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Predator jailed for island assaults

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A 45-year-old Salt Spring man was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to sexual assault charges in B.C. Supreme Court in Victoria last Wednesday.

Charles Michael Kavanagh admitted sexually assaulting two boys, as young as 14 and 16 years old, over a period spanning from 1998 to 2001.

"He created an atmosphere in which it was easier for him to prey on these

kids," said Crown counsel Robin Baird in a Driftwood interview Friday.

Court heard that Kavanagh used the lure of drugs and the threat of violence to coerce vulnerable youths to have sex with him.

"He had some kind of

handgun that he showed them. He made a very obvious point of telling them that he had it," Baird said.

"My theory was that he was doing so to create an aura of malevolence or intimidation that would incline these younger people

to go along with what he wanted them to do."

Kavanagh also offered marijuana and the highly addictive stimulant crystal meth to the teens as another method of control, Baird said.

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Bill 48 motion gets nod

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

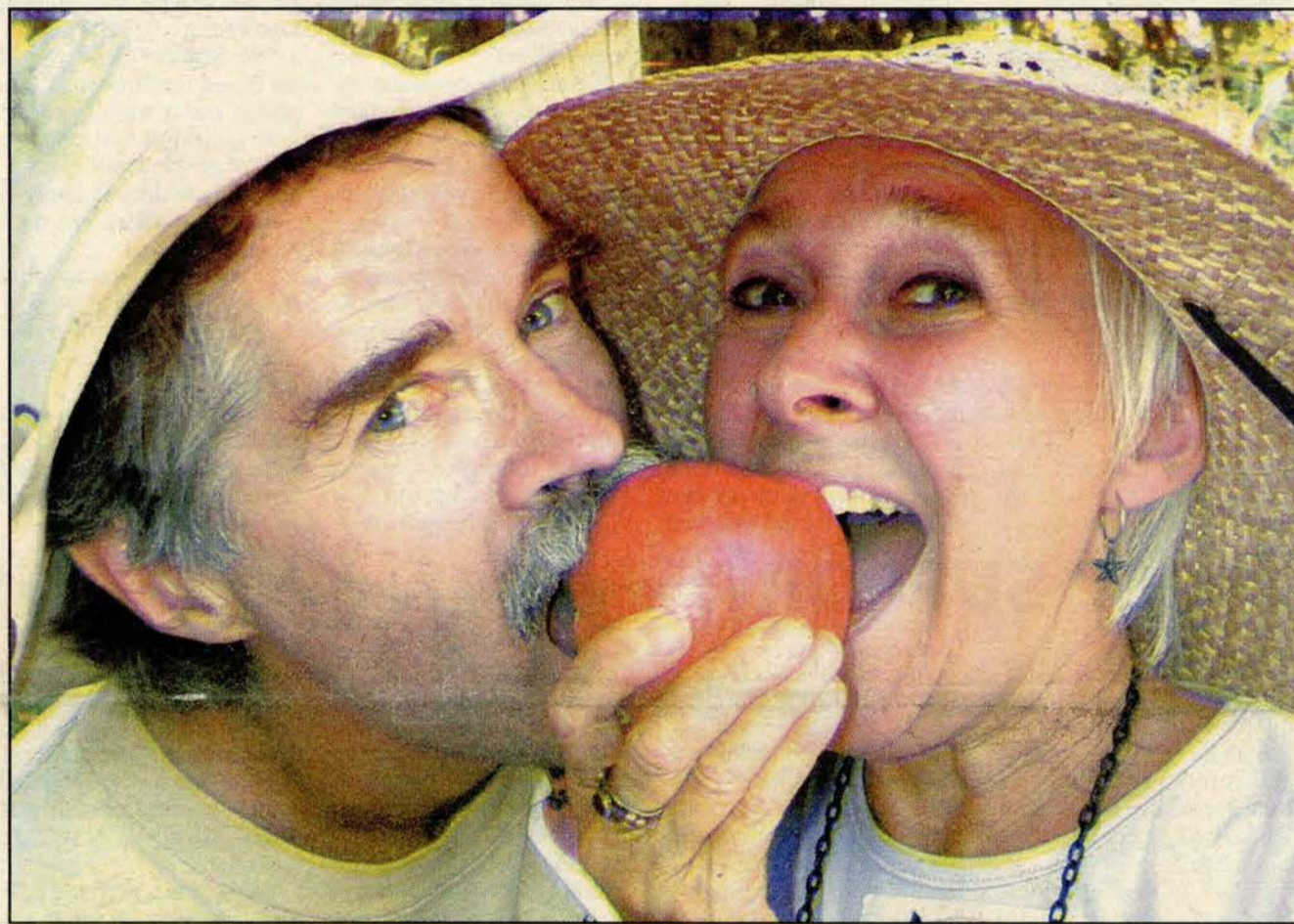
Local government politicians from around B.C. rallied last week to support an Islands Trust-sponsored motion asking for withdrawal of the province's proposed Bill 48.

Unanimous support was given to the resolution, presented to the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) by Trust chair David Essig.

"To have all the other areas support us in this, I think that's fantastic," said Salt Spring trustee Kimberly Lineger, who raised a red flag about Bill 48 and other provincial aquaculture policies along with Trust staff at the Trust Council meeting in June.

"I think the unanimous passing was a really clear

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ADAM AND EVE: Harry and Debbie Burton of Apple Luscious Organic Orchard enjoy the fruits of their labour as they organize and help host last Sunday's annual Salt Spring Island Apple Festival. More photos, Page A11.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Counterfeit bills found here may have on-island origins

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

Within a 10-day period, Thrifty Foods' Ganges store detected three \$100 bills which management believes are counterfeit.

The first bill was noticed Saturday, September 20, followed by another on September 24 and a third on Monday.

Thrifty Foods' Dan Lee said the store notified the police immediately.

"If somebody gives us a counterfeit bill, we have to keep it," said Lee. "We're not allowed to give it back to the person. As soon as we know it's counterfeit we have to stop the process."

And so far more copies of bills with identical serial numbers have not been found elsewhere, said Salt Spring RCMP Sergeant Mike Giles, raising suspicions the bills have on-island origins.

"Most counterfeit bills are photocopies of real bills," said Giles. "So usually there's a large number of the same bill."

He explained that a bill's serial number is entered into the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) to determine if other copies of the same bill have been found elsewhere.

He added the police would typically find three

or four more entries from Nanaimo, Victoria and Duncan.

"This latest rash of \$100 bills is not showing up on CPIC so we've got a suspicion that they're being created locally," he said.

Lee was surprised such a large denomination was used.

"With the \$100 bill it's natural that people are going to check."

He added that the failed hat trick was unusual.

The last counterfeit occurrence before the recent spate was a \$10 bill detected last year.

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Penelakut elders educate locals on Walker Hook

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

More than 20 members and elders from the Penelakut First Nation on Kuper Island participated in a tour of Walker Hook and an afternoon forum Saturday.

Myrus James, chair of the Penelakut elders' group, said he and others came to the island on an invitation from Woodward and Company, the law firm retained by the Salt Spring Island Residents for Responsible Land Use (SSIRRLU).

"They wanted us to know exactly what was happening," said James in reference to establishment of a sablefish hatchery on Agricultural Land Reserve property owned by Henry Caldwell.

The group also included Penelakut council members

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ASSAULTS: Other victims asked to come forward

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"He was cultivating them, basically, in a number of different ways."

Prior to the assaults, both youths knew Kavanagh as someone who frequented Centennial Park and a coffee shop in Ganges.

The older boy was first assaulted at Kavanagh's cabin on Cusheon Lake Road after he accepted an offer to make some money on Hallowe'en in 1998.

Sexual assaults against the 16-year-old islander continued through September 1999, when Kavanagh started bringing a second 14-year-old boy to his cabin.

"There were multiple incidents against each complainant. They did go on for quite some time."

Though the older boy broke free from Kavanagh's clutches in 1999, his second victim remained living with him, where he was sexually assaulted regularly until late in 2001.

Baird recognizes that it's difficult to comprehend how Kavanagh could maintain such control over the youth, who lived on Salt Spring at the time of the offences.

"It went on for a while, and you think, 'Jeez, how did that happen?' ... There are defence theories why that happened and there are Crown theories. Anyway, we

settled the case and I guess you can accept that my theory was the one that prevailed."

Kavanagh entered a surprise guilty plea just as the jury prepared to hear evidence at his trial set for September 24.

"I certainly wasn't expecting that there would be plea discussions," said Baird.

Crown and defence arrived at a resolution after "some pretty tense negotiations," Baird said.

"I said, 'If you want us to compromise on this thing, here's the deal. It's late in the day and the jury's expected. We can't waste a lot of time at this 11th hour monkeying around.'"

Baird recognized that the defendant had already served almost two years in pre-trial custody, and the 10-year sentence is new time that commenced September 24.

"Ten years is a long time. It's a heavy sentence but it's a fit sentence because of his background."

Kavanagh had a previous record for sexual assaults, and was sent to prison for five years in 1988 for an incident in Richmond.

After he was released, Kavanagh moved to the island, worked in the kitchen at Moby's Marine Pub and

studied cooking at Camosun College.

"He was a very strange individual," said Moby's Marine Pub co-owner Barry Edwards.

Moby's was contacted by police conducting the investigation over a year ago, Edwards said.

"We were totally creeped out by that guy."

His staff had expressed concern about Kavanagh but were not aware of his history until he was arrested in 2002.

Edwards remembered a Times Colonist story that described another incident where Kavanagh tied someone up, which led to his arrest.

"He showed up at some guy's door dressed as a police officer."

Kavanagh's conviction for the sexual-assault charges began with an investigation for a different case, confirmed Victoria police detective Susan Law.

"We were investigating Kavanagh for another matter. It was a result of our investigation that led us to these two young boys."

According to the B.C. Supreme Court judgment database, Kavanagh was charged following a March 15, 2002 incident that involved an alleged break

and enter, robbery, assault, extortion and unlawful confinement.

Kavanagh was acquitted of the other matter in June, Law noted.

"It was through talking to members on Salt Spring Island that this [sexual assault] information came forward."

Victoria police conducted the joint investigation on the island, Law said.

"Because we had already been dealing with him on another matter, it just made sense for us to continue the investigation."

Based on a visit by Victoria police to the island, Kavanagh appeared well known around Salt Spring, Law said.

"We actually came over to the island one time to talk to people and it wasn't as if he was a stranger to people. Lots of people knew him."

And Law doesn't know if there are other victims around the island.

"I encourage you to write this story because I wonder if more people will come forward as a result of reading this."

She urged anyone with further information about sexual assaults and Kavanagh to contact the local RCMP.

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TRUST SUPPORT: 'Big wake-up call'

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indication of how the municipalities and rural districts feel about it, so I'm hoping the minister [John van Dongen] takes that to heart and doesn't proceed with the legislation."

Bill 48 — the Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — would transfer "right to farm" policies to Crown foreshore and could override locally adopted zoning restrictions. With aquaculture considered a farm land use, Bill 48 could see finfish farms in Trust area waters, which is currently prohibited by local zoning. (Shellfish aquaculture is permitted in some shoreline zones.)

"Our islands are totally surrounded by shorelines, so this is a major issue for us," said Essig. "Coastal communities put a lot of energy and

thought into shoreline planning at the local level and they rely on it for many reasons. It causes a lot of problems when the province overrules the local efforts."

Sharon Bywater — a member of Salt Spring Island Residents for Responsible Land Use, the group organized to oppose the sablefish hatchery at Walker Hook — was thrilled with the UBCM vote.

"I hope the province's ears will be open and that the provincial government will listen to the communities," she said. "I think communities have a right to choose which industries they participate in. We're the ones who have to live with the impacts on our community, and the larger community that will be impacted by aquaculture."

Bywater said proposed Bill 48 should act as a "big wake-up call" to citizens whose voices are not being heard when it comes to province-wide legislation, including Bill 48 and the "working forest" initiative.

"I don't think the people who voted for the Liberal government thought this would be the end result — that their voices wouldn't be heard."

Liniger is also feeling optimistic because of a recently reached agreement between Trust Council and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). It covers public consultation, resource sharing, inter-agency communication and decision-making processes for areas of mutual interest.

"In conjunction with the letter of understanding with

the ALC and [the Bill 48 resolution], I think we have a chance, at least, of working far better with the ALC and protecting agricultural land from undesirable uses."

Essig was a bit more cautious, noting that while the UBCM support is "significant," Bill 48's ultimate fate will still be determined by the provincial legislature next month.

He urges people to express their opinion in writing to the Minister John Van Dongen and their MLA.

The UBCM convention ran in Vancouver September 22-26.

FUNNY MONEY

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Lee added the incidents are expensive for victimized individuals.

"This is significant because it's so large a bill," he said.

He added that two of the three individuals said they received the money from a teller at a local bank. Both individuals returned to the bank with police.

"It's really fortunate for the people who got them from the bank because they can get their money back, but once you're in possession it sounds like you're on the hook for it," said Lee.

Islands Saving branch manager Glen Barlow confirmed a customer returned to the credit union with a

counterfeit bill.

"We've had one returned," said Barlow.

He said he has observed few counterfeit bills during his five years with the institution.

"It's not very common here on Salt Spring," he said.

Lee added the incidents won't change how Thrifty's operates.

"We bought new detection units in July," he said. "We check everything. This doesn't really change anything. We just notify all of the other [Thrifty's] stores through e-mail but we haven't been e-mailed back."

This, said Lee, may mean the money originated from an on-island source.

Salt Spring police agree that's a high possibility.

RCMP sergeant Mike Giles said his detachment doesn't have detection units and relies on local businesses to catch potential fake bills.

"Thrifty's themselves have a screening process and that's our first line of defence," he said.

All suspect bills are sent to a currency examiner in Ottawa, said Giles.

The process can take up to four weeks.

In the meantime, Giles warns residents to use smaller bills.

"For the time being I would not use \$100 denominations, he said.

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SYUHE'MUN VISIT: Jenny Sam and her parents Laura and August Sylvester disembark onto the Walker Hook beach. The trio was accompanied by about 20 Penelakut First Nation members who took part in a Saturday visit and forum.

Photo by Carey Rudisill



FIRST NATIONS AT WALKER HOOK

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Robert Sam and Fred Mitchell.

Elders were joined by SSIRRLU members, lawyers Jack Woodward and Renee Racette, and local media.

Gene Bellavance, volunteer skipper for the day, ferried passengers on his 50-foot landing craft Moving Experience to Walker Hook, the area known as Syuhe'mun to the Penelakut.

Citizens group member Chris Acheson emphasized the day's intent.

"The main focus today is the cultural heritage of Walker Hook and the continuation of the heritage of the island," he said.

Lawyer Jack Woodward said the Penelakut were contacted because the issue also belongs to them.

"This is their ancestors who are buried there," he said. "Obviously it's a serious matter for them. The plan is to use the shell midden as a waste disposal site."

