by Parks Canada and the Haida. He joked about at least one unanticipated benefit of the federally funded park - impressive \$25,000 solar-powered composting toilets.

Guujaaw eloquently explained how letting his people continue to draw food from or use the resources of the land like they always have is a critical issue, and how their culture is intrinsically tied to their land.

That's why they've been willing to repeatedly grapple in court over issues like the right to catch fish outside of government rules.

Guujaaw described being busted when he and some friends caught 27 pink salmon one day. He made going to court sound like a routine occurrence, along with frequent losses.

In the pink salmon case, he recalled, "I was saying I have the same rights as a seal or a bear, and I never saw them

get hauled into court."

When asked how the Haida felt about government regulating their food gathering, Guujaaw said, "We don't listen to them. If we did, we would basically become shoppers like everyone else."

While Guujaaw sometimes chose irreverence as a way to make his point, Tseycum Chief Vern Jacks from Sidney both opened and closed the evening with solemnity and an appeal for audience members to work with his nation to resolve injustices that have occurred.

He welcomed Guujaaw to his people's territory and gave him an eagle feather to guide him and his family.

"We need more of this," Jacks said, referring to the evening's dialogue with Guujaaw. "We have to live with each other and you have to understand how we live and what we respect."

He also described the desecration of midden and Tseycum gravesites that recently occurred with a resort project at Bedwell Harbour on South Pender.

Jacks' wife Cora, and Hupacasath Chief Judith Sayers and her sister Brenda from Port Alberni also attended.

The evening was co-sponsored by Salt Spring Islanders for Reconciliation and Justice, as part of its Aboriginal Speakers Series, and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.



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PERFECT PET: Kirsten Flannagan was spotted in Ganges Saturday, carrying a beloved pet dragon.

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A recent survey showed that a huge chunk of Canadian high school students didn't know the date of Confederation; failed to find Iqaluit on a map and couldn't name Canada's first prime minister.

Learnin' the Three Rs ain't what it used to be. And if you think this is just another Old Fart "Why-in-my-day-young-feller..." rant — try your luck on this question:

1: Draw a map of Canada, and mark on it and name

(a) Provinces and capitals;

(b) Montreal, Fort William, Vancouver;

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Didn't fare too well? Too bad. You just flunked the

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first question of a geography exam given to Lower School students in Wellington County, Ontario.

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(i) Egg-laying habits of the adult insect;

(ii) Feeding habits of the larva;

(iii) Methods employed to keep the insects in check.

(b) Describe the feeding habits of either the honey bee or the grasshopper.

That's taken from the examination paper Lower School students in Ontario faced back in June of 1923

— and it was a gimme. The next six questions were tougher.

Think it was just those brainy Ontario kids who got questions like that?

Check out these posers:

(1) Translate into German: My brother has had money.

(2) State the causes, important incidents and consequences of the Peloponnesian War.

If you're like me, you posted a large and fragrant goose-egg on those questions. That means that you and I would have flunked out of high school, had we the bad luck to be students in Alberta almost a hundred years ago. Those questions were taken from high school exam papers compiled by the Alberta Department of Education between the years 1906 and 1910.

But here we are in 2002, our classrooms awash with shiny computers, lightning-speed calculators and instant access to the world wide web. Our educational standards are

infinitely more sophisticated and refined, right?

Stands to reason our students are too, does it not?

Tell it to the Ontario Ministry of Education. A spokesman for the ministry has just announced plans to introduce a "special, remedial course" for graduating students. Officials fear that without the new course, upwards of 60,000 Ontario students won't get their high school diplomas.

Why? Because they are functionally illiterate. They can't pass a fundamental Grade 10 literacy exam. When the test was administered for the first time last year, more than half the students in the non-university stream flunked.

An American writer by the name of Joseph Sobran recently wrote: "In one century we went from teaching Latin and Greek in high school to offering remedial English in college."

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Parents tout ECEs for national awards

Two Salt Spring early childhood educators (ECEs) have been nominated for national awards in their field.

Kim Hunter of A Child's Garden and Salt Spring Co-op Preschool teacher Barb Ruddell were nominated by parents for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education.

Hunter is a Waldorf teacher with a family childcare licence offering care for three- to five-year-olds on her Head Street property.

Ruddell has been the ECE at the co-op preschool for 17 years, from 1984 to '87, and 1992 to the present.

The preschool was first located on Community Services property on Ganges Hill, but then moved to the non-profit society's own building on Aldous Road, which the parent group built in 2000.

Parents with children in the care of Ruddell and Hunter completed the lengthy nomination forms and provided supporting letters and other documentation.

In nomination materials she prepared for Hunter, parent Liz McLean included anecdotes about special happenings at A Child's Garden. Besides noting the usual art, music, play and nature exploration activities, and Hunter's personal and professional attributes, McLean describes how the children carry bags on their walks to the beach

and pick up garbage, creating good relations within the neighbourhood, and instilling in the children the importance of "taking care of our mess" and that left by others.

When a local farmer invited the class to visit and harvest pumpkins, the children and Hunter "walked with a wheelbarrow as opposed to driving. The following week they walked back and thanked him by bringing a loaf of bread that they baked in class. This demonstrates in a real way the importance of saying 'thank you' to those who offer us gifts."

Ruddell's nomination paper highlights her "learning through play" philosophy, which shows how the many skills necessary for later life emerge through play.

"Nothing that a child does in her classroom is ever considered a 'mess.' Ruddell believes that 'everything is a creation and the exploration of the creation requires definite work.' For example, those tiny cut marks in a piece of paper while all the bits lay on the floor - that took work!"

In one letter of support, parent Sandra Ditlof wrote, "Barb is an angel to the children, with eyes that can only see the positive-



Hunter

ness in everyone. She is eternally young at heart, inventive and highspirited. She is creative and can inspire ways to build a city from cardboard boxes or cause us to stop and marvel at the beauty of a worm. Barb has personally touched the lives of hundreds of children and for each she holds a precious memory."

According to a federal government website, the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education "will honour outstanding early childhood educators who, through their dedication and skill, have instilled in Canada's youngest citizens a love

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The program is an extension of one offered since 1993 for elementary and secondary-level teachers.

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Special Events Avoiding Legal Costs. Salt Spring Seniors talk, 2 p.m. Free Energy. Video presentation and talk. StarBooks, 5:30-8 p.m. SS Garden Club. Phillippe Levesque on It's All About the Natural Look. Meaden Hall, 7 p.m.	Special Events SS Trail & Nature Club. Monthly social, with Germany, Switzerland and Austria slide show, United Church, 7:30 p.m. Peace Through Justice. Ongoing public talks. StarBooks, 5:30-8 p.m.	Special Events David Piperno Fundraiser. Dance and auction. SIMS gym, 6:30-10 p.m. Safe Grad 2003 Fundraiser. Silent & live auction; music by GISS students & Lisa Maxx. GISS, 7 p.m. Bye Bye Baxters Party. Potluck for John, Rosemary & Jennifer. Lions Hall, 7 p.m.	Special Events Peace Vigil. Centennial Park, noon. Retro Dance. For youth at Meaden Hall. Costume it! Stand-up Comedy Show. With Chris Molineux, Barry Greenfeld & workshop graduates. Mahon Hall, 8 p.m.	Special Events Sports Swap. Fulford Hall. Sellers, 9-11:30 a.m.; buyers, noon to 5; payout, 5-6 p.m. Educating Mad Persons. Operetta by Ryuzanji & Co. from Japan. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.	Meetings SS PARC. Monthly public meeting at Portlock Park portable, 7 p.m.	Special Events Visions of the Wild. Vancouver Island/India kayaking video presentation with Maria Coffey & Dag Goering. ArtSpring, 7 p.m.
Music Simply Organic. Organ recital, muffin & coffee. All Saints, 10:10 a.m. Sunset Spotlight. Island musicians perform at Vesuvius Pub. 8-11 p.m.	Workshops Siblings Without Rivalry. Seven-Thursdays series with Lisa Sigurgeirson begins. 11:30-2. Info/register: 538-1703. How to Talk So Kids Will Listen... Seven-Thursdays parenting series with Lisa Sigurgeirson begins. 7-9:30 p.m. Info/register: 538-1703.	Meetings CRD-Islands Trust Water Council Initiative. First meeting. Lions Hall, 10-11. Public Meeting on Sablefin Hatcheries. With provincial subdivision approving officer. Lions Hall, 2 p.m.	Music Danu. Traditional Irish band, ArtSpring, 8 p.m.	Music Joelle Rabu in Concert. ArtSpring, 2:30 p.m. The Barley Bros. Every other Sunday, Fulford Inn, 6-9 p.m. Music Jam/Potluck. StarBooks, 6-8 p.m. Brody West Quartet. Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m.	Music Black Tie & Gumboot Gala. With Valdy, Bill Henderson & Songwriters-in-the-Round. Fulford Hall, 7:30 p.m.	Workshops Parenting on the Edge. Presentation at Lions Hall, 7-8:30 p.m.
Family Felt Purse Workshop. Fables Cottage, 3:30-5.	Family Fun With Blossom & Friends. Fables Cottage, 3:30-4:30.	Music Petunia. Country music at Porters, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Musicians Jam Nite. Fridays at Anise Restaurant, 9 p.m.	Workshops Stand-up Comedy Workshop. With Chris Molineux. Mahon Hall, 10-6.	Activities Spoken Word Open Mic. Anise Restaurant, 8 p.m. Sundays. Call 537-1097 to sign-up for a spot. SSI Badminton Club. Play Thursdays & Sundays, GISS gym, 8-10 p.m.	Family Storytime! Fables Cottage, 11 a.m.	Family Teachers' Tea. Fables Cottage, 3:30-5 p.m.
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Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 — SSTV runs 24-hour community broadcasts every Friday and Saturday. Tune in from 3:30 p.m. March 28 to 3:30 p.m. on March 29. Naidine Sims: Stark Family History, presented to a full house at Central Hall, including stories of Sims' great grandmother, Sylvia Stark, and the hardships endured by the island's first black settlers. The Peaceful Journey of Falun Dafa: Find out why millions worldwide peacefully practise the teachings of Falun Dafa. Peace Rally: Voicing their protests to the war on Iraq, islanders parade around Ganges and gather in Centennial park. Diana Dean Paintings: Shots of the artist's work put to music by Stephen Glanville.

Exhibitions
Mostly Critters, a show of selected artworks by Dale Drevor, runs at Salt Spring Roasting Co.
Andrea Palframan's Tarot-inspired images in vivid oils, with written affirmations to inspire and guide the viewer, are hanging at Barb's Buns.
Colour: the bridge — 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.
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Stage hosts new and familiar 'friends'

By SUSAN LUNDY
 Driftwood Staff

A comedy duo that has almost picked up a cult following on Salt Spring paraded a cast of characters on the ArtSpring stage last weekend, tossing out comic cracks and poking fun at a wealth of subjects.

Best of all, Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers flaunted two new personas with their towering Russian "Rimsky" and Maggie's alter-ego, a salacious red-head.

Death: The Musical — An Erotic Comedy, ran Saturday night as the only remaining act in the island's traditional March eros celebration.

Mostly, the event marked an excuse for Filkow and Chalmers to bring back their well-loved characters in a loosely-erotic plot that had little to do with death, and could not exactly be termed a musical.

But no one in the audience seemed to care about the small details, as the duo opened with their flagship characters — Bert and Les Geezer.

Forming much of the first part of the show, the standard geezer-fare touched on local and national issues as seen through the cataracts of Salt Spring's favourite old guys.

Whether discussing issues of international importance like the war in Iraq, or dropping local names and landmarks, the duo's ability to turn common words and phrases into double entendres delighted the responsive audience.

As in Filkow and Chalmers' last few shows, Maggie and The Swami dropped by the Geezer set, adding their own unique flavour to an easy-going evening of humorous banter.

