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**Weather**

Mostly sun and clouds with a chance of showers on Thursday is in the forecast for the week. Highs to 15 C on Friday; lows to 5 C on Thursday and Saturday.

## Pond preservation initiated

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

Swanson's Pond could become part of community green space if sufficient green paper material is amassed.

Elizabeth White — who coordinated the Salt Spring Appeal for local contributions to the Texada lands purchase in 2000-2001 — is

part of a community group investigating a possible conservation purchase of the 3.3-acre parcel between Park Drive and Kanaka Road.

Speaking at Saturday's town hall meeting in Beaver Point Hall, White and others outlined possibilities for raising the estimated \$400,000 needed.

Selling a lot or two of sev-

eral owned by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) was offered as one option by PARC chair Bill Curtin, after White asked Curtin if PARC would support the Swanson's Pond acquisition.

He said PARC had no available funds to contribute to a purchase, but supported the acquisition and would

consider a parkland sale to help.

Curtin later told the Driftwood that while the parcels shouldn't be called "surplus," PARC does have "some pieces we inherited through parkland dedications that we didn't choose and that really have marginal value as community parklands."

Sale of 10 of those lots to acquire other parkland — and most significantly to pay for the Rainbow Road recreation site parcel — was proposed by PARC in a 1999 referendum. The idea became highly controversial and the referendum failed by 69 per cent. Voters subse-

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**GOLFERS GALORE:** Salt Spring's golf greens were humming with activity earlier this week despite a general sogginess. Seen here at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club Tuesday morning are, from left: Bev Menzies, Chris Loche, Anne McLeod and Marie Hopkins.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Islanders hail new golf hero

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Salt Spring golfers are celebrating Mike Weir's remarkable Masters win with beaming pride and a few gleefully played links after he made history as the first Canadian to win a major championship Sunday.

"I got a lot of inspiration out of it," said Blackburn Meadows Golf Course groundskeeper Eric Beamish.

"It just put light into the game . . . It gave me something to shoot for."

While Beamish doesn't expect to play at the Masters himself, Weir's win in Augusta, Georgia made him want to improve his own game, he explained.

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## Town hall meeting examines local government

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

Saturday's town hall meeting offered tea and cookies and an outstanding democratic ratio for 17 members of the public who met with four local government representatives at Beaver Point Hall.

It was the first chance for trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth, regional director Gary Holman, and Bill Curtin, chair of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) to

report to the community together and address people's questions and concerns.

While the meeting touched on topics as diverse as dog and cat control, aquaculture and south-end baseball fields (see related story), island governance kept popping up during the afternoon-long meeting, with any changes clearly requiring even more gatherings of citizens.

Capital Regional District (CRD) director Gary Holman raised his interest in possibly forging a unique

blend of the current rural system and municipal incorporation, which makes use of existing legislation to establish "local commissions" for certain services. If the commission could also operate as a local Trust committee — which would require legislative change — "then basically you would be a half step towards incorporation."

Curtin said fragmentation in local government had been "the bane of our existence" at PARC and he was pleased with the coordination efforts

now being made.

Trustee Lineger explained how citizen participation in government will be enhanced by using a listserv to share all kinds of Trust and related information. (People should contact Lineger or the Ganges Trust office for instructions on how to get on it.)

Volunteers are still needed for a "resource subcommittee" of the Trust's Advisory Planning Commission (APC) being set up to examine and make recommendations on

how to handle vacation rentals on Salt Spring, she said.

Helpers are also needed for a planned forum on aquaculture, which Lineger said should be a "community-wide initiative, not a Trust one."

Trustee Booth will also be soliciting islanders' energy for a roadmap on how to prevent the island's "gentrification," if it's not already too late. He said he feels the

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# TOWN HALL: Trust, CRD, PARC

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island is "now at a crisis point where the type of community we have will no longer exist" if some action is not taken.

He will publicize some options in the next year, he said, "to see if the community is able and willing to do something."

Booth also wants to lobby for Salt Spring to receive all \$20,000 of Trust Council funds recently earmarked for "sustainability projects."

He suggests creating a volunteer group called ISLAND — Island Sustainable Life and Natural Diversity Council — to determine which projects to assist.

Lineger disagreed with requesting the entire \$20,000, while Booth said he wouldn't have any difficulty with that "since we've paid an extra \$140,000 in taxes this year" — referring to Salt Spring's share of the 2002-03 increase in property tax revenue for the Trust.

Islander Judi Stevenson suggested the sustainability project concept was an opportunity to bring all Trust islands into contact with each other, and that some of the funds be used to establish a Trust-wide citizens council.

Residents of different islands have a lot to learn from each other, she said, and more people than the 26 elected trustees should be talking about Trust-area issues.

While Curtin was the one rep at Saturday's meeting not elected by island voters, Salt Spring resident Harry Warner asked him if he would be in favour of having at least some PARC volunteer positions filled through elections.

Curtin said he had no strong feelings on the topic, but defended the current process, where commission aspirants are interviewed by a panel of community group representatives. Those seeking further terms must also go through an interview and explain what they've done during the previous term.

"If it's not broken, why fix it?" he asked.

PARC member Susan Russell was at the meeting, and she echoed Curtin's approval of the current system.

"I've been subject to the interview process three times and I totally agree with it."

Russell also observed it was probably easier to get elected every three years using convincing public relations materials and speeches than to justify one's record face-to-face with community group reps.

Former CRD director Dietrich Luth, speaking at Beaver Point Hall, had suggested some individuals found the interviews "humiliating."

Holman said he wanted to revisit the present system, since the regional director is cut out of the process entirely on Salt Spring, unlike the other two electoral areas of the CRD.

Holman also said he'd like to see PARC change its regular monthly meeting structure to include a short town hall dialogue-with-the-pub-

lic session.

Luth also had some advice which, if acted on, would further shift the tenor of local governance. He suggested the CRD and Trust should formulate "a joint position on issues so you don't get hacked up piecemeal" by developers or other government agencies when it comes to contentious matters.

Their staff would be happier as a result, he predicted, "and it will make your jobs much easier."

Lineger agreed to put "CRD/Islands Trust co-action" on the topic list for the APC vacation rental resource subcommittee.

How to get more power for the Islands Trust — so that local bylaws would not be trumped by provincial or federal legislation as is now the case — was also raised.

But Luth said there was "no way" local Trust committee rules could ever bypass provincial legislation.

"It doesn't make any sense to bring this up," he said. "It makes us look silly to everyone in the provincial government and the rest of the Trust area for that matter."

Former trustee Bev Byron was asked to explain what part of the Islands Trust Act offered hope.

She said the language refers to the Trust and provincial government working "in co-operation"

to achieve the preserve and protect mandate.

"This is where I find it difficult that we don't get co-operation [from the province]," she said, "we get sat on."

Booth's tax equity campaign — to reduce tax funds Salt Spring contributes to the Islands Trust because of its higher-valued property assessment roll — will continue, he reported. The topic is on an upcoming Trust Council financial planning committee meeting agenda.

Holman said he supported Booth and Lineger's view that there should be a better balance in the Trust taxes equation, but that it is already an official part of the Trust's renewal process. That will next be hashed out publicly at the June 6-8 Trust Council meeting on Pender Island.

While the next CRD/PARC/Trust town hall is not scheduled until July, meeting addicts can go to the local Trust committee meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 1 p.m. at Lions Hall and to PARC on Monday, April 28, 7 p.m. in the Portlock Park portable.

They can also contact the Trust office or local reps to express an interest in joining future committees.

## FOR THE RECORD

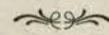
A photograph of Michael Nickels in last week's Driftwood was not given a photo credit.

In fact, the photograph was taken by Tamar Griggs, who can often be seen about the island snapping people pictures.

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# POND

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quently approved the assumption of more debt to acquire the Rainbow Road site.

At Saturday's meeting, islander Anne Humphries recalled some of the sentiment of the time by suggesting PARC members were "the custodians of those properties" donated by their previous owners and should perhaps not sell the lands.

Curtin quickly responded that the subject lots were not given to PARC or the community "through any goodwill," but as required parkland dedications "painfully extracted" during long-past subdivision deals.

Also in the historical realm, Curtin said PARC was at one time involved in private negotiations with Swanson's Pond property owners that could have seen the parcel end up in community hands. He said the failed 1999 referendum also quashed that hope.

Salt Spring local Trust committee member Kimberly Lineger said the Trust is looking at whether funds could be raised by selling some of the properties' 30 densities for transfer to other density-receiving area lands on the island.

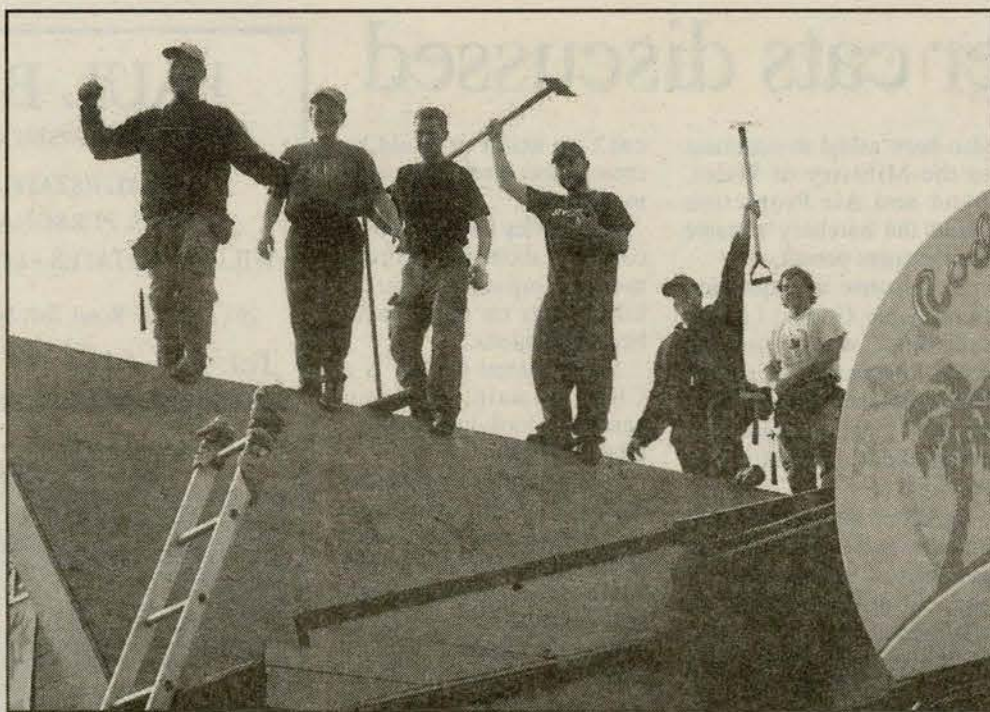
White said putting affordable housing units on part of the Swanson's Pond property was also considered, but after a recent walk-about, those involved felt it should be preserved in its entirety.

She also said island students and teachers regularly use the wetland property for curriculum projects.

Island resident Marilyn Marshall reiterated the lands' importance to local students. She also commented that while she strongly supports provision of affordable housing for Salt Spring, she wants the parcel to remain wild.

Last summer the property's off-island owners floated some development plans. They presented three options for the land that was rezoned for multi-family use in 1989, each with varying amounts of housing and park space.

As revealed in that public discussion, setbacks and other issues would make developing the property for intense residential use a challenge.



**ROOF-TOP BOOGIE:** Valcourt and Sons Contracting Ltd. roofing crew takes time out for a photo as they work on the Gasoline Alley complex last week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# GOLF GLORY: *Biggest thing in history*

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"I've been a Tiger Woods fan and now I'm a Mike Weir fan too."

After watching the game on TV, Beamish was impressed by Weir's consistency.

"Eventually it went to a tie and he came through."

Weir's win was all anyone talked about at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Monday, said assistant pro Richard Ingle.

"It's the biggest thing in Canadian golf history."

Weir's feat epitomizes every young golfer's dream, Ingle said.

And the win doesn't just boost Canadian pride, it also gives a trumpet-call for left-handed players since he is the first winner to meet either criterion.

Ingle was impressed that Weir could carry the mantle of personal dreams, national hopes, TV coverage and multi-million dollar endorsement contracts through the game without cracking.

"I've been in playoffs before for little local things and there's no pressure in the world to compare with

standing over a six-foot putt. That's just going to get worse when the whole world is watching you."

Having shouldered the burden, Weir is now being hailed as a national hero.

He dropped the puck for a Stanley-Cup playoff game between Toronto and Philadelphia Monday and the crowd gave him a standing ovation, Ingle noted.

"I know the significance... there hasn't been a Canadian win a major championship, let alone the Masters," Weir said at a news conference.

"As a kid, I watched the Masters on television. That pretty much inspired me to pursue golf as a career. I'll never forget Jack's (Nicklaus) win in 1986."

Now a new generation of junior golfers will likely gain inspiration from the Canadian athlete's accomplishment.

