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## School zone could aid safety

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

Gulf Islands school trustees are asking the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) to expand Rainbow Road school zones to include the intersection at Lower Ganges Road.

The motion passed unanimously during last week's school board meeting, about a week after two Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students from Pender Island were struck by a vehicle while crossing Lower Ganges Road on their way to the water taxi dock.

"This is a community problem that needs solving and I think something has to come out of this before it is too late," said newly re-elected Salt Spring Island trustee Charles Hingston. "Pedestrians have been hit but not yet killed and this is an opportunity to help solve the problem."

Extending the school zone boundary would force drivers along Lower Ganges Road to travel no faster than 30 kilometres per hour between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Minimum penalties are a \$173 ticket and three demerit points.

Hingston acknowledged extending the school zone would not eliminate the risk, but said it was, at the very least, a step in the right direction.

"Let's keep the focus on dealing with agencies like the RCMP and MOT to make sure this happens," he added.

Pete Williams, Pender Island's new school trustee, said because off-island students have no other choice but to use the intersection on their way to and from school,

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**HOSPITAL VISITOR:** Lady Minto Hospital extended care resident Gladys Slingsby shares a moment with Santa, who met with young and old after arriving on Salt Spring via the annual Santa Ship run by the Bellingham Lions with support from local Lions groups and other community members.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Governance grief greets new trustees

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

Island delegates speaking at a town hall session during the Islands Trust Council meeting in Victoria last week highlighted the need for greater governance powers for Salt Spring Island.

"I think we have a unique opportunity to make some progress around tax equity, governance and reform with respect to Salt Spring and the islands," said Salt Spring's regional director Gary Holman. "While we all want to pursue greater tax equity, all people respect Salt Spring's commitments to the islands federation."

In a brief speech to trustees assembled at the three-day conference, Holman suggested forming an "island

commission" could enable smoother communications between Capital Regional District (CRD) representatives and trustees.

Commission members, he said, could work towards island-specific tasks while honouring Salt Spring's support of planning and administrative services on other islands in the Trust.

A first step, he said, would be to increase the number of Salt Spring's elected trustees. While not all elected trustees would necessarily have to represent the island at the quarterly Trust Council sessions, all could sit on a local commission.

The CRD could designate the local Trust committee as a local commission to administer the whole range

of CRD services on Salt Spring, he said.

Current CRD commissions, including PARC, could serve as advisory bodies to the local commission.

Such changes would require a minor legislative change, according to Holman.

He said the new model would constitute "a half step towards incorporation" and work much like the "double-direct" system featured on Bowen Island in which some local municipal council members are also elected to represent the island at the Trust level.

"We have three people elected from Salt Spring who support the Islands Trust's mandate and this is an opportunity to move on

this," he said. "The devil is in the details."

Some 70 per cent of Salt Spring voters rejected incorporation in a 2002 referendum and Holman said he would respect that decision.

"This is very different than the idea of incorporation," he said. "Examining the issues of tax reform and governance is within the Trust Council's power and I think we need to make some progress this term."

Salt Spring trustee Peter Lamb said he remains interested in governance reform, but emphasized it would not get in the way of his supporting the Islands Trust mandate.

"The challenge for me is

**GOVERNANCE A3**

## 110 years of agriculture toasted today

Today (Wednesday) marks a milestone in Gulf Islands agricultural history when the Islands Farmers Institute celebrates 110 years since the wheels were set in motion for the first Salt Spring Fall Fair.

On December 14, 1895, Salt Spring farmers met to discuss building a pub-

lic hall for agricultural exhibitions. A few years later the Salt Spring Island Horticultural and Fruit Growers' Association was formed, which later became the Islands Farmers Institute.

Everyone is invited to the institute building on Rainbow Road where they can see a power point show on early

pioneers, hear stories from descendants of early settlers, view exhibits and displays, and socialize with friends, neighbours and guest speakers.

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trustees have a responsibility to minimize risks.

"If this is achieved while other things are going on, the RCMP may be compelled to act," he said. "It is not necessarily the end all, but it is a sign we are doing something."

Nearly 100 students using the school boats must cross Lower Ganges Road on their way to and from school each day. High traffic volume during the warmer months and poor visibility in the winter make the intersection a year-round concern. Work is necessary to increase awareness among pedestrians and drivers, he said.

In the meantime, he added, the motion to address the situation will be forwarded to the transportation ministry.

The province's south island district area manager, Greg Galpin, recognized trustees'

concerns, but said school area and pedestrian warning signs are already posted along the roadway. School zones and speed restrictions, he added, are generally only implemented on roadways adjacent to school property.

"It's a little more complicated than simply extending the school zone," he said. "We have to examine the traffic flow and be careful not to restrict movement and increase congestion during the peak travel times."

Changing traffic patterns and increasing signage in an area can often worsen the very problem they hoped to resolve, he said.

As for installing traffic signals, Galpin said, the intersection would have to meet provincial traffic volume requirements.

"I can tell you right now that the intersection is very

unlikely to meet the warrant for pedestrian-activated lighting signals," he said.

Galpin did not rule out implementing less costly alternatives such as improved or fluorescent lighting.

"This is, in no way, a cut-and-dried policy," he said. "The school board can write us and we will do some investigating."

School bus driver and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) representative Peter Price suggested bussing the students from the Chamber of Commerce to the high school.

After students spend upwards of one hour commuting from the other Gulf Islands on water taxis, he said, the last thing they want to do is walk along a dangerous road in wet, windy and cold weather.

"It's really something to

watch the students walking out in the rain," he said. "This is an avenue where we can make them feel better about coming and going to school and the cost to the district would be less since the stop is on my route anyway."

Price recognized student numbers and inconsistent arrival times could complicate the busing option, but said it was worth looking into.

School board chair May McKenzie agreed all options would be considered since finding a solution to the crosswalk issue is long overdue.

"There is an ongoing concern for this route that we depend on for students," she said. "This is another reminder of just how dangerous that intersection can be."

**What's On?**  
see page B18

# Trust makes executive decision

The 26 trustees meeting at Islands Trust Council in Victoria last week elected Kim Benson as new council chair.

Gisele Rudischer of Gabriola, Gary Steeves of North Pender and Rose Willow of Lasqueti were selected as vice-chairs.

Benson will also replace David Essig as the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee chair.

Benson, a resident of Keats Island, said she is fully qualified to serve as chair, especially given her recent experience as local chair on Gabriola Island.

Gabriola, Benson said, faces many of the same development and planning pressures as Salt Spring.

In the past term alone, Benson said, the Gabriola committee dealt with issues of incorporation, treaty negotiations, density transfers and vacation rentals.

"Salt Spring is bigger and the issues are more complex, but they are very similar to other areas in the Trust," she said. "I'll be listening and working with the community."

In her experience, Benson said, there are people who view the Islands Trust as individual islands and those who see the area as an entire region.

"As trustees, we are always looking at the islands and are always working together for the best solution," she said.

Benson anticipates electoral matters, the tourism management study and governance will be important issues raised early in the trustees' new term.

She expects the Trust to work on strengthening its relationship with First Nations, Parks Canada and the six regional districts overlapping with the Islands Trust area.

"I'm pleased with the representation on our executive committee this term," she said. "I think it's going to be a strong, focussed team well suited to address the opportunities and challenges we will face."

Salt Spring trustee Peter Lamb and Sheila Malcolmson of Gabriola Island will serve on the Trust Fund Board.

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**ROLL-OVER:** Four children and an adult were taken to hospital following a single vehicle accident on Vesuvius Bay Road in which this van rolled onto its roof on the opposite side of the road. Photos by Derrick Lundy

## Slippery Salt Spring roads tax vehicle drivers

Four children and one adult were rushed to hospital on Saturday morning after slippery road conditions along the 200 block of Vesuvius Bay Road caused the driver of a van headed towards Vesuvius to lose control of her vehicle just after 10 a.m.

One of the children was subsequently flown to hospital in Vancouver as a precautionary measure.

She was later released after being treated for shock and is in good condition.

### RCMP REPORT

The van ended up on its roof in the opposing lane, forcing fire crews to limit traffic along the road for several hours as the scene was cleared.

All passengers were wearing seatbelts and all sustained only minor injuries.

The call followed a separate incident at 9 a.m. when police were called to the

scene of a single-vehicle accident. Slippery road conditions caused the driver to lose control of her vehicle. According to an RCMP report, she was able to keep the vehicle on her own side of the road, but went into the ditch. She was also wearing a seatbelt and suffered minor injuries.

Another vehicle ended up in the ditch near the Central intersection early Sunday morning following Salt Spring RCMP officers' attempts to question

the occupant when he was observed driving erratically along North End Road.

Police issued a 24-hour

driving prohibition to the 25-year-old male and the vehicle was towed from the scene and impounded.

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to ensure we live up to our campaign promises and that is to ensure the preserve and protect mandate doesn't get diluted by other things," he said.

Lamb is awaiting the release of a Salt Spring Island governance study being assembled by the Ministry of Community Services under the leadership of Minister Ida Chong.

Initiated in late 2004, the local governance report set out to address the current system's failures without neglecting the Trust federation's unique character.

Lamb said that when the report is made available in early 2006, he and fellow trustee George Ehring would have a better context in which to act.

Lamb said coordinating efforts with Holman and the CRD is a work in progress.

"Any attempt to ensure this unique government structure can work is not going to happen overnight," he said. "Many of the options under consideration require legislative approval from the provincial government."

New Islands Trust Council chair Kim Benson said she intends to meet with Ida Chong in January now that a busy election year has passed. Like Lamb, Benson is waiting until the provincial government's findings are released before setting her sights on a solution.

"They are essentially the gatekeeper in terms of legislation," she said in a telephone interview from her home on Keats Island earlier this week. "Any changes we come up with, from government structure to tax requisition, require provincial consent."

According to Islanders for Self Government member Susan Russell, Salt Spring contributes roughly \$450,000 per year to support planning services on the Trust's 12 other major islands.

She added Salt Spring's share of the tax burden has increased to 41 per cent of total funding, up from 33 per cent just three years ago.

In her speech to trustees in Victoria on Thursday afternoon, Russell said support for Salt Spring autonomy is now above and well beyond

where it was during the 2002 incorporation referendum.

That governance is being dealt with only hours into the trustees' new terms, she said, is a sign of how important an issue it has become.

Referring to Salt Spring as the elder sister in an orphaned family, Russell said the challenge of caring for so many younger siblings is beginning to take its toll.

While "the big sister" is available if anyone requires help, there is a moment in every family when it comes time to look at a new arrangement.

"We are part of a federation and value that," she said. "We are about remaining part of that, but require more effective control over local issues."



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# MP report mailout flap pushes envelope

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

Saanich-Gulf Islands candidates are screaming foul after the distribution of the Fall 2005 Lunn Report to constituents' mailboxes earlier last week.

Because the federal election campaign is underway, said the Green Party's Andrew Lewis, mailing out the constituency report constitutes a violation of the Canadian Electoral Act.

"Either he is incompetent as a parliamentarian or he is trying to pull a fast one on us," he said.

Releasing the Lunn Report during a federal election campaign, Lewis said, gives the Conservative Party candidate an unfair advantage over the riding's other candidates, who must work within strict campaign budgets.

The four-page mailout sent to residents four times a year is intended to highlight the MP's contributions and accomplishments on Parliament Hill and seek constituents input on specific matters. The most recent issue features a picture of Gary Lunn sporting a Canadian Air Force uniform alongside the headline, "From 10,000 feet up to hard slogging in Ottawa."

Earlier this week, Lunn said his campaign team sent out a media advisory shortly

after he learned the material had been released.

Due to the amount of research and writing required to assemble the publication, Lunn said, the wheels were already in motion in October, long before the election date was known to any of the candidates.

"We have to carry on as usual and there's nothing to it more than that," he said in a telephone interview on Monday afternoon. "There's nothing we can do, it is a regular communications release and we can never predict when the election can be called, even in a majority parliament situation."

Though the document contains contact information and several stories outlining party policies, no mention is made of the January 23 federal election.

Lewis said he will make sure a formal complaint is sent to Elections Canada to ensure the report's publication and mailing costs be counted towards Lunn's overall election expenses.

"His party was making sure that we did have an election as soon as possible," he said. "This is a little bit too convenient for Mr. Lunn and I see this as an abuse of parliamentary office."

Though she will not be making a complaint, Liberal

candidate Sheila Orr said Lunn's response lacked credibility because every bit of extra advertising helps in what will likely be a close race.

"These things always turn on you eventually," said Orr Monday. "Certainly, they knew when the election was since they were the party pushing for it all along."

Campaign financing amongst the larger parties is tight at the best of times and ensuring costs come in under the \$84,000 funding cap is a difficult task, she said.

Orr added costs to mail a small postcard sized leaflet to all Saanich-Gulf Islands homes will cost her campaign upwards of \$7,000.

"There's no question a four-page, 17 X 11-inch report complete with pictures is a major expense," she said. "There's no doubt this has given his campaign a leg up."

Despite the advantage, Orr said, she believes the public is able to draw its own conclusion.

"I will not become involved because I do not get dirty in a campaign and will continue to do so," she said. "I will give the public the benefit of the doubt and let them decide for themselves."

Lunn dismissed the accusations and said the publica-

tion's release, though poorly timed, was well within the regulations set by the Canadian Elections Act.

According to Election Canada spokeswoman Susan Friend, Section 321 of the Act stipulates any material from a member of parliament must be in the possession of Canada Post before the writ was dropped November 30.

Friend said all complaints would be forwarded to the Elections Canada Commissioner for further investigation.

"This is a very complaint driven process," she said. "All political parties watch each other very carefully and it is they who ensure no one is violating the act."

According to a news release issued from Lunn's campaign staff on December 6, the report's initial draft was completed by November 2.

"On November 17," the statement reads, "the printing was completed and it is our understanding that it was provided to Canada Post on the same day for distribution within the riding."

Lunn will spend time with Salt Spring voters today when he makes an appearance at the Islands Farmers' Institute's 110th anniversary celebration this afternoon.

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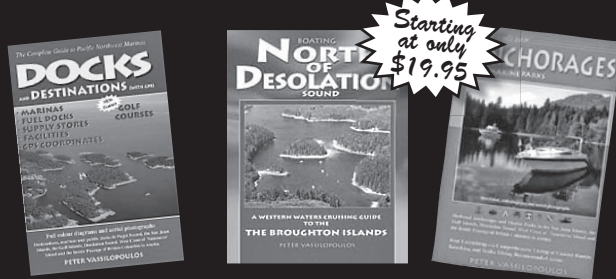
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# Indoor tennis facility proceeds although court case still looms

Despite non-resolution of a court case aimed at preventing installation of a two-court covered indoor tennis facility at Portlock Park, the project is proceeding.

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) has received legal advice from Capital Regional District (CRD) lawyers that the project can commence regardless, said PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon.

PARC and the CRD did respond to the petition, he said, and although attempts were made by lawyers to find appropriate court dates, none has been set.

"We have an obligation to the community to get the thing underway," said Gibbon Tuesday.

Courts 3 and 4 at the Portlock Park site will be closed beginning Friday so work

can begin. "I've been told by the contractor he's ready to start putting up construction fencing and taking down the existing fence on courts 3 and 4 at the end of this week," said Gibbon.

He said he guessed the structure would be erected by the end of February.

"If they still choose to take us to court we will respond at the time," he said.

On October 7 a petition was filed in Vancouver Supreme Court alleging that the CRD board's decision to approve a contract to Cover All Pacific Building Systems "was unlawful because it merely 'rubber stamped' decisions that had been erroneously made by PARC . . ." and "was based on irrelevant considerations" because board members had only a one and a half-page PARC

staff memorandum that "did not address the appropriate questions to be determined before the award of a contract could be made and the information [in it] . . . was misleading and/or false."

Petitioners Michael Best and the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers Group sought the overturning of the \$572,150 contract award to the Victoria-based company, which had connections to PARC before the project's request for proposals was drafted and was the only membrane-structure company submitting a bid to PARC in response.

Court 2 remains open for free outdoor tennis and the old tennis bubble is in use on Court 1. People must join the Salt Spring Tennis Association and book and pay for its use through Apple Photo in Ganges.

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**NAUTICAL LIGHT-UP:** Chris Weinert adds a line of Christmas lights to the edge of his boat as he gears up for the holiday season.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## McKenzie back at helm of GI school board

Familiar faces will lead the Gulf Islands School Board for the next year.

Re-elected school board chair at the trustees' December 7 meeting in Ganges was long-time Mayne Island trustee May McKenzie. Bonnie MacGillivray from Galiano was again elected vice-chair.

McKenzie was first elected school board chair in December 1997.

"We welcome our two new trustees, Pete Williams from Pender Island and Wolfgang Temmel from Salt Spring Island, and look forward to a productive term," said McKenzie.

Temmel and Williams attended three days of intensive professional development with the B.C. School Trustees' Association after they were sworn in.

McKenzie also thanked two long-time trustees no longer on the board.

"We would like to thank

former trustees Judith Boël and Russ Searle for their dedication to the district over the last nine years.

"Judith left us a legacy that includes a precedent-setting violence prevention policy, a community relations committee that focussed on employee recognition and wellness, and a strong understanding of the need to be open to all points of view.

"Russ probably knows more about the funding allocation system than any trustee, anywhere. His peers will remember him as one of the most hardworking trustees in the province, especially when it came to equity for all students."

McKenzie said the board will embark on its term by reviewing the data on surplus properties and begin discussions on how they can work with the larger community to assist in the development of affordable housing.

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## Greater representation wanted

A push for Islands Trust electoral reform was issued from a distant corner of the federation during the town hall session at last week's Trust Council meeting in Victoria.

Passage Island resident Ken White said the failure of Islands Trust officials to adopt a vote by mail ballot has forced the island's 20 eligible voters located near Gambier Island in Howe Sound to spend an entire day travelling to off-island polling stations.

The following speaker, Hornby Island's John Grayson, said voters through the Trust often faced a similar predicament regardless of where they live.

"The Islands Trust area

has several unique challenges: geographic isolation, unpredictable weather at election time, unregistered young electors, primitive ballot marking procedures and limited off-island voting opportunities," he said.

Both speakers urged the Trust to follow the federal and provincial governments' lead to submit ballots in the mail.

"The Islands Trust may have to request a small amendment to the Local Government Act," he said. "The principle is to encourage all eligible voters, no matter where they are during an election, to cast a ballot. This is a powerful precedent

and 2006 is the year to make this request."

According to new Trust Council chair Kim Benson, trustees are expected to discuss online and postal voting options early in the new term.

As for Passage Island residents, Benson said a meeting between the chief election officer and the Islands Trust determined that bringing a ballot box over to Passage Island was not warranted because of the island's low population.

"I do not wish to minimize this issue, but there are over 25 inhabited islands in the Gambier Trust area and a lot has already been done to address these concerns."



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# Non-conforming use means lawyers essential for Bullock Lake buyers

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
 Staff Writer

Potential purchasers of Cottages Resort units at Bullock Lake should ensure they proceed only after a lawyer's review of the development's 262-page disclosure statement.

A Gulf Islands property purchase is normally a tangible, permanent investment, but units offered by Salt Spring Island Village Resort (SSIVR) might not provide the most secure form of resort speculation.

That's because rebuilding is not permitted if a unit is damaged beyond reasonable repair because the resort use is legal non-conforming.

"If the building was destroyed, it couldn't be rebuilt for the same use. That needs to be disclosed, which it is," said Financial Institutions Commission of B.C. (FICOM) real estate manager Peter Grimmert.

FICOM approved the SSIVR disclosure statement that must be given to potential purchasers of the Cottages Resort's cottages, duplexes, town houses and manor homes.

"There is a bit of history to this development. The first part of it was started back in 1996 and the zoning has changed since then," said Grimmert.

After 123 resort-unit building permits were obtained for SSIVR in September 1996, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee rezoned the property from C-4 (commercial accommodation) to

**"If the building was destroyed, it couldn't be rebuilt for the same use. That needs to be disclosed, which it is."**  
**— Peter Grimmert**

Rural in November 1996. "That's not uncommon in real-estate development situations. After something has been built or partially built, zoning may change; you end up with a non-conforming use," Grimmert said.

And the SSIVR disclosure statement correctly indicates that uses provided under the original zoning can continue — with provisions, he said.

Grimmert pointed particular attention to the section of the disclosure statement that reads: "Purchasers may wish to consult their own legal advisers with respect to the law relating to the protection of non-conforming uses."

Accordingly, investors should get legal counsel to review the 262-page disclosure statement before proceeding to buy one of the resort units.

"I'm not sure what more there is to really put in [the statement]," said Grimmert.

FICOM only expressed concerns about disclosure statement clauses relating to a fractional-interest program and a schedule for furnishing SSIVR units, but those issues were addressed in an amendment on October 25, he said.

"If the [B.C. real estate] superintendent was really

concerned about something, they would issue a cease marketing order and that hasn't happened," said FICOM executive director of real estate and mortgage brokering John Nuñez.

Consequently, sale of "manor homes" listed at \$699,900 (for a 1,654-square-foot cottage), duplexes for \$534,900 (1,330 square feet), or even townhouses (starting at \$359,900 for 974 square feet), is all perfectly legal.

Islands Trust head planner John Gauld confirmed that development of cottages on Bullock Lake could continue as long as nothing threatens the structures.

"If a legal non-conforming structure is damaged by 75 per cent or more of its value above its foundations — as determined by the building inspector — that structure must not be reconstructed," Gauld said.

"Each building in itself is legal non conforming," Gauld said.

Under current zoning, developers could only create seven residential lots from the five parcels comprising the 14.5-hectare (36-acre) SSIVR property.

As another boon for investors, Gauld confirmed devel-

oper's claims that Bylaw 355, which restricts transient accommodation uses, might not apply to SSIVR strata lots because building permits were issued before the bylaw was enacted.

But he noted that Bylaw 123, which predates the SSIVR building permit applications, also includes a definition of temporary occupancy.

Gauld found nothing to disagree with in the disclosure statement.

"It's been about six or eight years since we've looked at that so we may consider it again. But at this point in time, based on our file and what they are saying there, we don't have anything to quibble with at this time," Gauld said.

"Not to say that in the future — because this thing keeps dragging on and on — that we may not want to look at it again."

Despite calls to SSIVR spokesperson Ron Behr (on December 6, 8 and 12) to ask questions about potential insurance issues for the resort related to legal non-conforming status, the developer had no comment for the Driftwood before press time.

"Everything is in the disclosure statement," Behr said Monday.

The SSIVR property was foreclosed on in 1998. It is now owned by Tuan Development Inc., whose sole director is Brian Hauff, the original developer of the lands.

## Committee probes medical-transfer service

Preferred boarding options for medical patients are under examination by members of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (SSIFAC).

But B.C. Ferry Services Inc. (BCFSI) isn't in any hurry for invasive operations that might alter ferry service on the islands.

SSIFAC director Bryan Denton had investigated

the situation for accredited medical cases who might be returning to Salt Spring in private vehicles "in a distressed state" from medical procedures like chemotherapy or radiation treatment.

"We are breaking new ground and we want to make sure we have as much information as possible," Denton said during the SSIFAC meeting at the Harbour

House Hotel on November 30.

Denton indicated that he is also a volunteer driver with Seniors for Seniors and is familiar with some conditions that might cause islanders to travel under duress.

"We should do everything we can to avoid unnecessary waits," Denton said.

But he wanted to determine the number of potential patients who might need special treatment.

"We want to develop some criteria so that doctors don't just give tickets to their favourite patients."

