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Camp squat ends

By ELLEN YEUNG and GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writers

Freedom Camp squatters, who had generated complaints from some Salt Spring residents since May, have dismantled their main encampment and left.

As of Tuesday morning, all that remained of the occupation located on the beach between Drummond Park and Fulford Inn was an old, unlicensed blue bus, a camper by Isabella Point Road, a couple of derelict boats and three tents.

"It appears they left of their own volition," said Salt Spring RCMP Corporal Dave Voller.

But Gypsy Nicole, an off-island woman who recently spent time at the camp because she concurred with its values, told the Driftwood the group originally intended to just clean up the site, and then decided to pack it in.

Nicole said several people were upset by violent incidents, especially one that occurred on Friday night, when some islanders threatened to drive over occupied tents on the beach.

A camper parked on the side of the road was also tipped over, with an extremely vulnerable man inside, two nights in a row, she said.

"To me it's quite sickening to see who's causing the violence in the community," she said. "There's a huge reflection that people need to look at."

An official from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection also paid an evaluative visit to the camp last Thursday, following complaints from area residents.

No squatters were present when the official arrived, said Capital Regional District bylaw control officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser, who accompanied her.

However, two Freedom Camp supporters who once stayed there showed up.

FREEDOM CAMP 2



PUMPKIN HUNT: Griffin Williams-Macallister, of the Salt Spring Preschool Co-op, rides with the pumpkins and the Bond family hound St. Jean as children spend some time in the pumpkin patch at Bon Acres Farm on LePage Road.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Pioneers ploughed earth for future

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

While the rest of the country ponders and debates who is "the greatest Canadian" of all time through the CBC TV series, the Driftwood wants to generate talk about "great Salt Spring Islanders."

Next week we're launching *The Greatest Salt Spring Islander* project, and will ask for nominations from our readers.

Think about who you'd like to highlight for their contributions to the Salt Spring community and identity. In coming issues, we'll feature readers' top 10 nominees and invite you to pick the winners.

In the following story, Driftwood reporter Mitchell Sherrin interviewed Salt Spring Historical Society members about some great islanders of the past.

In a community hewn from lush island rainforest into abundant farms, a thriving arts centre and world-class tourism destination, several pioneers could be nominated for the position as the "greatest islander."

Brief discussions with members from the Salt Spring Island Historical Society yielded multiple candidates who showed inspiring community spirit, helped elevate the conditions of their neighbours or left a legacy we draw on today.

Charter historical society member Sue Mouat made a vote for her husband's grandmother, Jane Mouat.

"I think she was a great Salt Spring Islander."

After arriving on the island from the Shetland Islands in 1885, Jane Mouat was one of the chief founders of Salt Spring's Methodist Church,

she raised 11 children by herself after her husband died in 1898 and, in 1907, she started the business that became Mouat's Trading Company.

"She was on the hospital board in a day when very few women were. And four of her children died. She reeled with the punches."

Mouat family stories recount that the matriarch would turn the weekly laundry trip down to St. Mary Lake into a fabulous picnic.

"They didn't work because she made them; they worked

because they loved helping her."

Fellow historical society member Mary Davidson seconded Jane Mouat as one of Salt Spring's greatest figures.

"I don't think anybody else contributed more than she did in her day," Davidson said.

Pioneer south-end farmer Henry Ruckle (1835-1913), who moved to the island in 1872, was another candidate for Davidson.

GREAT PIONEERS 2

Clocks change Sunday

When islanders head out to celebrate Hallowe'en on Sunday night, they'll be doing it on the first day of the return to Pacific Standard Time.

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GREAT PIONEERS: *Looking at islanders in history*

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"The other Ruckles were contributors too. But the original Henry Ruckle was one of the founders of Beaver Point School, he had the early store, he was one of the first people to come here [from Europe]," she said.

Apart from creating a 420-hectare farm (1200 acres) out of the wilderness (now Ruckle Provincial Park), Ruckle also persuaded families to help settle the island, he built an important wharf

at Beaver Point, served as roads foreman and formed a Court of Revision and Appeal for the polling division of Salt Spring.

"He was just a community-minded person: post-master, justice of the peace, all those things that the pioneers did," said Davidson.

She also promoted John Craven Jones as a great islander.

"He was the first teacher on the island and he was

a black man. He walked between Central and Fernwood and he taught school in both of those places for nothing for years."

Jones had a first-class degree from Oberlin College, Ohio and taught out of a log cabin in the Central area as early as 1859 until the mid 1870s. Jones also served on the island's first council during a brief period of incorporation (1873-83).

"He even taught Latin . . . Teaching Latin wasn't very popular necessarily amongst some of the settlers."

Davidson noted that library founder Mary Hawkins and pioneer farmer Sam Beddis could also be nominated for community involvement.

"Great Salt Spring Islanders come along all the time."

Salt Spring Historical Society vice-president Duncan Hepburn opted "to go totally nepotistic" and picked his mother, Florence Hepburn, who taught on Salt Spring from 1932 to 1973, he said.

"She taught three generations of people and they all remember her all the time."

Sue Mouat seconded the nomination for Florence

Hepburn.

"Even when she retired, she was upset when kids were having trouble with math and tutored a lot of kids and wouldn't take any money for it," she said.

Among living nominations for greatest islander, Duncan Hepburn nominated another teacher.

"Mike Byron taught for many years and had an agriculture program. And a lot of kids who are in their 30s now went through that. He taught them how to work."

Gordon Ruckle is another islander who deserves mention, he said.

"He was very good and diligent farmer and therefore represents all the stuff the Ruckles stand for. And he was obviously a key member of the decision for the park."

Local historian Ken Mackenzie (also a past historical society president) made a bid for Gulf Islands Community Arts Council founders Nora Bittancourt, Nita Brown, Olive Clayton, Josie Clement and Ilse Leader.

"They are the ones who got the arts organized on Salt Spring."

While Bittancourt was the first to get islanders meeting to discuss an arts community, Brown organized the first ArtCraft in 1968 and the other three women kept the ball rolling to create the island's current artistic flavour, Mackenzie said.

"The interesting thing is that these are all off-island people. They are not from pioneer families, except Nora Bittancourt. We had to wait for the new wave coming in to get organized."

Current historical society president Bob McWhirter nominated reverend Edward Francis Wilson "as an indefatigable minister, but also as a caregiver and community-minded being."

A father of 10 children who came to the island in 1894, Wilson also wrote prolifically, painted watercolours, invented an apple harvester and provided medical assistance before an official doctor arrived on the island full-time.

McWhirter also promoted John Patton Booth as one of the first settlers to land on Salt Spring (circa 1860), a first school trustee, a founder of the Farmers Institute

and long-running MP (from 1871-75 and 1890-1902).

"[Booth was] constantly re-elected MP for the entire district . . . remained a Salt Spring resident all his life and was constantly involved in organizations to galvanize the community."

Additional to McWhirter's list of candidates was "Dr. Lionel Beech and the ladies of the Guild of Sunshine for the vision and drive to raise money and establish for us all thereafter the Lady Minto Hospital."

Sylvia Stark also counted among McWhirter's greats for recording detailed accounts of the island's earliest first-hand history.

But historical society members didn't stop there. McWhirter rattled off another 15 names without difficulty, Hepburn named 10 other candidates and everyone else among those interviewed suggested at least a half dozen more great contributors to our community.

It seems to be another thing Salt Spring can be recognized for — a community of outstanding individuals with a proud tradition.

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FREEDOM CAMP: *Disbanded*

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The ministry official informed them the squatters could not live on the provincially owned property for longer than three months at a time and could not erect any permanent structures.

"Those people had been camping there for longer than that," Brunnwieser said. "If they want to stay there for longer than three months, then they would have to get a lease with the province."

Although the official didn't

issue any written notices to the squatters, Brunnwieser believed word quickly spread among the group.

As well, Brunnwieser heard local residents predict the squatters would move away on their own by November because of the rising tide, and windy and rainy weather.

"Who wants to live in five inches or a foot of water?" he asked.

Brunnwieser stressed he

had nothing personal against the squatters.

"We're not trying to take these people's homes away. We're trying to find a solution that works for everybody," he said. "Most of the people at the camp are really good people, but there are some people that come in here and just take advantage of it and make the whole situation look bad."

Meanwhile, Ken Lee, president of the South Salt Spring Island Property Owners and Residents Association, said his 200 members are relieved the camp has closed down.

"The members are very happy with the progress so far and they're looking forward to a total clean-up so they can enjoy Drummond Park," he said. "A lot of my members were very reluctant to walk past that squat. There were sometimes threats, sometimes disparag-

ing remarks coming from there."

However, Nicole said the campers endured threats on a regular basis, along with inaccurate labelling about their employment status and other issues.

"They just automatically put us in this box," she said.

Lee said his group also had sanitation and water concerns, especially because the beach is designated a sensitive, intertidal environment.

Lee also expressed empathy for the squatters.

"The [B.C.] government's policies have failed the homeless miserably so that they've had to resort to this type of action like the Fulford squat to draw public attention to their plight," he said.

"We hope the squatters there found other satisfactory accommodation," Lee added.

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AT THE SCENE: Emergency crews tend to injured drivers in a two-car collision at the intersection of Booth Canal and Lower Ganges roads on Monday.

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Drivers injured

Police attended a two-vehicle, head-on collision on Lower Ganges Road at Booth Canal Road on Monday, along with fire department and ambulance personnel.

Both drivers sustained injuries and their vehicles were towed from the scene. The accident is still under investigation.



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• A police patrol at the intersection of Atkins and Lower Ganges roads came across an accident with injuries on Saturday afternoon. A Ford Escort was rear-ended by a Chevrolet Blazer when the Ford was making a left-hand turn from Lower Ganges Road onto Atkins. The Ford driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital by ambulance. Driver of the Blazer was issued a 24-hour prohibition from driving, as well as a violation ticket for following too close. The Ford was towed from the scene with moderate damage.

Library break-in

On Saturday evening, police responded to a complaint of a break and enter at Mary Hawkins Memorial Library. A point of entry was identified where broken glass was located, but nothing was taken.

Anybody with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 537-5555.

Driving infractions

Routine patrols in the Maxwell Road area on Saturday evening found a former Salt Spring male having vehicle problems. Further investigation revealed the driver had no driver's licence, no insurance and a stolen licence plate, for which he received fines totalling \$845.

911 FILE

That same evening, RCMP issued a 24-hour suspension to a Salt Spring male driver while conducting a road check in Ganges.

Drugs and alcohol

While on foot patrol in Centennial Park late Sunday afternoon, RCMP saw a male attempting to sell marijuana to another male. They later found an amount of marijuana on the suspect male, who will appear in Ganges Provincial Court on December 14 to face trafficking charges.

• RCMP foot patrols in the area of Gasoline Alley found an adult Salt Spring male smoking marijuana on Saturday evening. RCMP seized the marijuana and paraphernalia to destroy.

• On Thursday evening, RCMP on patrol near Gulf Islands Secondary School noticed a group of youths in possession of liquor. When asked to pour out the beer, one male youth began to drink his beer in front of the officers. He was issued a violation ticket for consuming alcohol in a public place. Letters were issued to the parents of the other two youths.

Toy gun

• Police responded to a report of a youth holding a gun in the Island Savings Credit Union parking lot on Monday afternoon.

Upon investigating the report, officers found the individual in possession of a toy cap gun.

No charges were laid.

Fire

The fire department attended a motor vehicle accident Monday afternoon on Booth Canal Road where firefighters assisted with traffic control and loading a patient into the ambulance.

They were also called to a minor fender bender accident on Saturday near Atkins and Lower Ganges roads, where they assisted ambulance personnel.

Fire chief Dave Enfield would like to remind residents that along with setting their clocks back at 2 a.m. Sunday, it's time to also change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

Coast Guard

Ganges Coast Guard went to Saanichton Bay, south of Sidney, to assist a big barge that had broken loose on the beach on Monday.

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KFAC calls school survey 'appalling'

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

An "informal" parent survey about the new four-day school week has generated a critical response from members of the Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC), but school trustees maintain that anecdotal responses still have validity.

"The coalition is deeply disturbed by the informal and unscientific one-question survey that was distributed and then collated last week by the school board for the simple reason that it is misleading," said KFAC spokesperson Garth Hendren.

"If this is the route they are taking, they are always going to find support for their policy."

KFAC members believe that a survey conducted by the Gulf Islands School District during parent-teacher interviews in early October doesn't accurately represent the views of island families.

"It doesn't even reflect all of the families involved. It just reflects those people who happened to have come

[to the parent-teacher interviews]."

School board chair May McKenzie noted that the survey was "informal" and "unscientific" when trustees presented findings at the October 13 regular board meeting.

Trustees heard reports that some 69 per cent of island families answered positively (out of 284 responses) when asked how their child was doing with the four-day week.

"They seem to embrace the idea that this is fine because it supports their position, but it is not fine. It's unfortunate they are using this kind of data to support a process that is flawed to begin with."

Every aspect of information gathering for the survey fails rudimentary standards, he said.

"You can't rest a policy on a feel-good question. It's appalling."

Hendren was also puzzled that trustees didn't discuss the parent-teacher survey during the first Four-Day Implementation Task Force meeting held on September 29.

"Our records indicate there were going to be three questionnaires, that they were going to hire someone who was going to do the questions, that the task force would look at them and the board would have a final say."

Either the board changed its plan without informing the task force or the survey was an ad hoc document that shouldn't have been used to

justify policy, Hendren said.

"This carelessness of gathering information has supported the position that the board wants to take. I don't know if it's deliberate on their part or if it's just the fact that they're not very good at doing this stuff."

If the school board is looking for anecdotal evidence, KFAC has heard many reports of anxiety and stress among tired children and missed work opportunities for parents, he said.

Hendren believes the district should strive to support all learners in the community.

"We cannot, in this country and this province and this district, limit our educational opportunities. We live in a wealthy place. We must attend to the needs of our children first and foremost."

Showing agreement with Hendren, Salt Spring school trustee and Four-Day Implementation Task Force chair Mike Krayenhoff noted that the underlying philosophy of the district is success for all students.

"We need to look at those at-risk groups and make sure it's okay for them as well as those kids who want to get scholarships. All of them need to be successful."

And the board welcomes input from KFAC, Krayenhoff said.

"I think [KFAC] is looking at getting a lot of publicity and creating concern, which is a good thing. Let's be concerned."

But the group might be off base with criticisms about

the anecdotal survey, she said.

"Our survey was to just have a look at a bigger picture than what [KFAC] is presenting and to present that."

The recent survey is only one tool used to gather information about community response to the four-day week, she said.

"We are getting more information than that. We certainly wouldn't base a decision on that."

She compared the parent-teacher survey to a petition collected by KFAC members.

"In the same way that KFAC can say they have so many signatures, we can say we have asked so many people."

Krayenhoff acknowledged that task force members did not discuss the question used for the survey held during the parent-teacher interviews.

"We were still working on the wording of the question that would be asked."

All teachers did not participate in the parent-teacher interview survey, she noted.

"If they had other priorities, they made that choice."

The survey was simply an informal snapshot aimed at anyone available, she said.

"We knew that everyone wouldn't be asked."

The implementation task force meets today (Wednesday) to discuss questions prepared by an independent consultant for an upcoming formal survey, she said.

"Hopefully we will be able to get some stats off that."



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Four-day petition plan delayed

Petitions calling for reinstatement of the five-day school week in School District #64 will not be presented to the B.C. Legislature next week as planned.

The provincial government has closed down the house earlier than expected, leaving inadequate time for the presentation to occur.

According to a Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC) press release, a news conference may be held instead.

Petitions can still be signed and questionnaires answered at www.keepfivealive.ca.

Close to 1,000 petition signatures are already in hand, notes KFAC.

3 groups get PARC grants

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) approved disbursement of three grants at its Monday night meeting.

Fernwood Elementary School's Parents Advisory Council will receive \$1,195 to help buy a new tire swing.

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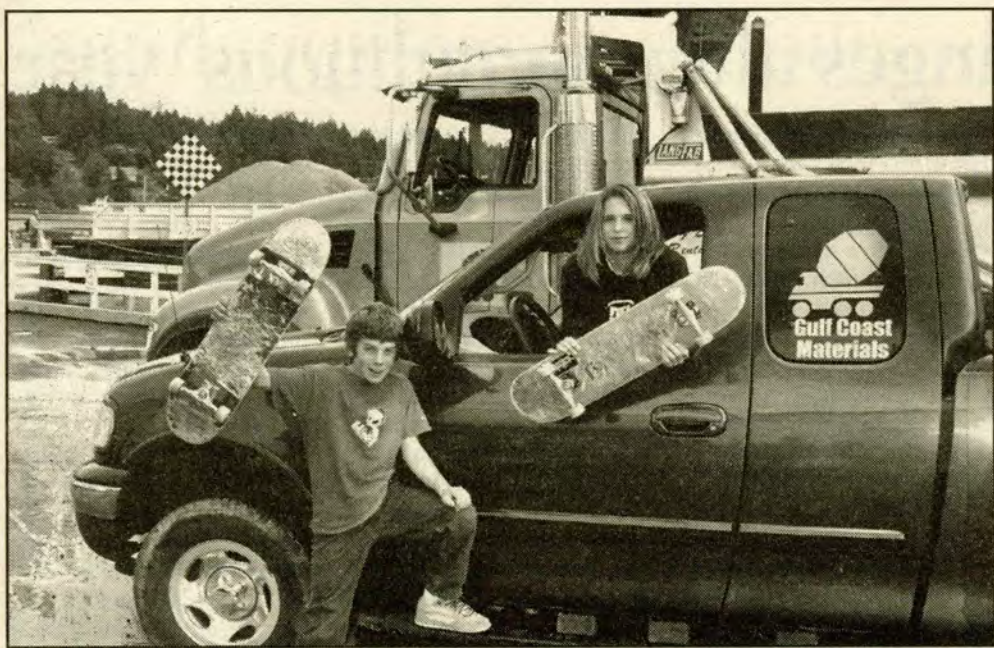
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Skatepark heads to 'grind' opening

Weather permitting, Salt Spring Skatepark Society has its eyes on November 13 for "The Grind Opening" of the Kanaka Road Skatepark.

A \$20,000 anonymous donation, plus the generosity of Gulf Coast Materials and aggregates provider Lehigh Northwest Materials, among other contributors, has helped complete the toughest fundraising challenge — paying for the skating surface.

Skatepark society rep Bruce Ruddell said the anonymous donor expressed strong support for the project.

"She felt it was absolutely something the community needed and something she wanted to do," he said.

The skatepark society is also extremely grateful to Mhinder Mayer of Gulf Coast Materials for giving the group a deal on the concrete price.

"It will be considerable," said Ruddell.

Islanders should stay tuned for more details on The Grind Opening event.

Local RCMP urges care as islanders use fireworks

Anyone planning to enjoy fireworks this week should know the rules that go with them.

Individuals are only allowed to sell, purchase or set off fireworks between October 24 and November 1.

Some prohibited firecrackers are cherry bombs and aerial bombs — basically anything that explodes on the ground.

Only adults should discharge fireworks, and it is illegal for anyone under 18 years old to possess fireworks.

"Youth and fireworks don't mix," RCMP Corporal Dave Voller said. "We unfortunately every year end up with some kind of an incident. We end up with young people who have injured themselves and sometimes there are property offences related to fireworks. Whether they're intentional or unintentional is a different matter."

As well, the public should choose a safe area for dis-

charging fireworks, such as a bare area of ground away from buildings, overhead obstructions, trees, vehicles, dry grass and other flammable objects.

Voller recalled an incident several years ago on Salt Spring when kids set off Roman candles from the back of a moving pickup truck. One of the Roman candles landed on the tarpit roof of a trailer in the trailer park and burned the trailer down.

"The kids had no ill intent. They were out having fun with fireworks and not realizing the wind would blow it toward the trailer park," he said.

As well, people should not attempt to re-light a piece that doesn't go off. Do not approach or move the piece for 30 minutes, according to a public safety announcement from the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

Voller remembered another incident when someone looked into a pipe where a firework that didn't seem to

discharge was lodged. At that moment the discharge occurred and the individual's face was burned.

"[Fireworks] can be a lot of fun if they are handled with care by somebody who can show them the respect they deserve," Voller said.

Other fireworks safety tips:

- Spectators should watch from a safe distance of at least 20 metres, upwind from the discharge area.

- Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, cars or buildings.

- Never hold fireworks in your hand when lighting them. A bucket, large box or wheelbarrow filled with earth or sand makes a good firing base to secure fireworks before lighting.

- A lighting stick should be used to light fireworks, rather than a match or lighter.

- A bucket of water, sand or a garden hose should be ready at the firing site.

- Dispose of spent fireworks in a container of water.

Bike smarts at institute

The Salt Spring RCMP and Island Pathways are hosting a Bike Smarts Rodeo for boys and girls in Grades 1 to 5 next week.

The event runs Friday, November 5 from 1-3 p.m. at the Farmers Institute.

"Bike Smarts Rodeos are an excellent way to introduce young bike riders to the skills necessary to navigate their neighbourhood streets safely and also teach them the rules of the road," said Const. Jeff Swann of the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

All Bike Smarts Rodeo

participants will receive a mechanical bike inspection and hands-on skill training. They will also receive a road safety information package and have a chance to win a variety of prizes.

Children will receive registration forms through their schools, and completed forms should be dropped off at the RCMP detachment.

Pre-registration is requested but not required. For more information, contact Swann or Kimberly Lineger at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment at 537-5555.

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Board changes after 'tumultuous' year

By ELLEN YEUNG
Staff Writer

Two new members joined the board of Salt Spring Community Services Society at Thursday evening's annual general meeting.

Bob Appleton and Sheila Sayer were elected by acclamation, as were chairperson Ian Beare, treasurer David Holt, and directors Boodie Arnott, Phyllis Coleman and Rhema Cossever.

Susan Berlin, Carolyn Mouat and Anna Oblati remain on for a second term with Berlin now the board's vice-chair and Mouat as secretary.

Garth Hendren, the outgoing acting chair, told meeting attendees that the past year was "tumultuous" for the society.

Changes in the organiza-

tion occurred due to major funding cuts, key staff changes and "an almost lack of direction, though not necessarily in a negative way, due to so much going on," he said.

Lynne Brown, the former executive director, has filed a lawsuit against the society related to her departure. Hendren said he couldn't discuss the reasons Brown left her job because the matter is before the courts.

Rob Grant, who became the new executive director two weeks ago, did not deliver an executive director's report at the AGM.

Joanne Elizabeth, who Hendren replaced this month as chair, had resigned for what Hendren said were personal health reasons.

The society was most

affected by a \$490,000 budget cut from the Ministry for Children and Families. Since Community Services programs are funded by various agencies directly, the society couldn't shift revenue from one program to another that was running at a deficit. Hendren said he expects changes to certain Community Services programs.

Currently, Community Services provides addictions counselling, various youth and family counselling services, a mental health nurse, emergency mental health services, The Wall climbing facility, RCMP Victim Assistance program, Our House home for teens, child mental health program, special services to children and a community diversion program.

As well, Community Ser-

vices runs Harbour Lodge which is home to two developmentally challenged adults, Community Initiatives which is a day program for adults with developmental disabilities, Family Place for families and children at risk, the food bank, Christmas food hampers and the recycling depot.