Perhaps prompted by the eros theme, Maggie opened up a new bag of tricks contain-



EQUIPMENT CHECK: "Maggie" demonstrates equipment to Les Geezer as she takes on a new job in Death: The Musical, a Filkow/Chalmers comedy night last Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

ing some frightening equipment with her new role as an "erectile dysfunction counselor." The gag made way for a new series of Geezer jokes and some funny situations.

Adding to the excitement of her new line of work was Maggie's sizzling Internet romance between her and the Russian Rimsky.

Problems with the romance and a pending meeting on Salt Spring set the scene for the second part of the show . . . and the appearance of the two new characters.

Filkow went to new heights

(with the help of stilts) to become the lyric-crooning, vodka-hammering Rimsky, while Chalmers appeared extremely comfortable in white pumps and floral dress, emerging as Maggie's alter-

ego — a curvaceous red-head.

Chalmers' transformation was particularly stunning, and his new character might be advised to stay out of the bars on Salt Spring. Kudos also to Filkow for fluid stilt work that included a few dance steps during a final musical number.

Fans will be intrigued to see if the comedy duo develops these characters further. Chalmers' red-head didn't have much opportunity to speak amid the loquacious booming of Rimsky, who also deserves further development.

As usual, the show drew a responsive, local crowd that enjoyed the twosome's unique brand of humour, and especially jokes that made local references.


Even with the addition of new characters, the Geezers will probably remain crowd favourites with a loyal following that has become almost cult-like in some circles.

Because Filkow and Chalmers' characters are so well-developed and so well-loved, the two can get away with producing a show that demands long leaps of faith with plot and dialogue.

The audience cares less about what "happens" next, compared to "what will be said" next.

And locals can rest assured that this new show, like the others, will evolve and change with each showing, always promising audiences a light-hearted night out with a cast of "old friends."

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While there he can be expected to "wander freely" from country to jazz to blues to French cabaret to Mexican folk and bluegrass, and even yodelling.

"Petunia's guitar styles — a made-up world of their own — are at once humorous and spellbinding and set the stage for his dreamy vocal qualities that are sure to 'set you right' . . . right to your heart," states the website.

While the Québec-born artist pulls out all kinds of old standards from his musical hat, he is also known for original songs that take listeners "on wacky roller-coaster rides through yodelling serenades, wild electric love songs, haunted houses of blue and back again with a soft lullaby."

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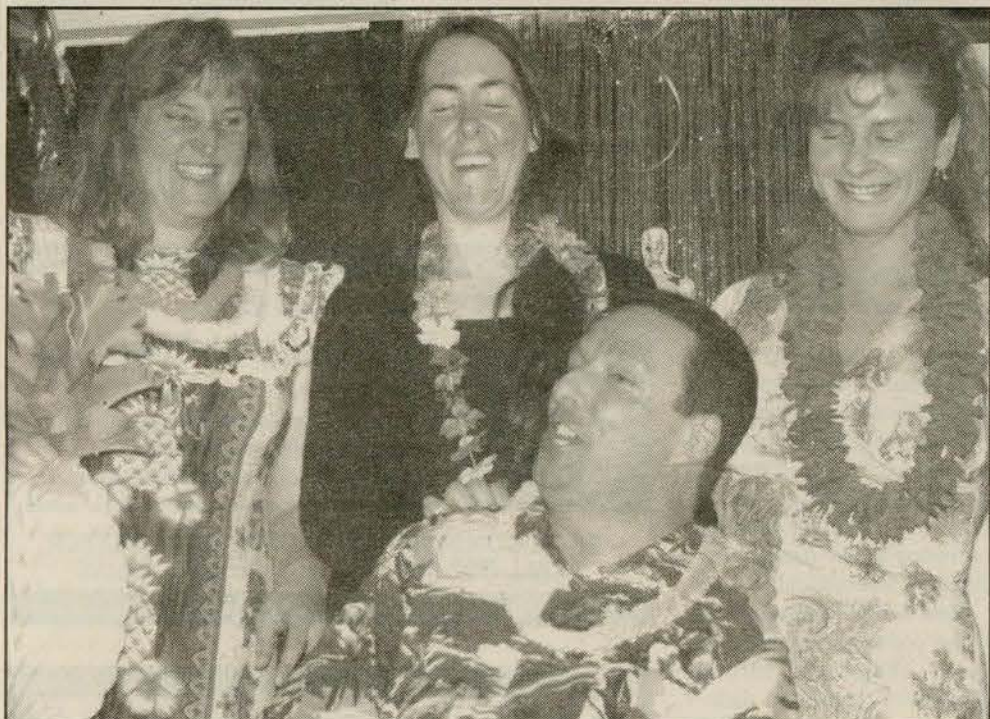
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OSCAR MADNESS: Clockwise from top left, Tammy Hunter, Pam Budden, Hilary Clemente, and John Dolman dress with Hawaii in mind as they attend the "Oscars" on Salt Spring, sponsored every year by Island Star Video. The event took place Sunday night at the Harbour House Hotel.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Rabu's 'emotional' voice smashes linguistic barriers

By JOHN WAKEFIELD
Driftwood Contributor

Canadian singer Joelle Rabu has travelled worldwide, captivating audiences with her original music and style.

From concert halls to folk festivals, from Banff to Beijing, her concerts have received rave reviews and standing ovations. When she lands on the ArtSpring stage on March 30 for her 2:30 p.m. performance, Rabu will treat the audience to a repertoire that encompasses several musical styles and combines them with the theatrical into a rare and magical event.

Joelle's music and style do not fall into any specific category, and she has been described as "Purely Canadian" (The Vancouver Province). Her lyrics are written from a Canadian perspec-

tive, drawing from her European background, her west-coast upbringing and her travels throughout the world. As a performer, Joelle Rabu embraces her audience with a welcoming stage presence, honesty and her passionate voice.

Whether performing in English or in French, Joelle smashes linguistic barriers with her rich, intoxicating voice and emotional delivery. She is accompanied by a multi-talented group of musicians, offering a mosaic of sounds with a variety of instruments and vocal abilities.

When she was last at ArtSpring, Joelle Rabu's portrayal of Edith Piaf mesmerized the audience. Rabu's career was launched with "Piaf," which gave her recognition throughout the country.

Since then, Rabu has an impressive number of accomplishments to her name, including a performance at Expo '86 for International Children's Day, where she shared the stage with the late Danny Kaye, The Peking Pops Orchestra and the Russian Children's Choir; a Juno nomination in 1987 for Best Female Vocalist of the Year; and in 1989, Joelle and her musicians were asked to give a command performance for the Duke and Duchess of York during the Royal visit at Ottawa's National Arts Centre.

The March 30 Rabu concert is the final event in the 2002-2003 ArtSwings! series, sponsored by Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty.

For ticket information, call the ArtSpring box office at 537-2102.

Kayak adventure focus of slide show

Anyone who has ever had a yen to travel all the way around Vancouver Island by kayak will admire the N a n a i m o photographer/author team of Dag Goering and Maria Coffey.

With a million-plus paddle strokes made in 10 weeks, the pair circumnavigated the island and then created a spectacular multi-media show chronicling their adventure.

Called Visions of the Wild, it comes to ArtSpring on Tuesday, April 1, beginning

at 7 p.m.

"We try to be honest about the realities of such an expedition," says Goering in a press release. "There's always a low level of anxiety; there's drudgery and occasionally squabbling."

"But then there are those perfect moments, when you're alone and totally in touch with your wild surroundings — it makes it all worthwhile."

The multi-media show is described as an intricate blend of video clips, high-quality digi-

tal images and music with live narration by Coffey and Goering.

Also featured in the show is the couple's earlier adventure of a 1,500-kilometre paddle down India's holy Ganges River.

The April 1 presentation is in support of the Sierra Club and the Brooks Wilderness campaign.

Tickets are \$13 and available at the door.

Stand-up comedian, improviser on tap Hall loaded with laughs

A stand-up comedian known for his intelligent, absurd and sometimes cutting style of humour is heading to Salt Spring this weekend.

From an all-day workshop to an evening show on Saturday, March 29, it's hoped that Mahon Hall's rickety roof can contain the expected flood of laughter after Chris Molineux turns on the tap.

Anyone who watches Just for Laughs or HBO Workspace will probably be familiar with Molineux, who has "made his living through laughter" since 1986 — "always pushing the boundaries of stand-up as an art form."

His stand-up comedy workshop runs at Mahon from 10-6, with the performance set for 8 p.m.

"All participants in the all-day workshop are welcome to perform as part of the show in the evening, so it has the potential of being a real community show," said Molineux.

The evening event will also feature renowned improviser Barry Greenfeld, whose hyper-kinetic style of free form comedy is often compared with Robin Williams, although Greenfeld uses virtually no script or format at all.

Greenfeld's one-man show "How to get fired" was a huge hit at this year's Chutzpah festival and he has opened for Jeff Beck at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver.

Admission to the show is \$10.

Molineux has performed with comedians such as Jim Carrey and Jerry Seinfeld, but unlike many touring stand-up comedians, he has also ventured into other comedic territory. He has done cartoon voices for Inspector Gadget and the Emmy award-winning show Madeline and was head writer for the Electronic Arts Game NHL 2003.

Molineux began teaching stand-up comedy in 2000 and currently runs classes at the William Davis Acting School in Vancouver and gives seminars on humour in the workplace, "humour, health and creativity," and lectures in high schools on humour and consumer culture and the mass media.

Molineux and his wife Colleen also run Happyface Productions, an agency spe-

cializing in booking all kinds of entertainment, from jugglers to magicians, clowns and comedians. (They have even supplied entertainment for events such as Prince Charles' visit and the NHL All-Star festivities.)

In 2002, the Vancouver-based couple moved onto "much bigger" things, becoming the North American representatives for

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Toe-tapping Gumboot Gala back for folk festival finale

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

It's time to dust off that evening wear and brush up the galoshes for the Salt Spring Folk Club's sixth annual Black Tie Gumboot Gala fundraiser set for Monday, March 31.

"We're coming up on her," said Bill Henderson in an interview Friday.

The glitzy musical event will propel folk club directors (and renowned local musicians) Valdy and Henderson up on stage to provide a slice of their talent around a sumptuous filling of "songwriters in the round."

Of course, the Wrangellian Gumboot Ensemble will also be in attendance, Fulford Hall will be stuffed with yummy goodies and there'll be a hearty sing-along for crooners in the crowd.

Prizes for best-dressed "gumbooter" will include tickets for shows next year, Valdy said.

"I won't be giving away the adjudicators, so there won't be any advocacy going on," he winked.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. (6:30 for season ticket holders) as per standard folk club operating procedures, Valdy noted.

"We need to do a fundrais-

er every year because we're mostly a break-even organization . . . We endeavour to bring the best available talent with a lot of variety. That means we have to pay top-dollar."

The folk club has found wonderful support at \$15 per head but admission doesn't always cover the price of the season's entertainment, he said.

Consequently, all musicians are donating their time at the Gumboot Gala to help the club build a safety cushion to see them through next season.

"We're not in it to make money. We're in it to provide entertainment for the community."

Songwriters in attendance with Valdy and Henderson are: Salt Spring's Suzanne Little; Gabriola's Bob Bossin from the infamous Stringband; and solo artist Bill Clint from Coombes.

"Suzanne did an opening set with her husband Tom Hooper a few years ago and she was very good," Henderson recalled.

Clint is another songwriter who's gained Henderson's respect.

"He's a very good songwriter. I jammed with him at Moby's not too long ago."

The "songwriter in the round" format will allow the

five artists to swap tunes and accompany each other in an informal manner, Henderson noted.

"I know that Bob [Bossin] is an adventurer who won't mind a few guitar licks thrown in."

Bossin's name should ring a few bells among the folksy set from the 1970s, Henderson said.

"Stringband did quite well back then in a time when it was possible to hear folk music in the mainstream."