"Our preliminary view is that's not allowed under the provincial statute of the Heritage Conservation Act. It'd be like taking one of the cemeteries on Salt Spring and turning it into a sewage water disposal site."

Racette added that local First Nations weren't contacted enough during earlier stages.

"For the bulk of it, the Penelakut have very little knowledge and information given to them."

On the beach, several elders shared their concerns and memories.

Penelakut elder August Sylvester said he used to

come to Walker Hook as a child.

"Walker Hook is our campground," he said. "Midsummer we'd come here and wait for the tides."

Slyvester added that he and his wife Laura were the last in his family to come to the beach.

Acheson said the Penelakut are necessary partners in the fight against the Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. hatchery at Walker Hook.

"They need to give consent or withhold it," he said. "This is in its infancy — the first stage of development."

Slyvester shared wariness for the hatchery plan that involves use of injection wells to bring in and dispose of sea water for the operation.

"The erosion will start from underneath and wash our beach away," he said.

Slyvester hopes further wells aren't added.

"Near the box, that's where we found bones," he said. "It hurts to see we have to dig up our own people and re-bury them."

He said 13 bodies have been found so far.

August and Laura were hired to oversee archaeologists' work.

Both families were involved in "protection ceremonies." Laura said prayers were offered before digging commenced and her grandson Rocky Sam's face was painted as part of the ceremony.

August hopes the future he imagines doesn't happen.

"Soon we'll lose this and all the burial sites in here

will be damaged," he said. "We'll be back here digging up our people."

Other Penelakut elders emphasized the need for natives and non-natives to collaborate.

Leona Sylvester, August's sister, said she went to meetings but didn't realize the situation's severity.

"I really feel so sad today," she said. "The government really shouldn't give out a permit . . . They should evaluate the land first. I feel we're being abused."

During the afternoon forum, speakers discussed the past, present and future use of Walker Hook. Laura Sylvester opened and closed the event with a prayer and Racette welcomed audience members.

James introduced elder Roy Edwards, who talked about the past.

Other presenters were historian Daniel Marshall, broadcaster and environmentalist Briony Penn, Brian Wadhams, a councillor from Musganagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council in Alert Bay, Donna Martin and Sharon Bywater from the citizens' group, and lawyer

Woodward.

At the end of the forum, Woodward offered several options.

He prompted individuals to regularly write local MLA Murray Coell and place pressure on the Islands Trust and local trustees.

"The hatchery is not final," he said.

He invited the Penelakut to return.

"Come again, frequently," he said. "In fact, occupy Walker Hook."



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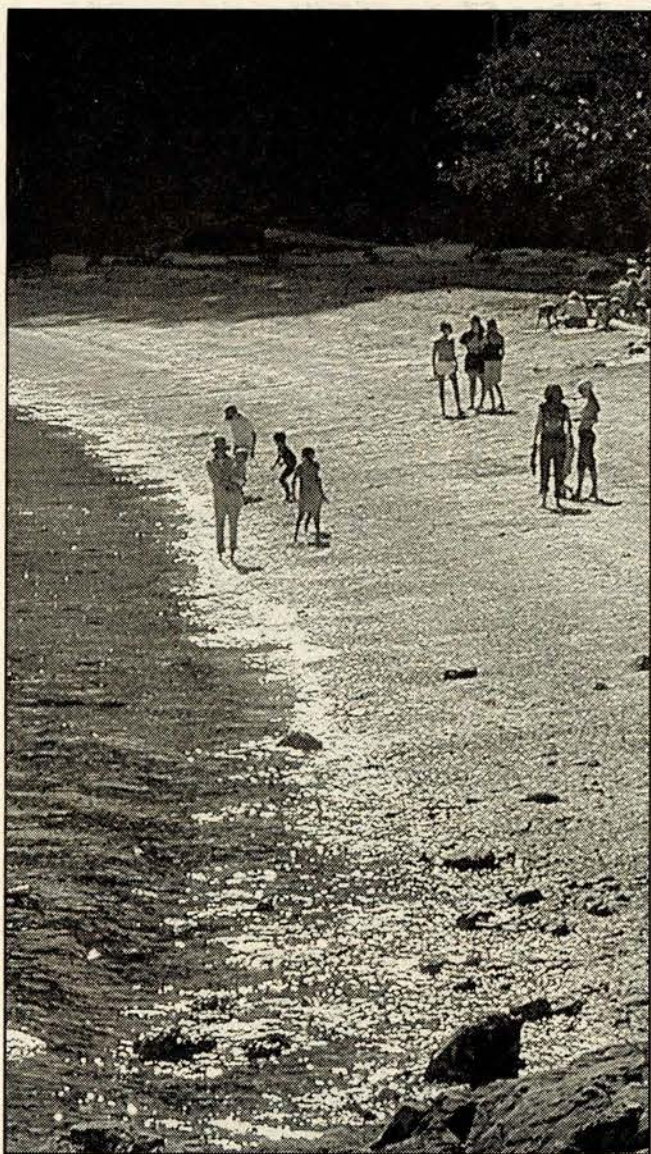
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INDIAN SUMMER: Glorious weather that feels more like summer than autumn drew islanders back to local beaches last weekend. Seen here are people enjoying the sun at Beddis Beach on Sunday.

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PARC subsidy of arts service would only occur in first year

Establishing an arts service would only impact the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) budget for one year, commissioners heard at their Monday night meeting.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is expected to vote next Wednesday on a bylaw that would establish tax-funded support for ArtSpring and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (CAC) Artists in the Schools program, subject to voter approval through a counter-petition process.

While it would allow a maximum requisition of \$38,000 per year, the intention is to request \$21,300 in tax support for the 2004 budget year, the same amount currently provided by PARC.

That is presently broken down into \$18,000 paid to the Island Arts Centre Society for ArtSpring operations and maintenance costs, and a \$3,300 grant to the CAC.

PARC finance committee chair Alix Granger asked for an explanation of reports that PARC would have to reduce its requisition

amount by \$21,300 for the 2004 budget year.

"This whole thing has to be really clearly clarified," she said.

PARC chair Bill Curtin explained that in meetings held between PARC and IACS representatives, it was understood the funding transition should be made without impact to island taxpayers, at least in the first year.

"We felt we shouldn't just take up the slack in our budget and cause a tax increase in the community," he explained.

Granger was especially concerned because PARC also intends to ask the CRD for more taxpayers' funds. PARC does not currently "tax to the max" allowed by its funding bylaw, but feels it must do so in future to fund operations and programs for the Rainbow Road rec site.

If the final arts service bylaw draft is passed by the CRD board October 8, it will trigger the counter-petition process.

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Handel trip to hospital delays court

A murder trial for former Salt Spring resident Jay Handel, who admitted killing his six children, was put on hold after he was taken to the hospital just before court was set to begin in Campbell River Tuesday.

Handel arrived at the courthouse from the jail cells just after 9 a.m., reported CBC online news Tuesday. Half an hour later, an ambulance took him to the hospital on a stretcher with his face covered by a blanket.

The accused killer was returned to the courthouse 90 minutes later but B.C. Supreme Court Justice Jim Taylor said Handel would not appear in court Tuesday.

Taylor had been set to begin the final phase of the Handel trial Tuesday morning.

Court was delayed two hours. The 46-year-old Salt Spring man is accused of murdering his six children (aged 2 to 11) last year in Quatsino on Vancouver Island.

He has pleaded not guilty by reason of a mental disorder.

Two psychiatrists testified Handel has personality disorders.

A psychiatrist testifying on Handel's behalf said an "adjustment disorder" prompted Handel to kill his children, though he knew what he was doing at the time.

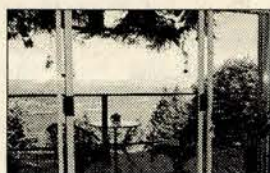
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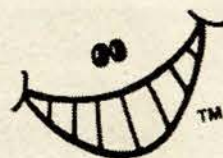
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Anise supporters and sleep-disturbed residents address liquor licence plan

Gathering public input on a proposed liquor licence amendment that would legalize dancing at Anise Restaurant drew a split crowd to Saturday's local Trust committee (LTC) meeting at Lions Hall.

From complaints of late-night noise emanating from the restaurant to general expressions of support, and the Trust's expressed displeasure at being dragged into a provincial government matter took the discussion far from the dance floor.

Even when it came to the primary complaint of some residents attending the meeting — that music and associated noise was disturbing some peoples' sleep — it

was noted the Capital Regional District (CRD), not the Trust, has jurisdiction over noise.

But Churchill Road residents described how the CRD bylaw enforcement officer and RCMP had been unable to solve the problem, and direct requests for restaurant operators to reduce the noise had also failed.

Concerns about the licence amendment potentially creating more noise were also expressed in five letters to the Trust.

Some people at the meeting suggested the two issues were not connected. Since the restaurant's licence would still allow music and

beer sales only until 1 a.m., having dancing patrons would not increase the noise problem.

Trustee Kimberly Linerger wondered, however, if the kind of bands that inspire dancing would potentially create more noise.

Others noted Anise provided a much-needed performance venue for musicians of all ages.

"It serves an important role on the island for young people to play," said Derrick Milton.

Trustee Eric Booth asked that staff refer the application to the CRD bylaw enforcement department and RCMP for more information on the history before Trust

comments were provided to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB).

LTC chair David Essig was clear about his distaste for spending so much Trust time on a commercial business issue due to recent changes in LCLB procedures.

"This is political mayhem as far as we're concerned," he said. "[The province] is giving us zero resources to do this and it's well outside the mandate of the Islands Trust."

Trustees felt they needed more time before deciding whether or not to endorse the liquor licence change in their comments to the LCLB.

Fire demos at Saturday open house

The Salt Spring Fire Department is opening its doors for a welcome instead of a rescue during the annual open house Saturday.

Firefighters will be on hand to make demonstrations, showcase equipment and offer safety tips at the Ganges fire hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., said organizer Capt. A.J. George.

One of the open house's highlights will be a two-car collision simulation involving extrication with the "Jaws of Life" tools at noon, he said.

"It will be more of a show than teaching as we have

done in the past."

The open house will also include "some pretty cool door prizes, a Kelowna fire slide show playing all day, lots of kids' activities and things to see for any future firefighter," George said.

Children will be able to ride one of the fire trucks, use a fire hose to put out a mock house fire and check out the antique fire truck on display.

George also urges families to not miss Sparky the Fire Dog.

"Bring your camera and have your children's picture taken with the world's

coolest dog," advised George.

The event kicks off Fire Prevention Week, said George.

"Basically, it's an opportunity for people to see the equipment, see what we do and learn some tips for fire safety."

Fire hall visitors will also have a chance to register for the free Infant CPR course offered by the fire department.

The course runs 7-9 p.m. October 14 at the Ganges fire hall.

In addition to CPR for young children, the life-sav-

ing course also teaches choking response procedures and protocols for respiratory problems, he said.

"This is a very important tool for any parent's tool box."

To register for Infant CPR, visit the open house or call the fire department office (537-2531) or e-mail George (trainingofficer@telus.net).

For further course dates, fire department information, and/or safety and fire prevention tips, check out the department's website (www.saltspringfire.com).

Green party MP set to view recycling facility

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

Salt Spring will show off more than shops and shorelines Friday when New Zealand member of parliament Rod Donald tours the Rainbow Road recycling facility.

B.C. Green Party leader Adrian Carr will accompany Donald, who has been a NZ Green Party MP for Aotearoa since 1996. Carr and Donald plan to be at the Rainbow Road facility at 3 p.m.

In addition, a public gathering will be held from 6-8 p.m. at StarBooks, where Donald will discuss how green politics has affected New Zealand.

Carr said Donald called her because of a promise he made back home.

"He had made an electoral agreement to bring in bottle

deposit legislation which would require deposits on bottles so that they would get recycled and reused," said Carr. "So he came to North America."

Carr added that so far Donald had toured facilities in California, Oregon, Washington and now in B.C.

She sees Salt Spring's facility as an example of how well recycling can work within a rural community.

Salt Spring Island Recycling Depot manager Peter Grant hopes to share the importance of recycling with the two politicians.

"Part of the whole thing with recycling is constant education, getting the word out," he said.

Apparently, the word is out.

"We heard Salt Spring has a real great recycling program," said Carr. "It's

important for Mr. Donald to see recycling done in smaller communities. New Zealand has similar geography with some large centres but mainly a rural country.

"It's important to know that one size doesn't fit all. Legislation and implementation have to be flexible to meet diverse community needs."

Grant said he will show Donald the depot's set-up and the Capital Regional District (CRD) model.

The Gulf Islands are the exception within the CRD model, he noted.

"The majority of the CRD is curbside collection," he said. "We take way more materials than the Blue Box program."

He said it isn't unusual for travellers to notice differences in other countries' recycling programs.

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Enrolment restores SIMS band program

Despite budget cutbacks that threatened band program cuts in June, the halls are still alive with music at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS).

When school district planning was done in the spring, it appeared the program would have only one teacher for September.

"Mitch Howard, because of seniority, was pushed out of a job," explained SIMS principal Kevin Vine. "It would've been scaled back, but Bruce Creswick is a highly competent band teacher."

But unexpectedly higher enrolment in September helped secure both Creswick and Howard for the year.

Some 325 students enrolled at the school compared to 297 in June.

"Twenty-seven or so students generates a fair amount of staffing," said Vine. "There was .3 [full-time-equivalent positions] available. It allowed us to expand the band program, library time and learning assistance."

Creswick will teach Grade 6 band while Howard oversees grades 7-8.

Vine added the school is lucky to have the two teachers.

"Bruce has been at this school since it opened eight years ago," he said. "He's been doing band since the beginning."

The band has also won awards under Creswick's tutelage.

Mitch Howard started at SIMS two years ago.

"Mitch is really keen to do this and because of this we're able to offer programs," said Vine. "He's someone who's volunteering a lot of his time."

SIMS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) chair Kristina Kilbourn is also excited about the news.

"One third of the school is involved — about 100 students — in the program," said Kilbourn. "As a parent and [part of] a parent group, when we're talking about that many students we completely support what's best for the students."

She added PAC members were disappointed and upset last June and had presented their concerns to the school board.

"When the dust had settled I thought personally the band program would be okay," she said.

Back at SIMS, Vine doesn't know what next year holds for the band program.

"You cannot predict that sort of thing," he said. "You never know where funding is going to change. Things always pop up when you don't expect it and people move."

Potholes disappearing; Stewart could see design work next year

Motorists could be surprised to find fewer potholes on island roads once JJM maintenance crews complete a routine paving project this week.

Noticeably absent from Cedar Lane/Mansell Road-area residents is the pothole that housed a small, decorated Christmas tree last December.

"We try to keep the paving at a steady average to nibble away at the problem areas," said JJM assistant maintenance manager Mark Stevens.

JJM crews have targetted areas that pose safety concerns, have high traffic volume and/or long-term maintenance difficulties, he said.