In the next two years, the society will need to be accredited by meeting specific standards set forth by the provincial government.

"We'll need to look into the workings of the society and how to better reach out to the community, and reassess our mission statement and how we can better provide these social services that are necessary for the island, and that's pretty exciting for us," Beare said.

District eyes First Nations agreement

The Gulf Islands School District began steps toward creating a First Nations Enhancement Agreement by hosting a dinner on Galiano Island on October 13.

"We're very proud that we're taking this step," said school board chair May McKenzie.

All parents of First Nations students in the Gulf Islands were invited to attend the dinner. The gathering's purpose was to attract a committee of volunteers who could help develop an enhancement agreement to support First Nations students in the Gulf Islands, she said.

"It's about what kind of programs we develop in the future," said school district director of instruction Terry Corcoran. "We're hoping it will lead to greater achievement for our aboriginal students."

The dinner was attended by over 50 people, including

school district staff, McKenzie said. "They ended up with 24 names at the end of the evening, so it was very successful."

Last year, the Gulf Islands School District received \$21,227 in funding and spent \$38,842 for aboriginal education services.

Islands are low-flow as of Jan. 1

"Low flow" will be the only way to go for Gulf Islanders installing new toilets after January 1, 2005.

Capital Regional District (CRD) senior building inspector Dick Stubbs reminds people that all new construction and renovation work in the CRD requires installation of low flow toilets as of next year.

"This does not mean that if you have a conventional toilet you have to change it," explains a CRD Water Services department directive. "It simply means that after

January 1, all new toilets installed in the region will have to use six litres of water or less per flush."

A conventional toilet uses 13 litres of water per flush.

Low flow toilets have a smaller tank and the CSA or Warnock Hersey certification mark will contain one of the following marks: LC, 6LPF, LC/6 LPF, or XLPF, where the "X" is 6 or less.

Low Flow is the Only Way to Go brochures are available from the CRD, local plumbing and home improvement outlets.

In response to a request from the CRD, the provincial government made a change

to the Water Conservation Plumbing Regulation to require low consumption toilets in the CRD.

"On a broader scale, increasing demand for water, combined with supply shortages, have highlighted the need to use existing water supplies more efficiently. The use of low consumption toilets is expected to produce significant water savings, which can decrease water utility operating and capital costs, reduce ecological impacts and increase availability of water for other uses," notes a provincial government website about the regulation change.

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
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FIGHTING THE FLU: Islander Gordon Wright holds up his sleeve as community health nurse Pam MacKenzie prepares to give a flu shot at the health unit behind Lady Minto Hospital.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Infants, caregivers are now eligible for free flu vaccines

By ELLEN YEUNG
Staff Writer

Infants aged six months to 23 months old are the newest group to qualify for a free flu shot this year.

As well, family members and people in daily contact with children aged newborn to 23 months qualify.

Senior citizens, people with chronic health problems, health care workers and emergency service workers can also receive free influenza vaccinations from now until December 31 by setting up an appointment with Community Health Services.

District health nurse Chris Smart said while some Salt Spring residents might be skeptical about receiving a flu shot, the vaccinations are "very safe" and "most people don't have adverse reactions."

At worst, people might experience malaise for six to eight hours after receiving the shot and tenderness for up to two days, but people are screened for allergies

beforehand, she said.

As well, the flu vaccines with lower levels of thimerosal are available for infants and their mothers, if they prefer. Thimerosal is the same preservative found in contact lens solutions to prevent bacteria and fungi growth.

Smart said demand for free flu shots has so far been the same as past years. However, she added, the clinic hadn't received many calls yet from parents wanting flu shots for themselves and their infants, perhaps because they didn't know the shots are now free.

The flu season generally hits from December to February, Smart said, so this would be a good time to get the shots.

People who don't qualify for a free shot can pay \$15 for one at Pharmasave. The uptown Pharmasave holds its next flu clinic on October 30, with the downtown Pharmasave offering one on November 1.

Anna Callegari, manager of the uptown Pharmasave,

said flu clinics the store held this month have been very busy.

"People of all ages have come in," she said.

They include healthy people who live with young children and Americans coming off their boats, likely due to the low supply of flu vaccines in the U.S.

About 400 people per year attended past Pharmasave clinics, and Callegari said she expects this year's number to be similar.

Next week she hopes to receive a shipment of single-dose vaccines people can purchase and bring to their family doctor for injection.

This year's vaccine protects against the following flu strains: Influenza A New Caledonia, Influenza A Wyoming and Influenza B Jiangsu.

Composting eyed for liquid waste

While islanders would like to reduce expense and improve the environmental impact of local waste, the chips are down for composting Salt Spring sludge.

"Composting would be great and there are a number of relatively inexpensive possibilities for us to do that," said Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Service Committee (LWDSC) chair George Ehring.

"But it's the bulking agent that's going to be the problem, either the source of it or chemical contamination."

Currently, the waste processed at the Burgoyne Bay facility is transported to Cobble Hill for composting, Ehring said.

"At least it's not going into a landfill or something. But we want to do this stuff on island."

The composting issue was discussed at the LWDSC annual general meeting held last Monday on Salt Spring.

The local liquid waste committee is keen to start a composting project but they lack a clean and consistent supply of wood chips, he said.

"We've got all sorts of wood coming to the transfer stations but it's questionable whether or not we could ever use it."

The Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection has prohibited use of dimension lumber for composting, he said.

"The province is concerned that if we were to use that as compostable material, that the chemicals in that wood would affect the product," he said.

"Since we are processing sewage and septage sludge, you wouldn't think the big issue would be the chemicals in the wood."

The only other option at the present would be to transport wood chips to Salt

Spring for composting, he said.

"If we have to bring wood chips on to the island in order to compost, that seems weird."

He believes local garden and building waste might provide enough material for a compost program. Consequently, the liquid waste committee hopes to receive permission for a pilot project, he said.

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Wrap up cell debate

It's now clear that the Driftwood opinion pages and Salt Spring Fire Protection District board meetings will not be free of cell antenna debate until a final decision is made about the eight-watt transmitter proposed for installation in the Ganges fire hall clock tower.

The Driftwood has decided to do its part by not publishing the near-weekly letters to the editor written by the same people on the same subject. Enough already.

This situation is bizarre.

It appears the cell antenna is not essential to Salt Spring Fire Department operations, but trustees may feel that to back away now would be capitulating to a concerted pressure campaign fuelled largely by emotion.

For every study and website that Island Residents Opposed to Cell-phone Antenna can cite as evidence that the proposed antenna will cause cancer, infertility, arthritis, destruction of the tourist trade and the decline and fall of Ganges, there is another that declares the opposite.

Health risks are clearly associated with prolonged personal cell-phone use, although getting into a car accident while driving and talking on a cell phone is the biggest hazard.

Some scientists acknowledge "non-thermal" effects may arise in the long-term from extended exposure to low levels of electromagnetic radiation, but no one yet knows if that's true and, unless a community is willing to volunteer for a controlled experiment, we may never know.

People should be clear that the proposed antenna's output is .048 microwatts per square centimetre; the Islands Trust guidelines are 2.00 microwatts per square centimetre, which is 200 times more stringent than the federal government standard adhered to in the rest of the country.

The fire trustees should be free to make their decision based on common sense, their own research, whether the antenna is necessary to their operations, public input — of which they have plenty — and if they can live with the public relations fall-out.

They shouldn't make a decision primarily because they're ticked off with antenna opponents.

Whatever their ultimate choice, we encourage them to make it soon.

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Dwindling numbers show decline of family farms

By CYNTHIA TUPHOLME

Due to other commitments, I was not able to attend the meat inspection regulation meeting on October 21 at the Farmers Institute.

However, I would like to be involved with this and many other farming issues. Unfortunately, also due to many of these issues, my family and I are not likely to be able to continue with farming. We have one commercial breeding ewe left to find a home for and after the 2005 year of 4-H Sheep Club, (which is when my oldest daughter will graduate from the 4-H program), unless circumstances change, we are not likely to be able to participate further with 4-H, either.

The fact that we have no pasture

or farm land of our own and are not likely to be able to afford to purchase any in the future, combined with the regulations that the government is implementing for the benefit of large commercial farming enterprises and to the detriment of the small family farm, has forced me to abandon any hope of a future in agriculture. I know that my family and I are not alone in this decision.

The 4-H program represents many of the youth in this province who will grow up to be our future farmers.

As a leader of our local 4-H

VIEW POINT

Sheep Club, I was privileged to take four of our members to the Provincial National Exhibition (PNE) this past summer, which is the pinnacle 4-H event of the year. It was there that I became even more aware of the impact being made on the future of agriculture in B.C.

Ten years ago there were 1,800 4-H youth participating at the PNE events, this year there were only 450 members in attendance. There were concerns raised by the organizers, PNE administrators, coordinators and 4-H leaders about the reduction in numbers and its reflection on the status of the farming communities in B.C.

These numbers are a reflection throughout the province of the drop in enrollment in 4-H.

I do not believe this drop is

because of a lack of interest in agriculture by the youth in BC but is a direct result of the lack of support shown by our government, making it impossible for the majority of our B.C. youth to pursue agriculture as a future or career.

This same impact is also reflected locally. Salt Spring Island lamb is world-renowned but it is rapidly becoming a rare breed. For example, it was only a couple of years ago when you could drive down Fulford-Ganges Road and see as many as 200, 300, maybe even 400 sheep in the meadows along the drive. Now you would be hard-pressed to spot 10.

Where have they all gone? Where are the farmers who raised all those sheep?

What has changed in order to make them virtually disappear?

Many of these island flocks had been raised by the dedication of farm families on small farms for generations.

Just to maintain the current family farm status being represented at the meeting of October 21, I ask each person that is representing what's left of our small farming community in the room, if there is even one youth in their family ready to take on this vital work on their Salt Spring Island family farm?

Look closely. I believe you are looking at what is rapidly becoming yet another rare breed, headed for extinction.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

Four days: can we afford to say 'I'm all right, Jack?'

By RICHARD STEEL and KATHY PAGE

In her recent opinion piece, Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg outlined how the four-day week works for her and her family, and challenged parents to use some ingenuity in their response to it.

Parents have, of course, been remarkably creative and dedicated in coping with the four-day week, simply because they have to. School staff and PAC reps have put in a huge amount of effort to make the imposition of the calendar change as friendly as possible.

Some people do find the extra day with their children rewarding, constructive and fun. However, other families are feeling a great deal of stress: financial, organizational and emotional, and they are finding their family

IN RESPONSE

time is in fact less enjoyable.

Part of the stress, for many, is that we do not know how this experiment will affect our children educationally in the short, medium or long run. Very little research has been carried out. A proper longitudinal study would need to consider a stretch in excess of three years and there are no plans for carrying one out. Meanwhile, for the individual child caught up in this, each year is vital.

Common sense certainly suggests that removing 20 per cent of what teachers know to be the best learning time of the day (mornings) and adding a three-day "forget it all" weekend are

unlikely to assist learning. Whilst some people may enjoy not having to rush for the bus and so on, let's hope we don't all have to regret it in the future.

The population of Salt Spring is relatively affluent. Many parents can absorb the increased childcare costs or loss of income associated with one less day in school. Gulf Islanders are famously creative, ingenious and capable of adopting alternative systems and so, for some, education, childcare and stimulating fifth-day activities can be arranged, bought, or supplemented. But what about those kids whose families are neither cash nor time rich? Whose parents both need to work a full week? What about those kids who simply don't have wonderful parents and will be parked in front of the TV?

The public education system should be run so as to satisfy the basic educational needs of all our children, not just the lucky ones. The four-day week on Salt Spring will directly increase the gap between rich and poor.

It will increase the demand for private education and severely compromise public education as enrolment drops yet further when people take their children out of the public system. One only has to look south to see how the erosion of public services will create a self-centered elite living in exclusive communities, and increasingly marginalized group of have-nots.

The way we run our schools and the treatment of families directly impacts the health and sustainability of our community (as do affordable housing, water

quality and development control).

This is a pivotal time for Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands, and the decisions we take today will determine how our islands will be in the future.

We cannot afford to say "we're alright, Jack" whilst ignoring the potentially huge societal and educational cost of this financially motivated experiment, and we cannot meekly wait until school board elections in November 2005, when another irreversible year of the four-day week will have started. We need to communicate our concern to the board and to the government now.

The recent "survey" on the impact of the four-day week was farcical. Some families did not contribute; others contributed twice; the single question asked was

ill-conceived.

Even so, we note that 31 per cent of families expressed dissatisfaction with the new system. This is a large percentage when one considers the board sanctioned the four-day week on the grounds that it would not adversely impact the school community.

Some of these families are suffering financially, some physically, some educationally. Are they to be ignored? Sacrificed for a balanced budget?

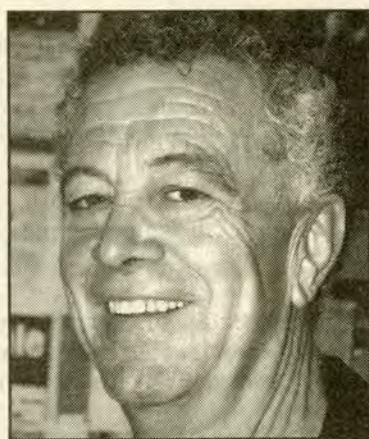
These are people concerned about the well-being of their own and the community's children, but they have been labelled "a special interest group" by the school board.

What is going on here?

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We asked: Who do you think is the greatest Salt Spring Islander (dead or alive)?



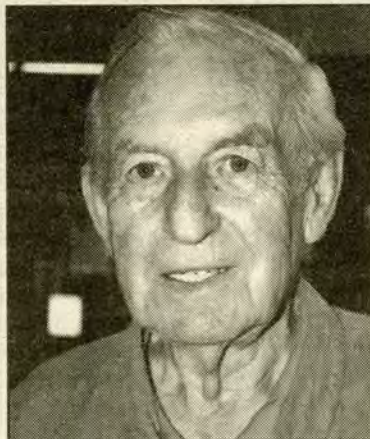
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My wife Linda Vickers. She's the most incredible human being I've ever had the honour to meet and get to know.



Christine Hunt

Tuwa'H Wie (Mary Ann "Granny" Gyves, the daughter of a Cowichan chieftain). She instilled in her descendants a deep pride of their native heritage.



Dan Davies

Mary Toynbee. She has been involved with Seniors for Seniors and Meadowbrook. She's the heart and soul of any organization she belongs to.



Gretta Hildebrandt (and Ezra)

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Letters to the Editor

Get it right

I read with interest Andrea Collins' letter last week regarding the subject of watershed boundaries. In it, she questions whether there exists a "conflict of interest" between Kathy Reimer's role on our newly established Environmental Advisory Committee, and some statements Kathy has made.

I find no such "conflict." In fact, the very facts that Kathy has suggested be checked — watershed boundaries — and the methodology to check them — Global Positioning System (GPS) — are exactly the kind of suggestions/information the Local Trust Committee hopes/expects to get from its advisory committees.

Andrea's suggestion that by determining the actual boundaries of a watershed Kathy is "advocating that even more land be taken out of the watershed," reveals either an ignorance of the facts or a certain bias.

Physical property within the real-world watershed cannot be taken out of the watershed, unless, as an

example, one were to divert water flow.

The truth is, when watershed boundaries were established on the zoning maps of Salt Spring, they were done in such a way as to approximate the watershed. Short of actually going out and doing "ground truthing," it is virtually impossible to define exactly where the boundaries are.

So, as a matter of convenience, the watershed boundaries were drawn on the map in straight lines.

What Kathy has suggested is to better define those boundaries through "ground truthing" using GPS. It may come to pass that by doing so, more property is either added to, or subtracted from, the watershed zoned area on the map.

I believe a bias is shown when, on the one hand, Andrea suggests it is inappropriate for Kathy to recommend land not actually in the watershed be removed from watershed zoning, and then go on to say that "... land found to be inside the watershed boundary needs

to be downzoned accordingly."

In closing, I agree with the quote from Kathy, which Andrea used: "It's time to stop covering up mistakes and get it right."

ERIC BOOTH,
Islands trustee

Not said

Regarding the October 18 fire board meeting, what was said and what was not said are both very telling.

Here are the two big omissions:

- They still have not offered one single shred of evidence of safety.

- When asked about their opinion on the possible danger, they declined to express one.

So, very interesting. They'll express concern on the possible legal consequences; they'll express concern about the negative public opinion on themselves as trustees, but no concern or opinion was expressed about the possibilities of brain damage, childhood leukemia, etc.

I believe this is a central and critical point because

if they acknowledged any credibility at all in the reports of negative health effects, it would immediately become impossible for them to install the antenna without being seen as monsters.

So they essentially have to take the position that the thousands of scientific papers, some of which show DNA damage at levels far below this antenna, are all invalid and do not apply to this proposed installation. Yeh, right!

One trustee even said to me a while ago that we had not 100 per cent proven that this antenna is dangerous! He is clearly and straightforwardly saying that if I have not 100 per cent proven to him that the antenna will be poisoning us, it's OK for him to go ahead and take the risk. The logic is ludicrous and the ethical stance despicable.

One speaker eloquently asked how they can even conceive of any possibility of taking any risk whatsoever with the lives of the children across the street in the playground.

I'd like to know the same, and that question has still not been answered.

MICHAEL LINEHAN,
Salt Spring

Voter clarification

There was some confusion arising out of my October 20 letter to the editor about pool referendum advance voter registration, for which I apologize.

Here is the scoop. You can go to the CRD Building Inspection Office in Ganges to check whether or not you are on the List of Registered Voters. If you are not on the list you can call 1-800-4425, local 3129, to get put on the list.

Or you can go to the polling station with documents proving who you are and that you are a Canadian citizen and that you have resided in B.C. for six months and on Salt Spring for 30 days, and you can register and vote all at once.

If you are a Non Resident Property Elector, special rules apply. You must register before October 28,

or you must have applied for and received a certificate prior to voting day. This must be presented on voting day.

Or you may apply for the certificate at the time of voting, but you must have the following identification with you: a recent land title registration or property tax notice and two pieces of ID, one with a signature, and if there is more than one property owner listed, a letter from other owners giving you the right to vote for the property.

Advance polls are on November 10 and 17 at the Ganges fire hall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you need assistance to get to the polls, please contact me and Splash will arrange for a ride for you.

Once again I apologize for any confusion or inconvenience which may have arisen out of my earlier letter.

Please vote yes for an indoor pool.

DARLENE STEELE,
Splash president

MORE LETTERS A10

Fanatics on both sides shouldn't determine island future

I can feel it coming in the air, tonight. Can you feel it? Major battle plans are being drawn up, swords sharpened, barricades erected.

And if you are at all interested in the direction that Salt Spring will go in the next 10, 20, 30 years, it would behoove you to pry yourself out of your Lazyboy and become involved.

Last month the Islands Trust meeting on Bowen Island was besieged by what appears to be a well-orchestrated dog and pony show to halt all development in the Gulf Islands... an immediate moratorium on development.

There is a danger in all this sabre rattling. It's called "the tyranny of the minority," where those who can shout the loudest take precedence over a more moderate position. The extreme fringes always see things in black and white, and that is always a dangerous position.

The extreme fringe on Salt Spring makes strange bedfellows, where the independently wealthy

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



in command of vast acreages high-five the destitute homeless, all united under the "preserve and protect" banner, a vague bit of doggerel written 30 years ago when Salt Spring boasted a population of 2,000; a vague bit of doggerel subject to a thousand interpretations; a vague bit of doggerel not entirely appropriate for Salt Spring Island in 2004.

The crucible for this upcoming battle will be Channel Ridge.

Personally, I like Channel Ridge. It's tucked way up a hillside virtually undetectable from Sunset Drive, it has wide streets, no hydro lines, and some very nice nature paths where I can walk my dogs, albeit attached to a leash.

Over 400 homes — most of them part of multi-family buildings — are slated to go up at

Channel Ridge. I'm guessing they will sell for an average of \$500,000 a pop. So who is going to buy these homes? What is the demographic of a Channel Ridge resident?

The vast majority will be rich retired folks, and I can't think of a more benign demographic. Most of these "Ridge People" will come from all sectors of society — from business, government and the humanities. Most will have skills, insights and time to sit on boards, councils and societies.

You want to get rid of the mill at Crofton? Imagine all those ridge people with all that time, talent and money staring out their living room windows at those belching smokestacks across the strait. Now that will be a force to be reckoned with.

And what of the benefits to the great unwashed — working stiff like me — who will likely never be counted as one of the Ridge People?

Well, of course there are the direct jobs. Anyone with any kind of trade at all will be swimming

in work for the next 10 years. And speaking of swimming, the additional tax base from these 450 homes would ensure a decent pool on Salt Spring, and likely an ice rink, nature trails and many other stocking stuffers on Salt Spring's wish lists.

The indirect benefits are pretty attractive as well. Shops will prosper. Service stations, marinas and restaurants will benefit. More jobs at better wages.

I dream of the day I will be able to go get a breakfast in downtown Ganges on a rainy Tuesday in February — a day when restaurants can afford to stay open all year long.

Detractors will march out their arguments: critical strains on the water and sewage supply systems, inadequate roads, more garbage being trucked off-island to the landfill. They may play the aboriginal card, claiming site desecrations.

And don't be surprised if there emerges a direct link between the development and global warming. Whatever it takes to drive a

stake through the heart of Channel Ridge.

The tyranny of the minority is a dangerous, dangerous thing. They count on the complacency of the general public. They have the time, they are organized, and they have the unwavering belief in their cause. They carpoo to Islands Trust meetings, arrange photo-ops with the press, heckle and berate opponents, disseminate fear. The end will always justify the means.

Personally, I don't want the future of Salt Spring dictated by fanatics on either side of the fence. Unchecked growth is as repugnant as a return to some feudal, quasi-communist fiefdom.

Don't make the mistake of sitting back and thinking that these meetings won't affect you. You may find yourself bicycling to the co-op to put in your mandatory volunteer time cleaning out the community latrines dressed in khakis with a big red star on your cap.

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Truly abysmal

We have read in the Driftwood letters to the editor that Health Canada has "abysmal standards" for the safe limit of radiowave field strengths from radio stations such as the little cell-phone radio — not microwave — installation proposed for Ganges.

Health Canada has publicly documented on its website the exhaustive tests done to determine the threshold of a radio wave field strength that might have a measurable effect on a living organism over time.

It then set the maximum safe limit some 50 times below that threshold. What is "abysmal" about that?

The little cell-phone radio station at Ganges would use an antenna about four centimeters in diameter and one metre in length. When energized, it would develop an absolute maximum radio wave field strength, at two metres above ground level, some 4,700 times below the safe limit prudently set by Health Canada and far below the standard agreed

to by IROCA and the Islands Trust several years ago.

At locations as far away from the antenna in the fire hall tower as Thrifty Foods or Mouat's store, for example, the maximum radio wave field strength would be approximately 23,400 times below Health Canada's safe limit. Most of the day, the cell-phone radio station transmit power would be five to 10 times below maximum so the Thrifty Foods radio wave field strength would usually be approximately 117,000 times below Health Canada's safe limit.

From these figures it is patently obvious that the radio wave field strength would be vanishingly small and altogether safe.

The reason the Telus engineers won't say so is simple: under their code of conduct they will not allow themselves to make scientific pronouncements. After all, they don't make the rules, they just live by the standards set by government.