Incidentally, Weir is not left-handed. He writes with his right hand and eats with his right hand. His left-handed golf play stems from his Canadian upbringing.

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# Sports fields, killer cats discussed

An inaugural multi-government Salt Spring town hall meeting sprung a number of topics into the air at Beaver Point Hall Saturday afternoon.

Salt Spring's electoral area director Gary Holman, trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth, and Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) chair Bill Curtin hosted the community gathering which attracted 17 members of the public.

• Possible locations for south-end baseball or soccer fields were tossed around at the meeting.

PARC had investigated what are known as Texada lots 19 and 20 in the Burgoyne Bay area, said Curtin, but felt they weren't the most attractive in the area for development. The flatter agricultural lands in the already acquired provincial park were more enticing, he said, but as Lineger pointed out, "There's quite a bit of competition for those agricultural lands."

Retaining the Burgoyne Bay lands' "historic uses" was part of the original application for Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy funding which secured the lands' purchase, noted

## TOWN HALL BRIEFS

Holman. That meant low-impact rather than more intense recreational activities would be considered.

Islander Chris Acheson suggested the island down-scale its south-end ball park vision to two or even one field from the "four-plex" discussed in the past.

He also thought buying the current Akerman ball field in the Fulford Valley, which PARC leases for an annual fee, would be a good idea.

• An update on Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd.'s movement through bureaucratic channels was provided.

Lineger said Ministry of Transportation subdivision approving officer Rob Howat had not yet made his decision and that it was not expected imminently. She said area road conditions were among the additional information he was seeking.

The Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group has expressed its concerns about First Nations archaeological sites on the property in writing to the Trust, she said.

Holman said the Capital Regional District (CRD) had

also been asked to comment to the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection about the hatchery's waste management permit.

In response to a question from Tamar Griggs, Lineger said "now" was the time to write Sustainable Resource Management Minister Stan Hagen if people had concerns about aquaculture in the Trust area.

Acheson said island communities had to find a way to get control of the siting of aquaculture operations on agricultural lands.

"If we don't take control of it, the conflicts will continually arise," he said, with people's investments in their property being at risk.

Lineger said the Trust's executive committee is trying to stop all further on-land aquaculture applications until siting criteria had been worked out.

• Beaver Point resident Anne Humphries asked elected officials what could be done about sheep kills. Strict dog control rules are already in place, officials noted, while some people at the meeting thought more public education was required.

Ellie Thorburn asked if a list of where dogs can and

can't go exists or could be created and made accessible to visitors.

Humphries also expressed concerns about the environmental impact of "serial killer" cats on native wild bird populations.

Since animal control is a CRD domain, Holman agreed to look into the fur-related problems.

• The "public relations aspect" of the vacation rentals issue was also raised. B&B owner Thorburn said word of the controversy has spread beyond the island, with some potential visitors "wanting to know if they're staying in a legal place or not."

Lineger added the issue to the list of items to be addressed by the information vacation rentals resource committee.

• Lee Road resident Tom Pickett wanted trustees and Holman to address the latest CRD licensing developments with the Laurie's Recycling & Waste Service operation on a neighbouring property, but was urged to not consume meeting time with a "site-specific" discussion still in legal hands.

## Driver slams parked vehicles

An "elderly gentleman" wreaked havoc at the Thrifty Foods parking lot when he combined alcohol, medications and driving Saturday afternoon.

Three vehicles, a fence and safety poles protecting a liquid propane gas tank were damaged during the parking lot bonspiel.

The 81-year-old driver received a 24-hour driving

## RCMP REPORT

prohibition after Salt Spring RCMP found that the islander had consumed a mixture of alcohol and prescription medications before he attempted to park his vehicle in the lot at 4:50 p.m. on April 12.

The man reported he hit the gas instead of the brake while turning left to park.

Police estimate he caused approximately \$1,000 each to two parked cars and \$10,000 damage to his own 1997 Honda Accord.

The driver also received a minor head injury in the accident but no other people were involved.

## Open-burn permits issued now

Permits are now required for all open burning.

"We're requiring everyone, including (those wanting) barbecues and beach fires to get permits so we can keep track," said Salt Spring Fire Department chief Dave Enfield.

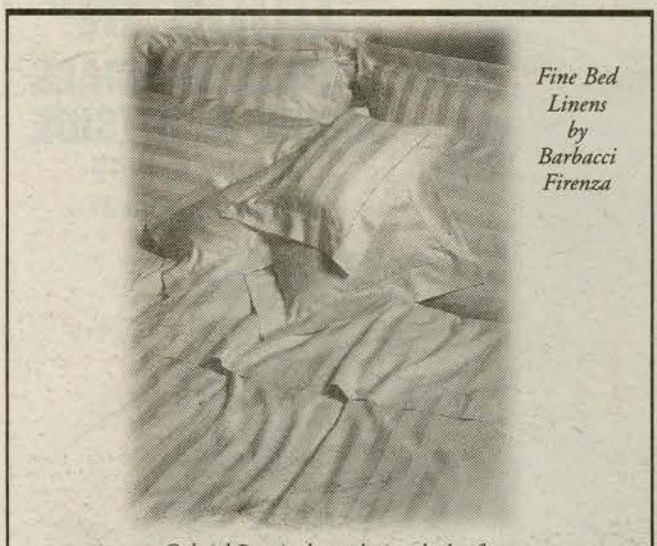
The local fire depart-

ment began issuing permits Tuesday.

Open burning will be allowed until May 2 and permits are provided free of charge, Enfield said.

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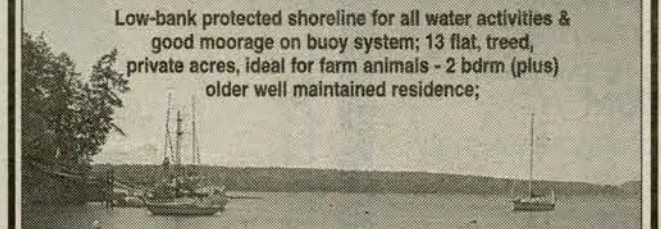
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**FRIEND FOR ALISTER:** Gene Bellavance offers a little snack to "Alister," preparing the donkey for his Palm Sunday walk. However, the event was cancelled due to rain.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## 'Kids and traffic don't mix;' board opposes rezoning plan

School trustees and administrators have indicated they would rather not see zoning changes that would encourage more vehicle traffic next to two Salt Spring schools.

"Obviously, we're quite concerned about increased traffic," said secretary-treasurer Rod Scottvold at the April 9 Gulf Islands School District board meeting on Mayne Island.

The Islands Trust is currently reviewing a proposal to rezone a duplex that is accessed through Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) property.

As part of a comprehensive redevelopment plan, property owner B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. would like to rezone the school-side lot and increase the density from a duplex to a seven-unit structure.

"Cars and kids don't mix... That road has always been a potential accident area," said trustee Charles Hingston.

"The less vehicle traffic

on that road, the better."

He moved, "That School District 64 inform the Islands Trust that in response to proposed zoning changes on land adjacent to Salt Spring Island Middle School, consideration should be given to access roads that are heavily

used by students at [SIMS] and Salt Spring Elementary."

Trustee Judith Boël indicated she would like to see stronger language in opposition to the rezoning proposal but the motion was passed unanimously after further discussion.

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## Ganges seawalk issues revisited

Salt Spring's most famous incomplete project is getting some attention these days.

Following direction issued earlier this year by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, Trust regional planning manager John Gauld has organized some "really preliminary" meetings of Ganges seawalk upland owners to talk about how the project may be completed.

Gauld said "positive"

meetings have been held first with three individual property owners — Farmers Institute, Gordon Cudmore and The Fishery — and then once with all parties together.

He said Ganges Marina owners will be invited to the next gathering.

Farmers Institute rep Chris Schmah said his group, which owns a seven-and-half-foot-wide strip of land in the area, has not changed

its position since serious discussions were last held in the early 1990s.

The community's interest, related to issues like public access, liability and water taxi students' safety, has always been at the forefront for the institute, he said.

Ganges seawalk construction was undertaken with multi-level government funds and input in the late 1980s, but never completed at the foot of Rainbow Road.

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## Owner found guilty of creating 'dangerous' dog

An islander who chained a "junk-yard" pit-bull was ordered to work with animals after pleading guilty to a charge of causing distress to his dog.

In Ganges Provincial Court on April 8, the Crown dropped more serious animal-cruelty charges and accepted the guilty plea from dog owner Gary Galligan.

"You created a disposition in that dog that made it a danger to others, particularly to young children on this island," said Judge Ernie Quantz.

Galligan received 35 hours of community work, to be served with animals if possible, and he was directed to pay an outstanding \$3,471 kennel bill to the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Galligan also agreed to surrender his dog to the Crown.

"This dog was an acci-

dent waiting to happen," reported Crown prosecutor Barbara Penti as she read a witness's statement.

Court heard that on February 22, 2002, a special constable with the Salt Spring SPCA visited the Frazier Road property where Galligan kept his dog and found the animal restrained with a "logging chain" which exceeded legal-weight limits and caused abrasions and bruising around the dog's neck, Penti said.

"As far as neighbours could see, someone was showing up every two to three days to feed the dog."

A warning was issued to Galligan after another visit found no change in the dog's situation at the end of March 2002 and the animal was finally removed from the property in April 2002.

"It took a couple of days

to let the dog calm down to get the chain off."

The dog remained in CRD custody, creating a hefty kennel bill until trial.

"I thought I was being a responsible owner," Galligan said.

The 57-year-old man said he had been concerned about community safety after an incident where the dog escaped from the property.

"I made it so he couldn't get off the chain."

Provincial statutes require that a dog be appropriately penned rather than tethered and chained, Quantz said.

But the judge noted that Galligan had no criminal record and appeared to care for another dog appropriately.

"I see this as a case of neglect rather than as a case of sadistic pleasure," said Quantz.

## Firearms banned

An elderly islander currently in hospital care was banned from owning firearms for three years.

Court heard that Arthur Chesters, aged 73, has been in hospital since December 2002 when he had a stroke.

Crown prosecutor Barbara Penti initially sought a five-year prohibition but defence counsel Tybring Hemphill argued for a shorter ban and noted that the new firearms licensing process will require the defendant to prove responsibility.

Salt Spring RCMP had seized six long arms and four handguns after Chesters had expressed aggression towards a family member.

Judge Quantz agreed that certification requirements would be sufficient to protect the community and so imposed a three-year prohibition. The firearms, which Hemphill said have significant financial and sentimental value, will be turned over to family members.

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## Last chance given to court dodger

A Salt Spring man who failed to appear for trial at Ganges Provincial Court has maintained his freedom until his next court appearance after the Crown applied to revoke his bail last Tuesday.

The 27-year-old islander, whose name is withheld because his case is still before the courts, had elected a trial before judge and jury for charges of theft over \$5,000 stemming from November 1999 allegations.

But he failed to appear at court in February 2001, missed a June 2001 trial confirmation hearing and was a no-show for his own

trial on July 10, 2001.

He was then arrested and released on an endorsed warrant, but failed to appear on August 13, 2001.

The man came to court on February 11 this year and the matter was put over for a preliminary inquiry on March 11, Crown counsel Barbara Penti said.

But while three civilian witnesses and an RCMP officer were present for court, the defendant was not. He has two previous charges for failure to appear in 1997 and 1998, she noted.

"It appears that [the defendant] has no intention of

dealing with this matter."

Appearing as a friend of the court, defence counsel Tybring Hemphill indicated that a surety-bail option could be attempted before the judge ordered the man to be held in custody.

Judge Ernie Quantz agreed to release the defendant under a \$2,000 surety and with assurances that the defendant's mother-in-law would make sure he attends court.

"One thing that needs to be clear is that we're not babysitting you," Quantz said. "If you don't show up next time, you won't be released."

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3:00 pm - Meditation on the Passion of our Lord (St. Mark's)

**19 April - Holy Saturday**  
10:00pm - the Great Vigil of the Resurrection (All Saints')

**20 April - Easter Sunday**  
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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Chris Mascat feeds Kyle Hawkley at an upbeat Food Not Bombs event held Saturday in Centennial Park.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Superintendent honoured

Gulf Islands School District superintendent Wendy Herbert has been lauded for her ethical leadership and been invited to participate in a new provincial ethics education leadership team.

"She has demonstrated exemplary leadership to promote ethics education in your school district and we believe her contribution to the leadership team will strengthen the voice for values in our province's education system," said B.C. School Superintendents' Association (BCSSA) executive chair Wendy Lee.

The BCSSA will send Herbert and three other B.C. superintendents to a three-day symposium at the Institute for Global Ethics in Camden, Maine on May 18-20.

Herbert was also applauded during the school district meeting for taking time to chair the District Review Team of Revelstoke School District in the first week of April.

The new district ethics committee elected school trustee Mike Krayenhoff as chair after 24 islanders attended an Ethical Fitness seminar earlier this year.