BCFSI consultation manager Gary Leitch noted that Route 5 (serving Swartz Bay, Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna islands) involved 969 medical transfers last year, while Route 9 (serving Long Harbour, the southern

Gulf Islands and Tsawwassen) utilized 1,318 medical transfers. Data for Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay and Crofton-Vesuvius Bay was unavailable.

However, BCFSI already has informal systems in place to help travellers with medical conditions, said southern islands region marine superintendent Chris Frappell.


"We'd like to approach it on a case-by-case basis," Frappell said.

And south islands terminal manager Stephen Nussbaum invited islanders to call Long Harbour (537-1478) to make special loading arrangements.

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Accompanying drivers can also contact the tower at Swartz Bay to make special arrangements, said Frappell.

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# Sgt. Willis reports for island duty

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

After 30 years of keeping the peace in nearly a dozen towns and cities across the west, Salt Spring's new RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis believes policing in a small community is the most "arresting" experience you can find.

"I enjoy the small towns more than the bigger cities because you can usually see the effects of what you're doing," he said. "You can always see things change in small ways, whereas in the big city, it's a lot harder to notice."

Willis arrives on Salt Spring with his wife Janice after a six-year posting on the Sunshine Coast where he became a sergeant in 2001.

Despite growing up in Victoria during the 1950s, Willis' only previous trip to Salt Spring was 30 years ago as part of a highway patrol operation.

Since then, Salt Spring and the detachment have undergone many changes and Willis expects changes to continue as the community's needs and those of the Outer Gulf Islands expand.

Not only have the islands changed; so has the task of policing them.

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms, he said, has made it more onerous on police to follow the rules and do a thorough job of prosecuting offenders.

Another change relates to positive developments in restorative justice and com-



Salt Spring RCMP Sergeant Danny Willis

munity services, which have helped the justice system address victims' rights.

"Making offenders face the victim ensures the criminal act is no longer a faceless act," he said. "This is a direction that gives people a whole different insight into criminal activity. Breaking into a house isn't just a matter of some broken wood and glass, it becomes a violation of someone's safety and security, and usually has an effect on people."

Programs like Victims Services, Restorative Justice and the policing auxiliary have provided the RCMP with a greater presence in the community.

Instead of merely representing law and order, he said, the force has come to

address reconciliation and conflict resolution.

Willis intends to spend his initial days on scene examining the pros and cons of the detachment's programs and hopes to maximize whatever tools are at his disposal.

Moving from second in command of a 31-member detachment to first in command of a nine-member operation has offered the father of three grown children a new challenge and he looks forward to sharing his experience with the detachment's less experienced members.

"I've seen all facets of crime, including murders and armed robberies," he said. "I hope not to need any of that experience, but plan to offer what I do have to officers here and then mentor them along so they can be the best officers they can be."

After years spent in larger cities such as Saskatoon and Richmond, and smaller communities like New Denver and Kitimat, Willis brings a variety of different skills to the team.

Since each area has its specific issues, he said, moving about allows officers to pick up a wider skill set and better serve the public.

Salt Spring's older population means police officers here can be called upon to resolve elder abuse issues more than in other jurisdictions.

Dealing with seniors can be very sensitive and, he said, emphasizes the importance of networking with

other community service organizations.

Connecting with so many people on a daily basis makes policing in a smaller community especially rewarding, he said.

"You're never off duty, are always looked at as a policeman and are always expected to intercede if something is going on," he said. "The public is always watching you to make sure you obey the rule of law, but that's part of the job and not an issue for me."

So much about successfully protecting the community depends on the trust relationship with the public and creating the local connection.

"We don't have a crystal ball and need to rely on the community to tell us things," he said. "By treating people respectfully, enforcing the law and discussing people's problems with them, we can remain effective at keeping people safe."

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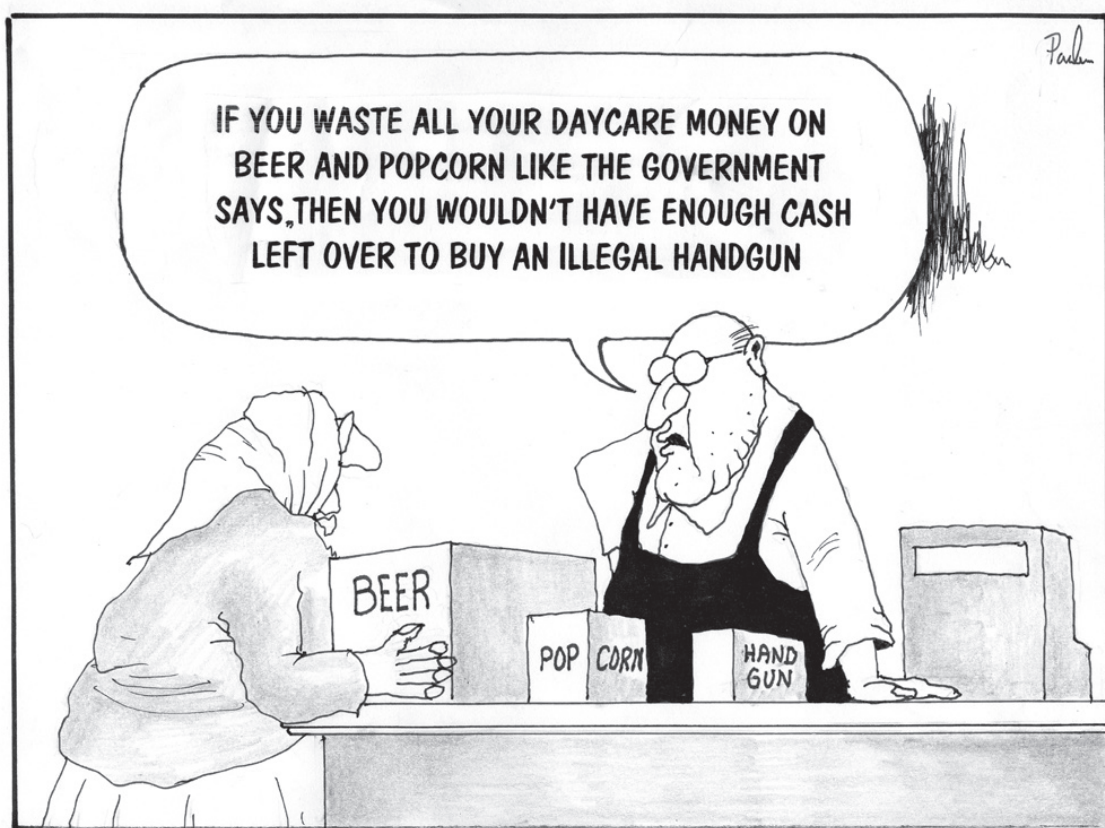
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## Mediate the money

It might be way too late in the pool building game, but the Ssplash-PARC impasse over the \$250,000 in Ssplash indoor pool society money begs for the care and flair of a skilled mediator.

Ssplash apparently did not initially fundraise with the intention of having strings attached to those funds and that money really should be in the big PARC budget picture now.

But having been so thoroughly unappreciated by PARC in the process pretty much since day one — and “unappreciated” is a kind term to use — it’s not hard to see why Ssplash hasn’t left its bundle of money on PARC’s doorstep with a happy farewell note.

Since that quarter of a million dollars represents so much passion and time on the part of a number of individuals, it’s not surprising the Ssplash board or members expect to have some input — even token, for Pete’s sake — in how it might be spent.

Because Ssplash is not a public body, what happens to its money is a matter between the donors and Ssplash. If donors aren’t happy with Ssplash’s position, they can pressure Ssplash to hand over the funds without conditions to PARC. We’ve seen some expressions of that in recent issues of the Driftwood. Those who pledged and are not happy with the funds being withheld at this point don’t have to fulfill the pledges. People wanting the bulk of funds spent only on a future leisure pool can encourage Ssplash to maintain its position.

PARC members will say they’ve been insulted by Ssplash in both public and private, so why should they behave any differently towards them?

Even if they’re only unappreciated, unpaid volunteers, PARC reps should treat people with more respect and professionalism than we expect from the average Joe on the street because they are in the service of the public.

Not accepting even \$50,000 of the Ssplash money now because the society wants it used to install a UV-light disinfection system to reduce known health impacts of chlorine, for example — as requested by a concerned future pool user — is just plain childish on the part of PARC.

Entrenched positions and offended feelings must be swept aside and healed so everyone can feel good about the indoor pool project. Any volunteers willing to mediate this sad situation?

## Give Ssplash funds to an ‘acceptable compromise’

By **RANDY AND DENISE BACHMAN**

We want to express our dismay at the behaviour of the Salt Spring Pool Society and especially of its leader, Darlene Steele.

At a recent meeting the society was again asked to turn over the funds they have raised with the help of the entire community of Salt Spring to be used as it was intended, that is to say, to build our new pool, and they again refused.

When Ms. Steele was asked how she could continue to justify withholding the funds, especially of the amount raised by ourselves with our series of concerts, she said she didn’t consider the Bachmans to be “major contributors.” It is my understanding that

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we raised over \$60,000 with our donated performances, not to mention the fact that no one in Randy’s band or in our business office (who worked tirelessly for weeks to promote and make sure the concerts went well) was paid anything from the proceeds of the evenings.

Many island businesses also contributed their goods and energy to help raise these funds. I wonder how much money Ms. Steele would consider a major contribution, if \$60,000 does not qualify.

We have, over the past year of wrangling, become more and more alarmed and appalled at the way that Ssplash has been trying to force the Parks and Recreation Commission to build not “our” pool, but “their” pool.

They have been holding the entire community to ransom to try and get their demands met. Truly, it only a matter of degree that separates this type of behaviour from any other group who, convinced that theirs is the one true, the only right way of doing something, feels it is acceptable to resort to blackmail and strong-arm tactics.

Such actions have no place in a civilized society, which I sincerely believe we want to have here on Salt Spring.

In trying to build a facility that everyone can enjoy, we believe that PARC has come to an acceptable compromise.

Though we do wish there could be more and bigger pools included, we also understand and approve of the caution they have exercised in trying to be sure that our new recreation facility will be able to function in a financially responsible manner. For our part, we hope that the pool will be deep enough, and be tiled with non-slip tiles, so we can start going back to aquacise, as we did nightly when we lived in White Rock. But even if it can’t, we will still use it. We understand that we can’t always get what we want, but if we try sometime, we might find we get what we need.

It’s been almost a year since any of my grocery slips have gone into the pool society coffers. They seem to have lost track of the fact that that money was raised by the community for the community, not to be used as a big stick to force their own personal vision of what the pool should be. The money that we raised was for the pool, not the pool society. We are therefore asking the society to turn the money we and others raised for the building of a pool over to PARC, as they promised the community they would, and stop trying to hold us all for ransom.

*The writers are musicians who participated in Ssplash pool benefit concerts.*

## Pile of unnecessary eco-taxes makes ‘the Kyoto sting’

By **TERRY GRAHAM**

I can’t believe how easily everyone in Canada has been had by Kyoto.

Kyoto, that brilliant Rio de Janeiro collaboration between Liberal Democrat, Al Gore and Europe, and created to facilitate the imposition of an “eco-tax” on all fuels (even the “non-polluting” ones like natural gas) and anything else from the hardware store or the auto parts department that could be construed as “toxic.”

### The Plot:

1. The term “global warming” is embraced and money is cleverly funnelled out to study groups and foundations like The David Suzuki Foundation, who will perform for the Kyoto creators the necessary service of convincing the prone-to-paranoia public that we have a real “crisis” on our hands, but that a wonderful salvo

### IN DEPTH

exists in the form of the great Kyoto treaty.

2. Record colds are happening here and there; the canals in Europe are freezing for the first time in 40 years, etc., so the catch crisis-phrase “global warming” is cleverly converted to “climate change” so that no matter what the weather, Kyoto can be touted as the great be-all, end-all solution to the “crisis.”

3. Another year passes and the hapless public has been brilliantly coerced into believing that Kyoto actually has something to do with real pollution — like the sulfur trioxide, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, dioxin, acrolein and soot of diesel

exhaust that is in people’s faces everywhere and on the rise.

4. Europe leans forward in its armchair and says, “Shame on Canada for even contemplating modifying the Kyoto treaty!” Not surprising at all since they stand to benefit financially by Canada’s signing.

5. Kyoto gets signed and all the crisis mongering subsides.

6. I go to the hardware store for a \$5 can of lacquer thinner and see an eco-tax of 20 cents on the bill; I buy an oil filter and the Eco-tax is 50 cents; I buy enough oil for an oil change and the eco-tax is \$1.23; gasoline is over \$4 a gallon and who will ever know what percentage of that is the new eco-tax.

To add insult to injury and

mocking what chumps we’ve been, we have to hunt to try and find out how much of all the reaped eco-tax is now being “shared” with diesel-choked Europe!

Welcome to the first governmental exercise spawned by the utopian idealists of the “global village,” this equivalent of a new, probably permanent, global GST (eco fee/eco-tax) all in the name of Kyoto, which began having nothing to do with real pollution anyway and which will do nothing significant to address it.

But still the brand new \$60,000 diesel pickups and “semi-smart” diesel cars keep increasing on our roads.

Smart car exhaust is not as visible — in terms of the PM-10 or “soot” factor — but is still on a par with two-cycle gasoline mix and

it is still diesel fuel oil.

Oil burned deliberately in any form (diesel or two-cycle), is a crime against women — as it turns out — given that every oil-burning engine is pumping out the deadly invisibles dioxin and formaldehyde, and acetaldehyde, which have all been linked to breast cancer.

The sale of diesel vehicles in British Columbia is in the same percentile range as the increase in breast cancer in B.C. — roughly 30 per cent.

Breast cancer didn’t come naturally, it came chemically and primarily as a result of the enormous volumes of these three chemical catalysts being pumped out through every diesel’s exhaust pipe!

Sorry if I sounded exasperated and angry, but this losing battle really is a crying shame!

Even the Raging Gran-

nies seem only eager to sing about “carbon bloody dioxide,” which we exhale on every breath and which trees and plants cannot be given too much of — carbon dioxide, which those same trees and plants give off all night long.

Plant life doesn’t “clean” CO2 from the air, plants need it!

But “clean” fits in perfectly to the engineered misconception that CO2 is our biggest bugaboo.

Oh, I almost forgot . . . it is all the fault of the Bush administration.

Ya right; the reason the U.S. never signed Kyoto is because the Republicans have always known that it was a Democrat taxation scam!

*The writer, “Tall Terry,” is a long-time Salt Spring resident.*

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What ushers in the holiday season for you?*



**Lindsey Lou**

*Spending more time visiting with family and getting some time off work.*



**Ross Armstrong**

*The fact that the village is almost as busy as in the summer. There's also a special feeling in all the shops.*



**Samantha Fletcher**

*Having great dinners with family and getting to see friends.*



**Justin Kopetzki**

*Santa, presents and snow.*



**Simon Morris**

*My schedule goes to hell because my wife and I get so busy coordinating the food bank's Christmas hamper program.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Medical aid

Many Salt Springers are looking forward to their trips abroad this winter. As we travel to these exotic places, we are often disturbed by the impoverishment of the inhabitants.

Seeing it all out of taxi windows, or from hotel balconies leaves us with a feeling of helplessness. While not everyone is willing to forfeit their holidays to volunteer in orphanages and hospitals, there is something all travellers and tourists can do when they go overseas.

Health Partners International of Canada is a non-profit organization that provides free medical aid to the developing world. They provide a region-specific kit of much-needed medical supplies, worth \$5,500, for every \$550 they receive in donations.

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travel, contact them at <http://www.hpicanada.ca> to find out how you can become a courier of medical supplies. If you are not travelling but want to support such initiatives, SOLID Salt Spring members are hoping to raise \$550 to donate towards a medical kit which they will deliver to the Tsepong Clinic in Leribe, Lesotho, where the clinic's over 2,500 patients lack many basic supplies like antibiotics, anti-fungals and painkillers. To contribute towards SOLID's collection, send a cheque to 145 Charlesworth Road, V8K 2J8, or visit [www.solidssalt-spring.com](http://www.solidssalt-spring.com) and follow the links to donate online.

If you read last week's letter about Peter Bardon and Peggy Frank's experience donating such kits to a clinic in Rwanda, you know how much of a difference this kind of work can make

in the lives of people in the developing world.

**ANDREA PALFRAMAN,**  
Charlesworth Road

### Booth reply

In response to Mark Knox's letter titled "Booth's call" in last week's Driftwood.

J.P. Booth, MPP, was one of the first settlers of Salt Spring Island, arriving at the age of 21 in 1859.

He first pre-empted land around Booth Canal, named after him, farming it for 30 years before relocating to Beggsville (today's Fernwood) when he married the widow Mrs. Griffiths. He remained a Salt Spring Islander all his life. "MPP" shows that he was elected to the provincial legislature. He became the Speaker in the Legislature, a post he held until his death in 1902.

His funeral at St. Mark's Church was that of a well-respected figure in the prov-

ince, the premier Mr. Dunsuir and 30 fellow MPPs in attendance.

As for the 110th reunion he was calling for, you will see him in person, enacted (channelled?) by Reid Collins this afternoon at 2 p.m. (if you are reading your Driftwood on Wednesday, December 14) with the Islands Farmers Institute celebrating 110 years, 351 Rainbow Road (where the Salt Spring Fall Fair is held). It's a celebration to which everyone is invited — free!

**USHA RAUTENBACH,**  
Volunteer researcher,  
Salt Spring Archives

### Corrections

I would like to make a couple of gentle corrections to last week's report on the November 30 Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee meeting.

Firstly, my name is Kerry Butler, not Kerry Fraser, and

I am most emphatically not a ferry worker. I am quite happily a retired ferry worker. A small but vital difference.

I did say that since the Coastal Ferry Act empowers the ferry operators, through the highways department, to expropriate any property they may need. A very unpleasant but effective solution would be to expropriate the property to the right of the road into Fulford. I doubt the highways department would have any objection since it also solves their problems in the area.

A better alternative to this would be, at long last, to schedule the Long Harbour ferry to serve the large number of businesses, residents and tourists who are on Salt Spring rather than the few on Galiano. This would draw traffic out of Fulford and ease congestion at Swartz Bay.

I also stated that many of the smaller runs do pay for

themselves until humungous amounts of management costs are dumped on them. Do they really need in excess of 350 managers for 35 ships? Any real business would be looking first at management costs rather than fare increases and service reductions. Does anyone really believe that a ship such as the Howe Sound Queen, with its crew of six, needs 10 managers looking after it? It pretty much looks after itself.

My overall sense of the meeting was that the committee wanted something done about something sometime and the corporation was definitely going to do something about something sometime, maybe. Both sides agreed that things are much better now.

**K. BUTLER,**  
Salt Spring

**MORE LETTERS A10**

## Shuffling deck chairs, throwing out baby not health answers

By **SID SMITH**

We really need to get on with major reforms to the health system. In every part of the country the system staggers along in crisis mode.

Under significant pressure from the general public, not to mention the provinces, federal monies have been committed toward the reduction of wait times for major hospital procedures.

Tackling wait times and other obvious pressure points in the system throws large amounts of resources at the symptoms, but it does not address the real problem. While there is need for significant new dollars in the system, it is a "bottomless pit" if we don't put a better system in place for the future.

Successive governments in B.C. have defined the problem as one of organization, and grasped at the "reorganize the bureaucracy" concept of public policy. The result has been the formation of large super-regions, or health authorities. While this move has brought some much-needed rationalization of services, it has created monolithic power structures around acute and long-term care. Many would argue that the appointed rather than elected boards have stifled input and accountability to the community.

### GUEST COLUMN

Special interest groups have defined the problem as a lack of options to access the private sector directly, i.e., privatization of health care. The argument is that services currently provided through the public system could be provided more efficiently and more timely by the private sector.

This approach was discussed at length by me in an earlier publication of the Driftwood. While there may be some benefit in adopting a mixed public/private care model, it must be within a "single-payer" structure if we are to preserve the Canadian universal health care system.

So, what is the real problem? The real problem is how to reduce the need for highly expensive and scarce acute care services. It is a multi-faceted problem, but many observers and planners have been suggesting for years that we could have a major impact by focussing on primary care.

#### Primary Health Care

Primary health care is a term that describes the entry points, or first contact, with the health care system, including a whole range of individual providers, public

health preventative services, pharmacists, etc.

Composed of many individual components, this system currently lacks cohesion and integration; health issues and events tend not to be actively "managed" or focussed around the patient/client.

It is suggested that a revamped primary care system could:

1. Avoid some of the high-cost crisis events in our lives.
2. Prevent or intervene earlier in the onset of disease and chronic conditions.
3. Improve access to emergency services 24/7, but at the same time relieve the incredible stress on hospital emergency wards.
4. Make better use of highly qualified health professionals.

The reform of primary care should be viewed as the key strategy in revitalizing our universal health care system in Canada. It would ensure continuity of care for the individual at the first point of entry and by providing effective linkage to both specialized and community services. It would provide opportunities for health education and promotion, resolve short-term health issues and manage the majority of chronic health conditions.

Better management of chronic health conditions, in particular,

can make a big difference in costs and in quality of life. It is estimated that 75 per cent of deaths are attributable to five chronic diseases: cancer, cardiovascular, diabetes, kidney and respiratory. These conditions account for almost 40 per cent of all health care costs.

Evidence from other countries suggests that better management of chronic conditions not only has great benefits for the individual but also reduces the impact on emergency care and waiting lists, and utilizes medical specialty services more efficiently.

The key to primary care reform, then, is to develop a structure in every community that would have the following characteristics:

- Provide a single point of entry;
- Actively manage the provision of client-focussed care;
- Use multi-disciplinary teams;
- Use the most appropriate level of training to carry out such functions as assessment, screening and education;
- Assume responsibility for continuing care, both community and institution based;
- Integrate care across both professional and organizational boundaries;
- Provide care in the least intensive setting possible.

The exact form for these primary care structures could vary from community to community; there are numerous models already out there in a number of provinces and other countries. More important, we need a catalyst for change. Governments have known for decades that the current system cannot be sustained, but it is hard to turn something around that has the momentum of a locomotive on a straight-line track. Finding a long-term solution takes work, money and commitment, and doesn't have the immediate payoff of the supposed "quick-fix" that our political masters tend to favour.

However, it is time to give a message to those in power; reorganizing the deck chairs (acute and long-term care) is not the answer, nor is throwing out the baby (universal public system). The fact is that we need to put "health" back into health care if we are to cope with the increasing needs/demands of an aging population.

*The writer was the manager of health policy and planning in Saskatchewan, a Lady Minto Hospital board member, Capital Health Region board member, and Meadowbrook project board member.*

## More letters

### Soapbox conclusions

Re: banning handguns in Canada.

Ooooooh, Paul! You are so predictable, transparent, and pathetic.

As a longtime target shooter I used to get all worked up about the latest Liberal gun control scheme. This time it hardly made me flinch.

Legal firearm ownership in Canada is quite well regulated, thank you. To legally own any firearm one must

undergo courses, testing, background search and have members of the community vouch for your character — all well and good.

Handguns have always, since 1940, been registered and have restrictions on their transportation, storage and place of use.

The long gun registration, as we all know, is a complete waste of taxpayers' money, but for the rest of it, the firearms laws serve us fairly well.

To think that with a stroke of a pen you will make the handguns disappear out of the hands of the individuals creating mayhem in the cities is pure wishful thinking. By their acts we have been told that they consider themselves above the law.

It is the laws themselves which make criminal activity extremely profitable.

Ban handguns and they become more lucrative to smuggle.