Henderson also had a few fine words for his folk club cohort, Valdy.

"He should get an award or something. He's so important to the island, and Canada too. He's a tireless, cheerful, good-hearted person who gives everything he's got."

Henderson is no slouch either. Though best known for his work with Chilliwack, one of Canada's top recording acts in the 1970s and '80s, he's also been noted as a Juno-winning producer, solo performer, musical director for Sesame Street Canada and as a member of Ulrich Henderson Forbes (UHF).

Tickets for the gala are \$15 and available at Acoustic Planet, Salt Spring Books and Stuff 'n' Nonsense.

Piperno benefit Friday



David Piperno is seen with his mom, Mary Piperno. Photo by Derrick Lundy

A music, dance and auction fundraiser is looking robust and rosy for a Salt Spring family who want to stay with their son during an upcoming kidney operation in Vancouver.

David Piperno is still recovering from brain surgery he had on March 7. But he is already scheduled to return to the Children's Hospital in Vancouver to remove another tumour from his kidney.

The 11-year-old Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) student has neurofibromatosis, a rare genetic disorder affecting nerve tissues.

Organizers Pam Miskey and Athena Varlis hope to assist the Piperno family afford expensive hospital stays through a fundraising event at the SIMS gym from 6:30-10 p.m. this Friday.

Musicians André Berubé, Annie and the Roadhouse Gang and Tom Hooper have already signed up to perform for a dance.

There will also be an auction with over 30 items, including pottery, a yellow-cedar carving and gift certificates for dinner at local restaurants.

Anyone who has items to donate or who would like to participate in the musical performance can call Pam (537-2186) or Athena (537-5520).

Greys, Lundy return to M&M

Musical treats will abound next Wednesday, April 2, when Janette, Douglas and Bruce Grey get together with pianist Gary Lundy in performance for Music and Munch.

Last July, this quartet won the audience members' hearts and left them wanting more.

More of their "special touch" is what there will be in a performance of favourite Broadway tunes and a touch of jazz.

Janette, a Music and Munch regular since the

series' early beginnings, sings a wide repertoire from lieder to Scottish folk songs. She trained in Scotland where she met and married Douglas, who was also from a musical family.

Douglas joined a male voice choir, specializing in mostly Scottish repertoire, after his university years. After meeting Janette, they performed together in operetta.

Their son Bruce has been singing with friends and family since his earliest years in Scotland. He has

performed in choirs, rock bands and a barbershop chorus in Victoria.

Well-known island musician Lundy plays piano with the Sue Newman Band and has released a CD called In the Quiet of a Gentle Harbour.

Influenced by the jazz musicians of his home town of Detroit, Lundy has mastered a range of styles.

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Colour fields captivate island artist IMOH

Salt Spring artist Laura Hughes McGrath signs her paintings with the fanciful pen-name IMOH; an acronym derived from the phrase "In My Own Head."

The pseudonym is not just a clever gimmick. The nom de plume also describes her philosophical approach to the vibrant, large colour field paintings currently on display at Moby's Marine Pub.

"Colours are my gift. I spent my whole life fascinated and affected by them. And I want to share that with other people," McGrath said.

Consequently, her show is titled: Colour — the Bridge.

"I think color is the bridge from the logical to the intuitive side of the brain," she said.

Describing her work hanging at Moby's, McGrath points to bright orange and yellow variegated colour swaths posi-



COLOUR CRAZY: Painter Laura Hughes McGrath signs her abstract works IMOH, an acronym for In My Own Head. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

tioned alongside a photograph of marigolds.

"I was so captivated by

the colour I had to stop," she said, remembering the moment when she first spotted the bouquet.

McGrath reproduced the visual palette as well as the cheerful tone suggested by the flowers. The attending photograph faithfully depicts her subject matter.

"I went back to get the image so people could see where I'm coming from."

A series of similar photographs relate to her other colour-field paintings on display: An image of vines chimes in with the verdant greens of a forest suite; and baskets of bulging red peppers accent the abstraction of paintings Red Hot and Red Dancer.

"People are often unaware how we are affected so strongly by colour. . . I think we need it in our society today."

McGrath sees an infusion of colour as a kind of therapy that can soothe the soul.

"Colour therapy is very healing. . . Each colour has its own emotiveness."

She's even made a series of small traditional chakra paintings to sell at the Saturday Market in the Park.

"I believe people respond intuitively to colours that correspond to what they are working with, and through, in their lives. . . And since our lives today are so multi-faceted and multi-task-oriented, people can be drawn to many of these colours at the same time."

McGrath's finds her personal relationship with various hues deeply enriching.

"Blue makes me feel alive. . . It's considered a restful colour but it's more relaxing than restful."

Not everyone can immediately recognize the intention of her work, she said.

"Children would come up [at the market] and

touch the paintings but adults could walk by and say, 'It's just colour' and dismiss it. They miss what it's all about. I'm trying to bathe people in colour."

The artistic process offers her the greatest spiritual satisfaction.

"I see so much beauty in the fold of a palette knife."

Though McGrath has worked in the arts for 30 years, a trip to Mexico and Belize four years ago pushed her into full-blown colour work.

"I took nine months and painted my heart out. . . If you can't get it out, it kills you."

During that time, she expanded on the intuitive side of painting.

"If you wait too long, they disintegrate and break down and come to pieces. . . I'm all for just getting them out."

And now she has found an inspirational home on Salt Spring.

"Artists live in their own

heads and it's nice to find a community where that's normal."

Originally from Toronto, the lush colours of the Gulf Islands enchanted her into remaining.

"I was headed for New Mexico and never made it. I stopped to visit a friend three and a half years ago. . . The island got me."

In addition to showing her work at Moby's (until March 31) and the Saturday market, McGrath is a member of In the Public Eye, the new Fulford gallery run by a collective of working artists (see related story).

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With its smaller orchestra size of 22 musicians, the MCO is known for excellent programming that explores gems in the classical and contemporary repertoires commonly overlooked by larger symphony orchestras. ArtSpring's audience will get a chance to hear two works by Mozart, including the well-known Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola. The program will also feature a work by John Estacio that was commissioned for the MCO by CBC.

Growing from its first season of just three concerts in 1972, the MCO now presents eight concerts annually, of which four are co-presented with the CBC and broadcast across the coun-

try. According to press material, the orchestra has built an enviable reputation that has garnered a tour of Italy and recordings with CBC Records and Sweden's BIS label.

Following the departure of Simon Streatfeild, MCO's conductor for 18 years, their solid stature brought them to the attention of internationally recognized Roy Goodman.

Appointed MCO music director in 2000, Goodman's early career was spent as a violinist, working as concertmaster and soloist with Vladimir Ashkenazy, Sir Charles Mackerras, Sir Neville Marriner, Sir Roger Norrington and Sir John Eliot Gardiner and Sir Simon Rattle. As a conductor, Goodman quickly captured international attention for his recordings of the symphonies by Beethoven, Schubert and Schumann, the first-ever on historic instruments.

A number of faces in the orchestra will be familiar to

patrons who attend Festival ArtSpring events. Part-time Salt Spring residents Hiroko Kagawa and David Visentin have performed with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, as well as the Winnipeg Symphony, for many seasons and are regular guests of ArtSpring's August festival. Their orchestral colleagues, Simon MacDonald and Yuri Hooker, have also performed at Festival ArtSpring as part of the Boreas String Quartet.

"It is always exciting to have our festival friends return to ArtSpring," enthuses Paul Gravett, ArtSpring's executive

director, "and to have an orchestra the calibre of the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra on ArtSpring's stage, well, you just can't do much better than that."

The April 5 concert with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra and Roy Goodman is final event in the 2002/2003 Great Performers at ArtSpring series, sponsored by Mouat's The HouseWares Store.

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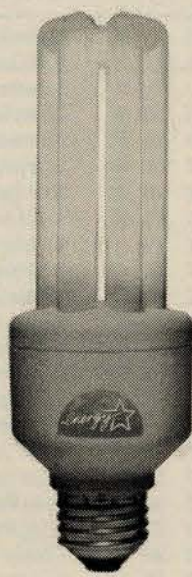
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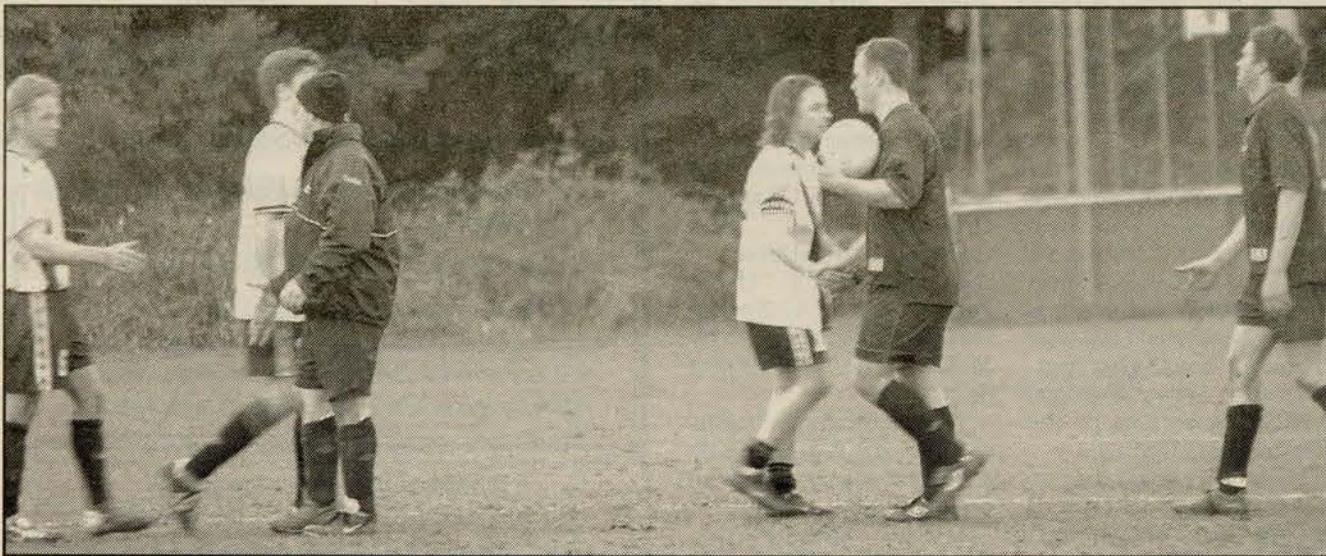
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GOOD GAME: Div. 2 champs — Salt Spring FC — settle for a disappointing 1-0 loss against Nanaimo United, the top Div. 1 team, after an exciting match at Portlock Park on Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

FC loses to top team in shoot-out

By **KEN MARR**
Driftwood Contributor

Second-division champions Salt Spring FC held their ground in a 1-0 loss against the best of the soccer league's first division at Portlock Park Sunday.

In fact, FC even appeared to be the better team after ending the game against Nanaimo United in a scoreless draw. But the islanders lost to penalty kicks after extra time.

FC brought the play directly to the visitors with a series of chances in the first 16 minutes.

Tom McColm created an opportunity that Dion Hackett almost directed home from 10 yards out at the two-minute mark.

Less than five minutes later, Mark Nordine won a tough challenge in midfield and began a beautiful one-touch combination with Hackett and Chris Langdon.

The three islanders worked the ball to McColm, who beat his mark and put a dangerous cross back through the goal mouth, just missing Jesse Fisher and Hackett.

McColm then created another opportunity on his next trip down the field. A cross far post to Fisher was headed back across the face of the net where the

Nanaimo defender handled it. Unfortunately for the home team, the officials missed the hand ball call and play continued.

FC worked the ball up the right side immediately and Hackett laid it back to Jordan Haenen, who directed a lethal cross forward into the box, cleared by Nanaimo. Fisher then worked hard to keep the ball in bounds, beat a player and put a cross to McColm at the far post. McColm directed it just wide with a header.

