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Zoning throws a wrench in fire hall plans

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Plans to construct a water tank at the Fulford fire hall have flushed out significant problems with the site's zoning and the safety of south-end residents.

"This is now becoming a public issue and south-end people deserve better. They're playing games with the safety of those living in the south end," said Salt Spring fire board trustee Ken Lee.

Fire chief Dave Enfield raised the issue during the monthly fire department meeting on February 21. According to Enfield, plans to build a 20,000-gallon water tank by fire hall #2 in Fulford have uncovered that

current bylaws place severe restrictions on what can be built on the site.

According to Islands Trust planner Cathy McNamara, the site is currently considered "legal non-conforming" and while she anticipates no immediate problems, the bylaw does place restrictions on the station's long-term growth.

McNamara said the fire district will not be permitted to increase the site's use or replace the building if it sustains over 70 per cent damage in a fire. It will also lose its non-conforming status if the hall ceases to operate for more than a six-month period.

FULFORD FIREHALL 2

Four-day petition sent to legislature

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A local petition calling for a return to the five-day school week made a cameo appearance in the Victoria legislature Thursday.

But a local vote over school calendar changes might have more impact than wrangling with politicians before the impending provincial election.

Squeezed between a furious debate over seniors care

and droning announcements for various government projects, a petition to restore five-day education on the Gulf Islands was introduced to the House by opposition MLA Jenny Kwan and then perfunctorily tabled.

"That's it?" said Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC) parent member Mona Fertig.

Some 20 KFAC members rented a bus to Victoria and met with NDP MLAs Kwan

PETITION 3



CRYSTAL CLEAR: Jubal Hume balances a crystal ball with an upsidedown view in Centennial Park. Hume is part of a juggling team that is gearing up to entertain the hordes at the Saturday Market in the Park, which is set to open this year on March 26.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Hockey boom busts local Slugs team's season

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

NHL players, owners and fans might lament a lost hockey season but the Salt Spring Slugs are looking at the end of an era.

After decades of play, the island-based hockey team was essentially locked out of their "home" arena in Chemainus this year.

Derek Topping, 32, grew up watching the Slugs play, since his father Mel was a

team founder, and he joined the team when he was 13 or 14. The Slugs played at Fuller Lake for at least 25 years, he said.

"In all fairness, Fuller Lake Arena was very good to us . . . It just got to a point where they couldn't hold a slot for us any more," Topping said.

No talk of salary caps, watered down leagues or lucrative TV contracts factored into the lock out.

"I think there's a general shortage of ice time all over the place," he said.

Pundits might claim that if NHL bargaining withers on the vine, the Canadian identity will be forever shattered. But hockey appears to be booming in the Cowichan Valley with or without a major-league to watch on TV.

"It's a simple thing. The interest in hockey over there, with kids and adults, has

basically increased," Topping said.

Chemainus has seen a new women's team and minor hockey starting at an earlier age, said Fuller Lake office assistant Laura White.

"Hockey is thriving." Fuller Lake currently provides ice time for figure skaters, minor hockey, high-school hockey and 16 adult teams, White said.

"I'm doing lots of coaching myself. Both my kids are

playing in Fuller Lake. So I'm over there five days a week," Topping said.

Approximately seven island kids are playing on Chemainus-based minor hockey teams, he noted.

Unfortunately, a grassroots hockey revival on Vancouver Island came at a cost for the Slugs.

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FOR THE RECORD

A Driftwood article on death and dying from January 26 incorrectly reported

that embalming is required under health regulations for casket burials 48 hours after death.

"There is no statement in our legislation that says embalming is legally required," said Business Practices and Consumer

Protection Authority director of operations Tayt Winitoy.

In fact, funeral home personnel are actually required to inform clients that "embalming is not a legal requirement but may be required [as one

option] in some circumstances," he said. A Health Act communicable-disease regulation requires transported human remains to be either embalmed, sealed in a metal-lined casket, or moved within 72 hours of death.

FULFORD FIRE HALL

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The water tank has been "a longstanding issue" and is considered vital in securing a stable water supply for south-end residents, Monday's meeting heard.

"We've been asking for this month after month after month," said Lee.

"The residents were given assurances two years ago that this would be done and now it is becoming a point of friction."

Water tank construction

cannot proceed unless the fire department can show that the structure is only supplementing — not increasing — the existing use.

McNamara explained that plans to build an additional vehicle bay or fire-hall extension would not be acceptable.

Lee, who also chairs the South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association, expressed disbelief that no one had considered

investigating the matter and concern about future plans for the island's three fire halls.

"We're at the 11th hour and 59th minute when we get this hitch. What about the other fire halls and what about the training ground that is being planned?" he asked.

Although water tank construction may proceed, plans to build a training facility will be more complicated, considering that it would

clearly expand the land's existing uses.

Fire board chair Michael Schubart assured people attending the meeting that finding a solution is just a matter of going through the proper channels.

"This is merely a technical detail. It is not the chief's fault," he said. "Islands Trust has thrown a wrench in the works and sitting here badgering each other is not the answer."

SLUGS SEASON ENDS

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we got pushed out," Topping said.

Many Slugs hung up their skates after the 2003/04 season ended with the Parksville Men's Hockey Easter Recreation Tournament.

Fuller Lake had offered bi-monthly late-evening practice time slots but it just wasn't manageable, he said.

"Everybody just said, 'It's not really worth it anymore.'"

Topping would love to see an arena on Salt Spring but he recognizes that a pool will take a priority in the new recreation complex set for construction this year.

Still, he hopes planners make provisions for the future.

According to a Driftwood report from October 22, 1980, the Slugs were formed from remnants of the Mill Bay Misfits after a 1979 tournament in Summerland.

"The team is still a shoddy mixture of space-age hippies, Fulford cowboys, bleary-eyed teachers and other assorted outstanding members of the community," the Driftwood reported.

Mel Topping, Scott Berg-

strom, Bernie Reynolds and Pat Akerman counted among some of the original Slugs.

Opening games of the 1980 season saw islanders win 15-6 against the Mill Bay Saints and 20-5 over the Bamberton Bruins, with Dan Akerman scoring seven goals.

Former Slug and ex-Driftwood reporter Jim Black penned the Slug Trail column for many years: "Somewhere between five and a million," he said.

"We built up a really big following."

Black only recalls scoring one goal in his eight seasons with the Slugs.

"I took a shot from the blue line. It was a two bouncer and it bounced off somebody's ass and went in," he laughed.

"But I had thousands of assists — mostly for the other team."

Road trips were his favourite part of the game.

"We'd cram 15 guys and all our gear into one van and drive all over Vancouver Island and play hockey."

Then they'd return to the island in the wee hours on

an ancient derelict fish boat, he said.

"I always made sure I sat next to the goalie pads because they floated."

Legend has it the Slugs even won the B Division in a 1993 Comox tourney when they enlisted the aid of a third-string Canucks goalie who was working at the Crofton mill.

"The shots on net were something like 75-80 for the other team to our 25 and we won 2-1 or 3-1," said Black.

Islander Pete Schure was another Slug with major-league talent.

"He's one of those guys who made it achingly close to the NHL," Black said.

Schure played pro hockey in the CHL's Wichita Thunder and the ECHL's Cincinnati Cyclones after a four-year stint with the NCAA Northeastern University team in the early 1990s.

"He's tough as nails and a really nice guy," Black said.

In a parallel to their contemporary NHL counterparts, who now skate in other leagues, a few die-hard hockey-playing islanders like Blaine Johnson and Paul Reynolds now play with the Duncan Angels. But the local gastropods had an all-star reunion gathering that included past legends and a

number of novice guests on December 30.

"The next day, a bunch of people couldn't walk," said Johnson.

Novices and veterans were divided into two teams of Sluggish islanders, one captained by Peter "Swede" Huser and the other by Pete "the Goon" Schure for a well-matched game, Johnson said.

The game also brought a host of memories, along with a host of Akermans, including Pat, Gord, Bob and Ken.

"Bob Akerman was unable to score on me with eight breakaways," Johnson laughed.

The reunion game also saw the return of "Deadstop" Black, who scored eight assists — on his own team, said Johnson.

"He was the high-point getter."

The final score was 10-8 for some Slug team or another captained by a Pete that included an Akerman.

"It matched up perfectly," Johnson said.

Unlike their NHL counterparts, the Slugs still hope to find some ice time for another re-match this season — a game that is likely more related to the heart of Canadian identity than any major-league reconciliation.

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SCHOOL CROSSING: Members of the Keep Five Alive Coalition delivered a petition with 1,000 signatures to the legislature on Thursday as a protest against the Gulf Islands' four-day school week.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

PETITION

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and Jagrup Brar to deliver the 1,000-signature petition and hear it read in the House.

"Since your MLA is, in a word — nowhere — to be found, I'd be delighted to receive your education petition," Kwan said.

She heard stories about students who commute for 10-hour days on buses and water taxis, special-needs students who require respite care and schools left without cleaning because CUPE staff levels were cut.

"The lack of a five-day school week has not been proven educationally sound," said Fertig. "We're an experiment."

And retired teacher Irene Wright argued that school trustees shouldn't have to make decisions about how to reduce education services.

"The greatest impact is on the people least able to sustain it," said Wright.

As opposition education critic, Kwan assured islanders that schools are an NDP priority and she spoke directly to questions about their platform.

"I don't want to mislead you. No matter who is in government, there will never be enough money to do everything we want."

But increased costs to

education have not been adequately funded in the last four years, which has led to reduced services, school closures and adjusted calendars, Kwan said.

"Even when we were in government, we too struggled with those demands."

Asked if class size and composition legislation would be overturned if the NDP took office, Kwan indicated that party leader Carole James is "committed to a free collective bargaining process."

Kwan also said she would look at legislation that allows school boards to adjust calendars, but she emphasized cash is the key.

"The core issue is that school boards do not have enough funds so they are looking at cutting corners."

KFAC members also pressed Kwan about legislation that allows school boards to form private companies.

"It's a serious ethical issue in our school district," said KFAC parent-educator David Banks.

Ex-school trustee Garth Hendren expressed surprise that public enterprises can operate private ventures without an arm's length arrangement.

"It looks like they are going in for private educa-

tion in public facilities," said CUPE worker Judy Boylan.

Kwan also addressed questions about the rural funding formula that has seen districts like West Vancouver benefit at the cost of smaller districts like the Gulf Islands.

"So, you'll put the heart back in the 'heartland?'" asked Gulf Islands Teacher Association president Jean Claude Levesque.

In transit to the legislature, KFAC members said a vote among island parents could be the best way to clarify parent support or opposition to the four-day school week.

"Regardless of what my position is, I think it's very fair to give people a black and white question," said Levesque.

On February 9, school trustees were informed about an existing 1994 bylaw that prescribes a vote to determine approval for school calendar changes.

"The coalition is pleased to see that the district did value the concerns of their constituents at one time," said Hendren.

And KFAC will press for a vote if the board intends to continue the four-day week next year, he said.

"It's like a cornerstone. We've always wanted a referendum."

School company cracks books

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A fledgling School District Business Company that's been stretching its wings in Asia and Eastern Europe tried to appease critics with detailed financial information during the school board meeting on February 9.

"There is no one making a quarter of a million dollars, which has been intimated," said Gulf Islands School District #64 (SD#64) secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold.

Despite revenues topping \$1,061,077, the independent business company generated modest earnings of \$16,492.93, while providing a variety of educational services during the 2003/04 school year, Scotvold said.

International students created the largest revenue stream of \$777,039.69, but the business company paid SD#64 \$400,500 for educational services (52.5 per cent of gross revenue) and incurred \$311,316.60 in professional services.

Within professional services, contracts for two jobs in program management totalled \$155,439.96, the business company spent another \$37,181.50 for program development and \$38,091.64 for a program coordinator (now handled internally within the school district).

Some \$80,000 in professional services was spent on advertising, translation, web-

site design, brochure design and international agents.

Marketing costs, advertising, field trips and other sundry expenses added another \$100,688 in costs, he said.

The international program generated a net loss of \$35,465.28, he said.

Revenue of \$84,340 was offset by \$53,682 in expenses (program management, professional services, field trips, travel and promotional material) to create \$30,657 net company profit.

Some \$19,161 revenue also came from a project to manage \$112,000 in Grassroots grants to B.C. school districts (with expenses of

\$22,342 for a coordinator).

Contributing to overall corporate debt, the business company purchased shares in a Polish school, the Canadian Maple Leaf School, in Warsaw.

The private school is currently providing early English immersion for 15 preschool, kindergarten and Grade 1 students.

"Once we get over 30 students, it will be a good money maker," Scotvold said.

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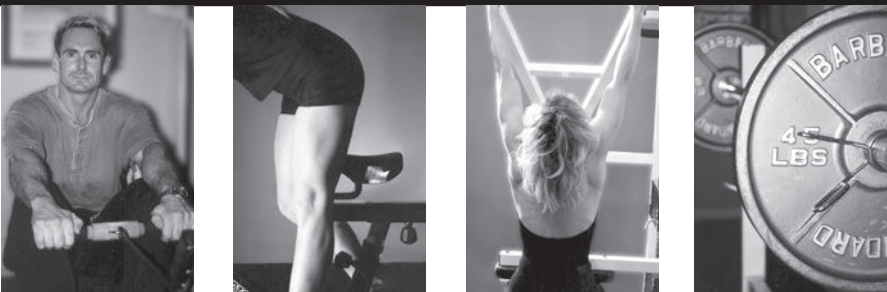
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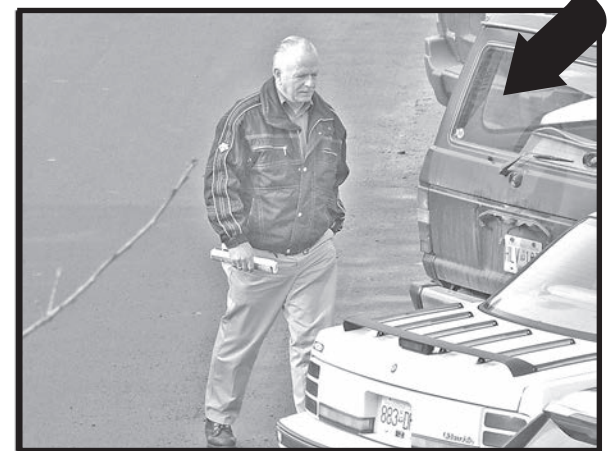
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'The good, the bad and the ugly' — analysis shows adaptation to 4 days

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

An extra day off on the Gulf Islands appears to balance added stress of longer school hours, says an analyst of the Four-Day School Week Questionnaire.

"If there was one statement that sums up all the varied responses to this questionnaire, it would be 'I'm running as fast as I can Monday through Thursday, but having Friday off makes up for it.' Of course, the responses are not that simple," wrote David Cheslow in the executive summary of his analysis.

The Saturna-based business consultant and software developer wrote an in-depth synopsis based on 7,000 comments collected from a four-day school week questionnaire administered by the school district in mid-December.

"He points out the good, the bad and the ugly," said district director of instruction Terry Corcoran.

While the questionnaire

might not have been a success as a scientific survey, it was a success in collecting feedback, Corcoran said.

Feedback is an excellent resource for identifying potential problem areas, and for improving the quality of education, Cheslow said.

He found that, overall, students like the four-day week, "primarily because they like having three-day weekends." But parents were less supportive — "they have serious concerns about academic performance."

Additionally, academically strong students and students from wealthier families were adapting more easily, but struggling students were having a more difficult time keeping up, he said.

Outer Island high-school students have found almost no time for anything other than school and sleep during the week, he reported.

"The point here is that it is not possible to generalize and say that the four (or five) day school week is 'good' or 'bad,' it's only possible

to say whom it is good for and whom it is bad for," said Cheslow.

Added fatigue and extra stress can be mitigated by changes in teaching strategies and extra-curricular plans during the week, he suggested.

"Those that have successfully changed to accommodate the new school schedule are, in general, faring better than those who expected this year to be 'business as usual.'"

Cheslow even offered a target to "blame" for the calendar change, should one be desired.

"This particular change was a response to budget cuts made by the B.C. provincial government. Almost no parent, teacher, or student likes that. The school board chose the four-day school week as the preferred response to these budget cuts."

The district now expects to save some \$350,000 from implementing a four-day week. When the plan was put forward last year, it forecast

savings of \$400,000.

"At this point we are on track for the savings we projected," district secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold said during a school board meeting on February 9.

The \$50,000 discrepancy was caused because the district did not save forecast costs in the area of teacher sick time, he noted.

Additionally, the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) newsletter issued Monday reported little change in academic performance as a result of the calendar change.

Students tracked at GISS revealed a 75.061 per cent average in all courses taken in 2004-5 (among grade 10-12 students) under the four-day calendar compared to a 74.616 per cent average in 2003-4 (grade 9-11 students) under the five-day schedule.

Islanders can access Cheslow's statistical analysis on the district website (www.sd64.bc.ca). For people without computers, access is available at schools and the Salt Spring library.

Board lengthens school day for next year

School days lengthened by a four-day calendar change will get a little longer next year.

During the February 9 meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board, trustees discussed stretching school days by 1.5-to three minutes due to time lost to parent-teacher conferences.

A move to lengthen the school day was prompted by concerns over school-cal-

endar erosion by Pete Williams, who spoke on behalf of the Pender Islands Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

"The four-day week has put a focus on hours and minutes," Williams said.

"We just want our minutes back," said Pender PAC chair Jane Gregory.

Currently, local teachers dismiss students at lunch and hold 15-minute conferences from 1 to 5 p.m., which

allows them to see approximately 16 sets of parents, noted Pender school principal David Nickoli.

"We couldn't accommodate the number of parents that we do in any other way," said Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Nancy Macdonald.

But the School Calendar Regulation only permits boards to shorten up to four school days by one hour for

conferences each year.

It's been standard practice to make early dismissals at lunch during parent-teacher conferences for decades, said district superintendent Wendy Herbert.

"There was never any intent to mislead," she said.

The high school will likely add 90 seconds to the day while elementary schools will gain three minutes every day next year, she said.



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Lunn pleased with DNA database law

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

After two years of deliberations, a national DNA database is well on its way to becoming law, according to its initiator, Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn.

"This is simply a matter of technology moving ahead of the law," he said. "This is something we don't want to miss out on."

The proposed national DNA database will help police locate missing persons at the request of family members.

Once in place, relatives will be able to cross-reference their DNA with thousands of samples that

already exist in federal and provincial indexes.