"We've done some of the side roads on Cedar Lane, Isle View Drive and Salt Spring Way. They're going to be doing some work in

the Blackburn bog area."

Paving crews will conduct 10,000-12,000 square metres of patching, Stevens said.

"If you were to put it out on a typical six-metre-wide road, you'd be looking at about two kilometres."

The paving project falls within JJM's regular maintenance plan, he noted.

"That's a typical program for the maintenance patching on Salt Spring each year. It's not unusually large and not unusually small; it's right in the middle of the bell curve."

JJM also works in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) to improve the infrastructure, Stevens added.

"We did something along those lines at the bottom end of Musgrave Road earlier this year."

The maintenance contrac-

tor did gravel and drainage work for the Musgrave project while MOT completed paving, he said.

Although Stewart Road hasn't been included in any paving plans this year, island motorists can still cling to a shoulder of hope for the near future.

"I want to try and get it on the plan for next year," said MOT district technician Bob Webb.

Paving Stewart Road will involve a significant amount of excavation and support work, he said.

"What we're hoping for is some detailed design work this year."

And while many islanders might each have their own pet areas for paving improvements, Stevens indicated there are many steps to road maintenance, even for smaller areas than Stewart Road.

"You can't just throw down blacktop and hope the problems will go away. They'll be back in spades in a few years."

Other maintenance work, such as clearing ditches, replacing culverts and regrading gravel, is equally important.

"They all fit together as a big whole. You can't just throw blacktop on top of a poorly constructed road base with insufficient drainage because it will just break up and you won't get the benefit of the expenditure on the asphalt."

A well-constructed road with a good base and adequate drainage can expect a lifespan of 25 to 30 years.

And while a few island roads will continue to jar motorists with gaping cavities, JJM will keep plugging away on those problem areas.

Total burn ban returns

All types of burning are again prohibited on Salt Spring.

Fire chief Dave Enfield said "nothing at all" is allowed due to the lack of rain.

"There's a high to extreme rating right now. The forests are tinder dry and it's easy ignition right now."

People are advised to check with the department in the next few weeks to see when the ban lifts.

The department plans to revisit its position on Monday, October 6.

A ban on some forms of burning was temporarily lifted following a brief spell of rainy, cooler weather.

Gas at off-island price

Gas-price crusader Sid Filkow bought fuel on Salt Spring for off-island prices last week.

Filkow reported he had stopped at a local station to purchase \$30 worth of gas for his camper van.

When the attendant passed the \$100 mark, he commented on how much gas the vehicle could

hold.

Filkow pointed out he had asked for only \$30, which naturally alarmed the attendant when he realized that was the case, he said.

But Filkow said the two parties struck a deal giving "off-island prices" to the fill-up instead.



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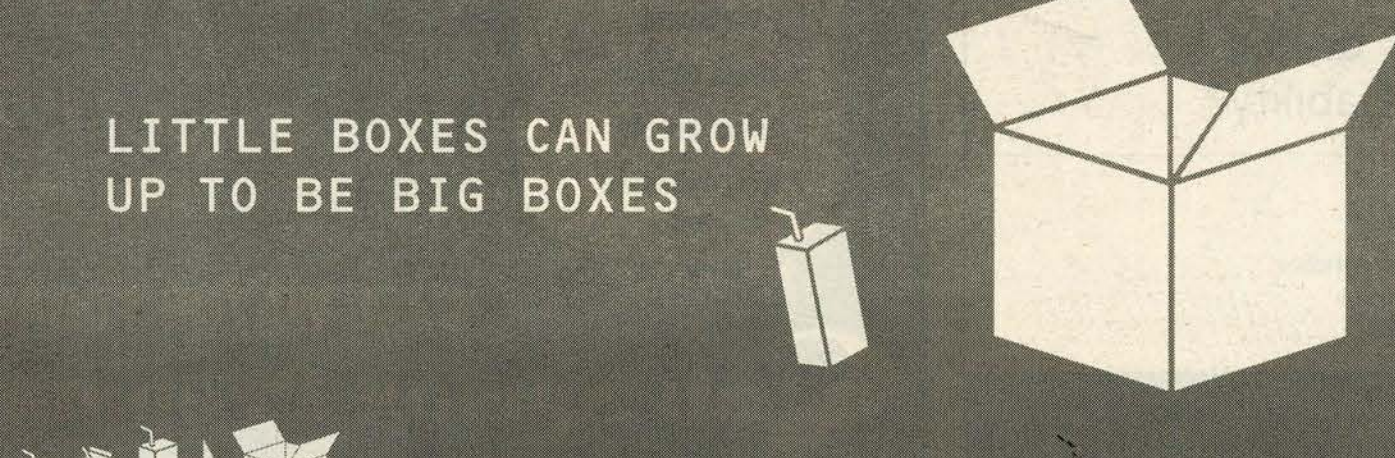
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Saanich elders at potluck

Elders from the Tsawout First Nation in Saanich are coming to Salt Spring on Thursday, October 2 for a potluck social event that is open to the public.

The Tsawout (pronounced tSAY-out) live at Saanichton Bay on the east shore of the Saanich Peninsula.

In May of last year, Chief Allan Claxton and his brother Earl Claxton Jr. came to Salt Spring during the treaty referendum campaign and spoke to an overflow crowd at the Lions Hall. Tomorrow they will return, along with members of the Tsawout Council and a large group of elders.

According to Phil Vernon of the host group, Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation, organizers have arranged for the Tsawout to be treated to some "old-time Salt Spring hospitality with a potluck lunch at Beaver Point Hall."

Following lunch, the elders, chief and council members will address the gathering with reminiscences, as well as present-day concerns, such as the impact of the newly declared Gulf Islands National Park in their traditional territory. There will be time for questions and answers.

As Vernon points out, "Of the many beautiful areas on Salt Spring Island, the 30-acre Tsawout Reserve at the south corner of Fulford Harbour occupies a special place in islanders' hearts."

Thursday's event will be an opportunity to hear the concerns of the Tsawout people and to learn more about aboriginal history in our area, said Vernon.

"It is also a time to honour the elders of a culture that has been rooted in these islands for thousands of years, and to express our appreciation to the Tsawout First Nation for continued access to the reserve land."

Doors open at 11:45 for those bringing contributions for the potluck, which will begin at noon. People wishing to come only for the speakers can arrive at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Jacqueline Thomas at 653-4653.



EARTH WORK: Simon Fraser University students spend some time on Salt Spring studying the island's geographical make-up. Here, they are seen at Beddis Beach.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Salt Spring Island Foundation invites new grant applications

Registered charitable groups have the month of October to submit grant applications for the next disbursement of funds from the Salt Spring Island Foundation (SSIF).

Approximately \$28,000 is available.

Any organization wishing to apply for a grant may obtain guidelines on how to do so by contacting SSIF executive assistant Ruth Pepin at 538-1939 (or e-mail lrpepin@salt-spring.com) or SSIF board chair Bob Rush at 537-2501 or rush@saltspring.com.

Deadline for submission of grant applications is October 31.

SSIF disburses funds twice each year, and over \$14,000 in grants was approved last May.

Recipient groups and projects were:

- Salt Spring Island Public Library, applied toward the cost of a computer providing e-mail service for library users.
- Salt Spring Island Public Transportation Society, as a start-up grant for a proposed

safe hitchhiking program, scheduled to get underway in 2004.

• Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS), as a matching grant for classroom surround-sound systems, which are particularly valuable for students who face various challenges in the classroom environment. The foundation has helped fund similar systems in SIMS and Fernwood Elementary classrooms.

• Roots of Empathy, a national program for preventing violence through the development of empathy in children from kindergarten to Grade 7. This year the B.C. Ministry of Early Childhood and Development provided basic funding for province-wide delivery. The SSIF grant was for materials used by the three volunteer instructors presenting the program in Salt Spring public schools.

• School District 64, for the purchase of a computer program to help students who experience speech difficulties improve their listening com-

prehension and self-esteem.

• Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association, for a mirror and riding block to help children mount the horses.

• Greenwoods Foundation, for a power-controlled bed, which, in addition to enhancing services to residents, will ease the workload of staff.

• Islands Trust Fund, for maintenance needs, including replacing asbestos insulation and addressing urgent safety concerns at The Ruby Alton Nature Reserve on Isabella Point Road.

The SSIF mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community by supporting a wide range of worthy on-island charitable organizations.

Funds are raised by investing the small and large donations of thoughtful citizens in an endowment fund, and then annually distributing the income generated by the capital.

Donations to the foundation are always welcome. Contact either Pepin or Rush for more information.

Plane seen 'limping' to shore

Tuesday afternoon Scott Point resident Don Goddyn was relaxing at home when he heard a loud bang.

Goddyn said he looked at his window to see a plane limping towards shore.

"It was quite a big bang," he said. "They must have hit the water pretty bad."

No one could confirm the plane was in distress by presstime Tuesday; however, sources said it was possible the plane "beached itself."

"It was tilting weird to one

side," Goddyn said. "And then it limped into the area."

Goddyn noted that the plane bypassed the dock.

"It went into the beach and straight up onto the rock," he said.

He noticed a two-foot difference between the wings.

"The right wing is high, the left wing is low."

While Goddyn didn't see anyone get out, his wife Elaine did.

"She said they seemed to climb out the top — a man and

a girl," he said.

Don added that he couldn't hear the engine.

"It almost looks like they used the battery power to turn the prop to get to the shore."

Coast guard officer in charge Sid Jones said he hadn't heard any reports of a plane needing help.

Captain Steve Eyre at the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Victoria said this isn't unusual.

"It's pretty common for float plans to beach themselves."

Geezers lose scrotum

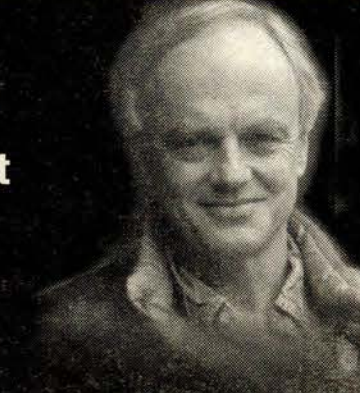
Arvid and Sid have lost their scrotum and don't know where to find it.

They're hoping someone has found the unique prop for their Scrotum Dialogues show, which was discovered missing just before showtime on Saturday night.

Arvid Chalmers said it may have been left behind after being propped up against a car on either Salt Spring or Gabriola islands. Loss of the critical item forced some fancy foot-and-hand-work Saturday.

Chalmers said they had to cobble together a new scrotum from two wool blankets "that were unfortunately not the same colour," some rubber tubing, duct tape and the Swami's hat.

If anyone finds what may be the missing item, they should call Chalmers at 537-5568 or Sid Filkow at 537-9596.



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Bill 48 resolution should count

Gulf Islands taxpayers can breathe a little easier following Solicitor General Rich Coleman's September 24 announcement that a planned downloading of policing costs to unincorporated communities and municipalities will be delayed until at least 2007.

Coleman made the statement to a room full of cranky local government representatives at the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) convention in Vancouver, heading off what could have been a fresh flood of protest. The minister had already received ample flak about a government proposal to raise some \$54 million per annum through a new property tax that would have seen an estimated \$100 jump in the average bill of a Salt Spring homeowner next year.

The scheme had already been postponed for a second look by the government after making an unpopular debut last year, and the move couldn't possibly be considered welcome baggage heading into a 2005 election.

We can only hope the government applies the same kind of consideration to a resolution adopted unanimously at the UBCM gathering. It requested withdrawal of Bill 48, the Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Statutes Amendment Act, 2003.

If passed, Bill 48 won't impact property owners directly on tax bills like the downloading of police costs, but it would effectively overturn local governments' shoreline zoning rules when it comes to restricting aquaculture.

While encouraging economic activity is a laudable goal, and the merits and impacts of aquaculture itself can be debated ad infinitum, individual communities should ultimately have some say about the commercial use of public waters.

If islanders, for example, had moved to dump the Trust-area prohibition of finfish farms seeking economic benefits that might result, that would be a different matter.

But even using that measure alone, aquaculture's value is debatable for communities whose economies rely on nature and seashore-loving tourists.

UBCM politicians represent large and small communities throughout the province and are more directly accountable to their voters. Unanimous sentiment should count for something.

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Rare and special places not protected by government

By DONNA MARTIN

Anyone who has seen Walker Hook recognizes that it is a special place. Even our government has recognized and documented that there are three rare and fragile, sensitive ecosystems on this site: a salt marsh wetland, a sparsely vegetated sand spit and a coastal bluff/woodland complex. Only 1.9 per cent of the entire Gulf Islands contains either wetland, sparsely vegetated or coastal bluff ecosystems. Walker Hook contains all three.

Environment Canada has stated that even minor changes to wetland hydrology, or limited changes in nitrogen or phosphorous levels can harm and reduce

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the area in which specific wetland inhabitants can live.

Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. has dug up this fragile spit and is planning on pumping the hatchery effluent into it. The tombolo (sandspit) is one of the largest archaeological sites recorded in the southern gulf islands. First Nations used this land sustainably for hundreds of years, and they were able to keep it pristine. There is no siting criteria for aquaculture development that

recognizes the fragility of this area. It is a tragedy that an industrial aquaculture facility can be sited in an environmentally sensitive area and filter its effluent through a first nations gravesite.

Perhaps the greater tragedy is that our government and industry don't recognize when development is inappropriate and when to protect rare and special places.

As a community we've had many meetings with our trustees and with government officials with standing room only attendance; we have written a record number of letters to our trustees, we have written to all govern-

ment levels and parties and received polite replies thanking us for our concern. We have requested an environmental impact study. The Islands Trustees did not approve the subdivision of this land for the purpose of this development. It was a government decision in opposition to local input that allowed this project to proceed.

The provincial government is using the right to farm act to disregard local democracy. While we see Walker Hook as worthy of protection, the provincial government and industry see it as an economic opportunity. Our letters and our trustees' recommendations have been disregarded

and ignored. First Nations know better than anyone what happens when industry and government ignore people, how we lose culture, heritage and environment.

The irony is Environment Canada supports our efforts to conserve this ecologically valuable site, yet the provincial liberal government is determined to ram aquaculture down our throats to the benefit of a few and to the huge cost of our collective legacy to future generations.

Donna Martin works with SSI Residents for Responsible Land Use in opposition to the industrialization of Walker Hook.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: it's not that I don't believe in conspiracies. I do. I just don't happen to believe in the same ones that Ken Rouleau does. The best part about conspiracy theories is that they're impossible to refute. Most experts in the field that's the subject of the "conspiracy" don't bother to respond to the arguments put forward by the theorists.

That's because, in many cases, the arguments are so outlandish, bizarre, or simply whacko, they don't deserve a response. When an expert chooses to respond (usually out of frustration that people are buying into the theory) he is either ignored by the theorists or, much worse, labelled as part of the conspiracy.