At 22 minutes, Nanaimo worked the ball through the middle to a man wide open 12 yards out. But FC keeper Jono McDonald came through with one of his best stops of the year as he stretched to palm the ball for a corner.

Nanaimo also hit the post on a free kick just before the half, but FC came right back with a great ball down the right, won by Hackett, put into the middle for Corbin Scott, who cracked a shot just over the bar from 17 yards.

At 56 minutes, Jono punched the ball clear at the back post, only to have Nanaimo strike it immediately back. Jono got up quickly to stop and hold the shot. He then kicked the ball upfield to McColm,

who carried the ball forward and forced a good save by the Nanaimo keeper.

Probably the nicest play all day came at 59 minutes when McColm, Jeremy Morrison, Chris Jason, Dave McColl, Chris Langdon and Rhys Beasley were involved in some remarkable one-touch play that resulted in McColm finding Fisher and breaking behind the defence, but the striker's shot went just over the bar.

Hackett also broke free and went alone on the keeper, just minutes later. He

lobbed the ball off the inside of the post. It rolled across the line and was cleared by the gasping Nanaimo defence.

Despite FC's great chances, it's been 350 minutes of play since they've managed to score (though it's also been over 700 minutes since anyone has scored on FC).

While the islanders have shown both Powell River Villa and Nanaimo United that they belong in the first division with regulation ties, they will have to score if they want to win.

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Slugs skate out season

The Salt Spring Slugs racked up a busy week of skating with a two-game "boat-trip" to end the regular season in the Vancouver Island recreational hockey league (VIRHL).

The Slugs faced off against Sidney's Shoreline Bruins for a 4-3 loss Thursday but rebounded for a 7-0 win versus the Sooke Riders Sunday night.

Down 4-0 to the Bruins at the end of the second period, the Slugs rallied for a spirited comeback to score three goals before an altercation ended the game.

"As we got closer, the game got chippier," said Slugs goalie Derek Topping.

Blaine Johnson, Bob Akerman and Chad Kinnear each scored goals in the third period.

Johnson's goal had a funny ring to it, Topping noted.

"Blaine didn't realize the goalie had fallen down behind the net and he took one of his patented off-the-top-corner-crossbar shots and it went in."

But one of the Bruins "tried to take out" the knee of Slugs captain Pat Akerman in the last few minutes, which ended the game, Topping said.

"We took offence and it got a bit ugly. The referee called the game with three minutes left."

The newest expansion franchise in the VIRHL took a slimy lesson from the Slugs when the Riders lost 7-0 game in Sooke.

The islanders even called up their internet goalie from a Colwood farm team to push Topping out of the net to tally two goals.

"I got my typical 'garbage goals.' One was a 'backhand' into the top corner. The other one was a pass that hit a defender's skate and went in."

Bob Akerman also scored a hat-trick against Sooke and rookie Kevin Kinnear collected two goals in his first game with the Slugs.

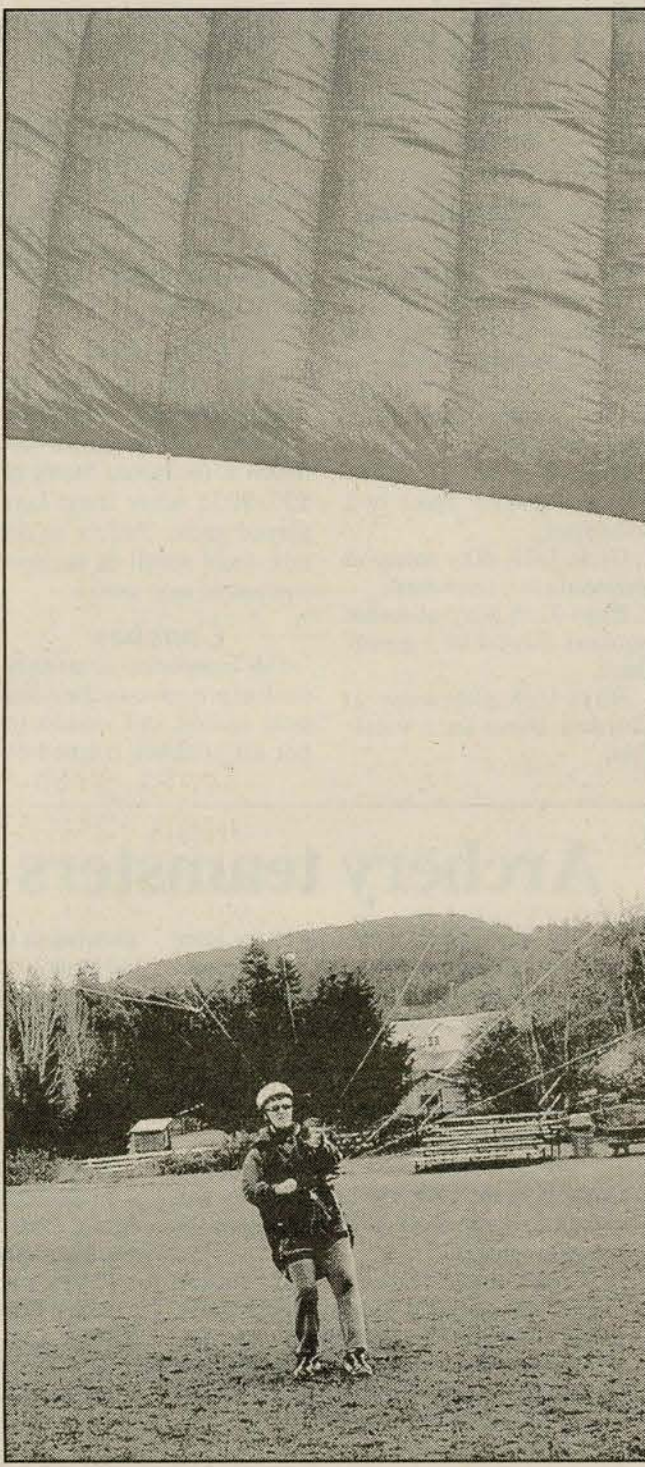
A 1:30 a.m. fish-boat ride Monday ended the Slugs' regular season.

There are no standings, points or records kept in the VIRHL, Topping noted.

"We just play exhibition games."

The season might be over but the Slugs still have a few games worth of mucilage left in their tanks.

The island gastropods will be skating off for a couple of three-day tourneys at Fuller Lake Arena on April 4-6 and Parksville on April 18-20.



Yeoman takes sailing honours

Phil Hume's Yeoman maintained an early lead to miss a squall and take line honours in the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club (SSISC) Channel Islands race on Sunday.

"It was a busy time for most, with speeds of 7.5 knots recorded by many on the way to the Channel Islands," said SSISC member Bob Jones in a press release.

Hume's boat crossed the finish line in 2 hours 17 minutes, with a corrected time-on-time handicap of 1 hour, 54 minutes (first in both respects).

Roger Kibble placed second aboard Electra (1:57 corrected time) and Jones placed third with Alacrity (1:59:50) among the 13 boats entered.

Competing boats were

permitted to choose a route in either direction around the islands, said Jones.

"With a strong ebb tide there was no correct way; so many boats passed each other at the far side."

And at the mid-point there was still no clear leader, he said.

"However, Yeoman had been smart enough to prepare a small headsail for the beat against wind and tide, and forged ahead."

Many of the other boats were caught with too much sail, and by the time the lead boats passed the Sisters, ominous dark clouds portended high winds and rain.

"Yeoman maintained her lead to take line honours and missed the squall, but Electra and Alacrity crossed the line in 25 knots plus with some rain."

PRACTISING PARAGLIDER:

Island visitor Barry Mansfield was seen deploying his paraglider at Portlock Park to work on take-offs and landings last week. The aviation enthusiast is visiting Salt Spring from his home in Hope.

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FC players boot the ball with minis at season wind-up

By **MALCOLM LEGG**
Driftwood Contributor

March is a time for District Cup madness but is also a time for many of our teams to end their season with wind-up tourneys.

A very special one occurred at Portlock Park on the March 15 weekend.

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIYSA) held its "mini wind-up" on March 15 with a pleasant surprise for all the participants.

Following the association's mandate to provide excellence for our youth players, our technical director Sue Spencer and mini director Dick Davidson brought out players from Salt Spring FC (our newly

SOCCER KICKS

promoted Div. 1 men's team) to help with the skills testing for the young participants.

The wind-up involved skill testing, playing games, a bag lunch (generously provided by Thrifty Foods), medals for every player and lots and lots of fun. We even had Jeff West of the RCMP there with a radar gun so the youngsters could test the speed of their shots.

The extremely successful day left our mini players with smiles on their faces, the organizers with a sigh of relief because the weather

co-operated, and the association with positives to carry forward to next season.

But the biggest plus on the day was the commitment of Salt Spring FC and its players towards youth soccer, a commitment that will be rewarding to both groups as time progresses. Our association thanks and salutes all who helped, and in particular, FC manager/coach Ken Marr.

This event is an example of how the SSIYSA will bring the best for our youth next season and beyond. Thank you to all who participated in the mini program over the year from Sue and Dick, to all our many coaches, our many sponsors, especially Thrifty's, and of

course the many players who will be eagerly awaiting next season.

Cup, Euro teams

The Euro teams have been finishing their seasons with tourneys in Victoria this month and will mostly be finished by month's end.

In divisional play we have several teams remaining in cup contention:

Girls U15 play at home versus Prospect Lake in a semi-final;

Girls U18 play away at Peninsula in a semi-final;

Boys U15 play at home against Sooke in a semi-final;

Boys U18 play away at Gordon Head in a semi-final.

If any of the teams win they will advance to the finals in Juan de Fuca, so bring on the silverware — we want to bring some home. Come out and cheer on our semi-finalists as they go for the gold.

Uniforms

Please note all teams are required to collect ALL their uniforms and equipment and return it to Steven Stairs at 537-5075 after their last played game. Failure to do this could result in no new equipment next season.

Coaches

Our association is actively seeking new coaches for next season and wishes to get all coaches trained to

meet their needs. If interested, please contact our technical director, Sue Spencer, at 537-7775 to register.

Referees

As several referees are graduating after this year, we are also actively seeking new referees for next season. We would like to get them enrolled in the required clinics early.

If you have a desire to try refereeing for the fitness, money earned, to better learn the laws of the game, or just to contribute to the sport, please contact Malcolm Legg at 537-4970 after 6 p.m.

This is open to girls and boys aged 11 years and up, and all adults.

Running: overcoming obstacles

By **BEN COOPER**
Driftwood Contributor

One of the most difficult obstacles in a running program is just getting out there.

How do we find the time in our busy lives for running or other exercise? Just as one finds time to make coffee or watch a video, if you really want it you will find the time.

Everyone always feels much better after getting out and running.

You will feel more energetic and good about yourself. It's a beautiful time to run as the days are getting longer and warmer, and

spring brings on a feeling of renewal.

Try training on the roads for the upcoming SSPLASH (Salt Spring Pool Association) running event.

It's also a good idea to pick a route that is fairly flat but gives some hills, as this will be representative of what the May 25 race around the Fernwood School neighbourhood will really be like.

Those runners who've been training on the track should get out for at least one session on the roads. Try to stick to your walk-run schedule when running on hills. If your walk-run change occurs on a hill, don't wait for the

top of the hill before making the change.

In this seventh week of training, beginners can run for four minutes and walk for two minutes; repeat 10 times for session one (60 minutes), nine times for session two (54 min.) and nine times for session three (54 min.).

The training schedule for experienced runners is 55 minutes of gentle running in session one, 50 minutes in each of session two and session three.

Registration forms for the running event are available at the Chamber of Commerce, North End Fitness or online at www.ssplash.org.

Archery teamsters hit target

The Salt Spring Arrows archery team placed second overall at the First Annual Zone 6 Junior Olympian Program (JOP) Indoor Championship held in Duncan on Sunday.