Pointing out the need for such a database, Lunn said an estimated 4,000 people are missing in Canada, including 2,000 children. The crime scene index alone has 15,000 profiles of DNA which have never been identified.

Lunn gave much of the credit for the initiative to constituent Judy Peterson, whose 14-year-old daughter Lindsey disappeared in 1993.

"The cost of this plan is not even a factor. This is not a money issue," he said. "All of the existing structures are already in place. There just isn't any legal basis for using them."

Lunn refuted claims the bill would limit Canadians' privacy and stated participation in the project would be entirely voluntary.

"If someone does not want to be found, information will not be used. This is a tool that will be used by those who are searching for missing relatives and loved ones."

According to Lunn, the bill "crosses all party lines" and is supported by the provinces and the attorney general. He is proposing amendments to the government's Bill C-13 which would incorporate C-240 in the legislation. The changes are expected to come into effect by early summer.

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Student eyes conference

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Phoenix Elementary student James Therrien-Jarvis has all the skills and enthusiasm required to attend the upcoming World Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Now all he needs is a plane ticket.

"I'm really excited about getting chosen for the experience," James said. "I'm looking forward to meeting people from all over the world and visiting all the places to see. Now I just need to get there."

James was nominated for the event by school principal Shelly Johnson, who thought the conference would provide the 13-year-old with the chance of a lifetime.

"James is a marvellous student on many levels," she said. "He's a great citizen, has strong social skills and is very strong academically."

Outside of the classroom, James works as a peer counsellor and made headlines with a powerful speech to the school board when it was deliberating whether or not

to shut the doors of Phoenix Elementary last year.

Johnson said this experience would not only help her student but also inspire others in the school and in the community.

"I think it would be great to have a Canadian voice at the conference. James would be a good representative for Salt Spring and for Canada," she said.

Although the conference is free, students, friends and family have already begun raising money to cover the expected \$1,000 of travel expenses.

The 49th annual World Leadership Conference is scheduled for the first week of April. It aims to reinforce students' leadership abilities by focussing on elements such as character, communication, problem-solving and teamwork.

Those in attendance, called student ambassadors, will spend six days visiting the sights of Washington in an attempt to foster a better understanding of the history and politics of the United States.

Students will get a behind-the-scenes look at many well-known landmarks and museums, including the Library of Congress, Capitol Building, Holocaust Museum and International Spy Museum.

Although the conference will be made up primarily of American students, James is confident that it is relevant for Canadians.

"It's a great chance to learn about what makes a true leader," he said. "It will be something that I will probably never forget."

When asked what makes a good leader, James took a minute to consider his words.

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Mill and critics dispute study process

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Clean-air advocates are fuming because they feel a non-disclosure agreement will limit the findings of an upcoming review of Crofton area air quality.

"If anything, this should serve to alert people that a company can't be trusted to run their own reviews and points out the degree of collusion between government and industry," said Crofton Airshed Citizens Group (CACG) member Michael Cooke.

The report in question is an independent peer review conducted by RWDI West Consulting to examine the methods and findings of the 2004 Jacques Whitford Report and subsequent review by the Specialists in Energy, Nuclear and Environmental Sciences firm hired by the CACG.

The Whitford report was commissioned in response to a demand by community members to know more about the possible effects of emissions from Norske's Crofton mill site.

It recommended that more sampling of pollutants be done along the property's fence line and that existing

monitoring equipment be updated.

"After the Jacques Whitford Report, everyone basically agreed that there were problems with the ambient air quality and not enough effective monitoring stations," said Elizabeth White of CACG.

Although White admitted it was not clear what the long-term impact of the agreement would be, she said that it would limit what the consultant's report could reveal to the public.

"This review may be able to point out how reliable or unreliable the Jacques Whitford report was but will fail to point out how emissions are damaging our health," said Elizabeth White.

The RWDI report was

commissioned by the non-profit group Reach For Unbleached and paid for with money raised from last year's Clean Air Concert.

According to Norske vice-president Don McKendrick, the non-disclosure agreement prevents competitors from obtaining industry information and was not conceived with the intention of concealing information from the public.

McKendrick explained that findings related to business data, and fuel and chemical usage must be preserved to maintain Norske's competitive advantage.

He said the company responded to the report's initial findings by updating measuring equipment and using real-time monitoring systems.

All necessary information will be provided to RWDI for completing the review, said McKendrick, who is confident that the Whitford report will stand.

"As far as what is going out of the mill, it is full disclosure," he said. "The very reputation of the companies undertaking the studies is determined by their accuracy."

McKendrick also noted that Norske suspended its Alternate Fuels Trial Proposal, which called for the burning of tires, railway ties and coal.

"We made it clear that we are putting that on the back-burner," he said. "We found we needed to engage with the community and better understand the health risks."

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Ice-cold dip prompts boat-safety tips

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer



Wayne Hewitt

Motivated by hope that he can save another boater, Wayne Hewitt pushes aside his embarrassment to talk about a brush with hypothermia.

"I guess I'm just thankful to be alive," Hewitt said.

He was collecting water samples in the middle of Cusheon Lake with a government biologist last month when they suddenly found themselves in the water.

"It's the simplest little things that can kill you."

Recent flooding had created optimal conditions to collect missing data for the Cusheon Lake Management Plan, he said.

"It should have been a routine thing."

Hewitt and biologist Deb Epps from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection thought collecting a sample from the lake would take them less than an hour.

Both experienced boaters were wearing personal flotation devices (PFDs) and had other safety measures in place but he realizes they made several errors that could have proved fatal.

"When the boat flips over, it usually ends up falling on top of you . . . I have the scrapes and bruises to prove it."

He realized how easily someone could be knocked unconscious and drown without a lifejacket.

"Even though we think these lakes are really populated, there's not many people around them in the winter."

While Hewitt and Epps were able to right the boat, it was still partially full of water and they lost the bailer when they flipped.

"The oars also fell out when the boat tipped over. It's amazing how quickly they get out of reach."

He also saw how a buoyant line attached to the boat would have been helpful and his lifejacket had no whistle, which meant they had to yell for help, which was more difficult.

"You don't have many minutes before hypothermia kicks in."

Then it was a tough decision to decide whether to climb aboard the boat, as recommended, or try for shore in the frigid waters.

"The temperature was 4 degrees, we had just measured it."

They opted to swim to shore with the boat in tow to provide additional flotation.

"In a matter of minutes I couldn't feel my legs."

While Epps kicked off her boots, Hewitt found his own were stuck to his feet.

"They're like an anchor sucked on like a suction cup."

But he preferred his standard PFD to Epps' self-inflating vest.

"You're already down

in the water before it can inflate," he said.

Consequently, Epps got her head wet, which added to heat loss.

Fortunately, someone who heard their cries brought police and fire department rescuers.

But Hewitt advises islanders to learn from their mistakes.

"Always make sure someone is with you and make sure someone else knows where you are going."

Canadian Coast Guard officer Paul Reynolds suggests that boaters pick up a free copy of the Safe Boating Guide, which is available at the coast guard station and various marine supply stores.

Along with Hewitt's tips, all included in the guide, Reynolds noted that boaters need navigation lights at night.

He also recommends strapping a paddle directly to a boat or canoe and securing the bailer.

One of his biggest tips is to stay with the boat to aid rescue.

"You never know how long you will be out there."

Emergency crews fundraise for rescue boat

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

A recent incident on Cusheon Lake that left rescue workers scrambling to borrow a vessel from area residents has rekindled efforts to obtain a permanent mobile rescue craft for Salt Spring Island.

"The plan began about two years ago but generated very little interest because there were other things going on at the time," said RCMP Cpl. Dave Voller. "The Cusheon Lake incident and others like it have really shown the value of having such a craft."

Voller recalled a 2004 incident that occurred on

St. Mary Lake when rescue workers had to wait for the wind to blow a stranded boater towards the shore before they could intervene.

"In a community that has seven lakes and that is surrounded by water, it seems like a pretty good idea to have a rescue boat," Voller added.

A rigid-hull Zodiac type inflatable boat, four-stroke engine, trailer and additional rescue equipment costs between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

Although an account has been opened, fundraising has proceeded slowly.

"There's money in the

account but nothing has been raised during the past two years," said Arjuna George, fundraising coordinator of the Salt Spring Firefighters Association.

George said discussions were underway to consider how best to raise money for the boat.

"We're still looking at the details of the plan, but we're trying to get the ball rolling."

The boat would be kept at firehall #3 so it could be easily dispatched to all areas of the island by any rescue organization that could justify the need.

According to Voller, the new boat would be primarily

used by the fire department, but could also be put into service by the RCMP and Coast Guard.

"It is there to help the community so whoever needs it in an emergency situation should ideally have access to this tool," Voller said.

Salt Spring volunteer firefighter Kurt Irwin recalled some difficulties the department has faced without the boat.

"It's not easy trying to commandeer a boat in the middle of the dark," he said. "This would just be another tool for firefighters and other rescue organizations to use in order to protect the people."

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Photo by Derrick Lundy

Freemasons lay foundation for new food bank structure

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Increasing demand from area residents has created the urgent need for a larger food bank on the island.

"It's a very active service and the current space just isn't meeting the need," said executive director of Community Services Rob Grant. "People have been stretched pretty thin recently and many of those who come to us are members of the working poor that are trying to raise a family on a tight budget."

In response, members of the Freemasons' Admiral Lodge #170 volunteered to step up, lend a hand and create a link between their group and the community.

"As a group we realized that our numbers were declining largely because younger people were losing interest," said project chairman and practising Freemason Robert Sloan. "We needed a project that would get us involved in the community and that could show the values that we stand for."

Sloan explained the values of brotherly love, respect and relief could best be shown by reaching out to the community in an effort to raise funds.

The current food bank shares a mere 250 square feet with other programs in the basement of the Community Services building.

Because of the space constraints, food bank volunteers have been forced to use "every nook and cranny" they can find to store food and help those who request assistance.

Lack of space limits food bank operation to only four hours a week and has discouraged many people from getting help due to a lack

of confidentiality, according to Community Services' assistant co-ordinator Cathy Stringer.

"The need has definitely gone up during the past years and this winter has seen the greatest demand," she said.

A new structure would see the current food bank more than triple in size, allowing it to operate in a separate space for more hours a week.

The cost of the new building is estimated at \$55,000 and Community Services estimates that \$31,000 has already been raised. If all goes according to plan, construction should begin in April and wrap up in July.

"After we've managed to get the building set up and

running," said Sloan, "we're going to continue to have fundraising events that will help it continue serving the community."

He said the Freemasons would not be involved in the management of the facility, leaving that to the volunteers and staff of Community Services.

There are 70 Freemasons on Salt Spring Island and 11,000 in its British Columbia and Yukon Chapter. The organization dates back more than 400 years and has included members such as John A. MacDonald, John Molson and Oscar Peterson. Those wishing to get involved are encouraged to contact Randy Sloan at 537-2975.

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Logging contractor A&K Timber of Nanaimo, which was responsible for the slash piles, was found in violation of fire permit requirements by leaving the blazes unattended.

Although no charges have been laid, deputy chief Don Akerman said the fellow responsible "got a scolding" and was told to remain by the fires until they had ceased to pose a threat. No damage was reported.

Salt Spring RCMP officers are searching for the individual or individuals responsible for vandalizing pop machines in front of the Seaside Restaurant in Vesuvius Bay and Moby's Pub in Ganges.

In both cases, the change boxes were removed and police believe the thefts are related. The incidents are alleged to have occurred on the evening of Monday, February 14. Anyone with information is requested to contact the RCMP.

RCMP officers pulled over an impaired driver on Wednesday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m. after they received a complaint that he was driving in an erratic manner. The incident took place on Lower Ganges Road in the vicinity of the Harbour House Hotel.



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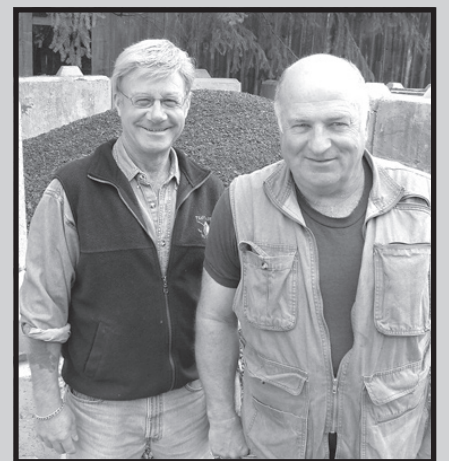
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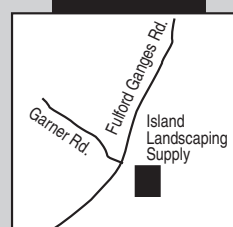


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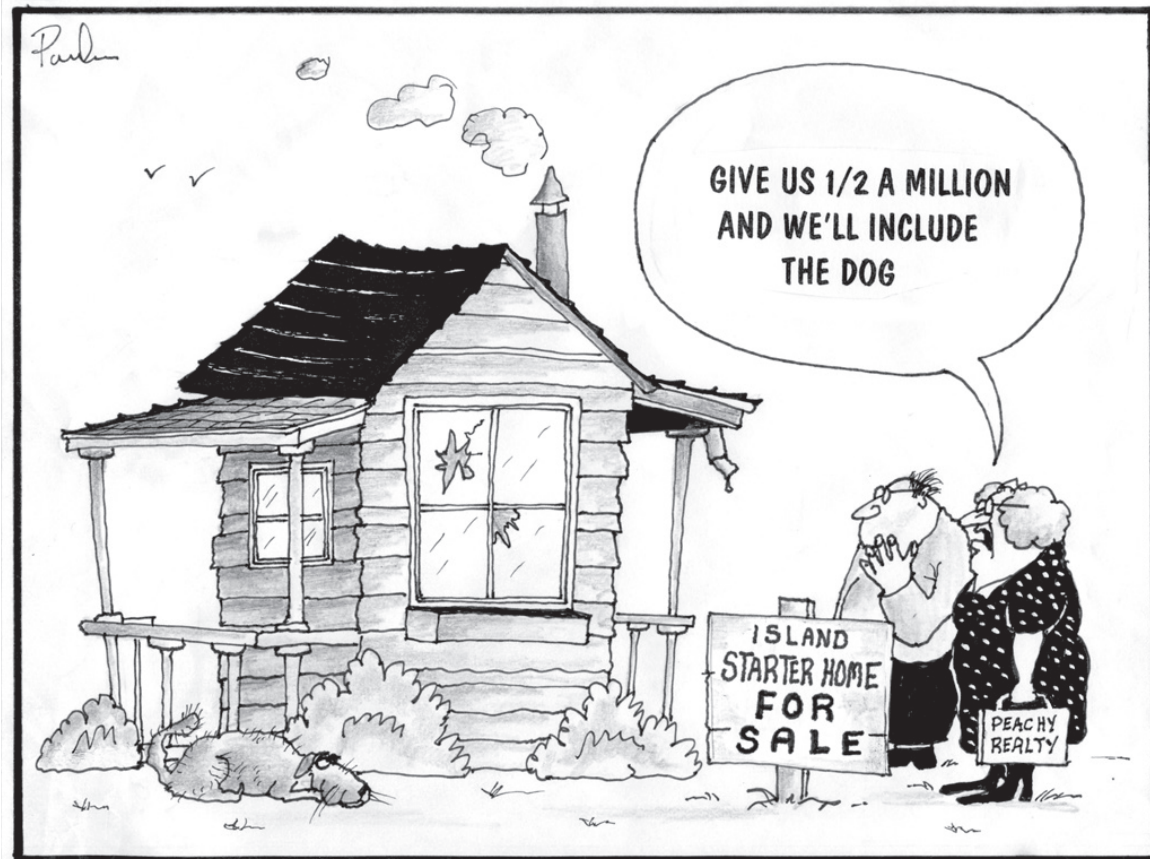


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Salt Spring's draft Community Energy Strategy is no lightweight document.

At 47 pages, and splashed with charts, graphs, stats and conclusions, it's not an easy read for most citizens.

Energy consumption also pales in entertainment value compared with other topics vying for our attention.

And we've learned from past society-altering endeavours, including campaigns to reduce smoking or drinking and driving or junk food consumption, that the public must be bombarded with educational materials before accepting the need to change.

The above three examples all impact an individual's health, and it may be difficult to put global warming into that same category, even if effects will be similar at some point if they aren't already.

But those promoting greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions will have to bring a global, national or even island-wide problem down to an individual level in order for significant change to occur.

Since most humans are incorrigibly selfish, they must be convinced of the personal benefits attached to making lifestyle changes that GHG reduction demands.

But at some point the message does "click," society seems to be all ears and changes are more easily made.

Thankfully, Salt Spring is not the only community probing how to reduce its GHG emissions and not the only residents taking the One Tonne Challenge to reduce emissions by one tonne each.

We're part of a much larger initiative that when taken together could actually make a difference across the country.

While the local Community Energy Strategy Committee is available to help us reduce GHGs, help must come from other sectors.

People and groups must put pressure on governments and corporations to do what's needed to reduce GHGs as soon as possible; they must find out what they can do themselves; and get involved in the task of educating others about what can be done.

If we wait for devastating personal health effects to take hold before being motivated to make necessary changes, that will likely be too late.

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CRD preliminary budget numbers laid out by director

By GARY HOLMAN

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board has approved a preliminary budget for 2005 for Salt Spring of about \$3.1 million, or about \$505 per average residence, excluding sewer and water utilities.

This represents a 12.7 per cent increase over 2004, compared to a 25.6 per cent increase in average residential assessments.

Most of the overall CRD tax increase (9.9 per cent) is for the Parks and Recreation Commission, approved by referendum in November 2004. Therefore, aside from the taxpayer-approved increase for the swimming pool, the overall CRD tax increase for 2005 is about 2.8 per cent.

It should be noted that PARC's increase for 2005 is only to cover borrowing costs for beginning construction of the pool later this year.

I did not support a PARC request for a tax increase in addition to that approved by the pool referendum. There will be further referendum-related tax increases

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in 2006 to complete construction and begin operation of the pool.

Of the 2.8 per cent increase in CRD taxes not attributable to the swimming pool, almost all of this is due to the increase in Salt Spring's contribution to CRD-wide costs, including CRD Parks, the CRD Hospital District, and legislative/general government. Salt Spring's share of these costs is based on our share of total assessed values in the CRD, much like how costs for the Islands Trust are allocated.