I have read a set of 12 "key points" currently being presented by IROCA in opposition to the little cell-phone radio station at Ganges. Not one of them will withstand close scrutiny.

In my opinion, it is reprehensible to use scare tactics to spread fear and anxiety throughout the community by making false or misleading statements.

R.S. FRITH,
Salt Spring

A proposal

The 2004 federal election served to illustrate two things — both the possibility and the necessity of cooperation between the NDP and The Greens.

Had their votes been combined here in B.C., the Liberals and the Conservatives would have been denied at least nine more seats. Now I am not naive enough to think that a simple combining of numbers is possible, but the

potential is clearly there.

The question of some sort of amalgamation is opposed by party members in both Parties.

NDP members say:

- the Greens have gone too far to the "right."

- Both the Sierra Club and Greenpeace say that the NDP is "greener" than the Greens.

- You talk to the Greens and you come up against a wall.

The Greens say:

- In the NDP, the unions have undue influence.

- It was an NDP government that put my friends in jail after Clayoquot.

- You talk to the NDP and you come up against a wall.

Nevertheless — if the Citizens Assembly on the question of Proportional Representation comes up, as seems likely, with a recommendation for some form of rep by popular vote, then that will be in place not in the 2005 election but in the 2009 election.

If the pattern in other jurisdictions holds true that will result in "minority government." That means inevitable close cooperation between parties if effective and viable government is to result.

So, what I am proposing is that, instead of waiting for the 2009 election, we establish an effective level of cooperation now. If we are going to do it anyway — let's do it now — get rid of the Liberal government (which must be our first priority) and put into effect a truly equitable form of proportional representation.

Let's — for one election period only — join the NDP and the Greens under one banner. Call it the Green New Democrats, or the Democratic Greens, or the Party of the Little Red Men from Mars — who cares?

But as voter support for each party far outstrips party membership, it is essential that both the party membership and the voting public

realize the necessity for such an action.

We would only be anticipating an inevitable level of cooperation by one election.

Nomination per riding will present a problem, but if both the parties aspire to government surely such a problem should hardly be considered insurmountable.

For those from both sides that say, "I can't work with those people," make no mistake, what you are really saying is: "I would prefer four more years of a Gordon Campbell government to making the necessary adjustments and working with "those people."

But let's get on with it!

ART MORTON,
Park Drive

Perversion

I attended the last fire board meeting. What a perversion of democracy!

Those who are proposing to bring a toxic cell antenna into the heart of Ganges are those who will decide whether it will be done or not!

IROCA has shared a great deal of information on possible dangers with the public — through letters to the Driftwood, e-mails, printed material and handouts.

Meanwhile we have seen absolutely nothing from the fire board to show this antenna will be safe. They merely continue to nit-pick at IROCA's information.

It's not up to the community to show we'll be poisoned. Especially in the face of a mountain of evidence of possible danger, it's up to the fire board to show we won't.

As pointed out at the meeting, and in the last Driftwood, this is well established in international law. Do they have even one scrap of such evidence? I'd like to see it.

In fact, I challenge them to produce it.

CHRISTINA SCHLATTNER,
Salt Spring

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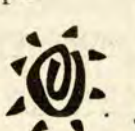
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The referendum vote, on the proposed indoor pool facility, will be held November 20, 2004. The above town hall meetings provide an opportunity for Salt Spring voters to view preliminary design concepts and to discuss the financial aspects of the project.

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Experts?

I liked Mr. Bateman's letter last week. Re-cell phone antenna, he did not present himself as an expert on cell technology, either human or telephonic whereas Mr. Frith in his article appears as an expert. But in what?

The question being considered is not one of electronics but in relation to possible side effects on health. To people exposed on a continual basis, we do not have to be heavily blasted with electromagnetic energy to be harmed, even a trickle over time may be harmful.

Let the trustees do their job, says Mr. Frith. We as citizens have followed that mantra long enough. Let the authorities make all decisions, they know — do they?

I have not been impressed by their knowledge on their research of health issues. Perhaps there are health issues, perhaps not. However, it's never a good idea to stop thinking and place unlimited faith in elected people.

LEROY JENSEN,
Vesuvius Bay

Conflict

In response to Kathy Reimer's October 13 letter in the Driftwood, I agree that the watersheds, and wetlands of Salt Spring Island need more accurate and larger-scale mapping than we currently have.

However, I have concerns with a conflict of interest that Ms. Reimer may have: Ms. Reimer currently supports a gravel mine from one of her "favourite people," Larry Bader, (Derrick's Island Pic, April 2004) in the Stowel Creek, Stowel Lake watershed and wetland.

This site is protected by a covenant and is surrounded by residential properties and a park walking trail. Test blasting has occurred and a small stream is now buried under rock debris, with approximately 60x60x60 feet of rock removed.

Sediment control is in the form of a few hay bales. There have been no environmental studies of the site, although Ms. Reimer has stated that fish could be introduced at some time.

Our watersheds and wetlands collect, filter and store our water and support many more species than fish.

Now Ms. Reimer appar-

ently is supporting a development in the Cusheon watershed. This appears to be a conflict of interest. Mapping should be done by a qualified, independent land surveyor.

MIKE WALL,
Sarah Way

Superbug cure

Don't believe the government health-care crisis spin.

I read with dismay in the October 22 Vancouver Sun how older hospitals are believed to be one of the main reasons for the outbreak of the deadly C-difficile bacteria deaths and illnesses (7,000 per year since April 2003).

I work off-island regularly as a contractor repairing electronic controls in hospital labs and have been doing this for over 20 years. Recently I noticed the contract cleaners doing most of the cleaning with just a Swiffer "picker-upper."

We were in Surrey Memorial hospital with our infant in the emergency waiting room for many hours and noticed coins in thick dust under all the vending machines and stains everywhere.

When I work in the hospitals I see this by any equipment that is built-in or not moved often — the dust collection looks very old.

I have also seen old, dirty rags and mice droppings in cupboards and under equipment in one hospital.

I am not surprised that all these superbugs are now popping up. The private housekeeping cleaners I've talked to, who get \$10 an hour, are overworked and tired.

Good housekeeping is not something an unskilled labourer will do for \$10 an hour. You can't Swiffer mop

a hospital, for Pete's sake.

New hospitals won't solve bad housekeeping, only skilled and fairly paid labour will.

HOLGER HERMANN,
Salt Spring

Watersheds

Kathy Reimer, in her letter of October 13, has a distorted view of events surrounding the Channel Ridge development agreement.

This agreement was worked out between Channel Ridge and the Islands Trust. North Salt Spring Waterworks District was only involved in the question of water supply to the development and the Water Preservation Society was only involved as recipients of the watershed lands.

Contrary to Kathy's assertion, I know of no Channel Ridge houses built in the St. Mary Lake watershed. What the agreement did accomplish was the preservation of a large area of the lake's watershed. This is vitally important to help protect water quality in that lake.

Some zoning boundaries such as the Agricultural Land Reserve and watershed boundaries tend to be drawn in straight lines, interpreted from soil maps or topographic maps on to cadastral maps.

In the case of the watershed boundaries, it has always been recognized that there are inaccuracies, leaving some land in the watershed zone that should be out, and leaving some land out of the watershed zone that should be in.

Some years ago, the Islands Trust looked at more accurately defining the watershed boundaries of our community water supply lakes. They did not pro-

ceed, likely because of the huge cost and complexity of accurately defining, surveying and registering a zone boundary over many miles of rough terrain.

To reiterate what I said in my letter of September 24 regarding the proposed rezoning in the Cusheon Lake watershed zone, the Trust might consider more accurately defining watershed boundaries.

However, it should not do so on a piecemeal basis, which will only favour developers' interests, but not the community's interest. What property owner is going to come to the Trust and say his or her property should be in the watershed zone, and pay for the survey?

Kathy's position favouring additional development at Cusheon Lake is puzzling.

If part of the land in question is in the Cusheon Lake watershed, then that is a very bad precedent for all our community water supply lakes. If part of the land is in the Ford Lake-Fulford Creek watershed as she asserts, how will development of that property aid salmon enhancement?

More importantly, Ford Lake has intrinsic value as well. With its large watershed and increased storage, it has potential as a possible future supply of water for agricultural, fisheries or community water supply purposes.

Are we going to start the process of severely damaging yet another of our lakes by allowing inappropriate development in its watershed?

MICHAEL LARMOUR,
Beddis Road

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NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE - one trustee to be elected:

Surname	Given Names	Residential	Address
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STEEVES	Gary	2702 Yawl Lane,	North Pender Island, B.C. V0N2M2

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of which every person is hereby required to take notice and be so governed accordingly.

The only persons permitted to vote at the Advanced Voting Opportunities are those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that:

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Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this twenty second (22nd) day of October, 2004.

Thomas F. Moore, Chief Election Officer

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- have resided in the area **at least 30 days** immediately preceding the day of Voting
- are not disqualified from voting under the Local Government Act or any other Act

If you are not on the Voters List you may register on Voting Day providing you have two pieces of identification, one of which has your signature and preferably one with pictorial identification, e.g. drivers licence.

Non Resident Property Elector - You are qualified as a Non Resident Property Elector if you:

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- have resided in British Columbia in accordance with section 50 of the Local Government Act for at least six months immediately preceding registration;
- are a registered owner of the real property used for qualification at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration
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In addition to the above requirements the limitations listed below also apply to non resident property electors:

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Pender kids tired amid 4-day week experiment

By ALICE KLASSEN

This is an Outer Islands parent's view of the four-day school week.

On a typical school day, our son gets up at 6 a.m. He leaves the house at 7:30 a.m. to catch the school bus at 7:40 a.m., which takes him to the water taxi. After 45 minutes on the water taxi he arrives on Salt Spring Island.

This is followed by a walk, from the water taxi dock to Gulf Islands Secondary School with a 10-pound back-pack, rain or shine.

Does this sound like a good start to his day? Or anyone's for that matter?

He arrives back home at 5:45 p.m. He's tired, grumpy, and doesn't want to eat or talk to my husband and I. As he puts it: "Can I just have some down time before I have to do one more thing?"

After a very quiet supper, he has one to two hours of homework and, depending on which day it is, I drive him to the tutor for an hour more.

He is never in bed before 10 p.m. Then the cycle starts again. On Friday if I wake him up before 11 a.m. the whole day is shot. Why, you may ask? Because he is tired, tired, tired!

Friday was glowingly described by School District 64 as a "family day," or a day that our teenagers could go out and get a part-time job. How is this possible, when you're dealing with someone who is over-tired and will not speak to you until noon!

Does this sound like a good life for a 13 year old?

IN DEPTH

Of course not. These are adult hours that he is keeping and if I had a schedule like this, I'd quit.

School District 64 trustees are responsible for this mess, and for treating our kids as adults when they are not.

As parents, we are very worried and stressed about this disgraceful situation, and how this is adversely affecting our son's education.

There is simply no time after school for sports or other programs that he wishes to attend.

We could board him on Salt Spring, but what about our family life? (Not that there is much of it now between Monday and Friday.)

We have only one chance to educate our children, and if this four-day school week experiment harms just one child, it is one child too many.

We, like all parents, want the best education for our child and for the next generation to achieve more than we did. The four-day school week is not working for us, and I strongly believe many others are of the same opinion.

Since when is education for profit?

In our opinion, School District 64 has made all the wrong choices, in dealing with the district's deficit.

We believe they should have stood up and started yelling against these provin-

cial government changes in funding and worked together with other school districts to protect our children's education.

They chose not to fight. They chose not to listen to us "emotional" (as one of the trustees described us) parents who went to meetings and spoke up against the four-day school week.

They chose the easy way out. In our eyes all the trustees who voted for the four-day school week have committed political suicide.

What can we as parents do about this? The answer is still — lots!

Sign every petition that comes your way. Send letters of complaint to your local MLA, to the Minister of Education and to every trustee who voted for the four-day school week. Pick up the phone and let them know, eloquently and forcefully, how you feel.

Come November 2005 we have a choice. Do we re-elect trustees that do not listen to their constituents, or trustees that have the best interests of kids and hardworking parents at heart, regardless of the political cost?

Here on Pender Island we have approached several former educators and retired teachers and have asked them to run in the next election.

In addition, we have a trust fund that is to be used for litigation to overturn the four-day school farce. Contributions are still needed, and always welcome!

The writer is an "emotional" Pender Island parent.

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537/538/653: 537/538
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Home finished/unfinished: Finished — garden in progress.
Favourite people: Grand-daughters, family and the many interesting people I meet on the farm and in the clinic.
Favourite read: Garden books, cook books and novels.
Best thing about SSI: The strong sense of community.
Worst thing about SSI: Summer parking in Ganges.
Best place to kiss on SSI?: The pumpkin patch.

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Rants to the lady who walks the Channel Ridge trails in the late afternoon with her four dogs, none on a 'leash'. Please leash your dogs and keep them on their leashes. Although our dogs are leashed, it is very hard to control them when your dogs charge at us. Our walks are no longer a pleasure. Cathie Newman, Karen Wolst, Becky, Syrus, Buddy, Libby, Punch and Jordan.

ROSES

A big bouquet of roses to Barry Edwards at Moby's for being a caring and compassionate host. Thanks for Saturday night. CB.

Thanks and fragrant roses to all the incredible volunteers who made the Apple Festival such a great success, resulting in over 500 happy apple connoisseurs taking the Salt Spring Apple Tour. Your enthusiasm, your smiles and your helpfulness are greatly appreciated.

Concrete roses (the everlasting kind) to all the "skateboard/BMX/construction" moms who have been contributing lunches to the crew at the skatepark this past month while they push to the finish. Community spirit is alive and well!

Thanks to all the Salt

Spring apple growers who contributed to the 215 organically grown varieties of apples that were displayed at Fulford Hall during the apple festival. What a magnificent display it was. On October 23, that same display was featured at the Celebration of Apples in Victoria.

The sweet smell of roses to those who run the lawnmower over their fallen leaves and then place them in the compost bin or pile them in an out-of-the-way spot. In this state it won't blow away and saves the work of raking. Your garden, trees and flower beds will love you for it in the spring. EW

A bundle of beautiful roses to the Nordine family for being our best friends in the whole world. Mardon, Maja, Bradon, Bailey and Wally, thank-you for all you do for us. We love you. T&O

Thanks to Salt Spring, this incredible island which provides us with great soil, clean water, fresh air, good crops and fantastic neighbours. It has collected a great mix of people and provides a creative, supportive haven for us all. She grows incredible roses also.

A warm and fuzzy big bunch of roses for all the contributors, purchasers and helpers at Saturday night's auction to raise funds for the Core Inn. It was a great success and we can happily

pay the bills and re-open next week. Our community rocks! T

Roses to the McColls for being there, and special thanks to Darren Nordine and Jason Blomly for excellent customer service. HB

A spooktacular bouquet of orange-coloured roses to Mary, the pumpkin lady, for the donated pumpkins, from Salt Spring Elementary School.

Roses to whoever put our fence back together. L&P

Roses to Michael Lees for being a great help with the hound, and a constant source of generosity.

Bunches of lavender to Vaughan Walters and Darlene Lane for their wonderful support helping me deal with the challenges of surgery and renewal. DC

So much love and gratitude to you, Tammy, on your birthday. You are a bright and unique and talented individual — a gift to all whose lives you touch. May you always know you are so loved and appreciated.

Peace roses to all the wonderful people who contributed to — and participated in — the Peace Works! Celebration of United Nations Day, especially the young people who show us the way.

Letters

Freeze time

Thank you, Eric Booth, for pointing out the impact of restricting development and the motivation of many BANANAS and NIMBYs. (October 13, In Depth.)

Those people are trying to freeze time at the expense of others, by co-opting the force of government. They'll cleverly use collectivist rationale to do the dirty deed, but that does not change the principle of what they are doing — sacrificing others for their own gain.

An example is the Alberta couple who bought Gulf Islands property years ago and demanded it be in the same space when they retire in a few years. Instead they should use their own money to buy into or start a private development with restrictions that are voluntarily accepted by the voluntary act of buying into the development.

KEITH SKETCHLEY,
Victoria

Lotto luck

A few days ago, I received a letter from the international lotto commission in Madrid, Spain, informing me that I had won \$615,810 (US). This was my share from a total cash prize of \$9,237,150, shared among 15 international winners.

Could this be for real? For a short time, I thought of how it would improve my life (and others). Then, since I had not even entered the lottery, my suspicions prompted me to call Berkshire Securities in Ganges, whose staff handle my investments. Rocky urged me to phone the Better Business Bureau, and I did so immediately.

The BBB asked if the letter came from the "El Gordo de la Primitiva lottery program," and when this was confirmed, they implored me not to reply, as it was a huge scam. The BBB has been trying to catch them for years, as many unsuspecting, trusting people have had their personal data used to make phony birth certificates, passports, run up credit card debts, and had their identities stolen.

I was also advised to inform the RCMP, which I did.

On my way home, I played out a whole scenario as to how the scoundrels could be caught (no doubt from watching all those movies!) By the time I reached my driveway and the final scene showed my entering a protection program, I decided to scrap the whole idea and write this letter instead.

So, however tempting it may be to claim winnings from mysterious lotteries, please consider the consequences, and stick to the good old 649s.

LOUISE NYE,
Salt Spring

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LOOKING BACK: Lena Maron, one of 12 students from Fulford elementary's first graduating class in 1985, reminisces over old photos at the school's 20th anniversary celebrations last Wednesday evening.

Photo by Ellen Yeung



ON THEIR FEET: Fulford Elementary School principal Judy Raddysh leads students in the gumbot dance at the school's 20th anniversary celebration.

Photo by Ellen Yeung

Years of memories celebrated at Fulford School anniversary

By ELLEN YEUNG
 Staff Writer

Community was the dominant theme at Fulford Elementary School's 20th anniversary celebrations held last Wednesday evening.

"There's strong parental involvement in the school," said principal Judy Raddysh, as she asked everyone in the crowd of 200 who has ever worked at the school to stand up and wave, and then the parents to stand up and receive their recognition as well.

Then as the song We Are Family was played during one of the slide presentations of past and present students, teachers and volunteers, some current students spontaneously joined in to the chorus.

"We were like one big family," Lena Maron told the Driftwood later, as she pored over old photos in the school's gym.

She transferred from the Little Red Schoolhouse at Beaver Point and became one of the first 12 students to graduate from the Fulford school in 1985. Although Maron now works as a caregiver for adults with developmental disabilities in Victoria, she returned to Salt Spring to celebrate the anniversary.

Not only has she kept in touch with her former classmates, including Ben Berry, who was the other 1985 grad there, but also with former teachers.

And during the slide shows, quiet exclamations of remembrance made it more evident to an outsider that the Fulford school community was a close-knit one. Audience members didn't merely pick out former classmates, but also neighbours, their siblings' classmates or children of friends and acquaintances.

Arleen Sadler, who has taught at Fulford since the

beginning, described the environment as "a child-centred school and a person-centred school."

"It's a real country school," said Barb Aust, who was a teacher and then principal at Fulford before Raddysh arrived. "No matter who comes and goes, there's a strong commitment to the school."

The original staff regaled the audience with memories of what it was like at Fulford during that first year.

The school district originally purchased a property for \$400,000 and had prepared architectural designs for a school on that lot. But once officials realized they couldn't build a school on watershed-zoned land, they had to scrap those specific architectural designs, sell the land for a loss of \$300,000 and start all over.

Fulford Elementary was finally completed and opened in 1984 on South Ridge Road, in the south end of Salt Spring.

There were cows on the field, the kids played basketball at Fulford Hall and had PE. in a classroom because the school had no gym.

With no pool at Portlock Park, the kids took swimming lessons at privately owned pools.

The school had a progressive nutrition policy, said Aust, that prohibited donuts and foods containing nitrate.

Aust also recited some words from the school song that she found particularly meaningful: "If there's a song inside your heart, just let it sing, it has to grow."

"Letting that feeling of passion for learning and for the kids grow from inside themselves was the core of everything we were taught to do here," Aust explained.

She, like several other staff, fondly recalled five boys who were dubbed the Bush Boys: Byron Forbes,

Cree Binkley, Morgain Cuddy, and Noah and Jason McCallion.

"They loved nature, they loved to be in the bush," Aust said. "I learned more about the best way to teach boys from those five kids than I learned from anyone else."

The Bush Boys often brought in animals and objects from the outdoors, such as snakes, spiders and frogs. Aust discovered that learning happens in more places than inside the classroom.

Back in the mid-90s, Fulford students revelled in putting around in the mud and swamp, and played paleontology with fossils found in shale rocks in the fill.

The emphasis on nature and social responsibility has endured at the school.

"We've focused on nature from the day the school opened," Raddysh said.

Local scientists and artists regularly visit Fulford students.

The school now participates in a worldwide online science program called Globe. Students collect data from the atmosphere, soil and land cover, and then share that information with other Globe participants.

Class members have also raised salmon and released them in Fulford Creek for the last 15 years. As well, they've done environmental testing at Burgoyne Bay Park and Weston Lake.

The school offers after-school activities and Fulford Community Nature School offers nature programs on some Fridays.


Raddysh said Fulford elementary is working to establish the Fulford Community Nature School Society, which will help develop the school's involvement with the wider community.

"That is our future and that's where we're headed," Raddysh said.


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NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING SALT SPRING ISLAND INDOOR SWIMMING POOL REFERENDUM

Take notice that below is a copy of the proposed bylaws for which the electors of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, will be asked to vote on the following question: "Are you in favour of the Board of the Capital Regional District adopting Bylaw No. 3206, cited as "Salt Spring Island Indoor Swimming Pool Facility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2004" authorizing the Capital Regional District to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of \$450,200 or \$0.248 per One Thousand Dollars of taxable assessments for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating indoor swimming pool facilities and related programming on Salt Spring Island; AND Bylaw No. 3207, cited as "Salt Spring Island Indoor Swimming Pool Facility Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2004" authorizing the District to borrow an amount not to exceed \$4,212,000 for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing and equipping an indoor swimming pool facility on Salt Spring Island and providing that the entire net annual cost for the service shall be recovered by means of a property value tax, as per Bylaw No. 3206, to be borne by owners of land within the service area. YES or NO?"

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 3206

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE FOR THE PROVISION AND OPERATION OF AN INDOOR SWIMMING POOL FACILITY AND RELATED PROGRAMMING IN THE SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA

WHEREAS:

- A. A Regional District may, by bylaw, establish and operate a service under Section 796 of the Local Government Act;
B. The Regional Board of the Capital Regional District wishes to establish a service for the purpose of providing and operating indoor swimming pool facilities in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area;
C. Pursuant to the Local Government Act participating area approval is required and shall be obtained by assent of the electors;
D. The approval of the Inspector of Municipalities is required under section 801(1) of the Local Government Act;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Service

- 1. The Capital Regional District hereby establishes a service for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating indoor swimming pool facilities and related programming on Salt Spring Island.

Boundaries

- 2. The boundaries of the Service Area shall be coterminous with the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

Participating Area

- 3. Only the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is a participating area for this service.