"The team members conducted themselves like seasoned competitors," said head coach Greg Durward.

"We have some very promising young archers in the club and I expect they will continue to do well as we move into the outdoor season."

Clubs from Victoria, Duncan and Parksville attended Sunday's JOP event. The Indoor Championship was the Arrows' first competition and many islanders have been shooting for less than eight weeks, Durward said.

Island archers also made a strong

showing in their categories on an individual basis:

Junior Archer: Tristan Hewitt (1st), Bradley Watson (2nd).

Junior Bowman: Jeff Fraser (1st), Brodie Dailly (2nd), Eric Pultke (4th).

Yeoman: Cecelia Fraser (1st), Luke Hellicar (2nd), Jonathan Vipond (3rd), Dylan Bullach (4th).

In the highly competitive Bowman category, Ben Sanchez and Chris Cairns placed 6th and 7th respectively.

Hellicar, Hewitt, Jeff Fraser and Cecelia Fraser also recorded personal bests.

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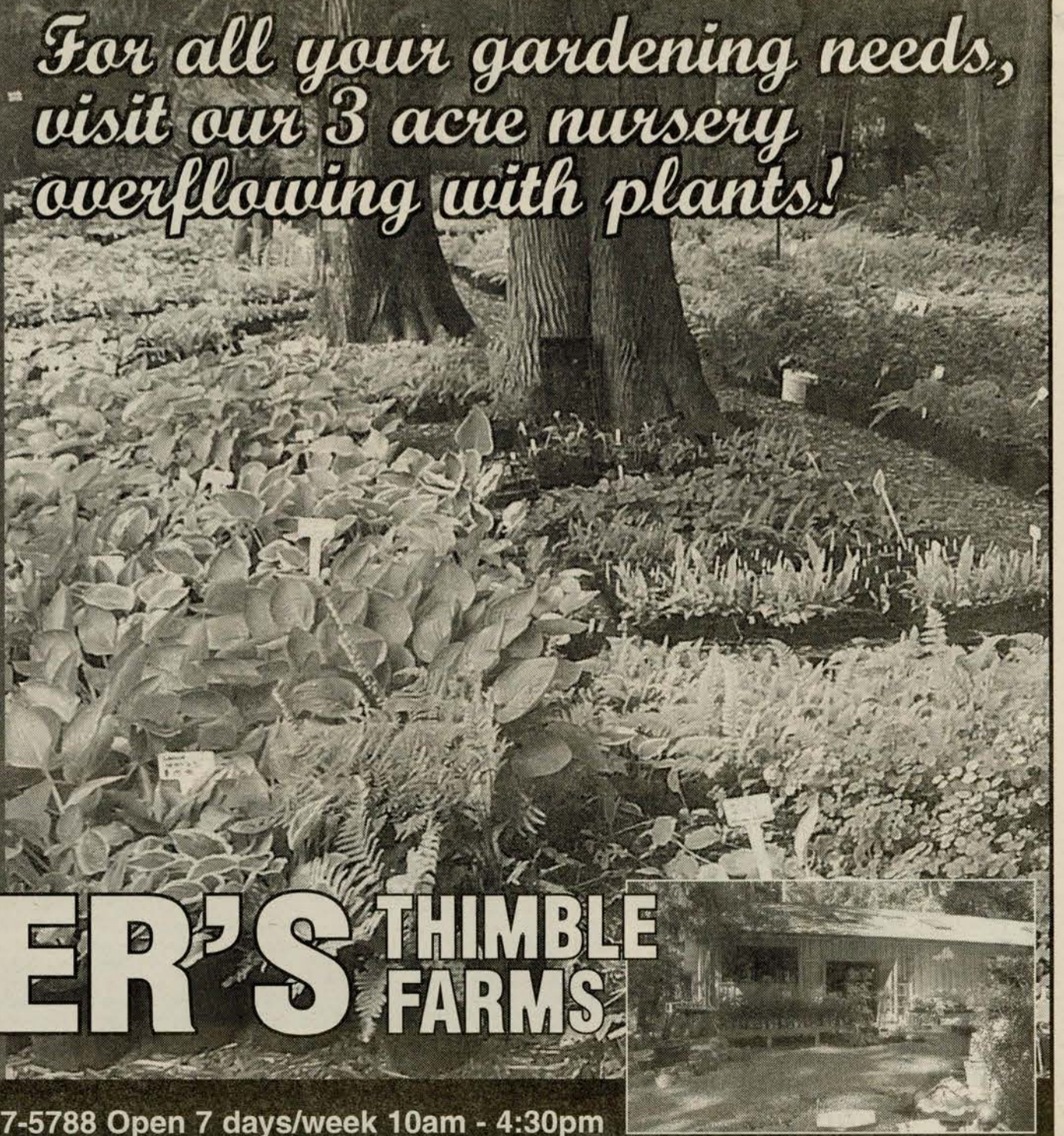
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Your loving wife Margo and children

8 CARD OF THANKS

THANK-YOU TO Mitchell Sherrin for his energy and commitment in starting the Salt Spring Junior Chess Club this year. Thanks also to Ted Baldwinson and Conrad Koke, who, with Mitchell, spent Saturday afternoons playing chess with the kids.

FULFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUN MURAL

Fulford Elementary School sun mural project and garden theme quilt are now complete. The students have worked hard over the last 10 weeks to create a beautiful 16' x 24' image of the sun with its surrounding regions depicting aspects of the environment. We are very proud of their achievements and will be celebrating with an evening presentation on April 2, 2003. We wish to share our creations with the community of Salt Spring Island and invite everyone to attend, April 2, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Fulford Elementary School.

Thank you to all those who have so generously donated towards this project. The list is long and hopefully no one has been missed.

Special Thanks to:

The students of Fulford School for producing such fantastic art for everyone to enjoy in the years to come; Judy Raddysch and the staff of Fulford School for being so flexible and supportive; Jim Lightfoot, Dan O'Donnell, Ken Rainsford, Mike Valey and B.C. Hydro for helping with the installation; Peter Bardon; Salt Spring Foundation; Dave and Deborah Hogarth; Barry and Suzanne Hunter and the many parent volunteers who helped in so many ways.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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20 COMING EVENTS

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PLACE: Harbour House
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COST: Free
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29 LOST AND FOUND
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DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINE: MONDAY 5PM

32 MEETINGS

ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting of Central Community Hall, Sunday, April 6, 2 p.m. Public welcome.

SSI TRAIL Riders, Meeting re: trails in new Burgoyne Bay Park. Yardley's 316 Isabella Pt. Rd., Fri. Apr. 4, 7 p.m. Info: Judy 653-9045.

Salt Spring Community Services Special Meeting A Special Meeting of Salt Spring Island Community Services Society to approve amendments to the Society's By-Laws will be held on Wednesday, March 26th, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at Community Services, 268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island. If you require further information regarding this meeting, please call 537-9971

34 NOTICES

IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!

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Park arts recreation 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 Imax 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

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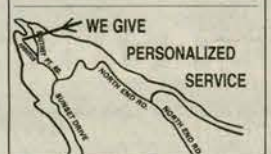
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• REINFORCED STEEL
• BAGGED CEMENT
• SEPTIC TANKS
• SCAFFOLDING RENTAL
537-2611
Rainbow Road
* REDUCE * REUSE
* RECYCLE *

379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

THIS COLUMN is designed for free recyclable items only (no animals). There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads can be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday 5 pm.) or by phone 537-9933, fax 537-2613 or email.

WINE LABELS, used wine corks, large wine bags and small zip-loc bags. Wine Cellar. 537-0721.

FRENCH DOOR, several double glazed windows and single glazed sashes, domed-style skylight, also several pieces of glass. Greenhouse? Must go all together. 537-4514.

OLDER 31 FT. Citation trailer, as is. You haul away. Southend. 250-213-9463.

ELECTRIC LIFT chair for going up & down stairs. 537-5302.

SOLARIUM THAT attaches to side of building. Small leaks but okay for greenhouse. You remove and take away. 538-1732.

ONE RIGHT Screen door, white, 36" with hardware. Phone 538-1939.

Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

SIGHTFIRST
A LIONS PROJECT
RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES
Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight. Boxes located at:
• Pharmasave
• Bank of Montreal
• Bank of Commerce
• Island Savings Credit Union
• Gulf Islands Optical

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

EIGHT CONTEMPORARY homes. 1200 - 1500 sq. ft., \$28,000 - \$48,000. Large character bungalow/cottage. 250-656-1387, www.nickelbros.com
HORNBY ISLAND, rare, 5 acres, beautiful forest, 3 bedroom cabin, southern exposure, water, hydro, walk to Tribune Bay, \$169,000. Call 604-538-5186 or send e-mail to boake3w@telus.net.
4 SALE! 18 MONTH old, well built 3 bdrm. home in Ganges. Walking distance to town. \$265,000 obo. 127 Woodhall Place. 537-4779.
USA BEST BUY! First time offered, 20 acre ranchettes, located in scenic West Texas, \$295 per acre. \$99 per month. For prospectus call 1-800-875-6568.
AMAZING 5 ACRE N.E. property. Large ponds/ fish. 90 fruit trees - huge garden. 3 bdr. house, large shop. Sweet rental cabin. \$399,000. 537-1677.

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"A fine finish every time"
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Building Island Homes for three generations.
Kent John
537-5463 537-9857
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WALTER HUSER & SONS
Construction Ltd.
Residential & Commercial
Personalized service from plans to completion
537-5247 - 537-5092
Salt Spring Island

A-1 LOGS TO LUMBER
Portable Sawmill
Looking for work
250-745-8123
* REDUCE * REUSE
* RECYCLE *

379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

VARIOUS ITEMS free! Couch, chair, etc. Call 537-1340.

LIGHT GREY rug with underlay. Good condition, 33 square yards. Please call 537-5043.

HIDE-A-BED CHESTERFIELD, king size boxspring & mattress, double boxspring & mattress, 24 cu. ft. freezer. 537-9389.

'70'S BODY FURNITURE foam bed surround. Evenings 537-9542.

390 WEBSITES

SALT SPRING Music is on the Internet at www.saltspringmusic.com. Hear song samples before you buy. Pay by cheque or credit card. More than 40 CDs available.

Real Estate

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

BRINKWORTHY PARK 2 bedroom modular home. Open floor plan. Oak kitchen cabinets. 5 appliances & airtight FP. Sunny exposure, easy care landscaped yard. 2 decks, pad rental includes: sewer, water, garbage & clubhouse facility. \$126,000. To view call (250) 537-8357.
BY OWNER, 3.05 acres, great gravity well, sunny s/w exposure, low taxes, 2 bdrm., large living & kitchen, fireplace & insert, new plumbing/hot water tank, new floors. Needs floor coverings, paint & finishing. Outbuildings, fruit trees. Needs some TLC. Will carry small mortgage. \$320,000, 537-9466 or 537-4513.
100 - ACRE ORGANIC FARM and family estate, offering a rare synthesis of oceanfront recreation and working farmland. Numerous buildings, principal residence, administration building, caretaker's suite, 2 greenhouses, large new 2-story barn, abattoir, 5 guest houses and customized Deepwater Dock on Pender Island, BC. \$5,500,000 Irv Ridd 604-632-3303 irv@premiercanadian.com

420 FINANCING

490 WEBSITES

SECURE INVESTMENT for you. Help us keep growing. For information call Shirley @ Garden Faire, 537-4346. "Where Ideas Grow".
REAL ESTATE listings for the Gulf Islands are viewable anywhere in the world with Internet access. www.gulfislands.net
RENTALS
500 APT/SUITES FOR RENT
1 BEDROOM APT available April 1, N/S, N/P \$500 a month, child welcome. Close to town. Partly furnished. 537-9884.