Which is what happened to me when I suggested that chemtrails were nothing more than contrails from aircraft, or funny-looking clouds. If I really were part of the chem-

trails conspiracy, I'd make sure there was an ingredient in those chemtrails that we sprinkle over Salt Spring (whoops!) that would make chemtrail-believers not believe in chemtrails anymore. Duh!

A well-known example of these groups is the "flat earth society" who believe the earth is flat, though they're not so much "conspiracy theorists" as "mistake-theorists." They believe that this whole "earth as a sphere" thing started by accident back in the 1500s after Columbus came back from his last trip. Queen Isabella had paid Chris a lot of money to find a short-cut

to India. Instead, he got lost and found North America, so he knew he had to convince her the trips were worthwhile. Chris spent night after night regaling Her Majesty with stories of strange looking people, exotic plants and ferocious animals. In the midst of one of his tales, Isabella held up her hand and said, "Christopher, your world is hysterical." Everyone thought she said "spherical" and, since one doesn't argue with a Queen, that's how it stayed to this very day.

Then there are the folks who believe that American

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astronauts have never landed on the moon. Hey, that one's easy to refute. Go rent a video of any of those walks on the moon in the 1970s. Look at the surface of the moon. See any Big Mac wrappers? Any Slurpee containers? Any cigarette butts? No. No sign of previous American activity. Think about it. Clearly, those videos were shot on the moon, 'cause they sure weren't filmed anywhere in the States.

For those of you who assume I don't believe in any conspiracy theories, you're wrong. The one I do believe in is more sinister, more far-reaching, than any. George W. Bush is not human. He's a robot - a cyborg to be precise.

In the early 1980s, after Ronald Reagan was seriously wounded by a would-be assassin's bullets, the U.S.

Secret Service became so paranoid about a president being assassinated that they began an ultra-secret program called "PROBE" - an acronym for "Presidential ROBotic Entity. PROBE was developed by DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) and the project was hidden from the eyes of all but a handful of people, by routing the funding through three or four agencies, including the NSA (National Security Agency) and the CIA.

Although it sounds improbable, think about it. If you were the CIA, the Secret Service or the US Military, would you put the President in situations where he was vulnerable to attack? Of course not.

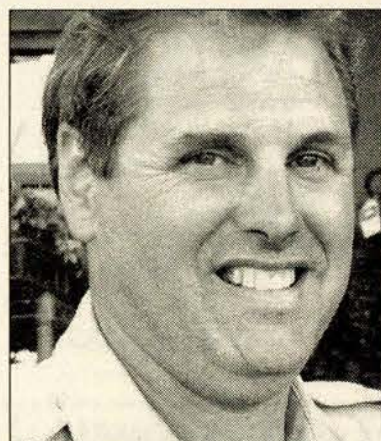
The first working models

of presidents didn't perform well at all. If you play back some videos of George Bush senior, you can pick out scenes where there were problems with the cyborg-pres. Find a video of the state dinner in China where he supposedly "puked" in his dinner then passed out. If you look at it slowly, you can clearly see that his actions and voice start to slow down about a minute before he "got sick." One arm doesn't appear to work. The "puke" is obviously a programmed distraction, so that no one would notice the robot was malfunctioning. A waiter who cleaned up afterwards alerted Chinese authorities that the "stuff" on the table was not vomit at all, but canned chicken soup.

Conversely, there's a theory going around in Ottawa that Jean Chretien is not an alien or a robot: he's actually human. Now that one is hard to swallow.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What is your favourite beach on Salt Spring and why?*



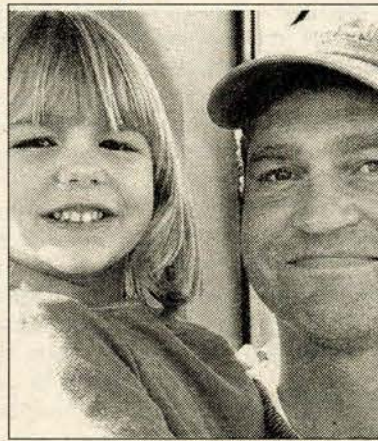
Roland Temmel
Vesuvius beach. There's lots of evening sun, good swimming and just a few people.



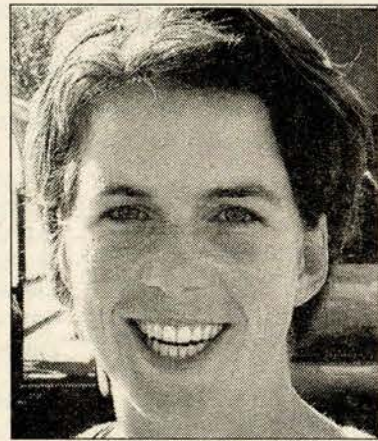
Phyllis Atwood and Paddy Bruce
Southey Point. We used to live there. We were right on the waterfront and looked out at Wallace Island. We used to clam there.



Shealyn Jackson
Probably Scott Point. It's peaceful.



Sydney and Brian McGrea
Sydney: Beddis beach because it has lots of shells. Bryan: White Shell beach at Southey Point. It has nice white sand.



Sarah Stoffelsma
I like Maxwell Lake because of the dragonflies there.

Letters to the Editor

Revelation

For all the frustration and even anguish it stirred up for me, I'm still glad I went to Saturday's local Trust committee meeting: it also afforded me a moment of genuine revelation.

The topic was the massive rock and gravel mining operation Larry Bader wants to operate on Flo Fraser's lot on Jasper Road. From the back of the room someone asked the blindingly obvious question: How was it possible for anyone to even imagine he could spend five years blasting, drilling, and crushing rock and gravel right in the middle of a residential neighbourhood — let alone confidently expect the province to hand him a permit to make it all legal?

David Essig, who was chairing the meeting, could only reply, "Welcome to B.C." Meaning, welcome to a province where, by law, the unrestrained extraction of natural resources triumphs over every other value.

And I got it — the missing link between mining and short-term vacation rentals.

Salt Spring Island is part of B.C. We live in a province that squeezes every last penny of profit from its natural resources until there is nothing left. No more salmon, no more bears, no more old-growth forests.

And if tourists are Salt Spring's natural resource, then we'll squeeze every last penny out of them too until there's nothing left of our island to attract them.

And then, when the tourists have all fled to somewhere else that reminds them of how Salt Spring used to be, and abandoned quarries dot the island, let's hope there's still something left of our neighbourhoods and our community to help sustain us.

MURRAY REISS,
Fulford

Sad decision

We recently took a trip to north-central B.C.; farthest north, Fort St. John.

We bought gas at seven stations during the trip. Prices were in the 80s, except in Dawson Creek, where it was 66.9 cents per litre.

Since we believe(d) in

buying locally, we didn't "gas-up" before coming back to Salt Spring. And locally, we found the price was 95+ cents per litre. We didn't fill up.

We will, in the future, buy our gas off-island. We looked over our records as to prices we paid on our trip. At the seven stations at which we bought fuel, the average price per litre was 82.3 cents a litre. The extra cost for buying gas on Salt Spring is over eight dollars per tank (our tank holds 60 litres).

Do the station operators on Salt Spring really expect us to believe that it costs over 13 cents a litre (how many litres in a tank truck and trailer load of gas?) more to supply Salt Spring Island than it does to supply Chetwynd or Fort St. John?

My apologies to the other businesses on Salt Spring. Obviously, the savings on a tank of gas won't pay for the ferry fare to go to Vancouver Island. So it becomes necessary to buy whatever else we can when we go for gas. There's Real Canadian Superstore, Wal-Mart, Canadian Tire, Home Depot,

etc., which will help make up the cost of having to get fuel away from Salt Spring.

I suggest that as many residents of Salt Spring as possible do the same as we are doing. Also, write to the parent companies of the island fuel suppliers and avoid buying their products whenever you can.

With sadness . . .
DON SLOTTEN,
Salt Spring

Precedent

As many of your readers are aware, an application has been made to the Islands Trust for amenity transfer zoning of some land in Trincomali Heights.

Amenity? What this actually means is that the Trust can increase a property's density limit in exchange for cash. In this case the density is to be increased from nine lots to 15 and the price is \$150,000. "You scratch my back and I will scratch yours."

You don't believe it? Trust me; it's true. The application has been made under Sections B.5.2.5.2.3 and H.3.2 of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan. Anyone interested in

understanding how this works can read the voluminous original documents on: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islandgovernments/saltspring/saltspring.htm or, if you look on www.saltspring.com/brochmann/trincomali you will find the facilitating sections reproduced and explained.

One would hope that the local Trust Committee will have the sense to reject the scheme — but there is no guarantee they will.

This may sound facetious, but seriously; can someone tell me the difference between what may happen here and announcing for all to hear, "Come to Salt Spring; we sell zoning densities. You got cash? No problem; we'll look after you."?

Aside from the principle, there is the fact that zoning is the only mechanism by which some sort of future maximum population level can be established. But once we start selling density changes, where should we stop? Could we stop?

Present zoning — if we don't fiddle with it — is assumed to cap Salt Spring's population at around 19,000.

Something wrong with that?

I suggest that the local Trust committee should be careful with this one, and that these sections of the OCP ought to be re-thought. Once a precedent is set . . .

HAROLD BROCHMANN,
Southbank Drive

Gas notes

I found last week's article on the high price of island gas to make interesting reading. Last week, when passing through Duncan, I was able to buy regular gas at a discount for 74.9 cents/litre.

Despite a reported eight-cent-per-litre spread (Patterson's 87.9 to Payless' 95.9) in the cost of regular gas last week between the four island outlets, you quoted Mary Ann McColl of Shell as saying, "I found when we did signs (that) the prices were all the same."

"Payless" has had a long-standing habit of not posting their gas prices. Perhaps they should change their name to "Pay-Guess."

ALAN CLEWS,
Canvasback Place

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New-hat columnist scrounging up a well-fitting helmet

It's happened again. For the fourth time in 12 years I am wearing a different hat. Any one of these four hats could easily serve a person well throughout his working life.

Any one of these hats would be enough to domesticate, buy a house, maybe a little vacation once a year, maybe squirrel away an RRSP for a rainy day. But let me back up.

Like a lot of Salt Springers with years to go before the seniors passes kick in, I arrived on Salt Spring with a couple of dollars, no job and no clue — no plan whatsoever. Not satisfied with my rakish urban lifestyle and even less satisfied with my vacuous career choices, I came to Salt Spring to turn a new leaf, a tabula rasa, to reinvent myself.

And reinvent I did.

Armed with little more

than a Mac computer and a couple of programs, I became a graphic designer. My credentials for hanging this impressive shingle were that I used to play squash once a week with a graphic designer in my former life as a rake. Work appeared at my door and no matter what form it took, I had one refrain . . . "I can do that!"

Of course, I had no idea how to do that and spent endless hours in front of the Mac, poring through manuals and constantly pestering my ex-squash partner. And I learned how to do it — in time and on budget. Soon I was designing logos for Channel Ridge, menus for the Hastings House and lay-

PERSONALLY SPEAKING
BY PETER VINCENT



ing out magazines without as much as a correspondence course under my belt.

My partner at the time, fresh off 10 years of drudgery in the banking industry, was also at loose ends. She thought it might be nice to open a little gym. Credentials? Well, we both used to work out in the city. Good enough.

So with about eight grand worth of equipment, and big smiles, we opened North End Fitness. That got really busy really fast, so we quickly got some real credentials and forged ahead. The graphic design business became history.

A couple of years into the gym business, we needed some sort of background music that didn't have any commercials or fast talking DJs, and that didn't involve tapes or CDs, or anything that required actual effort to operate. Satellite TV was just coming onstream then, so I bought a system and spent hours figuring out how to install the damn thing. But it worked, and it was great!

People in the gym started asking me if I could get them a system. Again, the refrain was "I can do that!" And again, not having a clue.

Within a month I became the first small satellite dealer on Salt Spring. Business was brisk. My partner took over the lion's share of the gym, and I spent my time going up and down ladders, shimmying up trees, and crawling through some truly awful crawlspaces. Salt Spring

things happened (I don't want to talk about it) and I wound up owning the fitness centre and running around with the satellites.

Somewhere along the line, I got annoyed at something — I believe it was witnessing truckloads of hunters coming over on the ferry to kill a few island deer. Ignoring that inner voice that whispered to me to be a good businessman and don't rock anybody's boat, I banged together an inflammatory letter and fired it off to the Driftwood.

It must have been a slow news week. It was printed and it caused a minor uproar that continued on for weeks. What fun!

I sent in a few more articles over a 12-month period, and eventually the Driftwood caved in and offered me my own little corner of the paper.

"I can do that!"

So there it is . . . I have

been "outed."

More importantly, it is just the nature of Salt Spring to be generous and accepting . . . willing to give anyone and everything a chance. We've got rastas and witches and gays and Buddhists and artists and Internet gurus and you name it, you will find one on Salt Spring.

If you can walk the walk, rather than just talking the talk, you will do OK on this island.

I heard a great expression once: "Take heart. Get out of your own way."

So, to all the Gen-Xes and 20-somethings out there who don't see any chances, that the world is a veil of tears — opportunities are everywhere. Just open your eyes.

And I am truly grateful to the Driftwood for this little space. And this new hat.

pvincent@saltspring.com

Farce

Somebody, please, have the wherewithal to put the ill-named research committee on vacation rentals out of its misery.

Wind it up, pull the plug, call it a wrap, invoke the gods of closure, but move on.

Three months of discussion meandering from bore to snore has produced one document, a list of accommodations — including 200-plus vacation rentals the addresses of many continuing to be concealed.

If not for foot-dragging by rental proponents on the committee, this list, its contents being readily available, could have been tabled by the second or third meeting.

For reasons known only to themselves, the trustees chose not to hire a bona-fide consultant to investigate rentals on Salt Spring in light of the experience of other communities. Consequently, there will be no verifiable facts, statistics, or conclusions to inform the APC or the community at large.

Lack of guidance from the trustees and the chair has led to weeks of bluster, belligerence, pontification, finger-pointing, back-peddalling, and general silliness. Too many have characterized the committee's deliberations as a farce, a charade, a waste of time.

Not all has been lost, however. Whatever the ineptitude of the committee, its sheer presence has allowed many community groups, residential associations and concerned individuals to become informed and to make their opposition known.

One of the weird aspects of this whole process has been the trustees' apparent acquiescence to the notion that owners and managers of vacation rentals are justifiably aggrieved. Perhaps, this explains why the rumour about "grandfathering in" illegal rentals con-

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tinues to circulate.

To forestall yet another season of illegal rentals, the trustees should declare a moratorium on bookings until the matter is resolved. Failure to do so will simply compound the suspicion that the current trustees will do little to enforce bylaw violations against those who exploit what makes this island a desirable place to live.

CHARLES BRETHER,
Harbourside

Prevent it

There are far-reaching issues to consider regards the current submission to operate another quarry just off Stewart Road.