Cost Recovery

- 4. The annual costs for the service may be recovered by the following:
a) by the requisition of money under section 806 of the Local Government Act to be collected by a property value tax, based on land and improvements levied and collected under Section 806.1 of the Local Government Act;
b) fees and charges imposed under section 363;
c) revenues raised by other means authorized under this or another Act;
d) revenues received by agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

Maximum Requisition

- 5. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 800.1(1)(e) for the Service will be the greater of:
a) Four hundred fifty thousand two hundred dollars (\$450,200.00) or
b) an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax rate of \$.248 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) which when applied to the net taxable value of the land and improvements within the Service Area, will yield the maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 806.1 of the Local Government Act for the service.

Citation

- 6. This bylaw may be cited as "Salt Spring Island Indoor Swimming Pool Facility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2004."

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 3207

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,212,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF

DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING AN INDOOR SWIMMING POOL FACILITY ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

- A. WHEREAS under Bylaw No. 3206, "Salt Spring Island Indoor Swimming Pool Facility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2004", the Board of the Capital Regional District established a service for the purpose of providing and operating indoor swimming pool facilities and related programming in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area;
B. AND WHEREAS the Board of the Capital Regional District wishes to plan, design, construct and equip an indoor swimming pool facility;
C. AND WHEREAS the estimated cost of designing and constructing the indoor swimming pool facility, including the cost of studies related thereto and expenses incidental thereto, is the sum of Four Million Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$4,212,000) which is the amount of debt intended to be authorized by this bylaw;
D. AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Local Government Act participating area approval is required and shall be obtained by assent of the electors;
E. AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the financing of the said indoor swimming pool facility is to be undertaken by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia pursuant to proposed agreements between that Authority and the Capital Regional District;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1. The Board is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the plan, design and construction of works for the provision of the facilities and equipment herein before described and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
(a) to borrow upon the credit of the Regional District a sum not exceeding Four Million Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$4,212,000);
(b) to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the planning, designing and constructing of the indoor swimming pool facility and all related ancillary works, studies and equipment deemed necessary by the Board.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt intended to be created by this bylaw is 15 years.
3. This Bylaw may be cited as "Salt Spring Island Indoor Swimming Pool Facility Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2004".

Taxation Impact of Bylaws Nos. 3206 and 3207

The annual cost of the service, per average residential assessment, is estimated to be \$72.29, based on the average residential folio for 2004 of \$313,920.

A copy of the complete bylaws may be viewed at the following offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD) from October 20, 2004 to November 19, 2004, excluding statutory holidays:

- CRD Administration Dept., 524 Yates Street, 3rd Floor, Victoria, BC, (Mon. -Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm) Telephone 250-360-3129 or 1-800-663-4425 local 3129
• CRD Building Inspection (Salt Spring Island), #206-118 Fulford Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC (8:30-10:00 am, 10:30 am-Noon, 1:00-4:00 pm; Mon. to Fri., excluding holidays) Telephone (250)537-2711.

The bylaws, and other information, may also be viewed on the Internet at http://www.crd.bc.ca/election/

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified electors may vote at the following places on GENERAL VOTING DAY FOR OTHER VOTING: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.:

- Fulford Community Hall, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
• Community Gospel Church, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
• Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

ADVANCE VOTING DAYS FOR OTHER VOTING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2004 AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.:

- Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 20, 2004), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and have resided in your community (Salt Spring Island) for 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature.

You are entitled to vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 20, 2004), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community (Salt Spring Island) for 30 days and do not qualify as a Resident Elector.

You are entitled to vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: (a) have registered on or before October 28, 2004, OR (b) have applied for and received a certificate, prior to voting day, which entitles you to register as a Non-Resident Property Elector (certificate MUST be presented at the time of voting); OR (c) apply for a certificate, at the time and place of voting, which entitles you to register as a Non-Resident Property Elector, if the following information is provided at the time of application:

- a recent land title registration of the real property OR a property tax notice, which will show the names of all the registered owners; AND
• 2 pieces of identification (one of which must have a signature), AND
• in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

Thomas F. Moore and Carole Gear have been appointed Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer, respectively, for the purpose of taking and recording the vote of electors. For questions regarding voting and voter registration call CRD @ 250-360-3129 or Toll Free 1-800-663-4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250-472-0059.

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NDP leader seeks support on Salt Spring

By ELLEN YEUNG
Staff Writer

MLA Murray Coell may be "a very likeable person," but Saanich North and the Islands constituents should not re-elect the Liberal party member in May, says B.C. NDP leader Carole James.

"He has supported the direction the government has

gone," James told the Driftwood last week, as a run-up to a question and answer session she'll hold for the Salt Spring community this Saturday afternoon.

As the previous human resources minister, Coell was also responsible for controversial proposals to tighten disability assistance and income assistance eligibility criteria.

"Coell's record will speak for itself," James said of the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Because Salt Spring voters favoured the local Green party candidate Andrew Lewis and Coell more than the NDP candidate in the last provincial election in 2001, James said she has been trying to reach out to Green party supporters since winning her party's leadership in November in order to defeat the Liberals in the upcoming election.

"This is going to be one of the most important elections we've ever had. We're fighting one of the most extreme governments," she said.

James said the NDP and the Green party have some common goals such as changing the electoral system from first-past-the-post to proportional representation.

Although the B.C. Liberals had 43 per cent support among decided voters compared to the NDP's 37 per cent in September's Mustel Group poll, James peppered her conversation with the phrase, "when we form the new government" rather than "if."

That's because when she ran for the leadership of the NDP last year, she intended



NDP leader Carole James visits island Saturday

to be part of the government, not the opposition, James explained.

"But I'm a realist. I don't underestimate the hard work ahead," she said.

James said she expects to continue travelling throughout the province for the next seven months.

The election will be tough and the results will be down to the wire on election day, James predicted.

"We're aiming for one seat more than the Liberals but we'd love a larger majority than that, obviously," she said.

One of James' goals in keeping B.C.'s economy on track should the NDP gain power is to balance the budget every year, she said.

"I believe in balanced budgets. I've lived with it as a [former Victoria] school trustee, I've lived with it in my own budgets and I think that's important," James said.

However, she said the NDP wouldn't be able to fix everything immediately.

"It's going to take some time to rebuild our province with all the things [the Liberals] have ripped apart," she said.

"We will have a clear focused plan.

"It will be well-costed out, it will be clear where the money's going to come from for all the programs and services and promises that we bring forward in the

election," James said.

She added she would like to reach out to business, labour and community groups to reinforce the fact that a Carole James government will work with everyone. For example, James wants to strike up a premier's economic advisory council that would report directly to the premier and look at how to increase economic growth in B.C.

James said the Liberals have placed pressure on low-income earners, through actions such as increasing health service premiums and user fees. She also attributed B.C.'s budget surplus to two factors: the price of commodities such as oil and gas internationally, and low interest rates.

"What will happen when the price of commodities decreases?" she asked.

James said she would like to diversify the economy and support small businesses, where a great portion of jobs in B.C. are, and improve access to education.

Although James said one of the purposes of Saturday's Q and A session is to learn more about Salt Spring residents' concerns, some issues she expects to hear about are education, B.C. Ferries, the environment and health-care.

Residents opposed to the four-day school week have already contacted her, but James has not taken a position.

"I'd like there to be more money in public education so school boards can make the decision of what's good for education," she said. "We won't be downloading costs

onto school boards."

As for the ferries strike last year, James refused to say whether or not an NDP government would call for back-to-work legislation.

The NDP would foster a non-confrontational relationship with labour so unions wouldn't be on the brink of a strike, she said.

James also said she would like to revert B.C. Ferries to a Crown corporation.

"It belongs to the people of B.C.," she said.

With B.C. Ferries now privatized, "there's no accountability" because the NDP can no longer ask questions in the legislature about the corporation, even though it receives \$100 million in tax funds, James said.

As the government moves toward privatization in other sectors, she said, she expects "fares will go up and service will go down."

And with this being Salt Spring, James anticipates questions about the environment.

She criticized results-based environmental regulations. The government should play a role in setting and enforcing regulations, James said.

"If you lose a watershed, you don't get that back."

James, who has spent summers on Salt Spring, said she looks forward to hearing from residents about their challenges and priorities.

"The people on Salt Spring know their community better than anyone," she said.

James will hold the community forum at the United Church on Hereford Avenue on Saturday at 3 p.m. She will attend a potluck dinner with NDP members from Salt Spring that evening.

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Producers eye slaughterhouse

The Farmers Institute is launching a feasibility study on the needs for a slaughterhouse, or abattoir, on the island, says the president of the institute.

About 80 meat producers met at the Farmers Institute on Thursday evening to plan the Gulf Islands' response to changes in the meat inspection regulations.

New regulations, effective September 2006, require ante- and post-mortem inspection of all animals at the points of slaughter by a government inspector.

The only exception is meat for personal consumption.

Meat sold commercially is already being inspected under the current system. The new

regulation is expected to have a large impact on farm gate sales, where the products currently don't need inspection.

"The members are concerned but positive," said president Chris Schmah, who operates Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies.

"They realize they need to make changes."

Schmah didn't know how many meat producers are on the island, but estimated more than 300 farms produce meat and/or produce. More than 1,000 lambs are sold each year, he added.

Regulatory changes were prompted by the discovery of a single cow in Alberta infected with BSE or mad cow disease last year.

And the winner is....
Congratulations to Nancy Wright
who correctly answered contest questions featured in the Driftwood's Fall Fix Up Special Section.
Nancy wins a \$100 gift certificate to Mouat's.
The correct answer was:

Paintbrush: 7
Saw: 7
Shovel: 7
bolt: 9

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NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING SALT SPRING ISLAND WATER SERVICE REFERENDA

BEDDIS WATER SERVICE REFERENDUM

Take notice that below is a copy of the proposed bylaws for which the electors of the Beddis water service area, on Salt Spring Island, will be asked to vote on the following question: "Are you in favour of the Board of the Capital Regional District adopting Bylaw No. 3188, cited as "Beddis Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2004" authorizing the Capital Regional District to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of \$133,000 or \$2.71 per One Thousand Dollars of taxable assessments to create a service to operate a water supply system in the Beddis Water Service area; AND Bylaw No. 3193, cited as "Beddis Water Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2004" authorizing the District to borrow an amount not to exceed \$325,500 for constructing new waterworks for the Beddis Water Service area. YES or NO?"

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 3188

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE AREA WITHIN THE ELECTORAL AREA OF SALT SPRING ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATING A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board of the Capital Regional District may, by bylaw, establish and operate a service under the provisions of Section 800 of the Local Government Act.
B. Assent of the electors of the service area is required pursuant to Section 801.2 of the Local Government Act.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Capital Regional District enacts as follows:

- 1. The service being established, and to be operated, is the supply, conveyance, treatment, storage and distribution of water to be known as the Beddis Water Service.
2. The boundaries of the service area are shown in heavy outline on the plan attached to this Bylaw as Schedule "A".
3. Only the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island includes a participating area for this service.
4. The annual costs for the service may be recovered by one or more of the following:
(a) by the requisition of money under Section 806 of the Local Government Act to be collected by a property value tax to be levied and collected on land and improvements within the service area;
(b) by way of an annual parcel tax;
(c) by the imposition of fees and charges to be imposed by bylaw under Section 363 of the Local Government Act; or
(d) by revenues raised by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.
5. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the service will be the greater of:
(a) (\$133,000) one hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars; or
(b) an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax rate of (\$2.71) two dollars and seventy-one cents per (\$1,000) one thousand dollars which, when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area, will yield the maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 806.1 of the Local Government Act for the service.
6. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Beddis Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2004".

Schedule "A" to Bylaw 3188 - Beddis Water Service Area



CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 3193

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$325,500) FOR CONSTRUCTING NEW WATERWORKS FOR THE BEDDIS WATER SERVICE AREA

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to Section 800 of the Local Government Act, the Board of the Capital Regional District under Section 800.1 of the Local Government Act established by Bylaw 3188, a service for the provision and operation of a service for the supply, treatment, conveyance, storage and distribution of water;
B. The assent of the electors of the Salt Spring Island Beddis Water Service Area is required pursuant to Section 801.2 of the Local Government Act;
C. It is deemed desirable to provide proper facilities hereunder described in accordance with the service of water supply and distribution;
D. The work shall include construction of new waterworks by the planning, study, design and construction of a system of water supply, conveyance, treatment, storage, distribution of water and other related works, facilities and equipment purchases;
E. Other funding sources shall be used to fund part of the desired works;
F. The estimated cost of the works, facilities and equipment, including expenses incidental thereto to be funded from debt servicing, is the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$325,500) which is the amount of debt intended to be authorized by this bylaw;
G. It is proposed that the financing of the said water facilities is to be undertaken by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia pursuant to proposed agreements between that Authority and the Capital Regional District;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1. The Board is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the planning, study, design and construction of works for the provision of the facilities and equipment herein before described and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
(a) to borrow upon the credit of the Regional District a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$325,500);
(b) to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the planning, study, design and construction of a system of water supply, conveyance, treatment, storage and distribution of water and all related ancillary works, studies and equipment deemed necessary by the Board.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt intended to be created by this bylaw is 15 years.
3. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Beddis Water Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2004".

Taxation Impact of Bylaws No. 3188 & 3193

The estimated annual cost to a property owner for debt servicing is projected to be \$253.44, paid as a parcel tax, based on 143 parcels. The estimated annual cost to a residential user for annual operating costs, stated as a fixed user fee, based on 121 users or equivalent, is \$678. The CRD has been instructed by the Beddis Water Trustees to collect the annual costs by parcel tax and user fees and not by a property value tax.

FULFORD WATER SERVICE REFERENDUM

Take notice that below is a copy of the proposed bylaws for which the electors of the Fulford water service area, on Salt Spring Island, will be asked to vote on the following question: "Are you in favour of the Board of the Capital Regional District adopting Bylaw No. 3202, cited as "Fulford Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2004" authorizing the Capital Regional District to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of \$156,000 or \$5.46 per One Thousand Dollars of taxable assessments to create a service to operate a water supply system in the Fulford Water Service area; AND Bylaw No. 3203, cited as "Fulford Water Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2004" authorizing the District to borrow an amount not to exceed \$573,000 for constructing new waterworks for the Fulford Water Service area. YES or NO?"

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 3202

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE AREA WITHIN THE ELECTORAL AREA OF SALT SPRING ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATING A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board of the Capital Regional District may, by bylaw, establish and operate a service under the provisions of Section 800 of the Local Government Act.
B. Assent of the electors of the service area is required pursuant to Section 801.2 of the Local Government Act.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Capital Regional District enacts as follows:

- 1. The service being established, and to be operated, is the supply, conveyance, treatment, storage and distribution of water to be known as the Fulford Water Service.
2. The boundaries of the service area are shown in heavy outline on the plan attached to this Bylaw as Schedule "A".
3. Only the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island includes a participating area for this service.
4. The annual costs for the service may be recovered by one or more of the following:

- (a) by the requisition of money under Section 806 of the Local Government Act to be collected by a property value tax to be levied and collected on land and improvements within the service area;
(b) by way of an annual parcel tax;
(c) by the imposition of fees and charges to be imposed by bylaw under Section 363 of the Local Government Act; or
(d) by revenues raised by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

- 5. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the service will be the greater of:
(a) (\$156,000) one hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars; or
(b) an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax rate of (\$5.46) five dollars and forty-six cents per (\$1,000) one thousand dollars which, when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area, will yield the maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 806.1 of the Local Government Act for the service.
6. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Fulford Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2004".

Schedule "A" to Bylaw 3202 - Fulford Water Service Area



CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 3203

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$573,000) FOR CONSTRUCTING NEW WATERWORKS FOR THE FULFORD WATER SERVICE AREA

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to Section 800 of the Local Government Act, the Board of the Capital Regional District under Section 800.1 of the Local Government Act established by Bylaw 3202, a service for the provision and operation of a service for the supply, treatment, conveyance, storage and distribution of water;
B. The assent of the electors of the Salt Spring Island Fulford Water Service Area is required pursuant to Section 801.2 of the Local Government Act;
C. It is deemed desirable to provide proper facilities hereunder described in accordance with the service of water supply and distribution;
D. The work shall include construction of new waterworks by the planning, study, design and construction of a system of water supply, conveyance, treatment, storage, distribution of water and other related works, facilities and equipment purchases;
E. Other funding sources shall be used to fund part of the desired works;
F. The estimated cost of the works, facilities and equipment, including expenses incidental thereto to be funded from debt servicing, is the sum of Five Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars (\$573,000) which is the amount of debt intended to be authorized by this bylaw;
G. It is proposed that the financing of the said water facilities is to be undertaken by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia pursuant to proposed agreements between that Authority and the Capital Regional District;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1. The Board is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the planning, study, design and construction of works for the provision of the facilities and equipment herein before described and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
(a) to borrow upon the credit of the Regional District a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand (\$573,000);
(b) to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the planning, study, design and construction of a system of water supply, conveyance, treatment, storage and distribution of water and all related ancillary works, studies and equipment deemed necessary by the Board.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt intended to be created by this bylaw is 15 years.
3. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Fulford Water Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2004".

Taxation Impact of Bylaws No. 3202 & 3203

The estimated annual cost to a property owner for debt servicing is projected to be \$631.68, paid as a parcel tax, based on 101 parcels. The estimated annual cost to a residential user, stated as a fixed user fee, based on 109 users or equivalent is \$660. The CRD has been instructed by the Fulford Water Trustees to collect the annual costs by parcel tax and user fees and not by a property value tax.

The bylaws may also be viewed on the Internet @ http://www.crd.bc.ca/election/

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified electors may vote at the following places on GENERAL VOTING DAY FOR OTHER VOTING:

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.:
• Fulford Community Hall, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
• Community Gospel Church, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
• Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

ADVANCE VOTING DAYS FOR OTHER VOTING:

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2004 AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.:
• Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 20, 2004), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and have resided in your community (ie. one of the water service areas described above) for 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature.

You are entitled to vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 20, 2004), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community (ie. one of the water service areas described above) for 30 days and do not qualify as a Resident Elector. You are entitled to vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: (a) have registered on or before October 28, 2004, OR (b) have applied for and received a certificate, prior to voting day, which entitles you to register as a Non-Resident Property Elector (certificate MUST be presented at the time of voting); OR (c) apply for a certificate, at the time and place of voting, which entitles you to register as a Non-Resident Property Elector, if the following information is provided at the time of application:

- a recent land title registration of the real property OR a property tax notice, which will show the names of all the registered owners; AND
• 2 pieces of identification (one of which must have a signature), AND
• in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

Thomas F. Moore and Carole Gear have been appointed Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer, respectively, for the purpose of taking and recording the vote of electors. For questions regarding voting and voter registration call CRD @ 250-360-3129 or Toll Free 1-800-663-4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250-472-0059.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2004
Thomas F. Moore, Chief Election Officer

Hallowe'en events: music, parade, haunted house and more

Dance of the Demons
Salt Spring Concert Band presents a Hallowe'en-themed afternoon concert at ArtSpring on Saturday, October 30.

Expect spooky music from the 45-piece community band, special lighting and decorations, door prizes, ghost stories and poems. The band is also planning a surprise on stage that will leave the audience "in awe."

The concert begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Spook-tacular Bash

Great prizes, fabulous entertainment, sumptuous food, a cash bar, fabulous spooky décor, a real money casino and more are part of Saturday night at the Salt Spring Rotary Club's First Annual Halloween Casino and Spooktacular Bash at the Farmers Institute.

Local merchants have come together in a big way to support this event, with over \$10,000 in donated prizes. Gamblers will cash in their winnings for a multitude of fabulous prizes. Great prizes for best costumes, door prizes, etc. will also be offered, with all proceeds going to support Rotary projects on Salt Spring.

Entertainment wise, the evening's line-up includes Alan Moberg, Rose Hip Jam, Swing Shift and DNA,



HALLOWE'EN SCENE: Pharmasave worker Denielle Rados enjoys a moment with Spook Hilda at the company's uptown store as islanders get ready for various Hallowe'en activities.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

providing continuous live entertainment throughout the evening.

The \$25 ticket price includes food available all night.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, and organizers say they are selling fast. Get them at Berkshire Securities in Grace Point Square or at Creek House Realty.

Two fireworks sites

Thanks to the generosity of the community, the Salt Spring Volunteer Firefighters Association raised

\$5,000 at the fall fair to hold two fireworks displays on Hallowe'en, beginning at 8 p.m.

Drummond Park is the site of the Fulford show, said assistant fire chief AJ George.

Fireworks off the Ganges coast guard dock will be best seen along the harbour from the Rotary boardwalk to Moby's Marine Pub.

The Fulford Day Committee has contributed money to give out free hot chocolate and hot dogs for families.

At press time, George said he's not sure if there will be enough funds yet to do that at the Ganges fireworks location. Regardless, people can expect a good turnout and should get to town early to find a parking spot.

Lantern procession

Kids and adults are invited to join an old-fashioned lantern procession through Ganges.

The Tales From Beyond the Veil procession will start from Barb's Buns at 6 p.m. and finish in time for the fire-

works displays. A bag-piper and fire dancers will lead the procession, and make stops along the way to listen to spooky stories and watch short theatre performances.

People wanting to make lanterns for the procession can sign up for a workshop beginning at 1 p.m. at the Core Inn on October 29. There is a \$20 materials fee.

For more information and to pre-register in the workshop, call Wendi Gilson at 537-4395.

Pumpkin carving contest

Harlan's Chocolates in Ganges is holding a jack-o'-lantern carving contest. Prizes will be given out for those aged 12 and under, and for those 13 and over.

Bring in your carved pumpkin on Friday, October 29.

Treats will be given to everyone who enters.

Customers will then cast their votes October 30 and 31.

Sex Fools Cabaret

The adult costume and erotic play event is at Fulford Hall this year, beginning at 9 p.m. this Saturday.

Hallowe'en howl

Adults can drop by Moby's Marine Pub as Auntie Kate and the Uncles of Funk jam from 9 p.m. on October 31 at the pub's annual Hallowe'en Howl.

As always, great prizes

will be doled out for best costumes.

Fulford Inn

Tom Hooper and the Angry Hippies host the party at the Fulford Inn beginning at 9 p.m.

Legion party

The Legion welcomes costumed, prize-hungry Hallowe'en celebrants after the meat draw on Sunday, October 31.

Greenwoods welcomes guests

Greenwoods residents invite trick-or-treaters to an open house in their main lounge on October 31 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Follow the sounds of Gary Lundy's spooky tunes and the orange balloons to the Hallowe'en bash.

Community haunted house

The high school Leadership class is again putting on a Community Haunted House at Salt Spring Elementary on October 31.

It runs from 6-9 p.m. and promises lots of spooky surprises for kids and adults of all ages.

Financial donations for the Salt Spring Food Bank will be collected as admission.

West of the Moon

West of the Moon toy store will welcome trick-or-treaters from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for those bringing donations for the food bank.

Roots-rockers bring 'unherd-of' sound to Anise Thursday

Islanders should get ready to hear something a little "UnHERD-of" when Bob Cook brings an impromptu version of his band called Bob Cook and the UnHERD-of to the Anise Restaurant on Thursday, October 28.

Bob Cook and the UnHERD-of are an Edmonton-based roots-rock band specializing in their own style of "Bomp'n'Roll" music, which

Cook characterizes as being "a fun, bouncing, rollicking concoction, drawing on roots, rock and reggae styles."