Salt Spring's requisition of about \$1.2 million for CRD-wide costs represents an increase over 2004 levels because our assessed values increased more in 2005 than for the rest of the CRD. However, Salt Spring continues to benefit from this region-wide requisition, for example, a \$135,000 contribution from the Capital Region

Hospital District to road access and safety improvements for the recently announced Greenwoods independent living project.

As a member of Board for the region-wide CREST emergency telecommunications system, I supported a requisition increase to cover an anticipated budget shortfall in 2005. Salt Spring's share of this shortfall is about \$18,000, the lowest of all CRD communities.

I am supporting modest requisition increases for our local emergency planning service, the new arts service (approved by referendum in early 2004) and the library.

I stated during the successful referendum to help fund the arts on Salt Spring, that I would support modest increases in this requisition over time. Accordingly, I am supporting a tax increase of about \$4,000 in 2005 for ArtSpring and the Community Arts Council over the current level of about \$18,000, which they continued to receive in 2004 through PARC's budget.

I have supported an increase of about \$7,000 for the library over its current level of \$75,000. Most of the requisition increases that I have approved for the library board over the past few years have gone to hiring a professional librarian on a half time basis.

I have also increased the budget for our emergency planning group by \$4,000, taking into account the experience of our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) during our recent snowstorm, and to cover a rent increase.

I am maintaining the administration and grant-in-aid budgets at the same level as 2003 and 2004.

The requisition for a number of other local CRD services remained at current levels or decreased in 2005. In order to increase cost recovery for building inspection, currently at about 80 per cent, I will be supporting a five per cent increase in building fees over current levels.

The above figures exclude CRD water and sewer districts, which provide services for specific areas

and groups of ratepayers, rather than taxpayers at large. The total 2005 budget for these services is estimated at about \$295,000, including budgets for our new CRD water utilities, Fulford and Beddis, that were approved by referendum in November 2004. Several CRD utilities will be upgrading the capacity and treatment level of their facilities in the coming year.

Copies of the preliminary budget are now available at the CRD building inspection office.

I will be briefly speaking to the CRD budget at the Local Trust Committee meeting of February 24 and at a public meeting in March, with the date to be announced.

The CRD Board will approve the final budget for 2005 at their March 23rd meeting. If you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at 653-2075 or at directorssi@crd.bc.ca.

The writer is Salt Spring's regional director to the CRD.

ABCs of STV offered for May 17 provincial referendum

By BRENDA GUILLED

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The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform ultimately decided that British Columbia needs proportional representation in the legislative assembly, to more fairly reflect voters' concerns.

The system they over-

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whelmingly endorsed is called the Single Transferable Vote, which is a way of ranking candidates on a ballot by order of preference. Registered B.C. voters can say yes or no to it in a referendum accompanying the May 17 provincial election.

A BC-STV system would involve expanding riding boundaries, so each elects multiple members to the legislative assembly, while

keeping the overall number of MLAs at the current 79. Remote ridings will elect two, urban up to seven. Each party runs as many candidates as they wish — two or three would be usual — so ballots will list a dozen or more candidates from all parties.

Voters will have a bigger job getting to know these contenders, but parties will also make more effort to recruit candidates well known for community work, so their names will jump out from the list and garner the most support.

After election polls close,

all votes will be counted. For a candidate to win, he or she must get a "quota of votes," which is the total for the riding divided by the number of MLAs in the riding plus one, then add one more for good measure.

If they get more than needed right off, perfect — they're in. The extra votes aren't tossed out, but transferred down (by the fraction over those needed, not at full value) to the second-ranked candidate.

If no one gets quota on the first count, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and votes are

transferred up to the person those voters ranked as second choice, hence losing votes aren't wasted, but moved on.

Votes keep transferring from winning candidate's surplus to the next preferred and from last place up to the voter's second preference. While it seems complicated, it's really a cascading system whereby every vote and fraction over those needed for quota keep moving to the voter's next choice until the requisite number of MLAs are elected.

Ireland has used this system since 1922. Twice

they've had referenda to chuck it, and twice they've rejected changing the power it gives to the people and to communities.

I'm working hard to promote understanding of the BC-STV system, with the hope that, as the Citizens' Assembly did, we'll endorse it resoundingly. Three assembly alumni are coming to Salt Spring to speak mid-day on Tuesday, March 8 — call me for more info at 653-4722.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident promoting the BC-STV system.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *On which area would you like the 2005 federal budget to focus?*



Stephanie Maskell

Unify the health care system because the provinces and the federal government are not on the same page — helping Canadians.



Joe Daws-Knowles

Seniors and health care because they seem to have gotten out of sight that we have paid for where we are.



Erin Jamieson

I'd say education because I'm a poor university student.



Masayo Hora

Education and health seem to be the main areas that are depleted.



Les Sharratt

I don't know. I'm happy with the transfer payments we've been receiving and I think the west has been getting a lot more attention recently.

Letters to the Editor

Powerline party

The February 12 open house information meeting hosted by the BCTC (B.C. Hydro) regarding their proposed huge increase in power transmission over Galiano and Salt Spring was all that we expected.

For most of the questions we put to them, they had smoothly ready answers, and reams of supportive literature. However, some of that literature was not up to the minute. In order to deflect science-based concerns about powerline effects on health, BCTC referred to an out-of-date 1999 report from the World Health Organization (WHO), which has since reviewed its stand on the issue of Electro-magnetic Fields/Radiation (EMF/EMR) health effects. In 2002, the WHO took a more concerned view and now regards electro-magnetic fields as a serious issue where health effects are concerned.

One of the presenters admitted to having read a great deal of material on the debate about whether EMF is not, or is, harmful to health,

and had come to the conclusion that he wasn't sure one way or the other. One would presume that even a small element of doubt about such a serious, well-studied issue would elicit a measure of concern and caution.

It's extremely late in the day for BCTC to be presenting this proposal to us. After approximately 10 years at the drawing-board with this project, they have finally got it more or less into shape, but where was the input from the public in all this? Until the recent meeting, we were not informed or consulted at any stage of this process. In June, when the proposal goes before the BCUC, we will apparently have a chance to speak out. Until then we have to work at putting a good case forward as to why we object to so many aspects of this proposal.

We recognize the fact that Vancouver Island may need more electricity in the near future. If they don't need it all now, there's always the cable to Port Angeles whereby the Hydro could export the surplus. (With a bit of luck they may even get paid for it eventually.)

We are aware that there are far safer options available than stringing ever more unsightly high voltage powerlines through residential areas. In our view, the cost to the health of the residents of the islands and the deleterious effect on the values of property along the corridor are worth the extra bucks to pay for a safer system.

Everyone who has concerns about this proposal is urged to contact IRAHVOL (Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines.)

Contact me at 537-9153 (geturner@telus.net).

ENID TURNER,
On behalf of IRAHVOL

Fill in blanks

Same old retorts used every time to stifle any voice of criticism. (February 9 Driftwood article on the B.C. Transmission Corporation power line upgrade proposal.)

"No significant research has proven X to be harmful."

"The fear-mongering is counter-productive."

"It is important to weigh the information correctly."

Funny how industry always

tries to label, informing the public as fear-mongering. That seems to be about all they can say.

And are we to believe that Mr. Barrett of BCTC does not know about the research in Sweden? It was a 25-year-long study covering everyone in the country who was aged 16 or younger. The study found a quadrupled rate of childhood leukemia within 300 metres of high-voltage power lines.

What does Mr. Barrett call significant research?
MICHAEL LINEHAN,
Salt Spring

Seismic shifts

I wonder how many others are struck by the extreme irony of the near hysterical objections of the religious right to same-gender civil marriage and its deafening silence on the forthcoming royal marriage of two adulterers.

Fundamentalist Christians and especially orthodox Jews base their objections to same-gender marriage mostly on Leviticus 20:13, which deals with two men lying together. Leviticus is that ridiculous Old Testament book which governs when

heterosexual relations may take place and forbids the eating of anything from the sea that does not have scales (clams, squid, shrimp).

Preceding the above chapter and verse in Leviticus 20:10 is this: "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife . . . the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." Adultery is also one of the "shall nots" in the 10 commandments.

I wish Charles and Camilla happiness and I'm glad that the Archbishop of Canterbury, following their civil marriage, is having a prayer service to bless their union, even though the Anglican bishop of New Westminster has been condemned for having a blessing service for same-gender couples.

I guess the religious right does not have to be consistent in its objections, especially when its objection to same-gender civil marriage seems to be based on pure and simple old-fashioned homophobia.

When I was "saved" at age 14 in Toronto's Eglinton Baptist Tabernacle, we were taught that attending movies (no TV then) was sinful, as was dancing and

lipstick. And it might surprise most that in 1942 we were taught that the Pope was the anti-Christ. So, over time, attitudes undergo seismic shifts.

JACK HALLAM,
North End Road

Seeks advice

I have always marvelled at the wonderfully diverse backgrounds that islanders seem to have.

Well now I need some guidance and I thought the best way to start was simply to ask for it. I need a mentor or a partner perhaps, to help explore a creative idea with the upper echelons of ICBC and the federal transportation department.

The objective is to gain approval to import a new type of vehicle specifically for the islands so we can reduce pollution, parking problems and maintain a more rural pace of life.

If you have some time, interest and experience I would appreciate hearing from you.

Call Duart Campbell at 537-1408 or email duartcampbell@gmail.com.
DUART CAMPBELL,
Salt Spring

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Is patriarchy alive and well and living in Canada?

By **RODGER BEEHLER**

The appearance in last week's Driftwood of a supplement on wedding planning is a reminder of how far not merely the women's movement but public education generally continues to fall short in bringing either sex to a recognition of what genuine human autonomy and independence mean.

One still observes everywhere (including in my own family — I have 15 nieces and 11 nephews) women surrendering their own surnames on entering the marital state. What is *that all about*, one is moved to ask.

The short answer is: unquestioned male predominance. It is only within the lifetime of still living elderly persons that a women's property ceased to transfer automatically to her husband's control, or that women were recognized as persons entitled to vote. (I still recall the day in 1950s Ottawa when my mother was first entitled to enter a cocktail lounge

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with my father.)

For as far back as we have any extensive records of Europe, and derivative societies like our own, a woman, upon marriage, ceased to be the property of her father and became the property of her husband. Being so, she was so named.

(A female friend married in the mid 1970s in a Canadian province, who did not wish to assume her husband's surname, had to complete a special form and pay \$20 to keep her own name).

That is the historical origin of our continued marital name change practice, and its continuation today betrays openly that most women and men both still accept that a woman's marrying means some kind of significant alteration in her status. Else why

would women surrender (and men accept — or insist on — their doing so) the name they've been known by since childhood?

To reply that it is for the sake of any children of the union does not survive scrutiny. It would be perfectly sensible for all female offspring to take the mother's surname, and all male offspring the father's. That this does not occur, even in the rare unions where wives keep their own surnames — that, routinely, children are named by the father's surname — points up the operation of an unexamined mindset, handed down from "tradition," that the male is in some unexplained way (and there is no biological explanation possible) the predominant partner in procreation as such as in marriage. For the children are denoted "his" explicitly in language.

Sure, overwhelmingly, each female spouse's own surname derives from her male parent. But

we've got to start somewhere, sometime. And if not now, when?

The present practice is an inexcusable hangover from the middle ages and earlier and is as patently ridiculous as the fairy tale still observable in our reverence for our "Queen" and her numerous representatives: that whose womb you are born into, and of what "blood," entitles you to rule, or reign or whatever is the current euphemism, over less fortunately kick-started human organisms.

Undeniably, the greatest lottery ever is birth. Into whose womb, from whose egg and semen, in what historical period, or what portion of the planet. But no society which recognizes that none of these absolute contingencies makes a difference in our common human needs, and so our common moral entitlement, should foster any tradition that encourages girls and boys to buy into the Hallmark Card fairy tale of fair maiden translated in Mrs. Penis.

"Standing by your man" does not entail giving up your identity. (Any more than standing by him means accepting or supporting him in wrongdoing — including wrongdoing against you or yours.)

Finally, and you will hardly believe this, but it's true: a few minutes ago I telephoned a female friend in Victoria to read these two pages to her for a first reaction, and at the end she informed me that her paternal great-grandparents are buried side by side in a Saskatchewan graveyard where the headstone for the male reads "Cyrus Smith" and that for the female (who died later) reads "Mrs. Cyrus Smith."

My friend and her sister had to enquire of their father to learn their great-grandmother's names.

The writer is emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Victoria. He resides on Salt Spring Island.



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More letters

More BMD

Without wanting to prolong a Driftwood letters debate on ballistic missile

defence, it seems worthwhile to respond to the letter of W. Weston in the February 9 issue.

First of all, one cannot argue with the facts noted by Weston, namely that the U.S. does not propose to put missile bases in Canada, the missiles to be used as interceptors are inert "impactors" and not explosive devices, and on its own the system does not "weaponize" space.

One also finds it hard to argue, on the other hand, that the system can be an effective shield, given the conclusions of the Union of Concerned Scientists in their 92-page technical assessment (May 2004) that the plan is simply not feasible.

We are thus left to consider how or if we should become involved in a plan that is most likely impractical and how such involvement or lack of it might affect the place of Canada in its relations with the U.S.A. and the rest of the world.

The article referred to in Weston's letter is worth reading (<http://www.fedcan.ca/English/advocacy/hill>) and makes some excellent points. Briefly, these are that Canadians should not expect to influence American policy or planning whether or not we are "inside" or "outside" the BMD system.

Further, the author maintains that Canada's stance on this is of trivial interest to other countries but that by being on the "inside" Canada will at least get to know what the U.S.A. is planning while being on the "outside" we will know no more than the rest of the world and thus will be blind to the plans of our most important neighbour and ally. The author feels that this knowledge is preferable to ignorance.

On the other hand, dismissing the escalatory effect of the BMD is demonstrably false, when we note the article in the Christian Science Monitor (June 8-14, 2004) by a former weapons inspector, that Russia has already test-fired a mobile ICBM, which can easily defeat the proposed BMD system. China is in a similar state, and one can only speculate about the intentions of states like Iran and North Korea. Improved defences seem

always to result in a reaction to build more effective attack systems, and these, if not the USA-BMD itself, constitute the danger of the weaponization of space.

Canada should not be cooperating with a system that has as a collateral result the increase of attack capability or the placing of weapons in space.

Whether Canada will be more or less effective on the world stage by remaining aloof from the American plan is clearly a subject for debate. It is my feeling that keeping to the high road is, in the long run, more in keeping with what Canada has achieved in the past and with where I think we should stand in the future, than with the hope of acquiring inside information at the cost of being seen to sponsor what is at best a highly dubious enterprise.

HUGH GREENWOOD,
Salt Spring

Front page

Terra Firma rammed earth housing deserves to have a lot of ongoing coverage as it is a solution to a number of global problems.

February 16 was Kyoto day. Terra Firma is answering what others are just questioning with Kyoto.

Surely it is of interest to all that Meror has created a housing technology that is durable, affordable, green and inherently beautiful. These houses illicit joy upon a visit.

The expected life span is hundreds of years. They cost very little to heat and to maintain. One house was without electricity for four days but there was still warmth after that.

The air quality supports breathing. Harmful EMFs and noise are blocked.

In part of Australia, 20 per cent of construction is rammed earth. In California, some is built earthquake proof. However, it is only here, the only place on earth, where insulated, earthquake-proof rammed earth housing is efficiently built, requiring just one month for three or four people to complete the walls of a good-sized family home of 2,000 square feet.

People will be trained this summer so that the tech-

nique can also be used to build homes off Salt Spring.

I am waiting for big type on the front page of the Driftwood: "Meror Krayenhoff works to see one per cent of annual North American new house starts in rammed earth in his lifetime."

That is his intention. It is a viable program. I cannot think of anything more newsworthy for a Salt Spring paper.

BRUCE ALEXANDER,
Salt Spring

Next phase

A SOLID contingent made up of four dedicated volunteers — Anna Calligari, Gary McNutt, Melanie Furman and Heather Martin-McNab — is currently in South Africa with a mission to support permaculture gardening initiatives, buy supplies for health clinics, purchase sewing machines, and aid in producing and distributing fair-trade handicrafts.

Having determined that access to healthy food is the first step in alleviating dire poverty and the worst effects of AIDS, SOLID has focussed on permaculture gardening as the most effective contribution this small grassroots organization can make.

Funds raised from SOLID's past fundraisers, including the Stephen Lewis talk in September of 2004, have already been used to build gardens at a South African school in Evaton West (a township outside Johannesburg), and at a hospital in Lesotho.

In addition to the agricultural initiatives, a focus on women's projects has emerged as the next phase in SOLID's work, particularly in the establishment of women's co-ops to provide employment and self determination to women at risk.

Any money donated prior to March 13 will be brought directly to Africa by a SOLID member who is joining the contingent in South Africa, and a tax receipt for donations over \$50 may be issued upon request.

Donations can be made online at our www.solid-saltspring.com website or cheques can be dropped off at the SOLID office.

ANDREA PALFRAMAN,
For SOLID

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RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Rants to someone who stole my 34 Cadillac hood ornament (a flying silver lady) from my house while I was in the process of moving. Stealing gives really bad karma. If I see it on the island. I will call the police. If you see it, please call me. It has sentimental value. Marie Beaudoin.

ROSES

Bushels full of organic veggies to our good-Samaritan-across-the-canal neighbours, who called 911 on Valentine's evening when our greenhouse caught fire. We missed all the excitement, but are forever in your debt for your quick response. Also to the Salt Spring fire guys for their dedication and determination to save what they could of the remaining garden. The Reynolds.

Roses to Sue. We're thinking of you. SSACCC

Many beautiful fragrant roses for the many family, friends and neighbours who have offered me their love and support, and who are full of generosity and encouragement. Love truly is the best medicine. Once again I

am inspired to be part of Salt Spring and its magic within the people. The many names are too abundant to list, but you all know who you are. I thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and food. Mike, you have been amazing! To my kids — Dawson and Kendra — keep smiling and laughing. Thank you everyone, I am getting "back" on my feet again. TB

Roses to the amazing performers who came to jam, and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, as well as my friends and family, who came to the tsunami fundraiser dance on the 19th.

156 beautiful roses (and carnations) to Chris and Marilyn at Foxglove for their assistance to the high school on Valentine's Day. Their kindness is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. Thank you for your help!

A large tropical bouquet goes to Gary L. for once again letting me harvest bag loads of fresh seeds from his big beautiful palm trees. Banana Joe

1,000 tall, vibrant long-lasting scented red roses for everyone who signed the Keep Five Alive petition

to restore the 5-day school week and quality public education.

