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CATCH OF THE DAY: Jesse Juba shows off this crab after he spends a little time sea-side at the coast guard dock in Ganges.
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

Phone scam alert given

Islander urges others to be alert and suspicious

By SEAN MCINTYRE
 Staff Writer

A Salt Spring senior targetted in a credit card phone scam escaped "uncharged" last week and is now busy spreading the word to others in the community.

"I certainly do have the impression the scam is very widespread as it seemed like a well-organized company," said 75-year-old Donald Boyes. "Luckily I don't have much patience for people that do that kind of thing."

Boyes received a call from someone allegedly representing the MasterCard security centre in Toronto while he was watching television at 7:30 p.m. on January 23.

He said the "official-sounding" operator asked for his name, birth date, credit card statement information and the three-digit number on the rear of the credit card.

At that point Boyes grew suspicious and fortunately recalled an e-mail his sister sent him concerning a similar scam making the rounds in Alberta.

Boyes immediately hung up and jotted down the number as it appeared on his call display screen.

"If I hadn't been prewarned, I could have given them anything they'd asked for," he said. "You always think it's just one of those false alarms and it'll never happen to you."

Boyes then called the MasterCard office in Vancouver where he learned the company's security centre had never made the call.

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PHONE SCAM 3

Fans say roundabouts would improve island traffic safety

By SEAN MCINTYRE
 Staff Writer

Ever since returning from a recent trip to England, Salt Spring Island resident Andrew Okulitch has been doing loops over roundabouts.

In the absence of professional training as a traffic engineer or urban planner, Okulitch said, his perspective on traffic circles and roundabouts is rooted where

it counts: the driver's seat.

"All I've really done is drive through them and notice how effective they are," he said. "From a driver's perspective they are an ideal traffic-calming device."

"One of the great frustrations of driving is getting stuck in the stop-and-start traffic that so often jams up the roads."

Okulitch said he would like to see the Islands Trust

and Capital Regional District obtain funds to construct traffic circles or roundabouts on hazardous island intersections, including Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads, Lower Ganges and Upper Ganges roads and the Central intersection.

It appears Okulitch is not alone in his push for roundabouts or their smaller "traffic circle" version. Attention is coming from powers that

be in Victoria as the Ministry of Transportation and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) have steadily increased roundabout funding across the province.

In 2005, the province's efforts produced two roundabouts in Duncan and Chemainus.

ROUNDBOUTS 2

Channel Ridge gets permit green light

Approval of the Channel Ridge development permit was the first major chunk of business faced by the new Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) when it met Tuesday afternoon before a large crowd at ArtSpring.

Committee chair Kim Benson said she was quite

impressed with the level of detail and how well the project was treated by the applicant.

"The development permit is only part of the subdivision process, but in principle I think it is worth supporting," she said.

The permit approves construction of 327 resi-

dential dwelling units and some 3,068 square metres (33,025 square feet) of commercial and community facilities. The first stage will include 118 residential units.

As the meeting took place as the Driftwood was going to press, no other items can be detailed in this issue.

Scheduling LTC meetings is difficult, note Trust personnel, and a January 31 meeting date was deemed most convenient.

However, a Tuesday afternoon meeting means no more than a snippet of LTC decision news can be included in the Driftwood until the following week.



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Harbour plan resurfaces at meeting

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

The future of Ganges Harbour appears headed for uncharted waters after more than 150 people filled Community Gospel Chapel Friday night to hear panelists map its future in light of increasing development pressure.

"We are not anti-development and we are not speaking to development, but rather looking to pay attention to the environment," said filmmaker and marine biologist David Denning, one of the speakers providing information on the harbour's ecological significance at the event organized by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy — which now boasts 735 members.

Properly managed growth, he said, will ensure Salt Spring can avoid the development challenges so evident in other tourism-focussed communities.

"Let's make this some-

thing that remains a healthy ecosystem and benefits our community at the same time," Denning added.

Concerns about Ganges Harbour development have once again floated to the surface after Ganges Marina manager Robyn Kelln said last week he is proceeding with plans to construct 16 buildings for marina guest services.

Kelln said he is open to proposals from members of the public, community groups and local governments, but would no longer waste his own time working towards a deal after the local Trust committee rejected his last proposal.

While Friday's meeting came up short on solutions, panelists sent a clear sign that a plan is what's needed.

Less than two months after being elected Salt Spring trustee, Peter Lamb said the issue will be a major component of his and fellow trustee George Ehring's initial term

in office.

"This is a process we really must go through as a group and as a community," he said, adding the provincial and federal governments should be involved.

Panelist Briony Penn said the election of new trustees and re-election of regional director Gary Holman signalled the public's demand for action on the harbour.

"We are now well positioned to get it together," she said. "We now have three elected officials in favour of a harbour plan."

According to Penn, a comprehensive harbour plan must include an independently commissioned environmental report and boat traffic study to assess the impact on intertidal zone sea life.

Penn said evidence indicates Ganges Harbour can be saved if immediate action is taken to improve water quality.

Salt Spring's Corey Peet,

currently researching the impact of sea lice on wild salmon stocks in the Strait of Georgia, said the onus is on the public to get the harbour plan ball rolling.

"If we want healthy ecosystems, we are all going to have to stand up for it," he said. "The harbour's situation is bad, but perhaps not as bad as the media would like to portray it."

Panelists also included Nikki Wright, who recounted her efforts to restore eelgrass habitat in Todd Inlet near Brentwood Bay, and Bill Henwood, who reported on the drive to create a National Marine Conservation Area in the southern Gulf Islands, a proposal currently excluding Ganges Harbour.

"Anything that we plan is for our children, but it is worth it to fight the good fight," said Wright. "We are the only ones who can do it. If we don't come together trying to bring it back, nobody will."

ROUNDAABOUTS

From Page 1

Cowichan District engineer, said building the roundabouts was an affordable alternative to installing traffic signals at some of the region's busier intersections.

Chemainus has a population of roughly 4,500, but attracts 400,000 visitors per year. Mackay said the community's irregular and highly seasonal traffic flows

make roundabouts an ideal alternative to installing traffic lights, which continue to operate regardless of traffic volume.

"During peak periods, traffic would always get backed up and now there are no delays," MacKay added. "They are a great traffic device and, unlike speed bumps and stop signs, they

slow drivers down without bringing traffic to a crawl."

Whereas roundabouts are usually larger, he said, traffic circles are ideal for tighter intersections with slower moving vehicles.

Since constructing the first roundabout in early 2005, MacKay said, the number of collisions at the intersections has declined markedly.

"There are fewer accidents and the types of accidents we see are far less severe," MacKay said. "The worst type of accident we've seen has been a rear ender at fairly slow speeds."

According to Paul McNicholls, ICBC's southern Vancouver Island regional director, roundabouts are proven to reduce serious crashes, decrease vehicle speed, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and eliminate the need for traffic signals.

Fewer traffic lights means lower long-term maintenance and operational costs, he added.

ICBC began making funds available in 2004 when roundabouts were construct-

ed in Ladysmith and Surrey.

What started out as a trial project has turned into a great success and, McNicholls said, grant money has steadily increased.

ICBC funding supplied 35 per cent of the \$300,000 used in the North Cowichan District roundabouts.

According to McNicholls, the logic is straightforward. More roundabouts and traffic circles mean fewer accidents and smaller insurance claims.

While the rage over roundabouts has hit communities across the province, not all drivers are easily persuaded.

"When we first started talking about roundabouts, there was a negative response and some drivers will always be set in their ways," said MacKay of the initial reaction in Chemainus. "Since they've been built, though, there's been nothing but good news. It seems once people get used to using them, the complaints disappear."

North Cowichan drivers can expect to see another roundabout before the end of 2007.

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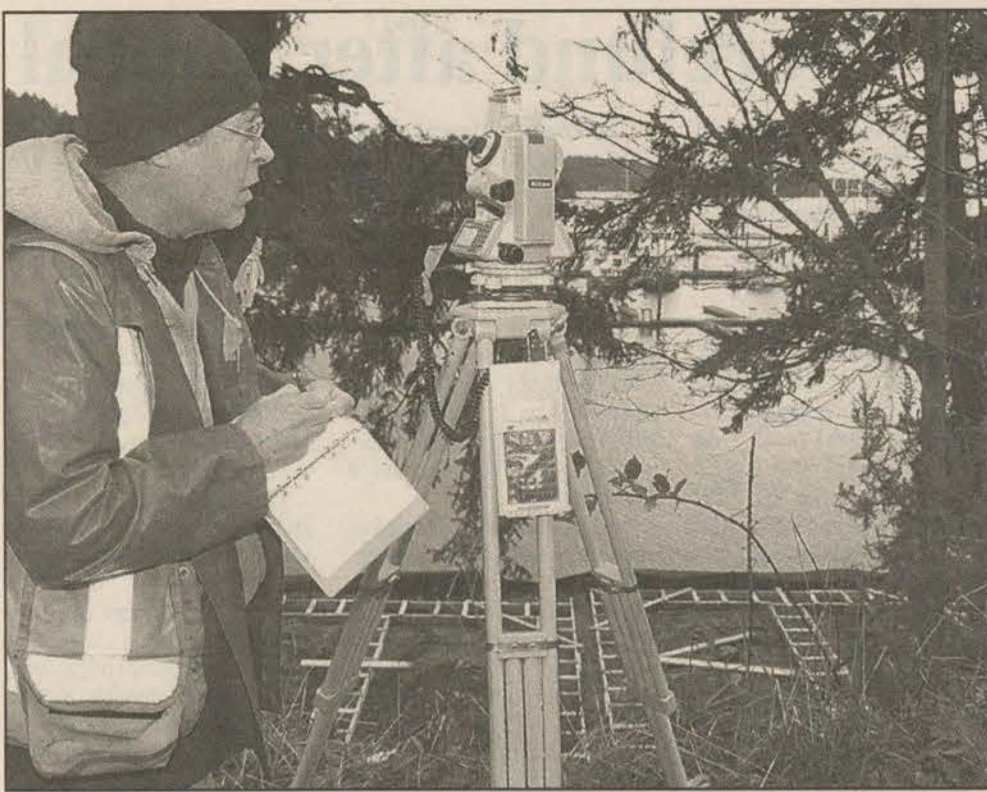
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SURVEYING THE WATERFRONT: Surveyor David Wallace checks out his equipment as part of ongoing construction at Ganges Marina. Photo by Derrick Lundy

No change to recycle depot

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Community Services Society will continue to manage the island's recycling depot following contract endorsement from the Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SSISWAC) on Friday.

"We've exhausted this one," said Capital Regional District (CRD) solid waste division manager Alan Summers. "It's been going on for a long period."

SSISWAC members unanimously supported a six-year contract between the CRD and Salt Spring Island Community Services to operate the Rainbow Road depot.