The ethics committee plans

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

to introduce its work to the community at a public meeting on May 8.

• School District 64 moved to refine the focus of the District Learners Partnership Program (DLPP) that provides support services for home-schooling families.

"Until we get a better handle on the curriculum for grades 9-12, I recommend we promote the program for kindergarten to Grade 8," said Herbert.

Trustees agreed that the DLPP should be considered in a developmental phase for grades 9-12 in the 2003/04 academic year.

• The board also expressed support for a Burgoyne Bay restoration project after they received a letter of inquiry from the Salmon Enhancement Society (SES).

"We need a place where kids can visit a restored creek," said SES biologist Kathy Reimer in an interview Tuesday.

"Because it's in the planning stages, we want to see what kind of support there is." The SES would like to restore streams on B.C. Parks land off the north slope of Mount Bruce in such a way as to allow students access to trails, ponds and foot bridges, Reimer said.

Other island creek restoration projects have been deemed too sensitive to allow student observation, she noted.



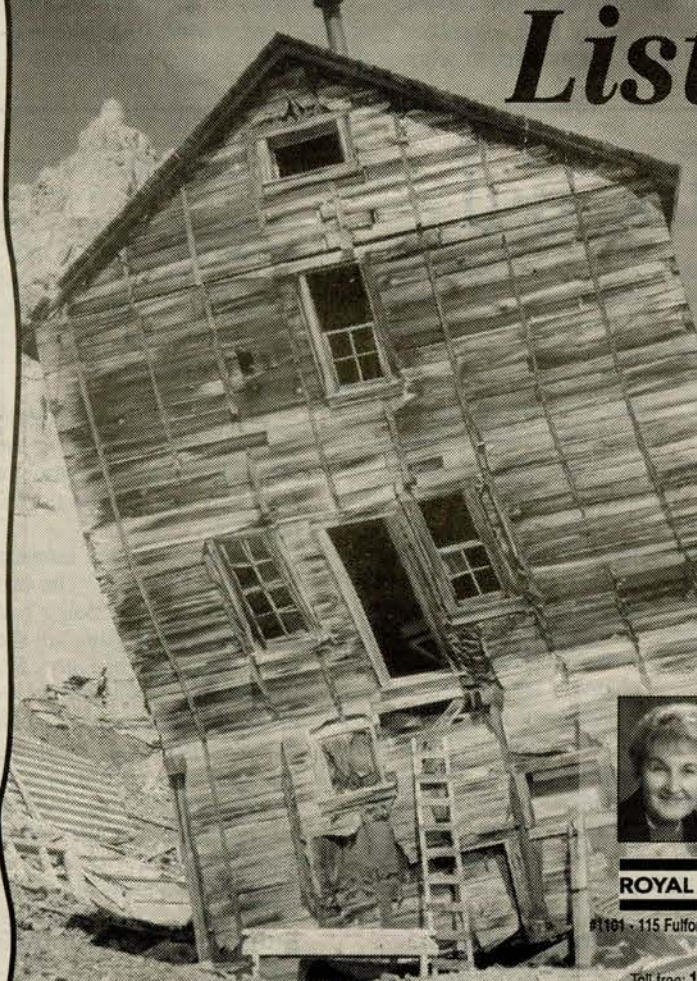
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## Ball thrower pockets probation

An impatient billiards player received 35 hours of community service and six months probation as part of a conditional sentence after he pleaded guilty to assault and mischief charges on April 8.

Ganges Provincial Court heard that 19-year-old William Daniel Akerman became belligerent when he wanted to play pool at the Fulford Inn at 10:20 p.m. on August 30.

"Mr. Akerman said he wanted to play immediately . . . He threw a ball through a window and punched [a pub patron]," said Crown prosecutor Barbara Penti.

"It was a mistake; and next time I'll walk away instead of encouraging conflict," Akerman said.

He indicated he had already paid \$176 restitution to the Fulford Inn and made peace with the assault victim.

"If you successfully complete your probation, you won't have a criminal record," noted Judge Ernie Quantz.

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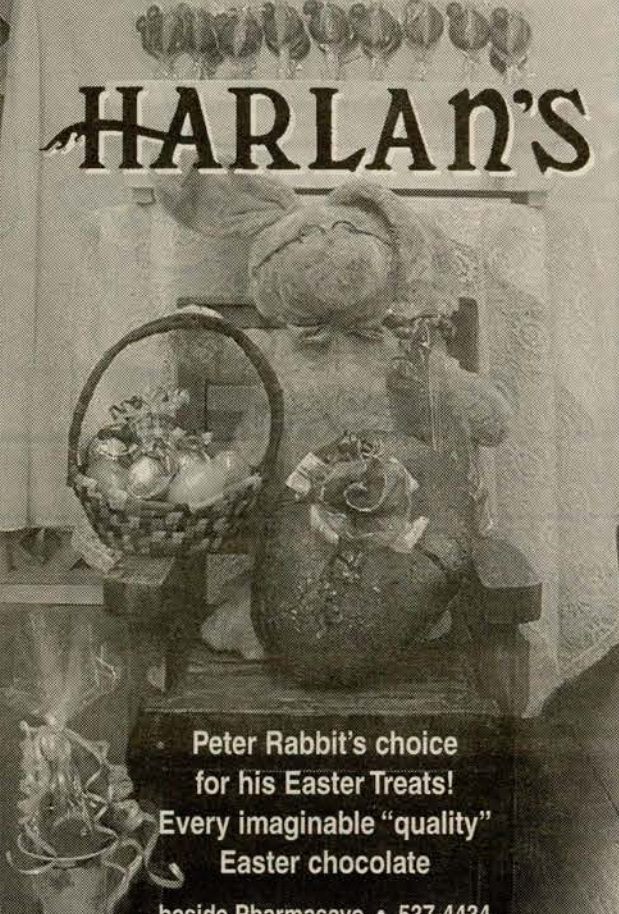
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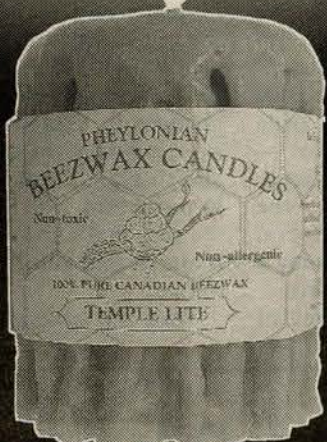
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## Tourists: why we should love them

What should tourism do for the Gulf Islands? The question needs asking, particularly in light of last year's debate on Salt Spring over vacation rental homes. And the debate is certainly not over.

Ask a dozen islanders what tourism means to them and you'll get a dozen different answers. For some it means direct employment; for others it's indirect. Many will no doubt cite congested ferry terminals and parking problems in Ganges in heaping blame upon the tourists and those who would encourage them to come here.

So perhaps there is a preliminary question that needs asking: for what do we need tourism?

Well, economic health ought to be the first answer that comes to mind, and tourism is the mainstay of our economy. Tourism means employment and a strong business community. The latter provides goods and services that residents would not otherwise be able to enjoy and, more importantly, the financial wherewithal to give us myriad health, recreational, cultural and other public facilities that enhance the quality of life here. The money is raised through taxation and through ongoing charitable donations. Much of that comes from the sale of goods and services to visitors.

How many of us can call ourselves islanders because we have jobs supported directly or indirectly by tourism? Among the most significant of tourism-supported jobs are in the accommodations, food service and cultural sectors.

The latter is a huge part of the unique cultural mosaic of the islands. The artists, the craftspeople and the musicians have contributed towards the building of an international reputation for high-calibre artistic creativity. And most of them are able to live here because of tourists.

Yes, the tourists fill up the ferries, take all the good parking spots, ask dumb questions, clutter the harbours with boats and drive at painfully slow speeds. But we have good reason to love them. They allow many of us to live in one of the world's best places and enjoy many excellent amenities.

*Next week: Consideration of the original question — what should tourism do for the islands?*

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### VIEW POINT

those rare selfless individuals who puts others' welfare before her own self-interests. She cares for the whole world and everyone in it, including you. She has devoted her life to not only educating the people of the world of the dangers of the nuclear age and the necessary changes in human behaviour to stop environmental destruction, but also shows us the way to be of help in our world. She shows us how we can make the world better, more livable and to make it last awhile.

What she has uncovered regard-

ing the war machine of the United States of America is unbelievably shocking, but sadly, most likely true.

I expect she will say something about George Bush, war, corporate greed, ignorance, aggression and the dangers of the use of anything nuclear. I wonder if she will also be pointing at me and reminding me of my compliance in all this pain, ignorance, greed, anger and hate.

Every time that I get angry or even just a little irritated I add to the giant pool of hatred; every time I take more than I need, the tidal wave of selfishness grows larger; every time I voice a harsh word I increase the pain and take away from happiness; every time I even think an unkind thought of others,

the seed of pain and suffering is planted.

To train my mind towards goodness, to be aware of my every word, and make sure that it arises from a love for all people, to be aware and careful of all my actions so that I can be of help to others, this is my work. Hard, hard, very hard work. A 24-hour job.

And I can't see how we will ever know peace in the world until this work becomes all of our work. In all of our relations, peace. Peace is hard work and individual work and group work and everyone's work.

Or can it just be play? Can it just be who we are? Can we perhaps, with a little attention to our thoughts, learn to think love, speak caringly and act in joyful compassion? In all of our actions, in work

and play with body speech and mind be kind to others? My hope, my aspiration.

I wasn't going to go hear Dr. Caldicott speak but I've had second thoughts. After learning more about this woman I changed my mind. I'll be there, in the front row I hope.

I'd like to see all my friends and Salt Spring neighbours there in the audience: every woman whoever bore a child, every father, every wild-eyed activist to see what clarity of mind can do, every artist and musician to be inspired, every citizen to honour sanity of mind and action, everyone to be reminded and informed.

*The writer is a long-time island resident, practising Buddhist and the Saturday Market coordinator.*

Last night I dreamt I was sitting in a dark corner of the Fulford Inn, watching a game of pool, when a guy walked by and casually dropped a small brown package onto my lap. Inside the bag was an audio cassette tape. I took it home, shoved it into my tape deck and sat down on my Harley-converted-to-a-couch to listen to it. (It's a dream, remember.)

"We're going to invade Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein and his administration."

"Uhh... Excuse me, Mr. Rumsfeld. If all the top bureaucrats are friends or relatives of Saddam, and we get rid of them, there'll be nothing left."

"Of course there'll be nothing left! That's the point! We want to get rid of them! All of them!"

"But, sir. That means there'll be chaos. There will be no administration of anything. The utilities, the services, the hospitals, even the police. With no government officials, and no police, there'll be anarchy."

"Of course there'll be anarchy you idiot! That's a good thing. For

the Iraqi people, anarchy is a positive step. Think about it. The people in charge are bad guys. So if they're gone, that's a good thing. Having no government and no police is better than having bad guys running everything. Remember the Old West? If bad guys took over a town, the good guys would band together, round up the bad guys and shoot them or hang them or something like that. Then the sheriff would strut down the middle of the dusty main street and the women and kids would all come out from hiding, laughing and cheering, and the local

school teacher would blush as the sheriff tipped his hat to her and..."

"Sir? Excuse me? Sir? We were talking about Iraq."

"Yeah, Iraq. Same thing. If we get rid of all the bad guys, then Iraq will be a great place to bring up a family. If we'd done that in the past, we wouldn't be in the pickle we're in now. Like when the Mexicans took over Mexico. If we'd done something about it we wouldn't have 15-million illegal immigrants; they'd all be Americans. And the same thing goes for Canada! If we'd listened to the "54.40 or Bust"

## The good, the bad, and the ugly

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folks 150 years ago, Canada would be part of the Good Old USA. All of it except the part with the igloos where all the cold weather comes from. It's just like the desert except it's cold instead of hot."

"Iraq, sir. We were talking about Iraq."

"That's what I'm saying! Nothing but desert. Sand and oil. The same as Canada, except it's ice and oil. See?"

"Sir, are you suggesting we initiate a regime change in Canada?"

"Of course not, you idiot. They're good guys. Canada has no weapons of mass destruction. They're no threat to the Good Old USA. Now, if the bad guys took over, we'd have to do something. Like if they tried to control the flow of Good Old North American natural gas, or oil, or electricity, or water. Those things belong to

all of us, not just the Canadians. Well, maybe not the Mexicans. They missed their chance."

"Iraq, sir. We were talking about anarchy in Iraq."

"I know that! If the people burn and loot the offices and homes of the bad guys, then they must be good guys. And we're there to support the good guys. What's a few computers and office chairs anyway?"

"But sir, what if they loot the museums that contain irreplaceable records and antiques representing tens of thousands of years of history? The Tigris. The Euphrates. Think of the significance of those names!"

"Don't worry. I understand the cultural importance of what you're saying. We won't change the names of their favourite soccer teams."