A prolific songwriter who has recorded six albums and written over 300 songs, Cook and his band perform a selection of these songs, and a large collection of cover tunes in the classic rock vein, but always with their own improvisa-

tional slant.

"I love to give the boys and myself free licence to explore the music in a fresh way each night, and that makes for a fun ride for both our audience and ourselves — we never know where it will go, but we sure love to go there," he said.

Cook's regular "UnHERD-of" line-up is based in Edmonton and

has had great success performing throughout Alberta and into the interior of B.C. They are in the final production stages of a new CD, which has a working title of *Bouncing Songs for a Spinning World* and features songs with titles such as *All Things Weird & Wonderful* and *Chuck the Head*.

It is scheduled for release in January, and Cook looks forward to

bringing his regular band down to the west coast to tour at that time.

"It's impossible not to be swept up in the carefree nature of this fresh-sounding slate of tunes," said the Red Deer Express.

The Edmonton Examiner wrote, "Bob Cook and his non-conformist sidekicks — the UnHERD-of — have forged their own style of spirit rousing music."

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Oct 27, 2004 to Nov 2, 2004

- WEDNESDAY, OCT 27**
 8:00 PM
24 ★★ Death Becomes Her (1992, Comedy) A woman will do anything to stay young and beautiful, especially when her rival shows up. *Meryl Streep, Bruce Willis* (2h)
 8:30 PM
3 ★★★ Matchstick Men (2003, Comedy/Drama) A neurotic con man enters his daughter's life, while his partner plans a big swindle. *Nicolas Cage, Sam Rockwell* (2h)
 9:00 PM
4 ★ Killing Moon (1998, Suspense) A mysterious virus is found on a flight to Hawaii and threatens to kill everyone on board. *Kim Coates, Penelope Ann Miller* (2h)
19 ★★★ Addams Family (1991, Comedy) A greedy lawyer tries to plunder a family's fortune by planting an impostor in the home. *Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia* (1h40)
 10:30 PM
3 ★★ The Singing Detective (2003, Musical) A writer who suffers from a skin disease confuses himself with a 1950s homicide detective. *Robert Downey Jr., Mel Gibson* (2h)

- THURSDAY, OCT 28**
 6:00 PM
14 Wuthering Heights (1998) This is the tragic love story between Heathcliff and his adoptive sister Catherine. *Robert Cavanah, Sarah Smart* (2h)
 7:00 PM
20 The Brooke Ellison Story (2004, True) The inspiring story of a quadriplegic woman who completes high school and goes to Harvard. *Lacey Chabert, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio* (2h)
3 ★ Decoys (2003, Sci-Fi) A college student begins to suspect that the girls on his campus may not be human. *Cory Sevier, Nicole Eggert* (1h45)
 8:00 PM
24 ★★ Marked for Death (1990, Action) A DEA agent fights back against Jamaican drug dealers after his family is threatened. *Steven Seagal, Tom Wright* (2h)
 8:45 PM
3 ★★ Intolerable Cruelty (2003, Romance) A divorce lawyer meets his match when he falls for a gold-digger he defeated in court. *George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones* (1h45)
 9:00 PM
13 ★★ Ginger Snaps (2000, Horror) A girl is bitten by a werewolf when she sets out to play an evil prank on a classmate. *Emily Perkins, Katharine Isabelle* (2h)
19 ★★ Tower of Terror (1997, Mystery) In 1939, five partygoers vanish from the elevator of a Hollywood hotel on Halloween night. *Steve Guttenberg, Kirsten Dunst* (1h30)
29 ★★ The Secret Garden (1987, Children) When an orphan is sent to live with her uncle, she discovers an enchanted secret garden. *Alison Doody, Lucy Gutteridge* (2h)
 10:00 PM
14 ★★★ At Play in the Fields of the Lord (1991, Adventure) Two Protestant missionaries travel to the Amazonian jungle to protect a local tribe. *Tom Berenger, John Lithgow* (4h30)
 10:30 PM
3 ★★★ City of God (2002, Drama) Two boys growing up in a violent Rio de Janeiro neighbourhood take different paths. *Alexandre Rodrigues, Leandro Firmino* (2h30)
 11:00 PM
20 The Brooke Ellison Story (2004, True) The inspiring story of a quadriplegic woman who completes high school and goes to Harvard. *Lacey Chabert, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio* (2h)

- FRIDAY, OCT 29**
 6:00 PM
14 ★★★ Fatherland (1995, Drama) In a world where Nazi Germany was victorious, evidence of the Holocaust is discovered. *Miranda Richardson, Rutger Hauer* (2h)

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ARTSPRING EMERITI: The first annual gathering of past board members of the Island Arts Centre Society, the ArtSpring Emeriti, was held Friday at a reception hosted by the current board of directors.
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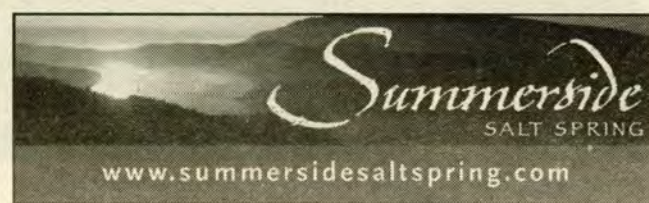
Special Olympics, Monday, October 18: Carlos Manzano, 169; Jason Newport, 269, 184; Terry Swing, 164; Mahjor Bains, 150; Jimmy Beck, 166, 187; Stuart Elliott, 148, 172.

October 20: Mahjor Bains, 144; Stuart Elliott, 150; Dominic George, 149; Carlos Manzano, 141.

Circus League, Monday, October 18: Lance Leask, 219; Ken Strike, 227.

Tuesday p.m. Seniors, October 19: Clara Hicks, 214; Cliff Jory, 201; Henry Otto, 224; Elizabeth Socher, 200.

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Annual event celebrates the erotic

A third-annual "celebration of inner desires for impulsiveness and play" — the Salt Spring Sex Fools Cabaret — runs at Fulford Hall on Saturday night.

Hosted and organized by Heather Luna-Rose, Sex Fools '04 is an adults-only costume ball, described on posters as "a cabaret of foolishness, a night of performance."

Luna-Rose explained her intention for the evening in a press release.

"I want to create an invitation to people to let out their inner demons or to unmask their fool in a celebration of the erotic, playfulness and the impulse to indulge in sheer delight."

Luna-Rose is approached by wary people each year, who have reservations about the name "Sex Fools" and don't want to attend an event that might be too risqué for them.

"I explain that my intention is to create an atmosphere of festivity of foolishness, of playfulness, and that people ranging from the shy to the very out-there find themselves all celebrating the ridiculous to the sublime to the totally outrageous."

This year's event is a fundraiser for Luna-Rose's family, as her sister developed an acute form of leukemia this spring, which has moved Heather and her daughter Morgan to Vancouver for the year, so that they could be closer to Heather's sister as she receives hospital treatment.

"It's been a very stressful year on our family, emotionally and financially, having to move off Salt Spring temporarily, but I also am so thrilled to be living with my sister and for us to be supporting each other though this year.

"Even though organizing Sex Fools overwhelms and exhausts me, in addition to everything our family is coping with right now, I am always so thrilled by how much Salt Spring responds positively — how much Sex Fools is needed — as an opportunity to delight in our erotic, playful energy. Holding this event gives me so much juice that it's worth all the hard work and stress."

Doors for the October 30 event open at 9 p.m., and Luna-Rose recommends that people buy tickets in advance from Acoustic Planet in

order to avoid long line-ups at the door.

A beer and wine bar is set up, with no minors or cameras allowed, in order to give people the privacy they want in expressing themselves.

DJ Adham Shaikh creates a funky mood with his world-beat tribal grooves.

Luna-Rose said she is always grateful for any help in the form of people who can contribute time decorating the night before, or cleaning up the hall the morning after.

She also hopes people will come forward with any performance they might want to share with the crowd of delighted fools.

"Take a risk and create a performance, she says. The sky's the limit! Be cre-

ative, be outrageous, be shy, explore any side of you."

Is there anything that is an absolute no-no at Sex Fools? "Any form of touching that is not consensual," says Heather.

Every year, Salt Springers come up with new costumes and performances, ranging from erotic gumboot dancing to naked clowns and bellydance.

Luna-Rose recommends people use Silver Shadow Taxi service or the Faerie Shuttle to the hall from Ganges to prevent people from drinking and driving.

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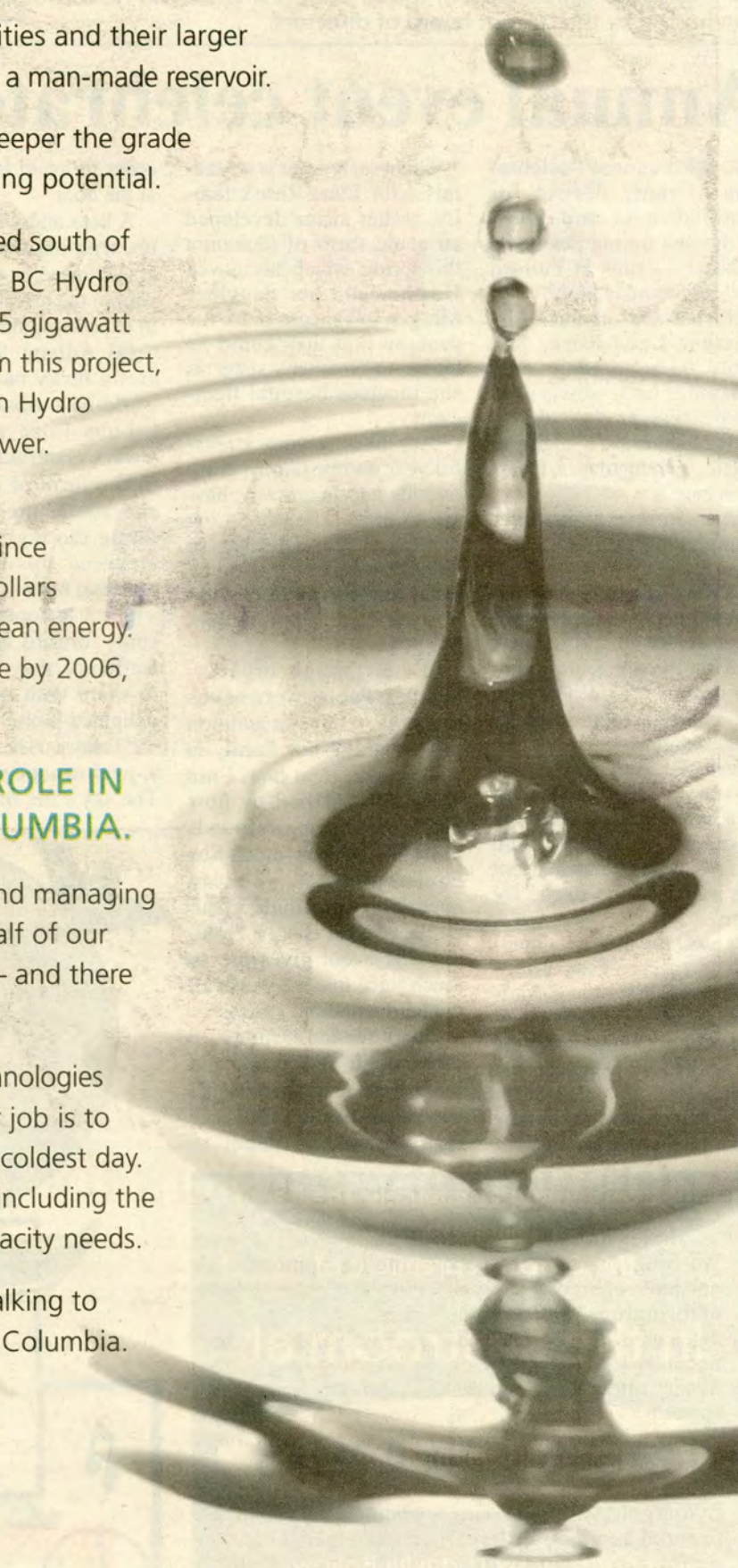
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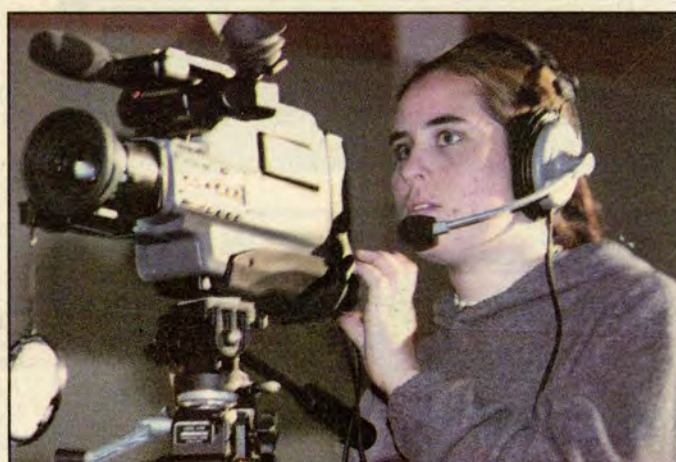
TOGETHER WE SING



Choir director Valdy and Kathleen Horsdal sing, while Dave Davies works at the recording booth in Sunday's Peace Works! event.



Simone Lamers takes her turn as one of more than 30 performers.



Cherith Davies mans the camera, aiming to capture the various speakers and singers.



A portion of The Lost Chords choir prepares to perform in the high school gymnasium.

Drummers, followed by the voices of the Fernwood Elementary School choir, kick off the afternoon.



Photos by
Derrick Lundy



Daisy Voaden hands out peace symbols.



International students from Pearson College impress the crowd.



Laurent Boucher drums for peace.

Community gathers for peace

While the Together We Sing peace event may not have achieved its goal of bringing 1,000 voices together in the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym on Sunday afternoon, it did celebrate peace, song and community in its finest form.

Hosted by Sue Newman, Arvid Chalmers and Shilo Zylbergold, the gathering featured some 30 different performers ranging from choirs to poetry readers.

Piper Jan McPhail and drummer Laurent Boucher, followed by the Fernwood Elementary School choir, opened the entertainment.

In addition to pieces from well-known Salt Spring choirs such as Women of Note, The Lost Chords, United Church choir and Tuned Air, a delegation comprised of international students from Lester Pearson College amazed the crowd with their version of We are Walking in the Light of God.

Sue Newman did a We

Sing For Peace clowning and singing number with Salt Spring Centre School children.

Festival-goers kept the rhythm going with great drumming from groups like Iroko, featuring Boucher, and young gumboot dancers.

Leading up to the mass-choir finale, Monik Nordine encouraged kids to dance with her jazz-flourish-filled solo of This Little Light of Mine.

Planet Music, which followed, prompted others to dance.

An estimated 400 people then gathered under Valdy's leadership to perform his composition Hear Us Sing in honour of the United Nations' 59th birthday.

"This band has had one rehearsal and you're at it," he said.

Golden Peace Awards were given to several community members of all ages. They were: Ryder Bergerud, Bon-

nie Williams, Kate Hosie, Chris Howe, Chris Carpenter, Delaney Johnson, Abbie Sherwood, Margaret Fulton, the Raging Grannies, Art Moulton, Rose and Richard Murakami, Virginia Newman, Irene and Tom Wright, Bob Wild, Patrice Bowler and the entire student body of Salt Spring Elementary.

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Award-winning film producer Yake 'rolls with the punches' island style

By ELLEN YEUNG
Staff Writer

Salt Spring film producer Elizabeth Yake's seven-year-old son Dexter lingers shyly outside her office door.

Yake has barely had time to catch her breath, much less catch up with Dexter after returning home from a business trip in Vancouver. And already, some reporter from the community newspaper is taking up Yake's time.

But such is the life of Yake, especially now that her first feature film with her company True West Films (TWF) has won a prestigious award at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). It's All Gone Pete Tong, co-produced with Vertigo Films of the U.K., won the Toronto-City Award for Best Canadian Feature Film last month.

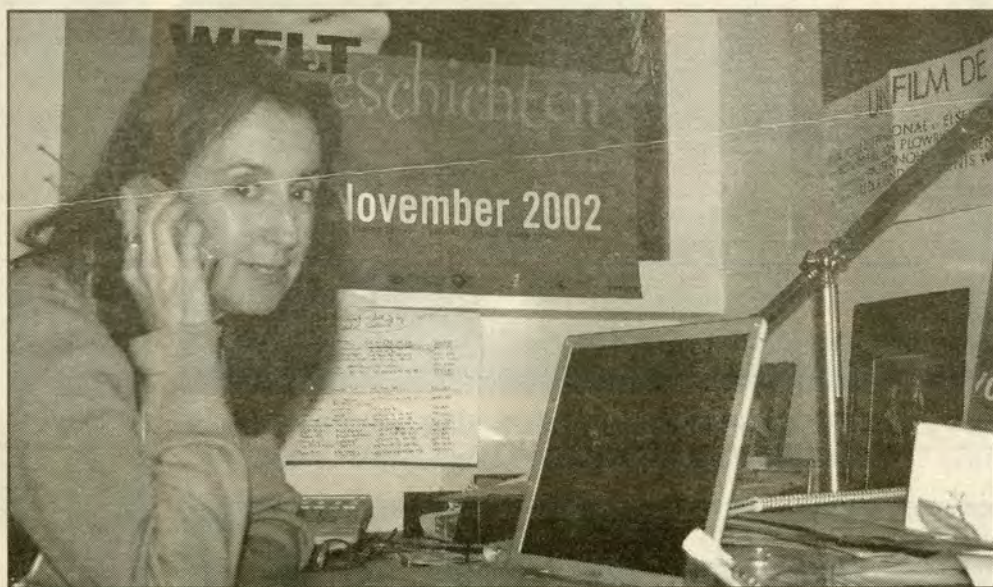
Yake was president of her Toronto-based production company, Subjective Eye, from 1995. But four years ago, she and her husband, film director Brian Nash, decided to move west with their two young children, Madlen and Dexter.

In Toronto, you'd have to keep an eye on the kids while they played in the backyard, Yake said. But instead of moving to Vancouver, where there's a large film community, they chose to settle on Salt Spring.

"It didn't really make sense to move from one city to another, trading one lifestyle for a similar lifestyle," Yake said.

On Salt Spring, Yake started True West Films with director of development Mary Alice. Its focus is to produce director-driven feature films, with an emphasis on international co-productions, destined for the world market.

The fact that the production company is located on a Gulf Island doesn't appear to have hindered Yake's work. She commutes back and forth to Vancouver, where she recently opened up an additional office. Plus, she chats on the phone and is online constantly.



AWARD-WINNER: True West Films producer Elizabeth Yake relocated from Toronto to Salt Spring Island with her family four years ago. She is able to do much of her work over the phone and Internet.

Photo by Ellen Yeung

Just before winning the award in Toronto, True West finished shooting a TV mini-series, Miss Texas, in Kamloops for Studio Hamburg and SAT.1.

TWF's 2005 slate includes the feature Iceman with Finnish director Mika Kaurismäki, Miguel Alexandre's Village of Widows — a TV movie for Studio Hamburg and SAT.1, a Canada-Mexico co-production called Things, and the feature Tough City to be directed by Nash.

Yake also selects Canadian feature films for the Mannheim co-production meetings in Germany, as part of the Mannheim-Heidelberg International Film Festival.

It's All Gone Pete Tong, about a superstar DJ who loses his hearing, is the 10th film Yake has produced.

While a student at Ryerson film school in Toronto, she intended to be a film director, but fell into producing instead. It started when Nash, who she met at Ryerson, wanted to make a film without handling the business aspect of the project. Yake agreed to produce.

Though armed with an honours degree in philosophy and an economics degree, Yake didn't know how to produce a film, but

knew she could figure it out.

She later was invited to produce someone else's project and attended the Canadian Film Centre — Norman Jewison's film school.

Yake said she would like to return to directing, but there are many other things she'd like to do.

"It's hard to find a good producer. It's a hard job," she said.

Producing is creative, though in a completely different way from directing, Yake said.

"The job's not static, it's always changing, and you always have to react. You constantly have to make decisions and be optimistic," she said.

For example, she could receive a call at any moment that \$2.5-million of anticipated funding would not come through.

"Then you'd have to think outside the box," Yake said.

Despite the responsibility of a producer being like the parent of a film, Yake's Buddhist outlook has helped keep her centred.

"Things change in ways we don't expect. If you are open to that, you can roll with the punches, be optimistic that somehow it's all going to work out," she advised.

As producer, she's had to collaborate with hundreds of people on a single project. The producer has to oversee a project from the beginning, when she might just have an idea for a film without even a script, to raising the money, to the post-production and release. It's a long, uncertain process. The actual shooting of the film is probably the shortest aspect.

In the case of It's All Gone Pete Tong, it took two years from the film's conception to its release across Canada in the spring of 2004.

"You never really know how it's going to come together," Yake said. "I'm surprised when I see the movie, even."

Now that Yake and True West have garnered so much attention at the TIFF, which she considers one of the top two film festivals in the world along with Cannes, she may not be able to stay under the radar on Salt Spring for long.

But she'll try by just focusing on her family and on the work she loves.

"Films are really important for culture," she said. "They can show something, travel across borders and languages. And when [a film] is coming from a little island, it's kind of amazing."