SSISWAC members actually cheered following the motion.

"This is the end of a long process," said Salt Spring's CRD director Gary Holman. "It's been frustrating for everyone."

The depot has been running without a contract since April 2005 after the CRD investigated alternative options, including curbside "blue box" service on the island.

"It's essentially status quo with a CPI (consumer price index) and adjustment for commercial traffic," said Holman.

The CRD will actually pay slightly less than it did in 2004 and the payment formula was adjusted from a per tonnage diversion credit to a per household basis.

"We're in agreement and we're quite satisfied with the place where we've arrived," said Community Services executive director Rob Grant.

Staffing and level of service will remain unchanged

under the new contract that calls for three renewable two-year terms, he said.

"We're not messing with something that isn't broken."

In response to a CRD request for information, Community Services submitted a \$183,727 cost of operation, compared to \$186,508 from the normalized CRD "blue box" figures in the core region and a \$187,484 bid from Salt Spring Garbage Services Ltd. International Paper Industries provided a curbside collection quote of \$178,769.

"Even from a curbside

perspective, the number that the CRD has come up with Community Services can be supported," said Holman.

And SSISWAC contracted an assessment of local recycling services by Earth Tech consultant Sarah Wilmot that concluded, "SSI Depot is being operated efficiently and is providing valuable services to the residents of SSI."

Wilmot also recommended that Community Services consider increasing potential revenue by charging larger fees for commercial traffic and non-blue-box materials.

PHONE SCAM

From Page 1

Spring RCMP, Boyes began alerting friends and family members about the scam.

"In cases like this," he said, "I was told to spread the word to as many people as possible."

Boyes said he wants to remind the public it can always happen to them, especially when they are least expecting it.

"Even without being paranoid, I try to exercise my suspicions and it still almost happened to me," he said.

He advised people who get bill payments automatically withdrawn from their bank accounts to keep an eye on just how much money is entering and leaving the accounts.

According to the most recent statistics from PhoneBusters, an organization funded through the RCMP, Competition Board of Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police, Canadians lost nearly \$616,000 in telephone-based credit card scams in 2002. More than 95 per cent of victims were under the age of 60, proving the con artists are not partial to senior citizens. Scams

netted an average of \$220 per victim.

According to the PhoneBusters' website, people's suspicions should be heightened when callers request cash-only forms of payment, private financial information or try to apply pressure through limited-time offers and once-in-a-lifetime deals.

"If you have any doubts about a caller, your best bet is to hang up," reads the website. "It's not rude, it's smart."

For more information on telephone fraud, visit www.phonebusters.com. If you are the target of a suspicious phone call, contact the Salt Spring RCMP.



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Ferries net tax refund after appeal

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

While property assessments continue to rise on the Gulf Islands, B.C. Ferry Services Inc. (BCFSI) has seen its property taxes cut in half due to a successful appeal with the B.C. Assessment Authority (BCAA).

Overall, BCFSI will save approximately \$4.5 million in annual property taxes on 47 terminal properties, following a settlement reached with the BCAA.

"We just wanted to make sure we were paying fair property tax value. And as a result, we think the assessment board's ruling is fair and appropriate," said vice president of communications Mark Stefanson.

BCFSI paid \$8.9 million in taxes on properties valued at \$360 million in 2004. But now the company can expect a \$4.5-million refund and lower taxes for \$411-million worth of property in 2005 after assessed values were reduced by 42 per cent for 2004 and 48 per cent for 2005.

The savings will be reinvested into the company, Stefanson said.

"All that money is being plowed back into improvements for our terminals and infrastructure."

Locally, BCFSI's 11 Gulf Islands properties were valued at \$20 million in 2004, but that value was cut to \$11 million for 2004 (a 43.5 per cent reduction) and a \$27-million roll value for 2005 was reduced to \$13.5 million (50 per cent reduction).

BCFSI would have paid approximately \$500,000 in taxes for their Gulf Islands properties in 2004.

Stefanson claimed that reduced taxes for BCFSI will be a boon for ferry passengers.

"If we'd been paying higher property taxes, it would've ultimately transferred down to higher fares for our customers. So this really is savings that will be passed on to our customers," he said.

But reduced taxes will give municipalities and other local government agencies less revenue to deliver their services.

"So many different agencies tax people; there's the fire district, the school district, the CRD and us, the list goes on and on. They are all being affected by that re-assessment," said Islands Trust director of administrative services Craig Elder.

He pointed out that local taxpayers will pick up the difference in the cost of services if B.C. Ferries pays a smaller share.

Municipalities will need to refund property taxes overpaid by B.C. Ferries in 2004, but the province may pick up the tab for local government agencies like the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District.

"Our tax revenue is collected by the province and they will be refunding money to B.C. Ferries," Elder said. "I asked if they would be seeking money from us and they said, 'no.'"

Elder estimates that Islands Trust will lose less than one half of one per cent from their total assessment for the region.

According to a press

release from the BCAA, BCFSI assessments were reduced due to the "functional obsolescence" of current terminal improvements.

"Current technology has evolved considerably over the past three decades, and if the terminals were constructed using current design, a number of the existing waterlot improvements would not be required."

The appeal focussed only on property improvements and not on adjustments to the land values.

"The settlement applies only to the unique characteristics of the improvements found at B.C. Ferries terminals, and it should not be interpreted to suggest that the valuation methodology applied relates to other types of waterfront properties (e.g. residential)."

The BCAA noted that B.C. Ferries was a Crown corporation exempted from property taxes prior to April 1, 2003 and it paid grants in lieu of taxes, which were lower than current tax revenues.

Cumberland refit time extended until February

The Queen of Cumberland's annual refit has been extended past January 24 until early February, B.C. Ferries announced last week.

Additional time is required to overhaul some of the vessel's equipment.

The Bowen Queen will remain as the replacement vessel on the Swartz Bay

to southern Gulf Islands route.

"Because this is a smaller vessel than the Queen of Cumberland some overloads may occur at peak sailing times. All sailing times remain as scheduled," states the ferry company in a press release.

Commercial customers should note

that vehicles over 10 tonnes GVW (10,000 kg) are restricted to centre-lane loading only on the Bowen Queen and Mayne Queen. This means capacity for commercial vehicles travelling between Swartz Bay and the southern Gulf Islands is reduced while the Queen of Cumberland is in refit.

Police investigating vehicle in Portlock Park

Salt Spring RCMP are investigating how a vehicle ended up in the middle of the Portlock Park playing fields on Sunday morning.

Police arrived on the scene as the vehicle was being towed away just before 10 a.m.

Tracks left in the fields clearly show the vehicle entered the park opposite the entrance to the Salt Spring Island Golf Club and

went through a ditch, over an embankment and down a hill before coming to a stop.

Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) maintenance manager Martin Milner said he discovered the damage on Monday morning.

"We'll have to re-sod and sand and all that stuff," he said. "Obviously, he got

stuck out there and dug a bunch of holes."

Milner indicated that PARC maintenance staff can patch the field but it's an extra job.

He added that PARC has faced field damage from vehicles in the past.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Lower and Upper Ganges roads on Monday afternoon.

Salt Spring RCMP were called to the scene just after 2 p.m. where they found a car with major damage to its passenger side. The other vehicle sustained minimal damage.

One individual received medical attention from paramedics on the scene. She was taken to the hospital as a precaution and is reported in good condition.

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Photo by Derrick Lundy

Craig cooks for quilts at Blennerhassett event

Salt Spring's famed barbecue guru Darin Craig hopes people attending this weekend's Will Clinging clinic at the Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre will have a big appetite.

Craig will serve up hot dogs, hamburgers and, if luck prevails, fresh salmon at this weekend's two-day event.

Proceeds will help members of the Island Comfort Quilts (ICQ) program buy supplies and continue providing quilts to cancer patients in the Southern Gulf Islands.

The next ICQ Community Quilting Bee is set for March 18.

Craig, who lives with an inoperable brain tumour, said he is interested in giving back to a group that has really helped him out when times were tough.

"On one of my down days, I received one of their quilts in the mail," he said. "The experience just made my day and helped raise my spirits."

Spectator admission to the event at the North End Road equestrian centre is separate.

Nature school the natural choice, says task force

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

School District 64 will consider expanding the Fulford Community Nature School's science and nature program despite what that could mean for existing programs at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS).

"As a Fulford parent, there are more than a dozen families who are keen on this idea," said parent and task force member Sarah Bateman. "I know we are concerned, but I really feel like we won't know until we try."

Task force members expressed enthusiasm for science and nature-based programs, but also wondered how SIMS classes would be affected by adding middle-years science-and-nature-themed classes at Fulford, as stipulated in one of the task force's four proposals.

A new Fulford School program could draw students away from the middle school's French Immersion and "regular English" programs.

"Two competing programs drawing from a limited enrolment is not recommended, as it places the sustainability of both programs in jeopardy because there is currently limited middle years enrolment," the report reads.

Trustees based their decision on findings presented by the Fulford Community Nature School Task Force at the board's last monthly meeting.

SIMS principal Kevin Vine said the four scenarios will be discussed with input from SIMS and Fulford school staff members, parents and trustees.

Because middle school

enrolment is expected to increase over the next 10 years, Vine said, he feels the district could support the additional programs.

"The program has tremendous potential if it is explored in the right way."

The nature and science focus might attract students to the district and could be expanded to the high school level, he added.

"This is a perfect example of a locally developed program," he said. "We have all the natural and human resources at our disposal to make this work."

Task force members developed four proposals, including the creation of a separate middle school class at Fulford school, splitting up classes between the middle and Fulford sites and keeping the status quo.

Implementing the new program could require an additional specialty teacher at Fulford at the expense of one generalist teacher at SIMS.

The task force included trustee Charles Hingston, principals Judy Raddysh and Vine, parents Bateman and Steve Peterson, teachers Sarah Myers and Jim Lightfoot, Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Jean Claude Levesque and district superintendent Wendy Herbert.

Raddysh said the nature school has been a successful and engaging addition to her school since 2001. Program expansion is an obvious step to encourage learning and continued interest in the natural world, she said.

"We spend years teaching kids the basics and, just when the students are at the age of asking the 'why' questions, they leave," she said.

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Grants come through for Land Bank

Thanks to the generosity of islanders and nearby foundations, the Salt Spring Island Land Bank has started upgrade renovations on its house on Dean Road.

Currently home to eight local residents and with great heritage value, the house was built around 1912, and for a few years in the late 1920s, was run as a private school, one of several on Salt Spring at the time.

The Land Bank was formed last year to work towards banking affordable housing for islanders of low to moderate incomes and other related initiatives.