I live south of the proposed mine. The 23-acre property has a very large spring-fed pond upon it fed also by a seasonal creek that flows in front of the house and into the pond. The outflow from the pond/creek is into Stowel Creek/Lake via Tanner Creek.

Salmon enhancement biologist Kathy Reimer placed Stowel Lake cutthroat trout in our pond this past summer and she mentioned that we have more water run-off down here because of the development of the subdivision beside Peter Arnell Park, which is the site of the proposed mine. I imagine that if the water table, run-off, etc. is adversely affected in the subdivision because of the mine, it will work its way down here and into Stowel Creek and the lake.

If the longer southern route is chosen to transport gravel from the proposed mine in order to avoid the unpaved section of Stewart and Cusheon Lake roads, it should be noted that it appears Stewart Road has not been well-engineered in this direction either, because every year quite a few cars, cyclists and skate-

boarders run off Stewart Road in front of my house.

Additionally, the intersection of Stewart and Beaver Point roads is especially poorly engineered and can be difficult and unsafe, even for cars, much more so for large trucks with possibly even trailers attached.

Children from Stewart Road must walk south on Stewart to Beaver Point Road to catch their school bus and there are other bus stops along Beaver Point Road (which has been designated along with Cusheon Lake Road as a heritage road).

Further down Beaver Point Road is the ferry traffic with line-ups that can in peak season stretch well past the next hairpin intersection off Beaver Point Road where it meets the ferry traffic from Fulford village.

This southern route from the proposed mine is also right beside the Stowel Lake public swimming area, which is seasonally congested with cars, vans, etc. parking on Beaver Point Road as many children and their families favour Stowel Lake in order to enjoy what is left of our "natural" world.

Any fool can see that the Beaver Point Road route is

no better than the Cusheon Lake route.

Please, everyone — write letters to the Ministry of Mines and MLAs, Trust, etc. E-mail addresses are available from the Stewart Road Residents Association (srra@angledesign.ca), so please write with your individual concerns as soon as possible, as the Trust says it is this that can influence the Minister of Mines in his final decision.

Time is of the essence, so do what you can to protect this sensitive environment and residential location.

Let us hope for good resolution of these concerns. Let the good of the whole prevail. Thanks for listening!

J. CAMPBELL,
Salt Spring

Only defence

As we see the issues pile up in front of our trustees, such as vacation rentals, time shares on Channel Ridge, sell-outs on Trincomali, gravel pits in residential neighbourhoods, floatel in the harbour etc., one is struck by the realization that these are all birds of a feather.

In each case an individual or group has decided that their narrow commercial interest must take precedence

over the expressed will of the community as written in the OCP. Their approach is to either operate in defiance of the OCP and bylaws (vis a vis the vacation rentals owners), or hope to pressure rookie trustees into making short-sighted decisions through money transfers, or bogus economic arguments that don't hold up to real scrutiny.

They are cheered on by some at the Chamber of Commerce who have become another public face for ASTAR and the like minded, and the Driftwood.

These organizations and individuals use the argument that a fundamental change has taken place on the island over the last five years such that the OCP needs rewriting to catch up with their vision of reality.

I suspect that the vast majority of Salt Springers still view the OCP as our only defence against the wholesale commercialization of our homes, neighbourhoods and community.

The various groups fighting these attacks on our island should make the connection with each other both emotionally and in reality before it is too late, in order to strengthen their chances

of reclaiming the initiative from the "forces of darkness."

Poor decisions by our trustees in the next six months could condemn us to becoming another Carmel or Aspen or Nantucket Island.

If you love this island, NOW is the time to get involved.

TERRY and BEV BOLTON,
Salt Spring Island

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Draw bridges

I have just heard an interview with a professor at Aberdeen U. on As it Happens, discussing a tidal turbine for generating electricity which they have developed, and including a unique system of holding it into position against the force of the tide.

Wouldn't it be a neat idea to have Salt Spring investigate and invest in our own power generation?

The inventors seem to feel that only five or six of them would be enough to cover Scotland.

All hands to the draw bridges!

DENIS BROWNE,
Mountain Road

Not open

I read last week's Driftwood article on gas pricing, where Mary Anne McColl said, "We like to sell our gas to make ends meet."

I went by Sunday afternoon and they weren't even open.

Isn't it hard to make ends meet when you're not open?

S. CHAPMAN,
Cedar Lane

Local music

Reading Peter Vincent's September 17 column did not in any way educate me about the issues surrounding our latest Salt Spring controversy, the proposed amendment to the Anise liquor licence.

The owner of Anise is not applying for a karaoke licence.

I've been enjoying the local music offered at both Anise and the Tree House Cafe for the past year, and appreciate the support these places have given to our talented musicians and poets. And what better place would there be for this entertainment?

Do we want our teenagers having parties at the end of dead-end roads in residential areas of the island? And what's wrong with dancing?

Incidentally, I live quite close to the Vesuvius Pub, which has a karaoke licence, and have never been disturbed by drunken crooning.

FRANCES HILL,
Vesuvius Bay Road

Consumer pressure

In response to last week's front-page article about the price of gas, here is an idea of what we as consumers can do to influence our local suppliers.

Since September 8, I have been compiling data on the price of gas on Salt Spring and off-island. My finds are that Payless is consistently the most expensive on Salt Spring, seconded by Save-on.

Patterson's is consistently the least expensive, followed by Shell.

If nobody filled up at Payless, do you think the owner would discuss this with his suppliers? You bet! And their price would probably come down. As consumers, we do have a choice about who we support and where we buy gas.

And the Driftwood has an opportunity to do a great investigative series on the price of gas. Do we take the word of the station owners about who sets the price every day? Why would Shell sell their regular for 88.9 on Sunday, while at the Aldergrove Shell it was 67 cents and 79.9 at the Ladysmith Shell?

Why is gas cheaper in Ucluelet than here?

The manager of the Homby Island Co-op station told me last week that HE decides his price and he always sells it for one cent less than his competitor, the Buckley Bay station, who by the way is 90 per cent of the time the cheapest on Vancouver Island. Consumer pressure is the only thing that works. Check out gastips.com to learn more.

MARIE BEAUDOIN,
Upper Ganges Road

Foubister farewell

And so, after 69 years, there will not be a "Foubister" in the Salt Spring phone book next year. My parents came to Salt Spring Island in 1934 when Dad became principal of the Ganges School.

My family has known many "islanders" over the years, but now it's time to

say goodbye.

We will miss our Southey Point property after 49 of those 69 years. However, as I sit looking out over the bay I see a new dock with five (yes, FIVE) boats, all with outboards, and an excavator clanking a new road to the water. I see my neighbours' house, which I couldn't see before, as a few trees are missing. Ah, progress.

I regret to say we will not miss Salt Spring. Ah, Salt Spring! We will leave you in the over-regulated care of the Islands Trust and the other 80 clubs, organizations, associations, committees, subcommittees and "me first" interest groups.

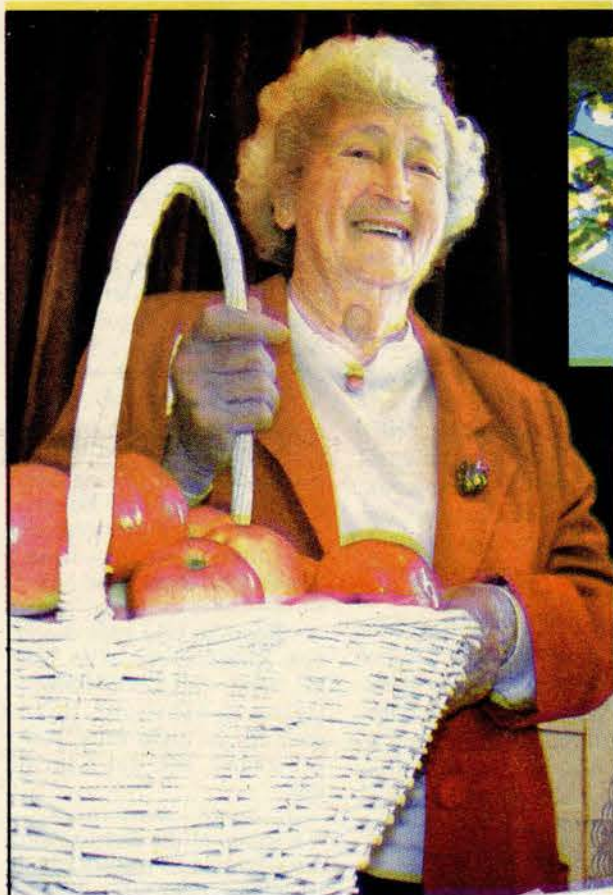
How so many people can move to paradise and immediately want to change it is beyond me. I wonder if the group of people that want all the toys — swimming pool, ice rink, bike paths, bus transportation — are the same group that complain only the rich will be able to live here. Who do they think will be paying the taxes for all the toys?

To all who think they have found paradise, sorry, you missed it by 50 years.

To all the Johnny Bennetts, Gordon Cudmores, Richard Murikamis and Laurie Hedgers of the island, may you survive the invading hordes . . . and so, farewell.

IAN FOUBISTER,
Sidney

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APPLE A DAY: Apples were the word of the day last Sunday as islanders and visitors participated in the annual Apple Festival. Seen here are Mary Mollet with a basket of apples, and a crisp-looking apple spotted at a Beddis Road orchard.

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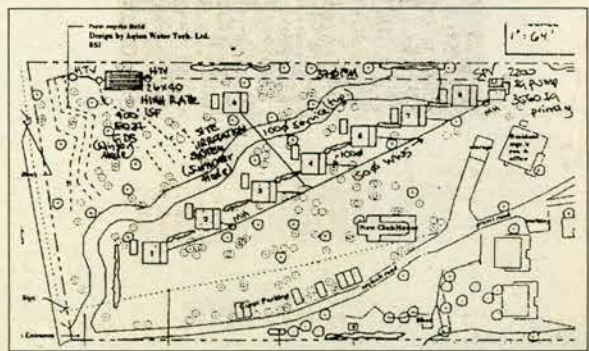
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RE: Construction of Sewage Treatment and Disposal System for Lot 2A, Plan 1921, Range 1 South, Section 12 Cowichan District - North Salt Spring (Green Acres Lakeside Cottage Resort).

A permit for repair has been issued subject to the following conditions. "Alternative Method - Treatment Plant. 12" Perc Soil Material required. Bottom of Disposal Field Trenches are to Just Break the Surface of Native Soil. Pump or Siphon Chamber Required. Pressure Distribution. Install an Inceptor Drain. Place 2" of Sand in Trench Bottoms and Over Chambers Before Backfilling. Filter Cloth Required. Final System Plan Required."

Persons who consider themselves aggrieved by a decision made under the Sewage Disposal Regulations are eligible to file an appeal under Section 5(3) 9a) of the Health Act. A Notice of Appeal must be delivered by hand, facsimile, or registered mail to the chair of the Environmental Appeal Board, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4 within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the permit. Please contact your local Health Unit for information on appeal procedures.



RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

To the many writers of letters to the editor who make wild claims about subjects with which they are not wholly familiar. It would help community debate if we all made an effort to be absolutely, 100 per cent certain that anything we claim to be true is just that.

ROSES

• An armful of fragrant roses for Margaret and Basil Franey, who so kindly hosted a party for SSPLASH volunteers on their beautiful property. Richard Steel also deserves some lovely roses for all the work he's done

this year on the SSPLASH bottled water. Much appreciation!

• A big thank you to Steve for his muscle, rope and reassurance when our load of vinyl flooring came adrift on Fulford-Ganges Road. We made it safely to our destination thanks to you!

• A big bunch of roses to Marlie Kelsey and all the merchants who are part of the Welcome Wagon package. What a fabulous introduction and a great way to meet new people, as well as to get to know the various businesses on Salt Spring. You've made my move here so much easier! FJ

• Roses to the staff at Thrifty Foods for their quick and caring assistance when I

had a "spell" last Thursday; also thanks to the ambulance crew and fire department. MN

• A perfect red rose to the man who picked up the package which had blown off the back of my scooter, and took it to Embe Bakery, and then left a message on my answering machine. Thank-you, thank you! MS

• Roses to U11 girls coach Jim Witherspoon who had his hands full last Saturday, trying to substitute in 15 girls for an eight-aside soccer game! You did a great job.

• Roses to the ferry workers who had to endure irate travellers, who missed their connection due to the late sailing of the Bowen Queen. We know it's not your fault!

More letters

Do-gooding

It has been quite some time since I have sent in a letter to the Driftwood but recent letters and articles have compelled me to "stick my oar in."

I'll begin with the aptly named Springboard column by Brenda Guiled, which, while I agreed with many of the things she wrote, served as a springboard for my own little rant. In her last two paragraphs she extols the virtues of direct financial assistance from one individual to another, and I agree that these "microloans" can be transformative and have a positive ripple effect within communities.

However, I would like to suggest we, as a community, clean up our own back yard first — set a good example — before we decide how everyone else should live.

For example — there are a lot of great opportunities for youth on this island: music, dance, art, film, sports — if their parents happen to have the money, transportation and flexibility of time.

Individuals can make a huge difference, carpooling (better for the environment), creating mini-scholarships, etc. to enable all youth to have equal opportunities to pursue their dreams.

Otherwise we may reinforce a cycle of poverty with only the wealthy having the opportunities for growth and education — things I believe this community is already aware of on many levels.

Now my rant will move on to what I believe is the potential down side of all this altruism. There is a potential for self-righteousness in all this "do-gooding," the idea that one might be in a position to take almost a parental stance and make decisions "for the greater good." These are things I also believe this community does on so many levels.

I attended several islands Trust meetings and I was struck by what appeared to

me to be a simple truth: the large, off-island-based corporations can afford to thumb their noses while local business people appear to be harassed and stonewalled due to their lack of expensive legal teams and earnest desires to be reasonable, and willingness to engage and resolve individual concerns.

A few of these "concerns" that seemed to be taken seriously (I'm sure making the process seem even more laughable in the larger corporate world) appeared to me to be more akin to the old tale of the "Hatfields and McCoys" or symptomatic of chronic "do-gooding" than legitimate issues for the Trust to address.

Don't get me wrong. I am not pro-industry and development, I am pro-community. But I think we need to be careful that we don't cut off our noses to spite our faces in that the Islands Trust permit process for local business people becomes so nasty, costly and time-consuming that they no longer even try, and then we'll be stuck with off-island devel-

opers who don't give two hoots about our charming little dream of preserving the island way of life. We will lose the last little bit of control that we do have over the destiny of our piece of paradise.

It is my belief that a certain amount of development on this island is inevitable, let us try to maintain as much control as possible by consciously using our power as consumers and residents of this unique and vibrant community.

Let us look at the big picture and decide that we want growth and change to occur in a way that maximizes benefits and maintains our public forum. The only way, I believe, we can do this is to support local business by consistently doing so with both our dollars and sense.