"Sir! Iraq is the very cradle of civilization. Babylon!"

"I intend to. Where was I?"

"Iraq, sir. What if they loot the hospitals and take all the beds and medical equipment?"

"Then we do what Americans have always done, we come to their rescue."

"Whose rescue, sir?"

"The good guys!"

"But sir, are the good guys the ones who are looting the hospitals or the ones who are trying to operate the hospitals?"

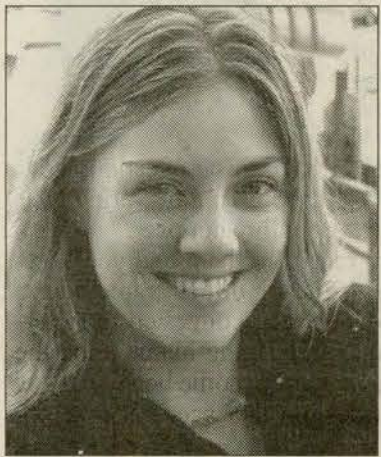
"Haven't you been listening to a word I've said? The bad guys are the ones doing bad stuff. The good guys are the ones fighting the bad guys. It's simple. I get really suspicious of people like you who get all fancy pants philosophical and use big words instead of simply trying to eliminate the bad guys. Just remember what Wyatt Earp said, "You're either with us or you're against us."

"That wasn't Wyatt Earp, sir. It was George... oh never mind."

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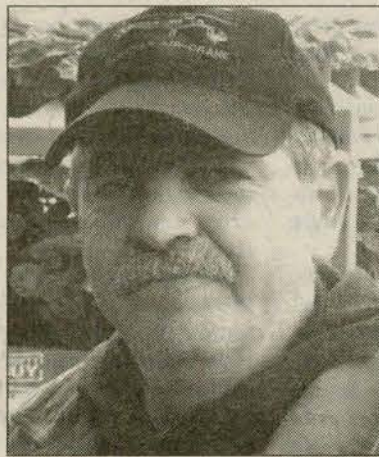
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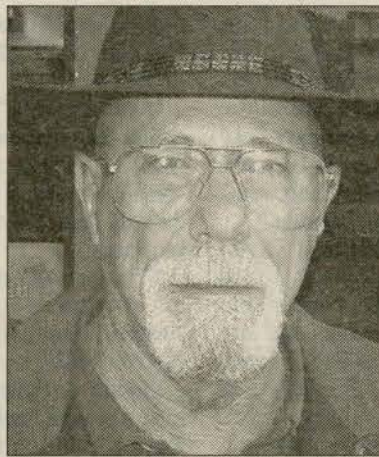
**Stephanie King**

*I generally think it was a waste of time and it could've been handled in different ways. There was a lot of unnecessary action.*



**Gary Wyrozub**

*I haven't been following it for the last week . . . The American media should give it a break. There are other things to have news stories about. People are fed up with it.*



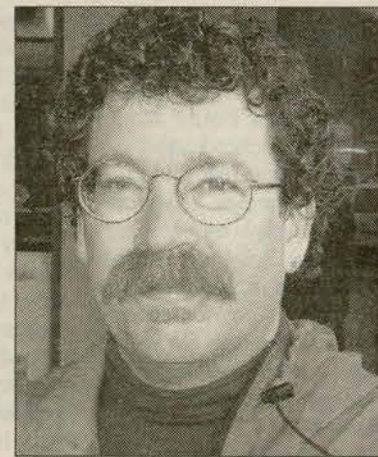
**Bob Harris**

*I'll have my house bombed if I give my opinion.*



**Eilish Thornton  
(Dublin, Ireland)**

*I'm from Ireland, so we're supposedly neutral. I think the sooner it's over the better . . . It probably should never have started in the first place.*



**Jamie Alexander**

*All I can say is, "It's never over until it's over." I think it's far from over . . . Some people say it's been going on since Mohammed died.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Return sign

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One often hears the expression "buy locally" and clearly there's a lot in it for the Salt Spring merchant.

It doesn't do our island any good if we spend our dollars elsewhere, and it does a lot of good on many levels if we spend them here. What people don't always realize, though, is how much there is in it for the person who buys locally.

There are a lot of advantages for islanders to shop locally. We purchase from people who, if they don't know us, at least recognize us. They have a stake in what they are doing, they care about satisfying us, because they depend on us, and unlike in the cities or even towns, they are not anonymous. We are treated courteously, usually in a friendly manner, because we matter. And, no

less important, they know what they are selling, and so they can be helpful to us in the most important ways. They can give us ideas and suggest solutions. In fact, they are often "consultants."

A small example would be my experience with Wendy at Mouat's on April 8. As a new day vendor at the market, I realized I was going to need some kind of umbrella or canopy for those very sunny days which tend to give me headaches, and after a wet opening Saturday, I knew that shelter from the rain would not be a bad idea either.

I had to be off-island for other reasons, and I did look around for something, but when I returned to Salt Spring, one of the stores here suggested that Mouat's might carry what I needed.

Wendy took me in hand. She knew where the golf umbrellas were, said they had just got in a great clamp that would secure it solidly to my table, and Bertha's your Auntie — I had exactly what I needed at an affordable price, something I could carry and put up by myself too.

What struck me was not just that Wendy knew exactly what would work, but that she really seemed to derive some pleasure from helping me in

this way.

I don't like shopping generally, but this was very enjoyable — there was a great teamwork feeling that city folks just do not get to experience, and before I moved here, I had never experienced it either.

There's a lot more to shopping locally than one might think — in fact, it's a great way to get the goods.

**TOBY FOUKS,**  
Salt Spring

### Get noticed

Thanks for noticing, Elizabeth.

I don't normally read the National Post anymore — now that I'm clear on what it stands for. But I was led to a piece by Elizabeth Nickson in its pages via an e-mailed reference. To my surprise, the opening paragraph featured the bumper sticker on my "clapped out Chevy van"!

Nickson, apparently right behind me on the ferry in her own vehicle, must have been lacking the journalist's usual tools, because she didn't get the wording quite right. It actually reads: "Join the other Superpower: World public opinion!"

There's no point trying to quibble with Elizabeth over the content of her article —

how could somebody like me, with an imputed IQ of 12, expect to hold one's own with a righter [sic] like her? After all, she lets us know she's informed on what Canadian foreign policy should be by the likes of Mike Harris. Just as Mike's "simple, clear, humane, based-in-history set of ideas" got Ontario onto the right track, it can now "point us towards a better, saner world" — or so she says.

Anyway, I'd like to take this opportunity to address a word to all my fellow IQ 12ers (in their millions) out there. You, too, can get noticed by eminent journalists if you'll just adorn your bumper with one of our own, designed-on-Salt-Spring, beautifully printed bumper stickers. There are still some available and I'd be delighted to print more. Look for them at the Saturday market in Ganges or e-mail a request to [action@saltspring.com](mailto:action@saltspring.com).

By the way, thanks for the journalistic hook, Elizabeth — and the instruction on how to think.

**NEIL BURTON,**  
Fulford-Ganges Road

### Eggs sale

On Saturday, April 19, Saltspringers for Safe Food will once again be selling

hand-decorated locally donated eggs as a fundraiser for the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate (SOD), to assist them in their class action lawsuit against bio-tech giants Monsanto and Aventis.

The lawsuit calls for compensation for damage caused to certified organic farmers resulting from the introduction of genetically engineered canola into the rural environment and seeks an injunction to prevent the introduction of GE wheat. This is not a lawsuit about Saskatchewan farmers, it's about the basic rights of farmers to grow GE-free crops and the rights of consumers to enjoy GE-free food.

To take on a corporation like Monsanto takes courage, conviction and a faith that others will stand behind you with their pocketbooks and their prayers. Last Easter, our community helped offset SOD's estimated annual \$150,000 lawsuit costs with a cheque for \$400. While it may seem a drop in the bucket to some, I can assure you our efforts were most appreciated. It isn't only the money that keeps you going. It's knowing that others elsewhere are pulling in the same direction.

I hope we can do the same or even better this year. So

please, if you believe in the world's right to farm GE free crops and to enjoy GE-free food, please stop by our table at the Saturday market. Come early, since the eggs sold out quickly last year.

Should you miss the market, donation jars are available through Natureworks and the Growing Circle.  
**MICHELLE GRANT,**  
Co-chair, Saltspringers For Safe Food

## Your letters are welcome

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

Email your letters to [news@gulfislands.net](mailto:news@gulfislands.net)

## Old-fashioned agricultural values resonate here

We have our evenings back, yay! The sun is toasty again on still afternoons.

Tourist season is starting to tingle in the air. The trickle of fair-weather visitors will soon turn to a gush, a rush, a chaos to be welcomed and withstood. After a quiet winter, I expect most islanders look forward to tourists livening up life and the economy here.

It's a push-pull feeling, because locals want everyone to love the islands and wish they could live here, but pray that only the dearest of friends actually do it. As visitors tour, they're doubtless asking themselves, as they look at every hill and dale, neighbourhood and house, could I live here? Would I

love it there?

For 30 years, I visited family and

friends on Salt Spring before buying land and moving to the island last summer. How I looked at the place changed as I got more serious about making the leap. I stayed dreamy-eyed about the overall beauty, though more particular about exactly which combination of elements best suited my tastes and nature.

Similar beauty can be found up and down the coast, from Bowen Island to Powell River, from Sooke to Port Hardy, and on all the inside passage

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islands. Why one would choose precisely this place or that can become an act of soul-searching, going far deeper than aesthetics, comforts, accessibility, etc.

I tuned as best I could into the undercurrents and ethos of smaller communities that I might call home, to what they were and had become because of their roots and histories. The big dividing line for me finally came clear. Most B.C. communities have grown up around agriculture or resource extraction. There can be a

mix, of course, but the formative, driving ethic is mostly one or the other. A place can be logged to put in farms, or it can be logged to serve pulp and paper markets, and these give rise to very different sorts of communities.

Traditional agriculturists — not high-tech factory farmers — understand that it's a give and take proposition, that they have to put something back to get more out of a piece of land. They come and stay expecting to tend and nurture, and the sort of society that grows up around that kind of thinking reflects this understanding. Their children carry on these values.

Alas, I find that fishing, logging, and mining communities grow up around

what people can take . . . and take, till there's no more nearby. They either move on or move into secondary businesses while living in chewed up environments. I'm very uncomfortable with this sort of exploitation, and to me, these communities have a ragged, hard edge, both in look and feel.

For this reason, I eliminated many town and country places from my list of where I'd like to buy land. My thoughts kept circling back to Salt Spring, where the ethic of giving back to nature resonates through the island. This gives a cohesion and softness to many picturesque views, and I feel it in the way people talk and interact.

Many islanders are par-

ticularly distressed by people and businesses on the "eco-take," to coin a word. Certainly, most takers give back to the human community, and that's great, but how do industrial loggers or agriculturists/aquaculturists serve the natural systems in which they operate? I see little evidence of this concern in their business plans and measures of success.

Islanders and visitors alike intuitively feel how the ethics of old-fashioned agriculture breathe through the community. I hope that the next crop of newcomers, be it for a summer break or the rest of their lives, understands this and does their best to promote it.

[b\\_guiled@yahoo.ca](mailto:b_guiled@yahoo.ca)

# More letters

## Support cull

Further to Harold Brochmann's informative April 2 View Point, where have all the rockcod gone?

Even if you fish this once plentiful species at special locations such as the outer harbour, Nose Point, off Prevost Island or in Active Pass, you are lucky if you catch any rockfish more than six inches long (which you carefully release). Originally it was believed to be bottom fisherman who swept them all up. Only partly true.

Harbour seals are the real culprits and the reason very few, if any, of these excellent food fish ever get the chance to live the 14 years needed to grow to maturity, which means, of course, they will never reach breeding age. The result: final extinction.

From the 1920s to 1950s, mature rockfish were abundant in Ganges Harbour. They could be caught right off the Ganges wharf, Grace Point or almost anywhere in the harbour.

The seals preferred salmon, grilse (young salmon) or herring and disdained cod. Coho salmon were plentiful in the waters of the Gulf Islands, at or near the surface, and could be caught easily by a human or a seal. Even then, the relatively few seals were considered a threat to the salmon, so the government paid a bounty of \$5.00 for every seal's nose turned in. Shooting seals took skill, but provided extra pocket money to some island residents and, of course, the fishermen.

Since the 1950s, with the

decline in the salmon population due to over-fishing, the seals have had to seek other species for food, such as the three types of perch, rockfish and flounder. Seals continue to prey on salmon when available, having to eat a number of small ones at each feeding rather than being satisfied with one large one. Each seal requires a minimum of five pounds of fish daily.

Compounding the current problem of seal over-population has been the dramatic decline in the number of killer whales that feed on seals.

People in B.C. have "culled" the food fish in all of our waters to the point of near extinction for some species, yet the seals are "protected" by law.