Substantial grants from the Salt Spring Foundation, Van City, the Victoria Foundation and the Salt Spring

Island Volunteer Firefighters Association ensured smoke alarms have been installed, and that the fire alarm system and a second bathroom will be completed. The funds will also go a long way to upgrade heating. An earlier grant from the Capital Regional District went towards replacing the septic system.

Slegg Lumber, Windsor Plywood and Calypso Carpets have donated materials, while Sears has donated a dishwasher, Mother Tongue Press a computer, and the Rev. Kim and Janet Murray of the Anglican Parish have contributed kitchen cabinets and appliances.

"John Scoones, who lived in this house in the 1930s, will be visiting soon," notes

a press release.

"He has offered to bring old photos and tell stories. Perhaps he will even return for an open house planned for the spring."

Another grant with a slightly different focus was awarded last week. This grant from Ottawa will be used to complete a written report of the 2004 housing survey commissioned by the Islands Trust, so that it is available to the public, as well as partner in hosting a public forum on affordable housing in the spring.

The Salt Spring Island Land Bank believes that ensuring a diverse range of housing options helps support a stable community. Among the options it hopes

to offer are shared rental occupancy; home ownership; stand alone or attached dwellings; using standard designs, creative alternatives and "green" initiatives.

Thanks to an arrangement with Tides Canada Foundation, donations to the Land Bank (of over \$50) are now tax-receiptable. Money raised will be used for creating more affordable housing for Salt Spring.

Donations can be made payable to Tides Canada Foundation and sent to the Land Bank at 1115 Beaver Point Road, V8K 1X2.

For more information on the Land Bank, contact Andrew Lewis (653-4770) or Pat (Neddy) Harris (653-4573).

Aspiring sailors fished from stormy waters

Four island teenagers are safe after members of the Ganges Coast Guard rescued them in Ganges Harbour on a blustery Sunday afternoon.

"It may have been a great day to challenge your sailing skills, but not so great for floating around in the water," said coast guard rescue specialist Don Harvey.

Four youth set sail from the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club late Sunday

morning on two small laser sailboats when 30-knot winds and heavy rains proved too much to handle and their craft flipped as a result.

According to Harvey, the tempest and heavy rain made it difficult for the youths to straighten up their boats and proceed to shore or even for the small dinghy accompanying them to provide adequate assistance. The coast guard was alerted after a resident watching from the shore


noticed something was amiss.

Harvey advises sailors to observe the weather forecast and recognize that the worst of the winter's weather is not over yet. The teens suffered no injuries, Harvey said, although it took them quite a while to warm up once they got back on shore.

"They thought they could test their ability, but were lucky someone was around to fish them out," he added.

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Work at Bullock resort resumes

Construction resumed at Salt Spring Island Village Resort (SSIVR) after a stop-work order was lifted on January 16.

Capital Regional District (CRD) senior building inspector Uli Temmel had slapped a stop-work order on 123 resort units at the Bullock Lake development on December 8 when he found alterations from building permits for legal non-conforming units that were issued in 1996.

"Under the Local Government Act, if a building is existing and non-conforming in use, then structural alterations may not be made

in or to the building; that is what they were proposing to do," Temmel said.

Legal counsel for the development responded with an argument through common law that established a basis for the structural alterations, he said.

SSIVR lawyers argued "the principal of prior intent" under common law.

"That is what they've demonstrated; that they intended way back in 1996 to make these changes," he said. "It flowed from their excavation work which turned up on-site circumstances and they were just responding to those."

Consequently, the CRD building inspection office is processing permits for the alterations.

But the alterations won't require land-use approval from the Local Trust Committee or a variance board through the Islands Trust, he said.

"The reason they had a stop-work order in the first place is because that land-use decision had already been made in that all of those buildings are existing and of non-conforming use," Temmel said.

The CRD originally issued building permits for SSIVR in September 1996, but

the Local Trust Committee downzoned the 14.5-hectare (36-acre) property from commercial to rural use in November 1996, which allows a maximum number of seven residential units.

The project went into receivership in 1998 with a partly completed lodge and 50 guest-accommodation units. But SSIVR received new investment funds in 2004 and sales began after an amended disclosure statement was released in October.

Developer Brian Hauff told the Driftwood he was "not interested in making any comments at the present time."

Squealing tires, beating net fines

A man who kicked his motionless victim on the ground was chastised with a \$700 fine and nine months of probation when he pleaded guilty to assault charges at Ganges Provincial Court on January 17.

"I take a dim view of people who kick others when they are down and defenseless," said Judge Ernie Quantz. "Kicking someone when they are down on the ground can lead to serious injuries."

But Quantz noted that Russell Gaudet, 43, suffered "serious provocation" before he beat an ex-coworker (victim's name withheld) while painting at Gasoline Alley around 7 a.m. on May 4, 2005.

Court heard that the victim had threatened Gaudet's mother, brother and sister-in-law during a visit with a tire iron the previous night because he was owed wages prior to dismissal for alcohol abuse on the job.

According to the victim's statement, as read by defence counsel Tybring Hemphill, the man admitted threatening the family and expressed how he wanted to "blow out" Gaudet's brains or "drive over him with a car," but added "\$150 isn't worth it."

Witnesses to the kicking incident said the victim had initiated contact with Gaudet

while he was working and that the altercation had not seemed serious enough for one witness, who had been a hockey referee, to call police.

But witnesses also said Gaudet had kicked the victim on the ground, he'd kicked a cell phone away when the man tried to call police and beat him with a gasoline can that the victim had initially brandished as a weapon.

"Though Mr. Gaudet went too far and allowed his anger to carry over, he did not go to a significant extent to cause injuries," Hemphill said.

Crown counsel David Sissons noted that Gaudet had a previous record of four other assault charges from 1991 (2), 2000 and 2003. Hemphill countered that this assault had unique circumstances and Gaudet should not receive escalating sentencing.

"The situation is sufficiently unusual that the normal step-up policy would not apply," said Hemphill.

"Next time, if there is a next time, call the police," said Quantz.

In other court news:
• Squealing tires and aggressive driving netted a \$1,500 fine and driving restrictions for a Salt Spring man.

Justin Beaumont, 29, also faced charges of impaired driving and refusal to pro-

vide a sample after RCMP officers stopped him following a pursuit on November 24, 2005.

And Crown counsel David Sissons noted that Beaumont had a prior record of impaired driving from Saskatchewan in 1995.

But Sissons moved for a stay of proceedings on criminal charges after Beaumont pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of driving without due care under the Motor Vehicle Act.

Court heard that Beaumont was stopped after RCMP officers heard tires spinning at Gasoline Alley and then observed a red Ford pick-up driving aggressively along Fulford-Ganges Road.

Prior to sentencing, defence counsel Robert Claus indicated that Beaumont relied upon driving for his job as a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) instructor out of ports such as Bamfield for the Canadian Coast Guard.

"How many young men are responsible and considerate in every respect until they get behind the wheel?" asked Judge Quantz. "This kind of driving is incredibly selfish... You need to reflect on a broader attitude."

Along with a \$1,500 fine, Quantz imposed a one-year recognition restricting Beaumont to only drive for work purposes.

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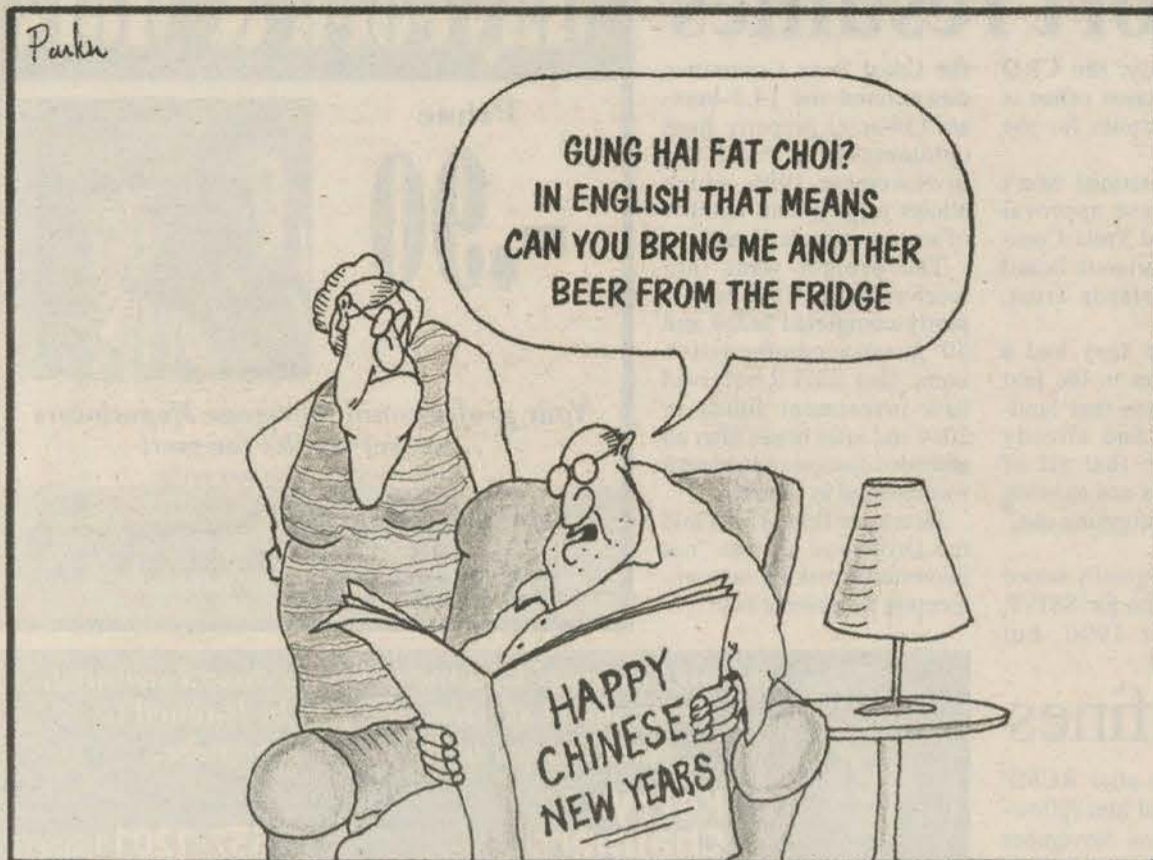
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New PARC era

It's no secret that this paper did not support the operational mode of Bill Curtin, the long-time Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) member who recently resigned his position, and that his abrasive style offended many people over the years.

At the same time, Curtin gave incalculable hours of unpaid time in an extremely difficult position — as did his long-time colleague Wayne Fraser who has also resigned — something few of us are willing to do ourselves. We would be remiss if we did not thank them on behalf of the community for all of their hard work.

However, we hope the rest of PARC, the community and the Capital Regional District (CRD), which oversees PARC's functions, will embrace the potential that a change of personnel offers.