Oh, and while I'm on the topic of chronic "do-gooding," can I count on you, the Driftwood, to inform my school-aged daughter and her friends of the details should I ever get divorced or experience mental illness?

KIM DAVIDSON,
Salt Spring



Name: HARRY MANX
537/538/653: 653
Occupation(s): Musician
Hobbies: Living a normal life.
Favourite people: I haven't met everyone yet, but there's a lot of great people here.
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Outdoor pool is Best recommendation

By **NORMAN BEST**
Second of two parts

In last week's Driftwood, I outlined the costs to taxpayers for an indoor pool on Salt Spring. This is not the first time we have looked at a taxpayer-funded indoor pool.

Two previous proposals for an indoor swimming pool were rejected by the voters of Salt Spring. The second one, in 1987, is of most interest.

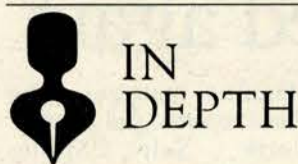
The then Parks and Recreation Commission hired a consulting firm experienced in extensive pool design and construction to do a feasibility study starting July 8, 1987. This followed many months of hard work by The Salt Spring Pool Society promoting the concept of a leisure public swimming pool with many amenities in a fully-equipped building.

Memberships were sold, colourful posters were placed strategically around town, donations were solicited with tax-deductible receipts, letters to the editor were sent weekly to Driftwood, and many full and half-page colour ads ran in the three months preceding the referendum.

The final shot was a well-written, two-colour brochure urging people to vote "yes" on Election Day November 21, 1987. This was a first-class, well-thought-out and well-executed total campaign.

The cost for building the four-lane pool was to be \$1,300,000. Salt Spring's population at that time was 6,700, living in approximately 3,000 dwelling units.

A few weeks before the referendum, recognizing faults in the cost projections, particularly potential income, John Bennett head-



ed a small association, called Citizens For Sensible Taxation, made up of home-owning taxpayers who quickly raised about \$10,000 in donations to oppose the pool plan.

A half-page ad was prepared, which ran just once in Driftwood two weeks before Election Day on November 21. A copy of the ad was then mailed out to most post office boxes on the island. Other than a letter or two to Driftwood, this was the best the opposition to the pool could do in the short time frame.

On Election Day, a remarkable 71 per cent of the registered voters turned out to vote. Result? 1,621 voted "no," a margin of 508 over the "yes" vote of 1,113.

In fact, there were fewer "yes" votes than memberships sold by the pool society! The pool backers were stunned. Why did this happen? What went wrong?

There are several answers, apart from the cost projections, that grossly overstated the potential income from pool users and counted on a \$400,000 grant from the BC lottery, which turned out to be only \$50,000.

Salt Spring voters were keenly aware that unlike the communities used for comparison, Sparwood, Grand Forks and Abbotsford, Salt Spring has no industrial base to help underwrite a pool, so all the costs fall on the homeowners and parcel taxpayers. This will also be true today for any comprehensive recreation centre and was one of the key reasons for voter disapproval.

There are other cogent reasons for opposition. Why, for instance, do people choose to move to an island such as Salt Spring? (Aptly defined as "a piece of land completely surrounded by water with no visible means of support.")

In addition to the moderate climate, for many, it is to get away from urbanization, big city noise and pressure and to find peace, quiet and the tranquility, and perhaps seclusion, in a rural setting. They certainly didn't come here to see the island become commercialized and just like the urban razzle-dazzle from which they wanted to get away.

In the summer there are many warm lakes and ocean beaches where the water is comfortably warm for swimming, especially in the late afternoon high tide. In the winter those wishing to swim or seeking an Olympic-sized pool for practise, should cross to Chemainus, Duncan or Saanich and use the elaborate facilities available there.

Salt Spring simply cannot afford the luxury of such a facility here. The idea that a pool on Salt Spring will draw customers from off-island residents is a myth. Why would anyone pay the high ferry fares, and perhaps the cost of an overnight stay, to come over here and swim, when they have their own major facility in their own backyard?

As to people on boats in summer, rather than swim in a heavily chlorinated public pool, all they have to do is jump overboard for a refreshing swim.

When the pool proposal failed in 1987, the pool society with cash on hand looked for another solution and found it a couple of years later in a small, used

outdoor pool for sale in Smithers, B.C. It was bought for about \$10,000, shipped down and installed at Portlock Park, then left to PARC to manage (and pay the monthly losses).

Shelby Pool has served the community very well but is too small, shallow and wearing out. There is no question Salt Spring Islanders want and need a public pool of some sort.

The answer is an outdoor pool on the Rainbow Road property. It could be built for far less than an indoor pool and answer the needs of most everyone. A small adjacent building would provide changing rooms, toilets and showers and the heating system.

Perhaps it could be covered at a later date with a bubble when the pool users raise the money for that purpose. The tennis court with bubble at Portlock Park was a "user pay" installation and proved to be very successful — so successful in fact, the tennis association has generated \$130,000 toward a new facility, most of which came from user fees in the bubble.

From what I have been told, the association intends to underwrite the total cost of any new tennis installation on Rainbow Road or elsewhere and not seek any help from the taxpayers. They should be heartily commended for this!

While it remains clear that neither an indoor or outdoor swimming pool can ever be a self-supporting, user-pay proposition, if we reduce our aspirations for the Cadillac of indoor centres and instead look at what practically will receive taxpayer approval, an outdoor facility with bubble should be carefully considered.

The writer is a long-time resident of Salt Spring.

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Real safety

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These chutes are dangerous. Able-bodied employees have been injured using these chutes during drills. In Europe there has even been the death of an able-bodied person in a chute.

So why have these chutes? The answer is not safety, but money.

I believe the company is hoping that the use of these chutes will allow them to reduce the number of crew members on board the ships.

The crew members are not, as some ignorant people would have you believe, burger flippers and car parkers. They are well-trained professionals. Their training includes firefighting, first aid, rescue craft, life rafts, dangerous goods, crowd control, etc.

Think about it, folks. In the event of a fire on a ferry — who are you gonna call? The fire department? Not likely. Someone has a heart attack or takes a header down the stairs and an ambulance is going to magically levitate its way across the water and onto the ship? If you believe that, can I have some of whatever it is

you are smoking?

It is all too typical of a mis-managed company that they would rather reduce service and safety by eliminating employees, than cut huge overhead costs created by a bloated management.

The question is: are you, the passengers, going to be content to allow them to increase the risk to you and your family, or are you going

to say, "I want to feel safe. I want to be safe. I have the right to expect safety in our transportation system."

It is up to you to let the government and the ferries management know that they must find a more acceptable way of cutting costs than by putting you and your families at risk.

K. BUTLER,
Salt Spring

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Marina deadline is extended again

Ganges Marina is closer to meeting requirements of a temporary commercial use permit that would allow a float camp building to remain on site until the marina is redeveloped.

And the company still has three more weeks to get proof of Ganges Sewer connection approval, and to provide a letter of credit covering float camp removal costs.

At Saturday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, trustees agreed with staff recommendations to set a final October 23 deadline and revisit legal action options at their October 30 meeting, if necessary.

A November 20 deadline was also set to fix various development permit violations.

Based on a September 9 meeting between Trust staff and marina reps, regional

planning manager John Gauld reported that proof of North Salt Spring Waterworks District permission connecting the building to the water system had been received.

Similar approval for Ganges Sewer connection was closer to receipt, said Gauld, while a bond to pay for costs of removing the float camp by the Trust, if necessary, was not yet in hand.

The amount of that bond has also not been resolved. Gauld noted that \$1,750 estimated by the marina company is not considered nearly adequate by the Trust to do the job.



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Housing hassle forces officer to leave

Salt Spring's RCMP detachment has had a two-step staffing shift after one local officer requested a transfer to Lake Cowichan because he couldn't find housing on the island.

"The more long-term, family-type housing is quite difficult to secure," said local RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Mike Giles.

Const. Darren Hewitt and his family with two children were displaced by island landlords three times in three years, Giles said.

"He couldn't get anything long-term enough and he was getting frustrated with that."

When the opportunity came for Hewitt to transfer to Lake Cowichan, it happened swiftly. And since the

family didn't have a house to sell, the officer was able to transfer within two weeks of the application, Giles said.

"We haven't even had his going away party yet."

But the detachment has already received a replacement for Hewitt.

Const. Aaron McGiffin has come to Salt Spring fresh from the RCMP training academy (see related story below).

Though the constable will still serve as an "intern" over the next six months, Giles believes there is an adequate experience ratio within the detachment.

Giles has served 21 years, Cpl. Dave Voller has served 23 years, Const. Martin Beardsmore and Const. Jeff Swann (set to start island

duties in mid-November) each have seven years experience.

A married couple of young officers, Paul and Lindsay Ellis, round out the detachment.

"I'm very comfortable with our level of experience now, starting with myself, Dave Voller and two very senior constables."

And the seven-member Salt Spring detachment measures favourably against other communities served by the RCMP, he said.

"Taking a snapshot of a Lower Mainland detachment shows many very junior front-line officers. And here we enjoy having two constables with seven years service. Honestly, it puts us in a really good position."

Comparatively, Lake Cowichan has a similar-sized population and detachment and its senior constable has only three years experience.

On a related note, another officer who recently served on Salt Spring just became the father of triplets, prompting another transfer for his family.

Const. Doug Hewitt (no relation to Darren Hewitt) served Salt Spring for two years before transferring to the fly-in high-Arctic community of Tulita in the North West Territories last year.

The new parents will move to Grand Falls, Newfoundland, where they will be better able to care for their family, Giles said.

McGiffin aims for trust, helpfulness

A new police officer is getting into the swing of his first assignment on Salt Spring now that he's finished training.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know this community. I recognize there's a lot of people here but it's still got that small-town feel."

And the island community is not unfamiliar to Const. Aaron McGiffin.

The 24-year-old officer lived in Nanaimo before he entered a policing career.

His hobbies include baseball and hockey. McGiffin was a junior A baseball player and his dad is an assistant coach for the senior men's national softball team.

"Baseball, that's pretty much what I'm into."

McGiffin would also like to play hockey but is unsure how much time he'll have for activities outside of general policing duties.

Before entering the RCMP, he considered work in teaching but decided to opt for the police force instead.

"As a little kid, you see the officers come to your school and they just have that aura of authority, and yet there's that helpfulness; the trust you have in them that you can just go to them whenever you have a problem. I always wanted to have something like that."

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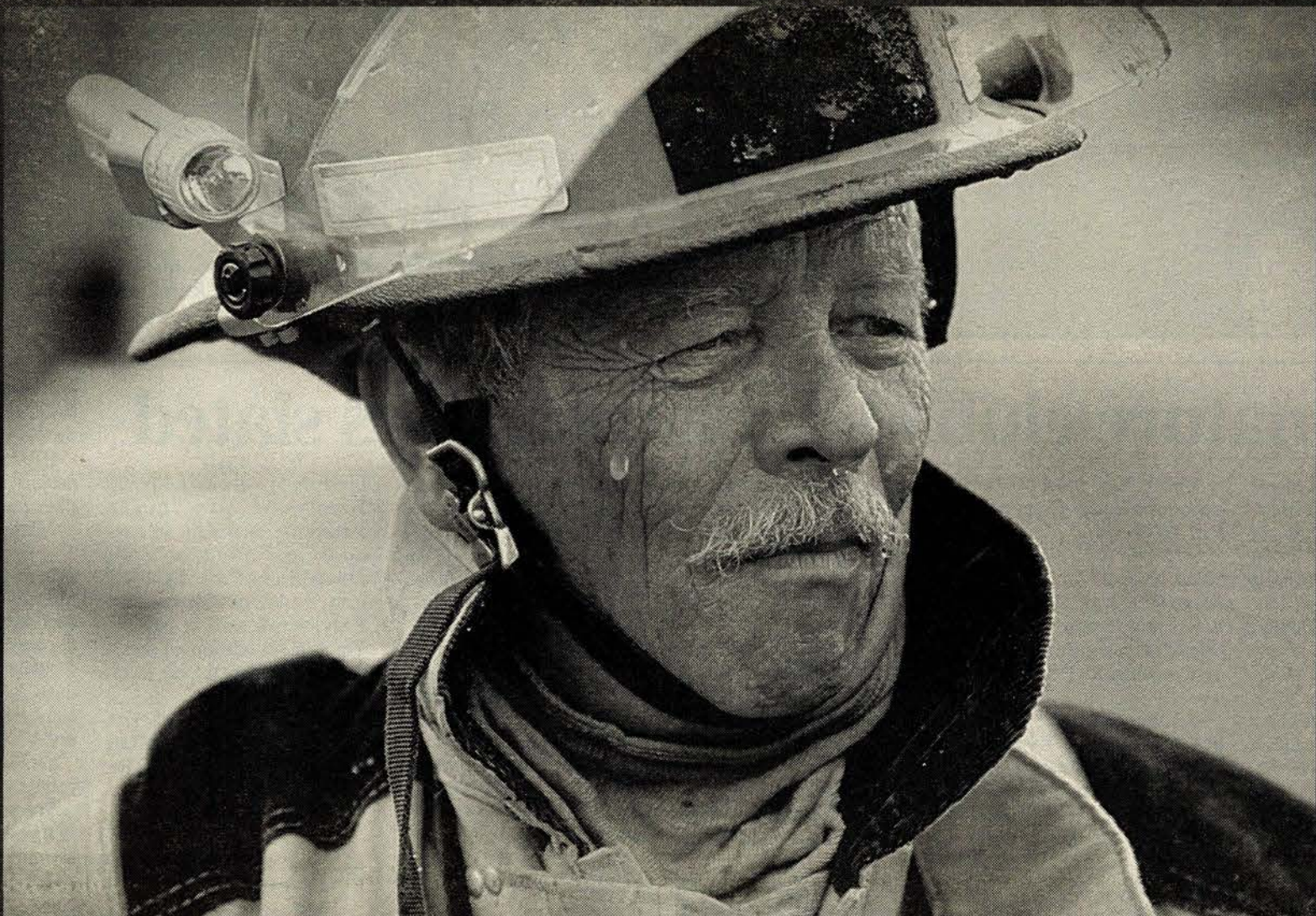
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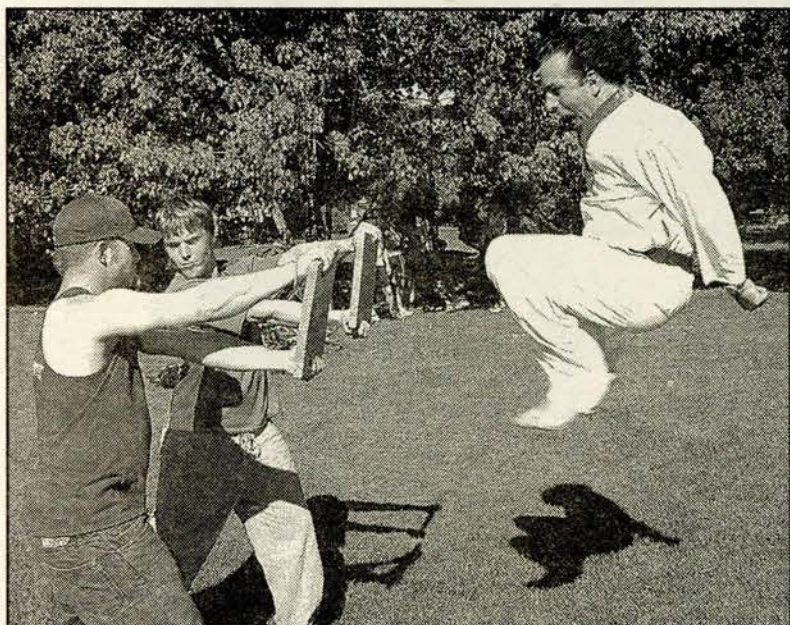
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WOOD-SPLITTING DEMONSTRATION: Paul Mazzei, at left, and Cassidy Turner, above, impress onlookers with a Tae kwon do demonstration in Centennial Park last weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Lactics: top team

Salt Spring's three-member Lactic Acid squad won the team event in the seventh annual Sooke Challenge Triathlon with a triple-barrelled muscle burner Sunday.