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330	379	NEWVI	Careers	My Boat	Sportfish	Nice Fish	Exposed	ScanMov.	Richler Ink	World Vision	CityLine	Earth: Final Conflict	BeastMaster				
262	358	KING	KING 5 News	Auto Racing	Nextel Cup	NASCAR						Bull Riding PBR	Kenny Tuten				
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460	523	BRAVO	Movie	45 Ghost Story (1981)	Fred Astaire.	45 Ghost (1990)	Patrick Swayze.	Antiques Ghost	Actors Studio	The Definitive Elvis							
441	506	HIST	7:00 The Hell With Heroes	Master..	Tactical to Practical	The Boston Strangler (1968)	Tony Curtis.	Master..	Warships	Metropolis							
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6:00 PM
14 ** Coming Home (1978, Drama)** A Marine wife falls in love with an injured veteran during her husband's absence. *Jane Fonda, John Voight* (2h30)
15 * Interview With the Vampire (1994, Horror)** A renegade vampire decides to tell a reporter about his tormented life of bloodlust. *Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise* (2h30)
6:30 PM
3 * MXP: Most Xtreme Primate (2002, Comedy) Jack, an amazing chimp, learns how to snowboard after getting lost in Colorado. *Devin Drewitz, Trevor Wright* (1h30)
8:00 PM
2 H2O (2004, Thriller) A prime minister's son is thrust into power following his father's suspicious death. *Paul Gross, Gordon Pinsent* (2h)
23 ** Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992, Horror)** A vampire travels to England to seduce a visitor's fiancée and manages to create havoc. *Gary Oldman, Winona Ryder* (2h30)
8:30 PM
14 ** Platoon (1986, War)** A look at the lives of a platoon of American soldiers as they fight and die in Vietnam. *Charlie Sheen, Willem Dafoe* (2h15)
9:00 PM
4 * Big Fat Liar (2002, Comedy)** A teen flies to Hollywood to stop a producer who has taken credit for one of his stories. *Frankie Muniz, Amanda Bynes* (2h)
18 * High Crimes (2002, Suspense)** A lawyer defends her husband who is accused of war crimes committed while he was a marine. *Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd* (2h)
15 * Interview With the Vampire (1994, Horror)** A renegade vampire decides to tell a reporter about his tormented life of bloodlust. *Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise* (2h30)
19 * Little Shop of Horrors (1986, Comedy)** A man develops an unusual man-eating plant that brings him fame and good fortune. *Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene* (1h30)
20 ** Chocolat (2000, Romance) A mother and daughter open a chocolate shop in a small conservative French village. *Juliette Binoche, Johnny Depp* (1h)
27 The Madam's Family: The Truth About Canal Street Brothel (2004, True) Three generations of women operate a brothel in New Orleans that interests the FBI. *Ellen Burstyn, Annabella Sciorra* (2h)
10:00 PM
3 * Runaway Jury (2003, Thriller)** Corruption and double-dealing run rampant at the trial of a major gun manufacturer. *John Cusack, Gene Hackman* (2h15)
10:30 PM
19 ** Blackbeard's Ghost (1967, Comedy) A college track coach unwittingly conjures up the ghost of Blackbeard the Pirate. *Suzanne Pleshette, Dean Jones* (1h50)
10:45 PM
14 ** Full Metal Jacket (1987, War)** Chronicles the experiences of a small group of Marine volunteers during the Vietnam War. *Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin* (2h15)
MONDAY, NOV 1
7:45 PM
3 ** Gangs of New York (2002, Drama)** Amidst escalating violence in New York, a young man seeks to avenge his father's death. *Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis* (2h45)
8:00 PM
2 H2O (2004, Thriller) A prime minister's son is thrust into power following his father's suspicious death. *Paul Gross, Gordon Pinsent* (2h)
23 ** My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys (1991, Drama)** An injured road rider learns hard lessons when he tries to go home to care for his father. *Scott Glenn, Kate Capshaw* (2h)
9:00 PM
18 * Sleepy Hollow (1999, Horror) An investigator is sent to a village to solve the mystery behind a series of beheadings. *Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci* (2h)
19 ** Made in America (1993, Comedy) A teenage girl discovers that her sperm bank father is an obnoxious, white, car dealer. *Whoopi Goldberg, Ted Danson* (2h)
10:30 PM
3 * Hollywood Homicide (2003, Action)** Two detectives with different career aspirations investigate the murder of a rap group. *Harrison Ford, Josh Hartnett* (2h)
TUESDAY, NOV 2
8:00 PM
11 ** Madame Butterfly (1995, Romance)** A young geisha girl marries an American officer on leave and waits faithfully for him. *Ying Huang, Richard Troxell* (2h15)
24 * Resurrection (1999, Suspense) Two cops must stop a killer who believes he can resurrect Christ with pieces of victims. *Christopher Lambert, Robert Joy* (2h)
9:00 PM
4 * An American Werewolf in Paris (1997, Horror) An American tourist undergoes a strange change after saving the life of a Parisian woman. *Tom Everett Scott, Julie Delpy* (2h)
18 ** Election (1999, Comedy)** An overachiever running for student council president is opposed by a conflicted teacher. *Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon* (2h)
19 * Love Leads the Way (1984, Biography)** A blind man returns to the U.S. with the first guide dog for the blind. *Timothy Bottoms, Eva Marie Saint* (2h)
29 ** Exodus (1960, History)** Holocaust survivors attempt to defy the British blockade and sail to Palestine. *Paul Newman, Eva Marie Saint* (2h)
10:00 PM
14 * Hard to Hold (1984, Romance)** A pop singer falls for a child psychologist who is unimpressed by his stardom and fame. *Rick Springfield, Janet Eilber* (1h45)
11:00 PM
3 * Styx (2001, Action) A bar owner is forced back into a life of crime after a botched bank robbery. *Peter Weller, Bryan Brown* (1h45)

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330	379	KING	Matthews Upfront	KING 5 News	News	News	Dateline NBC	American Dreams	Law & Order: C.I.	Crossing Jordan	News	35 Sports						
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live entertainment Simply Organic. Barry Valentine organ recital, at All Saints, 10:10 am Swing Shift. Plays at Anise, 8-10 pm Wednesday Night Live! Open stage at Moby's, 9 p.m.	live entertainment One Drop Collective. Reggae-ska at Anise, 9 pm Bob Cook & the UnHERD-of. Roots rock at Anise, 9 p.m.	live entertainment In the Restroom at Rosenblooms. SS Community Theatre Canadian premiere at Mahon Hall, 7:30 p.m.	live entertainment Sex Fools Cabaret. Adults-only costume event at Fulford Hall, 9 pm In the Restroom at Rosenblooms. SS Community Theatre Canadian premiere at Mahon Hall, 7:30 p.m. Hallowe'en Casino & Spook-tacular Bash. Casino & music at Rotary Club event at Farmers Institute. Halloween Party, Tom Hooper & the Angry Hippies. Fulford Inn, 9 pm Dance of the Demons. SS Concert Band, ArtSpring, 2 pm	live entertainment Hallowe'en Howl. With Auntie Kate and Uncles of Funk. Moby's, 9 pm	other activities Drop-in Floor Hockey. Fulford Hall Monday nights, 7-9 pm Info: Normand, 537-9379. Live Well Flu Shot Clinic. Downtown Pharmasave, 9:30-4 appointments. Argentinian Tango Practica. Lions Hall, 8:30 pm Women's Drop-in Basketball Mondays at SIMS gym, 7-8:30 pm Info: 537-5995. SS Toastmasters. Mondays at Croftonbrook, 7 pm. Info: Bob, 537-8884. Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary. Regular meeting, Lions Hall, 1:30 pm	other activities Circle Dance Group. Drop-in at Core Inn. 7-8:30 pm Info: 538-0316. Watercolour Classes. With Libby Jutras, 9-noon. 537-1952. Growing Winter Vegetables. Island Natural Growers talk by Linda Gilkeson. All Saints, 7:30 pm SSI Search & Rescue Society. SAT Base, 7 pm Rose Garden Waldorf Preschool. Parent-child classes begin. Info: Carleen, 653-2035.
other activities Hal Niedzwiecki. Author reading at SS Books, 6:30 pm. SS Local Trust Committee. Meets at Lions Hall at 3 pm Salt Spring Island Garden Club Meeting. Meaden Hall, 7 pm Mushroom Cultivation Workshop. SSIC event. 9-5. Sign up at 538-0138. Flu Clinics. VIHA health clinic. Call 538-4880 for appt. Argentinian Tango Practica. Lions Hall, 8:30 pm Acupuncture Detox. Weds at Community Services, 7-9 pm. Info: 537-9971.	other activities Watercolour Classes. With Libby Jutras, 9-noon. 537-1952. SSI Badminton Club. Thurs at GISS gym, 8-10 pm Parenting of Teens. First of weekly sessions begins. 10-noon. Info: Dorothy, 653-9253. Creative Watercolour Classes. Six-week intermediate sessions begin with Libby Jutras. 537-1952. SIMS Grade 7-8 Band Parents. Meet at SIMS, 7:30 pm. SS Trail & Nature Club. UVic prof Neville Winchester is the speaker. United Church at 7 pm	other activities Jack' O Lantern Carving Contest. Bring carved pumpkin to Harlan's. Rollerblading to Music. Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm Life Drawing. Fridays at United Church, 1-3 pm Community Energy Strategy. Coordinating group meeting. CRD board room, 3 pm Marion, 537-4567.	other activities Toastmasters Humorous Speech Contest. 1 pm. Info: Ilona, 653-4793. Canadian Federation of University Women. Dr. Jim Warren speaks on Myths & Medicine in Ancient Greece & Rome. Lions Hall, 10 am Live Well Flu Shot Clinic. Uptown Pharmasave, 9:30-4 appointments. BC NDP Leader Carole James. Town hall at United Church, 3 pm Pumpkin Decorating Party. Fables Cottage, 1-3 pm	other activities Community Haunted House. SS Elementary gym, 6-9 pm. Trick or Treat at West of the Moon. 5:30-8 p.m. Fireworks in Ganges & Drummond Park. 8 p.m. Tales From Beyond the Veil. Lantern procession with music & theatre. Leaves Barb's Buns at 6 pm. Greenwoods Open House. Trick or treaters welcome, 6-7:30 pm Tai Chi/8 Brocade Qi Gong. Beaver Point Hall, 3-5:30 pm 653-0001. Hallowe'en Night at the Legion. After the meat draw.		

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- **Diana Dean** has work hanging in the open space areas of **ArtSpring**.
- **Marlene Smith** shows work at **Moby's Pub** in October.
- **Studio tour** artists on display at the **Tourist Info Centre** are Meg Buckley, Diane Mortensen and Morgain Cuddy.
- **Shari Macdonald's** photography is at **Island Savings** through October and November.
- **Marjorie McKay** — "the Colouring Lady" — shows paintings at **StarBooks** in October.
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Memoir course begins

A few spaces are still open for Lorraine Gane's Writing the Memoir course, which runs for two Saturdays in November at the Lions Hall.

Gane said the November 13 and 20 course will take participants through the process of triggering sensory recall, stimulating the imagination and awakening new ways of seeing, so memories, feelings and thoughts come alive on the page.

"Voice, structure, theme and other elements of the memoir will be discussed, along with examples by Canadian and international authors," said Gane. "Participants will have the chance to expand their writing capabilities in a supportive environment, while deepening their understanding of both short and long narratives."

Gane has been writing and teaching memoir writing since the early '90s. Her essays and other writing have been published across Canada, the U.S. and Britain and among her publications are *Earth Light* and *Even the Slightest Touch Thunders on My Skin*. She is now working on a second collection of poems, a series of linked essays and a book on writing, among other projects.

For more information, contact Continuing Studies at the University of Victoria by calling (250) 721-8827 or e-mailing jking@uvcs.uvic.ca. To register by phone, call (250) 472-4747, citing course code ASS1305 2004F1 E01.

Cost is \$170.20, including GST.



READY FOR THE STAGE: From left, Jean Howell, Nancy Holcroft, Hetty Clews and Wendy Beatty rehearse for their upcoming performance of *In the Restroom at Rosenblooms*, which starts Friday night at Mahon Hall. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Moving songs, poems mark annual M&M Remembrance event

Music and Munch in November has become, by tradition, more than simply a recital.

For the past several years, audience members have been invited to take part in a moving observance of Remembrance Day, in the form of music, poetry and song.

This year's event on Wednesday, November 3, offers the opportunity to join together in the singing of popular war-time songs, as well as great hymns, and to listen to old and new words which convey the deep emotion we share in times of conflict and loss.

"Thoughtfully chosen, the music interwoven through the program will support and enhance the theme of war, past and present," states a Music Makers press release.

Organist Barry Valentine will be joined by a team of singers and readers, all familiar contributors to former Music and Munch observances of this special day.

As always, the event is free and begins at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints church, followed by a delicious lunch for \$5.50.

Upcoming Tarris workshop looks at recording music at home techniques

Following a successful seminar with Tarris Imaging on the topic of fine art reproductions, Tarris Innovations is holding a workshop for those interested in recording musical performances.

The workshop will focus on the home project studio.

Increasing numbers of songwriters and musicians are equipping themselves with digital, computer-based systems to record their demos or finished CDs, notes a press release.

Tarris Innovations provides the necessary hardware and software for doing this, and supplies training and consulting to those interested in producing the highest-quality recordings using whatever equipment they have.

Topics discussed at the workshop will include choosing the best microphone for the

situation, equalization, compression, two-track and multi-track recordings, monitoring and mixing.

Equipment and software from Apple, Studio Projects, Groove Tubes, Rode, Steinberg, M-Audio and others will be demonstrated.

Workshop facilitator Donn Tarris has 29 years experience as an audio engineer and performer, and has taught at two different trade schools specializing in audio engineering.

The workshop, set to run November 2, 7-9 p.m. will be held at Lions Hall just off Drake Road. Cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required by phoning 537-5931, or e-mailing info@tarrisinnovations.ca.

As the workshop will begin at 7 p.m. sharp, participants are advised to arrive at least five minutes early.

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'Guilty' islander Black shares treasures in new book

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Local humourist Arthur Black claims to be a shame-faced sloth at heart.

"I'm lazy by nature. I'm also guilty by nature so it all pans out," chuckled Black.

The comment is playfully ironic since Black's latest book, *Black and White and Read All Over*, shows a cover photo of the author looking furtively out of a barn door garbed in prison attire.

"Actually, I'm lazy but I don't enjoy it. If you are going to be lazy, you should at least lie back and really relish the experience. All I can think is, 'I should be doing this. I should be doing that.'"

But Black can hardly be called a slouch. Even though he retired from the CBC last decade, he still produces a syndicated weekly column for some 50 newspapers, hosts two TV shows (*Weird Wheels* and *Weird Homes*), airs on another CBC radio program in Victoria and just



Black

of *Black and White and Read All Over*.

Anyone familiar with Black's radio work on CBC will immediately recognize his jocular and erudite tone in the 90 vignette-style essays that make up the text.

"I try to write the way I talk and I think it's a good thing if that comes across."

You can almost imagine Black spinning yarns about human zaniness over a pint of compassion at your local hangout. Oddly enough, his stories are actually drawn from real life.

"I'm a print junkie. That gets me into some esoteric material. But I find ordinary newspapers are as much a

treasure trove as anything. But it's always on page 38."

His topics of humorous social commentary range from accordion-bashing guilt to zest-free airline travel; apple-tasting islanders to Yucatan-bound asteroids; with a smidgen of pig-spleen weather forecasting and grizzly-proof robotic armour thrown in for good measure.

"The thing I never get over is that editors consign these things to the nether reaches of the paper. I'm thinking, 'This is what should be on page one.' You read about some guy eating a car or something."

But Black also nudges readers to scratch their noggins and reach for three-ply tissues on occasion.

"It's not all chuckle-headed stuff," he said.

One essay recounts the story of an older woman who became a stand-up comedian as a way to deal with the grief of losing her daughter to an early death.

"She ends her act by say-

ing, 'Say good night Mavis.' And the whole audience is in love with her by this time so they all yell, 'Good night Mavis' back. But she's not talking to them, she's talking to her daughter, Mavis, and she sees her sitting in the front row."

Black showed an inclination to find human interest in the minutiae of regular life by writing his own newspaper at a very early age, he said.

"I remember the main story was 'Strange bird spotted on Mr. Rutherford's lawn.' I was looking for the weird even then."

His chief pleasures these days come from the aforementioned tasks of dodging work and gleaning newspapers for rare gems, along with the grand passion of walking his dogs around the island, he said.

"I love walking my dogs. It sounds pretty lame but it's true."

He starts every day by taking his two dogs for a three-mile walk along a salmon creek.

"It's like therapy. I figure if you can start your day with that, then nothing that happens can be too bad."

But the writer of prodigious puns and curious quirks

claims to be a slug when it comes to actual work.

"E-mail is the bane of my life. Like all writers, I'm looking for an excuse not to write."

Black got his start as a writer with an English-language newspaper in Spain back in 1967.

"They paid me two pesetas per line, so I learned to use a lot of adjectives. I had to lose that habit."

He then wrote stories for industrial magazines like *Progressive Plastic* and *Imperial Oil Review*, but stultifying corporate bureaucracy made it very difficult to work, he said.

"That nearly finished me for writing forever, but luckily they fired me and I went and got a job with CBC."

He became the disc jockey for the livestock report in 1972, he said.

"By this time I'd had enough jobs to know that the important thing is to lie a lot. So I said I'd written extensively about agriculture."

And radio became his first true love in the media, he said.

"When I got to radio, I thought, 'I'm home.' There's no dress code and they're pretty satisfied with whatever you write."

He ended up hosting *Basic Black* for 19 years where he became a household Canadian icon. Though he loved the work, he left in order to reinvent himself.

"The whole *Basic Black* thing was too big. I couldn't be anybody else. I had to be that person and I was tired of being that person."

He finds Salt Spring a comfortable home, and islanders have a good shot of spotting him around the community.

"You'll see me grabbing a coffee or with a salt-and-pepper dog and a pure-black dog pulling me down the road like I've got water skis."

Now that he's lived on the island for 10 years, the Ontario transplant only misses cardinals, real maple syrup and thunder storms.

"We don't really have rain on Salt Spring. I lived in Thunder Bay for 13 years; they have rain. They get rain that can pound you right into the ground. They don't call it Thunder Bay for nothing."

Hence he won't be deterred from daily walks with his dogs by a little drizzle, even if it does mean procrastinating about writing a column or two.

Black and White and Read All Over is available at local bookstores.

Patterson gets Butler prize nod

Kevin Patterson of Salt Spring won the inaugural City of Victoria Butler Book Award October 21.

Patterson's short-story collection *Country of Cold* earned the \$5,000 prize ahead of four other nominees, including Salt Spring's Sam Bawlf and Tom Koppel.

The award's announcement came at a Central Bar and Grill reception in Victoria.

Country of Cold has also won the Rogers Writers Trust award out of Toronto.

Patterson is also the author of the travel memoir called *The Water in Between*.

Bawlf, a former B.C. Social Credit government cabinet minister, was nominated for his non-fiction historical work *The Last Voyage of Sir Francis Drake*.

Koppel's nomination for *Lost World: Rewriting Prehistory-How New Science Is Tracing America's Ice Age Mariners* was the latest honour among others earned by Koppel for previous books and articles.

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'Weirdly entertaining,' *The Saddest Music in the World*, defies meaning

The *Saddest Music in the World* just may be Canadian director Guy Maddin's most accessible work. That said, it won't be contending for the Oscars anytime soon.

The film takes place in Depression-era Winnipeg, where beer-baroness Lady Helen figures that the best way to increase sales is to sponsor a contest to discover which country in the world has the saddest music. However, there are two complications in the form of love triangles. A slick theatre promoter (the American contestant) still loves Helen, who used to be the lover of his father (the Canadian contestant), but is currently involved with a woman that ran away from his brother (now the Serbian contestant). It sounds more confusing than it is.

As per any Guy Maddin film, the plot is apparently subservient to the style. Maddin's films are usually meticulously designed to resemble something made for absolutely no budget, circa 1920-something. The *Saddest Music in the World* is no exception: grainy (mostly) black-and-white footage, awkwardly framed and curiously edited. At the same time, however, it seems very modern. The sound comes through in stereo, the acting is tongue-in-cheek, and it's virtually impossible to miss the many references to the world of today. The humour of the film points directly to the ways Canadians see their country, particularly in relation to its big brother down south. As the American contestant, Mark McKinney (of *Kids in the Hall* fame) comes across as the soulless, ambitious, bigger/louder/gaudier-

Jason Tudor

is-better stereotype. It's hard not to nod as he wanders the place offering up cash to the other countries' musicians to bribe them to be in his performance.

It's even harder not to laugh at the musical performances themselves, as huge-budget productions with props and dancing girls compete with a Siamese playing a flute or Africans cutting their faces with sharp rocks to the sound of skin drums. The winners of each round get to slide into a big pool of beer, of course.

What's the point of the whole thing? I'm not sure, but Maddin's films are always so weirdly entertaining that figuring out a "meaning" isn't even necessary. Working too hard to do so would simply be Maddin-ing. (Ugh — sorry.)

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Tourism committee tackles island's future

By PETER ALLAN
President

With its unique natural beauty, it is no surprise to islanders that Saltspring has been discovered by the world at large. While the island has long been a haven for visitors, the time is ripe for an earnest look at this economic resource called tourism. A quarter of island income is derived from this sector, according to Islands Trust staff, yet there is no formal Tourism Management Plan in place, nor to date has the Tourism Advisory Committee called for in our Official Community Plan been formed. Recent community discussions

around tourist accommodation would have been more informed had such a committee existed. Under the leadership of Kevin Bell, Vice-President of Tourism, the Chamber is establishing its own Tourism Committee and is sponsoring a research study on the subject.

Our local trustees have recently given us an indication of a real desire to move forward with the drafting of a Tourism Management Plan. To learn more about this and other tourism issues, join us Nov. 3 at the Business Breakfast Club. Together as a community we can protect our island from the less desirable potential ecological, cultural and social impacts of tourism.

A core element of sustainable tourism development is the link to community development, all of which implies a plan - one that holds a long-term view and is grounded in the principles imbedded in our OCP. This plan development process is the top priority of the Chamber of Commerce this year. Over the coming months in this column, we will explore the other dynamic initiatives on our desks. These include on-going participation in the parking study, Business



Sheila McEachern volunteers at the Visitor Info Centre.

Breakfast Club, Simply Saltspring, website revitalization, Visitor Info Centre facelift and improved directional signage...until next month!

What is a Chamber of Commerce anyway?

By ANDREW WYNN WILLIAMS
BC Chamber of Commerce

Most communities in Canada have a Chamber of Commerce, and those who belong take great pride in their membership. But those who do not belong often ask why. The answer is because they are proud of being part of an organization that plays such a key role in the community.

That begs the question - what is that role? The official description is: "A Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization established to promote civic, commercial, industrial and agricultural progress of the community and district for which it serves and to work for sound legislation and efficient administration at the community and all levels of government." (yawn)

The simple version says so much more. The Chamber exists to make any community a better place to live. Period. A Chamber of Commerce provides an avenue for the business people in a community to create a positive business environment. It also provides the local business community with a vehicle to promote their region to the outside world - either for tourism or business investment. It then serves to help people find their

way once they arrive.

The Chamber provides an opportunity for those people who create local jobs and drive the local economy to work with government and the public to build a better community. The provincial Chamber acts as an umbrella organization to lobby the provincial government on issues of mutual concern to all chambers, and the Canadian chamber serves a similar role at the national level. The chamber speaks for the business community at public hearings, to the media and behind closed doors. They are the voice of business.

When a business joins the chamber they add their voice to the chambers efforts and the chamber can support them on issues that concern their business. When a business joins a

chamber, they help make their community - and their business - healthy and prosperous.

Because chambers are business organizations there are less altruistic benefits to membership. There are excellent networking opportunities at meetings and other special events. A chamber provides businesspeople the opportunity to get to know their peers in their local community. They can interact with them, make contacts, and give their business greater exposure to those who are its likely clientele.

The collective nature of a chamber allows access to tangible financial benefits as well. Group insurance programs are an excellent example. A group of businesses accessing

insurance for such things as medical and dental can access much better rates than individual business.

Group buying power also provides access to better long distance phone rates. Navigata provides such good rates that, for some businesses, it alone will cover the cost of membership. The same holds true for preferred merchant rates on major credit cards.

This brings us back to our original question. Why join the Chamber? It seems clear now that there are far more reasons to join the chamber than there are not to. In the long run however, whether you join to have an impact in your community or to gain more direct benefits, it seems that belonging to your chamber is simply good business.

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PEERING THROUGH THE PLANTS: Volunteers peek through the foliage as they prepare for an onslaught of buyers at the Salt Spring Garden Club's fall sale, held last weekend at the Farmers Institute. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Waldorf class for parents, children

The Rose Garden Waldorf Pre-school is offering an eight-week parent and child class for children two to three-and-a-half years old.

They will meet for two hours on Tuesday mornings from November 2 to December 21.

"The program provides opportunities to ask questions and learn more about the Waldorf philosophy," said Carleen Mutch, a former kindergarten teacher at the now-closed Waldorf On Salt Spring school, who will lead the Rose Garden class.

"Waldorf education supports the head, heart and hands," she said.