PARC members' choice of the diplomatic Rosemary Trump and Steve Peterson as chair and vice-chair respectively at a Monday night meeting is a positive start.

Yet a local government body with as much responsibility as PARC should not have to rely wholly on a shift in volunteers to function in a healthy manner.

Clearly, the established structure that gives 10 volunteers, one elected official with minimal influence and a few staff people the keys to over a million dollars in annual operating funds (never mind the millions in pool capital costs) is simply asking for trouble — even if everyone does the best job possible.

Concern centres on the fact that priority setting for spending those funds is done without formalized public input — and making a “deal” on a capital facility with one user group should not be considered public consultation.

PARC budget discussions are now kept completely under wraps until the final product is unveiled, but that was not always the case. Even small community grant disbursements are decided in-camera, for some unknown reason.

Secrecy breeds suspicion and distrust, something we've had far too much of when it comes to PARC in recent years.

Substantive change may not occur until an overall CRD commission review is completed and effective resolutions enacted. Until then we urge PARC to take advantage of the fresh air available from opening a few windows.

Do two viable egg masses warrant overhead spraying?

By LESLIE WALLACE

Sometime in the next several days, the B.C. Ministry of the Environment will make a decision to grant or not to grant a pesticide use permit to the Ministry of Forests and Range that will allow them to aerial spray Foray 48B over 390 hectares of South Salt Spring.

Seventy letters and faxes from Salt Springers saying no to overhead spraying were sent to the Ministry of Forests and Range in response to a public appeal.

Among those who wrote letters objecting to the spraying were our local trustees, George Ehring and Peter Lamb, our local CRD director Gary Holman, and several local organizations, including the Salt Spring Conservancy, Salmon Enhancement, the Salt Spring Neighbourhoods Coalition, Island Natural Growers, the Farmers' Institute, Salt Springers for Safe Food, Salt Spring Butterflies and the parents of Mon-

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tessori pre-schoolers. Over 300 people to date have signed the petition against the spraying.

What can we conclude from this? Salt Springers are united in their opposition to overhead pesticide spraying on this island.

Overhead spraying will fall not only on the designated “spray zone,” but studies have shown that measurable quantities of the spray can be found in soils and water samples taken up to 3-5 k from the boundaries of this zone, and possibly further, due to wind-driven drift. A substantial portion of Fulford Creek falls directly within the spray zone. Ford Lake, which flows into Fulford Creek, the SE corner of Maxwell Lake and lands adjacent to Maxwell Lake, Blackburn Lake and Cusheon Lake all

fall within the predicted drift of the spray.

Drift of the spray can be expected to fall over numerous properties that have been purchased by government and NGOs for their conservation value, including Mount Maxwell Ecological Reserve and Park, Burgoyne Bay Park, the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve and the adjacent Trinity Western University Research Lands.

I learned, through personal experience following a chemical exposure many years ago, the value of the precautionary principle: better safe than sorry. We can apply the precautionary principle on Salt Spring to both sides of the gypsy moth issue.

For those who are concerned about the impact of overhead spraying on their health, on the quality of their drinking water, for organic farmers who will lose their organic certification if the spray-

ing goes ahead, for the sake of the rare and common butterflies and moths who will all be killed by the spray, for the sake of preventing any unintended “collateral damage” to other creatures with whom we share this beautiful place, we can say no to this particular gypsy moth eradication plan.

Remember please that we are talking about 43 male moths caught in traps that were placed island-wide at a density of 36 traps per square mile! A total of two viable egg masses were found. Is it really worth the risk of causing so much harm to adopt this particular method of moth control?

We can also practise the precautionary principle in our approach to controlling the oak-loving gypsy moth by choosing safer, more environmentally friendly, site-specific alternatives to aerial pesticide spraying. When Salt Springers objected in mass to the government's plans to overhead spray the island with

Foray 48B in 1993, the government did not say “nothing else will do.” It offered ground spraying as an alternative to the owners of properties where moths had been trapped. No moths or egg masses were found following ground spraying until 2004, when seven moths were found. This year Saanich, where 17 moths and one viable egg mass were found, is being backpack sprayed. Why is Salt Spring being targeted for overhead spraying?

As Salt Springers, we have declared ourselves on this issue. Let's work together to make sure that the gypsy moth does not have the opportunity to establish itself on the island.

Let's do it in a way that causes the least amount of harm to us and our beautiful home, instead of the opposite.

The writer is a member of SSTOP — Salt Springers Targeting Overuse of Pesticides.

Naked man, receptive ears and poverty: canvasser sees it all

By IRENE WRIGHT

A few of us political junkies put great store on canvassing. The effort and energy required are usually rewarded with significant results — at least that is my experience.

Of course the central campaign matters, but . . .

In “normal” campaigns we work from afternoon through to dark. This year's winter canvassing left us with a short amount of daylight, so we started at 10 in the morning every day. It takes about 24 hours of sustained work to call on everyone in a 653 poll, a little less in the northern part.

High tribute to the drivers who make canvassing possible. They tackle driveways

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that go on (and up or down) sometimes for half a kilometre or more, many unpaved, muddy in winter, or providing few options for turning around. But the drivers find a way to turn around while we talk on the doorstep, or they do the most amazing backing up. They help with handouts. They provide good conversation and make excellent lunch companions.

There must be at least one dog per household on Salt Spring. Most are oh so glad to see the canvasser. Others are fenced, a few are on

leash or a line. Some apparently know to stay around home without apparent restraint. When I approach them with my palm up, they almost always read that I am friendly. This year no bites or scary snarls. (In almost 40 years of canvassing I have had only one minor bite.)

And there are cats. Maybe they are less obvious than dogs, but every bit as compelling and numerous.

Quite as interesting as the dogs, cats, sheep, alpacas, and rabbits are their humans. This year I encountered my second naked man (canvassing, that is). He appeared past the glass door wearing just a shirt, disappeared, then walked by wearing nothing at all, then disappeared again,

this time to emerge wearing a kimono. And after all that, just an American staying for a few days and ineligible. No naked women this year — too much sense given the wet weather this winter.

While that man may have been ineligible, I had lots of chances to talk to Canadians on the doorstep.

Most of them were pleased to see me and interested in talking about current issues, a vision, and the characters who centre in the drama of an election. I was never bored, sometimes inspired, always glad I was doing what I was doing.

The hardest to bear of all in canvassing on Salt Spring is the awareness that since I moved to the island in 1967

there is an ever-increasing spread between wealth and poverty. While the majority of households canvassed fall into neither category, there are far too many places being lived in that reflect poverty in all its aspects, physical and social — boxes and blankets for furniture, rotting mouldy huts, no storage for the few belongings, often dirt and disorder.

I was sad to see small children living in old trailers that reeked of mould spores. What kinds of health problems do they face? What kind of landlords do we have in our midst?

Cheek by jowl, sometimes only a matter of a few hundred metres away, we would find many mansions, and

even a manor house, almost a castle, whose sea access enables the owners to concentrate on the beauty of the location without having — apparently — to bother with the natives.

Then there are gates. Sometimes my notes say “impossible gate.” Many, however, are to keep out the deer and can usually be opened by the persistent canvasser and supportive driver. In a few places the gates magically open — just because you are there. What a friendly way to treat would-be visitors!

We look forward to seeing many of you in 18 months or so!

The writer is a long-time NDP canvasser.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *How do you cope when the power goes out?*



Rae-Anne Huth

I light some candles, cook some chili on the woodstove and get ready to play a lot of Scrabble.



Nicole Boyd

I'm prepared with camping gear because my power has gone out so often. Luckily I live a pretty low-tech lifestyle.



Dave McColl

We have a survival kit, generators and are prepared for just about anything.



Peter Haase

I highly recommend dual-voltage smoke detectors because so many house fires get started by candles and a cavalier attitude towards wood burning.



David Holt

I have food, extra water and friends with a warm fireplace who live nearby.

Letters to the Editor

Didn't happen

This is a letter to P. McCarthy, who wrote the rant last week regarding the visually impaired gentleman and the sales clerk.

I am the sales clerk, and after reviewing both my memory and the video footage from our perfectly positioned security cameras, it is clear that your impression and memories of the incident do not coincide with what actually happened.

You came to me immediately afterwards, and while that is good considering what you thought you had seen, your manner was very insulting and offensive.

That is not appropriate behaviour by customer or clerk.

Since you felt so strongly about this that you felt compelled to write a rant in the newspaper, you should have checked your facts, but you didn't follow up on your enquiries into the situation.

If you had spoken to a manager afterwards, rather than another sales clerk, you would have been invited to come and review the tapes yourself and your misconception would have been corrected.

As a matter of fact, I wish you would. I don't appreciate being insulted and I didn't do anything wrong. I am not in the habit of "shoulder-checking" anybody, visually impaired or not, and that was not even remotely what happened.

So please come in and speak to me or one of my managers and see the evidence yourself.

I think you may find that you owe me an apology.

KATE GOODING,
Salt Spring

Credit card fraud

A friend of mine was called recently by VISA to query some charges.

It turned out that someone had made a duplicate of her VISA card, as my friend had

not lost hers.

We think that what happened was that when the card was used with one of those metal contraptions that press the card onto carbon to make copies, the carbon was not safely disposed of.

Instead, someone took it in order to create a duplicate card using some blanks that they had gotten their hands on.

The digits on the back of the card would act as a check, but it's rare for anyone to double-check them, and that kind of check can be done only using a computerized system.

It would not be difficult to get the name, account number and expiry date from a carbon slip.

To protect yourself against this type of fraud, ask for the carbon after your card has been processed if someone is doing it manually, and tear the carbon up into little pieces or take it home and dispose of it safely.

TOBY FOUKS,
Sandpiper Place

Water loss

In the past couple of years I have experienced changes in the water levels in my well. I live on Head Street, just above the new fish hatchery on Walker's Hook.

I believe that part of the problem is related to the wells that were drilled on the property where the fish hatchery is located.

I have been without water for some time per day two to three days per week from May through December.

It is not related to our usage as often there is no water when we wake up in the morning. Other times it goes out during the day; sometimes when nobody is home.

I am wondering if others in the area are experiencing changes in their water quantity or quality. I want to ascertain the reasons for the changes.

My problems started around the time the fish hatchery went in; I hear they have several new wells.

It stands to reason that this

would mean an increase in water usage and perhaps a further decrease in the water table in our area.

Please contact me if you have concerns about this.

KIM HUNTER,
Head Street

Artist advice

I understand that it's legal in Canada to download music for personal use. And, in China, it's legal to download visual art from artists' websites, run them off as giclée prints and sell them online, framed and shipped. This is called "distributing the artwork for the artist."

Needless to say, the so-favoured artists are neither credited nor remunerated.