The most troublesome aspect of Paulo's latest soapbox grandstanding are the conclusions one must come to:

1) That he actually believes in his latest scheme, or was talked into it by his advisers. Both of which show spectacular stupidity on his part.

2) He thinks the average Canadian does not have the intelligence to see through the politicking, which really gets me annoyed.

3) That Mr. Martin could not care less about crime and gun violence. If he did the

solution is eminently clear. Just take the profit out of crime! Definitely a much harder task than ragging on legal, law-abiding, firearms owners; and one that could lead down an unknown path. Might make the Gomery Report look pale!

(How else can you explain the fact that drugs and prostitution are still illegal? Never know whose toes might get stepped on.)

Anyhow, Mr. Martin, you have shown me that you are certainly not the person I want to be leading my country. I was voting Green Party, but now will cast my vote to whichever party has the best chance of unseating the Liberals.

Sorry Greens, but these morons have to go!  
**DAVE HOADLEY,**  
Lakelair Drive

### Garbage tale

In December I make every effort to do all the things that a good Salt Spring citizen should do. I shop locally, give to the food bank, Santa's Workshop, the CIBC Angel Tree and a few others. I do this because it makes me feel good. So, imagine my surprise when I got left "a big lump of coal."

Last Wednesday someone dropped off a bag of garbage in my driveway. On top was a magazine with our name and address on it, a magazine I had taken to Island Exchange at the Recycle Depot the previous week.

I can only deduce that someone has taken the mag-

azine from Island Exchange, read it, dumped it in their garbage and then inappropriately disposed of that garbage.

Someone else has come along and found that garbage, been annoyed, looked through it for evidence of where it came from, made the assumption it was ours and then has gone to the trouble of delivering it back to us. In a way, this is a thank you to that person because now I can try to set the story right and, by so doing, clear my name with him.

I am an ardent recycler. I like using the Recycle Depot. I like and respect the process, the people who work there, and enjoy seeing it used so responsibly.

But this incident points out that we are no longer a community that can recycle their magazines without first clipping off our "personal identity."

Sadly, too, someone is using Island Exchange and then, horror of horrors, putting that recyclable material into their garbage.

A glass syrup bottle at the top of the bag tells me this was no accident. Sadly again, that someone is not dealing with their garbage in a responsible manner.

I'm feeling a little used and wounded by this incident. Some of my Christmas spirit has departed.

**BARBARA HAYDON,**  
Maliview

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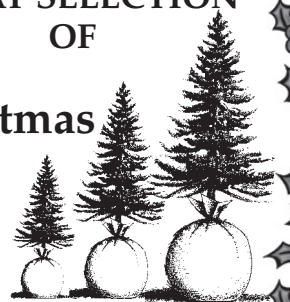
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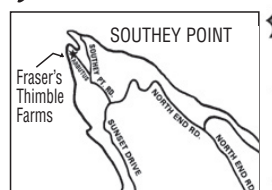
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## Coincidence

Is it just a coincidence that B.C. Hydro is presently cutting large numbers of trees from under the hydro lines on Salt Spring?

They are calling it "maintenance" but to observers it appears to be way beyond anything that has been done in past years.

The British Columbia Utilities Commission town hall meeting is scheduled for January 7 and at that time they are to hear from Salt Spring residents with regard to how we feel about the B.C. Transmissions Corporation's proposal to greatly increase the voltage across its existing right of way.

To some people's way of thinking this decision has already been made.

I would like to think that this hearing will be fair and unbiased and that alternate proposals for carrying electricity to Vancouver island will be given full consideration.

S. BRADY,  
Salt Spring

## Malawi update

Many thanks to everyone who has donated funds and encouragement towards my Nkhoma, Malawi Blood Bank Fund.

To date, \$3,350 has been raised towards the purchase of a fridge to store the required transfusions. Malaria continues to be the #1 killer of children in Africa. Every 30 seconds a child dies from it. It's destroying African nations, which is especially heartbreaking as malaria is preventable and treatable.

During my three months volunteering as a nurse at Nkhoma Hospital this spring, I vowed that when I returned home, it would be my responsibility and privilege to make a personal



**CANDLE FOR CHRISTMAS:** Sebastian Niedziela holds the candle he made during Salt Spring Centre School's Winterfest event, which was held at the Salt Spring Centre last Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

commitment to help the people of Nkhoma.

Still wondering what to buy for that perfect Christmas gift?

Why not consider a donation, either large or small, to a great cause. Gift cards are available from Beth at 536-1592 or bethonssi@hotmail.com.

Cheques made out to Nkhoma Malawi Blood Bank Fund can be sent to me at 966 Sunset Dr. V8K1E6, or directly into Island Savings account #1758697. Thank you for your help.

The tsunami disaster raised billions, and every 20 days there is a tsunami happening in Africa!

BETH GESSINGER,  
Salt Spring

## Expedient

Most times I find myself agreeing with Jack Hallam's letters to the Driftwood, but his suggestion last week that Greens should vote for the federal NDP because they "have a strong environmental platform" is where he and I part company. Like so many other issues, the environment isn't critical to the federal NDP.

Jack Layton promised before the last election that he would make electoral reform a precondition for supporting the Liberals.

But in the spring when he had the Liberals over a barrel, suddenly he went

silent on that critical issue, and he hasn't mentioned it since.

Another example of what Layton considered a critical issue was the federal Clarity Act governing Quebec's right to secede.

Originally, Jack Layton said he was dead set against that Act. Now he's for it.

Voting NDP means voting for whatever Jack Layton thinks is politically expedient to be a critical issue at the time he says it.

SHERYL  
TAYLOR-MUNRO,  
Bittancourt Road

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**DRESSED FOR SANTA:** Ramona and Huy Lam hold baby Sophia, who is ready to see Christmas Ship Santa.

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**More letters**

**Why?**

I am bothered about last week's article about the pedestrians being hit in the crosswalk.

Why aren't there crossing guards during school hours? If it's a paid position in School District #64, can't someone volunteer here?

Salt Spring is a unique piece of paradise and I don't want to see yellow lights flashing just because people are not aware of their immediate surroundings, i.e., intersections or crosswalks. What happened to "stop, look, listen?"

Students leaving school buses just walk out in front of the bus without looking one way or the other.

The road is to be shared, as is the responsibility of those that use it.

What happened to common sense?

**P. DAVID O'FLYNN,**  
Beaver Point

**Polar bear swim**

Santa has now arrived by sea plane and Santa Ship, with one more arrival to come on the eve of the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The season is in full swing and the new year fast approaches, so it is time to remind those of stout heart that SSplash will again be sponsoring the Vesuvius Bay Beach Polar Bear Swim on New Year's Day 2006.

This is now SSplash's third year of sponsoring the event and we look forward to serving hot chocolate and muffins to anyone hearty

enough to come out and take the plunge, as well as those who come out to watch them do it.

The theme for this year is "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" and there will be six prizes categories for Best Costume — 12 and under (male and female), 13-17 (male and female), and 18-plus (male and female.)

There will be six other prizes as well and they are: Youngest Swimmer, Oldest Swimmer, First to Dive Under (complete submersion), First to Get Out and Swims Out the Farthest (male and female).

Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and The Plunge is at 1 p.m.

It is a barrel of fun, a brisk and bold way to start the new year and we hope to see you there.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, or whatever other festival you may be celebrating this season and, most importantly for the Polar Bear Swim — Happy New Year!

**WENDY ROSIER,**  
SSplash special events coordinator

**Flashing**

Re: Rainbow Road crosswalk.

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# Land use plan could reduce conflicts

Several Salt Spring residents attended last Wednesday's launch of the Hulqumi-num Treaty Group's interim strategic land use plan (LUP), called *In the Footsteps of Our Ancestors*, at the Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre in Duncan.

About 200 people gathered at the Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre, both aboriginal and non-aboriginal, including reps from provincial and federal governments and related groups. Four members of Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation (SSIJAR) attended the event, along with several others from Salt Spring.

Wayne Charlie addressed the gathering in the Hulqumi-num language and then in English. Following the opening prayers, as is the custom at any significant aboriginal event, the HTG called witnesses who, on accepting a token amount of money, are charged with remembering "the work" of the evening and to pass it on. Along with a dozen or more elders and other aboriginal people, a number of non-aboriginal people were called to witness, including SSIJAR chair Phil Vernon.

Then several aboriginal women laid large blankets on the floor and officials from all levels of government, as well as industry reps, were called to stand on the blankets. These included Jean Crowder, MP for Nanaimo (NDP), Nicholas Simons, MLA for Powell River-Sunshine Coast (NDP), the

Mayor of Duncan, reps from Cowichan Regional District, B.C. Parks, Ministry of Transportation and Timber West. They stood to receive special packages containing a copy of the LUP and were charged to pass the content of the document on to their respective "groups."

Robert Morales gave a Power Point presentation on the LUP, explaining it as a thorough and comprehensive tool towards helping them work with all levels of government, including the Islands Trust.

The plan "lays out a detailed Hul'qumi-num vision for resource management, agriculture, environmental stewardship, tourism and heritage conservation. It also maps out broad areas designated as having traditional hunting, historical or ceremonial uses.

"This is a simple tool to start dialogue," said Brian Thom, one of the plan's authors and a negotiation advisor to the HTG. "Planners right now operate in an information vacuum. Now from the get-go with this they will know what First Nations think about whatever the issue is. It will be an invaluable tool.

*In the Footsteps of Our Ancestors* essentially acts as a type of official community plan (OCP).

But the Hul'qumi-num document has a few important distinctions from a typical OCP. It will not have the force of law, and will depend on municipal councils adopt-

ing it formally or informally while deciding on rezoning or development applications. Further, it depicts land parcels at a "sub-watershed" scale, larger than as individual properties.

Thom said the plan, if properly used, should reduce land-use conflicts between municipalities and First Nations. He said, for instance, it provides policy regarding logging on Crown land, or urban development that might corrupt a heritage or archeology site.

Thom described it as a way for Hul'qumi-num people to assert inherent title over land

claimed in the ongoing treaty process, and for chiefs to communicate with municipal decision-makers.

"Business and government will have a clear idea where First Nations are coming from, and it gives a place to start discussions," Thom said. "There are only a couple of these in Canada, and where they happen it is good for all."

SSIJAR has a copy of the full interim report and several copies of the summary. The report will be passed around among SSIJAR members before the next meeting for a decision on how to respond.

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## NORTON ESTATES



### Announcement

Norm Elliott, President of Salt Spring Housing Corporation, is pleased to announce the appointment of Trish Murray to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Norton Estates project, a 26-unit stand-alone community-oriented development.

Trish has worked in both national and regional businesses, and brings her communications and co-ordinating skills to the Norton Estates project. As an islander for a number of years now, Trish is an enthusiastic and approachable contact for those living or working on Salt Spring Island who wish to express their interest in an affordable home in Norton Estates.

For more information or to set up a meeting, contact Trish at 250.537.1033 or email: info@ssahc.com



Salt Spring Housing Corporation

# Ministry grants funds to aid lost school time

The Ministry of Education has agreed to a Gulf Islands School Board request for funding to help replace class time lost during October's two-week teachers strike.

District 64 will receive \$76,750 to hire teachers on call for up to two full days.

The district's superintendent, Wendy Herbert, said specific details had not been worked out but ensured parents the money would go towards ensuring the students who are most in need will receive help.

She expects class time will most likely be made up on two Fridays in the new year, subject to scheduling and transportation constraints.

Teachers will help identify needy students and, Herbert added, students could also come forward to request assistance. According to conditions imposed by the Ministry of Education, funds must be used before the end of the school year.

The funding comes alongside the ministry's announcement to provide the district with an additional \$55,000 to upgrade textbooks and staff resources in accordance with a ruling handed down by arbitrator Vince Ready in October.

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# Islands Trust tips hat to Essig — ‘parliamentarian par excellence’

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

A man who usually leads proceedings at Islands Trust functions let others direct the spotlight on him at a farewell reception in Victoria last Wednesday.

Past and present trustees, Islands Trust staff and representatives from other government agencies, including MP Gary Lunn and MLA Murray Coell, crowded into a room on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria last Wednesday to bid goodbye to David Essig.

He has been a Thetis Island trustee for 13 years and chaired Islands Trust Council for the past nine years. In that role he was also chair of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Long-time Saturna Island trustee John Money praised Essig's "honesty, integrity and balance."

"David has always brought balance to the Islands Trust and I think it's hugely important in a diverse organization such as this," said Money.

"He will be a hard act to follow."

The person tasked with the "following" role is Keats Island trustee Kim Benson, who represents the Gambier Local Trust Committee. She served on the Islands Trust executive committee with Essig for several years, and thanked him for all the help he gave to her.

"I've never seen someone who was such a parliamentarian par excellence,"

she said, "Conducting a meeting like you're conducting an orchestra."

"He is probably the benchmark for anyone who will ever be the chair of the Islands Trust."

In receiving a book on Bowen Island from that island's municipal council, Bowen councillor and trustee Peter Frinton also described Essig as "an incredible parliamentarian . . . He has taught me so much."

Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams presented a gift from Trust staff: a transformation mask created by Salish artist Stan Greene.

"We think this gift symbolizes the impact you've had on the Islands Trust," said Adams.

She also remarked on Essig's great support of staff and his positive outlook.

"I think David is the king of positive reinforcement," she said.

Something like leaving notes of praise for staff about a specific project "has an enormously positive impact," she said.

Former Salt Spring trustee David Borrowman, who is still involved with the Islands Trust as a Trust Fund Board member, described some of the things most people don't know about Essig: that he's a well-known blues and folk musician and his music has a large following in Italy; or that he's a gourmet cook.

"We all have friends who've made

CDs," he said with a smile, hinting that their quality may not make them highly cherished items.

"But [my partner] Nicola and I bring out David's CDs and listen to them over and over again."

Essig has put out 17 releases in the past 31 years.

"With a life as rich as his, there is so much for him to do . . . there is no way we can hold him back," said Borrowman.

Essig said he knew a year and a half ago he wouldn't be running in the November 2005 elections. "I thought it best for the [Islands Trust] organization and my health to not do it."

He thanked all the trustees and staff he has worked with over the past 13 years, "and all the communities who have been so supportive of the Islands Trust mandate."

Being involved with the Islands Trust is not "ego-driven" for anyone, he said, but is more about being in a position to articulate our communities' sense of hope for the future.

In the end, he said, he was grateful for the profound opportunity "to practise loving compassion and kindness" for his constituents and communities.

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## Local incident caught on tape

The Salt Spring RCMP is hot on the trail of the person responsible for an attempted break and enter and ensuing spree of destruction committed on the night of Tuesday, December 6, according to Corp. Dave Voller.

Voller said information collected from a video camera located inside The Local Pub and Liquor Store has

allowed investigators to narrow their search.

He said the perpetrator faces charges of attempted break and enter and mischief.

"They did some considerable damage to the loading dock, vandalized a van parked nearby, but were unable to gain access to the establishment," Voller said.

"Whether the vandalism was caused by their frustration at not getting into the establishment remains unknown."

Voller added the individual smashed a glass pane located along the outdoor sitting area and unsuccessfully attempted to destroy a large screen television located near the sitting area.

## It's not too late for flu shots

Free flu shots are still available for people at risk of developing life-threatening complications from influenza, their caregivers and close family contacts.

"It's not too late to get a flu shot," said Dr. Richard Standwick, chief medical health officer in Victoria. "In fact, this is the perfect time to get vaccinated because it takes two weeks to develop immunity and we usually hit our peak flu season when the Christmas

bills start to arrive."

Shots are available from family physicians' offices or the Vancouver Island Health Authority's public immunization clinics.

Flu shots are considered safe and effective for:

- People aged 65 and older;
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## Seniors Excursion Program heads for Ladysmith lights

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It's part of the Seniors Excursion Program, co-ordinated by Salt Spring Community Services Society and the Salt Spring Wellness Program.

The Seniors Excursion

Program is made possible by a grant from the United Way and has the use of a Community Services eight-person van.

Cost for the Ladysmith trip is \$5, plus the price of dinner.

Participants must have mobility and be able to manage independently.

If there is room, a senior with a companion will be accepted.

Call Seniors Excursion

Program coordinator Ruth Volquardsen at 537-5188 before December 21 for more information and to reserve your seat.

Since space is obviously limited, do not delay!

Further excursions are also planned through the program.

## Annual Christmas Tea

Today, Wednesday, December 14, marks one of the most popular annual seniors events on the island.

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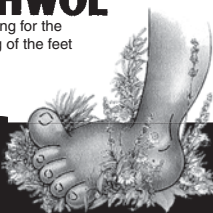
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# RANTS & ROSES

## ROSES

A Christmas rose and a spray of south-end holly to Alf for The Fulford Flash. Both issues have been informative and fun. Another reminder of just how special life is in the south end. EH

A sunny garden of bright hybrids, grandifloras, miniatures, old garden, tea-scented and climbing roses for Gail and Garth for standing tall for quality public education for all. We won the popular vote. And fought the good fight. Wishing you great success in your new projects. 20 comrades

A stunning dozen roses to Don Fisher and Shirley Bunyan and each member of the United Church Choir who came to sing for and with us at our Evening of Christmas Music. Their singing is memorable and they are all very much appreciated. Thank you from the members of the congregation at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Roses to Scrooge, who made my "Living Window" a blue ribbon winner! Poor Eric,

having to eat Christmas dinner alone for two hours. LK

Thank you so very much to Steve from the golf course and Mark Devereaux for rescuing T.L.C. from a mound of dirty dishes!

There's a lot to be thankful for having had an accident on Salt Spring. We are grateful and thankful for the love, support and caring attention we received immediately after the accident. Thanks to Dan with the cell phone, the neighbour who brought us water, the man in the cowboy hat who held Daniel, my friends, the fire department, police and ambulance. And thanks to our angels who were working overtime this weekend. A,A,J,D & L

To Sam and the crew at Golden Island for having our supper hot and on the table in time for us to go see Santa. You're all awesome! DM

A fragrant bouquet of Christmas roses to Melanie Deane for donating her time and her talent to paint our school board office windows in time for the Christmas season.

Thank you from the school board office staff

Music folders full of roses to everyone who made EnChor! — the elementary school choir event at ArtSpring — such a magical, mystical experience for all involved. Looking forward to EnChor II next year. A

A really big bunch of roses to everyone who helped out at the Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair. We couldn't have done it without you! We really appreciate everyone who pitched in (and made it fun).

A big bouquet of roses for the first responders and medical professionals who attended our daughter in the MVA last weekend. It was very comforting to family to see so many warm and friendly faces. Thanks so much for the wonderful care. The Bs

There aren't enough roses worldwide to give our thanks for all the emergency and hospital staff, friends and passersby who helped my family out of a bad roll-over on Saturday. My dearest blessings to all. H

SF digestive light pink roses TID to my posse at LMH, Cathy the reality boss, early bird Amanda, Keen Dovene, Puppy Mommy Trish, British Meg, Samster, Pina Michelle, Pat Squared, Ellanator, Stunda, and my link to reality J-town . . . Thanks for the fun and Merry Ho Ho. AH

A bouquet of Christmas roses to the students of Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood Elementary schools who presented their Christmas music at Island Savings Credit Union. Roses also to GVM and Embe Bakery for their generous support.

A lovely bouquet of wild roses to Ortixia for all she did to make our Winterfest a fantastic event! Also huge thanks to Betty, Charlene and all the Centre School parents who helped.

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It takes place on Friday, December 16 at the Oceanfront Grand Resort and Marina (1681 Botwood Lane) in Cowichan Bay.

"It's an information-packed day," said Jennifer Kyffin, executive director of the Cowichan FAS Society. "[It's] an opportunity to learn more about prevention, diagnostic and research issues from two of the most recognized and respected experts in the field."

The first part, called Focus on Prevention, runs from 9 a.m. to noon, and consists of a discussion and presentation on the history, demographics, myths and misconceptions of FASD.

Session 2: Diagnosis and Research in FASD, runs from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. It will include a discussion and presentation on the steps to

obtaining a medical diagnosis, how it is derived, the scoring systems, and leading-edge research being done in the world of FASD.

While the forums are free, advance registration is required for one or both sessions by calling Malaspina University-College at (250) 746-3519.

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Preheat oven to 325°. Put pan on the lowest rack in the oven. Combine in a small saucepan over low heat, **1/4 cup balsamic cream, 1/4 cup corn syrup 1/4-cup raspberry seedless jam or raspberry syrup, 1/4 cup cranberry sauce, 1/4 cup red wine.** Keep glaze warm while baking ham. Score ham by cutting across the skin lightly forming a diamond pattern, and stud with whole cloves or black pepper. Place ham in foil lined pan. Brush glaze over ham, and baste ham every 10 to 15 minutes with glaze. You will glaze the ham 4 times. Bake in total for 1 hour and 4 minutes in the oven. During the last 4 minutes of baking, turn on the broiler to caramelize the glaze. Remove from oven, and let stand for 2-3 minutes before serving.

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**Lived on Salt Spring:** Six years

**Spouse/kids/grandkids:**

Three children on Salt Spring

**Likes:** Soccer, golf, cooking, reading, cards, every sport.

**Dislikes:** People who complain about how something is being done but who don't come up with a solution to make it better.

**Future ambitions:** Continued success with the development of the team.

**Words of advice for potential volunteers:** Make sure it's something you're passionate about, as it does require volunteer non-paid time.



*Though it's a lot of time, it's very rewarding.*

MIKE BARTER



## Coach asks islanders to 'step up'

By MITCHELL SHERRIN

Staff Writer

Though Mike Barter didn't play soccer as a kid, that didn't stop him from volunteering to be a coach and executive director with the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIYSA).

"If you want your kids to play a sport, you need to ask, 'How can I help?'" There are too many people who don't," Barter said.

He's throwing down a challenge for other islanders to volunteer.

"Not all volunteer activities take a lot of time. If you can spare two hours a week, there's an organization that can use you. Just find an organization that interests you and look into it."

It wasn't too much of a stretch for Barter to help with soccer because he had a sports background from playing rugby, his three boys were interested in soccer and he's been involved in the community as a baseball coach and a scout leader.

But Barter found his role in SSIYSA growing until he found himself acting as the club registrar, coach of the U13 boys' team (for kids aged 13 and under — if the "U13" term is a puzzle) and, most recently, the travelling coach of the U18 boys team.

"For me, it's a four-day-a-week commitment."

That time includes two after-school practices, games on each day of the weekend and year-round registration work.

"Though it's a lot of time, it's very rewarding."

He didn't originally plan on assisting with the U18 boys, but the team was desperate to find a certified coach who could assist.

The U18 boys' team was formed when one of the players, Cody Bergerud, took it upon himself to recruit teammates when there wasn't enough people to make a team. But then the SSIYSA couldn't find a coach, Barter said.

"We've got some teams where we've got 18 kids and we can't get one parent to step forward."

Consequently, the club's technical director — Sue Spencer — offered to run the practices. Spencer also coaches four other teams, hosts goal-keeper clinics and oversees training of the other club teams, but she couldn't take the kids to off-island games because of her other club commitments.

That's where Barter offered to help the team for off-island games.

"My son plays on the team. I said I'd help because otherwise he wouldn't get an opportunity to play."