225 DESIGNERS
LET'S GET STARTED!
Bring your sketches & ideas and together we'll design (or upgrade) your dream home. Through the use of computer-aided drafting, we'll quickly produce the working drawings you'll take to your contractor.
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236 FIREWOOD
HONEST OL'S FIREWOOD
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We Paint & Redecorate with Care
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KEVIN C. MARKS PAINTING & DECORATING
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YOU'RE IN THE ISLAND'S BIGGEST MARKETPLACE!
DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS
537-9933

SHORT TERM monthly sublet, April - July, large, lovely, furnished, 2 bdrm. upper suite, w/d, f/p, balcony overlooks park-like yard, stroll to beach/Vesuvius Pub, n/s, no pets. Avail. Apr. 1, \$1200/month. util. incl. 537-8433.

1 BEDROOM SUITE in quiet home, close to Ganges, w/d, elec. heat + wood stove. Available May 1. Mature person, n/s, n/p. Long term. \$575 incl. util. References. 537-1785.

FOR RENT, one bdrm. suite. Furnished, suitable for one person. Washer/dryer incl. Close to town, \$480. N/P, N/S. Call 537-4738.

510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

SHARED OFFICE space available, Lancer building 537-2133.

COMMERCIAL SPACE for rent. Upstairs oceanfront, 600 sqft space for rent May 1st, southend of Ganges. Perfect as a massage or artisan's studio. \$800 per month + gst and utilities. 537-2571.

FOUR COMMERCIAL spaces for rent at Moby's. 320 sq. ft., 330 sq. ft., 680 sq. ft. and 1300 sq. ft. See Barry or Jamie. 537-5559.

RESTAURANT PROPERTY for lease. Unique newly renovated waterfront location adjacent to ferry terminal. 653-4336.

IMAGES HAIR Dressing shop for rent or building could be used for other purposes. Phone 537-2239.

FINISHED OFFICE, STUDIO, SHOP SPACE FOR RENT

in Merchant Mews. Approx. 500 square feet of bright, clean space. \$542.00 per month plus electrical.

Call 537-0651

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS
537-9933

Answers to Crossword (Page 35)

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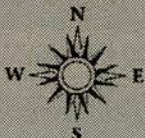
520 HOUSES FOR RENT

EXQUISITE HOME! Cedar & glass home on 22 acres with outstanding ocean views. Unfurnished, 2700 sqft, 2 bdrm + loft, fireplace & wood stove, 2 car garage, N/S, pets negotiable. \$2800/mth. 303-777-8887.

MODERN BACHELOR ste. close to Ganges with spacious deck, shower only, can be semi furn., N/S, N/P. Ideal for quiet, long term tenant, incl. cable, hydro, water, \$495. avail. immed. Pristinely kept/ furnished, waterfront, 1 bdrm. ste., 4 piece bath, W/D, lrg. priv. deck with fab. views & steps in front to own beach access, avail. short term (\$795 month) or weekly (\$425) until July 15, N/S, N/P incl. utils. Wanted: rentals - have qualified tenants needing various types of properties. Free consultations by appointment. Fairfield Realty 1987 Ltd. 537-2833.

3 BEDROOM, FAMILY room/den, basement. North end, long term. N/S, N/P. References required. May 1st. \$1175. 537-8440 (leave msg).

Island Explorer Property Management Ltd. 537-4722 ~ 1-800-800-9492 www.island-explorer.com



- 3 bedroom, Upper Duplex, W/D close to town April 1 \$825/mo.
• 2 bedroom House May 1 \$850/mo.

Island Explorer is a fully licensed, bonded management company under the laws of the B.C. Govt.

525 RENTALS MISC.

ONE CAR garage or general storage, central location, available April 1. Clean, dry. 537-5592 morning or evening.

WANTED: PARKING pad for 27' Motor home, minimum power & water. Phone 250-213-1541 after 7 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL COUPLE looking to rent a lot for self contained RV while a house is renovated, from April 1 to August 31. Power required. 538-1866.

530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

SPACIOUS ROOM in sunny heritage home. Near ocean, pastoral views. Share kitchen, garden, w/d, n/s, n/p, \$400. 653-0005.

SHARED ACCOM. Near Ganges for quiet person, semi-furnished 500 sq ft private living area, separate entrance and bath. Laundry, hydro & cable incl. Avail Apr 1, \$450, no pets. Reply to: Dept W, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

AVAIL. APR. 1 - looking for nice person to rent sunny, spacious room in a beautiful 3 bdrm. home. Yard, w/d, garden. \$300/plus util. Walkers Hook. Call Shea Laughlin or Tara 538-1926 or Sharon 537-1908. ROOM IN new house available April 1st, \$250/mth plus part util. W/D. Nice family. Sorry no cats. Call Sunny 653-0069.

540 WANTED/RENTALS

HOUSE SITTING OR RENTAL accommodation (cabin, small house, apartment or trailer), close to Ganges, \$500 - \$600 range. Single male, 51, long term federal government employee. Local ref., ph. 537-1005 (lv. message).

NEED CABIN for May 1, when sublet ends. Long term preferred, furnished or not. References. leave message on pager 538-9072 after 8 p.m. 653-4257.

LONG TIME, employed resident, N/S, N/D, N/P seeking cabin or 1 - 2 bdrm. house with some storage. 537-5037, leave message.

WANTED HOUSE TO RENT ASAP

3 bedrooms, on acreage, private, \$1300-\$1700 range 537-9933 work 537-6745 cell

540 WANTED/RENTALS

SEMI-RETIRED PROFESSIONAL couple seeks quiet, clean cabin or private suite on long term rental or assisted living basis. N/S, N/P. Local references. Call Diane 537-1212.

SEMI RETIRED middle aged man looking to rent room with cooking facilities or caretaker position. Can chop wood, clean chimneys, take care of animals. References. 653-0099 or Box 782, Fulford P.O., SSI, V8K 2P2.

SINGLE PROFESSIONAL woman seeks unfurnished 2 - 3 bd. House Long term. Excellent references. 537-2626.

SINGLE FATHER of 2 well behaved boys seeking 2-3 bdrm. housing close to Ganges for April 1. Has been employed for 5 yrs. on Salt Spring. Please call Richard 537-2708.

QUIET, RESPONSIBLE mature non-smoking female with two cats, seeks rental as soon as possible. Long time islander. References. Call 537-1340.

QUIET, PROFESSIONAL couple, employed F/T, late 30's, N/S, N/P, new to island seeking L/T 2 - 3 bdrm home A.S.A.P. Garden a bonus! Cell 250-213-9618.

615 HOLIDAY ACCOMODATION

Westcoast Vacations BRITISH COLUMBIA

REGISTRY OF HOMES FOR DISCRIMINATING VACATIONERS Enquiries Invited Book Online westcoastvacationsonline.com

537-2583 1-877-604-9459

622 HOUSE EXCHANGE

AUSTRALIA - Byron Bay,, NSW, 3 bdrm , 2 bath home in exchange for similar home on SSI beginning Aug. 5th. for one month. Call 538-1937 for info. and photos.

690 WEBSITES

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Transportation

805 AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS

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815 BOATS & MARINE, SERVICE

ISLAND MARINE CONSTRUCTION Ross Walker 537-9710 www.islandmarine.ca Practical solutions for your waterfront development. Pile driving, ramps & floats. Local references.

820 BOATS & MARINE, SALES

15.5 HOURSTON RUN-ABOUT, 40 hp. Johnson outboard, 8 hp. Honda kicker, 2 elec. downriggers, fish finder, dodger, trailer like new, \$4200 OBO. 537-2837.

* REDUCE * * REUSE * * RECYCLE *

820 BOATS & MARINE, SALES

ALWAYS OVER 50 NEW & USED BOATS!



- '89 Hourston 15'6" w/Mercury 40 & trailer \$8,900
'90 Malibu 185 HTop Cuddy w/140 Volvo & trailer \$14,900
'99 Four Winns 18' Bowrider w/Johnson 150 & trailer ... \$23,900
'91 Bayliner 27' Sunbridge w/260 HP Mercruiser \$32,900

MERCURY HONDA Evinrude Outboards MARINE Johnson.

SHERWOOD MARINE CENTRE

OLDFIELD RD. @ KEATING X RD., SAANICHTON 1-877-652-6979 www.sherwoodmarine.com

822 CAMPERS & TRAILERS

1972 PROWLER travel trailer, \$1000 obo. 537-6143.

825 CARS, SALES

BUYS OF THE WEEK. 2002 Intrepid \$295; 2002 Grand AM \$289; 2002 Cavalier \$198; 1999 Ford 4x4 \$325; 2000 Chev. Blazer \$375; 2000 Chev. Van \$299; Payments monthly plus tax. Marty 604-464-3941.

1984 BUICK CENTRY \$1200. 1988 Hyundai Excel, \$800. 1981 Volkswagen Rabbit convertible, \$2800. 1981 Honda Goldwing Interstate, \$2800. obo. 537-2135.

1982 OLDSMOBILE DELTA 88, runs & looks good. A bargain \$500. 537-5054.

NISSAN MULTI 1985, light blue, no rust, 147,600 kms., runs well, \$1500. 653-9783.

1987 TOYOTA TERCEL station wagon 4x4, 5 spd., 187k, clean. Adult female driver. \$3,500 OBO. Phone 537-8803 ask for Kathy Mara.

MUST SELL, great island car!! 1987 Hyundai Excel, red colour, some recent work. \$1100 obo. 537-0714.



'86 Lincoln Towncar Limousine model, 177,000 km, loaded, includes GPS, radar detector, radarjammer, police-band scanner, carphone, dual fuel: gasoline and natural gas. Well maintained - \$2,995. Car is well-known around the island. Phone: 537-2888

Duncan HYUNDAI "TOP TEN"

94 FORD F-150 4X4 Ext. Cab, auto, air, tilt. Good looking truck SALE PRICE \$12,995

93 DODGE RAM 3/4 TON Turbo Cummins LE extra cab, full load REDUCED TO \$15,998

99 GMC SONOMA SLS 4WD, Extra Cab, V6, auto, 60,000 km, SPECIAL PRICE \$20,495

90 TOYOTA 4 CYL, 5 SPD. Ext cab, top condition in & out, clean SALE PRICE \$8,495

98 EXPLORER 4X4 AUTO Fully loaded V6, auto, only 106,000km PRICED RIGHT \$19,995

2001 SANTA FE 6 L V6 V6, Auto SUV award winner 2 years in a row. Save money. ONLY \$23,995

2002 SANTA FE GLS V6 auto "demo" leather package, save min \$2000 SALE PRICE \$28,500

86 LOW LITE 19 1/2" 5TH WHEEL Nice layout SALE PRICE \$5,998

97 GRAND CHAROKEE LAREDO 6 cyl., Auto, 4x4. Fully loaded PRICED TO SELL \$17,995

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1997 HONDA Civic hatchback, auto, cd player, purple, \$5000 obo. 537-9477. CANADA-WIDE AUTO BANK. Bad credit? No credit? Good credit? You're approved!!! Guaranteed approvals. All you need is a job! Home of the 15-minute approval! Call toll-free at 1-877-448-9000 ext. 235. Millions in inventory. Trucks/SUVs are our specialty. Trades welcome. Free delivery in Western Canada.

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PREMIUM USED CARS www.saunders.subarudealer.ca

835 MOTORCYCLE, SALES

'83 SUZUKI TEMPTER 650 cc, god shape, runs well, windshield. Well taken care of. Lots of spares. Cheap insurance, \$700 obo. Phone 537-4541 or pager 537-8017.

845 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, SALES

TRIANGLE R.V. CENTRE offers excellent highway exposure for your consignment vehicle. Also parts, service, propane, sanitation and 24 hour car and R.V. wash. Vancouver Island's only complete R.V. centre. Triangle Homes Ltd., Sidney. Your first R.V. centre off the ferry. 656-1122. DL 5916.