My works are among those of approximately 800 Canadian artists, living and dead, presently being "distributed" in this manner by arch-world@longway.cn.

Apparently, any artist complaining of this practice with constant e-mails will eventually be dropped from the list, as it is illegal in China to carry on busi-

ness if the artist in question requests otherwise.

In the buying window, the links to "legal consultation" and "customer service" don't seem to work in North America and, so far, my requests have been overlooked. I guess they've just been too busy.

The music being downloaded in Canada is not, of course, for sale.

However, the basic premise is the same; it's harmless to poach on another's creative oeuvres. Is it?

Anyone concerned that they, or someone they know, may be in on this consortium's list (at present more than 2,800 visual artists worldwide), can check www.painterskeys.com/clickbacks/chinese-list.asp, where you'll also find e-mail addresses, links and other information that you might need in dealing with Arch-World.

R. M. DUPUY,
Mountain Road
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Don't wait for a headline to get serious about gun ban

On December 5, 2005, one young man shot another young man right here on Salt Spring Island. Shot him. On Salt Spring Island. When asked about the incident, RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis said, "This is nothing really out of the ordinary. It's a sign of the times."

You can almost picture him stifling a yawn.

Sgt. Willis may well be right. A small-calibre handgun may soon replace the iPod as the "must-have" item to have stuffed in the jeans pocket of the North American schoolboy. As you read this, there is a Florida Grade 8 student on life support — shot by a SWAT team officer. The kid had pulled out a pellet gun that looked like a 9-mm handgun and pointed it at the cop. A week later in Maryland, an eight-year old shot a seven-year old girl with a pellet gun at his daycare. Daycare.

The weapon used in the Salt Spring incident wasn't a pellet gun. It was an "altered" .22 calibre rifle, which I suppose means the barrel was sawed off. It was found in the suspect's home, along with an "unspecified amount of

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



cocaine and other drugs." Guns, drugs and Salt Spring. Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

The police report goes on to say that the incident took place "following an argument." No doubt. In the U.S., 91 per cent of all gun homicides are committed by males and statistically, the lion's share are due to arguments. One guy says something to another guy. Bang. Wife just won't behave. Bang. When blood begins to boil, and someone's packin' heat, it can happen in a blink.

We can't ban arguments, but maybe there is something to be done about the proliferation of guns in this country. The Liberals took an anemic swipe at it with the gun registry boondoggle, at a cost of over \$2 billion. Canadians pretty much threw in the towel when one Richard Buckley was successful in registering his soldering gun.

Paul Martin promised to ban handguns if elected. Good idea. A handgun's raison d'être is to kill people. They fit nicely into your jean jacket or lunchbox and can be fired at close range at a moment's notice. Bang.

Stephen Harper has promised to get tough on gun violence, with a minimum five to 10-year sentence for any crime involving a gun. While laudatory, there's a problem. It's the same problem that haunts domestic violence cases. If a woman calls the police to report a disgruntled ex-boyfriend that has been threatening her, all the cops can do is say, "Well, call me when he smacks you. Or knives you. Or shoots you." Someone has to get hurt first.

We could follow the U.K.'s example, and allow nothing more than .22-calibre target pistols, and even those are locked up at gun clubs. I have a feeling that size DOES matter. The louder the bang, bigger the kickback, the bigger the thrill. I have a suspicion that firing .22s would be about as adrenaline pumping as street rac-

ing in Smart Cars. Whoopee!

"Ah," the gun people say, "it's not the guns, it's a cultural problem. We Canadians are responsible gun owners." They may have something. Eight out of the 10 worst countries for murder are in Latin America, where machismo-infused males still reign supreme.

Canadian culture? The highest provincial homicide rates are in the Yukon and Nunavut, where practically everybody owns a gun. Apparently, they are shooting more than polar bears up there.

Interestingly, many of the countries with the lowest murder rates in the world also have the toughest gun control laws — countries like Ireland and Sweden. England, which prohibits handguns altogether, has an infinitesimal gun homicide rate of 0.07 per 100,000 people. Compare that to Canada at 0.6 or the U.S.A. at an impressive 6.24 per 100,000. Banning handguns works.

It may just be a case of sheer numbers. Canada has an estimated 1 million handguns compared to 77 million in the U.S., and I'll bet you that most of them are in dresser drawers, not locked up

in a safe in the basement. After all, if a drug-crazed meth freak is busting through your master bedroom window, what's the point of having a gun two floors down behind a combination lock? And I'll bet you that every mother's son knows exactly which drawer that handgun is hidden in.

What can be done on Salt Spring? Gun control is a federal issue. Other than sending off missives to our MLA Gary Lunn, we can only sit and wait for the new government to enact new legislation.

While we can't limit guns on the island, at least we could ban hunting. I am sure we could all live without the staccato sound of gunfire while hiking on Mount Tuam.

With houses popping up like mushrooms all over the island, isn't it time we buttonholed our newly minted Islands Trust reps Peter Lamb and George Ehring to put an end to the annual influx of khaki-draped hunters with their big shiny guns and ATVs? Wouldn't that be a start? Or do we have to wait for a headline for something to be done?

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Hazard
 An obviously frustrated resident of Monteith Road or Margaret Avenue has put up a sign warning motorists of the danger of traversing the road. It states: "Beware — this is Suspension-Smasher Street (aka Monteith Road). Many large deep potholes ahead." There are so many potholes that it is almost impossible to avoid them. In addition, most people are concentrating so much on the holes that they are not concentrating on

oncoming traffic. Some holes are eight inches or more deep with steep walls that are very hard on tires and suspensions if one hits one. The patching, which is done in a haphazard fashion, only lasts a few weeks and then it's back to what we have now! Hopefully the sign will embarrass the highways department and the contractor to do something about the situation.
GORDON KEYS,
 Monteith Road

Indie media
 A huge thanks to the Salt Spring community for supporting the very first Film Festival Café. Barb's was packed last Thursday night to hear Judy Jackson speak about the importance of an independent media and of the difficulties of life in a failed state. *Talk Mogadisu: Media Under Fire* featured three courageous Somali Canadians who returned to Somalia to develop an independent radio and TV station, Horn Afrik, to bring a brighter future to Somalia. While the "indy media" aspects of this film were important, the underlying immigration story was warm, humbling and awe inspiring. Much gratitude to Judy Jackson for her dedication to humanitarian causes and for opening our eyes and hearts. More thanks to Jen and Jason Coles, the new owners of Barb's Buns, for offering their space and making sound equipment available, and to Tim and John of Island Star Video for providing their expertise, screen and projector. On February 23, Film Festival Café will feature two short films on the war in Iraq. The first will be an "indy" film on Fallujah, an Iraqi city devastated by coalition forces. The second will be *Let Them Stay*, a Canadian

film on U.S. war resisters in Canada. There will be one or more war resisters at the film to discuss their plight and answer questions. We also hope to have a representative from the War Resisters' Support Campaign, a Canadian group that lobbies Parliament to maintain Canada's historical position as a refuge from militarism. WRSC also materially supports American war resisters across Canada. In March, Rose Murakami will be on hand to introduce the new film *Kimiko Murakami: Triumph Over Internment* and take questions about her family's experience of dislocation, internment and hardship during and after WWII. There will be some 60 documentaries screened March 3, 4 and 5 at the 7th annual Our Island, Our World Film Festival, at GISS and Cinema Central. It's such a pleasure to be in a community where we not only have filmmakers of Judy's calibre but a sizeable audience that cares about serious global matters and then takes action, either locally or abroad, to address the many inequities that face humanity, the earth and her other inhabitants.

CAROL and DICK GRIER,
 Coordinators, Our Island, Our World Film Festival
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Applications are invited from individuals representing sectors of the community listed above, who would like to serve without remuneration and can make a commitment to attend a minimum of eight meetings in 2006. Dates and times are set out in advance and are expected to be once per month in Ganges for two hours. A willingness to work toward consensus with people who may hold different views is essential.

A copy of the terms of reference for the committee is available online at www.crd.bc.ca/es/sw or by contacting Wendy Dunn at the CRD at 1-800-663-4425.

The deadline for submissions is 10 February 2006. If you are interested in applying please forward your resume by mail, fax or email to:

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Fulford-area calendar full of options

By EMMA YARDLEY
Driftwood Contributor

To south-enders, Ganges can sometimes seem like a world away, so when planning our social calendars it's always nice to know what's happening in our neck of the woods.

This section is intended to be our own printed bulletin board, highlighting south-end happenings and events.

• There is always something going on at our much-loved community halls. At Fulford Hall there is an all-ages rollerblading session every Friday night from 7:30-9 p.m.

The Fulford Hall Committee is also looking for volunteers to help out for a few hours every month with community events, such as the popular Fulford Day.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the hall committee, you can contact Lynn Thorburn, secretary (653-4441) or Howard Fry, vice-chairman (653-

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9045) and attend the next meeting on Tuesday, February 7 at 7 p.m.

• If you're up for some good old-fashioned fun, make your way down to Beaver Point Hall every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. for Scottish Country Dancing. Beginners and children 10 years old and up are welcome.

Listen to energetic music, get your daily exercise and include the whole family in this great gathering. Please call Pat Blair at 537-0087 if you have any questions.

• While the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library may have a fine selection of books, Fulford Elementary Nature School's new toy library has a great selection of toys.

Any family with children five years old or under can borrow one or two toys for two weeks with an annual

membership fee of \$20. This way kids get to play with different toys and parents can meet with other parents.

The toy library takes place at the school every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For more information, call Sharon at 653-9904.

• The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm hosts a number of different classes and workshops from yoga to Nia, but the latest addition, a beginners Capoeira class, is sure to be popular.

Mixing elements of martial arts, dance, and acrobatics, this Brazilian art form is performed to the music of drums, berimbau, and call and response singing. Increasing your flexibility and endurance, the class is held every Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m. and is led by Rudy Hexter, who has been studying Capoeira for eight years.

• Moving up the Stowel Lake Farm's driveway to the fabulous kitchen in The Barn, Jonn Ashlie's French

Cooking Classes are back by popular demand. Starting tonight from 6-9 p.m., and running for the next three Wednesdays, Jonn will lead you through the steps to create a delicious three-course meal.

The last class will be a soiree for the students' family and friends to enjoy their new culinary concoctions.

The course costs \$160, which includes all the fresh food. Jonn recommends that you bring an apron and wine, if you care to indulge.

To step your cooking skills up a notch and learn from the best, call Jonn at 653-4988.

• These are just some of the fabulous things that are happening in the south end. There is always something for everyone no matter what age or interest.

If you are putting on a south-end event or know someone who is, please feel free to contact me at 537-9933 or 653-4931 so that you can be a part of the South-end Bulletin.