Through volunteering with SSIYSA, Barter

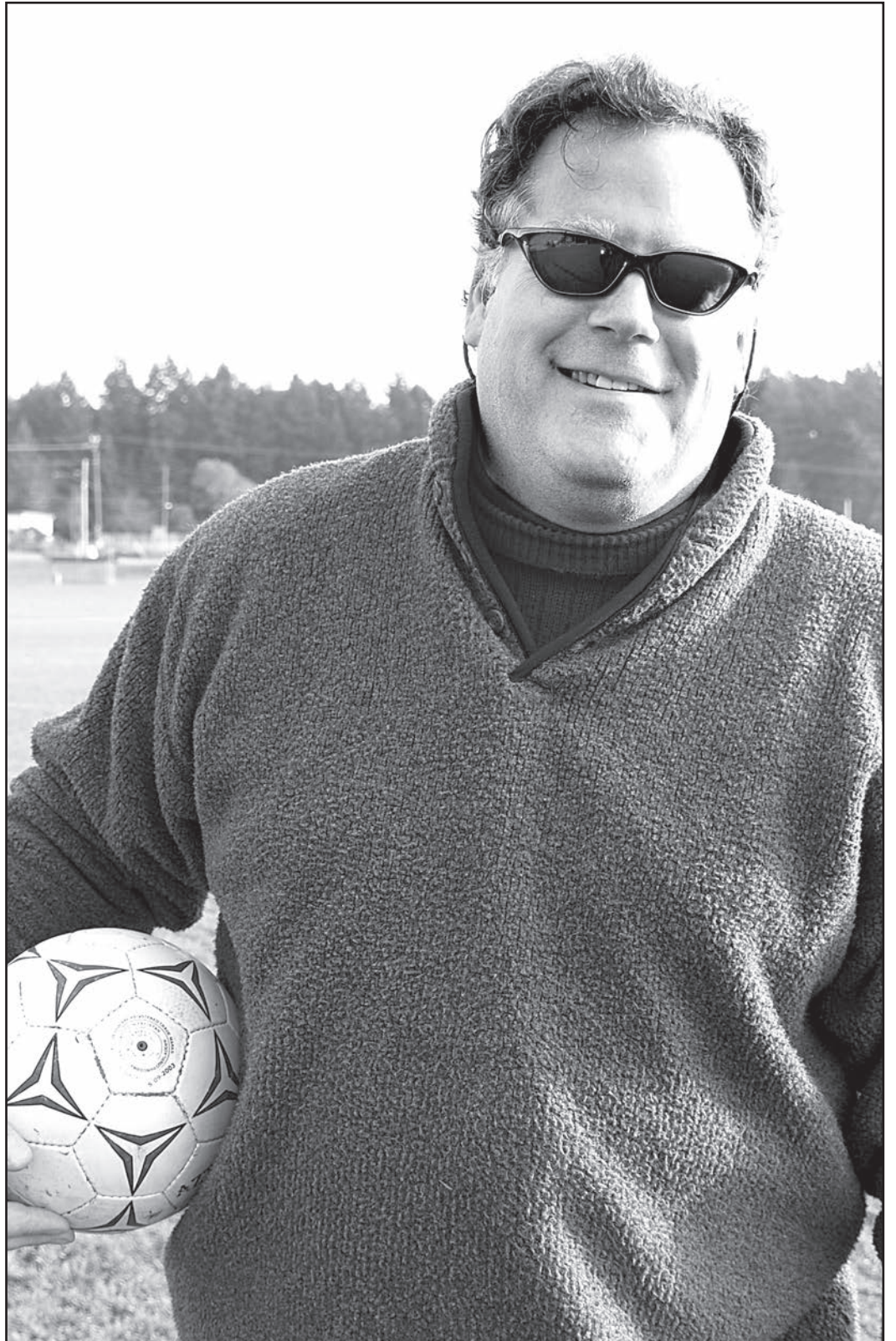


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**Soccer dad, coach and association director Mike Barter has thrown down a challenge to other islanders to spend some of their time volunteering.**

appreciates giving back to the community and spending time with his children, enjoying the company of a great group of kids and getting a chance to spend some time outdoors.

"You make good connections with people and that forms bonds for a lifetime."

He first got roped into work with the SSIYSA when the previous registrar recruited him to take over her job, he said.

As registrar, he collects registration forms from approximately 300 soccer players each year, helps to build teams, acts as liaison to the regional youth soccer association and negotiates through the various complications involved with organizing the 17 different teams that are currently playing.

"There are always new kids coming in."

The biggest challenge he finds as a coach is dealing with 18 different personalities on each team. But it can also be tricky to provide equal playing time for players of vastly different skill levels.

"All that is made easier with a good group of parents."

He also appreciates support from his employers at Island Savings Credit Union where Barter works as an account manager.

"Island Savings understands the importance of volunteering and they allow flexibility in my schedule to take time off for practices."

The main thing he's learned as a coach/registrar is that it's important for everyone to contribute toward building a successful club.

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# Homeless face cold reception

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

From a distance, the string of tents and tarpaulins lining the western shore of Fulford Harbour looks like an ideal camping spot, but according to anti-poverty activist Ken Rouleau, beach campers represent what is urgently becoming a major social crisis.

For many homeless, he said, Salt Spring offers an escape from the harsher realities facing their counterparts in larger urban centres and many are now living throughout the island in the woods, warm nooks in Ganges and even in secluded mountain caves.

Issues of violence and drug abuse are less substantial here and many come to Salt Spring to escape the cycle of abuse found in the city, he added.

According to Drummond Park camper Dalton Woolcock, many are trying to complete their transition to society.

Woolcock is one of 10 people who now call the park home and, in a recent interview, he pleaded with residents to look for a constructive way to handle the tensions between some community members and the homeless population.

"I'm asking people to step forward and talk to us and to not be afraid of entering the area," he said. "For so long, this is looked upon as a renegade camp, but we are not

out to get anybody."

Woolcock said poverty is not going to disappear, despite the onset of cooler temperatures and high winter tides.

"The park is a good transition point from where people can move on and look for another place to go and better things to do," he said. "In my opinion, it could be a sustainable transition point for people with lower incomes."

Services like those now offered by the Salt Spring United church give Woolcock hope the potential for a community partnership to help people get off the street is close at hand.

"Once you lay those kinds of foundations, things will become different," he said. "The attitude change will bridge the gap."

After discovering an older homeless man sleeping in the church doorway on Herford Avenue, United church minister Ruth Cairns decided to take action.

The church's "In From the Cold" program now opens its doors to people when the temperature dips below zero.

Warm meals and a dry place to sleep were enough to attract seven people to the facility for three nights during the recent cold snap.

While the United church provides a place for small groups of homeless people, Cairns said, the shelter is just a short-term fix and a

permanent hostel is urgently needed.

"A lot of people like the freedom of sleeping out, but a basic hostel facility could provide them with some basic shelter and most likely benefit the entire community," she said.

Recent responses from community businesses and volunteers is moving, but there is still a large gap to cross before the community wholeheartedly takes on the responsibility, she added.

"There remain some very strong feelings out in the community and even in my own congregation about how to deal with the issue," Cairns said.

"In many cases, this is a mental health issue and the hard to house are always hard to house, but in many cases there seems to be a general reluctance by many in the community to help."

Rouleau praised the growing number of initiatives from island businesses to help out the island's homeless, be it by providing food, clothing or a place to wash up.

Despite recent efforts, he said, it's time homelessness is no longer seen as a problem confined to the beach at Drummond Park.

"Sure, we have the homeless kids, but what I'm seeing more and more of are increasing levels of the working poor," he said. "There is a rapidly expanding larger class that is always very close to going to the shelters

and food banks."

While poverty's root causes may rest with larger economic realities such as inflation and stagnant wages, he said some solutions could be found among community initiatives like those started by the United church.

"All it takes is for someone coming face to face with the problem," he said. "That's often all it takes to realize that it does happen here. People acknowledge there's a problem and soon jump in to offer some kind of support."

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# Donut driver nets fines

Jonathon Dawes received \$312 in fines when he admitted to driving recklessly at Ganges Provincial Traffic Court on November 30.

Const. Paul Ellis witnessed Dawes "doing donuts in town" and found that he wasn't wearing a seat belt on June 11, 2005.

In his defence, Dawes claimed that he "just slipped while going around a corner" and that he was waiting for parts for his seat belt during the time of the offence.

"If you want to do donuts down the street, there will be a reaction from police if they catch you," said Justice Gary Madrick.

He also reminded Dawes that seatbelts are required because they save lives and he asked the driver to exercise more caution while driving.

"You've got more than a ton of metal under your right foot and nobody has control of it but you."

But Madrick noted that court isn't trying to bankrupt anyone to make a point and he reduced assigned fines from \$506 when Dawes pleaded guilty to charges of driving without due care and failure to wear a seatbelt.

In other court news:

• Driving without glasses netted a \$23 fine for Adam Gilmer when he was found

guilty of driving contrary to restrictions.

Court heard that Const. Martin Beardsmore observed Gilmer driving 80 kilometres per hour in a 50 km/h zone along Ganges Hill on September 5, 2004.

Though the driver argued about the speed zone when he was stopped, Beardsmore noted that Gilmer's driver's licence required him to wear glasses that he was not wearing.

"I gave him a break on the speeding ticket," Beardsmore said.

But Gilmer countered that he had retaken his driver's test on April 21 and no longer required glasses to drive, only for reading.

Judge Madrick noted that Gilmer was still driving under a restriction when he was stopped for speeding.

"You can't arbitrarily make the choice that you don't need glasses; only the licensor has that right."

Still, the judge reduced the fine from \$109.

• Gary Brooks expressed surprise that he could've been driving 80 km/h in a short section of 50 km/h zone after turning south from Cranberry Road onto Fulford-Ganges Road when he was stopped on February 19. But he still pleaded guilty when he heard that

Const. Nick Widdershoven had used radar to assess his speed and he paid a \$138 fine.

• Gordon Murphy received a \$138 fine when he pleaded guilty to speeding along Fulford-Ganges Road on May 1. On application from Murphy, Justice Madrick reduced the fine from \$198.

• One islander was acquitted on a seatbelt violation when Justice Madrick found reasonable doubt about a clear view into the driver's vehicle by the arresting officer.

• Charges of violating log salvage regulations were dismissed against a Galiano man after the Crown failed to procure a witness.

• Justice Madrick deemed that 15 people who didn't appear for traffic court no longer wished to contest their charges and he registered convictions in absentia on all counts.



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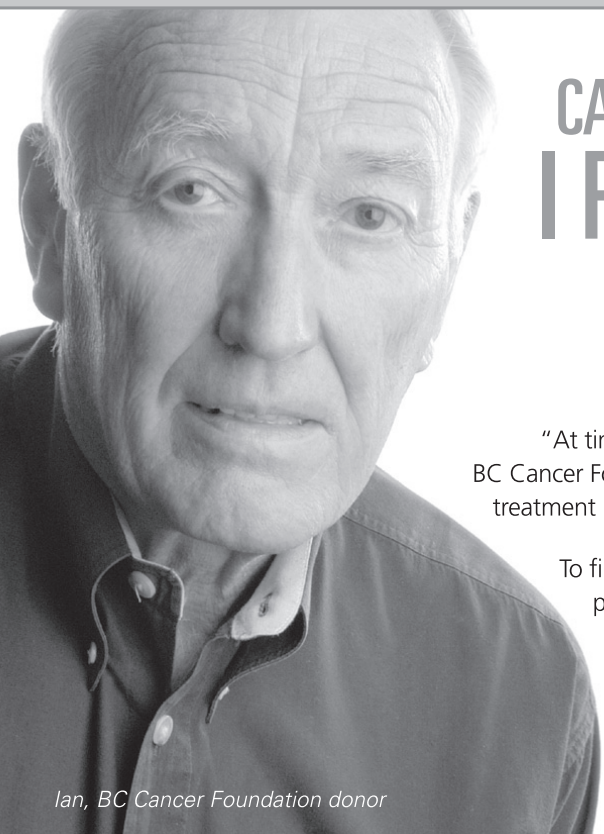



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**SANTA SHIP MATES:** A 55-year-old Gulf Islands tradition continued last weekend as the Santa Ship docked in Ganges Harbour, bringing Santa and his elves via a brightly lit boat to Salt Spring. The event is undertaken by the Bellingham Lions.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Neurological disorders and activities explored

Increasing the activity options for islanders with neurological disorders is being explored at a meeting in the Meadowbrook activity room on Monday, December 19.

The meeting’s purpose is to gather together as many people as possible with neurological disorders, said Wellness Programs coordinator Sharon Glover, “to see what their interest and commitment would be to increasing their physical and social well-being through activities in a community environment.”

If enough interest is shown, the group will determine what community-wide organizations or activities would best suit the individuals involved.

“I think it’s going to be a really good meeting,” said Glover.

Neurological disorders include such things as post-stroke conditions, brain injuries, Parkinson’s, or any other neurological or brain injury difficulties.

Lady Minto physiotherapists Lena McMahon and Leslie Nook will be in attendance, along with recreational therapist Emily Becker.

Monday’s meeting runs from 11 a.m. to noon, with coffee and refreshments served a bit earlier at 10:45.

“Even if they can’t come to the meeting I would like people to call me at the Wellness number and register their name so we have some indication of interest,” said Glover.

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**WRAPPED UP IN WREATH-MAKING:** Mackenzie Flett is intent on making a wreath as he attends one of the craft tables at Salt Spring Centre School's annual Winterfest event held last Saturday.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Moby's open stage returns

Wednesday Night Live! has been rejuvenated at Moby's Pub.

Moby's event coordinator Tara Hollingsworth is inviting local performers to take the stage at the re-opened pub beginning tonight (December 14.)

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## Jaybirds pluck bluegrass hayseeds for burgeoning fan club at folk bash

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**  
Staff Writer

At the best of times, bluegrass music can be more than a tad daunting and disorienting for the uninitiated. A lot like walking into an occupied outhouse or taking the wrong turn into a rougher corner of the woods.

Bluegrass has, for so long, needed to contend with a reputation as the kind of music one comes across when things go dreadfully wrong deep down in Appalachia.

Just in time to quash the stereotypes and lift the spirits during what many feel is a dark and dreary time in this here part of the forest, bluegrass ambassadors John Reischman and his loyal Jaybirds swooped into Fulford

Community Hall last week to perform at the Salt Spring Folk Club's third show of the season. In the process, the bluegrass bandwagon picked up a whole barn-full of new recruits.

Yet another sold-out hall greeted the Vancouver-based band whose members have flocked to the city from as far afield as Yakima, Washington and Central California.

Right from the plucking of the first banjo string to the final fiddle solo, a superbly choreographed whirlwind performance kept audience members singing along days after the show.

With a well-received and powerful opening set from Salt Spring's very own Mary

Applegate, accompanied by Jaime RT on fiddle and Bob Delion on bass, it didn't take long before the Jaybirds had the room in a fever.

Elevating vocals and some fine mandolin playing have earned Reischman a spot among the greats of the North American acoustic music scene and his talent did not go unnoticed despite the other bluegrass giants on stage.

Veteran players Jim Nunally on guitar, Trisha Gagnon on bass and vocals, Nick Hornbuckle on banjo and Greg Spatz on fiddle rounded out a cast renowned at home and abroad for their dedication to blending bluegrass classics with original modern work.

With a wide-ranging set featuring Reischman's *In the Fall* — a song he co-wrote with Halifax musician Susan Crowe — to the Grapes of Wrath inspired title-track, *The Road West*, the Jaybirds had the Fulford Hall crowd visibly struggling to keep from sweeping away the chairs and breaking out onto the dance floor one moment and trying to hold back tears the next.

The folk club's next event features Celtic melodies from Newfoundland's Pamela Morgan with Paul Mowbray getting things started.

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## Singers swing-in the season

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**  
Staff Writer

The true quality of any holiday concert is often determined well after the show itself.

Sometimes the inspiration to break into song begins on the drive home, sometimes in the shower later that evening and sometimes, as was the case for one merry bunch on Sunday afternoon, in the ArtSpring parking lot.

However long it took the muse to strike, the Salt Spring Singers' weekend presentations of *A Christmas Story* left little doubt the holiday season is now upon us.

For many — I hope I'm not alone — conscious attempts to curtail the premature arrival of the singing season always lead to regret when it is suddenly discovered only a few days remain before the seasonal repertoire must be shelved for another 11 months.

In the final days before December 25, more than one family member has had to contend with the abridged holiday hits thanks to a mad rush to remember and blurt

out as many songs as possible before the chance is lost.

With two weeks before the big day, the Salt Spring Singers offered islanders three chances to chime in and get busy sharing the Christmas cheer and, judging by three near sell-out performances, the public embraced them with open arms. Right off the start, conductor Mitch Howard said he wished this weekend's performances could bridge the gap between the stage and audience.

"So often it is just you the audience looking at us the performers," he commented during Sunday's matinee. "I'd like us to share in a different kind of experience this afternoon."

The audience's enthusiastic participation in the singing of *Silent Night* and *Angels We Have Heard On High* helped boost the spirits of the 51-member choir as they attempted to tell the Christmas story through a mix of sacred and secular music, both classic and modern.

From the Singers' rendition of Franz Biebl's *Ave Maria*,

featuring soloists Amy Buchwald and Jonathan Yardley, to the more upbeat *Go Tell it on the Mountain*, featuring the powerful vocal accompaniment of Judy Sims and Rosemary Delisle, the singers captured the breadth of holiday traditions and beliefs for everyone in the crowd.

Alongside a wide range of veteran performers in the 31-year-old choir, young percussionists Ben Hunter and Clayton Upex reassured everyone the island's musical future remains in capable rhythmic hands.

Island jazz quartet Sweetwater, comprising vocalist Judy Sims, bassist Dick Miller, saxophonist John Moore and guitarist Alvaro Sanchez, added warmth to the celebration with groovy renditions of *Let it Snow* and *Calypso Noel*.

Fortunately, good music and familiar faces remain a constant and the Salt Spring Singers' Christmas Story was enough to usher in the season, especially for those needing a little help to loosen the vocal cords before the time for song has passed.

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**CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS:** Students from several different school choirs entertained listeners at ArtSpring on Thursday for EnChor! Seen here (from left to right) are Anna Rithaler, Stephanie Ditlof, Lilith Bentley, Zoe Bentley and Kimberly Rothwell from Fernwood Elementary School.  
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"No other choir boasts more famous choristers than the Vienna Choir Boys. The most famous chorister was probably the prodigy Franz Schubert, who became a member of the choir in 1808. Other choristers include Christopher Gluck, the founder of the modern

operatic form, Mozart and Joseph Haydn," notes press material.

Dressed in their trademark uniforms, the Vienna Choir Boys and their music follow a tradition dating back to 1498. Emperor Maximilian I established the boys choir to sing sacred music in the Imperial Chapel of Vienna, a city rich in the musical heritage of Mozart, Haydn and Schubert.

Today, their repertoire ranges from sacred music and oratorios to operettas, international folk songs, contemporary and popular music.

Divided into four tour choirs, the full ensemble consists of about 100 choristers ranging in age from ten to fourteen. Each group spends nine to 11 weeks of

the school year on tour, presenting a total of 300 concerts in front of almost half a million people.

Island Savings Credit Union proudly sponsors this special appearance of the world's most famous boys choir. The Vice Consul of the Austrian Consulate General in Vancouver will be in attendance. A reception will follow the performance.

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Tickets are available by contacting the Ticket Centre at ArtSpring, 537-2102 or through tickets@artspring.ca.

## Black signs humour book in Ganges

Arthur Black is set to sign copies of his latest book — Pitch Black — at Salt Spring Books on Saturday afternoon.

CBC radio personality, newspaper columnist, best-selling author and two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, the Salt Spring resident can enjoy a more relaxed publicity event in his own backyard.

"Demonstrating why he is one of Canada's best-known humourists, Black offers readers a unique brand of

tongue-in-cheek wisdom on a wide range of subjects, ranging from suburban heroes to garage sales as blood sport," notes a Harbour Publishing press release. *Pitch Black* delivers hilarious insights on the medical application of duct tape, the real difference between men and women, how to reuse that Commodore 64 in the closet and why writers dread cocktail parties and barbeques ("A stranger asks you what you do; you tell them you're a writer. And

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**BACK IN BUSINESS:** Laura Walker serves Chico Skrypyk, left, and John Roland as Moby's Pub reopens in its former location — but under new ownership — on Salt Spring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Light-filled festival in dakini dreams

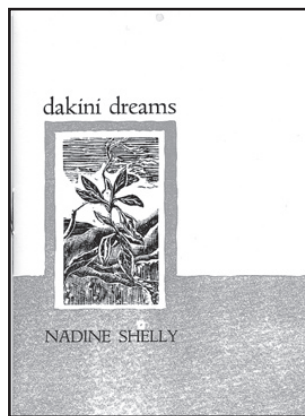
*dakini dreams* by Nadine Shelly, Salt Spring Island: (m)Other Tongue Press, 2005, 20 pp., \$20 paper.

**By TANYA LESTER**  
Driftwood Contributor

Poet Nadine Shelly defines “dakini” as being, in part, “a Sanskrit word meaning sky dancer, space-goer, or celestial woman; she is a dynamic and complex symbol expressing enlightened awareness.”

In her *dakini dreams* chapbook, Shelly's poems can be described as enlightened: . . . going in, filling her body with light, the wet sounds of birds lifting and gathering (pause) exhalation: her mind moves into silence, still g/listening

The light of meditation shines through in these



poems. In *Solstice*, Shelly writes:

swimming naked  
through the still sun-warmed  
evening lake, alone . . .

In *Green Man*:  
He appears without warn-  
ing

While I sunbathe in the field.

Brings me black tulips and red worms  
wriggling in a jar, scratches  
my bare back with his soft horns.

In *Umbilicus (for Keph-  
ra)*:  
. . . your mouth on my breast,  
urgent, blind, rooting  
(like a wild baby boar hunting  
truffles in the forest, snort-  
ing  
gently with pleasure).  
Eyes too blue, blinking  
in the hard, dry light.

Even in *Final Regrets for Brian, 1941-1992*, when Shelly expresses what she would have liked to include in her father's coffin, there is

light in the end:  
. . . I want to hide a forty of  
expensive Scotch  
under the quilted satin of  
the coffin's mattress  
place a rock in his hand,  
a piece  
of the land he hated to  
leave,  
set a soft wool cap on his  
bald head  
to shield it from the flames  
. . .

I try to console myself  
with the fact  
that my father would have  
hated to waste  
a good bottle of Scotch,  
and besides,  
he liked to travel light.

Yes, these poems are filled with light. For anyone who likes words, images and the natural world on Salt Spring and elsewhere, this chapbook is a festival.

## Last Minute brings holiday fair flair to Mahon Hall

If you're just getting into the holiday swing, you are not too late for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair.

Over 30 artists, crafters and gourmet cooks will present a surprising variety of creations this weekend only, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 16, 17, 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Mahon Hall.

“The last minute” is a real old-fashioned table fair

where you meet the makers of the gifts you choose. The hall will be packed with the sights, sounds and tastes of an island-style Christmas as you find locally produced organic jams, jellies, chutneys, and vinegars, homemade fudge, a fine selection of soaps, creams, lotions and aromatherapy products, jewellery aplenty, knitted blankets and fleecy children's hats, woodwork, island authors books, photo art

and cards, stocking stuffers, candles, Christmas decorations, ornaments and deluxe wreaths, as well as original cards and artwork. Several tables will offer items supporting the work of community groups such as the 4-H Club, Seeds for Malawi project and the Copper Kettle, for gifts that give twice.

Moments of music will be provided live by local musicians Alvaro Sanchez, Terry Warbey and carollers from

the cast of Scrooge, opening this weekend at ArtSpring. This annual craft show also raises funds for the Off Centre Stage Society, which have been spent on theatre productions, honorariums and equipment used by the entire theatre community.

There are always surprises at the “Last Minute” and you are invited to enjoy them on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 16-18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Mahon Hall.