855 TRUCKS/4X4S

78 CHEV 3/4 TON, runs fine, body rusted, \$800. Gary 537-5793.

1989 NISSAN PATHFINDER XE 4 x 4, 5 spd., 2 dr. Same owner 10 years. Victoria Nissan serviced, exc. cond. 240 K. \$5000. 653-4171, (250) 514-5756.

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'93 TOYOTA 4X4, X-cab, V6, auto, boxliner, 174,000 km., good shape in and out, \$12,500 OBO. Also avail. custom-built all aluminum camper, ultra light, aircraft quality, \$7600 OBO. Great combination for outdoorsman. 537-2837.

PREMIUM USED TRUCKS www.saunders.subarudealer.ca

855 TRUCKS/4X4S

GMC JIMMY, 1983, 4 x 4, \$2500 obo. 537-9940, leave message.

1991 FORD F250 4x4, 300 6 cyl, std, box liner, headache rack, new brakes, solid truck. \$6800. 653-4724.

856 BUSES, VANS

1990 DODGE CARAVAN SE, new trans., new tires, low mileage, auto, maintenance records, exc. cond. \$4000. 537-1785.

1985 TOYOTA VAN, clean, runs great, 320 K, \$2500 obo. Must sell. 653-4558.

900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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HARBOUR HOUSE Annual Garage Sale, Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. only. Some private collectibles. Sale located in Green Room.

CRAFTERS, ARTISTS & Musicians wanted for spring wellness celebration in Richmond BC. April 11, 12 & 13. Booths start at \$150, call Rene 604-272-4107 or email rene@motherearthco.com.

SEWING MACHINES now available at A Class Act Fabric Studio. 120 Hereford Ave. 537-8985. Sewing machine repair drop-off located next door at Salt Spring Linen & Dry Cleaners. Your two Island Agents for Sawyer Sewing Centre Victoria.

WANTED: FIREWOOD logs (will compensate owner). Will also deal with your windfalls and danger trees. Konig & Son Firewood, 537-9531.

WANTED: TRIPOD for transit or level. Phone 653-9210.

900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

5 MATCHING BOOKCASES, 90" tall, pine, already primed, \$150/ea. 538-1732.

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PROFESSIONAL COUPLE looking to rent a lot for self contained RV while a house is renovated, from April 1 to August 31. Power required. 538-1866.

WANTED: 3 WHEEL stroller, child's bed, wooden toys/dollhouse, office chair, sofa bed, computer desk, dressers, dining table/chairs, gas bbq, bookcase, end tables, trunk, patio furn., plants. 538-1967.

SPRING CLEAN-UP and Blowout Sale! Joico and Biolage hair products, super litre deals, discounts and much more! While quantities last. Juliette's Hair Studio, 296 Wilkie Way. 537-9542. Tuesday - Friday, 10 - 6.

RELATIVES COMING for family reunion. Need to rent 1 unit for 2 adults & 3 children, and 1 unit for 2 adults & 2-14 yr old boys. Please somebody - camperized van - trailer - 5th wheel! Needed July 11-12-13-14. Please phone Jeannette preferably before 8:00 am 537-2033.

SLOW PITCH League Meeting for all team rep's. Monday, March 31, 7:00 p.m., Vesuvius Pub.

FOR SALE: Roland F30 88-key digital piano, list \$1749 demo price \$1295. Roland BR1180 digital 10-track recorder with CD burner list \$1795, our price \$1395. Roca maple congas \$449. CB 5-pc drum kit \$399. Jasmine Takamine steel string guitar list \$349, our price \$229. Sidney Musicworks 656-1900.

FOR RENT: Newly renovated cottage with outbuilding on lovely, private 1/2-acre: 1 bedroom + loft, woodstove, skylights, wood ceilings and floors. \$750./mo., long-term, available May 1. 537-8733.

EXCELLENT VAN, Chev Lumina APV, 100,000 kms on warranted new motor. New battery, alternator. 7 passengers, clean, \$4800 obo. 653-9201.

DON'T MISS "He Said She Sang", Carolyn Neopole & Matthew Payne. Mahon Hall April 4 & 5th 8pm, \$10 at the door. See our ad in Coming Events.

SALE CONTINUES @ Work World. Check it out, 40% off Canyon Creek and Work World ladies and men's jeans and dress pants and many other selected items.

FOR SALE: 26 ft. wooden boat, sound hull, deck needs work. 653-2025.

FOR FREE: dismantled 8 x 8 metal shed. 537-4773.

MOVING, MUST sell! Camper, best offer 537-9157.

900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

4TH ANNUAL ANTIQUES Appraisals on Saturday, April 5. Tickets available at the door. See ad on page 17 for details.

28' TRAILER, GOOD condition, \$1200 obo. 537-6354. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

SMALL HOUSE or large cottage? Quiet senior, reliable tenant, will pay first and last month up front for right place. 653-2068.

THERE'S A first time for everything! Thirteen STICK musicians from all over North America are coming to Salt Spring to play jazz, classical, folk, rock, funk, and some incredible combinations of all those styles. See Coming Events for April 6 event.

PARENTING CLASSES Now! Create & build harmony & cooperation in your family. 7 Thursday evenings, April 3 - May 15. Info/registration Lisa 538-1703.

WORK WANTED: looking for yard work. Hardworking and dependable, \$12/hr call Dan at 538-1885.

HELP WANTED: Cashier positions available at Ganges Village Market. Please apply at the lottery centre. Must be able to work day shifts.

CORNER BATHTUB with 16 air jets, \$850. Delta roman tub filler \$250. Concrete table \$550. Iron and glass coffee table, \$400. 537-9510.

THUNDER BAY natives, Ian Tamlyn & Rodney Brown bring their Northern Routes Tour to the Lion's Hall on Saturday, April 5. They weave vocal & instrumental harmonies on guitar, dulcimer, harmonica & keyboard. Advance tickets are \$10 & available at Acoustic Planet.

OLDER OKANAGAN camper with heater, fridge, stove. Very nice condition. Good for smaller truck \$600. 538-1705.

1988 FORD RANGER pickup, long box. Well maintained since new. Looks good. With canopy and ladder rack. \$2400 538-1705.

STUNNING PRINT, beautifully framed, limited edition 8/550. "Intimacy" by Thomas Blackshear II. \$1500. Adorn your home or business. Call 538-9072.

CUSTOM BALING: make arrangements now. Price reductions for larger fields. Don't be left til last. 537-6066.

ROOMMATE NEEDED for 2 bedroom house. W/D, cable, N/S, close to Ganges. \$300 + utilities 537-4591.

2ND MORTGAGE wanted. For more information call Shirley, 537-4346. Garden Faire Gallery and Nursery. "Where Ideas Grow".

MASSAGE FEELS great and reduces stress. \$50 for full hour of Massage, Reiki, or Reflexology. Trades considered. Call Waterfall 537-1419.

VISIONS OF THE WILD multimedia presentation Join photographer Dag Goering and author Maria Coffey on two extraordinary kayak adventures: around Vancouver Island and down the Ganges River in India. With spectacular photographs, video and music, Dag and Maria recount their inspiring journeys at opposite ends of the earth. Presented in partnership with the Sierra Club of BC in support of the Brooks Wilderness Campaign. VISIONS OF THE WILD Tuesday, April 1, 7-9:30pm ArtSpring Theatre, Saltspring Island Tickets: \$13, at the door or in advance at the ArtSpring boxoffice. Information: www.hiddenplaces.net/presentations.html or 888.791.6388

Community getting trampled in over-the-top marketing

By FRANK MOORE

Having now gone to a couple of APC and Islands Trust meetings regarding the blackcod farm on Salt Spring, I couldn't help but reconnect with days gone by and Texada wanting to heavily log our island.

It seems the same motive is at the basis of each of these ventures — money. And while I am vehemently against the cod farm, my thoughts wandered a bit past the cod farm as I asked myself, "How did this come about; why here and why are we at this place again?"

Several thoughts came to mind. One is that private land is involved (and actually ALR lands) and the owner can basically do whatever he wants, even if it violates the OCP and the preserve and protect mandate the Islands Trust is supposed to uphold for our precious island(s). Basically, it seems, the Islands Trust is helpless in these matters when the issue falls under provincial law, even if it goes against a community's OCP.

As for my other thought, it involves us, the people of Salt



IN DEPTH

Spring.

It seems to me the marketing that goes on for this place that we call home is over the top. I don't get it.

We have an incredible community, enjoy a wonderful lifestyle, live in one of the most beautiful places in the world and all that many seem to want to do is market and promote Salt Spring to all ends of the earth to either sell or attract at the expense of our community and its fabric.

Between the realtors, developers, many of the B&B owners, vacation rentals and the Chamber of Commerce, the drive seems insatiable.

Are your actions consistent with the spirit of the OCP I would ask? I find those chest-thumping realtor ads disgusting — the ones that talk about marketing to the far corners of the planet, honesty and integrity — really!

Where do ethics and social

responsibility to our community come into play?

If you're all wanting more bucks, a bigger market and need more recognition, Montreal, Toronto or Los Angeles are great places. A little moderation and less "mega-mouthing" would go a long way in the above regard. Maybe, though, it's like that phrase in one of the Eagles songs: "Call someplace paradise, kiss it goodbye."

Last fall when I saw the National Geographic Traveler article on Salt Spring, I was angered and appalled while the local owner of the shop I was standing in was all abuzz with glee.

I'm not sure how the article came about, yet it would seem that it was another case of "Ah the Money" (from Mort Ransen's film title) or someone's ego lurking in the shadows.

What's it going to take before we wake up and realize what's coming if we continue with all this mass merchandising?

I've lived in large cities and in the so-called outlying areas that surround large cities and have seen urban sprawl gobble up quaint

communities that are now nothing more than oceans of developments, shopping centres, concrete, traffic and congestion, where there's hardly room to take a good breath.

I came here as most, I believe, to escape all that and live a different lifestyle.

I've heard some suggest Salt Spring is moving toward becoming a mini Whistler or another Martha's Vineyard.

Wouldn't that be grand, then we would attract more individuals building full and part-time residences, have 12 or more Trailways Scenic Tour buses either driving around our island, parked in Ganges or at Beddis Beach on any given day and ah, all those sandwich wrappers and coffee cups along our roadsides.

It seems to me at this point we're getting what we've asked for.

The hordes are coming and many choose to stay, pressing the seams of the island and our community even more, while some of those who are coming bring thoughts of change, new ventures and exploit our island — be it to build cod farms, subdivisions or a home that's just lived in for a few weeks to a month in the summer

to enjoy our island paradise.

Having been a big city commuter in a past life, I've also noticed the number of BMWs, Jags and Mercedes have picked up dramatically which, for the most part, speaks to an affluence that is very different from the core and character of our island.

Be that as it may, I come to my question how many more "oopses" we can handle and successfully navigate.

We unfortunately already have a thing called Channel Ridge on the island, barely escaped without all of the 5,000 acres Texada owned being clearcut and now we're fighting against having a factory called a cod farm put on our island, with all its implications and issues known and unknown.

As far as I'm concerned it's time.

I'm not wanting to stand by and view the creative destruction of our community.

I'm behind the Islands Trust using the cod farm as a vehicle, an example, to bring about a change in that our local values, bylaws and the OCP takes precedence over provincial law so that the Islands Trust can truly preserve and protect.

It's time for the Trust to take this

battle up with the provincial government and into court if necessary before another "oops" comes along. Let the Islands Trust know this is also your belief.