The focus is on nurturing healthy and happy children by helping them build life skills, artistic endeavours and movement, in addition to the mind. Waldorf education also recognizes that young children learn through imitation and play with natural toys in a beautiful setting, Mutch said.

Parent and child class sessions will include playtime to help stimulate the children's imaginations, and activities that will help enrich family life by including children in everyday tasks such as tidying up.

The adults will also participate in small discussions centred on themes from a workbook. Parents will gather without the children for at least one evening for additional uninterrupted discussion.

Mutch's class is separate from the pre-school, which has been running since September.

For more information, contact Mutch at 653-2035.

Audio book about struggle with manic depression, faith, redemption released by islander Myrna Boyd

By ELLEN YEUNG
 Staff Writer

In the early 1980s, Myrna Boyd appeared to be settled comfortably on Salt Spring.

The young widow had moved to the island with her parents and son, in order to join her sister and family. She soon found work as a secretary at Salt Spring Elementary School.

But by 1985, she wasn't able to function in her everyday activities.

"I couldn't work, I couldn't do anything," Boyd recalled. "I was literally laid up."

Boyd was sent to the psychiatric hospital at the University of B.C. and was diagnosed with manic depression.

At first, she refused to take medication and would experience extreme ups and downs in the matter of an instant. She would hear voices



Myrna Boyd

in her head of God and Satan, though she had trouble distinguishing between the two.

Boyd also thought her dog was demon-possessed and wouldn't let him into the house.

"There would be whirl-

winds in my mind," she said. "I would scream in agony and bury my head in a pillow."

Boyd felt suicidal many times, and had to return to UBC hospital each time, though she never attempted suicide. She was hospitalized six to eight times per year throughout the late 1980s, for between two and six weeks each time.

It was during this early struggle with manic depression in 1987, before she agreed to take medication, that Boyd wrote the book *Eternity Space*.

It describes what she envisioned heavenly spaces to be like, but also indicates what it's like to have manic depression.

After completing *Eternity Space*, Boyd started taking medication and has continued to do so ever since.

During the same year, Boyd, who has been a Christian since age 12, completed *One Sheep*, an allegory of a small sheep's faith in a shepherd. The story, which was written with the feedback of the Institute of Children's Literature in the U.S., can also be seen as a love story, Boyd said.

The sheep called Miss Petite depends on the love of the shepherd but is often distracted by the black sheep, M. LeGrand, who thinks he doesn't need the shepherd.

And although *One Sheep* doesn't mention manic depression, readers will recognize symptoms of the disease in Miss Petite.

"One minute she's happy and excited, and the next she's not," Boyd said.

One Sheep and *Eternity Space* have recently been released on CD in three vol-

umes.

Boyd expects an illustrated children's version of *One Sheep* will be due out by Christmas.

Even though Boyd said her medication, which presently consists of eight different drugs and 14 tablets per day, has finally kept her "level," she never returned to work after her diagnosis for fear that stress might worsen her condition.

"I love being retired," Boyd said. She keeps busy with church-related activities and spends time with her 90-year-old mother.

The audio book *One Sheep and Eternity Space* is available at Volume II bookstore and Christian bookstores such as Regent College at UBC. The stories were edited and read by Judy Guedes, another Salt Spring resident.

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Goruk honoured with top Toastmasters award

Salt Spring Toastmasters have been busy sharing honours at their Monday night meetings.

Salt Spring Toastmasters president Chuck Goruk recently received his Distinguished Toastmaster plaque from membership vice-president Bob Rogers.

Distinguished Toastmaster is the highest honour that can be earned by a member of Toastmasters International, and recognizes outstanding leadership and communication skills.

The club's two-part speech

contest was also completed with winners Rogers, Kathryn Holm, Blair Howard, Jean Stewart and Patsy Siemens.

Salt Spring Toastmasters meet every Monday night at 7 p.m. at Croftonbrook. Anyone aspiring to improve their public-speaking skills is invited to join the group.

"It's a dose of self-confidence wrapped in fun and good fellowship," said Siemens.

For more information, call Rogers at 537-8884 or Goruk at 653-2015.

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In November of 2003, Seamus moved his private practice to Salt Spring Island. One month later he took it upon himself to gather all the healers that he could find to form the Saltspring Healing Arts Circle. In another month he joined the team at Eight Branches Holistic Health Centre. Over the past year Seamus and the Saltspring Healing Arts Circle have co-created four Healing Arts Fairs (a non-profit event offering alternative healing treatments to the public), dozens of healing exchange oriented potlucks all over the island, and over the summer offered chair Shiatsu treatments by donation at the Saturday Market.

Additionally, Seamus gained Master level status in his training as a Reiki guide in June 2004. Coupled with years of training in the martial arts, apprenticeships under different teachers of various healing arts, and his Shiatsu expertise, Seamus proves to be a highly focused, grounded and intuitive individual. His treatments prove to work deeply, on all levels and are adaptive to everyone's unique condition.

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Writer finds eating local to reduce emissions poses no hardship at all

By MAGGIE ZIEGLER

Special to the Driftwood
Summer garden feasting has continued into October.

Our orchard brings an abundance of apples, pears and walnuts.

Late raspberries provide small treats.

There's been a fantastic harvest of wild mushrooms: shaggy manes, puffballs and giant meadow mushrooms. Tonight a garden stir-fry: carrots, zucchini, kale, peppers, mushrooms, garlic and onions.

Yesterday a quiche with broccoli, mushrooms and local eggs.

The day before an off-island lunch included a sandwich well padded with tomatoes and lettuce, a little bag of carrots, a pear and an apple.

It's not a hardship to eat local, even if you don't grow your own produce.

Everything in our garden and much more is grown by local farmers and available in the food co-op and other local stores.

It's a great way to join the hundreds of islanders who have signed onto the One Tonne Challenge — a voluntary effort to reduce individual or family greenhouse gas emissions by one tonne over the next year.

It does take a mental shift to shed our conditioned crav-

"We wanted to experience food tied more to the seasons and local climate." — Maggie Ziegler

ing for having everything available right now.

When my partner and I made a commitment to eat primarily local produce a couple of years ago, there was some letting go to do.

I admit I yearned for bananas. I missed avocados. But these desires passed surprisingly quickly, replaced by a deep appreciation for our food and a growing connection to our bio-region.

We wanted to experience food tied more to the seasons and the local climate. We wanted to challenge our collusion in the phenomenal fossil fuel emissions involved in moving food around the world.

The rewards far outweigh the challenges.

The food tastes better, for one thing. We eat our own carrots well into the winter, then buy B.C.-grown organic, but when these run out, pass on the California organic carrots that have a vastly inferior taste. Better to wait for the new season.

Tomatoes and cucumbers are amazing when you gorge on them for two to three

solid months after months of abstinence.

And that first giant cauliflower is an awesome moment well worth waiting for.

We figured out that our diet is so healthy that there's no problem with eating less fresh produce for a couple of lean months, relying on food that we froze, canned and dried. We saved money.

We haven't managed 100 per cent but we've done well.

We've developed more awareness of the origins of the little bit of non-B.C. produce we do buy, for example, the California onions we purchased after our onions and leeks were finished in April.

We went out-of-province for citrus and a few southern grown veggies in deep winter.

We are thinking about the next step.

We're mostly vegetarian, but Amazon rainforests are being clear-cut to satisfy the west's soy craving.

Maybe give up soy and munch on local free-range chickens?

Our little local produce effort isn't going to save the planet, of course, and doesn't take away from the need for systemic changes to our agricultural production systems.

But it has made us more conscious of the chains of energy, effort and resources that get the food to our table.

And there's tremendous joy in living a little more seasonally, a little more lightly, a little more responsibly on the land.

Maybe you could lighten your own footprint just one small step.

Maybe support local farmers by eating more local produce.

Maybe give up just one food when it's not in season, even for a short while.

Maybe ask your grocers where your produce is grown.

The Earth Festival Society, organizers of the One Tonne Challenge, calculate that Salt Spring vegetarians who consume some local and organic food produce roughly two-thirds the greenhouse gas emissions of the average North American consumer of conventional food.

To find out more, visit the One Tonne Challenge website: www.saltspring-one-tonnechallenge.org.

Gulf Islands past probed by archaeologist at Nov. 4 talk

The nature of the Gulf Islands archaeological record will be explored next Thursday night when archaeologist Kim Kornbacher speaks at Lions Hall.

Traces of the Islands' Past — Should they be Preserved for the Future? The Nature of the Gulf Islands Archaeological Record and the Importance of Heritage Conservation is the name of her presentation, which begins at 7 p.m.

"Archaeology has been in the regional news frequently in the last few years and will most likely continue to be whenever and wherever development projects and heritage conservation inter-

ests collide," states a press release from Salt Spring Islanders for Reconciliation and Judgement, which is sponsoring the November 4 event.

While the "practical" implications of that collision "may be abundantly clear" to Salt Spring Islanders, the "archaeological implications of such situations may be less clearly understood. As more and more of the ancient places disappear, knowledge and understanding of what is being lost is increasingly important."

Some of the questions Kornbacher will answer are: What is the nature of the archaeological record in

the Gulf Islands? What is a shell midden, how are such sites formed and how old are they? What kinds of artifacts and remains do they contain and why? What is involved in conducting an archaeological investigation and what kinds of things can we learn from this kind of work? Is preservation important, and is it a reasonable objective in the face of ongoing development?

Kornbacher has studied and worked in archaeology for nearly 25 years. She now practises photography and heritage conservation work on Salt Spring.

Admission to the event is by donation.

Winter seeds planted at growers' event

Gulf Islands gardeners wanting help and inspiration to grow vegetables year-round can attend a talk by Linda Gilkeson set for Tuesday, November 2.

Sponsored by Island Natural Growers, the Growing Winter Vegetables talk is at All Saints church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Gilkeson, a well-known gardening expert and biologist, will describe what, how and when to plant so that fresh vegetables can be available year-round.

Protecting food through the winter will also be discussed.

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FIDDLE FUN: Fiddlers fiddle and dancers dance as a Family Fiddle Dance is staged at Mahon Hall on Saturday. At right are musicians in Salt Spring's Fiddleworks group, led by Jaime Rokeby-Thomas (at the keyboard).

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Operation Christmas Child sends gift-filled shoeboxes

Islanders are once again invited to fill shoeboxes of cheer for children in the developing world through Operation Christmas Child.

A division of Samaritan's Purse, a non-denominational Christian organization that brings clean water, medical aid and schools to countries around the world, the group hopes 7 million boxes will be created for kids in 95 countries.

"For many children this is the only gift they have ever received," notes Terri Manuck of Salt Spring in a press release.

Empty boxes are available from the collection point, which is Community Gospel Chapel, or people can use an ordinary shoebox and put Christmas wrapping paper on it, held together with an elastic band.

(The box must be openable, or a plastic, kitchen-type container can be used.)

Deadline for returning filled boxes to the church on Vesuvius Bay Road is Sunday, November 7.

People should first decide if the gift is for a girl or boy in one of three age categories: two to four; five to nine; or 10 to 14.

"Mark the top of the box with your choice," said Manuck.

The box can then be filled with a variety of things, using the following list as a guide.

Hygiene: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth.

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Other: hard candy, lollipops, gum, sunglasses, ball caps, socks, T-shirt, toy jewellery, hair clips and bands, watches, small picture books.

The Great Canadian Dollar Store in the Ganges Village Market centre will give

people 15 per cent off any items bought for the shoeboxes.

No food or used items, or anything that could melt, freeze, leak, break, scare or harm a child should be included.

Cards and photos of donors and their family could also be put in the box.

A cheque of \$5 or more should be enclosed to help cover the cost of shipping and handling.

People packing more than one box can make one combined donation in a single envelope. Make cheques payable to Samaritan's Purse and note on the memo line that it is for Operation Christmas Child.

"These boxes are delivered, with volunteer help, by donkey, ox cart, canoe, backpack — almost any mode of transportation you can imagine, but first they must be collected, placed in containers and airlifted to each country."

For more information, call Manuck at 653-9882.

Islanders can cultivate qi Sundays in Beaver Point

Since taking part in tai chi and qi gong classes more than two years ago, Salt Spring resident Helen Moon says her chronic fatigue syndrome has virtually disappeared.

"I feel I've gained my health and strength back," she said.

Moon has been attending Beaver Point Hall classes every Sunday, offered by Joe and Polly Lai, who live and also teach in Victoria.

Joe studied for 15 years with his tai chi master in Taiwan, who did not charge him any money.

In turn, he has chosen to share his knowledge for free.

According to a press release, tai chi and qi gong strengthen the body, improve

circulation and maintain not only physical but mental health by harmonizing "qi." "It is helpful for many chronic conditions such as arthritis, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, back and knee pain."

Tai chi is also slated to be one of the demonstration martial arts at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Joe teaches the "8 Brocade Style" of qi gong, in which mind, eyes, movement and breath exercises are used together to harmonize the energy, or qi, throughout the body.

"It's quite meditative and is easier than tai chi," Moon said.

Joe also teaches da mo tai chi, which incorporates 24

forms.

This year, Joe is introducing a new form of tai chi/qi gong that consists of 18 fluid and almost dance-like movements done in tandem with breathing exercises.

"People are really loving it. It's uplifting, easy to learn," Moon said.

She said at some point, Joe may also teach fan tai chi, a form of tai chi that many young people in Taiwan practise alongside lively music.

At the end of each class, the Lais have tea with students and discuss the Tao.

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Hydro lights local field

Salt Spring soccer and football teams might see better results this season thanks to new lights installed at the Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) field.

"We've got a nice field now," said Graham Tweddle.

The Rainbow Road field, also known as "the Hydro Field," now boasts four banks of three super-bright lights, thanks to efforts from several volunteers. Previously, the field had half the candle power available.

First among thanks is Randy Severn Tree Services and a crew from B.C. Hydro, who brought a bucket truck onto the field to help install the lights in the nick of time before the rainy season.

"We did it just in time. Because now you can't get a bucket truck on the field. It will sink."

Players from the local recreational adult teams also helped dig ditches and complete raking, he said.

As a further bonus, the Gulf Islands School District added irrigation to the field this summer.

"The field is in better shape than it's ever been," Tweddle said.

The lighting project was completed with proceeds from the May long weekend soccer tournament, he noted.

Teams began practising under the new lights on October 20.



DUALING WITH DAD: Ben Hunter takes on his father Murray Hunter as the Salt Spring Traditional Martial Arts School holds a "grading" promotion event Saturday at All Saints By-the-Sea. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Old Boys feel age against Castaways

The Salt Spring Old Boys took a 3-1 loss at the hands of the Castaways at Lansdowne field Sunday.

"They had more energy than us," said Old Boys player Graham Tweddle.

It took a shot from island defender Lyle Brown to score for Salt Spring since the Old Boys lacked "oomph" up front.

"We had to rely on our defence to get our only goal."

A "nasty first half" saw the islanders fall 2-0. Salt Spring then scored early in the second, but couldn't equalize before the Castaways scored on a breakaway for their third goal.

"We had some good chances. But on the day, we were definitely second best."

The local aging youths will face the Gordon Head Nearly Dead at the lower high school field at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Youth soccer teams battle lower island opponents

Representatives of youth soccer teams are encouraged to submit game highlights to the Driftwood's Soccer Kicks. Submissions should be kept to a maximum of 175 words — longer pieces will be cut.

• Salt Spring Salamander Ruby Barnard scored her first goal of the season as a gem on the spot in the opening game of the U10 Girls' Fall Classic Mini Jamboree at Blue Heron Park Saturday.

Thanks to highlight saves by Una Conradi in net, the Salamanders held a 1-1 tie against the Gorge Icebergs after Barnard's goal.

In Salt Spring's second match, tight defensive play by Kimberly Rothwell held Gordon Head to a 2-0 win.

Harriana Brooks had the best scoring chance with a determined rush on net.

But the Gordon Head keeper and defenders stopped numerous island shots and breakaways.

During the jamboree, the Salamanders welcomed new player Rachel Fraser, who even took a shift in net, and U9 girls Maggie Birch, Jasmine Cooper and Rebecca Steel, who looked at home in their first off-island matches.

• A gorgeous Saturday saw the still-undefeated U10 boys Warthogs compete in a two-game tournament in Sidney.

The first opponent — Gordon Head Devils — came under fire right from the start when Tim "Twinkle-toe" Camps scored his first of three goals.

The Warthogs forwards kept passing the ball around and when a well-placed long pass from Camps reached Ronan Gunn, he did not hesitate to score his second goal.

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McCormick brothers Tom and Calder, and quick reactions by goalies Jack Wiltshire and Tai Whelon saved all but one attack.

Farley Cannon took advantage of his fast dribble to make the final score 6-1.

The Peninsula Hotspurs were next.

Forward Jens Mowat repeatedly sped across the pitch, bewitching the Hotspurs with dribbles and passes, scoring four times.

Solid defence from Gordie Fletcher and keeper Aiden Holmes helped keep the Warthogs on top. Gunn added a goal to round off the score at 5-0.

• The U12 Stingers girls team swarmed Peninsula on home turf Saturday, stinging their opponents with a 6-0 score.

Goal scorers included Pilar Brooks, Sierra Lundy, Jody Pringle (two) and Megan Jarman (two), while keeper duties were taken on by Kai Fishleigh, Tilly Morgan, Sal Wiltshire and Jarman.

Notable performances included hard work on the wing and a good shot on goal by Phoenix McNaughton, aggressive play up and down the centre of the field by Sydney Kazakoff, and focused work by Alex Crandall and Christine Villadsen on the offence.

The Stingers remain undefeated this season.

• Salt Spring's U-15 girls' soccer team was a little unlucky Saturday, losing 1-0 in front of home-town fans. Early in the match, Gorge scored on a long corner, which surprised the local squad when it curled inside the far post for the only tally of the game.

Much of the entertaining match was played in the middle third of the field.

Though Salt Spring players managed to put pressure on the Gorge keeper, they were unable to find the back of the net.

Outside midfielders Hannah Garvie-Ransen and Emily Rothwell worked particularly well with accurate passing and tenacious back-checking, Kaeli Dragomir impressed with her speed and accuracy, winning every ball in her area, and Katie Villadsen was rock-solid in net, posting a clean sheet in the second half.

• Throughout the first half of their match, the resolute defence of Fraser Krayenoff, Marshall Barter, Sheylon Young and Seth Byron held Juan de Fuca off the scoreboard as Salt Spring's U18 boys struggled to impose their style of play.

Even after Juergen Weidemann broke through the opponent's wall in the 40th minute to slip the ball under the keeper, and then added an insurance goal minutes later on a penalty shot, the outcome of the game was still in question.

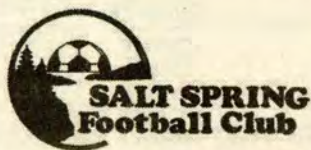
But the opening moments of the second half saw Salt Spring return to form and in quick succession put the game away with several pretty goals.

Led by the Byrons, Jeremy's long ball found Seth at the far post for the third goal.

Next, on a relay from Jeremy Byron and Tavis Morton, Lucas Parker slotted the ball in the bottom corner.

The Byrons finished the scoring with two curling shots outside the 18-yard box by Jeremy Byron, and another by Bob Byron, when he caught a ball trickling along the crossbar to chest it in for the finale.

FC PLAYER PROFILES



Name: Colin Walde
Number: 8
Position: Full Back
Age: 33
Years played for FC: 15
Youth Program: Salt Spring Island Selects
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Team 'spanks' FC in 6-1 loss

Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men are feeling red in the cheeks after a 6-1 loss to Vantreights at Portlock Park on Sunday.

"They pretty much gave us a spanking," said FC captain Chris Jason.

But even though the islanders were beaten, they kept up their spirits, Jason said.

"The team was positive. We were getting our butts kicked — but there wasn't any yelling or anything. It wasn't like we were getting down on each other."

Vantreights scored two goals within the first 10-12 minutes, he said.

"At that point, we were just trying to keep them from running up the score."

FC was missing at least six key starters in the match against the division-leading team, he noted.

"Even with those guys, I still think we still would have gotten beaten pretty badly."

After Vantreights scored 3-0, Salt Spring earned a free kick and the islanders finally scored.

"Tyler Laitinen crossed it to Jeremy Morrison's head, which was one of the nicer goals of the game."

Elan Squire came in as keeper for the second half so that Jonathon McDonald could play in the field.

"Elan made some pretty good saves and Jono did as well," Jason said.

Along with Squire in net, younger players Sonny Roland and Brook Speed made solid additions to the team, the captain noted.

FC next plays Bays United White at Royal Athletic Park on Sunday.



LEAP BALL: Salt Spring FC's Chris Langdon goes head to head with a Vantreights player as the local squad goes down 6-1 against the division-leading team.

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Dragons take Lakehill Heat

Salt Spring's Division-2 women Dragons gave Lakehill Heat some chills during a 4-2 loss at Braefoot Park Sunday.

"At the half we were winning 2-0," said coach Rhea Davidson.

Mardon Dary scored a header and Shannon Keys notched a shot from 18 yards to put the islanders in the lead.

"Unfortunately, they scored four goals in the second half and we ended up losing, but it was a very exciting game to watch," Davidson said.

She was proud of how the

team played.

"I think they are on their way to having a very successful season."

In addition to the goal scorers, Cheryle Johnson and Joanne O'Connor had particularly great games, Davidson said.

"There was a couple of really nice plays that were unsuccessful in the second half, but it was nice to see things implemented in practices that are actually being executed in the game."

The Dragons are next scheduled to visit Cowichan on October 31.

Selects team sends Vic West packing

The Salt Spring Selects women's Division-3 soccer team didn't throw out the welcome mat when they hosted a 5-0 shut-out over Vic West Sunday.

The powerhouse Selects lead their division with six consecutive wins, 38 goals for and zero goals against.

They next host lowly Lakehill (ranked 11/12 with one win and three losses) at Gulf Islands Secondary School noon on October 31.

Hickford guile wins out

Salt Spring disc golfer Ted "Collection Plate" Hickford found a new way to win at the Little Mountain Duck Golf Tournament in Vancouver on Sunday.

"He couldn't compete in the open masters so he created his own division," said fellow player Scott Chapman, president of the Salt Spring Disc Golf Association.

Chapman even offered a Hickford impersonation within a two-part dialogue to describe how the islander grabbed his division title.

"He said, 'I can't compete against you guys on these courses. They're too long for me, so I'm going to play in grand masters.' But Ted, there is nobody in grand masters. 'I'll win then.'"

After Hickford slipped behind the pack at the Quilchena event on Saturday, Duck Golf Tournament Series organizers succumbed to his repeated requests to create an over-50 division for the tourney at Queen Elizabeth Park, Chapman said.

"They are trying to develop the division, so Ted played to put points on the board."

Hickford still finished last in the solo division, Chapman noted.

A total of six islanders competed among 75 disc-golfers at the two weekend tournaments.

Gordon Murphy won the amateur division after a playoff on Sunday, while Joah Chlopan placed third and Mike Boughton placed fourth at Little Mountain.

Chlopan also won doubles at Quilchena on Saturday.

"He might've come second in his division on Saturday, too. He had a pretty good weekend," Chapman said.

Neither Chapman nor Eric Vanderwekken finished in money-winning positions.

"He and I walked away without winning anything."

The Duck Golf Series includes 11 tourneys at different courses around the province between October and April.