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**SEASONAL SOUND:** Ian McQuade plays some Christmas tunes on his pan flute in Ganges. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Carols and festivals mark Anglican Christmas season

The Anglican Parish will be celebrating Christmas, not only in the form of services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but also in two other musical traditions.

The first, on Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m. in All Saints' church, will be the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

This festival tradition began as a Christmas Eve service designed in 1880 by Bishop E. W. Benson of Truro, England and is now presented in thousands of chapels and churches around the world.

Its form is disarmingly simple. After a processional carol — almost always *Once In Royal David's City* — with the first verse song as a solo — there is a bidding prayer and the Lord's prayer.

Then in a series of nine lessons (readings from scripture) the story of the fall and redemption of humanity quietly unfolds.

"From temptation in the Garden of Eden, through prophetic promises of a coming saviour, to the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem, the drama is allowed to emerge without commentary," explains a press release.

The Anglican Parish has established its own tradition through inviting representatives of various organizations and institutions to read the lessons.

This year is no exception. From ArtSpring to B.C. Ferries, readers will represent those organizations, which our island life so much embraces.

The second event is a

much more recent tradition, launched in 2003, by Music Makers of the Anglican Parish, as part of the Simply Organic recital series with Barry Valentine.

The special Christmas event on Wednesday, December 21, which has come to be known as Carols for Christmastide, offers both audience participation as well as pieces sung by a choir of Friends of Simply Organic, which includes the All Saints choir and members of Salt Spring Singers.

The hour-long program

contains some of the loveliest well-known and not-so-well-known carols dating as far back as the 13th century.

The music is free and begins at 10:10 a.m., followed by festive refreshment for a mere toonie.

Patrons of the weekly music series should note that Simply Organic will continue on December 28 and also on January 4, replacing Music and Munch, which usually falls on the first Wednesday of the month. Music and Munch will resume on February 1.

## Amahl Christmas tale unfolds at band event

A lighthearted and moving Christmas story merges with music this weekend when WordPlay and Salt Spring Concert Band present *Pacem* at Fulford Hall.

The December 16-17 shows present the story of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, interspersed with wonderful musical selections.

Amahl is a young crippled shepherd who lives with his mother in poverty. He is spirited and imaginative and makes up so many fantastic tales that his exhausted mother has learned not to take him too seriously. When Amahl first sees the brilliant star in the sky she laughs and tells him to stop teasing. Later, when he sees three kings and a page approaching their hut, she also brushes him off, but is forced to believe him when they arrive at the door.

The three kings and page are seeking shelter on their journey to see the child and ask if they may spend the night. They are carrying gold, incense, jewellery and many treasures, and Amahl and his mother are enraptured by them.

Amahl's mother thinks of her own son who lives with so little and is tempted to steal just a little bit of the treasure for Amahl, who needs it so much more. The story moves quickly to its amazing conclusion, which includes a miracle for Amahl and his mother.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and \$5 and available at Stuff 'n' Nonsense, Acoustic Planet, band members, Salt Spring Eye Care and the door.



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# Medicine Beach and its lessons celebrated by author in new book

*Reflections of Medicine Beach, Conversations with a Place by Shelley Easthope, Published by Trafford, Victoria, 2005, 59 pp., \$18.*

**By CHERIE THIESSEN**  
Driftwood Contributor

"I did not set out to write a book, but found myself often returning from the beach with an insight or understanding which I wanted to write down or capture and reflect upon," says author Shelley Easthope. "Soon this collection grew and with the approaching tenth anniversary of the procurement of this land as a nature reserve, a book suggested itself."

Easthope lives just above the three-hectare wetland, a brackish marsh on North

Pender Island that's home to many kinds of medicinal plants originally used by First Nations for food and medicine. Nine distinct plant communities, two on the provincial rare list, thrive here as does the rare Virginia Rail, the osprey and other birds.

In addition to the wetland, rare in itself in the Gulf Islands, the tiny nature reserve also includes a headland, a forest and a shell beach. It's one of those magic places where the sum of its parts in no way equals its whole.

The author, who was involved early in the decision to acquire Medicine Beach, unfolds a little of the land's history, the family whose foresight allowed

the community to ultimately purchase it, and the flurry of fundraising activities which for over a year galvanized the Penders.

Through gentle reflections, poems and photographs, the occupants of this special place are celebrated along with the lessons the author has extracted from them.

(Although perhaps *extracted* is too strong a verb for the passive state in which she would have absorbed these lessons.)

The scarred old arbutus guarding the headland, the sole rosehip with its thorny protection, the long striations of rock exposed at low tide, the low flying ravens, the plucky green plant growing next to the road, all merit

a pause from her, a communication and then a reflection.

Like so many of the objects or sensations she comments on, Easthope's book is delicate and tiny but will grow if you let it.

A long-time resident of the Penders, she is a respected Ursui Shiki Ryoho reiki master and shiatsu practitioner. Wisdom is not a gift, it's a reward, and Easthope shares hers freely.

*Reflections of Medicine Beach* can be ordered from the author herself ([www.shelleyeasthope.com](http://www.shelleyeasthope.com)) or by calling (250) 629-3036. If you find yourself on the Penders, Talisman Books in the Driftwood Centre carries it.

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# Awesome sights and cheesy fun

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**

Driftwood Contributor

At first, the children watching Jozef's Magic and Reptile Show responded with blank stares but, by the end, they were shrieking with delight.

The matinee last Saturday at Fulford Hall entertained approximately 150 children and adults.

It's strictly a family affair with Jozef Demcak and his lovely wife Bibianna marketing, setting up and tearing down, taking tickets and performing the show. The other members of their family unit, though cold-blooded and directed chiefly by their medulla oblongatas, are no less important.

Though the sets could have used a bit of glue-gun action and the costumes had seen better days, the reptiles, integral to the show, were in fine health: Jozef and Snake Lady Bibianna clearly take good care of their animals.

Jozef enjoys the children like the science and physical education teacher he used to be. Though not exactly a dynamic performer — the Perry Como of magicians comes to mind — his dry sense of humour engaged the adults while the children were totally caught up in the "magic."

The show opened with a strong trick that even my dates, sitting on the floor in front of the stage, couldn't figure out. Bibianna balanced herself while lying on three lethal and large swords. Jozef then removed the two at her feet and pelvis and left the one at her head. Lo and behold, she remained in exactly the same position. They used a fun conceit of Jozef hypnotizing Bibianna so she was like a sleepwalker. It was totally cheesy and totally fun.

After the strong opening and encouragement from the two to call out "Poochie poochie," apparently an eastern European abracadabra, when magic needed to occur, the children realized that they could respond.

Children were brought onstage to help with the acts, no mean feat when reptiles are involved. The first helper, Sarah Kennedy,



**MAGIC:** At top, (from left) Eric and Kayla Pultke and Cameron Balogh hold a snake; while at left is Jozef the magician who made this reptile appear in one of his magic boxes; and below left, Bibianna is suspended in mid air, balancing on one sword.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

himself around Jozef and rested his head on his shoulder. Cute, if strange.

Bibianna took a 17-year-old boa constrictor around the hall for petting, an event that clearly excited the audience. Her flowing waist-length hair and belly dancer costume was, I'm sure, as interesting to the dads in the audience as the snake was to the kids.

The closing trick introduced us to a truly awesome sight. A 200-pound Indian python needed five adults to carry it and when put in a pyramid only to be replaced by Bibianna, everyone was sold on getting their picture taken with one of the creatures.

Jozef came to Salt Spring seven years ago but, judging by the response, he won't wait another seven to come back.

reached inside a hat that contained a cloth snake, or so we thought. A beautifully coloured smaller snake was pulled out instead.

Rat Houdini, the mammalian member of the animal troupe, was trained to scurry along a rope and stay put in a bowl. I still have no idea where he went when he dis-

appeared from a pot, but the thought of a rat up a sleeve makes one a tad skittish.

Pyrotechnics added a flourish to the trick, introducing us to the next guest, when a box that had nothing in it suddenly had a cuddly lizard inside. "Cuddly" and "lizard" seem like an oxymoron, but this one wrapped

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**Sunday, 18th December, Advent IV**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist at All Saints'  
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4:00 PM Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints'

**Saturday, 24th December, Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM Family Eucharist & Blessing of the Crèche at St. Mary's  
7:30 PM Festal Eucharist (BCP) at St. Mark's  
11:00 Midnight Mass (BAS) of the Holy Nativity at All Saints'

**Sunday, 25th December, Christmas Day**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (BAS) at All Saints'

**Tuesday, 27th December**

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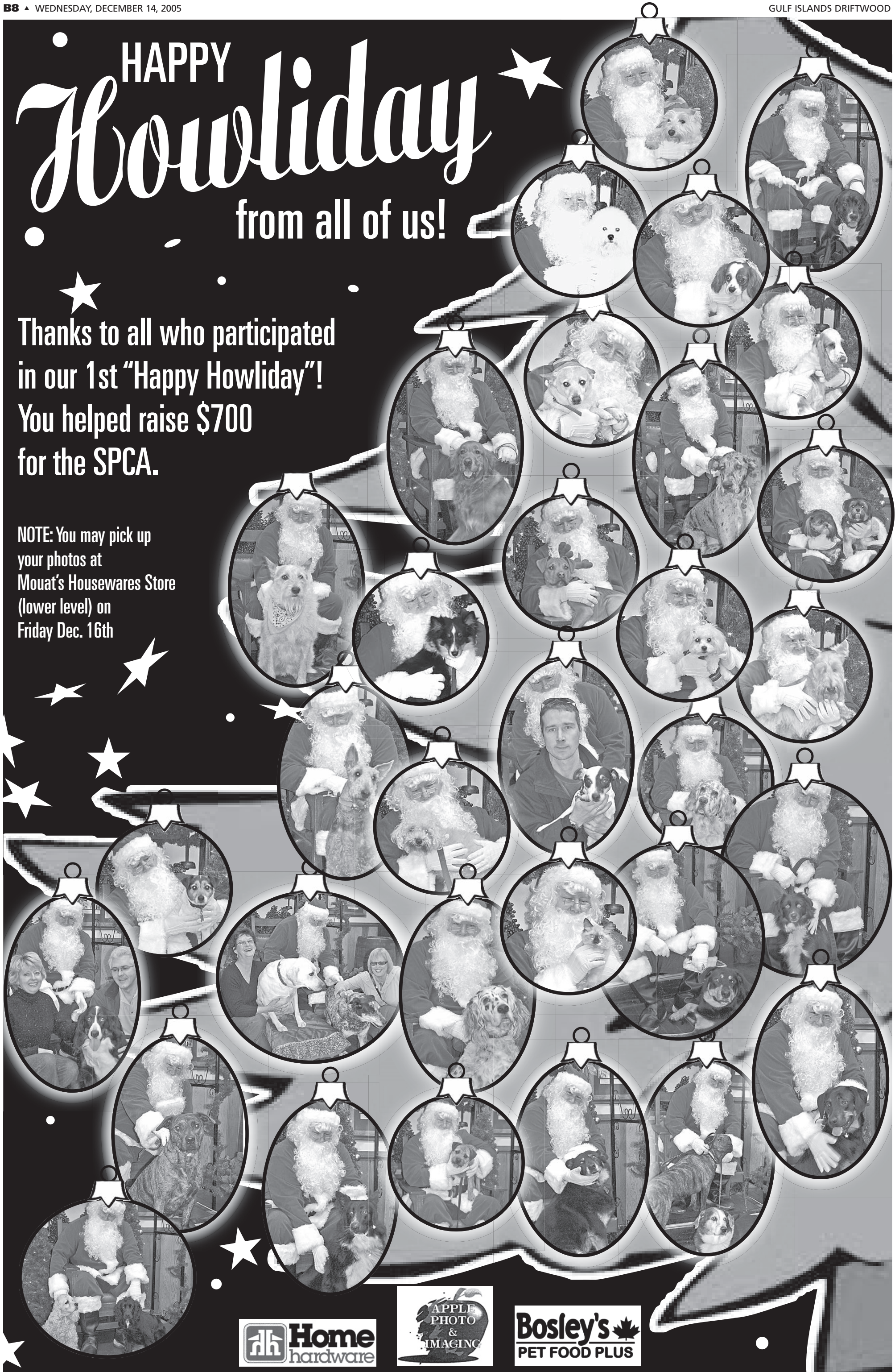
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All proceeds will go directly to the Seeds for Malawi project, which funds community gardens in several AIDS-stricken villages in Malawi, helping widows and orphans to grow their own food.

The Last Minute Craft Fair runs from Friday, December 16 until Sunday December 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.



**GONE TO THE DOGS:** Monty the dog looks pretty darn happy to be seeing Santa during a special event at Mouat's Housewares.  
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Bird count Dec. 18

**By GIL SCHULTZ**  
 Special to the Driftwood  
 For the past 18 years, the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has sponsored an annual Christmas Bird Count on Salt Spring Island.

This year, the count will be conducted on Sunday, December 18.

The club has set up 12 areas on the island, each with a coordinator, who works with a number of other volunteer birders/twitchers to carry out a count of birds around the Christmas period each year.

Last year a total of 10,473 birds, spread among 88 species, were counted by 87 volunteers. Besides the usually abundant dark-eyed juncos and chestnut-backed chickadees, counters noted a group of about 300 ring-necked ducks that have begun to be residents on St. Mary Lake in recent years. Rarer bird sightings included two barred owls and three Anna hummingbirds.

The total number of birds in the count was low compared to previous years. This is partly explained by the fact that the day of the bird count in 2004 was a windy and blustery day that was not ideal for bird sightings. Nonetheless, the statistics acquired by the Trail and Nature group over the past 18 years demonstrate a gradual decline in total numbers of birds from counts in the 20,000 range in the late 1980s to lower numbers in the 12,000 to 20,000 range in the past five years.

The Trail and Nature Club Christmas bird count results, although unofficial, are forwarded to the B. C. Museum and to Bird Studies Canada (<http://www.bsc.org>) but, most importantly, provide a local record of bird counts on Salt Spring Island.

Individuals interested in participating in the bird count should phone either 537-9469 or 537-9335 to indicate their address and interest in participation. Names and phone numbers of these interested participants will be forwarded to the appropriate area coordinator so that they can become involved in the activities of the count in their local area.

## To all our neighbours

Warm season's greetings from Crofton Division.

Wishing everyone happy holidays and a safe and successful new year.

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## Invitation for Written Submissions from the Public

### B.C. Children And Youth Review

Mr. Ted Hughes, Q.C., appointed by the B.C. Government, is conducting an independent examination of B.C.'s child protection system, and will be making recommendations for improvement.

**Public input is being sought on the areas under his review.**

Specifically, Mr. Hughes will examine:

- the review process for child deaths, including how results of reviews are internally addressed
- advocacy support for children and youth, and
- monitoring of government's performance in protecting and providing services to B.C. children and youth.

In addition, Mr. Hughes will examine and make recommendations to improve the public reporting of:

- child death reviews, to ensure a balance between public accountability and protection of privacy of families and others, and
- government's performance in protecting and providing services to BC children and youth

The review will consider the roles and responsibilities of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Child and Youth Officer, Chief Coroner, Ombudsman, Public Guardian and Trustee, and other agencies involved.

**Mr. Hughes will not be reviewing individual child fatality cases.**

*Submissions are requested by January 10, 2006.*

Written submissions may be made to the BC Children and Youth Review by  
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| 521                    | 560     | TLC    | Nap Attack           | Faking It                | Faking It            | Going Hollywood    | Going Hollywood     | Going Hollywood   | Faking It                     | Faking It                           | Going Hollywood     | Going Hollywood       | Going Hollywood      | Going Hollywood        | Going Hollywood    | Going Hollywood    | Going Hollywood    | Going Hollywood    |  |
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| 615                    | 520     | A&E    | American Justice     | Bounty                   | Bounty               | Inked              | Inked               | Mindfreak         | Mindfreak                     | Crossing Jordan                     | Bounty              | Bounty                | Inked                | Inked                  | Mindfreak          | Mindfreak          | Mindfreak          | Mindfreak          |  |
| 400                    | 400     | TSN    | Hockey NHL Dallas    | Stars vs. Buffalo Sabres | MolsonH.             | Sportscentre       |                     |                   |                               |                                     | Off Rec             | F. Skate Desjardins   | World Team Challenge | Sportscentre           |                    |                    |                    |                    |  |
| 407                    | 419     | RSP    | Drop In              | Miller TV                | Prime Time Sports    | News               | Hockey              | Inside A          | Hockey AHL Syracuse Crunch    | vs. Manitoba Moose                  | Sportsnet News      | Sportsnet News        | Sportsnet News       | Sportsnet News         | Sportsnet News     | Sportsnet News     | Sportsnet News     | Sportsnet News     |  |
| 23                     |         | KSTW   | WifeKids             | Bernie M.                | WifeKids             | Bernie M.          | Queens              | Queens            | Seinfeld                      | *70s                                | Top Model           | Veronica Mars         | Seinfeld             | *70s                   | SouthPk            | SouthPk            | SouthPk            | SouthPk            |  |
| 24                     |         | KVQS   | Montel Williams      | F. Feud                  | Yes, Dear            | Elimidate          | Elimidate           | Becker            | Queens                        | And Now For Something Completely... | W&Grace             | Queens                | Cheers               | Serve P.               |                    |                    |                    |                    |  |
| 290                    | 382     | KCPQ   | SaveBell             | Fresh P.                 | Shoot                | King Hill          | Simpsons            | Malcolm           | Simpsons                      | Malcolm                             | 70s                 | Stacked               | Trading Spouses      | Q-13 News              | Simpsons           | King Hill          |                    |                    |  |
| 502                    | 390     | NEWS   | Can. Now             | Can. Now                 | CBC News: Hour       | News: The National | Wild Canada         | CBC News: Hour    | News: The National            | CBC News: Hour                      | News: The National  | CBC News: Hour        | News: The National   | CBC News: Hour         |                    |                    |                    |                    |  |
| 289                    | 381     | KIRO   | Judy                 | Judy                     | News                 | News               | News                | ET                | Access                        | Standing                            | Yes, Dear           | Criminal Minds        | CSI: NY              | News                   | LateShow           |                    |                    |                    |  |
| 288                    | 380     | KOMO   | First News @ 4       | KOMO 4 News              | News                 | News               | News                | Fortune           | Jeopardy                      | G. Lopez                            | Freddie             | Lost                  | Alias                | News                   | News               | News               | News               | News               |  |
| 65                     | 394     | VISION | Touched By Angel     | Minister                 | Cheff!               | The Barra McNeils' | An Indigo Christmas | Little Men        | Minister                      | Cheff!                              | An Indigo Christmas | 7th Heaven            |                      |                        |                    |                    |                    |                    |  |

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Dec 14, 2005 to Dec 20, 2005
- WEDNESDAY, DEC 14
- 6:00 PM
- 14** ★★ **The Last Wedding (2001, Drama)** A young Jewish couple decide to get married and meet resistance all the way to the altar. *Ben Ratner, Frida Betrani* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
- 24** ★★★ **And Now For Something Completely Different (1971, Comedy)** The cast of Monty Python's Flying Circus performs a collection of comedy sketches. *Graham Chapman, John Cleese* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 4** ★★ **Home for the Holidays (1995, Comedy)** A down-on-her-luck single mom flies home to spend Thanksgiving with her eccentric family. *Holly Hunter, Robert Downey Jr.* (2h)
- 13** ★★ **Eight Crazy Nights (2002, Animated)** A party animal gets a chance at redemption when he works with a youth basketball league. *Voices of Adam Sandler, Jackie Titone* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 3** ★★ **Killing Me Softly (2002, Thriller)** A woman forms a dangerously obsessive bond with a mysterious mountaineer. *Heather Graham, Joseph Fiennes* (2h)
- 14** ★★ **Merci pour le chocolat (2000, Thriller)** A Swiss chocolate heiress deals with the idea that a son may have been switched at birth. *Isabelle Huppert, Jacques Dutronc* (2h)
- 11:25 PM
- 2** ★★★★★ **In the Mood for Love (2000, Romance)** Two lonely, married people fall in love when they move into neighbouring apartments. *Maggie Cheung, Tony Leung Chiu Wai* (2h)