Roses to GVM for funding the GVM youth passes at ArtSpring so teenagers can see a performance they might not otherwise see.

Please deliver many roses to Linda Reynolds and the Lady Minto Thrift Shop for choosing my husband winner of The Valentine Gift "Hamster." It was a huge gift of stunning generosity. Unwrapping it gave us two full days of enormous fun. A second load of roses to the thrift shop for the best weekly window display in town. AAB

Steve's (formerly of Alfresco's) "Serious Soups" are now back on the island. Hurrah! And a bouquet of red roses to Pam and Paul (Admiral's sushi bar) for bringing them back to us. Thank you!

Reader Survey Winner

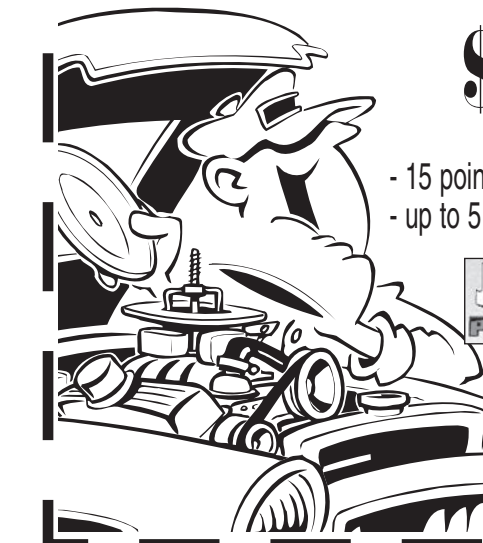
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Fall fair theme set

By **SANDY BARCLAY**
Driftwood Contributor

Everyone! Let's start to get ready!

The Salt Spring Island Fall Fair is approaching and promises to be fun and exciting for the entire community of Salt Spring.

This year the fall fair's theme is "Farming — Food for Thought." It will be held on September 17-18 at the Farmers Institute on Rainbow Road. Islanders of all ages will be able to participate in Farming — Food for Thought

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by entering any of the fabulous categories from baking to bees to hobbies or livestock and by visiting the variety of booths and displays.

Farming — Food for Thought has something for everyone! We can all participate in this exciting community event, so mark your calendars today.

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Notice is hereby given to the owners of land within the Saltspring Island Fire Protection District that nominations for trustee (2 positions) will be received between:

**9:00 A.M. Tuesday March 1, 2005
and 4:00 P.M. Friday March 11, 200**

During which period the nomination documents shall only be received during the office hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Ganges Fire Hall or arrangements may be made to file nomination documents by phoning Carole Gear at (250) 537 9255 or Thomas Moore at (250) 472 0059.

Trustee positions are for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on March 29, 2005 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2008.

The Election to be held on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at the Ganges Fire Hall from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the training room. Candidates shall be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Saltspring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Fire Hall or from Carole Gear, Deputy Returning Officer (250) 537 9255 or Thomas F. Moore, Returning Officer (250) 472 0059.

Those persons eligible to vote at this election will have the following qualifications:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
3. Be a resident in the Province of British Columbia for at least six months prior to this election
4. Be an owner of land within the boundaries of the Saltspring Island Fire Protection District
5. One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the Fire Protection District. The Board or Corporation must designate one person in writing to act as an authorized agent to vote on its behalf.

If more than one person is registered on title as owner of land then those owners may vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis.

Dated at Ganges, B.C.
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Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

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Reconnecting with the land is key to Slow Islands success

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Embracing a slow island philosophy will take more than planting herbs and placing a few sheep out in the front yard — it's about reorganizing the basic structure of society.

This was one of the underlying themes of Kathy Dunster's Slow Islands presentation sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy on Friday.

Dunster and her slide show revealed how the root of change lies in discovering that "less is more" and that slow landscapes require slow people.

"Our islands are being loved to death," the Bowen Island resident said. "We absolutely have to preserve the landscape and that means no new development and the realization that not everyone can live here."

It seemed a shocking declaration, especially for an island that relies so heavily on the bells and whistles of the tourist economy.

During the presentation, Dunster uncovered the history of Manhattan, itself an island that has seen the consequences of development. Four hundred years ago, she said, Manhattan could have been an island around here.

Slides of pastoral scenes made way for dramatic shots of modern-day Manhattan that were accompanied by gasps from the crowd.

"In several hundred years, Salt Spring could look like this."

Some audience members chuckled, but Dunster confirmed that the prediction was no joke.

"The population of the major centres which surround the Gulf Islands is expected to double in the next 20 years," she said. "The question then becomes how to stop the pressure on our islands."

Dunster speaks with the passion and wisdom of a native islander. A sense of sadness and frustration is visible when she describes signs of loss such as the

increasing sprawl of Ganges, but her humour and undying spirit for the Islands Trust area she calls home is infectious.

Her background as a biologist and landscape architect gives her the qualifications to lead the charge against development and her travels have shown her what steps to take.

She is passionate about restoring the true rural character of the islands and advocates re-establishing what has become an increasingly elusive connection to the land.

In recent years, the slow movement has been marketed to a largely urban crowd as a method to restore peace to an assaulted lifestyle.

Cafés and grocers specializing in slow food have popped up in Victoria and Vancouver and, although the initial vision of such ventures may have been noble, close examination reveals little but fancy packaging.

For Dunster, this simply isn't the way to go since

slow islands, slow people and slow landscapes are not items that can be bought at a store. Each requires individuals to make sacrifices and develop a long-lasting connection to the land.

At one point in the evening, someone in the room stood up and identified himself as "the devil's advocate." He said many people really want to have an indoor swimming pool and even raised the idea that a skating rink would be a good idea.

The point he was trying to make was that the reality of people's wants are sometimes at odds with the conditions needed to pursue life on a slow island.

In response, Dunster said we must examine our priorities and re-evaluate our wants within the context of our needs. It will be necessary to think in terms of the long-term benefit for Salt Spring and the Islands Trust Area islands and get away from the notion that we are able to satisfy every little want that may pass our fancy.

Baseball season steps up to the plate

Island youth can still take a swing at minor baseball even if they struck out on previous registration events.

Salt Spring Minor Baseball and Girls' Softball will register players on Saturday at Sports Traders, and Sports Traders will also accept registration forms until the end of February.

"It doesn't matter if you've played before," said minor baseball president Gord Hollingsworth. "It's a great sport and a ton of fun."

He invites players from age 5 to 18 to sign up. The season starts in the first week of April and runs through June.

Younger players (up to age 6) meet once per week, older players practice twice a week and major division (age 11 and up) players generally meet for two practices plus a third day of games, he said.

Hollingsworth has even made arrangements with teams on Vancouver Island

to find placements for older players (14-18), who have not been able to play locally due to low enrolment.

"If they want to play, I can arrange a team for them to play on."

Team reps will come to the ferry and pick up players, he said.

But players must register by the end of the month for inclusion on mandatory insurance forms.

Hollingsworth has a full complement of coaches for teams but more assistance is

always welcome, he said.

Great island sponsorship has meant that players only need cleats (soccer cleats are accepted), a glove and a protective cup (for players over age six).

"We supply everything else."

Among many community-minded businesses, Ganges Village Market recently supplied the club with \$1,300 raised during their Sea Capers concession.

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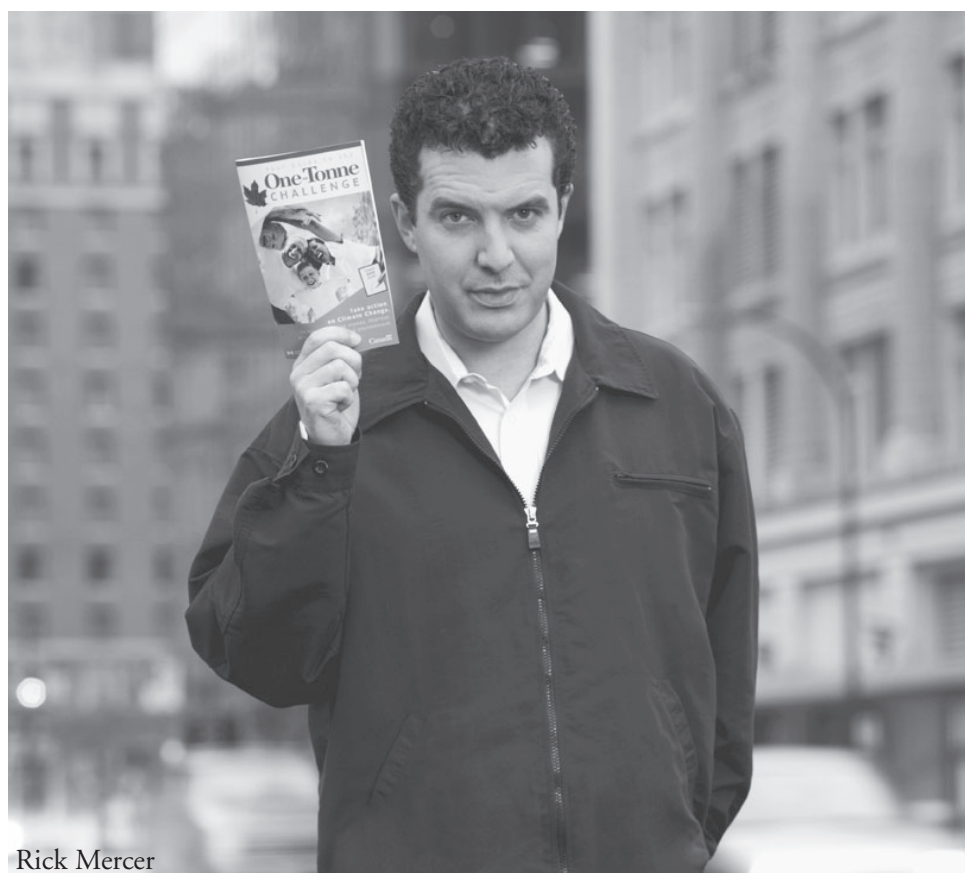
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Favourite people: The volunteers in the library.
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Best thing about SSI: The community spirit and willingness of everyone to help.
Worst thing about SSI: The ferry schedule from Fulford. (I wish the ferry ran every hour.)
Best place to kiss on SSI?: The end of Isabella Point Road, overlooking Satellite Channel.



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Volunteer drivers needed for seniors

People who like to drive and help others are needed to bolster the roster of Salt Spring Seniors Services Society's volunteer drivers.

Attrition has caused a natural reduction in the number of drivers that can be called on, explained program coordinator John Mowbray, so more names are needed to add to the list.

The drivers simply take island seniors to appointments and other commitments as needed.

Mowbray stresses the degree of involvement is determined by the drivers, so no one should feel pressured to do more than they can.

Interested people should leave their name and contact number at Seniors at 537-4604. Mowbray will then call them to explain the program more fully.

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Women's groups wanted

Salt Spring Island women's groups not listed in the Lions Directory are on Patricia Flannagan's "wanted" list.

Flannagan is co-organizer of an International Women's

Day event at ArtSpring on March 8, sponsored by the local chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

The event will celebrate the numerous groups involv-

ing women on Salt Spring. All those listed in the directory have been contacted, she said, but others may exist. Representatives of any group serving women should call her at 653-2344.

MLA Murray Coell running again for Liberals

Murray Coell will again represent the Liberal party in the next provincial election.

The long-time MLA faced no challengers for the Saanich-North and the Islands candidate position and was acclaimed last week.

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Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Peter Allan meets with administrator Perry Ruehlen. The Chamber is gearing up for the upcoming tourist season.

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Calendar What's Up

March 7
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Chambers show strength in numbers

On February 7th, the BC Chamber of Commerce hosted Chambers of Commerce from island communities for the second annual meeting with the Vancouver Island caucus. Questions were prepared in advance to minimize the potential for political grand standing and focused on BC Ferries, the

Economic Summit and the Community Charter. On the subject of BC Ferries, the member COC's asked about labour stability and for a declaration of ferries as a 100% essential service. Mike Hunter, MLA offered that there was a seven year labour agreement in place – due to expire in 2010, "What month?" was a popu-

lar supplementary question. The Chambers emphasized the crucial role ferries play in enabling small communities to benefit from summer tourism. Chambers from municipalities asked about the importance of monitoring the Community Charter for effectiveness, the restoration of the business vote and fair

taxation. There was frustration expressed at those municipal councils that hold daytime weekday meetings that like our own monthly Trust meetings preclude attendance by working people. A reminder to our members, please register and attend the February 26th Islands Trust Forum in Nanaimo.

Accommodations network a big benefit

The Accommodations Group (AGSSI) was formed in 1990 in order to address the needs and interests specific to accommodation providers operating on Salt Spring Island. The group usually consists of about 100 members who operate some type of accommodation business. AGSSI is the only networking group on the island that spans the range of accommodation providers from commercial zoned hotels/motels/

hostel/resorts; to home-based business bed and breakfasts; to individual cottages/cabins. While social networking of the entire membership in the form of hosted pot luck dinners occurs quite often, general meetings are convened usually once or twice a year. AGSSI has been instrumental in working together with other island businesses to develop events and networks that benefit visitors to Salt Spring Island.

The group also coordinates community information binders for each member. The binder and its inserts have become a standard on Salt Spring. Restaurateurs, vendors, as well as community groups and associations see the benefits of this targeted marketing. The standard distribution fee of \$30 sees that packages of their information are delivered to all AGSSI members by volunteers. In turn, the funds generated from this huge "spring distribu-

tion package" are returned to the community through donations to island projects and the AGSSI scholarship at GISS. Community support and volunteerism at its best! If you want to know more about AGSSI and the benefits of becoming a member; or wish to use the distribution service to get the word out about your business or group, please contact Perry at the Chamber who will put you in contact with the right person from AGSSI.

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THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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And SSI Rotary has just learned that the three Shelterboxes it purchased were shipped to Medan, Northern Sumatra, Indonesia on February 12. They will be received by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and then distributed by a local Rotary Club.

Organizations such as Virgin Airways and the UN High Commission for Refugees have paid for some of the shipping. The RAF has also helped with transportation.

For this disaster, boxes

are being shipped to Rotary Clubs in the area and they are handling the distribution. Not only do you know where your box has gone, you are assured that the relief is getting directly into the hands of the people who need it.

Shelterbox was begun by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, UK as their millennium project. Since then Canada, Australia and the USA have formed registered charitable organizations to support the initiative. Shelterboxes are continually being

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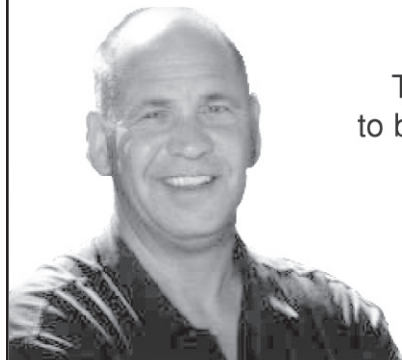
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Four avenues of service

As a guideline for Rotary Club programs, Rotary International has developed the Four Avenues of Service for Rotary clubs. They are:

1. Club Service — Rotary's first Avenue of Service involves actions a Rotarian must take within the club to help it function successfully.

2. Vocational Service — Rotary's second Avenue of Service. It includes promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all useful occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the

pursuit of all vocations. The role of the club includes developing projects that help members contribute their talents to meeting society's needs. The role of Rotarians includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary principles and responding to projects their clubs develop.

3. Community Service — Rotary's third Avenue of Service comprises varied efforts that Rotarians make to improve the quality of life within their club's locality or municipality.

4. International Service — Rotary's fourth Avenue of Service comprises all the things that a Rotarian can do to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace by getting acquainted with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, problems — through personal contacts, travel and attendance at conventions, through reading and correspondence, and through cooperation in all club activities and projects — including The Rotary Foundation — that will help people in other lands.

Rotary's community involvement abounds on Salt Spring

The Rotary Club commitment to community is one of the four avenues of Rotarian service.

Over the last 35 years, Rotarians have served the community in countless ways donating time and money to a wide range of causes. The Rotary motto of "Service above Self" is consistently put into action by identifying community projects and then following up with the determination to see them through to completion.

Parks

The growing list of local Rotary community projects is exemplified by the chosen centennial project of the Family Park at the new Rainbow Road recreation centre site on Salt Spring.

The park is still in early conceptual and planning stages, as is the recreation centre itself, but the idea of creating a community space conducive to individual, group and family enjoyment is central to the project's value to Rotarians.

Envisioned for the park

are a children's playground and a family picnic area with other potential amenities, including a fitness trail and bandshell.

The recreation centre Family Park will build on the success of the Rotary Marine Park that is a hub of social and community activity in the Ganges downtown core. The park was a focus of activity of the local Rotary Club for years as members donated thousands of hours to its completion.

Situated between the boardwalk and Thrifty Foods, the high traffic location is graced with a mermaid statue centerpiece that has become a landmark in the village and a symbol of community art and involvement.

Stone tiles inscribed with donors' names or messages continue to be produced and laid in the park as a popular fundraising tool and a permanent memorial to community involvement in the park. The tiles and statue are both products of Rotarian labour, skill and fundraising put to



Rotary tiles, found in Rotary Park, are part of the local club's ongoing fundraising program.

work for community benefit.

Health Services

The purchase of heart machines, a heart machine monitor, the Jaws of Life, a chair lift at Shelby Pool, amenities at Greenwood's extended care facility and contributions to the Vancou-

ver Island Lodge cancer hospice in Victoria are among the many projects that have seen Rotarians donate time and money towards health-oriented services for the region.

The Hospital Helipad at Lady Minto Hospital was a major achievement of Rotary and has been a vital link in the health service potential for the Gulf Islands since its dedication in 1981.

Fundraising events

The annual Hallowe'en Spooktacular and Fall Fair Muffin Madness are two other regular community events sponsored and organized by Rotarians.

Fundraisers not only provide a means to raise some

of the capital required to fund Rotary programs, but serve as community events on their own merit.

Muffin Madness, an unusual type of lottery held at the Salt Spring Fall Fair with the winner depending on the location of a dropped cow "muffin," raises enough money for two annual \$1,000 scholarships awarded to youth in the community, as well as supporting many other groups in the Salt Spring Island community.

The first annual Spooktacular Bash took place at the Farmers Institute in 2004, featuring an evening of dancing and a casino with a Hallowe'en party theme. Its great success as an event and a fundraiser for Rotary causes will ensure its return in 2005. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29!