The next Duck Golf event is in Nanaimo on November 13.

Zgoda tops Zoltan in Division 5 clash

The Pacific-FC net will likely take the brunt of frustration after Salt Spring's Division-5 men suffered another loss this week.

"I think people will be pretty choked. It's their fourth straight loss. They lost only one game all last year," said Div.-5 coach Chris Griffiths.

Salt Spring's rival from last year, Zgoda, took a 3-1 win over the islanders at the Spectrum high school field

Sunday.

"The battle continues," Griffiths said.

After a null first half with even play, Zgoda scored three goals in the second half before Salt Spring could respond.

But the islanders managed to get one back when Zoltan Kodaly scored, Griffiths said.

"It's our first goal in three games, which is pretty upsetting."

As another highlight, Roben Dooben had a great game running up and down the field, Griffiths said.

"We need to get three points next game and we need to get on the winning side of things."

A rumour is even circulating that veteran player Chad Little might come out of retirement to give the islanders a boost. The islanders host Pacific FC at Portlock Park noon Sunday.



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Scorpions fight for playoff spot after loss to Timberline

By JOHN FOLEY
Driftwood Contributor

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions football team went to Campbell River last week to face Timberline, a team favoured by some to win the provincial championship.

The Scorpions put up a good fight but the powerhouse Timberline team was too much. Timberline won 39 to 0. John Foley led the defence in tackles — probably as payback for the pounding sacks he endured.

Stephen Portingale made a nice interception and Mike Shipley recovered a fumble.

The offence threatened twice but couldn't beat the Timberline defence.

The Scorpions' next game is against the John Barsby school team from Nanaimo on Wednesday, October 27 at 3 p.m. at the GISS field.

Winner of this game will get the fourth and final playoff position. Come out and support your football team. It's the best sports entertainment on the island.



BRINGING HIM DOWN: Salt Spring Slayers' Braeden Simmonds tackles a Nanaimo Lion in football action on Salt Spring Saturday. The local squad lost the match 32-19.
Photo contributed

Fuford rollerblading is back on its wheels

After an extended absence due to high demand for Fulford Hall, rollerblading returns to the south-end activity scene on Friday nights beginning October 29.

According to Brian Finnemore of the hall, some rollerblades have been donated and are loaned out to those who do not have their own. Donations of rollerblades to add to the hall supply are always welcomed, he said.

"As is the tradition, the first and last nights of the rollerblading season are free, so there will be no charge this week."

The regular rollerblading rate is \$2 for children over the age of five and \$4 for adults, with a \$10 fee for the whole family.

Revenue raised from rollerblading helps cover the annual cost of varnishing the hall floor.

For more information, call Finnemore at 653-4630.

Slayers fail to tame Lions in 32-19 game

CHRIS BYWATER
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Slayers junior bantam football team hosted the Nanaimo Lions Saturday but couldn't keep them in their cage.

Fullback Miles Raposo had an outstanding game plowing through the defensive line 19 times for 140 yards.

Salt Spring opened the scoring when quarterback (QB) Ian Barrett faked out the Lions and bootlegged 40 yards for a major touchdown (TD) behind some great blocking by Connor Vine.

Nanaimo answered with two TDs, despite solid tackling from Vine and Braeden Simmonds.

Salt Spring kept running right at the Lions and then QB Barrett rolled out and sprinted to the end zone.

But the Slayers were unable to convert and the score was 16 to 13 for the Lions at the half.

In the second half, Salt Spring's Barrett notched another TD and Raposo took the ball to within inches of the end zone in the dying minutes, but they couldn't reach paydirt.

Final score was 32-19 Lions.

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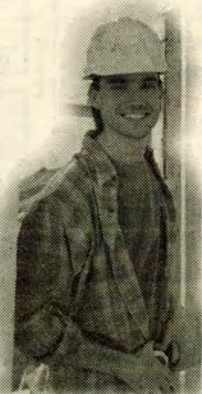
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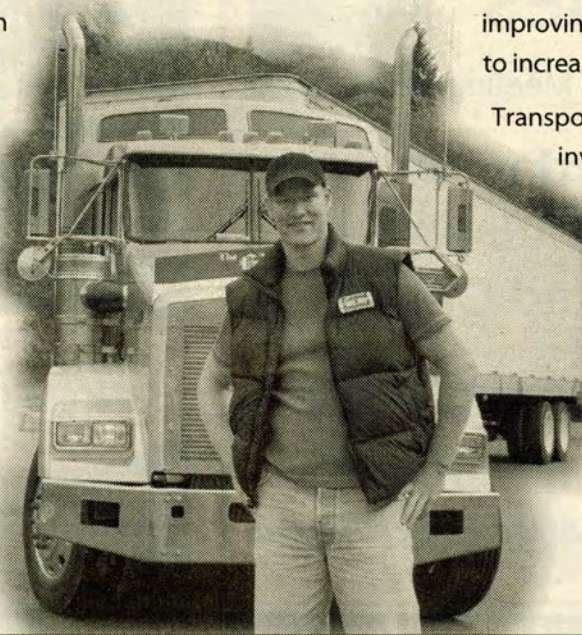
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20 COMING EVENTS

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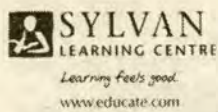
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32 MEETINGS

Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse

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Everyone welcome.

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes of November 4, 2003 AGM
3. Report from the Chair, Lorna Cammert
4. Report from the Project Coordinator, Lynda Laushway
5. Report from the Treasurer, Jean Elder
6. Membership Revision
7. Election of New Officers for the Board

34 NOTICES

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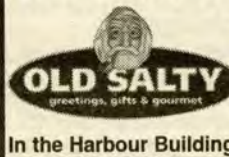
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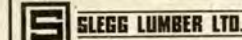
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SUBARU STATION wagon, 1985, low mileage, well maintained, \$1500. Please call 653-9891.

ROTARY CLUB Halloween Casino and Spooktacular Bash, Saturday, October 30 Farmers Institute. Limited tickets still available at Berkshire Securities, 115 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

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19' BAYLINER BOWRIDER, model Jamaica. 21' trailer Volvo Penta, 4 cyl. inboard/outboard. Chrysler leg. \$1500. 537-1526.

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CAROLE JAMES, BC NDP leader, town hall meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30, 3:00 p.m., United Church. Refreshments. Information: 537-5347 or 537-9884.

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Sailboats with spinnakers drift through the waters of Ganges Harbour

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Growth, upgrade pump sewer savings

The annual general meeting of the Ganges Sewer Local Service Committee left scant fodder for muck rakers on October 18.

"It's a good-news story," said Ganges Sewer committee chair Tom Toynbee.

"Quite frankly, I thought people would be facing at least a five per cent increase in average user fees."

But the Ganges Sewer enjoyed greater capacity and cost savings this year following addition of new Kubota membranes at the Seaview Avenue treatment plant. The plant continues to produce high-quality effluent, Toynbee noted.

"We were particularly pleased we were able to get through the summer months and meet the peak demand period during the tourist season."

The \$100,000 Kubota-membrane upgrade helps remove excess water from sludge that is hauled to the septage-receiving station in Burgoyne Bay.

"We've now developed a process of increasing the solids in the sludge and, as a result, currently we've reduced hauling by almost 50 per cent."

At year-end, Ganges Sewer expenditures were \$477,889 against revenues of \$428,233, which left a deficit of \$14,114 after an offsetting \$7,918 sur-

plus from 2002.

But future costs should be lower as result of the Kubota-membrane upgrade and increased revenue through growth in the service area (an increase of 50 single-family equivalents from 427 to 477 in 2004).

Consequently, the average user charge (based on water usage) dropped slightly this year, from approximately \$382 to \$379 per household, he said.

"That's just a function of the increased number of residential users in the system."

The committee will still review parcel taxes and user charges over the coming year,

he said.

"We're going to see if we can make some minor improvements to make it a little fairer, a little better."

Potential expansion of the service area on Ganges Hill and at the Rainbow Road recreation property is also eyed.

The plant will likely expand from its current 600-cubic-metre-per-day capacity to 1,000 cubic metres in the spring.

As an additional note, Gary Utter joined Toynbee, John Sprague, Rod Scotvold, Herb Burnett and Capital Regional District director Gary Holman on the Ganges Sewer Committee during elections at the AGM.

Biotech can pose problems for organic farmers

Recently, I met with a group of organic farmers in Saskatchewan who are at the frontlines in the battle that will determine the future of farming.

The farmers I talked to were spooked by the infamous Supreme Court decision that ruled canola plants growing in the fields of Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser actually belonged to the biotechnology giant Monsanto.

This was because some of the plants were carrying genes resistant to Monsanto's pesticide, Roundup, even though Mr. Schmeiser had not purchased "Roundup-Ready" canola seed from the company.

Despite Mr. Schmeiser's claim that he had not deliberately planted the seeds and that they were somehow contaminating his fields, the court ruled that he had to pay the corporate giant for having them on his property.

For organic farmers, the implications are potentially devastating.

It has been learned through the widespread planting of transgenic plants (commonly referred to as genetically modified organisms or

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GMOs), that despite buffer zones between them and conventional plants, transgenes readily move over considerable distances.

Pollen is light and can be blown away or carried by unwitting agents like mammals, birds or insects.

Organic farmers are now vulnerable to contamination of their crops from transgenic material and thus could lose their organic status.

The problem for such farmers and opponents of biotechnology is that our federal and provincial governments seem unconcerned about the potential risks of transgenic crops and focus entirely on exploiting the benefits.

Agriculture Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada are like cheerleaders encouraging the widespread growing of genetically-engineered crops, approving the testing of new strains without subjecting them to critical scrutiny and deliberately introducing the new plants into our food stream without fanfare or labels that would allow the

consumer to decide what to ingest.

For the average person, the claims and counterclaims over transgenic crops seem arcane and jargon laden, difficult for a lay person to assess.

As a scientist, I am shocked at the ease with which past history and experience are forgotten when there seems to be an economic opportunity.

As a geneticist, I am surprised that my peer group seems so reluctant to engage in genuine discussion about the claims being made for and against transgenic organisms.

First let me make my position clear. I once had the largest genetics lab in basic research in Canada.

I was obsessed with research and genetics consumed most of my waking hours, seven days a week. It was my passion and I was good at it. By the 1970s, I had also embarked on a second career popularizing science and examining its implications.

Genetics was growing explosively as new insights and technical manipulations enabled us to seek answers to questions that were once felt impossible to test. In my own lab, there was growing excitement and pressure to exploit the powerful analytic

tools of genetic engineering.

But I was also acutely aware that this was a scientific revolution with enormous social, economic and ethical questions that had to be addressed, and if I and my lab were actively engaged in using the new technology, how could I escape the very real or perceived bias of vested interest?

In order to be a credible participant in the debate around biotechnology, I deliberately left an active career in research.

After all, I had achieved far more recognition and honour for my work than I ever dreamed and continue to derive great vicarious delight in the staggering achievements.

But I recognized that to examine the technology critically, I could not be directly immersed in it.

That critical examination is what seems to be missing today in regards to regulation. When the Government of Canada is charged with both promoting biotechnology and regulating it, you know there will be a conflict of interest. And I fear that farmers and consumers will be the ultimate losers.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

With the Sun now in Scorpio, we are rapidly approaching the longest hours of darkness. In addition to Halloween and All Souls welcoming us all to go more deeply within, a Lunar Eclipse at the time of the Full Moon in Taurus in the Tropical Zodiac on October 27th at 8:04 pm PDT brings another bit of magic and mystery to this season. There is a link between this eclipse and the Solar Eclipse three weeks ago. Both find their source in the same Saros Series, which is the science of linking apparently separate eclipses into rhythmic cycles according to the astronomical laws of celestial mechanics. Thus, this eclipse is about relationships and either suddenly falling in or out of love or bed, as the case may be. (For more information on this and other current themes please visit my website and press enter on the Weekly Horoscope icon where you will find my events schedule or on my Articles icon.)

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Balancing accounts and other financial responsibilities are helping you to focus and follow through these days. Alternatively, the accounts are more specific to relationships. In any case, looking more deeply into yourself and others is reason to stir the cauldron. You want to understand the details and deeper implications of certain situations. Although a fiery and feisty mood is brewing, you do well to exercise diplomatic relations. The basic rule is that if you are present, you at least share full responsibility.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

The focus on relationships is taking the center stage in your life now. You are in an ambitious mood and are making diligent efforts to get what you want. A healthy measure of autonomy in balance with commitment is the basic goal. The trick is to decipher the actual parameters. How much is too much freedom and how much is too little. You want to express your individuality and feel support from your significant other. Find the words and assert your truth!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

Clearing and purifying whatever you consider negative and blocking from your overall lifestyle is now a central theme. Unresolved issues for the past may be surfacing for you to handle. The more you feel that some imbalance or injustice is lingering the more will you demand and fight for justice. You are willing to negotiate, but yield and compromise your position is not on your mind. Do your homework and research with clear intentions to follow-through.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

Creative inspiration is emerging from the depths of your soul. Your confidence in your capacities in the world is beginning to really shine. You may be your own worst critic, however, and want to break through lingering self doubts. Often, our greatest obstacle is our own mind with its doubt, limiting beliefs and sabotaging self-concepts. Clearing these takes time, effort and expertise. If you feel such blockages, consider professional help. In any case, affirm your worth.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Securing your nest is keeping your busy now. You want to create an atmosphere in your home environment that feeds and inspires you. How you color your world can make all the difference in your basic mood. If you do not feel inspiration from your home you probably will not get it out in the world neither. Consider that you at least need a space where you can contemplate, meditate and allow for a free flow of inspiration.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)

Creating a healthier financial flow is perhaps the main thing on your mind at this time. This includes building upon your existing skills and reputation. Opportunities to

expand will open as long as you are willing to make some creative efforts. This is a good time to take a constructively critical look at your basic skills, talents and track record. Brainstorm and make a list of all your resources and experience. You will probably discover that you have more than you may be aware. This will inspire you to create intentions and make connections.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)

Assessing your worth and value is keeping you in good company with friends. The process of creating a healthy living is a full time job for most, if not all people. You are in a pioneering mood and this is a good time to expand your horizons. Taking leaps of faith may imply travel and/or investments into knowledge. Securing a niche in the market place coincides with knowing who you are and what you value most at this phase of your life. Accept the changes and continue aiming for your creative ideal.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

A bold and pioneering mood is rapidly emerging in you, with the Sun now in your sign. You are eager to make some strong decisions towards creating a more secure financial base. While outer effort is understandable, the clearing may be more about limiting beliefs and attitudes than you realize. Awareness is the first step. Virtually everyone deals with such internal blockages, so know that you are not alone. Take the initiative to share your thoughts, feelings, concerns and insights with others. Break through!

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

With the Sun now in the zone of your subconscious, you may feel the need to retreat. We all need to go within periodically. This process includes reconnecting with your inner source as well as simply getting some rest. Creating inner stillness to restore outer confidence is akin to recharging one's batteries. Although you may feel rebellious about outer realities, avoid spending energy on what is not your immediate business. Take some time out and be open to inner guidance.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Merging your skill, resources and other assets with those of others continues as a central theme. In order to expand to the next level, you need to realize that you must work cooperatively with others. Allowing for changes in your basic perceptions about who you are and what is possible will assist you in the process. As you entertain new methods and angles of approach, your confidence will grow. Build upon what you already have going and invite inventiveness into your mind.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Finding new ways to exercise your personal power for the sake of service is now in focus. A determination to act according to higher vision of justice for all is moving you to take action. Expect the sparks to fly in this regard over the next few days, at least. This is a good time to approach authority figures for rewards and favours. Leading by example remains a core theme and will continue for the next few years. This is your apprenticeship.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Expanding your power potential on all fronts is a core theme now. This includes helping others to realize their power as well. Sharing your gifts and making efforts on the behalf of a larger vision will prove inspiring. Whatever else you think or desire, make sincere service your motto. Meanwhile, asserting new attitudes and actions to create a healthier financial flow for you and others is spurring you on. Intend to break free of traditional approaches and attitudes. Invest your faith in the power of cooperation.

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What's your phobia? There's something out there for everyone

For my money, the best interview question ever asked came from Oriana Fallaci at a NASA press

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conference in Florida more than 30 years ago.

The feisty Italian journalist was covering the return of the Apollo 11 space flight in which Neil Armstrong and company became the first humans ever to plant a boot on another planet.

Fallaci, a wee mite of a thing, was almost trampled by the hordes of big-shouldered, slaving male reporters who peppered the astronauts with abstruse, technical questions about G-forces, oxygen ratios, orbital fluctuations and the like. The astronauts responded with answers that could have come from well-programmed robots.

Finally, the moderator noticed Fallaci's waving hand.

"Yes," he said, "the Italian reporter . . . you have a question?"

And Fallaci, all five-feet-nothing of her, stood up and asked the astronauts:

"Were you scared?"

It was the question we all wanted to know the answer to. Only Fallaci had the wit to ask it.

Ironically, the astronauts' reaction to the question was . . . fearful. They were off their turf. Out of their comfort zone. It made them one of us again.

I would guess the fear that engulfed the astronauts at that moment was topophobia — fear of performing. We can all relate to that.

Fear is the primordial electric current that hard-wires us all. As a matter of fact, I had a grandmother who was electrophobic. She was convinced electricity was seeping out of the wall sockets and pooling dangerously on the carpets.

I myself was clinophobic as a child — terrified of going to bed. That's because of the alligator I was certain lived under my cot.

Most of us are at least mildly brontophobic — we get a little apprehensive when we find ourselves in the middle of a thunder and lightning storm. And I venture to guess the planet is currently undergoing a virtual epidemic of cyberphobia — fear of computers.

A lot of well-known folks have lugged phobias around on their backs. Famous nutbar Howard Hughes suffered from a fear of public places (agoraphobia) and a fear of germs (mysophobia).

Canadian comic David Steinberg is deathly afraid of snakes (ophidophobia) while Malcolm Lowry, the novelist, suffered from pignophobia — a fear of choking on fish bones. I wonder what Lowry ate during the 15 years he spent living in a shack on a beach north of Vancouver? I sure hope he didn't suffer from arachibutyrophobia (fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth).

The worst kind of phobia are the ones that inspire ridicule in others. How can we accept with a straight face that comedian Sid Caesar suffered from acute tonsurophobia — fear of haircuts? Or that Queen Elizabeth 1 of Britain was anthophobic — terrified of roses?

So what do you do to combat your phobia? Check into a hospital? Not if you're iatrophobic, i.e. frightened of doctors.

Decisions, decisions. It's enough to turn one into a raving decidophobic (a person incapable of coming to conclusions).

Sometimes the gods who bestow phobias exhibit a rich sense of irony. Towards the end of his life, billionaire philanthropist Andrew Carnegie developed chrometophobia, the fear of money.

The sight of even a dollar bill alarmed and nauseated him and he refused to carry any cash.

Richie Valens had all the money and fame a rock and roller could handle, but he also had a crushing case of aerophobia — fear of flying. He died in a plane crash in 1959.

The only thing that really frightened actress Natalie Wood was deep water (aquaphobia). She drowned off Santa Catalina Island in 1981.

Then there's the phobia that even the best hotels acknowledge.

Ever wondered why North America high rises almost always skip from the 12th to the 14th floor? Triskaidekaphobia — fear of the number 13.

It's a fear that Romanian labourer Florin Carcu could relate to because he had a bad case of it. Carcu's fear was so strong that this summer, on the morning of Friday, August 13 he phoned his boss begging for the day off.

"It was the strangest request," says his boss, "but I ended up giving him permission to stay home. He seemed to be really scared of something bad happening to him that day."

Carcu should have taken his chances at work. He died from a wasp sting while making himself a cup of coffee in his kitchen.

So much for the bad news. The good news is there are no more Friday the 13ths this calendar year.

But come the second Friday of next May, I plan to be carrying a rabbit's foot, knocking on wood and wearing a horse-shoe where the sun don't shine.



RACE READY: Aliah Hart is pretty pleased about his new helmet, which is a perfect match for his BMX bike. The youngster was out and about on Salt Spring last weekend.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trail, nature club announces events

Following is the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club schedule for November.

Please note the following social events:

This Thursday, October 28, at the United Church lower hall, professor Neville Winchester of the UVic biology department will show and speak about his latest treetop adventures. This program begins at 7 p.m., earlier than usual.

For November 26 at 7:30 p.m., we will feature local outdoor enthusiast Bob Howe. Bob will show slides and speak about his travels to northern Canada. All are welcome. Refreshments!

Ramblers

November 2: Jack and Betty Sharp will lead us on a ramble at the north end of Channel Ridge. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m. or at the 1100 block of Sunset Drive at 10:15.

November 9: A ramble up the beach from Fernwood or Hudson Point to Rita Aptekmann's for lunch. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m. or the Fernwood dock at 10:15.

November 16: We'll ramble through a north end farm to the beach with Percy Dewar. Meet at Centennial at 10.

November 23: Harold Page will lead us rambling on the south side of Burgoyne Bay. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m. or the Burgoyne triangle at 10:15.

November 30: We'll ramble along Whims Road with Paul Ranney leading. Meet at Centennial at 10.

Walkers

November 2: Brian Rowley will lead us on a walk through Ruckle Park. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the entrance to Ruckle at 10:20.

November 9: We go off-island today to the Cable Trail (Dodds Narrows) in the Cedar area. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 to catch the 9 a.m. ferry. Lunch afterwards at the Crow and Gate pub.

November 16: Jacque Severn will lead a walk along Blackburn, Cranberry

and Old Divide roads. After lunch we'll walk the Blackburn Creek trail. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

November 23: Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle Park entrance (10:20) for a quite demanding walk on the shoreline trail to Yeo point led by Owen Benwell.

November 30: A favourite local walk in Duck Creek Park with Norma Eves. Carpool from Portlock Park at 10 a.m. Lunch afterwards at the Seaside Restaurant.

Hikers

November 2: Join Simon

Rook for the circumnavigation of Mount Maxwell. Expect a fairly rigorous hike with several difficult and rugged sections underfoot. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45.

November 9: Off-island with Lynn Thompson for a fairly strenuous hike up Mount Prevost. Carpool to leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. for the Vesuvius ferry at 9.

November 16: Today Peter Lamb and Jean Gelwicks will take us through the Vogt reserve and Crown lands. Carpool to leave ArtSpring

at 9:45 a.m. to meet up with south-enders at Arnell Park at 10.

November 23: Join Bill Harrington for a mystery tour of Ruckle Park. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:30 to meet up with south-enders at the park entrance at 10.

November 30: Starting from Mill Farm, we will explore some of the many Mount Bruce and Mount Sullivan trails with Charles Kahn. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:40 to meet up with south-enders at Drummond Park at 10.

Who's the Greatest Salt Spring Islander?

Never mind the CBC's search for The Greatest Canadian — the Driftwood wants to find The Greatest Salt Spring Islander.

Read this week's stories about The Greatest Salt Spring Islander contest. Island historians nominate their choices and former residents give their opinions.

Start thinking about Salt Spring residents from history and the present day who should be considered among the island's "greatest."

Complete the nomination form in the November 3 issue of the Driftwood or send us your responses by e-mail after November 3.

We'll feature the "finalists" in coming issues of the paper, and provide readers with ballots for casting their votes!

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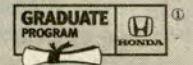
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