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- THURSDAY, DEC 15
- 7:00 PM
- 3** ★★ **The Machinist (2004, Thriller)** An industrial worker questions his own sanity after suffering from extensive insomnia. *Christian Bale, Jennifer Jason Leigh* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM
- 24** ★★★ **Prancer (1989, Family)** A girl finds an injured reindeer and decides to nurse it until she can return it to Santa. *Sam Elliott, Cloris Leachman* (2h)
- 23** ★★★ **The Santa Clause (1994, Comedy)** A father mends his relationship with his son after he is transformed into Santa Claus. *Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold* (2h)
- 8:30 PM
- 13** ★★★ **Die Hard II: Die Harder (1990, Action)** A detective battles terrorists at an airport when a plot threatens hundreds of passengers. *Bruce Willis, William Atherton* (2h30)
- 8:45 PM
- 3** ★★ **Bad Education (2004, Drama)** The lives and deaths of two boys and their school principal are linked together. *Gael Garcia Bernal, Fele Martinez* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM
- 29** ★★★ **April in Paris (1952, Musical)** A bureaucrat falls in love with a French showgirl, who is appearing in his show. *Doris Day, Ray Bolger* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 14** ★★★ **Reuben, Reuben (1983, Comedy)** A drunken, womanizing Scottish poet preys upon a beautiful New England college student. *Tom Conti, Kelly McGillis* (1h45)
- 10:30 PM
- 3** ★★ **The Bone Snatcher (2003, Horror)** A group of miners make a grisly discovery while searching for missing co-workers. *Scott Bairstow, Rachel Shelley* (1h30)
- 11:25 PM
- 2** ★★ **Perfectly Normal (1990, Comedy)** A 'perfectly normal' guy's life is turned upside down when he teams up with a restaurateur. *Michael Riley, Robbie Coltrane* (2h)

| S - Salt Spring Island |         |        | ExpressVu           |                      |                       | StarChoice         |                  |                  | WEEKDAY DAYTIME DECEMBER 14 TO 20 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                        |                        |           |           |  |
|------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| S                      | Channel | Time   | 8:00                | 8:30                 | 9:00                  | 9:30               | 10:00            | 10:30            | 11:00                             | 11:30             | 12:00              | 12:30              | 1:00               | 1:30                | 2:00                   | 2:30                   | 3:00      | 3:30      |  |
| 257                    | 308     | CBC    | Clifford            | DragonT.             | Poko                  | Various            | Various          | Nanalan'         | Dressup                           | Zooob             | News               |                    | Da Vinci's Inquest | Various             | Various                | Air Farce              | Various   |           |  |
| 320                    | 621     | MC     | Movie               | Various              | Movies                |                    |                  |                  | Movie                             | Movie             | Various            | Movie              | Movie              | Various             | Peter Sellers/ Dead... | Movie                  | Various   |           |  |
| 256                    |         | CITY   | 6:30 A Channel      | CityLine             |                       |                    | Movie TV         | Careers          | Ellen DeGeneres                   | All My Children   |                    |                    | One Life to Live   | Touched By An Angel | Various                | Seinfeld               |           |           |  |
| 287                    | 379     | KING   | 7:00 Today Show     | Today Show II        | Tyra Banks Show       | News               | News             | News             | News                              | News              | News               | News               | Days of Our Lives  | Passions            | Dr. Phil               |                        |           |           |  |
| 255                    | 358     | CH     | BodyH'ith           | Various              | Oprah Winfrey         | The Price Is Right | Young & Restless | News             |                                   |                   |                    |                    | Various            | BodyH'ith           | Myst.Ink               | Fear Factor/ F. Factor |           |           |  |
| 250                    | 321     | CTVBC  | 6:30 Canada AM      | Regis & Kelly        | The View              | eTalk              | Balance          | Planet           | Bold & B.                         | Gabereau          | Gabereau           |                    |                    |                     |                        |                        |           |           |  |
| 251                    | 336     | GBLBC  | 6:00 News           | 100 Huntley Street   | World Vision          | Insider            | Various          | News             |                                   |                   |                    |                    | As the World Turns | Passions            | Young & Restless       |                        |           |           |  |
| 291                    | 383     | KCTS   | Various             | DragonT.             | Zooob                 | Barney             | Sesame Street    | B.Lions          | Rogers                            | Various           | Various            | Food               | Various            | Travels             | Reading                | Piggley                | Postcards |           |  |
| 120                    | 702     | SRC    | simondurivage.com   | Coup pauce/ Noël     | Droit coeur/ Samuel   | Variées            | durivage         | Journal          | Variées                           | Urgences          | Cinemas            | ME J V Rome, USA   | Cap Random/ Cirque |                     |                        |                        |           |           |  |
| 268                    | 354     | KNOW   | Various             | Various              | *15 Arthur            | Various            | Various          | Various          | Various                           | Various           | Parent             | Gaslight           | Various            | Various             | Various                | Various                | Various   |           |  |
| 253                    | 359     | CITY   | 6:00 Breakfast TV   | Various              | Cooks                 | Relic Hunter       | CityLine         |                  |                                   |                   |                    |                    | Various            | Various             | Various                | Various                | Various   |           |  |
| 14                     | 620     | BRAVO  | Various             | *45B1News            | Various               | Law & Order        | Street Legal     | Various          | Various                           | Various           | Various            | Various            | *45B1News          | Various             | Various                | Street Legal           |           |           |  |
| 522                    | 506     | HIST   | Disasters           | Move                 | JAG                   | Antiques Roadshow  |                  |                  |                                   |                   |                    |                    | The Sea Hunters    | War of Night/ Women | Tour of Duty           | Move                   | Disasters |           |  |
| 521                    | 560     | TLC    | Dating              | Makeover             | What Not to Wear      | Younger            | Baby St.         | Baby St.         | Baby                              | Clean Sweep       | Trading Spaces     | While You Were Out | Martha             |                     |                        |                        |           |           |  |
| 557                    | 541     | FAM    | *15 Lilo            | Various              | Various               | *35 Farm           | Various          | Various          | *25 King                          | *45 Lilo          | Various            | Aladdin            | Various            | Various             | Various                | Fillmore               | Various   | Barbarian |  |
| 20                     | 615     | A&E    | Various             | City Conf/ Cold Case | A. Justice/ Cold Case | Various            | Various          | Various          | Various                           | Various           | Various            | Various            | Various            | Various             | Various                | City Conf/ Cold Case   |           |           |  |
| 400                    | 400     | TSN    | Sportscentre        | Off Rec              | Various               | Various            | Various          | Various          | Various                           | Various           | Various            | Various            | Poker              |                     | Interrupt              | Off Rec                | SportsC   |           |  |
| 407                    | 419     | RSP    | Sportsnet News      | Sportsnet News       | Sportsnet News        | Sportsnet News     | Sportsnet News   | Sportsnet News   | Sportsnet News                    | Sportsnet News    | Sportsnet News     | Sportsnet News     | Sportsnet News     | Various             | Various                | Prime Time Sports      |           |           |  |
| 23                     |         | KSTW   | 6:00 The Daily Buzz | The 700 Club         | Frasier               | Frasier            | Divorce          | Divorce          | The People's Court                | Alex              | Alex               | The People's Court | Home I.            | Sabrina             |                        |                        |           |           |  |
| 24                     |         | KVQS   | Various             | TH F Paid            | Your Day              | Various            | Paid             | Paid             | Funny!                            | Funny!            | The People's Court | Various            | Twilight           | Twilight            | Matlock                |                        |           |           |  |
| 290                    | 382     | KCPQ   | 5:00 Q13 Fox News   | Judge Greg Mathis    | Living                | Justice            | Tony Danza Show  | Starting Over    | Maury                             | Jerry Springer    | Maury              |                    |                    |                     |                        |                        |           |           |  |
| 502                    | 390     | NEWS   | Various             | News: Today          | CBC News: Today       | CBC News: Today    | CBC News: Today  | CBC News: Today  | CBC News: Today                   | CBC News: Today   | CBC News: Today    | Politics           | News               | Business            |                        |                        |           |           |  |
| 289                    | 381     | KIRO   | The Early Show      | Montel Williams      | The Price Is Right    | Young & Restless   | News             | Bold & B.        | As the World Turns                | The Guiding Light | Brown              | Brown              |                    |                     |                        |                        |           |           |  |
| 288                    | 380     | KOMO   | 7:00 Morning Am.    | Regis & Kelly        | The View              | KOMO 4 News        | All My Children  | One Life to Live | General Hospital                  | Northwest         |                    |                    |                    |                     |                        |                        |           |           |  |
| 65                     | 394     | VISION | It's a New Day      | Mass                 | Various               | Youngren           | Credo            | Various          | Various                           | Various           | 7th Heaven         | Various            | Martian            |                     |                        |                        |           |           |  |

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FRIDAY, DEC 16
7:00 PM
20 Karroll's Christmas (2004, Comedy) When the ghosts end up at the wrong house, Allen Karroll is taken on a ride through time. Tom Everett Scott, Verne Troyer (2h)
7:30 PM
19 Ernest Saves Christmas (1988, Comedy) When Santa Claus decides to retire, he enlists the aid of Ernest P. Worrell. Jim Varney, Douglas Seale (1h30)
8:00 PM
11 Belonging (2004, Drama) After her husband leaves, Jess is left to fend for his elderly relatives, and herself. Brenda Blethyn, Kevin Whately (2h)
9:00 PM
13 His and Her Christmas Two competing writers find themselves instantly attracted to each other. David Sutcliffe, Mariel Hemingway (2h)
9:45 PM
14 Sex Monster (1999, Comedy) A man sees that his wife's sexual appetite surpasses his own after a ménage-à-trois. Mariel Hemingway, Mike Binder (2h15)
10:00 PM
9 Greer Garson, Laurence Olivier (2h)
10:30 PM
3 Shaun of the Dead (2004, Horror) Shaun must save his family and friends from the zombies that have taken over London. Simon Pegg, Kate Ashfield (1h45)
11:00 PM
20 Karroll's Christmas (2004, Comedy) When the ghosts end up at the wrong house, Allen Karroll is taken on a ride through time. Tom Everett Scott, Verne Troyer (2h)
11:25 PM
2 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989, Comedy) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo (2h)

SATURDAY, DEC 17
6:00 PM
15 Casino (1995, Crime Story) The rise and fall of ill-fated mobsters in a Las Vegas casino during the 1970s. Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone (4h)
6:30 PM
10 L'Ère de glace (2002, Dessin animé) Un tigre à dents de sabre et un mammouth trouvent un bébé humain et essaie de le ramener. (1h30)
7:00 PM
3 Assault on Precinct 13 (2005, Action) An officer must unite cops and criminals to protect a precinct that has come under assault. Ja Rule, Ethan Hawke (2h)
7:23 The Sound of Music (1965, Musical) A woman leaves an Austrian convent to become governess to a captain's seven children. Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer (4h)
8:00 PM
10 Belphegor, le fantôme du Louvre (2000, Mystère) Un journaliste enquête sur un fantôme engendré par une momie aux pouvoirs maléfiques. Sophie Marceau, Michel Serrault (2h)
9:00 PM
13 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989, Comedy) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo (2h)
9:00 PM
24 The Guns of Navarone (1961, War) A task force led by an inexperienced officer is assigned to destroy a fortress. Gregory Peck, David Niven (3h)
8:45 PM
11 Undisputed (2002, Action) A heavyweight championship boxer is sent to prison where he must face the reigning champ. Ving Rhames, Wesley Snipes (2h)
9:00 PM
3 Seed of Chucky (2004, Horror) Chucky's son brings his parents back to life, and is shocked by their violent ways. Jennifer Tilly, Billy Boyd (1h30)
5 The Favor (1994, Romance) A married woman asks her best friend to sleep with her high school sweetheart. Ken Wahl, Brad Pitt (2h)
19 Mr. Wrong (1996, Comedy) A woman gets into trouble when her seemingly perfect lover becomes a nightmare. Ellen DeGeneres, Bill Pullman (1h30)
10:00 PM
15 Casino (1995, Crime Story) The rise and fall of ill-fated mobsters in a Las Vegas casino during the 1970s. Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone (4h)
10:30 PM
2 The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1975, Comedy) An insane man threatens to destroy the world unless a bumbling inspector is sacrificed. Peter Sellers, Herbert Lom (2h)
3 American Wedding (2003, Comedy) After proposing to Michelle, Jim enlists help from his friends to prepare for the big day. Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan (2h)
19 Spaceballs (1987, Comedy) A man and his sidekick rescue a spoiled princess from an intergalactic evil villain. Bill Pullman, Mel Brooks (1h40)
10:45 PM
14 Don King: Only in America (1997, Biography) Chronicles Don King's rise from poverty to the promoter of the history's greatest boxers. Ving Rhames, Vondie Curtis-Hall (2h15)
SUNDAY, DEC 18
6:00 PM
14 Sabrina (1995, Romance) Two wealthy brothers fight over the affections of their chauffeur's beautiful daughter. Julia Ormond, Harrison Ford (2h30)
15 Hart's War (2002, War) Imprisoned in a German POW camp, a colonel uses a court martial to distract the enemy. Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell (2h30)
7:00 PM
23 Once Upon a Mattress (2005, Musical) A whimsical, fractured telling of the classic fairytale, The Princess and the Pea. Carol Burnett, Tracey Ullman (2h)



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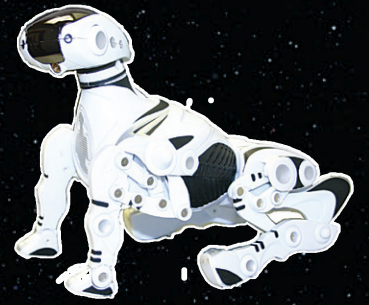
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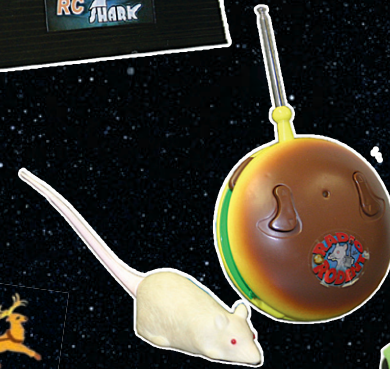


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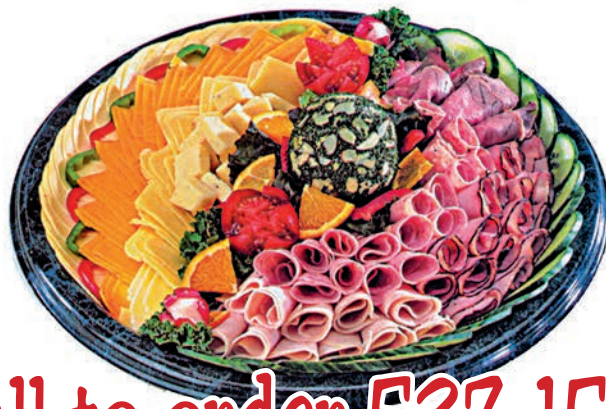
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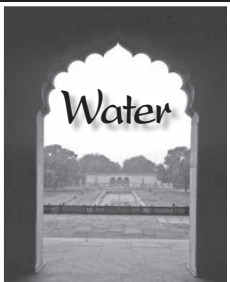
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| <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday Night Live!</b><br/>At Moby's. 9 pm.</p> <p><b>Simply Organic.</b> Barry Valentine organ recital, followed by muffin &amp; coffee at All Saints, 10:10 am</p> <p><b>Henrietta's Twelve Crazy Days of Christmas.</b> Whole-school play at SS Elementary, 7 pm</p> <p><b>Winter Pageant.</b> SS Centre School show at SS Centre, 5 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Annual Christmas Tea.</b> SS Seniors Services Society event. Lions Hall, 2 pm</p> <p><b>Islands Farmers Institute 110th Anniversary.</b> Farmers Institute, 2 pm</p> <p><b>Bessie Dane Foundation &amp; Hospice.</b> Holiday season social at SS Seniors, 7:30 pm. Bring finger foods to share.</p> <p><b>North End Toy Library.</b> SS Elementary multi-purpose room, 10-11:30 am.</p> <p><b>Pre-school Board Book &amp; CD Give-away.</b> To first 40 kids at SS Library, 10-6.</p> | <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Simone Lamers Trio.</b> Jazz, soul &amp; R&amp;B at Tree House South.</p> <p><b>Fulford Elementary Students Carolling.</b> At the ferry terminal in the morning.</p> <p><b>Carol Singing.</b> SS elementary choir sings at Mouat's, 1 pm.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Blue Christmas Service.</b> Music, prayers, meditation and refreshments at United church, 2 pm</p> <p><b>Bingo.</b> At Meaden Hall, 7 pm; early bird games at 6:30 pm</p> | <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>House Party with DJ Matt.</b> Moby's Pub.</p> <p><b>DJ Night.</b> Shipstones, 8 pm.</p> <p><b>Pacem.</b> Christmas music and drama with the Salt Spring Concert Band and WordPlay guests at Fulford Hall, 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Feliz Navidad: A Mexican Fiesta &amp; Dance.</b> Buffet dinner &amp; dance with Mariachi Del Sol at the Harbour House. Advance tickets only through the ArtSpring box office by Dec. 14.</p> <p><b>Mowbray &amp; Wall.</b> Sax &amp; guitar jazz at Tree House South.</p> <p><b>Christmas With Scrooge.</b> Newman Family Productions' 20th anniversary presentation. ArtSpring, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>SSI Amateur Radio Club.</b> Meets at the government building, 10 am</p> | <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>DJ Night.</b> Shipstones, 8 pm.</p> <p><b>Pacem.</b> Christmas music &amp; drama with the Salt Spring Concert Band and WordPlay guests, Fulford Hall, 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Julia Beattie.</b> Tree House S.</p> <p><b>The Hamsters.</b> Perform at Barb's Buns, 8 pm</p> <p><b>Karaoke.</b> The Legion, 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Christmas With Scrooge.</b> Newman Family Productions' 20th anniversary presentation. ArtSpring, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Yuletide Feast.</b> 4th annual ceremony, storytelling, wreath making, sing-along and potluck. Beaver Point Hall, 6-10 pm</p> <p><b>Book Signing With Arthur Black.</b> Salt Spring Books, noon.</p> <p><b>Fulford Fire Hall.</b> Open house to see proposed training facilities, 2-4 pm</p> <p><b>Family Yoga.</b> Ganges Yoga Studio, 10:30-11:30.</p> | <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Sundogs for SOLID.</b> Dance/benefit at Moby's Pub.</p> <p><b>Festival of 9 Lessons &amp; Carols.</b> All Saints, 4 pm</p> <p><b>Christmas With Scrooge.</b> Newman Family Productions' 20th anniversary presentation. ArtSpring, 2 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Unitarian Fellowship.</b> Celebrates the winter season. OAP Fulford Hall, 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Three Wise Men &amp; a Baby.</b> Community Gospel Chapel presentation, 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Bird Count.</b> Interested volunteers can call 537-9469 or 537-9335.</p> <p><b>Breakfast With Santa</b> At Fulford Hall, 9 am</p> <p><b>IS CANCELLED</b></p> | <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Fulford Village Carolling.</b> With Valdy in the Patterson Market parking lot, 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>SSI Knitting Group.</b> Meets at Stitches' classroom. Enter from Rainbow Rd. 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Floor Hockey.</b> Mondays at Fulford Hall, 7-9 pm</p> <p><b>Community Activities Exploration.</b> For people with neurological disorders/injuries. Meadowbrook activity room, 11 am. (10:45 for coffee.) Info: 537-4607.</p> <p><b>tues. december 20</b></p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Women's Basketball.</b> Tuesdays at GISS gym, 6:30-8 pm</p> | <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Carols for Christmastide.</b> With Friends of Simply Organic; audience participation. All Saints, 10:10 am</p> <p><b>Song Writer's Showcase.</b> Hosted by Gene Grooms &amp; featuring Laughlin Meagher at Barb's Buns, 8 pm</p> |

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- Water** — Set in the 1930s during the rise of the independence struggles against British colonial rule, the film examines the plight of a group of widows forced into poverty at a temple in the holy city of Varanasi. Directed by Deepa Mehta.

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**Sam Graci: Phenomenal Health** — Internationally acclaimed health researcher and islander Sam Graci offers food for thought as he shares his insights and inspiration in a recent free-to-the-public lecture at ArtSpring. Sam's enthusiastic message weaves cutting-edge scientific research regarding health and wellness, with practical strategies that help prevent disease, slow the aging process and contribute to physical, emotional and psychological well being.

**Naturally Wild** — A fascinating video short about the people who work to save the lives of sick and orphaned wild animals at the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre. Shot, narrated and edited by GISS students Alex Corley and Dejan Loyola.

### exhibitions

- 16th annual Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair** at Mahon Hall on Fri., Sat. and Sun., Dec. 16-18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- Christmas Showcase of SS Painters Guild members** runs in the ArtSpring open space until December 18. From Dec. 19-31 will be paintings done under instruction.
- Avanti Glass Studio anniversary and Christmas show** continues daily through Dec. 24.
- Deb Hagarty** shows photography at Moby's through December and January, and at Jana's Bake Shop.
- Landing Party Gallery Holiday Sale** runs until Sun., Dec. 18.
- Jill Louise Campbell Fine Art Gallery** is open until 8 p.m. on Friday nights leading up to Christmas. Features **Spirit Calls**, from Jill's Native Northwest Collection.
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# Teamwork and talent celebrated

By JOHN FOLEY  
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring's football banquet has been described as the best sports banquet on the island and once again it lived up to that description.

More than 150 people filled Community Gospel Chapel on Thursday, December 8 to pay tribute to the football warriors of Salt Spring.

It was a potluck affair that had the close-knit feeling of a family reunion.

First we enjoyed a huge meal as we watched game clips on the eight-foot-square big screen, then on to the awards.

To my surprise was a new award named after me, "for perseverance and dedication to football."

The award can be given to anyone — player, coach, sponsor, or volunteer. This year it was awarded to Bill and Shellie Barrett.

Without their hard work, the middle school team would not have happened this year.

Then each player was called up one at a time, applauded and given team and single photos, and a team shirt.

Members of the two older teams also received a DVD of the entire season.

The middle school team's awards were Best Lineman, Gord Fraser; Best Defensive Player, Oliver Schnare; Best Offensive Player, Luke Stevenson; Unsung Hero and to both Megan Henry and



**TOP PLAYERS:** Salt Spring football players hold their trophies as the football community holds its end-of-season awards banquet at the Community Gospel Chapel on Thursday.

Photo by Helen Schnare

Maggie Davidson; Most Valuable Player, Kevin Abbott.

Junior Varsity awards were Best Lineman, Myles Raposo; Best Defensive Player, a tie between Angus Fraser and Hugh Finer; Best Offensive Player, Seb Banks; Unsung Hero, Dan Foley; and Most Valuable Player, Will Cornwall.

Varsity awards were Best Lineman, Max Nelson; Best Defensive Player, Dave Puhky; Best Offensive Player, John Foley; Unsung

Hero, Tyler Massey; and Most Valuable Player, Graham Meek.

Football is the ultimate team game and all the award winners are well aware that without the hard work of their teammates they would not have had any success of their own.

We are looking forward to next year.

If you are interested in playing or getting involved with football in another aspect, please call me, John Foley, at 537-0083.

## ISLAND STAR VIDEO presents... Flick Pick

Celebrity status makes subversive Mr. and Mrs. Smith even better

In Mr. and Mrs. Smith, director Doug Liman brings to bear elements from both his indie-dating comedy *Swingers* and his spy-thriller *The Bourne Identity*.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are John and Jane Smith, who have been married for six years and yet still don't know that each other is a professional assassin.

The story begins when both John and Jane are hired for the same mission, which of course goes completely wrong. They find out that their individual survival depends upon eliminating the person who identified them — in this case, each other.

Obviously, Mr. and Mrs. Smith has nothing to do with realism. It's basically a satire, and a tricky one at that. It is basically about the difficulty of maintaining a marriage. In the beginning of the film, the Smith's marriage is on the rocks. They aren't

having sex, talk rarely, and are continually facing off over silly stuff like changing the drapes.

Well, we all know the axiom that a good relationship needs a fight every once in a while. Mr. and Mrs. Smith takes that literally. After a bit of witty banter and a couple of chases, the Smiths duke it out and completely destroy their expensive suburban home in the process.

Faster than you can say "repressed sexual tension," the two are (somewhat) back together and fighting the bad guys.

What makes Liman's film so subversive isn't easy to pin down. The overt message, that marriage requires work but is worth fighting for, wouldn't be out of place emerging from the local pulpit on a Sunday morning. But Mr. and Mrs. Smith provides this message so ridiculously that it can't be seen

as validation.

In fact, the whole theme could be summed up in Jane's caustic words: "happy endings are just stories that haven't finished yet." Mr. and Mrs. Smith ends with a *Butch-and-Sundance*-like barrage of bullets, and yet the ending is unquestionably a happy one.

What gives? Maybe Liman is joking about happy endings themselves, particularly the "happily ever after" ending so common to romantic comedies. After all, real marriages might be supposed to last "til death do us part." The Smiths' marriage only has to last until the credits roll.

When you factor in Pitt's current tabloid-fodder relationship with Jolie, which itself blossomed out of Pitt's failed marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Smith grows increasingly fascinating. For once, celebrity actually makes a movie better.



Jason Tudor

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# Dragons scorch first place Castaways

The Salt Spring Dragons cast a spell of their own on the hometown Victoria Castaways by handing the powerhouse team their first loss of the season in a 1-0 nail-biter of a match on Sunday afternoon.

With help from some fancy footwork from teammates Cheryle Johnson and Liz Wilson, midfielder Sue-Anne Donaldson scored the winning goal with only minutes left in regulation time.

"The goalie didn't even have a chance," Donaldson

said. "It felt awesome to get the goal and to get the team really excited again."

With two game-winning goals in as many weeks, Donaldson said she feels in fine form after enduring an early-season slump.

For the first time this year, the Dragons won their second game in a row and have moved into sole possession of third place in the women's league's Division 3 with 14 points.

Only 11 points out of first position, Donaldson said, the

team now has first place in its sights and hopes to soar to the top during the season's second half.

"I think everybody is very confident that we can come out on top of this league," she said. "We are way more comfortable and having way more fun."

Donaldson credited the victory to another stellar performance from keeper Lindsey Kovats and a strong defensive stand.

"Our defence was just like a brick wall that nobody

could penetrate," Donaldson said.

The Dragons will take a few weeks off for the holidays and plan to resume practice in the New Year before their next home game against the Renegades on January 22.

Dragons' players were happy to welcome back striker Liz Wilson after she missed much of the season's first half. Donaldson said the team is excited to have such a talented player back in the lineup.

# Old Boys team united in toppling Titans

By FRASER HOPE  
Driftwood Contributor

Old Boys won their first game as the newly constituted Salt Spring United FC, beating the Gordon Head Titans at Doug Day field and narrowing the gap at the top

of the Masters C division.