Unsung hero

An ongoing project of the Salt Spring Rotary Club is the Unsung Hero Award.

This is an award given, when appropriate, to a member of the graduating class at Gulf Islands Secondary School. The award is intended to recognize a graduating student who has given extraordinary service to his or her class, school and/or community and who might otherwise not receive the recognition they deserve. A small stipend is part of the award.

Counselling staff at the school choose the recipient

of the award with input from the graduating class.

The student chosen represents an example of the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." The award was begun by a member of the Rotary Club, and his wife, and funded by them for a number of years until they endowed the award and the Rotary Club became responsible for its administration.

Croftonbrook


With affordable housing an ongoing concern for the Gulf Islands, the Salt Spring Rotary Club has made affordable living a priority by directing energy and resources to creating a housing solution for seniors.

The Croftonbrook Seniors Residence, a complex of 20 subsidized housing units, was initiated and completed as a joint effort between Rotary, the Lions and the Legion on Salt Spring as an example of community cooperation.

Rotary involvement in the affordable housing solution did not end with the building itself, however, as involvement in day-to-day management and board participation continues, making Croftonbrook an ongoing community project that serves an identifiable need in the local area.

For the last year, Rotarians have been involved with extending their vision with the goal of adding another 20 units to the complex, doubling the capacity of the project to serve the housing needs on Salt Spring.


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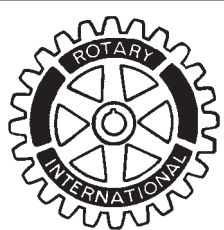
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SHIP IN SHAPE: Jamie Akehurst, left, and Kevin Waldie unload salmon gear from the Pacifica in preparation for the herring season, which starts at the end of the month. The two were seen working under sunny skies last week in Ganges Harbour.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Freemasons lay foundation for new food bank structure

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Increasing demand from area residents has created the urgent need for a larger food bank on the island.

"It's a very active service and the current space just isn't meeting the need," said executive director of Community Services Rob Grant. "People have been stretched pretty thin recently and many of those who come to us are members of the working poor that are trying to raise a family on a tight budget."

In response, members of the Freemasons' Admiral Lodge #170 volunteered to step up, lend a hand and create a link between their group and the community.

"As a group we realized that our numbers were declining largely because younger people were losing interest," said project chairman and practising Freemason Robert Sloan. "We needed a project that would get us involved in the community and that could show the values that we stand for."

Sloan explained the values of brotherly love, respect and relief could best be shown by reaching out to the community in an effort to raise funds.

The current food bank shares a mere 250 square feet with other programs in the basement of the Community Services building.

Because of the space constraints, food bank volunteers have been forced to use "every nook and cranny" they can find to store food and help those who request assistance.

Lack of space limits food bank operation to only four hours a week and has discouraged many people from getting help due to a lack

of confidentiality, according to Community Services' assistant co-ordinator Cathy Stringer.

"The need has definitely gone up during the past years and this winter has seen the greatest demand," she said.

A new structure would see the current food bank more than triple in size, allowing it to operate in a separate space for more hours a week.

The cost of the new building is estimated at \$55,000 and Community Services estimates that \$31,000 has already been raised. If all goes according to plan, construction should begin in April and wrap up in July.

"After we've managed to get the building set up and

running," said Sloan, "we're going to continue to have fundraising events that will help it continue serving the community."

He said the Freemasons would not be involved in the management of the facility, leaving that to the volunteers and staff of Community Services.

There are 70 Freemasons on Salt Spring Island and 11,000 in its British Columbia and Yukon Chapter. The organization dates back more than 400 years and has included members such as John A. MacDonald, John Molson and Oscar Peterson. Those wishing to get involved are encouraged to contact Randy Sloan at 537-2975.

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Logging contractor A&K Timber of Nanaimo, which was responsible for the slash piles, was found in violation of fire permit requirements by leaving the blazes unattended.

Although no charges have been laid, deputy chief Don Akerman said the fellow responsible "got a scolding" and was told to remain by the fires until they had ceased to pose a threat. No damage was reported.

Salt Spring RCMP officers are searching for the individual or individuals responsible for vandalizing pop machines in front of the Seaside Restaurant in Vesuvius Bay and Moby's Pub in Ganges.

In both cases, the change boxes were removed and police believe the thefts are related. The incidents are alleged to have occurred on the evening of Monday, February 14. Anyone with information is requested to contact the RCMP.

RCMP officers pulled over an impaired driver on Wednesday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m. after they received a complaint that he was driving in an erratic manner. The incident took place on Lower Ganges Road in the vicinity of the Harbour House Hotel.



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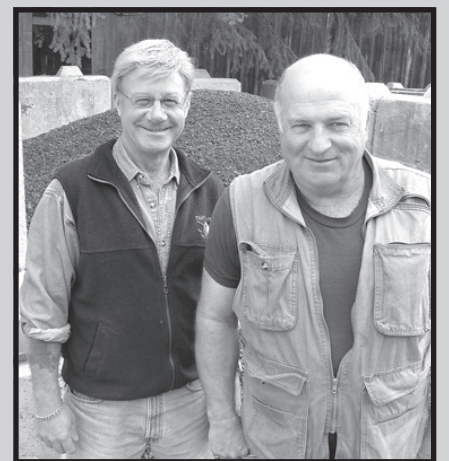
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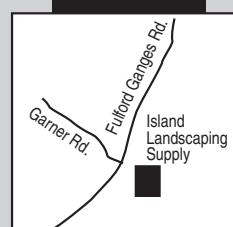


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ARTISTS BENEFIT RELIEF AID: A standing-room only audience crowded into All Saints church Sunday afternoon for a Tsunami Relief Concert, featuring "Artists and Friends of the Parish" and raising \$3,000. Among those performing were, clockwise from left, jazz musicians Zoe Guigueno, Garret Macdonell and Simon Millerd; Sarah Weston on the violin and Lottie Devindisch.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Velcrow Ripper opens film festival

With Cinema Central joining the Our Island, Our World Film Festival as an evening venue for the March 4-6 extravaganza, organizers are looking forward to showing even more compelling social documentaries at the sixth annual event.

"We're hoping the addition of this venue will broaden our audience," said festival co-organizer Dick Grier.

"We were able to keep the usual number of feature films at GISS, as well as add more at Central, including some family fare to expand things a bit."

Velcrow Ripper's *Scared Sacred* opens the festival at Cinema Central on Friday, March 4 with the filmmaker attending to introduce the film and answer ques-

tions following. Winner of the Toronto Film Festival's Special Jury Prize, *Scared Sacred* documents the filmmaker's five-year journey to search for hope and humanity in the most desperate places in the world.

An exciting lineup of features follows, including *The Yes Men*, a true story that follows prankster activists as they roam the world impersonating the WTO; and Oscar nominee for Best Documentary *The Story of the Weeping Camel*, a heartfelt tale set in Mongolia, suitable for the whole family.

On Sunday evening, Salt Spring filmmaker Mort Ransen will introduce *Weeping Camel*, followed by the animated short called *Ryan*, also Oscar nominated.

Features at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) include *The Take* by Avi Lewis and Naomi Klein, a political thriller set against Argentina's 2001 presidential election; and *War Photographer*, Christopher Frei's intimate portrait of one of this century's most important humanitarians.

In addition to the feature presentations, short films will be screened throughout the weekend at GISS with corresponding workshops taking place on Saturday, March 5. The Nanaimo Film School offers two sessions: Film School 4 Youth, and How to Make a Film for Less than the Price of a Used Car.

GISS students Ben Sanchez and Lucas Parker tell you how to Make Your Point

With Film. Afternoon seminars include a How to Run your Vehicle on Vegetable Oil with the SSI Biodiesel Group, and *The End of Suburbia, Ready or Not!*, a presentation/discussion on island sustainability options and renewable energy with the Salt Spring Island Alternative Energy Collective.

Regular ticket prices apply to films screened at Cinema Central. Films and workshops at GISS are by donation.

Complete programs will be available after February 23 (today) at Salt Spring Books, Island Star Video, Cinema Central, Watermark Books, Volume II, the library and Island Savings, or check <http://www.savesaltspring.com/filmfest.html>.

Award-winning Indigo movie returns

An award-winning film about "Indigo" children is running again due to popular demand.

Islander Cecilia Pech was able to show the film to a good crowd on January 29, and has been approved to show it again this week and next.

Indigo won the Audience Choice Award at the fourth annual Santa Fe Film Festival last year.

"Indigo is a film about loneliness, redemption and the healing powers and

grace of the new generation of Indigo — psychic and gifted — children being born into the world," explains a press release. "Although the story is fictional, the emotions and actions of the film resonate with the spiritual dynamics of life today."

"The dramatic core of the film is the relationship that develops between a man whose life and family have dissolved due to a fateful mistake and his 10-year-old granddaughter with whom he goes on the run to protect her from a

would-be kidnapper. Along the way, he discovers the power of his granddaughter's gifts, which forever alter the lives of everyone she encounters. It is about family, love, redemption."

The film runs at 175 Fulford-Ganges Road for the next two Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 and 8 p.m. Ticket reservations must be made by contacting Pech at 537-8911 or cecilia@saltspringwellness.com



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Youth singers poised for concert

Few phenomena can rival that of young voices singing together when it comes to creating pure joy for an audience.

Next Friday the island will be treated to a feast of such sounds when Salt Spring Sings - Spotlight on Youth unfolds at ArtSpring.

Victoria's acclaimed Prima Youth Choir of 16- to 26-year-old auditioned singers, directed by Bruce More, performs in a 7:30 p.m. concert, along with the island's Honour Choir and Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) ensembles.

All 120 singers will even converge on stage to perform one piece together.

The concert costs \$12 for adults and \$4 for students, while the public is welcome to hear elementary school choirs and a workshop led by Prima earlier in the day free of charge. Fernwood, Fulford and Salt Spring Elementary School choirs will perform from 3 to 4 p.m.,

and the workshop is from 4 to 5 p.m.

"The whole purpose of it is as an exchange," said event organizer Anke Smeele, explaining how the various groups will learn from hearing each other.

More said Prima's repertoire is from "public domain" choral literature available free on the Internet and covers five centuries of choral music, including Mozart, Brahms and Bruckner, plus French-Canadian folk songs and gospel pieces.

An arts appreciator and member of Salt Spring Singers choral group, Smeele was motivated to initiate an all-youth choral event last June after discussions with Prima conductor More, who wanted to bring his group to the island.

She also felt that Gulf Islands children were losing out on educational opportunities when the district switched to a four-day

school week this year, and so wanted to augment that with a youth-focussed musical day.

"I had faith that I could count on the support of Salt Spring's vibrant choral community, and Bruce Smith's GISS choirs and Mitch Howard's Honour Choir were excited to be part of this event," she said.

Members of Salt Spring Singers form the "meet and greet committee," while GISS music program parents are handling the refreshments and helping with billeting.

GISS cafeteria program students are preparing dinner for the 120-plus people involved on Friday night.

"It's really youth centred," noted Smeele.

More teaches in the Faculty of Music at the University of Victoria, and founded Prima in 1994.

He said he enjoys working with young singers "because

of the lightning fast and open minds of this age group — they're a joy to work with — and an even greater joy to hear."

Prima has toured in 12 countries ranging from Austria to Turkey to China.

Last November the group performed Messiah for the Homeless in conjunction with the Victoria Chamber Orchestra, with all proceeds benefitting the homeless.

Times Colonist reviewer Deryk Barker said, "I don't believe I have enjoyed any performance [of Messiah] as much as I did Friday night's, which combined freshness, drama, excitement and, yes, majesty. All I know is that I wouldn't have missed Friday's performance for anything."

Smeele has also been aided by grants from the B.C. Choral Federation and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

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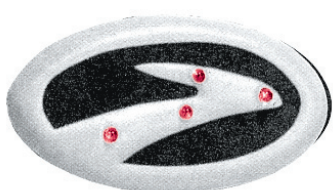
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FEATHERED FRIENDS: Boardwalk Greens' Diane Nicol shows off a colourful display of feathers, which are being sold to raise money for macaws.

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Inspiring recital set for Don Fisher

When tenor Don Fisher and organist Barry Valentine perform together in All Saints church, it is a sure-fire recipe for musical pleasure.

Music and Munch on March 2 features these two compelling and sensitive artists, with a program to nourish the soul.

Fisher spent some of his early years as a folk artist, embracing a musician's life, while he travelled the world. For many years now on Salt Spring he has maintained a busy working life, raised a family and continued to nourish his passion for singing.

He has won many awards and sung as soloist with Salt Spring Singers, as well as performing in Victoria and the Gulf Islands with solo concerts.

The All Saints venue is particularly conducive to Fisher's delicious voice and he has been generous with his time in the Anglican Parish's musical ventures. At Christmas, in the middle of a concert of carols, he surprised the audience by almost miraculously appearing in their midst, his voice, a cappella, soaring to the heavens. Then on Sunday he similarly delighted a large

crowd gathered for the parish's tsunami relief concert.

Barry Valentine has been an inspiration to audiences and musicians for many years and has played the All Saints' pipe organ more times than could be counted. In his role as organist and choir director, accompanist and solo performer, he has been the backbone of the

music life of All Saints.

Wednesday's concert promises to offer an inspiring and moving experience, with solo organ pieces, several of Fisher's favourite songs and a few musical surprises to boot.

Music begins at 12:10 p.m. in All Saints with an optional, delicious lunch to follow for \$5.50.

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Local and global communities of women will be celebrated at an International Women's Day event at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday, February 26.

Entitled *Celebrate the Divine Feminine*, events will kick off at 4 p.m. with a belly dancing workshop, along with group sing along, tarot reading and bodywork by donation. Children are welcome.

Potluck supper starts at 6 p.m. with people bringing a dish to share and an item that represents the sacred feminine to place on the altar.

These women-only events will be followed by an evening dance for both genders with fabulous female DJs spinning world beats and global rhythms.

All proceeds will be used to benefit the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID) group's current projects in Africa.

The \$15 suggested donation will be directly funnelled into projects focussed on women, and especially women's projects in Lesotho.

SOLID is also collecting the following items at Saturday's event: school supplies, educational toys, children's shoes, sewing supplies, woolen socks and sweaters, small instruments (recorders, flutes, harmonicas) and first aid kits.

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Laws take another road 'home' to folk club stage

It will be old home week for the Salt Spring Folk Club's next evening on Monday, February 28, as John and Michele Law return to the island.

The Laws, as they're known as stage, lived on Salt Spring for a few years before heading back to their native Ontario and a bigger music scene. The duo's 2004 CD called *Another Road* is full of gems and garnering lots of airplay.

Country Music News has called The Laws "one of Canada's finest country, folk and bluegrass acts."

"They wowed the main stage audience with their

glorious vocal harmonies, they played and sang beautifully in daytime sessions and they anchored a legendary late-night session," said Chris White at the Ottawa Folk Festival. "I was not at all surprised that their CDs sold out before the weekend was over. The Laws are loaded with talent."

After their Salt Spring gig, The Laws set off to tour Australia, North-eastern U.S., Texas and Ontario from March through July. Two young performers also familiar to islanders will open the evening under the banner of New Talent Showcase.

Greyse Richardson, well-

known as a friendly face at Barb's Buns and on local stages, will play a few songs solo, as will Wes Walls.

A Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate, Walls has been seriously pursuing his music career for the past few years.

"We want to give the kids a chance to have a really good listening audience," said folk club board member Kathleen Horsdal.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m., with doors at 7 (and earlier for season's ticket holders.)

Tickets are available at Salt Spring Books, Stuff 'n' Nonsense and Acoustic Planet.

Moby's Pub hosts lively Katz

A katzenjammer is defined as a loud discordant noise, a hangover and a state of bewilderment. The plural form, katzenjammers, however, usually conjures up the

mixed sounds and assorted melodies of a lively band that will perform two shows at Moby's Pub on Friday and Saturday, February 25-26.

Band members describe

their sound as "a high energy, classic pop/rock dance music" mixed with "low-key, soft dinner and background music."

Music begins at 9 p.m.

ISLANDERS IN FOCUS

Opening of Mike Gluss' photography exhibition at Galleons Lap Gallery drew a collection of art lovers.



Enjoying each other's company at Galleons Lap are Margaret and Ken MacKenzie.



Kim Kornbacher and Kris Wilhelmsen are also checking out the show.



Seen here are Joni Ganderton and Alane Lalonde.



Owners Beth and Seth Berkowitz enjoy the evening.

Jazz classics shine

The golden age of American popular song will inspire jazz musicians Rob McConnell, Reg Swager and Neil Swainson for their Sunday, February 27 performance at ArtSpring.

Considered one of Canada's greatest jazz musicians, McConnell has achieved an impressive variety of accomplishments. A valve trombonist, composer and arranger, he has been leader and member of groups of all sizes: from big bands, through sextets and quartets, down to his duets and trios with Ed Bickert, Neil Swainson and Don Thompson. In 1998, McConnell started a new Tentet.

For over 30 years, McConnell's main vehicle for jazz expression was The Boss Brass. With that aggregation, he has played across Canada and the United States at numerous festivals, clubs and concert halls. The Globe and Mail called guitarist Schwager "a very hip musician--hip, in a cool, offhand way that belies his remarkable technical proficiency."

Schwager has performed extensively in Canada and around the world with such artists as Diana Krall, Kenny Wheeler, Hank Jones, Nancy Wilson and Jimmy McGriff. He has recorded with McConnell, Mel Tormé, John Pizzarelli, Gary Burton, Don Thompson, Junior Mance and Peter Appleyard, among many others.

Swainson has worked with Paul Horn and backed up such musicians as Barney Russell, Herb Ellis and Sonny Stitt. Besides playing with artists like McConnell, Moe Koffman and Ed Bickert, he has also played with visiting jazz artists such as James Moody, George Coleman, Jay McShann, Tommy Flanagan, Lee Konitz, Joe Farrell, Slide Hampton and Woody Shaw.

The 2:30 p.m. concert is part of the ArtSwings! Jazz Series, sponsored by Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty. Wine-tasting with Garry Oaks Winery starts at 1:30.