The fisheries authorities now place firm limits on the number and size of salmon and cod being caught commercially and for sport, and yet there is no plan in place to cull the seals which are increasing in number by 12.5 per cent per year.

A plan to cull seals is urgently needed if we are to help make it possible for small food fish to grow up to be commercially viable.

**NORMAN F. BEST,**  
Fulford-Ganges Road

## Outstanding

Every time the Salt Spring Concert Band performs under the direction of Dawn Hage, the audience's enthusiasm grows by leaps and bounds throughout the evening.

How do I know? I've attended their last five concerts and eagerly look forward to this one. If you enjoy Boston

Pops style concerts and are looking for an evening of outstanding entertainment, you should definitely attend the band's 10th anniversary concert on Friday evening, April 25, or Saturday evening, April 26, at 8 p.m. at ArtSpring.

Music in Motion is the theme for this concert, which will feature the band's solo competition winners and students from the GISS dance department. Tickets at ArtSpring's box office are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.  
**ROBERTA SHAPIRO,**  
Fulford

## Franchise coming?

Has anyone been paying attention to how Campbell the cannibal has been devouring the rights of the people of this province?

Did anyone notice that Campbell and his Raving Loony Liberals have been censured by the United Nations for their attacks on basic human rights? No? Well then let's bring it on closer to home and see if we can't get your attention.

Bill 18, the Coastal Ferry Act. I'll just bet everyone loves privatization. (AKA The rich get richer and the poor get poorer). More bang for your buck. Right? Well hello Fulfordites, drop your grass and grab your you-know-what. You are likely to get banged without the buck. Under this legislation, the new operators of the Fulford terminal and/or run (they may be separate operations) has the

right to expropriate any property they feel will help their operation.

If the operator "is unable to obtain the agreement within a reasonable time and on reasonable terms the ferry operator may refer the matter to the minister."

"The minister may acquire or expropriate any land, stream, water, watercourse, fence or wall."

Goodbye, Fulford community. You just became a parking lot. But don't worry, the operators will probably lease out space in a corner of their lot for a "brand name," one like McDonald's, and don't even think about passing a bylaw, this act supercedes it.

I'll bet you think the fares won't go up much. Right! And the Tooth Fairy is coming to dinner. Privatization is user pay, and pay and pay again.

"Priority is to be placed on the financial sustainability of the ferry operations;" "operators area encouraged to adopt a commercial approach;" "encouraged to minimize expenses;" "greater reliance on user pay," etc.

Notice there is nothing about service to the community? There is nothing about sustainability of the community. There is an annual average increase cap of 2.8 per cent for major routes and 4.4 per cent for minor routes. In addition to this the operator can apply for an extraordinary fare increase. Think this will be difficult? Sure, and the Tooth Fairy is bringing the Easter Bunny along to dinner.

All the operator has to do is apply to the commissioner of ferries who, by the way, has absolute power. This is a position created by the Liberals to which they will appoint one of their own. All together children, can you say "rubber stamp?"

All the operator has to do is show that, on the books, the route is not making a profit. How difficult is that? Forgive me for being cynical, but at the mention of "books," words like Enron, Bre-X and B.C. Ferries spring to mind.

I suppose everyone is aware that those wonderful people who did the books for Enron and whose head office is a tax haven in Bermuda are now doing the books for B.C. Hydro. Thank you, Mr. Campbell and the Liberals.

Getting back to fare increases: got a new ferry on your route? Fares on your route go up to pay for it. Got a larger ferry on your route? Fares go up.

Cost of fuel goes up, fares go up. New or newly enforced safety regulations (highly unlikely under the Liberals), fares go up. There is no limit on these fare increases.

I don't know about you, but I am getting a bit resentful that I am expected to pay full costs for a ferry system which is vital to the economy of B.C. and at the same time subsidize transportation throughout the rest of the province.

**K. BUTLER,**  
Salt Spring

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# RANTS & ROSES

## RANTS

Can't people be more careful when they open their car doors in parking lots? Paint jobs are expensive.

Rants to all those who step out into the traffic at crosswalks without looking to see if there is any traffic coming and expect vehicle drivers to stop in 20 feet or less, especially the students getting the water taxi who seem to pace themselves 10 feet apart.

Rants to school officials who — by scheduling a Pro-D day just before a long weekend — have created a daycare nightmare for working parents.

Rants to Sunday's deluge of rain that prompted cancellation of Ruckle Farm Day.

## ROSES

Thanks to the guys at JJM who have been trying to keep up with filling all the potholes!

A real bouquet went to Nancy James, stalwart of the Salt Spring Music Guild, who has been behind all seven student musicians concerts put on by the guild over the years. She was given the honour at the April 6 concert at ArtSpring.

Ongoing thanks to Bob and all the crew at Apple Photo for providing a free-of-charge drop-off service.

Congratulations to Marj Cade for the appraisal she received on her "nice set of jugs" shown at the antiques show held April 5.

Roses to all those considerate people who wait for a break in the traffic before stepping into the crosswalk.

Roses to drivers who look both ways before turning left onto Lower Ganges Road at the Harbour House intersection so that drivers travelling north on Lower Ganges don't have to slam on their brakes and swerve to miss them, UNLIKE the guy in the SUV who turned left there at 8:50 a.m. last Friday morning.

Congratulations to the GISS senior girls soccer team on their first place finish at the Ladysmith tournament this weekend. Go Scorpions!



**Name:** LEAH LEE  
**537/538/653:** 537  
**Occupation(s):** Thrifty's deli/ the cheese lady!  
**Hobbies:** Riding my horse; kayaking.  
**Favourite people:** My three kids and hubby.  
**Favourite read:** Waiting for holidays to finish last year's book!  
**Worst thing about SSI:** No pool!  
**Best thing about SSI:** It's surrounded by water.  
**Best place to kiss on SSI?:** House Piccolo.



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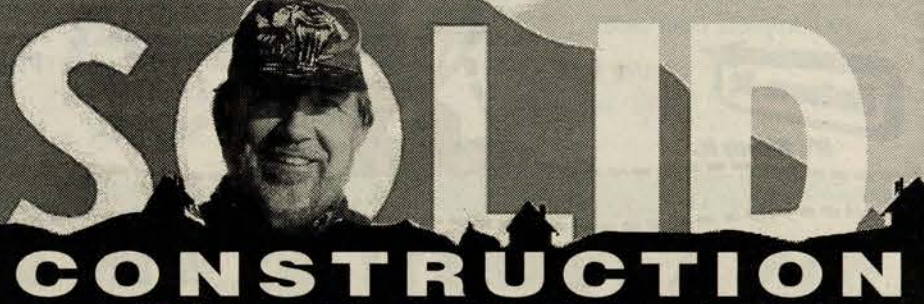
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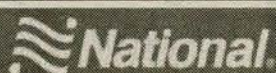
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## More letters

### Not wholistic

It was great to see the section on reading, but I was saddened to see the lack of wholistic information in (especially) the early childhood portion.

The piece was sorely lacking in a most crucial piece of information: that electronic media — television, videos, movies, computers and the like — severely hamper human development and can permanently damage the young child's neural pathways. Check out any of researcher Jane Healy's work, such as *Endangered Minds*, *Your Child's Growing Mind*, and *Failure to Connect* for detailed information.

For early literacy exercises (indeed for all ages) it is recommended that stories be told, not just read from books. This allows the listener to take an active role in the story by creating inner pictures. It is this ability to picture inwardly the spoken word that really nourishes the brain and its development and prepares it for reading.

I would also suggest an abundance of sensory activity; outdoor play — especially in nature, running, jumping, singing, nursery rhymes, verses, free play with other children of various ages, especially those who have not been over-exposed to "the mediums."

In our time, more than ever, we need to nurture human relations. Children need to bump up against each other, and learn in a practical setting in the early years. This builds a connection to others and it is only with this active interest in others that a desire to read is naturally activated in the human being.

Most adults have had the experience of reading a book and then seeing the same story in a movie format. Most of us say, "The book was so much better." This is because you took an active creative part in the story when you read it as opposed to the pictures being imposed on you in the movie version. I am not saying that movies are bad, but they are overwhelming our society right now.

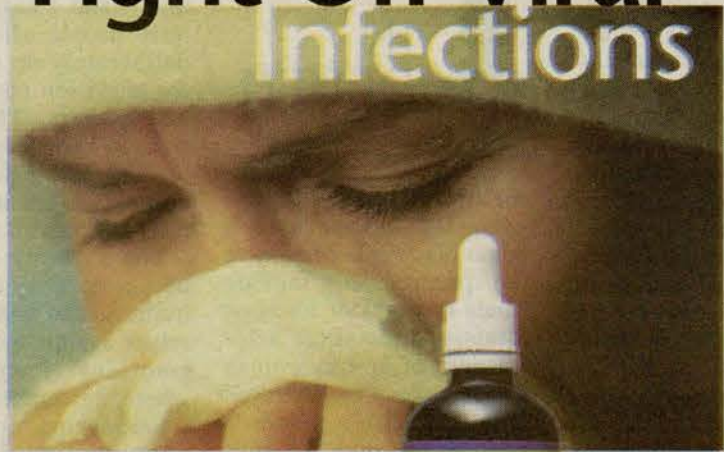
Adult brains are developed, children's brains — especially during the first seven years — are in an active relationship with their environment. The environment needs to provide a rich experience of full body movement and interaction for the brain to be the best foundational development.

We tend to relate to children as if they were small adults. They aren't. Stuffing children with adult ideals of reading doesn't support their development. It doesn't work either. In the past few decades, lots of money has been poured into literacy programs, but the stats show a decline in reading ability across the board. Media has taken over in the same time frame.

John Corry says it quite elegantly: "Western civilization took centuries to develop the idea of childhood. But television has erased it in a few decades. What a child once learned through reading was roughly commensurate with his ability to process the information. In the age of television, however, we all get the same messages. A child of five

and an adult of 40 can see the same images and hear the same words simply by pushing a button. This shows in our behaviours. Children and adults now dress alike, talk alike and play the same games. The concept of childhood is vanishing." **KIM HUNTER**, Waldorf kindergarten teacher, Salt Spring

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# Will TV alter our emotional make-up?

By RODGER BEEHLER

As television continues to provide round-the-clock coverage of the oil-anointed Born Again Cruise-ade in Arabia, bringing us hourly fresh corrections, speculations and video images endlessly re-interpreted by talking heads, we may pause for a moment's reflection on what a wide-angle shot of the Boschean spectacle discloses.

One thing already evident is how soberly our Christian free-world leader, and his cohorts and lap dogs, arise each day, untroubled by the shedding of innocent blood and maiming of children's bodies and minds.

Is this just the same old centuries-observed by-product of the Greatest Story (and its rival variants) or some post-modern gloss emanating from the Twelve Step Program? Sociologists are doubtless typing up their research grant applications to enlighten us a few years hence.

A second fact, evident in the past few days, is that the post-war "reconstruction" will be literally business as usual. The American military's nominee for political authority in Iraq has not set foot in the country for 40 years, speaks of his compatriots as "the population," and has been convicted of a major banking fraud, to name only three of his qualifications.

Sounds just like the sort of guy Enron or Worldcom would have sent to be CEO of one of their "multi-national" ventures. No doubt the gentlemen's post-Iraq career will be on the board of directors of a Gulf-operating American company.

A third feature of the past four weeks is what (borrowing a term from psychology) we might term the "disconnect" between the actions, events and consequences occurring thousands of miles away that television now makes us witnesses of, and the capacity any of us have to respond, appropriately and effectively, to what we are witnessing.

The appropriate response



to seeing the agony and terror of a 12-year-old girl whose leg has been lost to a bomb blasting her home, to the spasmodically moving hands or limbs of bleeding infants, to the silent helplessness of an old woman standing alone by destroyed buildings with a toddler's hand in her own, is, very simply, rage against whomever or whatever has brought this about, and immediate action to give aid and succour and punish the perpetrators.

But rage, to have any point or purpose to the person experiencing it, requires an immediate, reachable, affectable object. Without that required accompaniment — without this natural and logical context — rage becomes a deeply painful, tormenting, ultimately confusing emotion, from which a human being may recoil, as from any arresting, non-affirming, self-consuming experience.

May it be that the simple but terrible fact now facing us is that we do not possess, as a species, the emotional capacities necessary to deal with what television now perceptually confronts us? Have we developed a technology that we have not evolved the means psychologically to live with? Let alone act justly and effectively in relation to the information given us?

Everywhere I have been

these past four weeks on this island I have encountered people who say they deliberately do not watch the television news or read newspapers. They don't want to know what's going on and being done. May one reason for this be the facts just pointed to?

The capacity of human beings to deny unwanted truths and to armour themselves against inconvenient emotions is writ everywhere: in families, sexual relationships, citizenship, education (so-called), business, political affairs — human history. Will television contribute not just to an increase in the amount of denial done by persons, but to a change in our emotional make-up?