Fortified with Red Bull energy drinks and the arrival of air mileage partners Antonio Alonso (Argentina) and Matt Johnston (Calgary), the team started brightly and quickly domi-

nated the early play.

A fine passing movement out of defence saw Damien Brazier, almost at a peak of match fitness, hook a finely judged ball against the grain of play for Donny Brown to bullishly run and score with a fine shot into the far corner of the net.

Contributing to Gordon Head's discomfort was striker Antonio Alonso, who rampaged about the field like a "red bull" in a china shop despite his South American jetlag.

Old Boys substitutes carried on the intensity and were rewarded with a shot that Chris Cottrell chipped over the goalkeeper, leaving a defender vainly flailing to save but only succeeding into propelling the ball into the roof of the net.

Despite having control of the match, Old Boys allowed Gordon a late goal from a well-taken shot that left goalkeeper Shaw rooted.

After initial success in the second half, the game's flow was interrupted by injuries and players leaving for other

commitments, which meant Gordon Head scored a fine equalizing goal with only 10 minutes left in the game.

It might have been easy for the Old Boys to struggle for a draw or capitulate to defeat against the league leaders, but responding to exhortation from coach Jack Braak and team players, hard work in the right-hand corner by Mike McCormick and Doug Pearson resulted in the go-ahead goal.

Pearson, using an unaccustomed right foot, crossed to the far post for Brazier to head the ball powerfully downwards out of the reach of the goalkeeper and defenders.

Old Boys continued their attack, which resulted in a penalty kick taken without hesitation by Navid Niazi, who stepped up and found the far corner, sending the keeper the wrong way. Comics on the team suggested that the keeper was wrongfooted by the curve in Niazi's nose, as a result of the injury, and could not work out where the shot would go.

# Shugar sweetens win

Even though Salt Spring FC's Division-5 men were undermanned, they continued their climb up the standings with a 1-0 victory over Gorge FC on Saturday.

"We only had 11 guys, so no subs. But the whole team played really well as a team. We were able to get numerous balls into the corners and a lot of crosses," said player-coach Jude Shugar.

"It was a fairly physical rough game from whistle to whistle and they were a huge team in size."

While there weren't many shots in the first half by either team, the islanders dominated the second half, Shugar said.

"We definitely wanted the game more than them."

Dave McColl stepped into the centre back to control the

ball from defence.

"Although he's getting close to 40, he played the game like a 34 year old."

In the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute, McColl took a free kick from 25 yards, the keeper bobbled the ball and Shugar chipped the rebound into the net.

Salt Spring then held on through relentless attacks for the last few minutes.

"Jasenn Wensveen played fearlessly in net, taking a lot of rough stuff in the box for the shut-out," Shugar said.

Alessandro Deviato, Andy McEachern, Jeremy Moulton and Ryan "Leroy" Smith also stood out for solid play.

The win pushed Salt Spring into third place (6-3-3) with a one-point lead over Gorge. The islanders are next scheduled to play on January 21.

# Driftwood HOCKEY POOL

| RK Name               | G   | ASS | TP  | DF |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1. Johnson Liam       | 213 | 293 | 506 | 34 |
| 2. Neufeld Rick       | 216 | 290 | 506 | 35 |
| 3. Tamboline W        | 219 | 285 | 504 | 33 |
| 4. Dekleer Rene       | 207 | 297 | 504 | 42 |
| 5. Field Marilyn      | 221 | 281 | 502 | 37 |
| 6. Speed Glen         | 220 | 281 | 501 | 40 |
| 7. Baker Brent        | 196 | 303 | 499 | 26 |
| 8. Eyles Gail         | 201 | 297 | 498 | 39 |
| 9. Johnson Cam        | 201 | 295 | 496 | 31 |
| 10. Langdon Jack      | 211 | 284 | 495 | 34 |
| 11. Langdon Jocelyn   | 195 | 298 | 493 | 44 |
| 12. Marmorstein Yoni  | 193 | 288 | 481 | 39 |
| 13. Butler Janet      | 205 | 276 | 481 | 28 |
| 14. Charlebois Jason  | 200 | 279 | 479 | 31 |
| 15. Hoban Rypawn      | 201 | 278 | 479 | 27 |
| 16. Eyles Tobin       | 185 | 293 | 478 | 36 |
| 17. Moldon Dennis     | 206 | 271 | 477 | 28 |
| 18. Hardy Mike        | 200 | 274 | 474 | 36 |
| 19. Lam Ramona        | 214 | 258 | 472 | 29 |
| 20. Luke Kevin        | 200 | 270 | 470 | 28 |
| 21. Eddie Cole        | 194 | 275 | 469 | 28 |
| 22. Newton Norma      | 185 | 284 | 469 | 41 |
| 23. Eyles Evan        | 189 | 279 | 468 | 38 |
| 24. Hitchcock William | 196 | 271 | 467 | 30 |
| 25. Tamboline Philip  | 190 | 276 | 466 | 31 |
| 26. Anderson Dennis   | 199 | 266 | 465 | 24 |
| 27. Lam Huy           | 204 | 260 | 464 | 29 |
| 28. Lynch S           | 206 | 251 | 457 | 31 |
| 29. Gillham Jerome    | 200 | 256 | 456 | 31 |
| 30. Steele John       | 174 | 279 | 453 | 35 |
| 31. Smith Donald      | 196 | 253 | 449 | 30 |
| 32. Doerksen Hank     | 190 | 258 | 448 | 27 |
| 33. Kopetzki Kevin    | 196 | 250 | 446 | 27 |
| 34.2 At SSHU (P)      | 187 | 258 | 445 | 29 |
| 35. Shaske Ed         | 154 | 290 | 444 | 41 |
| 36. Ellis-Stairs Tila | 162 | 278 | 440 | 38 |
| 37. Byron Leah        | 183 | 256 | 439 | 35 |
| 38. Byron Josh        | 198 | 241 | 439 | 36 |
| 39. Watson Tracey     | 180 | 259 | 439 | 27 |
| 40. Cunningham Jean   | 189 | 250 | 439 | 20 |
| 41. Courtney John     | 191 | 248 | 439 | 21 |
| 42. Huser Christian   | 202 | 236 | 438 | 37 |
| 43. Newton N          | 180 | 256 | 436 | 26 |
| 44. Hoban Lind-e      | 190 | 246 | 436 | 28 |
| 45. Torok Les         | 147 | 289 | 436 | 47 |
| 46. Reinholdt Kim     | 193 | 242 | 435 | 29 |
| 47. Smith Shirley     | 177 | 258 | 435 | 30 |
| 48. Shaske Lucy       | 176 | 257 | 433 | 35 |
| 49. Lynch Brian       | 190 | 241 | 431 | 18 |
| 50. Irwin-Campbell Ar | 180 | 250 | 430 | 21 |
| 51. Marleau Gerry     | 170 | 259 | 429 | 33 |
| 52. MacKinnon Jucie   | 174 | 253 | 427 | 26 |
| 53. Coeino Lara       | 178 | 247 | 425 | 39 |
| 54. Dekleer Bruno     | 170 | 255 | 425 | 29 |
| 55. Marleau Steven    | 187 | 235 | 422 | 35 |
| 56. Laitinen Tyler    | 181 | 241 | 422 | 33 |
| 57. Temmel Wolfgang   | 177 | 243 | 420 | 23 |
| 58. Watson Bradley    | 191 | 224 | 415 | 36 |
| 59. Coles Don         | 160 | 255 | 415 | 39 |
| 60. Lynch T           | 175 | 238 | 413 | 22 |
| 61. Watson T          | 161 | 252 | 413 | 34 |
| 62. Stocks Jamin      | 166 | 246 | 412 | 22 |
| 63. Watson Bradley    | 165 | 247 | 412 | 34 |
| 64. Field Owen        | 160 | 249 | 409 | 51 |
| 65. Shantz Lorne      | 162 | 245 | 407 | 24 |
| 66. Brown Kevan       | 178 | 228 | 406 | 22 |
| 67. Reinholdt Rocket  | 162 | 244 | 406 | 28 |
| 68. Longeau Fiona     | 173 | 232 | 405 | 20 |
| 69. Gillham Jeffrey   | 173 | 231 | 404 | 28 |
| 70. Jensen Jackie     | 165 | 236 | 401 | 46 |
| 71. Hitchcock Dorothy | 164 | 236 | 400 | 32 |
| 72. Liquor Store Staf | 161 | 237 | 398 | 30 |
| 73. Laycock Bob       | 174 | 221 | 395 | 27 |
| 74. Hosie Kate & Kare | 169 | 225 | 394 | 35 |
| 75. Torok Sah-Ryan    | 169 | 224 | 393 | 30 |
| 76. Sloan Randy       | 164 | 229 | 393 | 28 |
| 77. Shantz Colleen    | 149 | 243 | 392 | 42 |
| 78. Coles Don         | 159 | 232 | 391 | 32 |
| 79. Thomas Emma       | 152 | 238 | 390 | 33 |
| 80. Shaske Lucy       | 165 | 224 | 389 | 31 |
| 81. Nolan Elizabeth   | 165 | 221 | 386 | 28 |
| 82. Coles Shelley     | 141 | 243 | 384 | 29 |
| 83. Shaske Ed         | 163 | 220 | 383 | 30 |
| 84. Weir Jacob        | 138 | 243 | 381 | 36 |
| 85. Lynch Steve       | 161 | 218 | 379 | 28 |
| 86. Temmel Max        | 155 | 222 | 377 | 29 |
| 87. Marleau Deanna    | 136 | 236 | 372 | 52 |
| 88. Irwin Jasper      | 149 | 222 | 371 | 26 |
| 89. Courtney Scannett | 151 | 219 | 370 | 31 |
| 90. Doerksen Mona     | 137 | 229 | 366 | 35 |
| 91. Coles Shelley     | 143 | 221 | 364 | 30 |
| 92. Baker Jonah       | 152 | 211 | 363 | 34 |
| 93. Ellis-Stairs Tila | 140 | 211 | 351 | 27 |
| 94. Bosnell Elsie     | 131 | 199 | 330 | 40 |
| 95. Bosnell Pierre    | 128 | 199 | 327 | 36 |

Biggest Gain: 87. Marleau Deanna - 52

## Sports Schedule

Check this space out every week for upcoming sports events on Salt Spring. Come out & cheer on your team!


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December 6, Seniors: Helmut L., 202; Henry O., 204; Clara H., 216; Angela A., 254.

December 7, Special Olympics: Gloria Dale, 141, 155; Mahjor Bains, 177, 161; Jimmy Beck, 147, 161.

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# GISS hoopsters court top tourney spots

Scorpions basketball teams from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) wrestled wins from a variety of opponents from around the region last week.

Warming up with an 18-point home-game win over the Brentwood College Black Hawks on December 6, GISS senior boys placed third among participants from bigger schools during the Tyeve Tournament hosted by Carihi Secondary in Campbell River on December 8-10.

"We played with a lot of heart against all the AAA teams," said GISS player Shawn Lee.

Though GISS is only a AA school, the Scorpions beat the Nanaimo District Islanders by 16 points, nabbed the Carihi Tyeves by 15 points and beat the Timberline Wolves (of Campbell River) by 18 points — with only one loss to the Highland Raiders (of Comox).

Jordan Borth was named to the first all-star team and Jeremy Byron made the second all-star team.

"Jordan was consistent throughout the entire tournament," Lee said.

"Our shooting wasn't consistent. It was kind of iffy," said Bob Byron. "But Shawn was 100 per cent from the free-throw line."

A highlight of the tourney was beating Carihi in their home gym, said Kirby Garside.

The team offered thanks to Lee Anne Gordon for cooking, assistant coach Marlow Goodall-Hart for his support and coach Lyall Ruehlen's family for hosting the team in Campbell River.

Senior boys Scorpions also faced Shawnigan Lake on Tuesday, but results were not available at press time.

In other basketball news:

• Scorpions senior girls made a strong showing at the 32-team Victoria Christmas Tournament held in three schools around the capital last weekend.

GISS toppled the team from Dr. Charles Best (Coquitlam) by six points to start off the tourney.

As highlights against Coquitlam, Ari Yosikawa scored 32 points and Kristi Lee sunk 17.

"Ari was sinking every shot she took," said GISS sports reporter Kayla Gromme. "She was on fire."

But then GISS fell to top-notch opposition from Lambrick Park and Little Flower Academy, which placed second in the AA provincials last season.

"Megan Cameron had a great game against Lambrick Park. She hassled up and down the court and hit a couple of nice shots," Gromme said.

"I would've named Molly Hosie as MVP in the game against Little Flower," senior girls player Kristi Lee said.

Unfortunately, GISS lost Lee, Daniella Benloulou and Avery Brown to injuries in the tourney.

But the girls will get a chance to recover over the Christmas break and Gromme will also be able to rejoin the team in January.

• Junior girls also placed third in an eight-team tournament at Nanaimo District Secondary School on Friday and Saturday.

The girls took down their opponents from Delta in the first game Friday, beating them 34-33 in a nail-biting match.

The following day they bowed 28-32 to a Parksville squad, and then bounced back for a decisive 48-12 win against the host team from Nanaimo.

Coach Tony Mason awarded high-scorer Monique Comeau as team MVP for both the Friday and Saturday afternoon games.

Fellow top-scoring hoopster Jess Harkema took MVP Saturday morning.

Defensive "titles" on Saturday went to Danica Lundy and Ona Beth MacLeod.

Other top scorers included Meredith Raddysh and Sam Bowen.

• GISS junior boys lost to the Frances Kelsey Breakers during a home game on December 6.

Luke Giefing and Dave Outerbridge led scoring with 13 and 10 points respectively.

Giefing picked off nine of his points with three-point shots.



**LEAP AND LUNGE:** Salt Spring U13 player Erik Barba is ready to snag the ball from a Cordova Bay player as the local squad takes a 3-1 victory at Portlock Park on Saturday.

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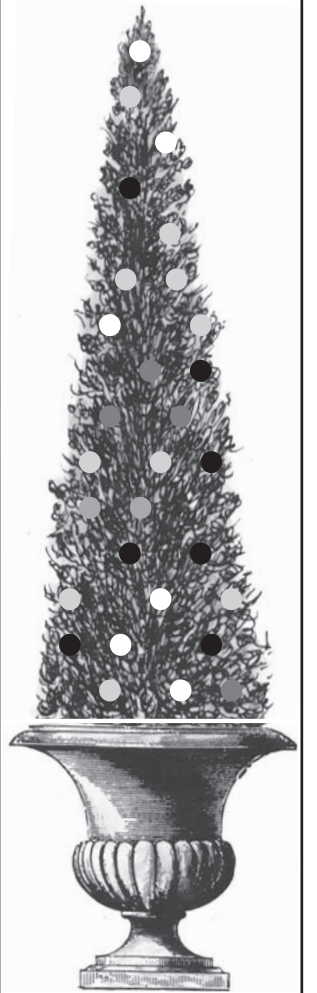
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**PADDLE**  
 Anthony James passed away October 12, 2005 at Ganges, B.C. Anthony was born November 2, 1935 at 92 Lancaster Road in Lambeth South, England. Anthony received his early education at Dulwich College Preparatory School and Hereford Cathedral School. After moving to Canada in 1952 attended Upper Canada College and graduated at Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute in North Toronto. He worked for the Royal Bank and eventually moved to New Brunswick to become an instructor in the RCAF. It was Anthony's dream to be a pilot. However this was to come to an end as he was sadly diagnosed with schizophrenia and returned to Toronto to work as a clerk at Our Lady of The Assumption. Anthony retired to Salt Spring Island in 1997 where he was welcomed and cared for. Anthony was predeceased by his father Leslie Harold Paddle and mother Irene Agnes nee Toms. 'Uncle Tony' will be missed by his family Angela, Elizabeth, and Ben Wiebe, Steven Kirk and Anthony's sister Jane M.A. Welch. We would like to thank all those involved with Tony's care these past years especially Patricia Fitzgerald of Mayne Island and Lynda Gordon for their loving kindness. A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Grace, Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 9 am by Rev. Jules Goulet. A private graveside service will be held at a later date on Salt Spring Island.

## 8 CARD OF THANKS

A BIG thank you to all who supported Stacia's grade 3/4 to sleep with the whales. Lucky winner of the basket was Paul Simpson. Merry Christmas!

## 9 SEASONAL GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year to all my friends and acquaintances on Salt Spring. From Margot Caspar.

## 20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

## FAMILY YOGA


Join in the fun at Ganges Yoga Studio, Saturday, Dec. 17, 10:30 - 11:30am. \$4 per family member. Drop-ins always welcome.

## S.S. CONCERT BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"Pacem", Fulford Hall, December 16 & 17, 7:30pm. Tickets: \$12/ adults, \$5/students & children @ Acoustic Planet, Stuff & Nonsense. Visa/MC - Call 537-4356 (Salt Spring Eyecare).


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## 20 COMING EVENTS

JIN SHIN DO workshop, Feb. 11, 1 - 5pm. Instructor Bonnie Rush. \$60 (\$55 for advanced booking) incl. manual. Senior Centre, across GVM. Info Claire 653-9898.

### LAST MINUTE XMAS FAIR

At Mahon Hall, December 16, 17 & 18, 10 to 4 pm daily. Get your Kool Bandana ... great stocking stuffers!! www.koolerbandana.com.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP: We will celebrate winter traditions including decorating the mitten tree. OAP Fulford Hall, 10:30, 537-8781. Everyone welcome.

### CORRECTION SOLSTICE SOOTHER

Solstice Soother, Dec. 19 to 31, \$25. Now on sale at Ganges Yoga studio. 537-2444. Apologies for last week's misprint.

## 8 CARDS OF THANKS

On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Junior Golf Association special recognition is extended to all those involved in making the 4th Annual Richard Vermeulen Memorial Cup Golf Fun Day another resounding success. The tremendous community spirit exemplified in the generous support of this important event is very much appreciated. Our sincere thanks goes out to the many individuals and organizations without whom this special day for JUNIOR GOLF would not have been possible.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 7 pm Family Mass with contemporary choir  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 9 am Mass with traditional choir  
 11 am Mass with contemporary choir  
 There will be no Christmas Mass at St. Paul's  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
 5 pm Mass  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
 8 am St. Paul's  
 10 am Our Lady of Grace  
**Everyone Welcome!**

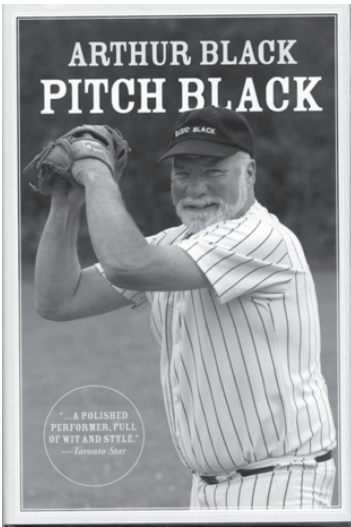
**Artfully Off In All Directions**  
 Call for Student Art  
 If you are working on some exciting artwork at home or at school, this is your opportunity to show off your stuff! Call Johanna Hoskins at 653-9383 to register your artwork and receive information about hanging requirements.  
 Registration deadline is Thursday, December 15. The exhibition will be on view January 16 to 21.  


**Thank You Gift for Salt Spring Children**  
**December 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 6 pm**  
 ♦ Free Board Book and CD to first 40 pre-school children upon presentation of library card.  
 ♦ Children can also get their own library cards that day.  
 Sponsored by Books for BC Babies and the SSI Public Library

**Grandpa's Fudge**  
 See you at the Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair in Mahon Hall: old favourites, specials, new products, gift ideas.  
 Thank you SSIslanders for your support all summer at the Farmers' Market.  
 ❁ To all a safe and happy season ❁

**20 COMING EVENTS**

**Harbour Publishing & Salt Spring Books present**



a Book Signing with Arthur Black (laughs included)

**12 pm Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

104 McPhillips Ave. 537-2812

**20 COMING EVENTS**

**Jane MacKenzie**

**Hand Woven Silk Scarves**  
Men's & Women's

**At "The Shop on the Dock"**

**Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun**

**11-6 pm**

**until Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Blue Christmas**

**COPING WITH A STRESSFUL SEASON**

**Prayers, Reflection, Music, Candle-lighting and Refreshments**

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
2:00 - 3:00 pm  
**AT THE UNITED CHURCH**

The Community Gospel Chapel Presents:

**Three Wise Men and a Baby**

**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 pm**

147 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 537-2622

Everyone Welcome!

**25 EDUCATION**

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**26 LEGAL**

**NOTICE TO Creditors and Others.** Re: Estate of Johanna Kreeft. Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the estate of Johanna Kreeft, deceased late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned executor Reina Maria (Renee) Kreeft at 872 Long Harbour Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2L8 on or before December 30, 2005, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed having regard only to claims that have been received.

**29 LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST 5 YEAR old female Jack Russell, Juniper Rd. area, named Muffin. Red collar with bell. Call 653-4165.**

**FOUND: SAMSUNG cell phone on Beddis Rd. Owner may claim at Driftwood office.**

**NOTICE TO OUR READERS**

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be the owner of a lost item, please take some basic precautions:

- Have them describe the item with identifying features
- Arrange a safe time to meet
- If at all possible, get a contact phone number that you can call back to confirm their identity

**26 LEGAL**

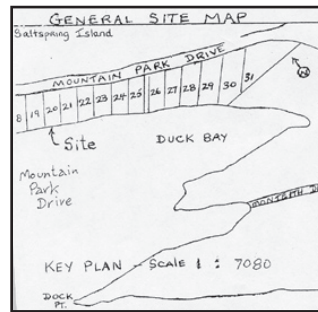
**Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land**

Take notice that Frances Julia Murrell of Salt Spring Island, B.C., 177 Mountain Park Drive, Lot 20, Sec. 11, Range 3W, Cowichan District, Plan 18964, intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Coast Region office, for a **Private Moorage** situated on Provincial Crown Land located on Duck Bay, Noth Salt Spring Island. The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is 1412717. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to

**Senior Land Officer**  
501-345 Wallace St,  
Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5B6

Comments will be received by ILMB until **January 4, 2006.** ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date.

Please visit our website at [www.lwbc.bc.ca](http://www.lwbc.bc.ca) under Current Land Applications for more information. Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at Integrated Land Management Bureau's regional office.

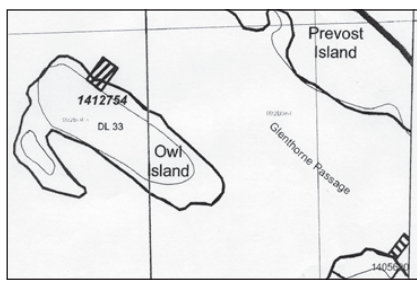


**Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land**

Take notice that **Ausma Smith and Saint Elmo Dugal Smith of Burnaby, BC,** intend to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Coast Region office for a **License of Occupation for Residential Private Moorage** situated on Provincial Crown foreshore land located at **Owl Island, near Prevost Island.**

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **File #1412754.** Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Senior Land Officer at 501 - 345 Wallace St., Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5B6. Comments will be received by ILMB until **January 23, 2006.** ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website at [www.lwbc.bc.ca](http://www.lwbc.bc.ca) under **Current Land Applications** for more information.

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**32 MEETINGS**

**Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island**

**\* Extraordinary \* Meeting**

All members welcome  
**Dec. 15, 6 pm**  
**Harbour House Hotel**  
Seafood Dinner & Cheer to follow \$10  
**RVSP 537-5711**

**34 NOTICES**

IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!

THE SPCA Supervisor will be on vacation from Dec. 15 to Jan. 3. Cat adoptions will still be possible, but volunteers will be running the shelter with limited services. Messages will be checked. Please call for further info. 537-2123.