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<p>Wednesday Night Live! Open stage at Moby's, 9 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Heart Healthy Eating. Talk with dietician Dina Ridenour. Part of heart mini-series. Meadowbrook, 2 pm</p> <p>SS Garden Club. Fred Wein is guest speaker on Clematis for all Seasons. Meaden Hall, 7 pm</p> <p>SS Rod & Gun Club. AGM at the clubhouse, 8 pm</p>	<p>Karaoke with Tom & Matt. Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 8 pm</p> <p>Fulford Nature Family Dance Fundraiser. With Tom Hooper & the Angry Hippies. Fulford School gym at 5:30 pm. Silent auction from 5-8 pm</p> <p>DJ Irish Mike. Reggae, Soul, Funk at Anise, 9 pm</p> <p>The Arrogant Worms. At ArtSpring, 8 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Indigo the Movie. 175 Fulford Ganges Rd. Reserve ticket at 537-8911.</p> <p>SS Centre School Open House. At the school, 6:30 pm</p> <p>GI Community Arts Council. AGM at Mahon Hall, 7:30 pm</p> <p>SS Local Trust Committee. Meets at Meaden Hall, 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Interchill Records DJs. Stirred not Shaken: sophisticated lounge music at Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 8 pm</p> <p>The Current Swell. At Anise, 9 pm</p> <p>Katzenjammers! Performs at Moby's Pub, 9 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Basketry Bird Nest. Creative Connections for Kids class at ArtSpring, 10-11:30 am</p> <p>Island Reels. Film festival evening at Mahon Hall, 7 pm.</p> <p>Indigo the Movie. 175 Fulford Ganges Rd. Reserve ticket at 537-8911.</p> <p>Youth Chess Club. Fridays at Ganges fire hall, 10am-1pm</p>	<p>Live with Tom Hooper. Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 8 pm</p> <p>Katzenjammers! Performs at Moby's Pub, 9 pm</p> <p>Charlotte Diamond. In concert at ArtSpring, 3 pm.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Indigo the Movie. 175 Fulford Ganges Rd. Reserve ticket at 537-8911.</p> <p>Celebrate the Divine Feminine. Beaver Pt. Hall, women's workshops, 4 pm; potluck, 6 pm; dance 8 pm</p> <p>CFUW Meeting. Guest speaker Alison Brewin on Equalit Rights & LEAF. Lions Hall, 10 am</p> <p>Live/Raw Foods Seminar. Two-day workshop with Elyse Nuff. 537-5472.</p>	<p>Vintage Lounge with DJ Matt. Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 7 pm</p> <p>Rob McConnell Trio. ArtSpring, 2:30 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>SSI Badminton Club GISS gym. Info: 653-4613.</p> <p>Thai Chi, Qi Kung Sundays, Beaver Point Hall, 2-3:30 pm</p> <p>Island Star's Oscar Party. Harbour House Hotel, 4:30 pm</p> <p>Big Screen. Sports at the Legion Sundays, 1-5 pm</p> <p>SS Vipassana Community. Meditation Day at The Barn, 9-3:30 pm</p> <p>SSI SPCA. AGM at Mahon Hall, 1 pm</p> <p>SEEDS AGM. Film & potluck dinner. Beaver Pt. Hall, 1-8 pm.</p> <p>Live/Raw Foods Seminar. Two-day workshop with Elyse Nuff. 537-5472.</p>	<p>The Laws. SS Folk Club show at Fulford Hall, with opening act New Talent Showcase, 7:30 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society. Regular monthly meeting at Lions Hall, 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Nothing scheduled at this time.</p>

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- **Life drawings** from students in Stefanie Denz's classes are hanging in the lobby at **ArtSpring**.
- **Gene Grooms** has portraits showing at **Barb's Buns**.
- **Karen Muntean** from Gallery Rosa Encaustic is the **Island Savings** artist.
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Special programmes honour community members

As well as striving to exemplify the principles of Rotary in their personal and business pursuits, Salt Spring Rotarians participate in special awards and programmes recognize youth and community leaders.

Community Service Award

People who donate their time and commit themselves to community causes are the cornerstone of community activism and development.

Salt Spring Island has a full roster of individuals who provide superior examples of community service.

Salt Spring Rotary regularly acknowledges and celebrates the best examples of local citizenship with the Community Service Award. The honour is awarded to those who have given extraordinary service to the community. It may often be a specific project that pre-

cipitates the nomination of individuals for the award, but it is the long-term commitment to community service that distinguishes those who have received it.

Recent recipients of the Community Service Award have included Dan Lee, Robert and Birgit Bateman, and Gordon English and Mary Toynbee.

Rotary Youth Leadership

In 1971 Rotary established the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, which sponsors camps and seminars to help promising young leaders between the ages of 18 and 30 further develop their leadership skills and experience.

Locally, Salt Spring Rotary participates in a district-wide RYLA seminar that takes place annually in Washington State. A young member of the community



Gulf Islands Secondary School student Ande Kuric is this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Award winner. Photo by Derrick Lundy

who has demonstrated service, leadership and citizenship is selected to attend. The seminar covers issues such as ethics, communication skills, problem-solving and conflict management, and community and global citizenship.

Rotary is pleased to pres-

ent the 2005 Rotary Youth Leadership Award to Ande Kuric, who will attend the seminar in March.

Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) programme is a worldwide exchange of young professional and business persons sponsored by Rotary International. The exchange provides the opportunity for these non-Rotarians to travel to another country, meet their foreign contemporaries and learn about the country while promoting cultural and international bridge building. A Rotarian team leader accompanies each GSE contingent.

In a typical one-to-one matching of locations in the program, a study group from the local Rotary district is headed to Germany this year, while another contingent from the receiving German district will visit our

area, including Salt Spring Island. Scott Howe, a local Rotarian, has been chosen as the alternate team leader this year.

Rotaract and Interact

In the 1960s, Rotary launched two programs designed to facilitate the service orientation of youth. The Salt Spring Rotary Club is not currently active in these programmes, but they are a vital part of the Family of Rotary.

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people aged 14-18 and designed for high school participation and peer support. The program gives young people an opportunity to participate in meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills, personal integrity and advancing international understanding and goodwill.

Interact clubs perform at least two service projects every year that benefit their school or community, or furthers international understanding.

Rotaract is a similarly organized service club for young men and women between the ages of 18 and 30 that can be community-based or university-based. Through the program, young adults not only augment their knowledge and skills, but they also address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of service.

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 7,600 Rotaract clubs in some 158 countries and an estimated membership of more than 176,000, it has become a global example of service.

Serving through Rotary participation

Rotary is service driven. Belonging to a Rotary Club gives men and women an organized outlet for contributing to their community.

Founded in 1905, Rotary is the world's first service club. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self."

Rotary has a global network of 1.2 million members in nearly 32,000 clubs in more than 166 countries. And every Rotarian is welcome at and encouraged to attend any one of these clubs. If you want a round of golf, or need a doctor or dentist anywhere in your travels, as a Rotarian you just contact the nearest local Rotary club.

Rotary members meet weekly to plan a wide variety of service activities. Rotary clubs are autonomous and can determine their own service projects based on local needs and the interests and abilities of members.

Rotary clubs are non-religious, non-governmental and open to every race, culture and creed. Club membership represents a cross-section of local business and professional leaders.

Membership in a Rotary club offers a number of benefits, including:

- Effecting change within the community.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Gaining an understanding of — and having an impact on — international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders.

Through Rotary's service programs, a Rotary club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in its community. Programs of The Rotary Foundation offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. Rotary membership provides the opportunity to:

- Become connected to your community.
- Work with others in addressing community needs.
- Interact with other professionals in your community; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts.
- Establish contacts with an international network of

professionals.

- Develop leadership skills.
- Involve family in promoting service efforts.

Rotary International is one of the world's largest service organizations. The goal for a club's membership is an up-to-date and progressive representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests.

A primary goal of the club is to continually expand the club with committed members who have the interest and ability to get involved in service and humanitarian projects. Prospective members must:

- hold — or be retired from — a professional, proprietary, executive, or managerial position;
- have the capacity to meet

the club's weekly attendance or community project participation requirements;

- live or work within the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

For more information please contact President Carol Dodd (538-0079) or Membership Chair Lorne Bunyan (537-1647). Visit the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org

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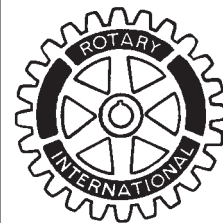
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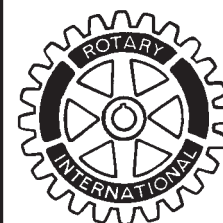
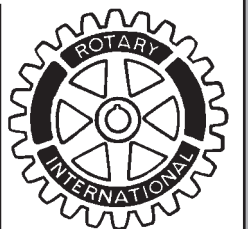


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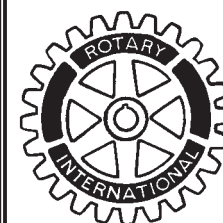
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International connections forged through Rotary

With 1.2 million Rotarians belonging to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries, the organizing and fundraising power of Rotary geared to international causes can be truly impressive.

Rotary International is the unifying organization that coordinates the thousands of local clubs, as well as spearheads efforts in the international arena of humanitarian causes such as children at risk, poverty, hunger, the environment, illiteracy and violence.

They support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students and professionals geared towards vocational and career development.

Polio Plus

Rotarians are globally united in the Polio Plus campaign for the global eradication of polio. Rotarians worldwide have contributed hundreds of millions of dollars towards this ambitious commitment to immunize the children of the world.

Working with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and a range of private and public sector partners, Rotarians have delivered vaccine by camels, helicopters, elephants and motorbikes. They have staffed immunization posts and mobilized mil-

lions of volunteers. A recent campaign in India saw 170 million children immunized in just one day.

Since 1988, when the World Health Assembly challenged the world to eradicate polio, Rotary's efforts have contributed to the 99 per cent reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide. Rotarians anticipate celebrating the achievement of their 20-year goal, the global control of polio in 2005, this centennial year of the organization.

Youth Exchange

For over three decades, the Rotary Youth Exchange has demonstrated the value of bridging cultural differences as approximately 7,500 students between the ages of 15 and 19 travel abroad annually for the academic year.

The local district is one of the most active in the world in terms of both sending and receiving students for the exchange. Salt Spring's Rotary Club sponsors students regularly, encouraging cross-cultural understanding and building international alliances.

Students from Salt Spring have travelled to exchange locations in Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Italy and Ecuador. Most recently, Sopha Burke of Salt Spring travelled to Rome, spending her school year exploring the

Italian culture, country and language under the auspices of the program.

Foreign students from Denmark, Brazil, Bolivia and Germany have spent the year attuning to Salt Spring culture. Morgane Lebeau, a secondary student from Belgium, is currently enjoying Salt Spring as a participant in the Rotary Youth Exchange.

Salgaa Community Garden — Kenya

With the devastation that the HIV/AIDS pandemic has caused African society, adequate food and nutrition has an increased impact on the health and quality of life of communities that are handicapped by the disease's effects. In 2004, the Salt Spring Rotary helped to facilitate local permaculture expert Michael Nickels in establishing a community garden in the Kenyan community of Salgaa.

With a US\$2,500 Rotary grant, Nickels travelled to Salgaa and established a flourishing Community Education Garden. As well as building the actual garden, two additional components of the project will ensure its ongoing success. A manager was hired to ensure the garden would be sustained through its first six months, and an educational booklet describing how the garden was built was developed.

With the help of the SSI Rotary Club, Nickels returned to Salgaa six months after the project's completion. He took 200 booklets with him and had many local people lined up to be next in establishing gardens of their own. Each garden has a commercial component so that it will be sustainable over the long term.

Permaculture gardening methods can result in a sustainable and long-term source of nutrition for communities, making it a natural

fit and excellent solution for impoverished and ecologically impacted regions such as Salgaa.

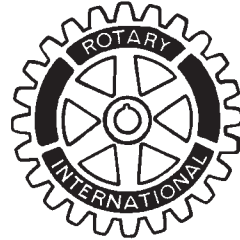
With the economic hardships of communities that have been so greatly impacted by HIV/AIDS, the ability to grow their own food relieves some of the obstacles faced by resource-poor areas that are trying to feed their populations and provide basic needs.

Following the success of the Salgaa project, the Rotary Club will continue to sup-

port Nickels' efforts in Africa by working with Rotary International and Rotarians in Kenya to establish community gardens and aim for reforestation of the region.

A tree nursery component of the community gardens will aid reforestation of the area, as well as providing income and fuel.

Nickels' goal of planting one million trees in the region will benefit the region immeasurably in terms of building a sustainable economy and ecology.



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KARAOKE KING: Shane Hooper (son of singers Tom Hooper and Suzanne Little) belts out Sweet Carolina at the Shipstones' karaoke night. Shipstones now has entertainment every Thursday through Sunday nights. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Dreamscape ends tour of 'Bless You Billy Wilder' with March ArtSpring show

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Actor Marcus Fernando of Dreamscape Productions hopes the upcoming performance of *Bless You, Billy Wilder* will get people reacquainted with what comedy is all about.

"I think, in many ways, people have had enough of the recent trend of sledgehammer comedy. We don't want humour to be fed to us on a plate along with canned laughter," he said.

"I hope this performance can take it back to the age where the audience can laugh out loud or chuckle quietly, depending on how they feel."

Bless You Billy Wilder is the story of two opposite personalities who come together by virtue of their differences.

Scriptwriter Emil, played by Fernando, lives in the world of film.

He is obsessed with restoring the full nine and a half hours of a classic silent film.

While at work on the project he meets Patience (Tina Hofman), an artist raised on an Amish colony who has never seen a movie.

Emil decides to introduce her to life through the world of film, but in doing so realizes that she has a great deal to teach him.

Speaking from the tour's latest stop in New Denver, Fernando said he especially enjoys performing in smaller communities.

Crowds in bigger cities usually go to the theatre expecting to be entertained, he said, whereas people from smaller communities enjoy getting involved with the performance.

"This is partly because people in remote communities appreciate the effort that goes into making a production like this," he said.

"They realize that the theatre is different than sitting in front of a television or computer screen."

The play was written by

Edmonton-based playwright and "fringe god" David Belky. It has toured Western Canada since January and will wrap up on Salt Spring at 8 p.m., March 2 at ArtSpring.

Tickets are available through the Ticket Centre at ArtSpring.

Salt Spring theatre buffs will recall Dreamscape Theatre's last two on-island performances.

The troupe presented Edward Albee's *Seascape* in 2003 and *The Lover* by Harold Pinter the year before.

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Short films run Friday

A long-awaited StarBooks Film Festival is finally screening locally made films on Friday, February 25 at 7 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

Not to be confused with the Our Island, Our World Film Festival on March 4-6, Island Reels is a series of short films submitted by islanders over the past six months.

Several short films made by amateur filmmakers aged 12 to 50 have been submitted to the first annual festival.

A one-hour documentary on Salt Spring's Virginia Newman is also part of the evening.

"We had technical difficulties over the past six months," said festival organizer Ken Rouleau, "but we finally have the venue and films ready. Don't miss this local extravaganza."

Island Reels was made possible by the hard work of many locals and through a grant from the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.



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Klemm a master of the waiting game

Eric Klemm's photographic image of a man walking into the distance towards

Versaille against the vertical stand of trees to the right is one that sticks in your mind for days — even years.

The photo is like a calling card for Klemm, opening doors in North America in the same way that winning the Art Directors Club New York award for a photograph of a girl published in US-Camera and other international photography magazines jump-started his career

ART BEAT ON THE ROCK WITH ANDREA RABINOVITCH



in Europe in the late 1960s. For Klemm, it's all a waiting game.

"I would never manipulate (a composition)," enthused Klemm. "To be a photographer is to wait."

That particular photo entitled Versailles, France 2004 which was seen last summer in the group photography show at ArtSpring and at the tsunami relief show also at Artspring, took him days of waiting. "It was a very busy place and I wanted a shot with no one in it. I waited for the perfect moment and just as I was going to shoot, a man came out and started walking."

A picture that would have been good turned out to be great.

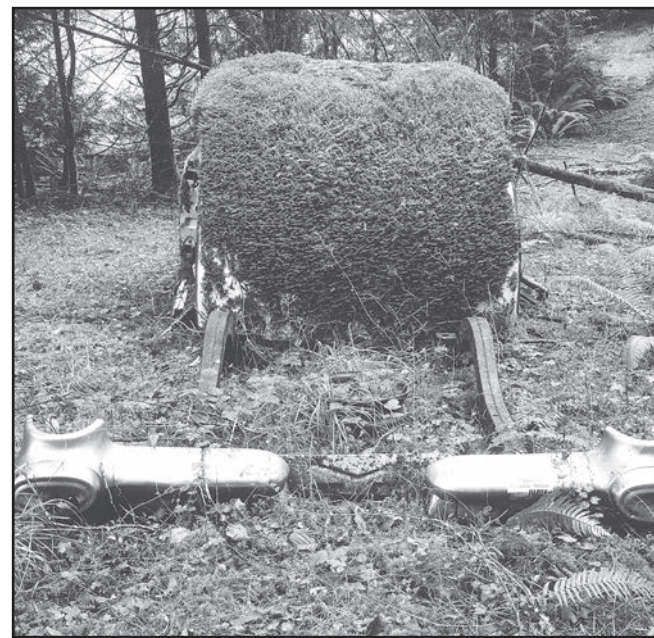
That kind of synchronicity seems to happen to Klemm.

Metamorphosis, a show of 13 large (five feet), and six smaller (20 X 24 inch) photographs opened in Vancouver on February 15 and runs till March 15 at Gallery Jones on West Third. Shot in large format with a five by seven Swiss Sinar camera with long exposure times, the work is mysterious, emotional, psychological and beautiful in its detail.

The path to the subject matter is a Salt Spring tale that only could have happened to Klemm.

"Any other photographer would have done the same," philosophized Klemm. "I was the lucky one."

"By chance I met Bruce



MOSS COVER: Eric Klemm photo taken on Bruce Smith's property is part of a Gallery Jones exhibit in Vancouver.

Smith as I was looking for a junk yard for a series that I was doing," said Klemm. "He was not typical as he has an artistic eye."

"He said, 'I could show you something' and we marched into the woods. I saw a small square in the middle of the rainforest covered in moss."

That atypical shape was a car, one of 10 late-model vehicles from the '20s to the '50s that had been in the forest for at least 20 years. Smith protected them from anyone knocking the growth off until the perfect person, Klemm, came along to turn these strange creatures into art.

Inspired by performance artist Joseph Beuys (1921-1986), known for wrapping objects in felt in order to change their identity — Klemm had known him in Germany — the photos are

like a Freudian dream of hidden desires.

A sense of discovery delights the viewer as the man-made objects integrate into nature just as the emotional impact of the half hidden metal beasts inspire reflection.