"We cleaned up," said Salt Spring cyclist John Nilssen.

Islander Tyler Sayer ran 10 kilometres in 40 minutes, 32 seconds to place second among 60 competitors in the running component.

Sayer's speed was remarkable but he trailed five minutes behind the running leader, who trains with Olympic gold-medal triathlete Simon Whitfield, Nilssen noted. "It's hard to go much faster."

Bruce Grey paddled six nautical miles in 52 minutes to place second among kayakers.

Nilssen then zipped along 30 kilometres of roads and the Galloping Goose Trail in 56 minutes to place first among cyclists and propel his team to the front of the pack.

"Bruce took a couple of minutes out of the kayak and I caught their cyclist," Nilssen said.

"It was a come-from-behind victory."

The event was a community fundraiser for Sooke's Women's Transition House and the Sooke Sea Cadets.

Trail, nature club October activities slated

Our monthly social meetings begin on Thursday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower hall of the United Church on Hereford Avenue.

For our October meeting, everyone is invited to hear a talk about PARC information and a strategy for trails on Salt Spring, given by Mark Haughey. Discussion and refreshments to follow.

Our annual Christmas lunch will be at Meaden Hall on December 9.

Ramblers

October 7: Harold Page leads us on a relatively flat ramble in the Burgoyne Bay area.

Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or Burgoyne Bay at 10:15.

October 14: A ramble from Harrison Road down

to Booth Bay, led by Mary Lauzon. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

October 21: Margaret Allen leads us around Peter Arnell Park, followed by lunch on Beddis Beach (weather permitting). Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

October 28: A new ramble today with Eva and Tony Pedersen leading near Fraser Road in the south end.

Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:15.

Hikers

October 7: Today Jean Gelwicks will lead us around the explosive environs of Arnell Park. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45.

October 14: With Bob

Food in charge, we'll explore some of the many trails around Hope Hill. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 to meet up with south-enders at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

October 21: With Lynn Thompson and Simon Rook we'll explore new territory in the Mount Sullivan area on a somewhat strenuous hike. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to meet up with south-enders at Burgoyne triangle at 10 a.m.

October 28: Off-island to scenic Maple Mountain with Ailsa Pearse. A fairly long and somewhat strenuous hike. Carpool to leave Portlock Park at 9:40 to take the Vesuvius ferry at 10.

Walkers

October 7: Jacquie Severn

will lead us to Beaver Point. Meet at ArtSpring and leave by 10 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park around 10:15 to carpool to Fulford. The walk will be quite easy.

October 14: Art Simons heads today's outing to Burgoyne Bay on a moderate trail along the shoreline below Mount Maxwell. Leave ArtSpring in carpools at 10 a.m. and/or meet at the Burgoyne triangle at 10:15.

October 21: We will walk off-island with Kitty Lloyd

leading us around lovely Brentwood Bay. Leave ArtSpring at 9 a.m. in carpools to Fulford, or leave Drummond Park by 9:15 a.m. in carpools, for the ferry, which sails at 10 a.m. We will get additional directions on the boat for this moderate outing.

October 28: Bill and Ann Earl will take us up Mount Erskine on two separate walks, one easier than the other.

Leave ArtSpring in carpools by 10 a.m. and park on Collins Road by the trail head.

Flag football Sundays

Co-ed touch football is being set up for Salt Spring on Sundays.

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Dion Hackett is Salt Spring FC's "man of the match" versus Bays United Blue. Hackett scored FC's first goal in division one with a header off a pass from Jordan Haenen.

"That's something to brag about," said FC coach Willy Cooke.

Hackett also ran hard throughout the game. "It's amazing how many miles he puts in for his age."

The veteran player has been a leader all year, Cooke said.

"He made it really hard for defenders to get time on the ball to knock balls around. He's a real 'pain in the butt' to play against."

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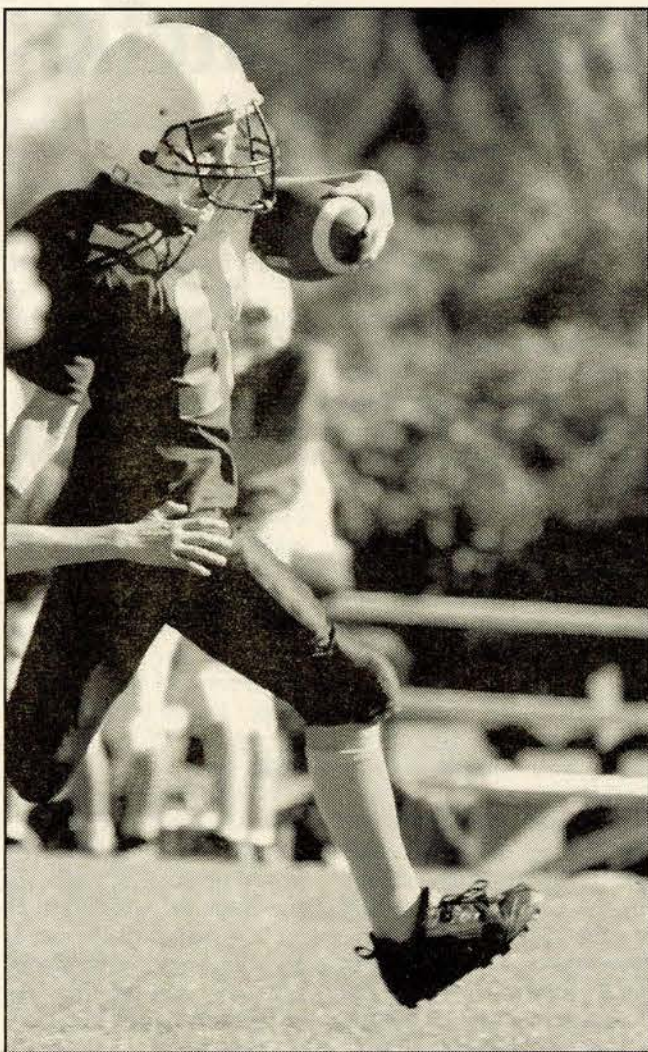
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FUTILE FLING: A Cowichan player runs for the touchdown as a Salt Spring Slayer tries unsuccessfully to stop him in football action on Salt Spring last Saturday.

Photo contributed

Scorpions chase Nanaimo giants

By JOHN FOLEY
Driftwood Contributor

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions stung a mammoth Nanaimo Islanders squad 12-8 in junior varsity football action at Nanaimo District Secondary School (NDSS) Thursday.

"The NDSS Islanders were big. They outweighed us by about 40 pounds a player. But Scorpions are small and deadly," said GISS coach John Foley.

The Nanaimo school has a well-established football program with twice the student body, he noted.

Right from the opening kickoff, Graham Meek and the GISS offence went to work at their own 30-yard line with a series of plays highlighted by two superb runs from Cody Hunsberger, said Foley.

The Scorpions then made a fake hand-off, a 15-yard outside run by Meek and they were up 6-0.

But on the following kickoff, the Islanders ran 70 yards to tie the game.

"The game was a see-saw battle," Foley said.

GISS defensive players

Jake Fraser, Alejandro Alvarez, Terry Cooper, Richard Hull and Lowell Rockcliffe all made key tackles, Foley said.

"Mike Windsor showed how tough he was by playing great with a bruised collar bone. Hunsberger played a determined game that sparked the whole team."

Meek and Sasha Floercke led GISS defence in tackles, said Foley.

With one of his many great kick returns, Floercke brought the ball back to the Islanders' 22-yard line where he collided with the referee. Hunsberger took it to the five-yard line and then Meek drove it in for the second GISS touchdown.

The score remained unchanged until late in the fourth quarter.

With only 24 seconds left, on the fourth down and 15 yards to go on the GISS 20-yard line, the Scorpions set up for the punt and conceded the safety. Islanders only had time for two plays.

"The Scorpions' defence was awesome. The Islanders' offence was stopped cold. It was a solid team effort."

BRIDGE TRICKS

On September 8 we had a Mitchel movement, with the following results:

N/S first, Irene Hawksworth and Ron Dickson; second, Ima Krayenhoff and Patricia MacFarlane, and third, Glenda Kaiser and Boodie Arnott.

E/W first, Nancy Arnold and Terry Wilkinson; second, the Laundrys, and third, Patricia Hewitt and Tilly Crawley.

On September 15, Krayenhoff and MacFarlane were first, Ron Hall and Bob Morrisette were second, Blanche Poborsa and John Jefferson were third, and Arnott and Kaiser finished fourth.

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Slayers felled by Cowichan

By CHRIS BYWATER
Driftwood Contributor

"It was like last week, except the other way around," said Salt Spring Slayers coach Greg Simmonds.

Coming off two lopsided victories, the Slayers took some lumps and lessons from a well-oiled Cowichan Dawgs team who just kept executing plays until they won 42-0 at Portlock Park Saturday.

Cowichan opened running and, despite solid tackling from Salt Spring's Brandon Shaw, Dan Foley and Angus Fraser, the Dawgs banged off 10 and 15-yard gains until they hit the end zone.

The Slayers took possession but a fumble handed it back. Cowichan went back to work but a sack by Foley and tackle by Fraser stopped the Dawgs on downs.

Deep in their own end,

Salt Spring started their running game but, another fumble gave Cowichan the ball just nine yards from the end zone.

The Slayers weren't ready to roll over, as their defence locked on with tackles by Fraser, Shaw and Seb Banks to stop the Dawgs from scoring.

Backed up to their own three-yard line, Fraser swept right but was taken down in the end zone, giving the Dawgs two more points.

The Dawg machine geared up on its own 35 and again, despite numerous tackles and a near pass interception from Braeden Simmonds, the Dawgs reached pay dirt to end the half 16-0.

Relentless Cowichan defence and turnovers plagued the Slayers in the second half.

Bright spots included a

Cowichan fumble recovered by Foley and great defensive efforts from Fraser, Shaw and Ian Barrett.

But the Dawgs kept up a steady pace of 10- to 20-yard gains and notched four more touchdowns before the game ended.

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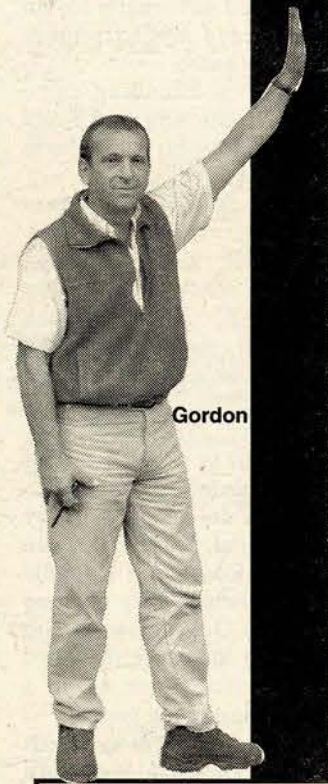
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Youth teams take to the fields for soccer matches

Soccer Kicks is a compilation of scores and highlights from Salt Spring youth soccer teams aged U11 to U18. Weekly submissions are welcome, but should not exceed 200 words.

• Salt Spring Roadrunners U11 girls played a tight game at Portlock Park Saturday, nabbing a 1-0 win over Gordon Head.

Sierra Lundy scored the only goal of the match midway in the first half with a high boot to the back of the goal during a scramble in front of the Gordon Head net.

Gordon Head came on strong in the second half with Salt Spring keeper Hana Mulder making some great saves. Stellar defending by Tilly Morgan and aggressive midfield work by Grace Morgan kept the ball moving out of the Roadrunners zone.

Megan Jarman played well in goal in the first half of the game, and the entire 15-member team worked hard and passed well.

• The U12 girls got off to a great start this year with a 2-0 win over Country Grocer Royal Oak.

An oversized field and full-sized nets made for an even-sided and extremely exciting game.

Great goaltending came from Emily Gix and Erica Tarrisan, who were both kept busy.

With close scoring opportunities from Delaney Johnson, Kloe Holmes, Alice Paveley, Logan McLeod and Silken Conradi, the good play of Royal Oak's keeper kept the match close.

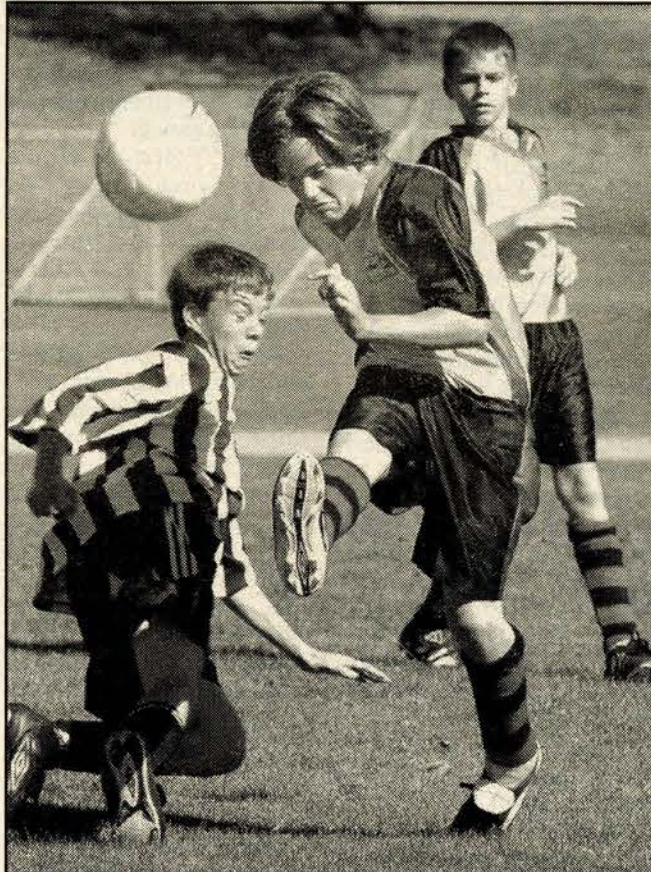
Kirsty Girard finally managed to net Salt Spring two goals late in the game.