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Outboard

While reading the Driftwood of January 25 with our early morning coffee, we came across an account of the rescue of a "Sea-Doo type vehicle" off Galiano Island. We were fascinated to

learn that the rescue boat was powered by an "outdoor" motor. Is this a new type of technology? What is the source of power, and what are the environmental implications? We'd be interested in knowing if any of your readers have any

experience with this type of technology and could aid us in locating a supplier. We appreciate the fact that we are able to learn of technological advancements such as this in our local paper. **J. SMITH, N. KOSTELIJK, Ganges, B.C.**

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My wife, Pat, and I moved to Salt Spring Island last fall after living in Oakville, Ontario for 30 years. For 20 years we had come to visit our daughter, Janet Hoag, and her family who live here on the Island. Janet wanted us to move closer to her and it wasn't a difficult decision when we compared West Coast weather with Ontario weather.


We were keen on beginning another chapter of the wonderful life we've had. After almost 30 years in the life insurance business, I changed careers at age 58, ending up with my own company selling annuities and income retirement funds and I didn't retire until I was 72. That was 11 years ago. My wife Pat was a registered nurse and won several nursing awards during her career. We met on a blind date in 1950, married two years later and here we are with 3 children and 8 grandchildren 54 years later.

Our daughter, Janet, found Heritage Place for us and we are delighted. It is really a wonderful concept. The design is excellent and we could not be happier with the staff. They have a wonderful attitude and are very considerate. And, the food! The food is really excellent! We are enjoying the company of the other residents...they are very pleasant. When people come to see what is offered at Heritage Place, it will really fill up quickly. I just know it. The location is terrific. I can walk to the Hospital, to my Doctor's office, to my Dentist's office and it's only a 5 minute drive to the golf course.

I'm really anxious to become more active in the community. I would love to play more golf and bridge. I learned to play bridge in 1942 on a troop ship between Liverpool and Durban, South Africa, on my way to serve in India. I was in service for 2 1/2 years in India, Ceylon and Burma, and was awarded the Burma Star.

What is my advice for a good life? Work at staying healthy; stay active doing what you are passionate about and 'it's never too late'.

Bill Hoag


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Letter to the editor? Press release? What's On calendar event? Send it to news@gulfislands.net.

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Rants to local stores for selling, and rants to people for buying, cosmetic creams made from the butchering of the intelligent, large Australian bird — the emu. This bird is as bright as your pet dog and 150 of them are raised near Duncan just for slaughter for moisture creams. Marie Stevenson

Rants to B.C. Ferries for making it impossible for a person on crutches to get on the Fulford ferry with any sort of luggage or bag. Bonnie Dalziel

ROSES

A perfect red rose to the kind person who turned in my granny glasses to the Driftwood office last Tuesday. And a rose-filled thank-you to Eva for getting the good news to me promptly. The Driftwood lost and found is

a veritable rose-strewn community service. CJH

Thank you for your help and support for the last five years David Austin Grand-flora. To all. M

A rose to Gulf Islands Pool and Spa for sponsoring our class field trip to Mother Tongue Press. SS Centre School

Many roses to Lisa Lloyd for sharing her beautiful space. KL

Heartfelt roses to Joyce Hartwig and Melissa for getting a handicapped woman onto the Fulford ferry and then to her home in the north end, in the pouring rain. You epitomize the spirit of Salt Spring.

I would like to publicly thank the B.C. Hydro crew that came out to Toynbee Road late last Wednesday night and changed a trans-

former so we at the Fitz-Roy farm would have power for the rest of the night. RL

Long-stemmed roses to the 200 or so New Democrats who gave so generously of their time and money in the recent election campaign. They canvassed and drove, ran an office, put up, repaired and took down signs, provided hospitality and most wonderfully scrutinized. Calls from election officials acknowledge the helpfulness and courtesy of the approximately 80 people who scrutinized.

Kilos upon kilos of roses from the Live Radio Theatre production to: Ceci Schreiner for her fantastic hair styling and her merciful forgiveness; Bob Twaites for his unflinching enthusiasm, unbridled energy and wonderful imagination; Laurie Blakely and Gayle Siegers for their untiring completion of a difficult and time-consuming task; Darcy Green for his wonderful musical improvisation and cool demeanor; Alex Corley for his hard work and dependability; Julian Wilhelmson for coming through; Ann Stewart and Richard Moses for postering; Christina and Sarah Penhale for keeping things in order and saving my neck; Marv for being a rock; Cindy Rabson for manning the phones and being my sounding board; the Driftwood for writing such nice things about me and promoting the show; the entire cast and audience — for showing up, having fun and making it such a memorable evening. Thank you all. JR

A big bouquet of fragrant "heritage roses" to Dr. DeKock, Sandy, Jack and all those at Heritage Place for attentiveness, kindness and caring when my dad had his heart attack. He's alive and well. Also, sweet wild roses to Margaret and Jane for their love, support and help in my time of need. JH

MORE LETTERS

Leadership

Wow! The new Bolivian president must have read last week's letter by Murray Reiss. Murray called attention to the provincial government's spending deficit for education.

Evo Morales, after five days of his term, has implemented an extraordinary plan to cover the costs of hiring necessary teachers in Bolivia. He has cut his own salary in half!

And, he has ordered no cabinet minister collect a higher wage than his own. All the savings will be earmarked for hiring more public school teachers.

What a different perspective than conspiring to reward oneself with a 15 per cent raise. What a different management style; bringing in more teachers rather than raising class sizes! What leadership!!

DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,
Eagle Ridge Drive

Don't miss it

A musical opportunity not to be missed takes place at ArtSpring on the evening of Saturday, February 4.

The musicians are Alasdair Fraser, regarded as the best Scottish fiddler of our time, and Natalie Haas, a young vibrant cellist who has recently replaced Yo-Yo Ma in another music group she plays with, including Mark O'Connor.

Alasdair and Natalie's latest album, Fire and Grace, was the winner of the Scots Traditional 2004 Album of the Year, in Scotland.

Check them out at www.alasdairfraser.com.


Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office at 537-2102. This concert also qualifies for the GVM Youth Pass and there is a special rate for all youth Salt Spring fiddle students if you tell the box office you are on the fiddle student list and purchase your ticket at least 24 hours in advance of the performance.

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Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn

Wok: The wok is perhaps the most utilitarian cooking vessel. You don't absolutely need a wok to create satisfying Asian meals. Nonetheless, the bowl-shaped utensil has several advantages: it spreads heat evenly; uses less oil for deep-frying than a traditional deep-fat fryer; and ensures that food tossed during stir-frying lands back in the pan and not on the stove. A good wok - as does a well-used cast-iron pan - elicits an emotional bond with its owner. A treasured wok, recognizable by its molasses patina and naturally non-stick surface, will last a lifetime. It is the proper vehicle for a stir-fry and can serve as the base for a steamer basket. It can function as a deep fryer, a soup pot, a slow cooker, a skillet. It transcends cultures, cuisines and the ages, appearing throughout history in China, Japan and India. A good book to read is The Breath of a Wok by Grace Young. Young weaves wok stories and savory recipes with clear instructions: she makes you understand why the wok is one of the world's most popular cooking utensils.

Cut 2 cooked boneless skinless chicken breasts into strips. In a small bowl, mix cooked chicken with 1/2 cup thick Teriyaki sauce; stir until chicken is coated with the sauce. Set aside. Chop 4 green onions, 1/4 cup red onion, 1 cup broccoli. Slice 1/2 cup cabbage, 1/2 of a red bell pepper, 1/2 cup snap peas, 1/2 cup baby carrots & 2 stalks asparagus. Heat, on high heat, 4 tablespoons oil in a wok or large skillet. Stir in 3 cloves minced garlic, 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger & 2 teaspoons orange zest. Add prepared vegetables and stir-fry in wok or skillet for 3 minutes. Stir in one packet (not cubes) of vegetable bouillon. Toss chicken with cooked vegetables & 1/2 cup cashews (optional). Cook for additional 3 minutes. Serve immediately, over hot rice or noodles.

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Youth express worldview in dance show

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Contributor

Student choreography shone at Gulf Islands Secondary School's dance show e-entitled *Colours* last Wednesday and Thursday at ArtSpring.

With students from off island joining the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts, and native Salt Spring students venturing out into the wider dance world, their frames of reference have broadened and so their choreography becomes more complex and ultimately more interesting.

Hannah Everest's *Song* performed by Everest, Juliane Butters and Amy Glode Marchant — using *Dog Song 2* by the Be Good Tanyas — evoked that feeling of being on the verge of adulthood on an endless summer day when dreaming of the future is de rigueur.

Exploring original movement vocabulary, utilizing ballet and modern techniques, Everest's composition tools were a welcome respite from the usual solo for eight people with no movement through space, or variation in spacing, that is common for beginner choreographers.

Delie Lohmann's *Double Vision* was another dance that fulfilled its theme as dictated by the music *Propaganda* by Dead Prez. In this rap song dissing war with a lyrical quality to the instrumentation, Lohmann used interesting movement choices — hip-hop and sensual lyricism — to good



ON STAGE: Dancers from Gulf Islands Secondary School impressed audiences at ArtSpring last week with their colourful program.

Photo by Ande Kuric

effect. It's always a pleasure watching Lohmann move, and her cohorts Emma Webber and Jordan Wilson also expressed themselves with considerable skill.

A crowd-pleaser choreographed by the dancers, Andreas Langsh and Brittany Savage, used the Moulin Rouge version of *Roxanne*. Langsh, an international student who has performed for years with a dance troupe in Germany, used his full six-foot-plus height and Savage's petite frame to perform overhead lifts we've come to recognize from dance shows like *Star Search*. Clear acting choices, simple yet effective transitions and thrilling lifts brought the house down.

Teacher Sonia Langer's entry piece *Everybody Start to Swing*, with Anita O'Day's

singing the Benny Goodman classic *Sing Sing Sing*, showcased GISPA students Langsh with Everest and Julianne Butters. The dancers were having a blast and so were we.

In the *Mime*, choreographed by Jill Foley to *Techno*, was a trio of white-faced mimes — Foley, Everest and Sarah Penhale

— performing a series of mime moves about a car. An interesting idea and well executed, the dance needed to change its conceit with movement through space and incorporate more use of the lower body after the initial introduction.

In the second act, *Colours* focussed on the central character played by Foley, who suffered comments that can drive some teens to suicide. Different groups of Hope, Happiness, Love, Envy, Anger and Sadness differentiated by colours as dictated by costumes, musical choices, choreography and intention, sought to physicalize the abstract.

Violinist Jasmine Dine, drummer Luke Giefing and electric bass player Julian Smith provided excellent accompaniment for the work with the exception of a couple of songs.

The dancers chose a theme that had obvious meaning to them and worked hard to create artistic work that expressed their worldview, and for that they should be very proud.