Will the successful, tolerably contented denizens of 2184 (or even 2103) be those whose capacity to be unmoved by such images as those of the past four weeks gives them a psycho-energetic, psycho-somatic, and thus socio-economic and reproductive advantage, over those who are unable to keep from being heart-sick and enraged at what civilizations that can transplant hearts and lungs, re-fashion Venus on the surgical table, manipulate the atom, and send a metal vehicle past Jupiter, continue to do to fragile flesh and spirit?

In short, is the perceptual extension conferred by television out of sync with human beings' present emotional (and so moral) psychology?

And will this have the effect of evolving persons

whose natures will be more aligned with their economic and social aspirations with-in gargantuan, opaque and largely immobile political arrangements — but more "inhuman" than we deem humane and just?

As with all evolutionary momenta, only time will tell.

The writer is emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Victoria, and now resides on Salt Spring.

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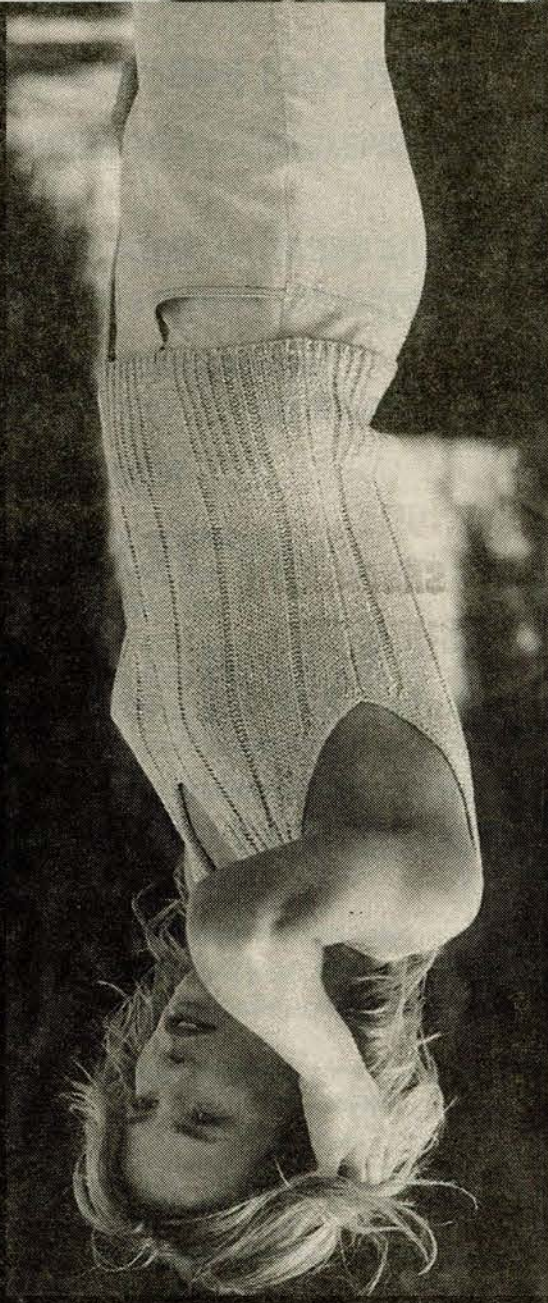
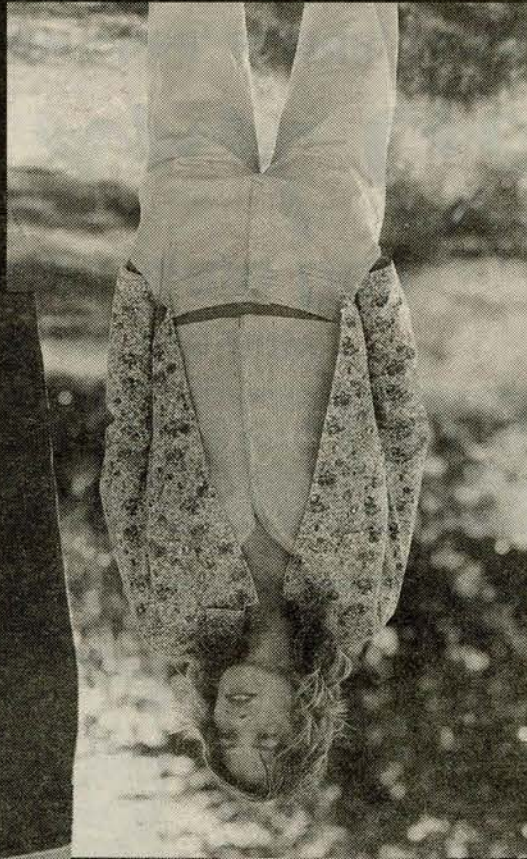
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# Higher Kyoto-caused fuel prices won't clear environmental issues

By TERRY GRAHAM

Type "The Oregon Petition" into Google and you'll find something you will not see a trace of on "canada.gc.ca," the Kyoto propaganda site.

You'll find out that 17,000 (yes thousand) scientists have signed petitions objecting to bogus global warming theorizing! Try [www.sepp.org/press-rel/petition.html](http://www.sepp.org/press-rel/petition.html); or [www.oism.org/pproject/](http://www.oism.org/pproject/)

Oh wait . . . it is now called "climate change" so that regardless of record colds being registered everywhere (see St. Lawrence Seaway ice delaying spring opening), global warming can still be cited as the cause and so the Kyoto taxation plan for all fuels can proceed.

We don't want any of the cold weather records being set to conflict with the Kyoto plan.

Never mind that every tree and plant pumps out CO2 at night and needs CO2 all day in order to produce oxygen.

Growth only flourishes with more CO2, yet people willingly parrot the generated phobia about it.

The whole of Canada has gone off like oxen to the slaughter in giving its blessing to the signing of Kyoto, and those that objected were simply railroaded by our despicable, anti-American prime minister.

It was a brilliant plan!

First, dole out money to study groups and organizations dependent on grants and who pride themselves on their sensitivity to all things environmental.

They will then totally convince the public that we have a greenhouse gas (or whatever) crisis of global proportions on our hands.

Add to the mix the crisis generating of the CBC (the equivalent of state-owned TV in a communist country) and the radio propaganda messages of the almighty government of Canada encouraging you to "do your part to save us



## IN DEPTH

from 'devastating' climate change" and the road to the tax grab is paved and ready for the money trucks.

Oh yes . . . work it so that the hapless public thinks that "pollution" and "global warming" are synonymous so as to keep blind optimism towards a "global solution" at a peak and the tax base as broad as it can possibly be.

The most classic image of the lies behind it all is that cattle flatulence and the resultant methane is a serious concern.

People's environmental concern has been cleverly and deceitfully manipulated; their naive faith in the great Kyoto solution is about to be capitalized on via this up-and-coming exercise of global village government policy that is nothing more than the equivalent of another probably irreversible GST.

Only this time much of the money will be going to the U.N. gang in which Libya is now in charge of "human rights."

Even if the greenhouse gases of Kyoto's flawed theory really did have anything to do with feigned governmental concern for pollution, why is it then that sales of diesel vehicles are up a whopping 33 per cent in Kyoto-concerned Europe (and proportionately here) this year over last?

Anyone foolish enough to think that massive (up to

20 per cent) taxes on all fuels will magically clean up the air had better give their heads a shake. Greenhouse CO2, despite the convoluted, study-group-funded diatribes to the contrary, has nothing to do with the real in-your-face toxicity of pollution like diesel exhaust.

In a recent CH TV news story on the rising cost of fuel, a Victoria dealer said that diesel vehicles are selling better than any of his other vehicles because of the mileage.

Of course, prospective buyers aren't told that diesel is the worst bloody air quality catastrophe ever conceived since the petroleum industry took Rudolph Diesel's beautiful peanut oil engines and decided to burn oil in them.

Some of these Golf and Jetta buyers drive away thinking they are actually doing the environment a favour!

Tell that to someone out for a walk!

So not only does global warming not have a realistic thing to do with pollution, Kyoto taxation will drive people to driving more diesel. So much for the oft-touted rhetoric that fuel taxation is a good thing because people will drive less.

No reaction could be more counter productive in a realistic fight against real pollution than the increased use of diesel vehicles!

But the oil industry and the U.N. are both rubbing their hands in anticipation and delighted with our having been duped into signing on to signing away so much

future slush-fund cash.

They get to sell more of the product that makes them the most profit (cheap-to-produce diesel fuel oil) the U.N. can look forward to bleeding Canada for tax dollars and the diesel engine and vehicle manufacturers can continue wining and dining each other. . . all thanks to Kyoto.

Very soon fuel price increases will have reasonable people seeing Gordon Campbell's, highway-earmarked B.C. gas tax as chicken feed by comparison.

*The writer has researched environmental impacts of diesel for several years.*

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## North Beach water feasibility study flowing

North Beach Road residents with water problems have one foot on the road to relief with initiation of a Capital Regional District (CRD) feasibility study.

According to Gary Hendren from CRD environmental services, the CRD has applied for a provincial infrastructure grant to conduct a feasibility study on extending the Fernwood Water District (FWD) water main to the end of North Beach Road.

Hendren said between 40 and 50 properties could be affected, although the actual number of lots needing service is one of the first tasks of a local committee. Several property owners have already spent considerable funds supplying themselves with adequate water and may not want to join a water district and pay the associated costs, he said.

Once the price tag for the required FWD infrastructure upgrade and extending the water main along North Beach is

fixed, said Hendren, some form of petition process will assess the final project's support.

"If that petition is approved, then the CRD would go ahead and create a new service to cover capital costs, and the two areas would join together once construction was done."

FWD and North Beach residents would then share annual costs of running the common system.

A feasibility study for the North Beach area was also conducted in 1992, but changes to water service did not proceed.

A separate study for a planned Trincomali Heights area subdivision has also been received, said Hendren.

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## Japan's Spirited Away hailed a phenomenal children's film

Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki is responsible for some of my favourite children's films, including the wonderful My Neighbor Totoro and Kiki's Delivery Service.

His newest is Spirited Away, which won the Best Animated Feature award at this year's Oscars. I was surprised with that win, in that the film was barely shown in North America. Leave it to the Oscars to do exactly what you least expect.

Spirited Away tells the story of a young Japanese girl named Chihiro. On the way to a new home, Chihiro and her parents drive down the wrong road and find an abandoned theme park. She soon finds herself in the spirit world, with her parents turned into pigs. It turns out that the place is a sort of spa for a wide variety of different spirits, and Chihiro ends up working there cleaning bathtubs and the such. Of course, she's looking for a way to free her parents and get back to reality, but along the way she'll have to help a couple of the locals with her unstoppable gumption and generosity.

Normally I wouldn't review a children's film, but Spirited Away is really something special. There's no Disneyish simplicity in Miyazaki's worlds — things are complicated and frequently all too real. Most kids won't pick up on the slightly morbid aspects of

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the film, but most adults (myself included) will definitely feel the film's emotional depth.

More importantly, Spirited Away is without a doubt the most beautiful animated film I've ever seen. Heck, let's just say it's one of the most beautiful films I've ever seen, period. There are

sequences here that would make visual stylists like Fellini and Bergman blush with envy, and the sheer ingenuity of the creatures and landscapes is utterly amazing. Some, like a train filled with commuting ghosts meandering over a seemingly endless ocean, convey so much emotion it brings a tear to the eye.



Will our kids, raised on The Little Mermaid and Aladdin, really get it?

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

# CREST: emergency communication

Emergency workers on Salt Spring and the other southern Gulf Islands will soon be plugged into a new \$15-million telecommunications system connecting 46 service providers throughout the Capital Region.

"Any integration is a step forward," said Salt Spring RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Mike Giles. "The system we have now works well, but it's not fully integrated."

Giles described the current system as "cumbersome" and said the RCMP is looking forward to improved communication services.

"In the event of a large disaster, this will enable all Gulf Islands responders to be able to communicate and better organize our resources. We'll have instant communication with all other emergency services in the Capital Region area," said Salt Spring Fire Department firefighter Patrick Beattie.

"We don't have that capability now... If I wanted to talk to the RCMP, I'd have to call Langford Dispatch and they would call RCMP dispatch to contact a car on the island."

And even though dispatch centres have found ways to work with the multi-agency communications process, there have been difficulties coordinating large incidents in the recent past, Beattie said.

All emergency services agencies in the Capital Regional District (CRD) currently operate on different frequencies.

The Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications (CREST) system will not just enable emergency service organizations in the region to communicate with one another for large-scale incidents, it will enhance communications for day-to-day operations, Beattie said.

"Often we've had to talk to B.C. Hydro or the coast guard and the only way we've had to communicate with them is through [marine radio] channel 16."

Under CREST, the coast guard can access fire department frequencies, which will leave channel 16 available for other emergencies, Beattie noted.

"If we're yakking away, somebody's ship could be sinking and they wouldn't be able to tell the coast guard."