A native of Germany, his many awards, prestigious positions and famous magazine shoots — Playboy among them — led him to the Maldives in 1979 where he developed a Relaix and Chateau Inn on his dream island Cocoa.

The world of commercial photography has now been left behind and replaced by art photos of a supreme calibre.

"I approach (photography) like a painter not a journalist," explained Klemm from his and wife Mariette's lovely home and B&B in Vesuvius, Aston House. "It is conceptual art."

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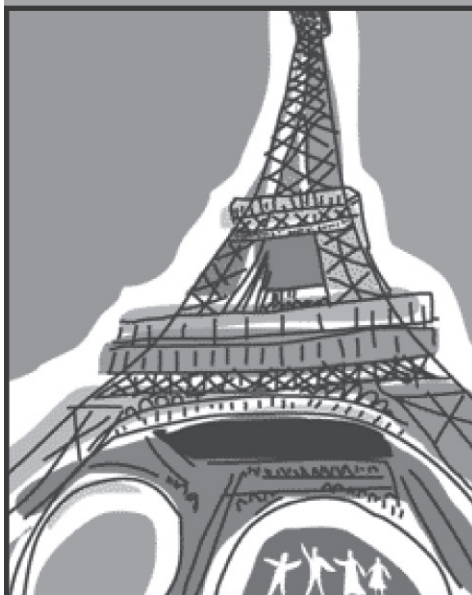
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I Heart Huckabees: crazy disaster or raving success?



Jason Tudor

I'm sure I Heart Huckabees sounds like a silly title. Actually, it's I "heart symbol" Huckabees, much like those I Love NY T-shirts so prevalent in the 1980s. If this already annoys the heck out of you, then the film itself may drive you crazy.

The story has environmental advocate Albert Markovski (Jason Schwartzman) finding himself in a bit of a reality crisis, and requesting the aid of a couple of "existential detectives" to aid him in his quest for self-knowledge.

The detectives (Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin) follow him around constantly, recording his activities, and are surprisingly effective in drawing out Albert's many issues. It's not long before a depressed fireman with a grudge against the petroleum industry (Mark Wahlberg), an

up-and coming executive (Jude Law) and his girlfriend/corporate spokesmodel (Naomi Watts) become involved.

If that sounds a little confusing, just wait until the sultry French nihilist-guru (Isabelle Huppert) shows up to fight our intrepid existential detectives in a cross-Atlantic philosophical duel.

I'm not sure if I Heart Huckabees is a spectacular, crazy disaster, or a raving success. The film feels like Rushmore, Magnolia or Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind. It has those films' quirkiness, cheeky music, gently annoying characters and sense of the surreal and yet, it seems to me like director David O. Russell is trying to push things to yet another level.

On the one hand, the film seems to be taking itself seriously. On the

other hand how could that possibly be? Can it mock itself and presume to speak on the essentials of life at the same time?

Maybe this is pushing things, but perhaps Russell is using his film as a bit of a metaphor for the complexities and paradoxes of self-discovery. Postmodern philosophy, a mix of nihilism, existentialism, and Eastern mysticism, often contradict themselves in search of some kind of practical answer.

Likewise, I Heart Huckabees isn't so much the sum of its parts, but a map of rules for how to live. You don't think about it and say, "Gee, that movie told me everything is OK, I now know what to do." It just sort of happens to you, and lets you do the thinking for yourself.

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Salt Spring's first teacher reveals educated black history lineage

By **GAIL SJUBERG**
Staff Writer

On an island now known for its well-educated citizenry and penchant for social justice, the story of its first teacher makes a poignant link to the past.

If we could step inside Salt Spring's first log schoolhouse built at Central in the early 1860s, we would witness children absorbing Latin and other staples of a classical education, subjects more likely taught in private schools in 19th-century centres of civilization.

In 1861, their teacher was John Craven Jones, a 27-year-old African American from North Carolina, who was educated at Oberlin College in Ohio, the first higher-learning U.S. institution to accept blacks and women.

Salt Spring resident Arlene Richardson has devoted parts of the past decade to researching Jones' life, bringing into play her anthropology degree and abiding curiosity for life stories.

"He was one of the most educated people in the province," says Richardson.

Jones attended Oberlin for six years, graduating in 1856 as one of the first blacks with an arts degree.

Richardson has scoured documents and correspondence in provincial and Salt Spring archives, and corresponded with Jones' descendant Cameron Faulkener of North Carolina, who sent photographs of Jones' progeny and filled in the story before and after his Salt Spring era.

"I discovered their name two doors down from the address where Jones had died. That's the marvel of the Internet and the marvel of their staying in one place for a long time."

Jones married Almira Scott, daughter of active abolitionists, after returning to North Carolina, and their descendants maintained the family tradition of political and educational activism.



SHARING HISTORY: Arlene Richardson (right) reviews documents, photos and maps with Evelyn White, Alice Walker's biographer. Photo by Gail Sjuberg

"John Craven's daughter Madge married a senator. Then they had a son who married Margaret Evans, a college instructor who taught Jessie Jackson," Richardson says.

"He was born into a Resistance family and his father helped train blacks to pursue skilled and professional training."

"Jones' life is really the story of the struggle for ideals of democracy, liberty, freedom and civil rights."

Learning Salt Spring's first teacher was emblematic of an entire people's rich history has been rewarding for Richardson. And her enthusiasm was rekindled when she met Evelyn White, whose is gaining notoriety as the writer of Alice Walker: A Life, the biography published last fall by W.W. Norton & Company.

White was raised in Gary, Indiana and lived in California for years before moving to Salt Spring in 2002. She's thrilled to be privy to Richardson's research.

White knew the island was

first settled by U.S. black people seeking a better life, but she was not familiar with Jones' story.

Over tea at Barb's Buns last month, surrounded by islander Gene Grooms' stunning portraits of his family and Salt Spring black pioneer descendants, the two women's research and analysis complement each other as the discussion unfolds.

Richardson explains how she got started.

"When I went into the archives locally I had no idea of what I'd find. I just had a question in my mind: why did the blacks leave?"

She unfolds a map showing where African Americans pre-empted significant tracts of land on Salt Spring beginning with the 1859 arrival of men from at least 13 families. Map names include Scott, Isaac, Anderson, Buckner, Stark, Lester and Robinson.

Jones had 200 acres from Upper Ganges Road at Churchill Road across to Booth Canal.

"All around Central is black, and where the school is built it's built by the black community and it's a black community trying to get school funding," says Richardson.

"Parents fought hard over the years, building a school, forming a board of trustees and following all the necessary protocols to gain recognition as a school district. Despite the fact that Salt Spring had more than enough students to qualify, 11 years would pass before the community would secure a salary for Jones."

Even then he was only granted "third-class qualifications at the lowest rate of pay," says Richardson, and only for two years before the Board of Education questioned his appointment.

The resulting conflict saw Jones dismissed by the provincial board in 1875. Parents were furious and refused to send their children to school.

Since he was not paid by the government, Jones relied on community goodwill to

survive.

Yet one personal letter Richardson found illustrates that generosity may not have been as bountiful as once thought.

"Basically [in the letter] he's making a plea to someone to bring him food, so I knew things weren't all wonderful at that time for him."

When personal hardship is added to the experiences with education officials, Richardson is not surprised Jones and others did not remain on Salt Spring.

Being American in a British colony was even an obstacle, with true allegiances sometimes questioned.

"When asking for school funds, they always expressed their loyalty to the Crown," notes Richardson.

White admires the effort needed to decipher material like hand-written letters, which differs from researching a still-living high-profile individual as she did with Alice Walker.

Much of the archive material is correspondence with school authorities. "I was peering through everything looking for the word 'Jones,'" says Richardson.

Seeing Jones' history take shape under Richardson's hand has also been inspiring for White.

"So much of what blacks in America usually see is stuff out of slavery and the reconstruction period and struggle. To see these photos of a prominent, educated black family is very uplifting and indicative of how we don't know the whole story."

White is also pleased that Jones is now getting the attention he deserves through Richardson's efforts, which will ideally result in a book being published at some point.

"It's so moving to me that . . . so many years later his plea has been heard, and I think that speaks of the human bond . . . We are all connected, and sooner or later we will all touch each other in that heart place."

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Jared Mcquire (grade 2)

"I like all the math they're giving me. I also like the reading and playing with the Guinea Pigs."



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Eagle nest monitors needed as new program starts up

Islanders with an eye for eagles' nests are invited to join a nest-monitoring program with an introductory workshop on March 5.

The Wildlife Tree Stewardship Program (WiTS) is a volunteer "Citizens Science Project" that

monitors bald eagle nest trees and other wildlife tree users such as red-tailed hawks, great horned owls and osprey.

"The goal, in addition to establishing an inventory for breeding eagle and raptor populations, is

habitat protection, neighbourhood stewardship, and an increased public awareness," explains a press release.

WiTS is a Federation of B.C. Naturalists (FBCN) program that has representatives from the Cana-

dian Wildlife Service, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, BC Hydro and the FBCN.

Next Saturday's WiTS workshop at Lions Hall on Salt Spring is open to all who are interested in the program.

It runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Trail and nature club schedule released

Mark your calendar for the February social event at the United Church, which will be on Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker is Ron Hall, who will show slides on some spectacular national parks in Utah and Arizona.

A speaker has yet to be arranged for the March 24 social event.

The trail coordinators are requesting support on Thursday, March 10 and Monday, March 28 for clean-up of some trails. Our focus will be salal, broom and branches on the various island trails. Loppers, clippers, rakes and weed eaters will be the tools of choice for this task. Club members should contact Owen at 537-9107 or George at 537-5774 if you

are willing and able to help, and they will suggest which trails to target.

Spring trip to Quadra Island (May 25 to 28): There is still room available for people who are willing to share accommodation (four people in a cottage). Booking and trip information is in the Cobbler's box and on the Trail and Nature's website.

Following is the March schedule for all three groups.

Ramblers

MARCH 1: We will ramble with George Wachmann at Duck Creek. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

MARCH 8: Edna Gatt will lead us in the Channel Ridge area. For those tired of peanut butter and raisin sandwiches, we will have lunch at Seaside Kitchen. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

MARCH 15: A ramble through the Bapty Farm will be led by John and Kay Mowbray. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m., or Beaver Point Hall at 10:15.

MARCH 22: Off-island ramble at Swan Lake with Paul and Beth Ranney. Assemble at Fulford Inn at 9:15 for the 10 a.m. ferry.

MARCH 29: Joan Wrigley has permission for us to ramble to Nose Point. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Walkers

MARCH 1: Owen Benwell will lead us on a moderate walk from Beaver Point Hall to King's Cove. Please meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. South-end walkers can meet us at the hall at 10:15 a.m.

MARCH 8: Bud and Carol Williams will lead us on an easy walk around Dundaven Churchill Road. Lunch will be at Moby's. Please meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

MARCH 15: Join us for a walk at Mt. Erskine with Bob and Betty Ball. This is a moderate walk. Please meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

MARCH 22: Donna Mort is going to lead us on a new walk with beautiful ocean views in Victoria. We will start at King George Terrace and end at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel where we will have lunch at the Snug Pub. Please meet us at 9 a.m. sharp at ArtSpring to catch the 10 a.m. Fulford ferry. South-enders, please meet at Drummond Park 9:15 a.m. This is a moderate/easy walk (some hills) and you won't need hiking boots.

MARCH 29: Hopefully the weather will not cancel us again! Don Madsen will try again to lead us on a moderate walk in Channel Ridge. Please meet at Portlock Park at 10 a.m.

Hikers

MARCH 1: Join Fred Powell and explore some of the many trails in Ruckle Park. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. and meet up with south-enders at Beaver Point Hall at 10 a.m.

MARCH 8: With Zeke Blazecka in charge, expect something new along Mount Hope trails. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. and meet up with south-enders at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

MARCH 15: Kees Visser will attempt a fairly vigorous hike partly up Mount Sullivan, turn to Bold Bluff and back to Burgoyne Bay. Meet for departure at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. and meet up with south-enders at the Burgoyne Bay triangle at 10 a.m.

MARCH 22: Lynn Thompson will lead us off island to Ladysmith for a moderate hike to Christie Falls and beyond. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. for the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

MARCH 29: Under the guidance of Simon Rook we will have a vigorous hike up to the top of Mount Sullivan from Burgoyne Bay. Departure from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. and meet up with south-enders at the Burgoyne Bay triangle at 10 a.m.

Islands host Cuban farm icon

Cuban agricultural leader and noted musician Dr. Humberto Rios La Brada will give a series of talks on how Gulf Islands residents can regain control of their local food supply.

La Brada's work in Cuba and Mexico has helped empower local farmers and strengthen the genetic integrity of the food supply.

"I hope Humberto can encourage people here by helping them understand the relevance of small-scale organic agriculture," said Mayne Island organic farmer

Ron Pither. "He represents a lot of what can and needs to be done."

Gatherings will also feature a presentation of Seeds in the City, an account of Havana's urban gardening boom that was written and produced by Canadian Richard Phinney.

"We can learn a lot from the Cubans in terms of saving the heritage and diversity of agriculture," Pither said. "They manage to feed half of Havana with food grown within the city. Now that's a secure food supply."

The West Coast Islands Conservancy will host the event, which will inform participants about everything they ever wanted to know about organic farming and sustainable agriculture.

La Brada, also known for his musical talents, may perform for the audience. Signed copies of his CD featuring music and farming information will be available.

The events will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 28 at the United Church hall on Salt Spring and at the Mayne Island Community Centre March 1.

Thank You Salt Spring!



Thanks to GVM for their hospitality, and special thanks to all those people who stopped by to visit with us!

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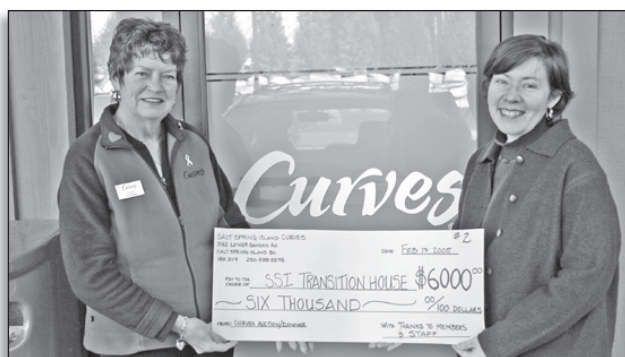
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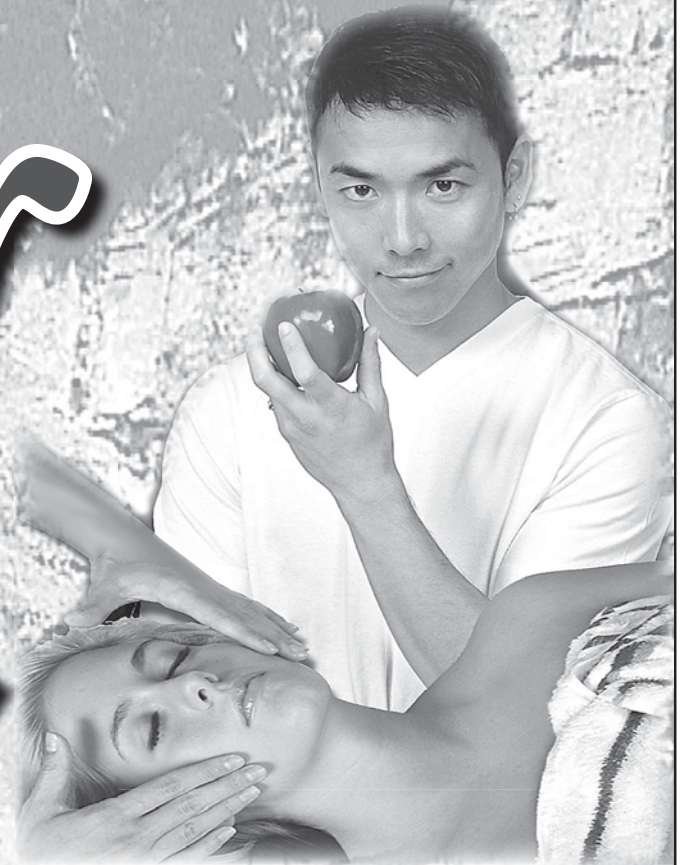
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BATTER UP: Georgia Tatnall and Christina Anderson counted among ball players signing up for minor baseball and girls' softball on Saturday. Registration forms can be collected at Sports Traders until the end of February.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Cops coach junior boys hoopsters

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Junior boys on the Scorpions basketball team probably didn't expect to have so much fun this season.

Equally, RCMP Const. Nick Widdershoven didn't think he'd be head coach of the junior boys team when he offered to help out at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

"Before, I was just another cop on the street," he said.

Since the GISS junior boys needed a coach, Widdershoven and Const. Jeff Swann, who've each been members of the local RCMP detachment for just over a year, took on the basketball team together this season.

"They are going to be people that we get to know more and more," said Widdershoven.

"Constable coaches? I think it's great," said GISS athletics director Lyall Ruehlen.

"It's neat for the school environment to have high-profile community members like these guys come into the school."

Both Swann and Widdershoven played basketball in high school but only Swann had previous



DOUGHNUT DUNKERS: RCMP constables Nick Widdershoven and Jeff Swann (left to right at back) coach the junior boys basketball team at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

coaching experience, from his last posting at Barriere, B.C.

"There's a lot more to coaching basketball than I thought there was," said Widdershoven.

"When you're playing the game, you've got one job. When you're a coach, you have to watch all five and figure out when to change things," said Swann.

Policing, teaching and coaching require similar interpersonal skills, he said.

"I'm a firm believer in fair play and good sportsmanship."

Swann enjoys working with such a positive group of young men, he said.

"Often times in police work, we deal with the worst five per cent of people. So it's nice to deal with the other 95 per cent for a change."

Widdershoven joked that he had "inside sources" at GISS who told him the junior boys weren't thrilled over the idea of police coaches.

"They're not as scary as they seem," said GISS junior Stephen Greenwood.

"But the doughnut ste-

reotype is true," chimed in fellow player John Foley.

"When have you ever seen me eat a doughnut?" asked Widdershoven.

The team and coaches swap quips and inside jokes between themselves like a light-hearted form of zone offence.

"We should have pushed them harder," grinned Widdershoven.

But the junior boys managed a reasonable record of four wins and four close losses during league play.

"A highlight of the season was losing three games. Two by one point and one by two points," said Greenwood.