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Radio plays dial up smash hit

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Islanders were treated to an evening of wireless wit and whimsy with Live Radio Theatre held at ArtSpring on Saturday.

Wearing the multiple hats of producer, director and performer, Hollywood's voice-over veteran Jan Rabson crafted a delightful show that skillfully blended elements of nostalgia, suspense and humour.

Appropriately, the sold-out performance received a vigorous standing ovation and it will likely be remembered as one of the top theatrical highlights of the season.

Live Radio Theatre combined three classic gems from the 1940s and 1950s, along with vintage commercials and a five-minute short, that transported the audience to an age when men wore ties to ball games, direct-dial telephones were still a novelty and space travel was deemed impossible.

From the outset, Rabson's passion for the genre was

immediately evident and, the smooth-talking performer was aided by some top-notch talent.



Director Jan Rabson

Kicking off with *Sorry Wrong Number*, Yvonne Adalian offered an inspired performance as a paranoid invalid who accidentally overhears a murder plot underway.

As Adalian attempted to navigate the myriad bureaucracies of the phone service (along with great cameos by Laurie Blakely, Li Read and Ann Stewart) in an effort to report the impending crime, she encountered a fabulously frustrating operator (Marit McBride) who provided the ultimate automated-style repetitions in cordial dialogue.

And Adalian's increasingly agitated display gripped listener/viewers right to the ironic finale.

Rabson took command as an invading astronaut for the sci-fi mystery thriller *Mars is Heaven*. The audience caught a great alien-imposter performance by Arthur Black and the show included fine supporting roles by Hetty Clews, Jason Donaldson, Vaughn Fulford, Gordon Keel, Rusty Marshall and Richard Moses.

As the final installment, Rabson offered a comic look at marriage in the "future" of 1974 with the light-hearted *Prime Difference*, which featured McBride as a wife with "a tongue like a number-10 wood rasp," a sultry Michelle Bauer as a sensuous secretary/mistress and great supporting roles by Black and Fulford.

Audiences were left tickled by Rabson's split-personality acting and the delightful denouement of the play.

Supporting elements helped create a gem of a show. Actors spoke into modulated microphones, costumes captured a Brylcreem ambience and the

performance even contained authentic commercials from the post-war era (which received vigorous applause on their own).

Clay Johnston and Peter McCully soothed listeners with claims about healthy cigarettes, superior canned soup and cutting-edge 19-inch TVs. Donaldson, Roseanne Leonoff and Amber Lewis also contributed to commercial gems.

Sound effects artists Alex Corley and Bob Twaites also received applause for their dazzling magic. They opened doors, fired guns, pushed shoes through gravel, dialled phones and even provided spaceship landings (a brilliant fire-extinguisher display) to add spice to the verbal action.

And the plays even featured recordings of original soundtracks and announcers from shows such as X-Minus One (complete with echoing reverberations).

After a whiz-bang treat, islanders will likely be hoping to tune in for a sequel.

Islanders invited to sing their hearts out

A relaxed and fun afternoon of harmony singing for vocalists of all levels is offered this weekend on Salt Spring.

Tina Erickson, director of the Letz Sing Choir Community, is offering a two-hour Community Sing on Saturday, February 4 at Lions Hall from 2-4 p.m.

Erickson learned her song-leading skills as a participant in the Community Choir Leadership Program with Shivon Robinsong and Denis Donnelly of the

Getting Higher Choir in Victoria. In February 2005, after completing the leadership training, she began a small choir with 11 friends in Black Creek. Over 150 singers were registered at the end of the last term in December.

"During this two-hour gathering you will acquire a repertoire of songs from a diversity of origins and inspiration," states a press release. "Words, melodies and harmonies will be taught methodi-

cally, in a step-by-step fashion, in the oral tradition of call and response."

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For more information, contact Jennifer Howard at 537-8881, jmhoward@ssisland.com, or Tina Erickson at (250) 923-7709, letzsing@cren.net.

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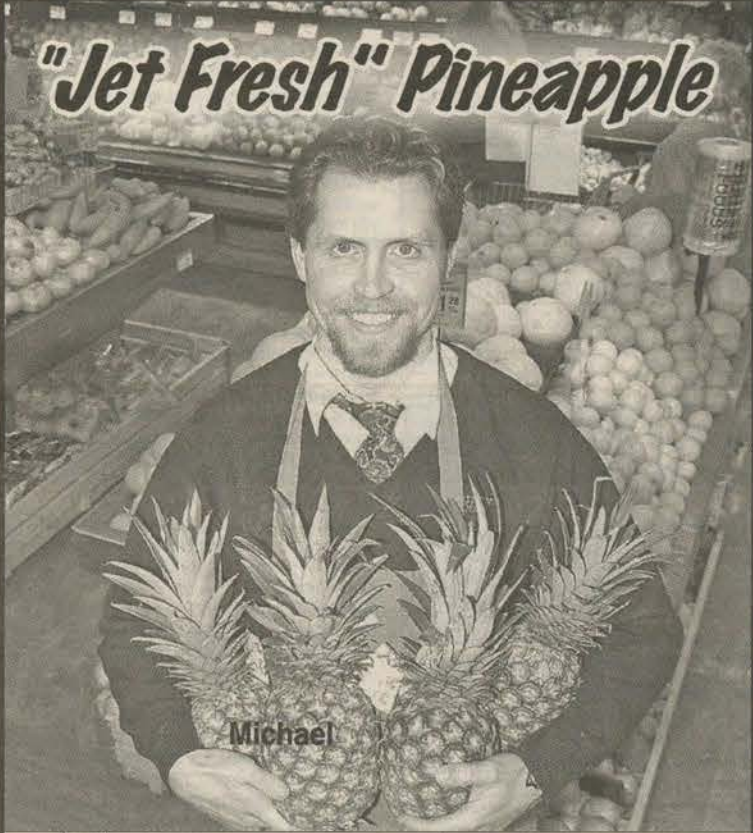
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Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Feb 1, 2006 to Feb 7, 2006

- WEDNESDAY, FEB 1**
- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **Bollywood/ Hollywood (2002, Comedy)** A man hires an escort to pose as his fiancée when his family interferes in his love life. *Rahul Khanna, Lisa Ray (2h)*
- 20 **Flight 93 (2005, Documentary)** The courageous passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 fought back against terrorists. *Jeffrey Nordling, Ty Olsson (2h)*
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★ **Double Cross (2001, Thriller)** Kristi inadvertently agrees to her neighbour's plan of murdering each other's husband. *Natasha Wightman, Udo Kier (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM
- 24 ★ **Johnny Dangerously (1984, Comedy)** A former gangster tells a young thief a tale from his own life to prove crime doesn't pay. *Michael Keaton, Joe Piscopo (2h)*
- 8:30 PM
- 3 ★ **No Vacancy (1999, Comedy)** A drifter finds herself stranded in a hotel with a host of outrageous and quirky people. *Christina Ricci, Lolita Davidovich (1h30)*
- 9:00 PM
- 4 **Cable Beach (2004, Mystery)** Ben Sheffield must recount his troubled childhood while investigating a murder. *Chris Kramer, Scott Hylands (2h)*
- 13 ★★ **Cradle 2 The Grave (2003, Action)** A mastermind thief and a government agent join forces to hunt down a common enemy. *Jet Li, DMX (2h)*
- 10:00 PM
- 3 ★★★ **Imaginary Heroes (2004, Comedy/Drama)** A promising young athlete's suicide plays havoc on an already crumbling family dynamic. *Sigourney Weaver, Jeff Daniels (2h)*
- 14 ★★ **Earth (1998, Religious)** Families of diverse religious beliefs struggle during the independence of India in 1947. *Aamir Khan, Nandita Das (2h)*
- 20 **Flight 93 (2005, Documentary)** The courageous passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 fought back against terrorists. *Jeffrey Nordling, Ty Olsson (2h)*

- THURSDAY, FEB 2**
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★★ **Rory O'Shea Was Here (2004, Drama)** A man with cerebral palsy finds joy in his life when he meets a rebel with muscular dystrophy. *Steven Robertson, Alan King (1h45)*
- 8:00 PM
- 24 ★★★ **Romancing the Stone (1984, Adventure)** A romance novelist is thrust into a dangerous mission in Colombia with a handsome rogue. *Kathleen Turner, Michael Douglas (2h30)*
- 8:45 PM
- 3 ★ **Paper Soldiers (2002, Comedy/Drama)** A crook sets out to make a living by robbing people, and is joined by his inept friends. *Kevin Hart, Beanie Sigel (1h30)*
- 9:00 PM
- 13 ★★ **Men of Means (1999, Crime Story)** A man must decide whether to continue working as a mobster's muscle man or change his ways. *Michael Paré, Raymond Serra (2h)*
- 29 ★★★★★ **In the Heat of the Night (1967, Crime Story)** A homicide detective, who was wrongly accused of murder, must work with a racist sheriff. *Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger (2h)*
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★ **Dancing in September (2000, Drama)** A sitcom writer moves to Hollywood and falls in love with a network executive. *James Avery, Isaiah Washington (2h15)*
- 10:15 PM
- 3 ★★★ **The Butterfly Effect (2004, Sci-Fi)** In an attempt to cure his blackouts, a student projects back to childhood traumas. *Ashton Kutcher, Melora Walters (2h)*
- FRIDAY, FEB 3**
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **Guess Who (2005, Comedy)** Theresa's parents are surprised to discover that their daughter's fiancé is white. *Bernie Mac, Ashton Kutcher (2h)*
- 7:30 PM
- 19 **Searching for David's Heart (2004, Drama)** A girl journeys across the country with her friend to find her brother's heart recipient. *Billy Aaron Brown, Danielle Panabaker (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM
- 6 **The Princess and the Marine (2001, True)** The true story of love between a U.S. Marine and a Bahraini princess. *Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Marisol Nichols (2h)*