All emergency services in the CRD, including all police departments, fire departments, B.C. Ambulance Services, Canadian Coast Guard, B.C. Hydro, B.C. Transit, UVic Security, Legislative Security and B.C. Ferries will be linked under the CREST system.

CREST will enable each participant agency to maintain its own radio channel without communications overlap unless agencies need to coordinate, in which case their emergency workers can have their radios "patched-in" together.

Currently, the Salt Spring Fire Department shares a frequency with Mayne Island, North and South Galiano Island fire departments and North and South Pender Island fire departments.

"Because North Pender gets more calls than the other departments, we conflict with their transmissions the most," Salt Spring Fire Chief Dave Enfield said.

"The problem with that is that it leaves a potential for

mix-up," Beattie said. "If there's a call, 'Engine #1 return to hall,' which engine is it? Salt Spring or Pender?"

Actual radio communication clarity and performance will also improve when CREST is completed in the next three months, he said.

"CREST guarantees 90 per cent coverage 90 per cent of the time. The only reason they don't say 100 per cent is for liability reasons."

The operations radio system operates with eight microwave towers that have been strategically placed around the CRD.

Radio "blind spots" that previously forced local rescue workers to maintain line-of-sight communications while fighting forest fires around Mount Bruce and Sunset Drive will be eliminated, just as "blind spots" have disappeared in other jurisdictions.

Dispatch centres will also

be able to monitor and log calls much more efficiently, Beattie noted.

Another feature is that a computerized security system will constantly switch radio frequencies, preventing most scanners from picking up CREST communications, he added.

"It will make it very difficult for anyone to monitor communications with a scanner."

CREST is funded through a

66-cent levy on each CRD resident's phone bill and a \$350 per radio annual charge paid by each emergency service provider.

As part of the CREST start-up, Salt Spring Fire Department will receive 10 new truck radios (\$8,000 each) and six new portable radios (\$5,000 each) to become compatible with the communications system.

Though CREST will pro-

vide the first set of radios, valued at \$110,000, the communications equipment will technically belong to the service provider.

"Any additional radios needed will have to be purchased at a later date," said Enfield.

Annual fees to operate fire department radios under CREST will total \$6,300 for 2003-2004. But as an offset, CREST has paid the fire department's radio licensing

fees of approximately \$3,000 per year for the last two years, he added.

The local fire department will continue using its existing fire-ground radio frequency for interdepartmental communications, which includes the firefighters' pagers, Enfield said.

"It benefits both small and large departments: larger departments, in that it will improve communications in larger buildings; and smaller departments, in their ability to communicate with all of the other agencies."

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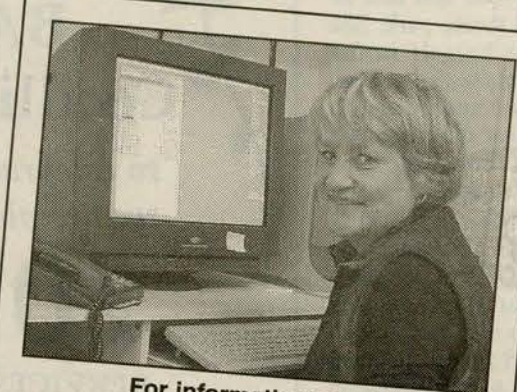
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### Roots of Empathy program launched

# Infants teach emotional literacy

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

A new empathy-education program is incubating on the Gulf Islands.

And it's looking for families expecting babies in June or July to help teach school children about the special relationship between parents and infants.

"The baby is very much the teacher of the class. We're just there to help out," said Roots of Empathy program coordinator Judi Wilson.

While Roots of Empathy is promoted as a parenting education program for children aged three to 14, the students learn much more than parenting skills, Wilson said.

"They learn all sorts of things about parenting and academic studies, but most importantly, they develop their feelings."

The core learning of Roots of Empathy comes from connection with parents and infants who visit a classroom over a 10-month period, she said.

"The kids can see how the baby develops from a helpless state to gain more independence as a toddler."

The program is designed to enhance the students' overall sense of compassion, she noted.

"This baby is crying and they learn they have the power to fix it. That translates to the playground when they see Johnny crying and they realize they have the power to fix that too."

Researchers have also made links between the Roots of Empathy program and reduced classroom bul-



Program coordinator Judi Wilson

**"The kids can see how the baby develops from a helpless state to gain more independence . . ."**

lying incidents, Wilson added.

"They are doing research at UBC now to see how long this lasts."

Roots of Empathy is set for delivery to island schools in the 2003-2004 school year with the aid of the Gulf Islands School District, Ministry of Children and Family Development funding and additional sponsorship from the internationally renowned children's musi-

cian Raffi.

"It's very much a situation where a project seems to meet the criteria of Raffi's child-honouring vision."

The program was introduced to Raffi on Mayne Island by U.S. educator Mary Gordon, who made a presentation about Roots of Empathy during the opening of his non-profit Troubadour Centre in January 2002.

"Mary Gordon calls it learning emotional literacy," said Wilson.

The timing of the program is especially relevant given the nature of violent events now occurring around the globe, she said.

"Particularly now, when it seems as if the bullies are winning, it's important for kids to see that they could be the person to take a different path, a path of

understanding for other people."

Wilson became interested in the Roots of Empathy program through her work at Troubadour Centre. And she was encouraged to get more involved in the project when the school district and ministry expressed a need for a coordinator.

"Troubadour offered to support me as that person in the district."

And as a typical islander who wears three different employment hats, she also works as a secretary for Mayne Island School.

"I'm the luckiest person in the world. I've got these three wonderful jobs and they all work together."

Wearing her Roots of Empathy hat, Wilson made a presentation to Gulf Islands School District trustees at a Mayne Island board meeting April 9 and informed them that three facilitators had been selected to teach the program at four island schools.

Local facilitators will be Wilson, Christine Mauro, Janice Shields and Tiffany Whiteman.

Now the local Roots of Empathy team only needs a batch of parents with babies in order to get the program bouncing into the next school year.

"If people are thinking of becoming Roots of Empathy parents, they should think of becoming pregnant in October," she laughed.

For more information about Roots of Empathy, check out its website ([www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org)) or call Judi Wilson on Mayne Island at 539-5102.

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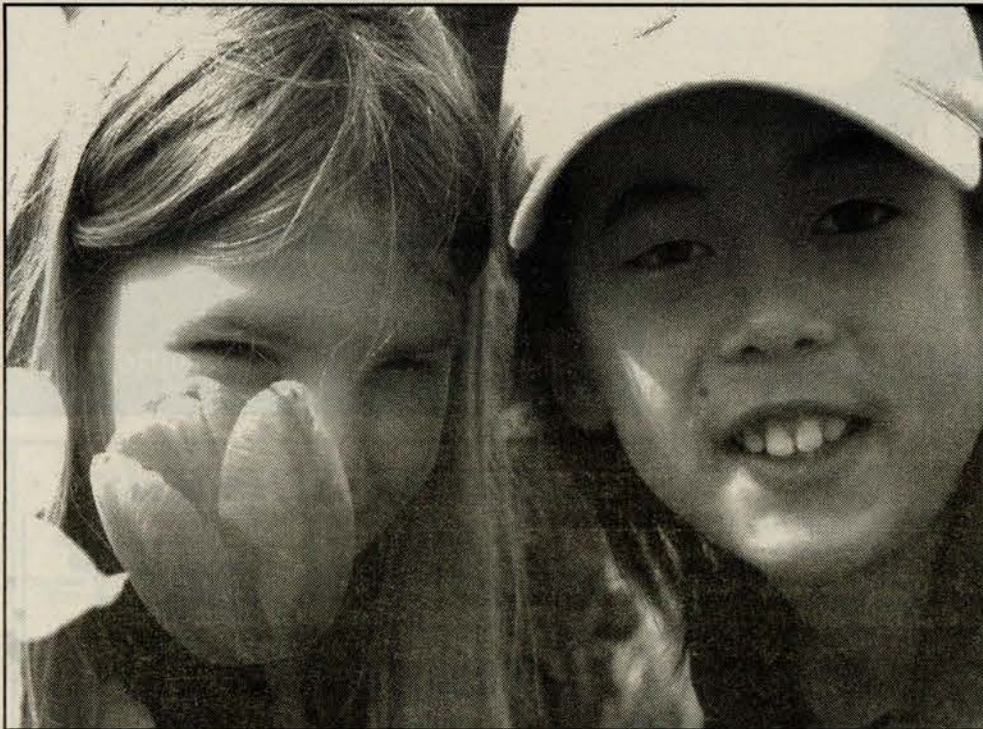
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**FACING THE FLOWERS:** Jennica Bruble and Sugi Henson enjoy spring weather in Centennial Park last weekend.

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## Lions vote in two islanders to top governing positions

Two islanders were elected into high-ranking zone officer positions within Lions Club elections Saturday.

Stan Sage, who joined the Salt Spring Lions in 1966, was elected vice-district governor for the region encompassing all of Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and part of the Olympic Peninsula. He will serve for three years in governing positions.

Salt Spring club president Steve Somerset will also serve as zone chairman for nine clubs in the Saanich and Gulf Islands area over the next two years.

Somerset has been an active Lions Club member for at least six years and has just completed his second year as club president, said Sage.

"We don't often have two zone officers in the same

club," Sage added.

Tom Portlock (of Portlock Park fame) was the last senior representative from the island, noted Margaret Peters.

"Double representation is a first for Salt Spring," she said.

The two local members will serve on a multiple-district cabinet, noted Sage.

"We both received whole-hearted support."

## Bowen takes on Vesuvius route

Ferry users travelling between Vesuvius and Crofton next week will make the journey via a different vessel.

The Howe Sound Queen will be out of service for its annual refit beginning Tuesday, April 22.

The ferry is expected to return to service on Tuesday, May 6, 2003.

During this period the Bowen Queen will be the replacement vessel.

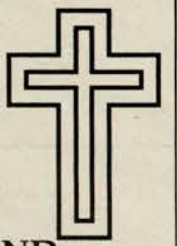
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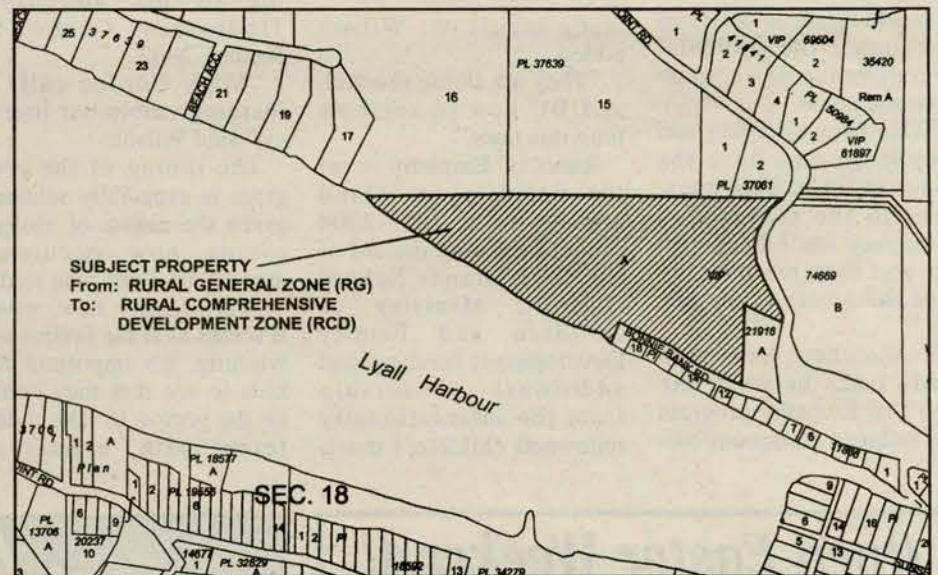
### ISLANDS TRUST SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on **Proposed Bylaw No. 81 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2003"**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **1:30 pm, Monday, April 28, 2003 at the Saturna Community Hall, East Point Road, Saturna Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

**Bylaw No. 81 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2003"**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 81 is to rezone Lot A, Sections 17 & 18, Plan VIP74669, Cowichan District, Saturna Island from Rural General Zone to Rural Comprehensive Development Zone, as shown on the map below, to permit the siting of a maximum of 7 residences on the lot.