Unfortunately, the team wrapped up their season with another tough one-point loss at the Mid Islands on Saturday.

"Martin Lannan had a buzzer beater that just missed," said Widdershoven.

"There was four seconds left, he put up a good shot and just didn't get lucky."

Opening with a 60-40 loss against Brentwood on Friday, GISS was eliminated from the tourney with a 51-50 result against Quamichan on Saturday.

"That's it for us until next year."

'Sharp' Scorpions junior girls slam wins

Scorpions junior girls placed third when they hosted the Mid-Islands Basketball Championships at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) over the weekend.

In their opener, Scorpions beat Chemainus to earn a spot on the winner's side of the draw.

"Our Scorpions were sharp and in control throughout the game," said coach Elly McKeague.

Ayla Lundy was top scorer

with 14 points. Kate Parker, Jenny Akerman, Sam Bird and Megan Cameron each scored six to eight points by driving to the hoop outside the key, McKeague said.

"Catlin Hilyer and Michelle McBride showed their best defensive rebounding of the season."

GISS played well when they lost their second game 43-31 against the eventual tournament champions,

Cowichan Secondary, McKeague said.

"Our girls had the Cowichan squad flustered by shutting down their offence through outstanding defensive play in the second half of the game."

She commended Parker (15 points) and Jess Harkema (six points) for outstanding offence and defence.

Islanders won their third game 57-20 against Frances Kelsey.

"The girls pulled it all out, played well and had a lot of fun, knowing that this was our last game of the season."

Akerman scored 20 points and Harkema took nine, while Bird and Hilyer each

scored eight.

"Daniella Benloulou and Kristi Lee each scored an impressive three-pointer, and Dorothy Lo and Cassandra Storey were completely unforgetting on defence," McKeague said.

"All members of the team are to be commended for the welcoming, fun tone that they set as tournament hosts, and for the hours of time they spent in the gym scoring and running the clock for visiting teams' games."

She also thanked assistant coach Brenda Akerman and tournament referees Myles Wilson, Roland Temmel, Arnie Hengstler and Vassa Drobyshev.

Island gold players win 'B-Cup' finals

Six Salt Spring soccer players on off-island gold teams won the final round of lower island B-Cup play last Saturday.

The teams will now fight for a berth at the provincial championships in July by taking on the upper island champions in early March.

U15 boys Liam Johnston, Jesson Motherwell, Isaac Raddysh and Brandon Shaw and their Prospect Lake gold team beat Bays United 3-0 in the finals.

The team, which remains undefeated, played a tougher game against Lakehill in the semi-finals, winning with a

late goal in the second half of overtime.

Playing for Peninsula Gold Rush, Salt Spring U14 players Danica Lundy and Olivia Morgan helped defeat Prospect Lake 2-0 in the lower island finals last Saturday.

Peninsula crushed Gorge in the semi-finals 6-2 and took out previously undefeated Juan de Fuca in a 2-1 match earlier this month.

Other teams with off-island "gold" players — including Cowichan U14 boys with Julian Smith and Peninsula U13 boys with Keegan Pearson — were eliminated earlier in cup play.



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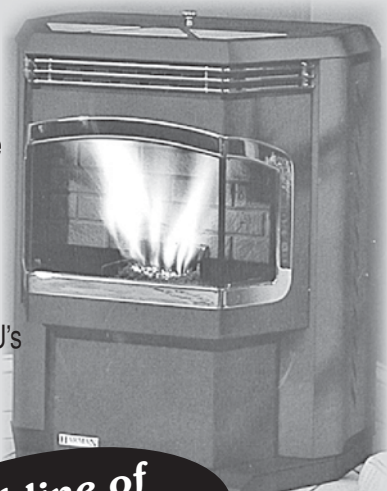
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Salt Spring's Div. 5 men sink short-handed Zgoda

An under-manned Zgoda squad gave Salt Spring FC's Division-5 men some decent competition before they fell 2-0 at the lower high school field on Sunday.

"They only had nine guys," noted Div.-5 FC player-coach Chris Griffiths.

Islanders were particularly impressed by the Zgoda keeper.

"He denied us two to three goals. He kept them in the game," Griffiths said.

Zgoda even managed a few counterattacks since Salt Spring was pushed up to attack so heavily.

"It was zero-zero at the half. We just could not put the ball into the net."

Finally, Jude Shugar put a nice low shot into the corner 10 to 15 minutes into



ON THE BALL: Div. 5 FC players Colin McDougall, centre, and Martin Thorn take on Zgoda in a drive for the ball at last Sunday's match played at the upper high school. Photo by y Derrick Lundy

the second half, Griffiths said.

Colin McDougall then capitalized on a 50-50 ball 10 minutes later to give the islanders another tally.

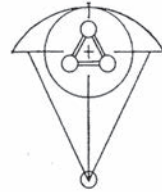
Griffiths was also pleased with play by Martin Thorn and Roben Dooben, who both played the full game beyond the scope of their

normal roles.

Unfortunately, Tyler Dakin went out with an injury at the half, which left the islanders with no substitutes.

Salt Spring FC's Div.-5 men have won six of their last seven games.

They are now in fifth place (7-5-1) with 22 points and five games remaining.



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Keeper stymies Nanaimo shooters

Salt Spring Dragons women were proud to hold off first-place Nanaimo during a 2-0 loss at the lower high school field Sunday. "Their minimum is usually like 5-0. They are really high goal scorers," said Dragons player-coach Joanne O'Connor. Fighting from the bottom of Division 2, the Dragons (0-14-0) gave Nanaimo (14-0-3) a decent game, O'Connor said. "Usually against a team like Nanaimo, we would spend the whole game just fighting to keep it cleared out of our defensive half but... we were quite equal." A major part of Salt Spring's success came from the performance of new Dragons keeper Jill Alaers, who played her second game

in net Sunday. "She's just amazing. She's got complete natural talent." Alaers made numerous saves to give the team a confidence boost, O'Connor said. Shannon Keys also played a great game in defence for her first game since before the Christmas break. "She made several good plays where she stopped the ball from coming further into our defensive half." Salt Spring even managed some good attacks on net. "We had them working, for sure," O'Connor said. "It wasn't one-sided. We had the pressure on them." Buoyed with recent good play, the Dragons will face number-two-ranked Lakehill United at Braefoot Park on Sunday.



FOR KICKS: Roslyn Mustard plays the ball as the Salt Spring Dragons hold first-place Nanaimo to a 2-0 win at a home game Sunday. johncameron.ca

Scorpions take on top teams

Scorpions senior boys are bound for the Island Basketball Championships after clawing their way through the mid islands last weekend. Gulf Islands Senior Secondary (GISS) will face B.C.'s all stars at the islands, said senior boys coach Lyall Ruehlen. "I see this tournament as our provincials," he said. GISS will face top-seeded rivals such as Lambrick Park, Ladysmith and Cedar. "Those are the top three teams in the province." The Scorpions earned a berth to the tourney with a circuitous path at the mid-islands. They beat Reynolds 65-57 in their opener on Friday. A well-balanced attack saw points spread around Jeremy Byron (14), Jordan Borth (10), Jesse Hrančuk

(10), Kirby Garside (7) and Marlow Hart (7). But GISS "came up flat" in a 63-49 loss against Shawni-gan Lake for the semi-final, Ruehlen said. "Our shots weren't on, we were intimidated by the pressure and before we knew what happened, we were down 13-2." Byron still scored 16 points but the team only made seven out of 17 free-throw attempts, Ruehlen said. Given a back-door route, GISS clobbered Chemainus by 20 points Saturday morning to get a shot back into the tourney. And a consolation final saw the Scorpions field more fans than the Brentwood hosts. "It was a back-and-forth game from the start." Up by two points with 10

seconds to go, Brentwood fouled Josh Benloulou, who sunk both his shots for a 56-52 win. "It was a real boost for us. We lost twice to Brentwood in league play." Byron tallied 10 points, Borth hit four three-pointers for a 15-point total and Yoni Marmorstein had 11 points in the second half alone, he said. The Scorpions play Ladysmith to open the tourney in Victoria on Thursday. In other GISS news: Scorpions senior girls played a placement game against Kwalicum Monday to see if they qualified for the islands. (Results unavailable at press time.) GISS beat Kwalicum Friday but then fell by 10 points to Wellington before beating Ballenas on Saturday.

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FC men weather cup Blues

Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men might have been knocked out of the Jackson Cup with a 2-0 loss to Bays United Blue, but the islanders earned respect at Henderson Park on Sunday. "They came in taking us a little more seriously because we beat them last time we played them," said FC captain Chris Jason. "They had chances, we had chances; it was a good game." Bays opened scoring 10 minutes into the second half, he said. "You've got to give credit to the other team. They moved the ball well and definitely held

possession for long periods of time." Salt Spring launched numerous counterattacks and it looked as if they could equalize when Bays took a red card with 10 to 15 minutes remaining. "We were really pressing and we had chance after chance but we just couldn't put the ball away." Bays capitalized while FC took risks and the home team captured a second goal. FC's Jonathon McDonald had a good game in net while Jay Moulton stood out in the back, Jason said. Salt Spring FC is currently sitting solid in fifth place with four games remaining.

defend against." Gordon Head attempted to put balls past defenders but they couldn't catch up. "None of them are as fast as our defence." Led by speedy sweeper Jenny Kerr, defenders Johnston-Hill, Jocelyn Langdon and Ciara Brazier are simply faster and stronger than any player they've faced, he said. "I don't think our goalie [Becky Acheson] had a shot on net." Salt Spring is scheduled to visit Peninsula at Iroquois field at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Speedy Selects blast Gordon Head

Gordon Head couldn't keep up with Salt Spring women when the Selects won 3-0 during play for the Doug Day Cup on February 19. Once the islanders took the lead, they coasted to an easy finish on the all-weather field at UVic, said coach Dave McColl. "We just sort of took it easy. We didn't want to have any blowouts." Normally a strong team, Gordon Head was under strength and missing their coach last Wednesday. "We're the only team they've lost to," McColl said.

Thea Woods scored the first goal after a series of breakaways in the first 10 minutes. "She got through clean and put it past the keeper." Michelle Proctor tallied the second with a low hard shot from 30 yards. "It never went above waist height. It was still knee height when it went in the net. It was unstoppable." Midfielder Jesse Johnston Hill scored a third goal to the top corner from 25-30 yards out. "Our whole team attacks, which is pretty hard to

just before half time when a Cordova player propelled Old Boys defender Dennis Shaw from the back into Witherspoon, Hope said. "Smash-mouth football," illegal in soccer, worthy of a red card and instant dismissal." Salt Spring was doubly penalized when Shaw and Witherspoon were hospitalized because of their injuries (severe concussion and shoulder bruising.) The Cordova Bay player was given a

'Smash-mouth football' mars game

yellow caution for "a little push only." Jack Braak filled in for the injured keeper and back-up keeper and had an impressive effort in goal, said Hope. "Salt Spring always seemed to be on the brink of pegging back the lead when a skillful bout of passing resulted in a quick shot by [Chris] Cottrell narrowly missing on the Cordova net." Old Boys have a bye this weekend, which gives them an opportunity to heal.

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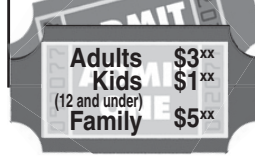
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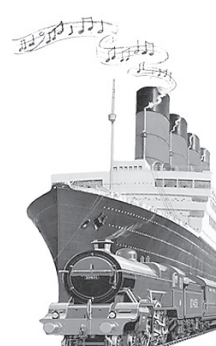
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29 LOST AND FOUND

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FOUND: LARGE tabby with white markings. Male, neutered, very friendly. North end. Call the SPCA at 537-2123.

LOST: LONGHAIRD grey, male, neutered cat. Isabella Point Rd. Very shy but friendly. If you think you see him call 653-4867.

LOST: FLEX-ON glasses in blue case. Possibly lost in Thrifty's parking lot. Call 537-5826.

32 MEETINGS



Islands Trust Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

Thursday, February 24, 2005
3 pm, Meaden Hall (Legion - Downstairs)

Starting at 3 pm up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

34 NOTICES

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32 MEETINGS



SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Visit our website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca
Contact us at: (250) 537-9144

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION MEETING

Proposed extension of pavement on Blackburn Road commencing at the Salt Spring Centre and extending approximately 450 metres west to the recently constructed subdivision entry road.

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has been requested by the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation to comment on the Ministry's requirement that a private land developer change a portion of the existing gravel road surface of Blackburn Road to pavement. The Local Trust Committee will provide information and hear community presentations on this proposal at the following meeting.

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2005
TIME: 4:00pm
LOCATION: Meaden Hall (Royal Canadian Legion) 120 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island

34 NOTICES



MARKET IN THE PARK

Seasonal Vendors
Renew permits by February 28, 2005 at PARC office, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road (Portlock Park). Fee \$150.

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PARC GRANTS-IN-AID

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The deadline for current applications is Wed, March 31, 2005.

Application forms are available on our website www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc OR at the PARC office by calling 537-4448 or emailing parc@saltspring.com.

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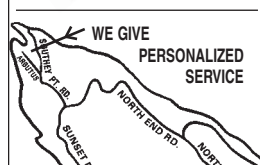
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In 1977 a new planetoid was discovered orbiting between Saturn and Uranus. Many Astronomers did consider it to be a comet and many still do, yet others recognize certain unique, maverick qualities of this celestial orb that puts it a league of its own. This planetoid or tiny planet is called Chiron. In Greek mythology, Chiron was a centaur, a very evolved and bright centaur, and a great teacher and healer of heroes. Chief among them was Hercules. Unfortunately, one day while Hercules carelessly shot a poison tipped arrow into the foot of Chiron. The wound was severe and from that day on Chiron became known as the wounded healer. There are many more parts to the story; however, since Chiron was sighted humanity turned its attention toward understanding health and healing in a whole new holistic way. Last week, Chiron entered the tropical sign of Aquarius, the sign of humanity (Feb. 21, 2005 - Apr. 19, 2010). This transit suggests a great healing process. While there is much to say about this process, the healing revolution will bring the whole of humanity to the realization that everything in the universe is ultimately a form of energy. Energetic healing and vibration medicine are on the rise!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Taking time out to dream verses taking an assertive approach continues. Sometimes there are cross currents and winds that we simply must manage. Such challenges tend to include a fear factor which is about facing and entering the unknown. This is where the bold, courageous and determined pioneering characteristics of Aries come to the fore. Replacing the mundane, especially in relationships, with the exotic and/or erotic is the fantasy in your mind.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
Adding new spice to your life is playing on your imagination now. This may well include new friendships and associations with interest groups and/or joining clubs. Dreams and visions of future needs and other possibilities are motivating your search. Finding your place in the world is as much about inspiration as it is about destiny and vice versa. Opening up to new people and modes of perception is the sign that you are on track. Free your mind!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
The need for social acknowledgment is strong now. This may include professional and/or artistic arenas. Appreciating unique modes of expression is keeping the flow interesting. Change and adventure into the unknown is more a source of inspiration than fear. Yet, some apprehension lingers as the winds are blowing unpredictably. Place your confidence in the divine power and reality of change. Resistance is futile so fly baby!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)
Celebrating the reaches of your higher mind finds you curious, awed and inspired. Hopefully, your soaring imagination isn't losing altitude in worries about the future and other negative hallucinations. Like all things, imagination is a sword that can cut both ways. Asserting yourself should not be aggressive if you are in balance and flow. Listen to your body this week and work within a healthy capacity. Intend to handle your business and duty with grace.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)
Transformations of mind and soul are ushering you through a liberating process. If the process is an ordeal and involves pain, consider letting go more fully into the process. This is a time of surrender to the greater flow for you. Whether waves are carrying you to great heights or you are tumbling in the surf break, surrender to assist the process. There is little need for ego will just now. This is an awakening to inner authority. Feel the power of rebirth!

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)
Relationship shifts and changes are keeping you guessing. Freedom

urges are linked to creative expression and time management. Creating harmony on relationship fronts is a top priority. Balancing your time and energy with others requires clear communication; with Mercury in Pisces, double check agreements! Assert your position and truth as quietly and confidently as you can. Whatever is happening, this is a time of healing and breakthrough for you!

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)
Establishing a healthy flow requires some deliberate efforts. This is a good time to be learning and/or exercising skills and techniques. Renovations of one kind or another are necessary. This may imply your attitude and approach as well as household projects. Establishing a more secure and independent identity while maintaining harmony in relationships is one of your most important tasks. Let creative inspiration lead the way!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)
So, who are you now? We do change and sometimes it catches us unaware. Ideally you recognize the burst of creative inspiration that comes with having an open mind about the possibilities for self-expression. Perhaps new methods beckon, or relationships or places to live in the world, or careers, or ways to be of simple service that feeds your soul. Making positive choices that lead by example is the way of winners. Let your love bloom.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)
Changes continue to bubble on the home front. These may be literal and will also include shifts of awareness, self-concept and belief. Family activities inspire and perhaps require unconditional love. Showing the world what you are made of includes a shedding of skins of one kind or another. Do not let ambition create undo stress. Be patient with the process. The time has come to take a much clearer look at who you are and the quality of your expression.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
What's in and who are you into? Your mood is curious and flirtatious. An open hearted approach combined with assertion will prove stimulating to others but watch that you do not come on too strong. You are still cautious with commitments yet impatient for results leaving you in a push and pull rhythm. Restrictions from others may be the source of irritation. Awaken to the oneness of life and melt your mind into your heart. Enjoy the lemon...ade!

Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 19)
A new quality of expression is awakening in you. The time has come to take more deliberate action. Finding the will and courage to actualize your intentions, however, may take a little time. If you are doing inner work or work behind the scenes in preparation then you are in tune. This is a good time to plan and visualize. You will be much more deliberate and assertive with the waxing of the next Moon cycle. Aim for comfortable productivity.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Love and liberty are beautiful words together and you can feel both. This is a time when dreams can come true. The energy and action required to act on these ideals, however, could be revolutionary and perhaps even harsh. Asserting yourself according to inner authority and beyond fears is a prerequisite for success. At deeper levels, you are healing imbalances between your left and right brain and your conscious and subconscious. Exercise patient deliberate assertiveness.

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x 8:00 am	8:30 am
9:00 am	# 9:30 am
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11:40 am NY	12:10 noon NY
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1:40 pm NY	2:15 pm NY
3:00 pm NY	3:30 pm NY
4:00 pm NY	4:30 pm NY
5:00 pm NY	5:30 pm NY
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