Great defensive work by Nicole Pal, Paige Hickman, Alison Roach and Danielle Severn helped keep a strong Royal Oak team from evening the score. It was a great effort from all in a very entertaining game.

• The U12 Boys Salt Spring Devils played hard and fast in their first off-island game on Saturday against Peninsula, but fell 4-1.

Midfielder Jeremy Marchi played with determination and leadership as he set up some beautiful plays for his teammates and worked at advancing the ball.

Keaton Giles scored the



BIG KICK: Salt Spring U14 boys player Will Cornwall nails the ball as a Gorge Royals player goes down and David Nix watches in the background. The local squad beat the Royals 4-1 in soccer action on Salt Spring last Saturday.

Photo contributed

local boys' only goal, proving a valued player both as a goalie and a forward.

Rob Cronin proved invaluable on the wing as one of the most dedicated players, working hard to support both the team's defenders and strikers.

The game may have resulted in a loss but was hard-fought by this young, tenacious team.

• Salt Spring's U13 silver girls travelled off-island Saturday, blasting Juan de Fuca 4-0 despite 29-degree weather and a one-substitute roster.

Rosalie Baldwinson got on the scoreboard about 10 minutes into the first half on a Danica Lundy cross. Then Lundy nailed a goal on an Erica Rimmer assist, and the local squad was up 2-0 at half-time.

Early in the second half, Olivia Budd shot the ball past the Juan de Fuca keeper and Baldwinson tapped it into the net. Lundy got number four on a breakaway.

Coach Dave Morgan started moving players into unfamiliar positions and was impressed with the work of Natasha Hollingsworth on the wing, and said midfielder Camille

Drummond played her best half ever.

Katie Villadsen was called on to make some saves in net in the first half of the game, while an injured Meredith Raddysh kept Juan de Fuca off the scoreboard in the second half of the game.

Morgan described the entire team effort as "awesome."

• Great team effort earned the U13 boys silver team a hard fought 1-1 tie against Gorge United Saturday.

The first half was scoreless due in part to great goaltending by Jordan Lee and solid play by the defenders.

Approximately 10 minutes into the second half, Gorge United scored the first goal off a mid-field turnover.

Keeper Chris Howe made a valiant effort to save the ball but the opposition scored on the rebound.

Salt Spring shook off its disappointment and pressed hard, while Howe kept his team in the game with a couple of wonderful saves.

Though the offensive players shot the ball off the goalpost, over the cross bar and had rebound shots saved by the opposition's

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goalie, the team continued to press hard.

With only two minutes left in the game, Salt Spring's Julian Smith scored from the 18-yard line off a Jeff Pringle corner kick.

Pringle was a dominate offensive player in this game, earning four of the team's 13 shots on goal.

At the end of the game the boys walked off the field to a standing ovation.

• Salt Spring's U14 girls took on the top team in their league — Juan de Fuca — and walked away with a 3-2 win.

The local squad dominated the first half of the game and came off the field with a 1-0 lead on a Kayla Gromme goal.

The opponents "woke up" for the second half and the game was tied 2-2 right down to the last four minutes when Samantha Borden lobbed a beautiful shot across the front of the net and Gromme headed it in for the victory goal.

Gromme nabbed all three goals with her speed and quick thinking, supported by all members of the team. Caitlyn Pal used her strong voice to help direct play; Katelyn Girard — who probably has the smallest feet on the team — had the biggest kicks.

Hannah Snetsinger made some great crosses from right wing; Jessica Harkema out-sprinted a two-person breakaway to save the team from a clear shot on net; and Elsbet Krayenhoff controlled the midfield well.

All the girls worked hard and supported an awesome team effort.

• The Salt Spring U14 silver boys defeated the Gorge Royals 4-1 in a Saturday home game, which they dominated with some excellent passing up the wing and

some solid shots on net by the strikers and the midfield.

The first goal was tallied by Will Cornwall with a powerful shot from the wing. The second goal occurred only five minutes later when Jesson Motherwell placed another high ball in the left-hand corner from far out in the midfield. The team's third goal was nailed by Brandon Shaw from inside the six-yard box.

With 10 minutes remaining in the game, Colby Little pulled off some fancy footwork to land a solid goal from well outside the 18-yard box.

Shaw and Sebastian Banks shared keeper duties, with both making some great saves.

Sweepers David Nix and Hugh Finer did an excellent job of thwarting any attempt by the Gorge team to shoot on the local net, and there was some great teamwork and passing by Isaac Raddysh and Liam Johnston.

Aulden MacQueen Denz, Christian Huser and Jordan Girard kept the ball up front with some accurate passes from the defensive end.

• Gorge FC used their physical style of play against the Salt Spring U15s to dominate the central zones Saturday, but fell to the island team 3-1.

FC capitalized on a defensive miscue and took an early lead over the Strikers.

But Gorge's confidence quickly waned when, just five minutes later, striker Charlie Stimpson ripped a drive from the side of the 18-yard box through the keeper's hands only to have it deflect away from crossing the goal line.

But alert midfielder Liam Johnson followed the shot to the goal at the far post and finished the effort to even the score.

Strikers' forwards, Kirby Garside, Tavis Morton, DJ Lake and Rusty Fedberg stepped up their pressure on the Gorge back line and test-

ed their keeper with a variety of shots.

Island midfielders kept FC deep in their own end, and gave centre back Eland Bronstein time to send a perfect lob just under the bar and put the Strikers ahead mid-way through the first half.

The speed of play intensified in the second half, but relentless defence by Gordon Havelaar, Geoff Cronin, Marshall Barter and midfielder Alex Hannah kept FC at bay.

When the FC switched to a 3-4-3 combination to increase the number of attackers and shots on net, keeper Jordan Borth held off the opponents with some stellar saves.

With 10 minutes remaining and the pressure building from both sides, Morton picked up a deflection at the top of the FC box and rifled the top corner of the net to give Salt Spring an insurance goal and the final cap on the well earned win.

• Salt Spring's U17/U18 girls played an outstanding game last weekend, tying their match 2-2 against Lakehill despite the heat and having only 11 players.

Nic Temmel scored the first goal of the season with a beautiful long kick on a penalty shot early in the game.

Rocio Fonseca scored the second goal early in the second half — knocking in the ball after a strong cross from Jesse Johnston-Hill — but sustained a knee injury which kept her out of the rest of the game.

Jesse Wilson, Kathleen Sinclair and Brooke Shergold held a strong defensive line.

Larrisa Dawirs, Danika Pal, Claudia Castro and Noriko Shimoda played offensively, and held the play in the opponents' end for most of the game.

Keeper Amber Reid picked up a fine tan waiting for the ball to come down to her end.

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Brazier aids Old Boys win with topnotch penalty kick

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's Damien Brazier broke a deadlock between the Old Boys and the Castaways with a timely penalty kick during a tough 1-0 match at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Sunday.

"It was a very tight game, very difficult. The Castaways were very well marshalled in defence," said Old Boys coach Fraser Hope.

The Castaways were bumped down into the masters-C division to offer a tough challenge for the Old Boys and their compatriots this season.

Any high ball was an advantage to the Victoria team and the islanders had difficulties connecting on attacks, Hope said.

"We were always five cents short of a dollar. We couldn't quite make it click most of the game," said Old Boys player Alvaro Sanchez.

But the islanders maintained solid defence with assistance from Mike Davis.

"That allowed Don Brown to play a much wider role, which he carried out to great effect in the second half. He was always a great threat," said Hope.

He was also pleased with play from Ben Cooper, who covered the field to harrass defenders and protect his own goal line.

"Finally, the impasse was broken by the cultured left foot of Damien Brazier, who picked out Mike Davis in the wall during the free kick just outside the 18-yard line."

The Salt Spring player created a large hole in the defensive wall, just in time for Brazier's shot.

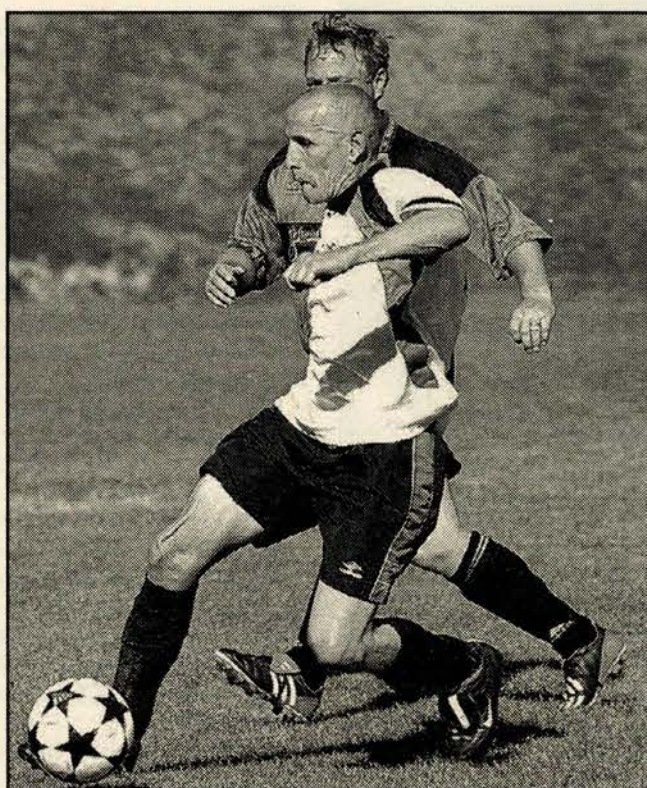
"He curled it in beautifully to take pressure off the team and allowed us to play defensively for the rest of the game."

The Castaways also suffered from fatigue in the second half, which allowed the islanders to dominate play, Hope said.

Unfortunately, the Old Boys picked up a number of injuries during the match: Rainer Funk, Lyle Brown, Jim Witherspoon and keeper John Oblati all left the game with various complaints.

"The bench was down to one man at the end," Hope said.

The Old Boys next trek to Sooke on Sunday.



SKILLED DEFENDER: Graham Tweddle runs with the ball as Salt Spring's Old Boys beat Victoria Castaways 1-0.

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Reserves seek pre-game shade to take 'shooting drill' match

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Reserves conserved energy to trounce the Division-6 Castaways with a 4-1 shooting drill at Portlock Park Sunday.

"Basically it was a smoking hot day," said Reserves coach Mike Brown.

Prior to the game, the islanders opted to sit in the shade while the Castaways dehydrated while practising under the sun, Brown laughed.

"It took us pretty well the whole first half to get warmed up."

But the Reserves still dominated play with a barrage of attacks on the Castaways, who wilted through the first half.

"We possessed the ball 80 per cent of the time. And the ball was in their end-zone 75 per cent of the time."

After a water break, the Castaways mustered a brief flurry of attacks in the first 10 minutes of the second half to win a penalty kick.

"They ended up with a penalty kick in the box because our keeper had to be aggressive on the play. They put it in and buried it top shelf, which sort of gave us a smack in the face."

But 10 minutes later, the Reserves' Tom Berry notched a penalty kick to even the score.

"Classic Tom, he always puts it in the same spot, exactly what he knows he can do. He put it right into the corner. It was textbook."

The islanders took over the remainder of the match, Brown said.

"It was all they could do to get out of their end zone."

Kerry Martin scored the next goal with a flick from

the top of the 18-yard line that looped down and in.

Minutes later, Neil Kerrigan passed the ball back to Jason Moulton, who delivered a pin-point pass to Joel Berry.

"It was a wonderful cross from the sideline, over top of the goalie, over top of the defender, and Joel was literally standing on the one-yard line. He just angled his foot and it went in."

A fourth goal came from Glen Gallagher on another penalty shot after Zoltan Kodaly went down in the box.

Salt Spring now stands in third place with two wins after two games in Div. 6.

"The next game should be a barn burner," he said.

The Reserves next play first-place Gordon Head at Portlock Park at 2:15 p.m. Sunday



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Dragons envision challenging year

With a 6-0 loss to the Gorge Division-2 team at Hampton Park in Victoria Sunday, the Salt Spring women's soccer team knows firsthand that scores don't always indicate effort.

Sue King, the Dragons' acting coach and manager, said the score doesn't reflect what the game was like.

"Everyone was trying to settle the play down and was really trying to set things up as a team," said King.

She added that the team's practices are paying off, even if the numbers didn't end up in their favour.

Unfortunately, later in the first half, the Dragons experienced defensive breakdowns.

As an experienced team would, Gorge capitalized on this, with players making several "textbook shots" that were difficult to stop.

Tami Benoit filled in as keeper and made several saves on long shots.

King admitted the team needed to play a tighter game.

"We had to mark our checks closer to prevent them from being able to take their shots," she said.

At half-time, Gorge led 3-0.

The Dragons' continued attempts to break the Gorge's defensive line met with no results.

Dragons centre-midfielder Mardon Dary helped control the play.

King said Dary tried her best to start some attacks on the Gorge but "things didn't click."

King explained how the team sees this as a transitional year since moving into higher-level Division 2.

"The team did play quite well and with more work and practise we'll steadily improve," said King. "We knew that this year was going to be challenging."

FC toughs out a loss to Bays

Salt Spring FC might have lost 3-1 to Bays United Blue in Victoria Saturday, but they probably had their best Division-1 game to date, said FC coach Willy Cooke.

"We were very unlucky not to win the game. We outchanced them 9-3," Cooke said.

"I was really happy with the guys: the way they held themselves, the way they never gave up. They played great."

One game highlight was that FC scored its first goal as a Div.-1 team.

"It was a great timed run down the wing from outside back Jordan Haenen. He whipped it into another nicely timed run from Dion Hackett. Dion out-muscled his check in the air and headed a great goal with great finish. It was a pretty goal."

Cooke believes it was fitting that the most experienced FC player scored the team's first goal in Division 1.

Veterans like Hackett, Jesse Fisher and Chris Jason are leading a group of very talented younger players, he said.

"In about two or three years, this team will be doing special things in this league."

Recognizing that he's working with a younger group of developing players, he's trying to be more patient as a coach.

"I used to play very intense and that's the way I coached some teams. But this team, I don't think it really works well. I'm trying to be more patient. With a young team, I think I was making them nervous."

But Cooke believes FC

has improved with every game they've played this season.

"Our defence played a lot stronger as a whole than they have in the past."

And the team was thrilled to see a crowd of 25-30 Salt Spring fans at Royal Athletic Park for Saturday's match.

"It would be nice if they could learn some soccer songs or a Salt Spring song."

The islanders face Gorge FC at Hampton Park at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday.

The match against Gorge promises to be a good challenge, Cooke said. Two years ago, Gorge placed second in the nationals and has picked up more talent this season, he said.

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