**FACIAL REJUVENATION**

with **ACUPUNCTURE**  
IS NOW BEING OFFERED ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

For more information on this safe and effective alternative to cosmetic surgery, phone:

**DR. CHARLES ALSBERG 653-4216**

**26 LEGAL**

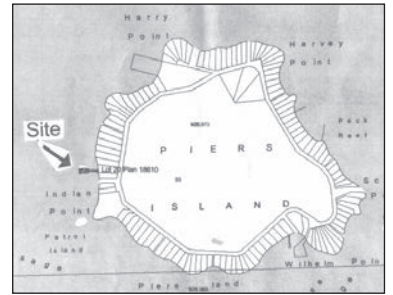
**Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land**

Take notice that Natalia Dorofeeva and Brent Mainprize intend to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Coast Region office, for a **License - Residential Private Moorage** situated on Provincial Crown land located at Piers Island.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is 1412734. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to **Senior Land Officer**  
501-345 Wallace St,  
Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5B6

Comments will be received by ILMB until **January 6, 2006.** ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website at [www.lwbc.bc.ca](http://www.lwbc.bc.ca) under Current Land Applications for more information.

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**34 NOTICES**

**Congratulations to: Colleen Shantz**

Winner of *The Driftwood's*

**SCROOGE TICKET CONTEST**

**Bah! Humbug!**

The correct guess to the contest question was **4 Scrooges** for Driftwood Dec.7 & Dec. 14. Thanks to all who entered.

Newman Family Productions 2005

**40 PERSONALS**

**LIFEMATES** the relationship people. Single? Meet your mate, guaranteed! Call Canada's largest and leading relationship company today at 1-888-54MATES (62837) or visit us at [www.lifematescanada.com](http://www.lifematescanada.com).

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**Employment**

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**INVESTORS WANTED** - golf course - 18 hole 6420 yards. - beautiful mtn/ocean views - 35 minutes from Victoria, B.C. Multiple residential/hotel etc. on 5 acres in centre of golf course. Ready to start construction. Minimum investment 1 million. Reply to Box 8 c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

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**FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY** - Liberty Tax Service seeking entrepreneurs to be part of the fastest growing international tax service ever! Call toll-free 1-877-902-7089, [www.libertytaxcanada.com](http://www.libertytaxcanada.com).

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**55 HELP WANTED**

**RAVEN STREET** is now hiring servers and kitchen staff for it's new restaurant, the Falconshead Grill at the SSI Golf and Country Club. Please apply in person at 321 Fernwood Road, or fax resume to 537-5387. No telephone calls. Thank you.

**PRODUCT DESIGN,** technical drawing person needed. Solidworks, 3D CAD preferred. 2D drafting possible. Ongoing contract work for product designer. 537-8337.

**SALTSRING SOAPWORKS** requires a part-time sales clerk. Permanent position for a cheerful, energetic person. Call Amber at 537-2701.

**PERMANENT PART-TIME** position in south end craft studio. Will train. Computer skills and visual acuity a must. Send resume to The Old Island Stamp Company, 109 Meyer Road, SSI, V8K 1X4.

**CHILDCARE NEEDED:** southend, full time, long term, starts Jan 1. Brandi 653-4612.

**WORK FROM HOME** on your computer. Full or part time. No experience required. Start today. Visit our website now. [www.MyHomePCJob.com](http://www.MyHomePCJob.com). Code: A1.

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**SSI Fire Department**

**Open House**

**Saturday, Dec. 17 2-4 pm**  
**Fulford Fire Hall**

Come and see Salt Spring's proposed Fire Training Facility!

For more info call 537-2531 or visit [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com)

**SSI United Church**

111 Hereford Ave. invites you to their

**Christmas Events**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Blue Christmas Service  
2:00 PM

**SUNDAY, DEC. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Advent IV Worship Service  
10:00 AM

**SATURDAY, DEC. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service of Lessons and Carols  
7:00 PM

**SUNDAY, DEC. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Community Turkey Dinner  
at Meaden Hall 11:30 AM

**Phone 537-5812**  
for more info

**BEACON Community SERVICES**

**Beacon Community Services Employment Centre** invites you to join us for refreshments and Christmas Cheer at our Christmas **Open House**

**Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**1 - 3 pm**

**343 Lower Ganges Rd.**  
**Suite 206 (Provincial Govern't Building)**  
**537-5979**

**BINGO**

**MEADEN HALL**  
Royal Canadian Legion

**THURSDAY**  
**Dec. 15, 7 pm**

**Early Birds, 6:30 pm**

Sponsored by Ladies Auxillary  
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92

**All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.**

**Come to the Farm for Xmas Gifts**  
Nov. 25 - Dec. 24  
Fri., Sat., & Sun. 11-4  
**Gifts for Everyone!**

- Wool - socks & comforters
- Sheepskin - rugs & slippers
- Candles - beautiful & handmade
- Lamb - by the piece or box gov't inspected

Some Collectables & Curios  
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537-2082

**Grandpa's Fudge**

At the Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair

...try our new

**SUGAR-FREE FUDGE**

50 HELP WANTED



**ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED & LOOKING FOR WORK?**

**ARE YOU WORKING LESS THAN 20 HOURS A WEEK AND NEED MORE INCOME?**

- Do you need more than seasonal work?
- Are you finding it difficult to manage financially with part time pay?

Either drop by the office or call to make an appointment & talk with staff at:

**Employment Centre  
Beacon Community Services  
343 Lower Ganges Road - Suite 206  
537-5979**

Open: Monday - Friday  
10 AM to 3:30 PM

We can tell you about the services available to assist you in getting back to work or increasing your existing paid hours.

BUSY G.M. dealership requires Shop Foreman/Mechanic. If you strive for excellent customer satisfaction working as part of a team, and enjoy small town living. Close to the mountains but only an hour away from the mountains. We would like to hear from you. We also offer a great work environment with an excellent pay plan and bonus structure. Fax resume: Attention: Ron Evans, 403-638-2810. Phone 403-638-3502.

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HINTON CHRYSLER in Hinton, Alberta is now accepting applications for a Service Manager. We are looking for a motivated, organized, self-motivated person with experience in the automotive service field. The position is permanent full-time with benefits, wage will depend on experience. To apply you can fax a resume to 780-865-7374 or apply in person to Jeff Prior.

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50 HELP WANTED



**Administrative Clerk**

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**Fax resume to: 250-474-5948 or Email to careers@columbiafuels.com**

60 WORK WANTED

J/M CARPENTER/CONTRACTOR available for work. Additions, renovations, sun decks, new construction, etc. Quality and integrity. References. 537-2820.

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EXPERIENCED FINISHING carpenter. Finally!! finish your dream home right!! Very reasonable rate. Fast, clean & beautiful. Creative design ideas & techniques. Make your New Year's resolution!! to finish your house!! Call 653-4867.

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117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-877-435-7544.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Ida McManus, 537-5423.

117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

SALT SPRING Mood Disorder Association meets every 2 weeks on Tuesdays for family & patient support and education. Please call Pam 537-2186 for details.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 537-5664.

IS YOUR life affected by someone's drinking? Call Al-Anon at 383-4020

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings**

- Salt Spring 537-7573  
Galiano 539-2222  
Pender 629-3631
- Women's only - Thursday nights 5:30 p.m. - 537-7573**



**Salt Spring Island FOUNDATION**

Your Community Foundation

**Even \$10 will help!**

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LIONS GARAGE Sale: Fridays & Saturdays only 10 am - 12 pm. Many household items. Note: We no longer offer pickups. We do not accept appliances. Drop-offs accepted only on Fri. & Sat. morning. Please, no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave.

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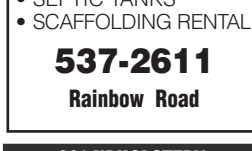
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THE SPCA Supervisor will be on vacation from Dec. 15 to Jan. 3. Cat adoptions will still be possible, but volunteers will be running the shelter with limited services. Messages will be checked. Please call for further info. 537-2123.

WANTED: HOUSESITTER Feb. 2 - Mar. 2. Free rent in exchange for caretaking cats & house. N/S, south end, wood heat. 653-9475.

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AS IS SALE. Proceeds to Lady Minto Tablecloths: white, ivory, blue, 33", 52", 60" white stocks last! SS Linen & Drycleaners, 116 Hereford Ave. 537-2241.

**THIS WEEK'S Sudoku!**

PUZZLE / LEVEL: WHITE BELT

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New owner, Tim Marchant welcomes you to come by and say "hi"!



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**LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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**This Week's Horoscope**  
by Michael O'Connor

**TIP OF THE WEEK:**

On December 18th, the Sun is aligns with the Galactic Center which is 27 degrees Sagittarius. This point is very spiritual and persons with planets or angles at this point in their Birth Chart usually exhibit a deep sense of unity and spiritual connection. Pluto will touch this point in February bringing in major change. Generally, the pace is fast now, yet minds will tend to mistake the part for the whole and/or vice versa due to Mercury's presence in Sagittarius. Also, Mercury's position will put foreign cultures even more at center stage for the next few weeks. At best, exploring new realms of knowledge will prove inspiring. The other big news is the entry of the Sun into Capricorn marking the Winter Solstice and the return of longer hours of daylight. Venus turns retrograde on Christmas Eve so make all major purchases before then. A Grand Square in fixed signs is creating a good deal of added weight for everyone these days and this will continue into February. Recognizing this will help us realize that we are not alone with the extra effort required for daily activities. Be as positive as possible and remember that above the cloudy day the Sun is always shining. Happy Solstice!

**ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20)**

An enthusiastic mood combined with the desire to experience a whole new level of personal power makes for an intriguing mix. Exploring the depths, yours, that of others and that of life in general adds mystery. Questions regarding your health and immune system are reasons to get knowledge and answers. Asserting your independence remains central. Balance ambition with cooperation.

**TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 20)**

Pushing through obstacles requires extra perseverance these days. Emotional conflicts are an indication of childhood conditioning. Acknowledging this and aiming directly for insight and awareness of current patterns that have their roots in your past is precisely what you need to experience the freedom you may desire. A little reflection in this regard can go a long way. Break free from the unconscious past and be fully here and now!

**GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUN 21)**

Seeing through and beyond dreams and illusions continues. These include your own as well as those of others. If you are really lucky you will have opportunities to do so from the vantage point of a foreign culture. Communicating what you think and feel is a call to clarify your priorities. Also, your openness to answers other than the ones you already have will prove liberating. Speak your truth and be open to that of others towards fair negotiations.

**CANCER (JUN 22 - JUL 22)**

Creating balance in your lifestyle continues in the spotlight. Does this imply more exercise or a shift in your diet or more creative expression or perhaps getting out more often or more involved? Asking such questions will bring answers. Your ability to give and receive love may be more at issue than your realize. Desires and efforts to create material security is not necessarily love, in fact it may be fear. Think from your heart.

**LEO (JUL 23 - AUG 23)**

The desire and urge to express your creativity and be rewarded for it continues to grow. Establishing a more realistic rhythm and/or foundation will become more obvious this week. This means re-connecting with what is rather than getting lost in what could be. Your ambitions are warranted, of course, it is more about how you realistically achieve them. If ever there was a time to trust

in your self, others and life it is now. Persevere!

**VIRGO (AUG 24 - SEP 22)**

Moves and shifts close to home are keeping you busy. The pace continues to accelerate, perhaps in part due to your own ambitions. The momentum will continue so pace yourself and follow-through. Building an inner foundation is at least as important as an outer one now so pay attention. This involves making effort to be true to your self - which can be harder than it seems. Your big goal now is inner maturity.

**LIBRA (SEP 23 - OCT 22)**

A busy pace going here and there in mind and body continues. Your ability to gain a clear picture of things, the long and short term, is likely now. Your willingness to negotiate remains ideal, so are you willing? Keep listening to the advice you are offering for the advice you need. Establishing a more solid base of operations at home implies financial realities and pressures. Be realistic with yourself, your situation and others. Negotiate!

**SCORPIO (OCT 23 - NOV 21)**

Increasing your overall lot continues. Creating a more secure situation implies good boundaries. What are you no longer willing to do? Taking a more detached, business approach versus a more emotional and sentimental one is likely. At best, you feel a strong sense of responsibility in everything you do. Duty is the key word and will become more evident as the week progresses. Anchor your authority and power.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 - DEC 21)**

A long and perhaps challenging spiritual journey continues. This journey means accessing a deep well of faith and optimism in your self and life. Feeding your mind with wisdom will go a long way now. Whether you are working within, without or both, you are probably working quite hard. The more you can do so the better. This is not a time for fair weather friendship from yourself or others. Review your priorities, abilities, talents and options.

**CAPRICORN (DEC 22 - JAN 19)**

You may feel as though you are emerging from a time of retreat. Your energy and enthusiasm should rise along with the Solstice. Still, a deep metamorphosis will continue at deeper levels. Balancing your own sense of authenticity with the values of others is likely to be a challenge. Deciphering reality from fantasy may be harder than it seems. Allowing for new perceptions about what is real and important will ease the process.

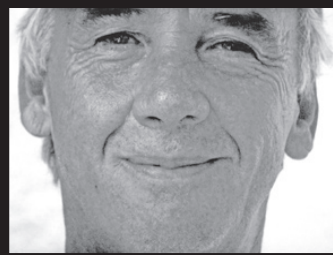
**AQUARIUS (JAN 20 - FEB 19)**

Expanding your position in the world continues. This is leading you to more public and/or social involvement. You are ready to meet new people and may have been busy shaking hands. However, you are entering a period when you may need to take time out to rest, retreat and re-charge. Tending to projects close to home will help you to stay productive yet have time away from others. Do your socializing early in the week, then retreat.

**PISCES (FEB 20 - MAR 20)**

Expanding your power position implies increasing your exposure. Both require risk, effort and perhaps above all, persevering faith. You are breaking through to new thresholds and this often implies resistance from both within and without. Helping others to organize their life in some way may prove inspiring. However, avoid assumptions and check in before your good intentions backfire. Above all, keep moving forward step by step.

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By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner

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- 4 Plays cat and mouse
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- 11 Corrode
- 12 Woodworking tool
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- 17 007's creator
- 18 Unsteady
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**537-7797**

# Salt Spring youth soccer teams fight for domination

• Salt Spring U12 boys stepped onto the field directly from the ferry trip with little or no warm-up to find themselves a goal down within the first few minutes against Bays United.

The boys immediately buckled down to play their attacking, passing game and within five minutes had equalized after great lead-up work by Steve Eckberg and Dylan Bullach, which allowed Luc Comeau to cross into the box for Jyah Flam to boot the ball into the net.

The rest of the first half saw the game flow from one goalmouth to the other with close calls on both sides, and Byron Mussell coming out to bravely smother several Bays scoring chances.

Adrian Alonso scored on a long-range shot that put Salt Spring into the lead — which they never relinquished till the final whistle. Bullach scored a great headed goal from a fine Alonso corner kick.

Central defender Derek Oswell was Player of the Match for his great defensive effort. He got into the scoring action by taking a powerful long-range shot that was only saved by a brave defensive header. But the ball fell at the feet of Luc Comeau, who promptly rifled an unbeatable shot for Salt Spring's fourth and final goal.

• A lopsided pitch saw one-way results for Salt Spring's U13 girls Smurfettes during a 3-0 win over Cowichan



**ON THE GROUND:** Salt Spring U17 player Jesson Motherwell goes down with a U18 Cowichan player during a match at Portlock Park on Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## SOCCER KICKS

Valley at Sherman Park on Saturday.

Following relentless pressure on a downhill run, Becky Edwards scored the first island goal 10 minutes into the match, Megan Jarman picked up the second tally in another 10 minutes and Torrie Holmes pegged a third before the first half was over.

Edwards controlled her wing throughout the match and was denied a second goal by the referee after it popped off the post behind the keeper and rolled along the inside line to be swept out by a Cowichan defender. Alanna Hillis also had a shot

that was barely saved by the palm of a diving goalie.

In the second half, Jody Pringle took the ball back to Cowichan on a dazzling uphill breakaway that looked like it might have earned another goal for Salt Spring if the referee had counted the keeper's backward steps into the net after she caught the volley.

Pringle also showed prowess in net during the first half with two chest-high catches. Jarman held up the shut-out in the second half when the islanders had the down-hill slope against them. Liz Fennell, Hayley Harkema and Abbie Sherwood also displayed tenacity in defensive roles.

• The U17 boys gold team hosted the U18 Cowichan Valley boys at Portlock Park on Sunday in what may have

been their best game yet.

Faced yet again with much bigger, faster and stronger boys, the local squad held its own and came on strong. They demonstrated skills reflective of their next step of development, continuing to move the ball well, maintaining their offensive-defensive angle, while sending longer balls along the field.

They kept the Cowichan team under pressure, matching them stride for stride and demonstrating perseverance and ability throughout the game.

It was an awesome game to watch, noted coach Terry Morton, and the whole team played very well.

The end score was not a reflection of the game with Cowichan winning 4-0. The Salt Spring boys play a make-up game at the GISS lower field next Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

• With only 10 players, the U16 girls had a difficult game against Peninsula on Saturday.

By halftime, Peninsula was up 2-0, but Salt Spring didn't let that deflate their enthusiasm.

They managed to keep the other team away from their

goal for most of the second half, with Kaeli Dragomir in right mid-field trying again and again to bring the ball down the side into the opponent's end. With no subs and the Salt Spring girls feeling the effects, they just couldn't manage to get the ball through a tough opposing defence to score, though they made many attempts on goal.

In the end, Peninsula kept firing the ball back towards Salt Spring's end, where Katie Villadsen and Erica

Cronin in defence did an amazing job of keeping the attackers at bay.

Peninsula was on the offence, but after one more goal early in the second half, Salt Spring goalie Emily Rothwell managed to keep them from scoring again, saving shot after shot as Peninsula attacked with full force.

They displayed determination and teamwork and were able to hold their head up at the end, knowing that they had done their best.



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## BRIDGE TRICKS

By JILL EVANS

Driftwood Contributor

November 28 had a happy ending for Isabelle Richardson and Conhor Vane-Hunt, who were the winners at duplicate bridge that evening. One point behind them were Joan Conlan and Blanche Poborsa, with Flo and George Laundry occupying the third spot.

On December 5, boughs of holly were donated so that members could deck their halls, and the Conlan/Poborsa team had reason to be jolly because they came first. The Laundrys were a close second, with Glenda Kaiser and Zelly Taylor right behind them.

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## Spirit of salt spring



Eileen Stubb of the Salt Spring Island Foundation gives a cheque to John Neville, president of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, to assist with installation of a sprinkler system as part of Mahon Hall renovations undertaken by the Arts Council.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits.

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# An Ice Rink At Last On Salt Spring!

It is now within the purview of Salt Spring residents to approve an ice rink for our island, and thus round out a comprehensive recreation centre adjacent our high school. This information sheet is an attempt to answer the larger questions, so that an informed decision can be made by all on this option.

## Frequently Asked Questions...

### 1) How will the ice rink be funded?

The rink's capital costs will not be funded solely by Salt Spring taxpayers. Instead, a partnership is envisioned involving the community, the Ministry of Education, the federal government, business and industry, and private endowments.

### 2) What is being asked of the community?

As with the pool project, Salt Spring property owners will be asked to approve funding of between \$2-\$4 Million. The balance of the costs will be raised from other parties.

### 3) Can the rink be functional with just \$2 Million?

Yes. The plan is to build a simple, NHL sized (or longer) sheet of ice enclosed in a steel building. This is entirely achievable with this funding, and the cost of construction on Salt Spring is not really a threat. The mechanical systems are not manufactured here, and we do have a cement plant across the street on Rainbow Road. There is not a lot of detail work required to be functional at this level.

### 4) What if the project requires additional capital funding?

The operating society, SIPS, plans to offer many options to Salt Spring residents that can help fund our continuing capital costs. It is important to tap into the good will attending our national game, and SIPS can offer lifetime memberships, encourage legacies and endowments, and allow private clubs and teams to enhance the facility.

### 5) What if the rink operates at a deficit like the pool?

The business model is that PARC lease the ice rink to SIPS at cost. Such costs would include energy usage, insurance, administration and maintenance fees, with union wages for the workers. Remember, a non-profit democratic society such as SIPS need not show a profit or strong return, we have only to break even each year.

### 6) But ice rinks typically lose money, why will this operation be different?

Private rinks do not lose money. Municipal ice rinks often do because of poor allocation of the facility's prime ice time.

First, the local schools ignore ice sports within their physical education curricula and the empty rinks gather fog all day. Then a political dogfight over evening hours pits minor hockey and figure skating groups against adult groups. This inevitably sees prime time leased out to the minor associations at suicidal rates. The taxpayers then pay for this inefficiency and gross neglect of resources.



**MEETING TONIGHT**  
**Wednesday, December 14**  
**7:00pm**  
**Portlock Park**

### 7) Why will the SIPS operation be more efficient and fiscally responsible?

First, SIPS will ask School District 64 to recognize ice sports as physical education and offer training within the school day. This will bring important revenue from otherwise non-prime hours from 6AM to 6PM.

Additionally, the prime hours on week nights and weekends will be available for sale to adults *during the only time they can use the facility*. Such rates are typically \$225-\$300 hour, divided over thirty players playing hockey. As with skiing, Canadian adults will pay what it costs to play hockey, which is why private adult hockey rinks are a thriving business in Vancouver.

### 8) Why does Salt Spring need an ice rink, anyway?

The youth and families of this island have had few recreational facilities outside of our tourist season, when our real residents face the grey winters. Our children are increasingly threatened with hard drug use, while families desperately ride the ferries to Victoria and elsewhere for ice sports. Our groups are no longer welcome in adjoining municipalities and these options are being curtailed.

With the four day school week, we have the opportunity to make Fridays a celebration of ice and swimming sports. It tells families they can live here and not be orphaned from our traditional activities, and the facilities will bring visitors to our merchants in our ghostly off season. It tells all of us that Salt Spring need not descend to being a moneyed retirement and tourist destination closed for the winter.

### 9) What sports would be offered - what about curling?

SIPS plans to build a sheet of ice that from the outset will support curling. By using pipes on 3 inch versus 4 inch centres, e.g. our ice will be hard and fast. The curling rocks will be properly cold-stored. The plan includes the option to convert the rink to curling every Sunday at midnight, with specially trained ice technicians, so that it is pebbled, shaved and ready to go for two full days of curling Monday and Tuesday. This program also brings more adult dollars into our revenues.

Other sports include short track speed skating, figure skating, ringette and broomball, as well as minor, adult and oldtimer hockey as pickup shinny groups and as teams. By building the rink longer than the conventional 200 feet, we can enhance speed skating and make it a skater's hockey rink without appreciably increasing the size of the roof and building. A full public skating schedule will be included in prime time.

### 10) Are there enough hockey players on Salt Spring to support a rink?

There certainly are. In quality leagues, players enjoy two full games a week, a fixed home time and then one away game as it were, in three or perhaps four age groups, including women's hockey. Further, the intention is to host weekend tournaments for visiting teams to optimize revenues, with SIPS acting as their tour group organizers. *Our citizens can be confident that this rink will be sold out the day it opens.*

## The Ice Park Society needs your help now!

a) Please join our Society (\$20) and/or work on one of our committees.

b) Reserve a place for your team or yourself in our programs, to help us determine community interest.

c) Consider leaving a legacy or endowment to SIPS in honour of the joy, fitness and fellowship ice sports have brought into your life and Canada's.

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The website is very dated, but retains some useful information; we welcome your help in upgrading it.