A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw 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, April 16, 2003**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing Wednesday, April 16, 2003 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting Saturna Island / Bylaws / Proposed

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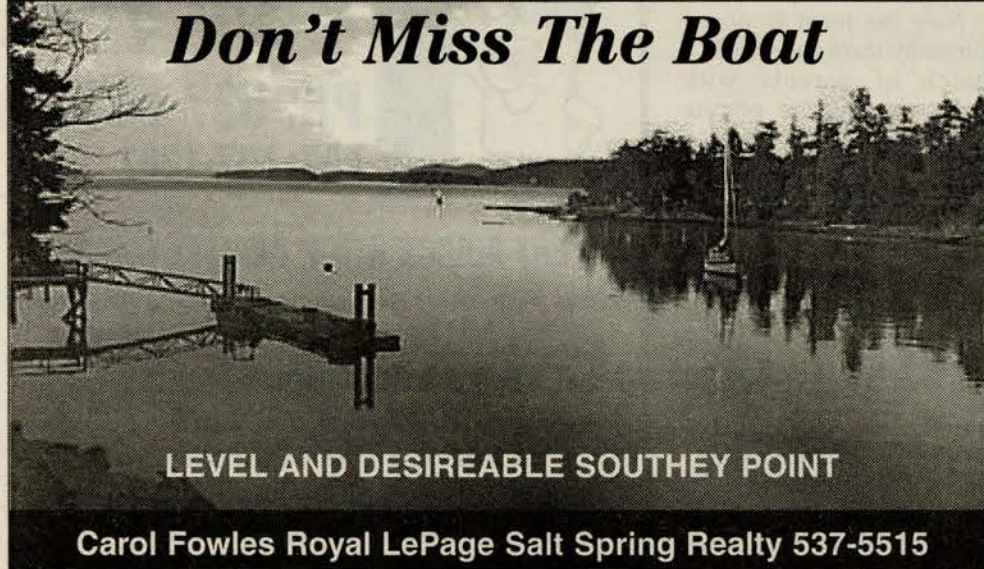
1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to **4:30 p.m., Friday, April 25, 2003;**
2. after **4:30 p.m., Friday, April 25, 2003**, to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **1:30 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2003.**

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5158 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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Kathy Jones  
Deputy Secretary

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Lot 14 of Lot 19, Registered Plan 4232 and

Lot 2 of Sections 3 and 4, Range 4E, Registered Plan VIP54776

A copy of the amendment to the Letters Patent and a map showing the boundary of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District may be viewed at the District Office. This notice is published in accordance with section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government Act.

Trevor Hutton  
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# Antarctica adventurers at UVic



Keoughs

A Salt Spring husband-wife photography team is joining three other "Antarctic adventurers" to present their images at a Southern Ocean Adventurers presentation.

Salt Spring's Pat and Rosemarie Keough — who recently released Antarctica, "unquestionably the most beautiful book ever produced on the great south land" — will join Sally Poncet and Tony and Coryn Cooch at a presentation May 12.

"All have witnessed the growing threat to the magnificent Wandering Albatross, seriously endangered by pirate long-line fishing fleets," notes press material.

The event takes place in 159 Fraser Building at the University of Victoria, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and all proceeds go to the Save the Albatross Campaign.

John Woodward doesn't want anyone to miss Graffiti Theatre's production of Stones in His Pockets.

Woodward said he and his wife Linda saw the play in London last September and found it an "absolutely wonderful play . . . If the

actors are as good as I think they will be it will probably be one of the highlights of the theatre season."

The award-winning Irish comedy Stones in His Pockets runs for four consecutive nights only, beginning tonight (Wednesday) through Saturday at ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 on Wednesday and Thursday; \$20 on Friday and Saturday; and \$10 for students all nights.

Thanks to fundraising activities and "an amazingly huge cheque" from one donor, Katie Watt and her crew of UVic-based volunteers will be able to work on rural development projects in Cambodia for part of May and June.

Besides the planned water projects, Watt said the group will also be building an addition to a schoolhouse that was built two years ago. "They already have a waiting list and they need another room," she explained.

Watt grew up on Salt Spring and now lives in Victoria.

For those worried about Ganges turning into a seething urban cacophonous disaster, it may be too late.

Village dweller Dietrich Luth pointed out at Saturday's town hall meet-

## SALT SPRING SNIPPETS



Woodward

ing in quiet Beaver Point it only takes a couple of outdoor activities going on at once in Ganges to make some pretty horrific sounds.

"Ganges is the noisiest place I've ever lived, and I've lived in some big cities," said Luth.

Gulf Islands liquor store patrons have raised \$2,697 for dry grad events on Salt Spring.

From February 9 to March 22, liquor store customers across B.C. were encouraged to donate one dollar for dry grad. In return, they received a sample-sized package of Jelly Belly beans.

One hundred per cent of the donations were directed to customers' local school districts for distribution to high schools planning dry grads.

This year, 52 school districts participated in the campaign.

Overall, the government liquor stores raised a record total of \$125,313.

Three new offerings on Salt Spring aim to increase health and comfort.

At the Hastings House, a new spa manager has brought European training, an array of treatments and product knowledge to the island resort. Emma Godley has moved here from

Calgary where she operated her own aesthetic business. She can be reached at 537-2362.

Leslie DeAthe (537-0884) has launched a new business called The Body Coach.

Aiming to "make people more comfortable in their skin," The Body Coach offers custom-tailored programs that focus on improved flexibility and range of motions.

It is especially beneficial for people in the 45-65 age range.

"Its holistic approach looks at your complete lifestyle and offers a program designed to fit into your life easily, yet meaningful enough to result in positive changes," notes press material.

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At the new Nutritional Awareness Centre (537-4727), Jon Walls determines health issues through iris readings.

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## Publishing course lined up writers

Writers with an eye to self-publishing should hop on a ferry and motor up to Ladysmith next weekend for a day-long workshop.

Marketing Books and the Business of Self-Publishing runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eagles Hall on April 26.

Hosted by the publishing co-operative called Wave Publications, the workshop will cover three topics.

It will look at planning strategies for writers, marketing materials and book-selling techniques, and finish up with an open forum.

The presenters — Suzanne Anderson, Ginni Brucker and Oscar Zemiak — are successful authors and experienced self-publishers, notes press material.

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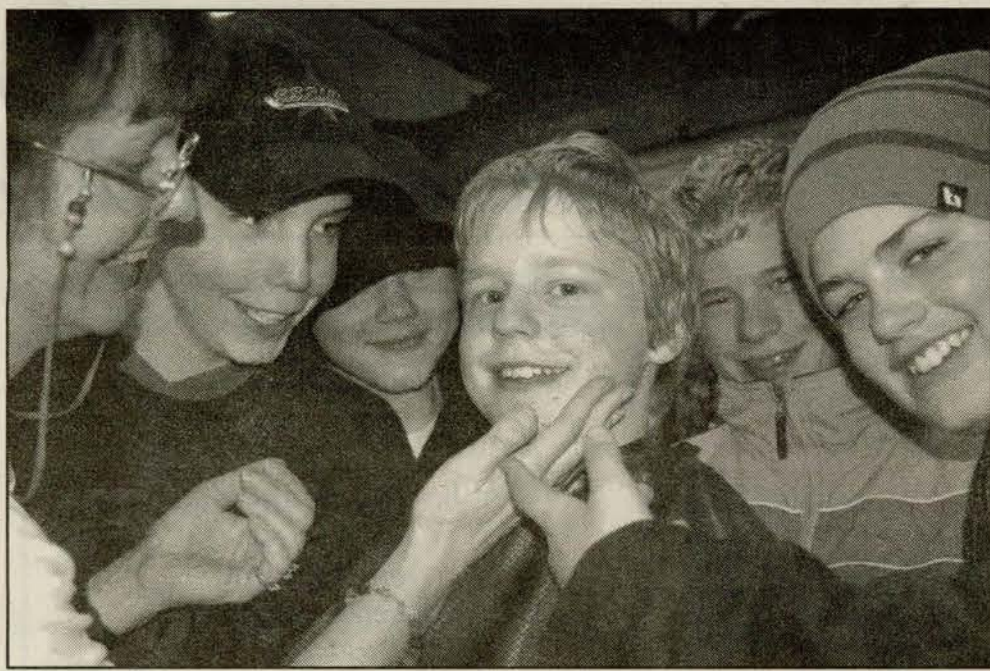
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**FACIAL FACTS:** Deb Hamilton at the Old Salty gives Trevor Neufeld a facial while his buddies get in on the fun. The Ganges store was demonstrating Burt's Bees products throughout the day last Wednesday to Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Under cover with scotch

You meet a lot of unusual characters in the detective game, so I wasn't too surprised when I got a call from Angus McTavish.

### WINE FILES WITH STEVE COOPMAN



Angus was a garrulous sort that I'd met while working on the infamous Haggis Affair a few years ago.

This time when he called he was so excited I could barely understand a word he said, but I gathered he had an interesting case that he needed my help in researching. He said he'd be right over.

"Ach, laddie it's gud t' see yee." At six foot four, 200 pounds, with his long red hair and beard, and dressed in plaid from head to toe, Angus filled my doorway. In fact he filled the driveway and half the street.

Commenting that it looked like he was dressed for some undercover work, he said, "Ay, I thought I'd just blend in."

I drew him inside away from the staring eyes of my neighbours. It was only then that I noticed the large box he was carefully clasping under one arm. Seeing the direction of my gaze he quickly flipped open the cardboard top and revealed the assignment. An array of six single malt scotch whiskeys were soon arranged on my table in all their amber glory.

"The client wants the word on these right quick laddie, so let's get t' it."

• Benromach, 15-year-old Speyside single malt whisky (\$89.95), has a beautiful topaz-like colour

that is reflected on the nose with caramel and a touch of green grass. The taste is sweet, nutty and smooth, with a refreshing clean finish that is sure to make you want more. (SSSS)

• Glen Garioch, 15-year-old East Highland single malt whisky (\$92.95) with a mellow amber colour has quite a complex nose of caramel/butterscotch, lemon and sawdust. The taste of earth, spice, a touch of peat, has a darker development than the Benromach and an earthy peppery finish that lingers on the tongue. (SSSS)

• Dalmore, 12-year-old North Highland single malt whisky (\$46.99) with a dark amber colour, has a sharper nose with definite peat and some classic iodine. The taste is reminiscent of bourbon, fairly heavy, with must and peat, and a slight oily texture and a long lingering finish. (SSS)

• Scapa, 12-year-old Orkney Island single malt whisky (\$55.95), has a light

amber colour and a tantalizing nose of orange/tangerine, vanilla and butter. The taste is clearly influenced by the ocean with iodine, salt and dulce, and some spice and mineral tones but with a fairly light finish. (SSS)

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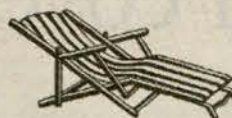
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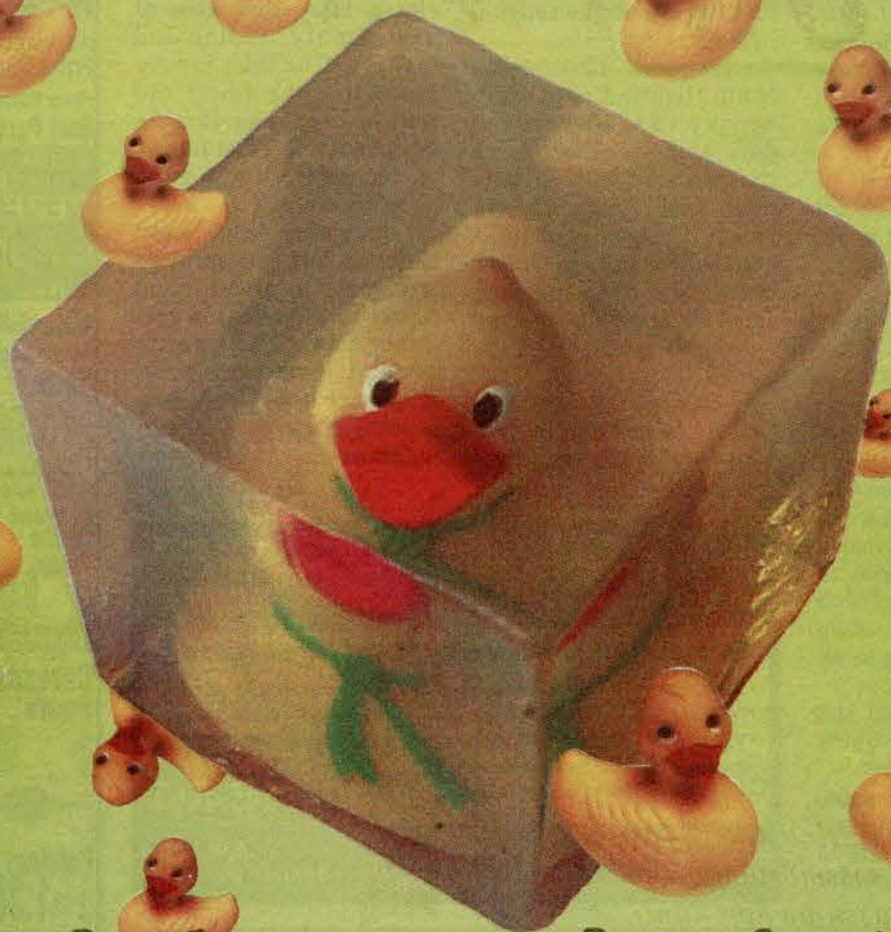
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