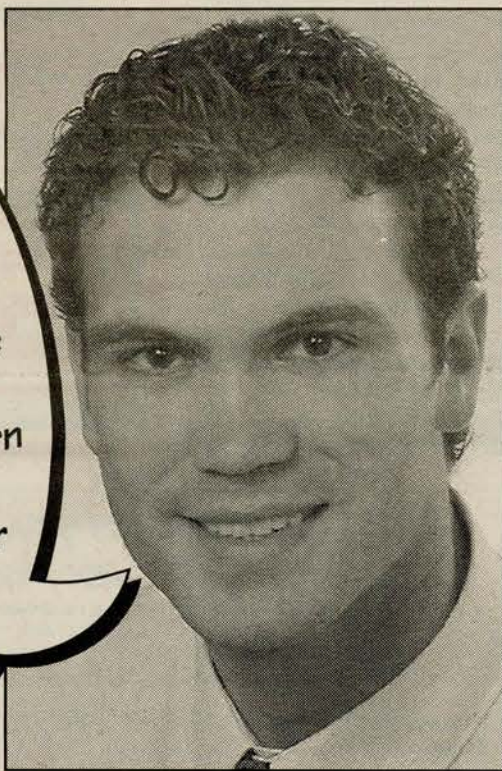
As for the rest of us mere mortals that call Salt Spring home, we all, I believe, came here to enjoy and be part of this beautiful rural community and its eclectic alternate lifestyle.

While the exploiters will continue to put pressure on the preserve and protect mandate, we all — and that includes the businesses and Chamber of Commerce, as you are not just business entities but are made up of people of the island — need to take responsibility for our actions to ensure they are in harmony and consistent with the ideals, values and spirit of the OCP for this community.

Alternatively, I would suggest you're at the wrong place and belong on another island in the sea of life called, "Ah the Money, the Money."

The writer is concerned with who's driving the Salt Spring bus and where it's headed.

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Tip of the Week:

Over the past several weeks I have hinted at the implications of the ingress of Uranus into Pisces on March 10, 2003. It is tempting to say more about this awesome event yet, there is not enough space allotted to do so in a satisfactory way. Consequently, I have decided to offer a special free monthly report on my website for the duration of 2003. Called the "Ingress Illuminator", this monthly report will review all the major planetary ingress dates and the trends they suggest. I will look at current planetary ingress charts as well as past ones still affecting the world and those ingress planet charts in the foreseeable future up to 2012. How this technique works will be explained on the cover page of the Ingress Illuminator. I trust that through this you will get a clear glimpse of how Astrology works and that it does work contrary to popular "opinion". This report will be written as simply and clearly as possible to make it readable for even beginners of Astrology. My website address is: www.sunstar.ws I hope you will check it out. In the meantime, I want to announce that I will be in the Vancouver area to do Astrology readings and classes during the month of April. The places I will visit specifically include Vancouver, the Sunshine Coast, Whistler and Salt Spring Island. Refer to my schedule on my web site for more details. Also, please call me at 250-352-2936 to register for a class and/or to book a private reading. Thank you and see there.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Spring is well on its way and you are challenged to engage will full energy and a positive attitude. In many respects you are ready to do this yet your energy feels either too strong or too weak. This back and forth swinging will continue for a while. The secret is to not try and push too hard. Your efforts are linked to forcefully establishing a new sense of identity in the world. This will take time. Be here now with plans for the future and prepare inwardly for leaps of faith.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

A retreat into your headquarters, either literally or figuratively continues. You have all the attention you might want now but is it the exact kind you might have hoped for? If so, then take the time to outline a plan to perpetuate your momentum. If not, step back and reassess your whole approach. It may be better to count your losses and move on than to continue with a losing proposition. Money is mere material reward. Consider that the greatest rewards are love, peace and wisdom.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

This is an exciting time of awakening for you. You stand at a pinnacle point that you used to dream about. The challenge is to be willing to step confidently into the future rather than retreat to the past. This includes getting to know your self in deeper and subtler ways than you have before. This will include a re-evaluation of what security means to you. You are destined to learn about your manifestation power. Prepare to fully activate your visualization and manifestation powers.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

This is a pioneering time for us all in one way or another. For you this includes increased commitment to creating more harmony in your life. Balance all fronts is implied. Too much emphasis in any direction creates imbalance. Where are you over focused and where is there not enough? Make a quick list with categories including career, health, love/relationships, spirituality, adventure, hobbies and any more you can think of. Balance is true success!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

This is a time of awakening for all people and you are definitely in there. You are realizing just how important your family actually is in your life. It is likely that your definition of the word family is transcending biology and marital status. In other words, you are destined to realize that all people are members of the human family. More than ever, united we stand and divided we fall. Let this awareness and feeling expand within your heart, now. Rejoice!

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)

A few layers of your identity are being peeled away. Like a snake shedding its skin this stands to be a rejuvenating process. The more you consciously engage in this process the better. Springtime is perfect for doing cleanses. While tending to the house and yard is likely, consider your physical, mental and emotional bodies. Your career approach may also need attention. If you are confused about what to do, just reach within and/or without and ask sincerely for guidance.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)

The focus continues on relationship fronts. It is likely that you are dealing with others who are determined to push harder than ever. Are you inclined to push back just as hard? It may be better to yield and notice how the pressure pushes right past you. You are challenged to decide where and how you would like to stand in the world, but do not be pressured by the agendas of others who are insensitive to your sense of individuality and destiny. Anchor your power within!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)

Taking the initiative to establish healthy new expressions in your lifestyle con-

tinues as a central theme. This includes letting go of inherited perceptions of what you deem reality and/or realism. Since we all experience reality subjectively, we each must decide who we are and what actions will bring us the success and happiness we seek. A lifetime is too short and precious to go through responding to limiting past conditioning. Wake-up to the power of now!

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

You are in a creative, adventurous and pioneering mood. You feel ambitious and determined to push through lines of opposition. The danger here is that your ambitions will outweigh wisdom. If your sights are set on cultivating a higher quality of service in the world then you are on the right track. Meanwhile, moves and shifts of all kinds are at hand. Focus on collective needs realistically. Prepare to make the dream reality.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

A battle cry from deep within has been sounded. Consider that the 'enemy' may be your own resistances, fears, habits, limiting self-concepts and inertia etcetera rather than some obvious person or organization 'out there' in the world. Much of who we think we are and what we do is anchored in our beliefs. Oh yes, beliefs are what frame our perceptions and account for much more than is commonly understood. Break through limiting beliefs and perceptions. Begin now!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Cultivating the attitude of a spiritual and peaceful warrior continues. This type of warrior recognizes that the enemy is not so much external forces as it is internal. In turn, the internal negative forces are largely of the mind the divider. Beyond the mind we are all eternal glorious spiritual beings beyond belief and imagination, so say the mystics and master throughout history. The ability to step beyond the mind and see is the goal. To begin, cultivate the witness.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

The initial steps toward creating a new base of operations are now underway. Can you recognize this in your thoughts and actions? If not then you may be a little out of tune. Sit back, summon your intuition and let thoughts and feelings of what you need to do next fill your consciousness. Your willingness to listen and act is key. You might want to take a few notes afterward. Your intuitive faculties are working more than ever. Take the time to access this priceless faculty.

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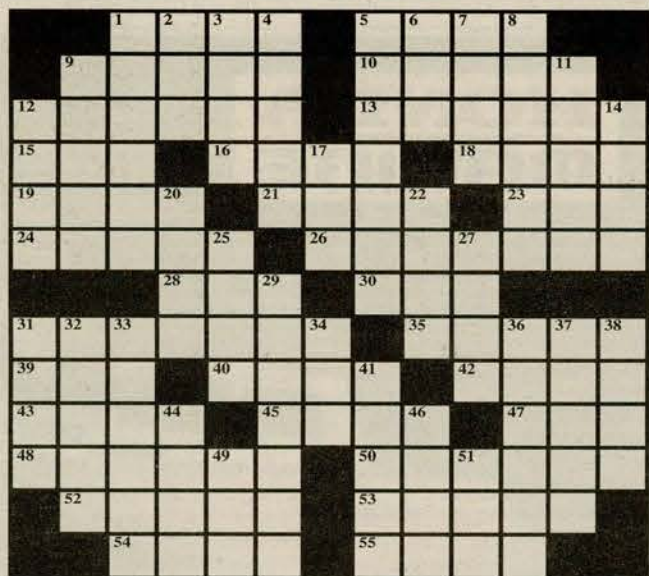
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- 3 Deadly sins
- 4 Style of poetry
- 5 British Columbia Fort



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SHEEP THRILL: Spring blooms in picture-perfect colour, as seen from this vantage point at Salt Spring's Hundreds Hills on a sunny Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trail, nature club events slated

The March social at the United Church is on Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., and includes a slide show on Germany, Switzerland and Austria presented by Ron Hall.

The sign-up for the spring trip to Hope will also take place.

Percy Dewar, who studied Vancouver Island's cougar population for many years, is the guest for the April 24 social, which also runs at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Here's a special advance notice: Hikers and walkers are off to Prevost Island on May 13. Because water taxi space is limited, please register with and pay (\$10 per person) with your coordinators Martyn Day (hikers) and Ron Hall (walkers).

April's schedule is as follows:

Ramblers

April 1: Rita Aptekmann leads a ramble in the Langs Road-Richard Flack area. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.

April 8: A ramble to the waterfall off Mountain Road led by Margaret Allen. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m. and 10:15 at Drummond Park.

April 15: Today we go off-island to see the pink lilies at Honey Moon Bay with Jean Holmes leading the way. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:15 to carpool and catch the 10 a.m. ferry. From Vesuvius we will probably catch the 3:30 ferry back from Crofton.

April 22: A new ramble at Burgoyne Bay led by Anne

Gosse. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m. and Burgoyne Bay at 10:15.

April 29: A ramble in the Blackburn Road area with Pam Taylor. Meet at Centennial at noon.

Walkers

April 1: Ron Hall will lead today along Eagle Ridge Road down to Long Harbour at the water, then up to Quebec Lane, back to our cars and then on to the trail off Long Harbour Road to Churchill Road to the end of the ocean where we eat lunch at the water — if it is pleasant. If not, we can go home or eat at Moby's Pub nearby.

Leave from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. and carpool to Eagle Ridge Drive at Long Harbour Road.

April 8: Nancy Braithwaite will take us in to the Ford Lake area. Meet at ArtSpring and carpool at 10. South-end islanders may phone Nancy at home for where to rendezvous, either on Stewart Road or on Fulford-Ganges.

April 15: We head off-island with Lynn Thompson who will show us around Christie Falls on Vancouver Island. Meet Lynn at Portlock and leave there in carpools by 8:30 to catch the 9 a.m. sailing from Vesuvius. We should be back by mid-afternoon or so, meaning the 3:30 or 4:30 boat from Crofton.

April 22: Bill Earl will be today's leader as we head to the trail at Southey Point down to the ocean. Meet at ArtSpring where we will carpool, leaving at 10 a.m. for this moderate walk on the Jack Foster Trail.

April 29: Jacquie Severn will take the group down Menhinick Road and along to Beaver Point. Leave ArtSpring at 10 in groups to rendezvous at Beaver Point Hall around 10:30 for this relatively easy walk.

Hikers

April 1: George Hignell will lead a trail clearance crew to Southey Point. Come prepared with suitable cutters etc. Carpool to leave

ArtSpring at 9:45.

April 8: Last November we were blown away, so Bob Food will once again lead us through the scenic Shepherd Hills. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45.

April 15: Relaxing hike around Maracaibo with John and Noreen Davies. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:50.

April 22: Fairly rigorous hike led by Martyn Day from Cape Keppel up and over Mount Tuam. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 to meet up with south-enders at Drummond Park at 10.

April 29: Off-island, Bryan Adderley will take us via a moderate route to the top of Mount Finlayson for some spectacular views. Carpool to leave Portlock Park at 8:30 for the 9 a.m. ferry to Vesuvius.

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Swim team open to registrations

Registrations are now being accepted for Salt Spring's competitive swim team.

The Salt Spring Stingrays begin their season May 5 at Shelby Pool, with competitions beginning in June.

The team currently consists of about 50 swimmers, aged six to 16.

To participate on the team, youngsters must be able to swim one length of the pool.

One of the team's annual fundraisers takes place this Sunday, with a sports swap at Fulford Hall.

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