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FRIDAY, FEB 3
8:00 PM
11 *** Much Ado About Nothing (1993, Comedy) Two young lovers who are about to wed conspire to draw two rivals into a romantic liaison. Emma Thompson, Kenneth Branagh (2h)
13 *** Spy Kids (2001, Adventure) The children of former secret agents are called upon to save their missing parents. Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino (2h)
24 *** Sommersby (1993, Drama) A man, presumed dead after the Civil War, returns home and attempts to start life anew. Richard Gere, Jodie Foster (2h30)
9:00 PM
3 *** Childstar (2004, Comedy) An independent filmmaker signs on to be the driver for a spoiled 12-year-old actor. Don McKellar, Jennifer Jason Leigh (1h45)
4 *** Varsity Blues (1999, Sport) A Texas high school football team is led by a back-up quarterback and an iconic coach. James Van Der Beek, Jon Voight (2h)
19 *** Before and After (1995, Suspense) A husband and wife disagree about covering-up for their son who may have committed murder. Liam Neeson, Meryl Streep (1h45)
10:00 PM
9 *** The Fortune Cookie (1966, Comedy) A lawyer convinces his brother-in-law to exaggerate an injury in an insurance scam. Walter Matthau, Jack Lemmon (2h)
10:45 PM
3 *** Suspect Zero (2004, Thriller) An FBI agent is haunted by past mistakes as he investigates a series of seemingly random killings. Aaron Eckhart, Ben Kingsley (2h)
19 *** Trading Places (1983, Comedy) As part of a secret wager, a wealthy investor and a hustler find their positions suddenly reversed. Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd (2h)
11:25 PM
2 *** Groundhog Day 1993, Comedy) A weatherman is trapped in a time warp where he relives the same day over and over again. Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell (2h)
SATURDAY, FEB 4
6:00 PM
15 *** Murder at 1600 (1997, Suspense) A policeman and a secret agent team up to solve the murder of a White House worker. Wesley Snipes, Diane Lane (2h30)
7:00 PM
3 *** Constantine (2005, Fantasy) A skeptical woman enlists the help of an exorcist to solve her sister's mysterious suicide. Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz (2h)
7:30 PM
10 Sous le soleil de Toscane (2003, Comédie dramatique) Une avocate américaine en voyage en Italie s'achète une vieille villa en Toscane. Diane Lane, Raoul Bova (2h30)
8:00 PM
24 *** Bugsy (1991, Drama) A murderous gangster and psychopath turns Las Vegas into the world's gambling capital. Warren Beatty, Annette Bening (3h)
23 *** Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Fantasy) Upon learning that he has magical powers, a boy enrolls in a boarding school for wizards. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson (3h)
9:00 PM
3 *** Man of the House (2005, Comedy) A Texas Ranger goes undercover to protect a group of cheerleaders who witnessed a murder. Tommy Lee Jones, Cedric the Entertainer (1h45)
13 *** American Pie (1999, Comedy) A group of high-school senior boys enter a pact to lose their virginity before graduation. Chris Klein, Natasha Lyonne (2h)
15 *** Murder at 1600 (1997, Suspense) A policeman and a secret agent team up to solve the murder of a White House worker. Wesley Snipes, Diane Lane (2h30)
19 *** The Air Up There (1994, Sport) A fast-talking basketball coach goes to Africa to find and retrieve all-star talents. Kevin Bacon, Charles Gitonga Maina (1h45)
10:00 PM
14 * Double Take (2001, Drama) A businessman trades lives with a petty thief when he thinks his life may be in danger. Eddie Griffin, Orlando Jones (2h)
10:30 PM
2 *** Havana (1990, Drama) A professional gambler becomes involved with the wife of a revolutionary leader in Cuba. Robert Redford, Lena Olin (2h)
10:45 PM
3 * White Chicks (2004, Comedy) Two disgraced FBI agents go undercover as white women in an effort to protect heiresses. Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans (2h15)
19 *** Days of Thunder (1990, Sport) A rookie stock car racer must overcome his fear of driving after a near-fatal accident. Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman (1h35)
SUNDAY, FEB 5
6:00 PM
14 *** Monster's Ball (2001, Drama) A convict's wife falls for the prison guard responsible for her husband's execution. Halle Berry, Heath Ledger (2h30)
15 *** Raid on Entebbe (1976, True) Commandos hijack a plane and use hostages to negotiate the release of imprisoned terrorists. Charles Bronson, Martin Balsam (3h30)
7:00 PM
3 * Big Spender (2003, Drama) A convict sets out to turn his life around by rehabilitating a neglected racehorse. Casper Van Dien, Graham Greene (2h)
8:00 PM
4 *** Cats and Dogs (2001, Comedy) A cat bent on world domination escalates the ongoing war between felines and canines. Voices of Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Perkins (2h)
24 *** The Way We Were (1973, Romance) Two people are torn between staying true to each other and being true to themselves. Barbra Streisand, Robert Redford (2h30)



MAFALDA HOOGERDYK

'e:motion2' show a must-see by Sunday

From a giant papier mache mosquito to a finely detailed fabric pillow box, artwork displayed in the multi-media e:motion2 exhibit makes it imperative for art-lovers to drop by ArtSpring.

The show, which runs until February 5, features a range of artistic styles, including paintings and photography; mixed media, papier mache, clay and fabric pieces, as well as basketry and computer-aided artwork.

Contributing artists range from the familiar to the new, with their pieces splashing colour and emotion through the ArtSpring gallery, lower and upper hallways and foyer.

Viewers at the show have the opportunity to cast ballots for their top three favourite pieces, and winning artwork will be displayed on the ArtSpring website.

The exhibit runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through this Sunday.



YOUNG ART LOVERS: Chloe Esposito and Nicola McKenzie get a close look at an Amarah Gabrielle painting at the e:motion2 artshow, running until Sunday at ArtSpring.

Phot by Derrick Lundy

Fingerstyle champion Ross performs Feb. 9

Islanders will be treated to a concert by one of the top guitarists in the world when Don Ross performs at ArtSpring on Thursday, February 9.

The concert is being organized by Salt Spring's Duart Campbell, who was blown away after hearing Ross perform last winter.

"He was incredible," said Campbell.

Other musicians "in the know" have confirmed that Ross is a phenomenal guitarist, said Campbell.

According to press material, he has a singular accomplishment to his name: winning the prestigious U.S. National Fingerstyle Guitar Championship twice — in 1988 and 1996.

"The competition, held yearly in Winfield, Kansas, cannot be won only with immaculate technique, but the player's music must also display a high degree of emotion and intensity — hallmarks of Don's style."

Ross' music is also described as

"unclassifiable," as it "borrows from jazz, folk, rock and classical music."

Ross will be joined on Salt Spring by guest Brooke Miller, a young guitarist and vocalist whose debut CD in 2003 earned raved reviews.

For more information about Ross, see www.gobyfish.com.

The ArtSpring show begins at 7 p.m. and tickets are available through the box office at 537-2102 or tickets@artspring.ca.

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

Time is of the essence — you only have until Sunday, February 5 to catch ArtSpring's Biennial Community Art Exhibition, e: Motion2. It's open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during evening shows.

• SIMS is busy gearing up for their winter concert on Thursday, February 2, (7 p.m.) Music for Midwinter: Celebrating Music at SIMS.

• Everyone knows how critical volunteers are to community organizations in

order for them to achieve their mission.

To help groups develop these important resources, ArtSpring presents a free workshop *Getting the Work Done: Volunteer Management Workshop* on Saturday, February 4 (10-4).

• Winner of the Scots Traditional Music Awards 2004 Album of the Year (Fire and Grace), fiddler Alasdair Fraser and cellist Natalie Haas perform Saturday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m.

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What's On calendar event?
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pain while increasing flexibility, grace and creativity.

Friedman has been an instructor for nearly two decades and has seen dramatic results in those who have learned this awareness method.

"There are enormous benefits when students become aware of how they move, their patterns of movement and the options that arise when they open up to new

possibilities," she said. "With our current aging population, it's more important than ever that people keep moving."

According to press material, Feldenkrais is an educational system that uses movement to bring about improved functioning. The method can address habitual behaviours responsible for chronic tension and pain; facilitate recovery

of movement diminished by injury trauma; it improves levels of skills in athletes, performing artists and everyone who moves.

Workshop participants will be directed through gentle, exploratory movement sequences organized around a specific function (i.e. rolling, sitting, walking, reaching). Whether it's sitting comfortably at your computer, playing with your

children and grandchildren, or performing a favourite pastime, these gentle lessons can improve your overall well-being.

Workshop dates are Saturday-Sunday, February 11-12, at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Road, from 9:30-4:40 both days, with the cost \$75 for one day and \$130 for both.

For more information call Helen 537-9694 or Alice 653-4332.



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Morris: back as history speaker

Anyone attending the December 14 Islands Farmers Institute 110 year celebration would have been much entertained by Mike Morris, a descendant of Salt Spring pioneer Rev. E.F. Wilson.

"You probably wanted to hear more from this speaker, a real raconteur," said Usha Rautenbach of the Salt Spring Historical Society (SSHS).

Morris is returning to tell us more at the SSHS presentation on February 8, at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

Morris has many connections to the island, with lively tales to tell of growing up on Salt Spring, with highlights and anecdotes about Salt Spring in his mother's time, said Rautenbach. She was Gladys Borrodaile, daughter of Florence Muriel, the seventh of Reverend Wilson's 11 children.

The talk will include the life and times of his great grandfather, who spent from 1894 to 1907 on the island. Wilson recorded his own family's life in an artistic year-by-year account illustrated with a few early photographs, but mostly with his own drawings, paintings, maps and amusing "cartoon strips."

He kept meticulous records and issued monthly newsletters that recorded much of what happened on Salt Spring.

He also wrote a pamphlet about the island in 1895, inviting more settlers, when the population was a mere 450.

This booklet is currently out of print, but might possibly be available for purchase on February 8 for \$5, notes Rautenbach.

Everyone is welcome to the event, with refreshments and cookies to follow.



TENNIS PUDDLES: Downpours of rain last weekend didn't stop (from left) Eartha Linnell, Evie Olynyk and Aina Yasue from using the outdoor tennis courts at Portlock Park to hone their skills.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Parlour quilts set out for guests

Quilt and history fans should mark February 11-12 on their calendars, since that's when Salt Spring Island's Stitches Quilts Shop presents Family Jewels, Parlour Quilts of the Late 19th Century.

Set for ArtSpring, the display will include extraordinary examples of antique crazy quilts, silk log cabins

and mosaic quilts, and comforters.

"From the Florence Erickson Collection, Jim Erickson has selected a number of quilts typifying the decorative exuberance of that period," notes a press release.

Erickson, a Salt Spring Island resident, has been collecting antique quilts and

textiles for the last 25 years.

This is the first of what will be a series of shows concentrating on the different styles and periods of North American quilt making. Lectures will be given at 2 p.m. both days of the exhibit.

For further information, call Stitches at 537-8985 or Jim Erickson at 653-9731.

Harpist joins Celtic worship, music event

Salt Spring United Church in Ganges is pleased to invite local residents, visitors and the congregation to attend a Celtic worship service on Sunday, February 5.

Beginning at 9:45 a.m., harpist Yvonne Gibbon will play prelude music as worshippers gather for a time of prayer and reflection prior to the service, which commences at 10 a.m.

Celtic Christian worship is based on story, landscape and cultural and artistic heritage. It responds to need, to context, to season and to the heart. In addition to music, it may include singing, dancing, story, prayer and silence.

"From time to time, the United Church explores alternative forms of worship which are thoughtful, creative and focused," notes a press release. "They offer new ways of experiencing the wonder of belief, the true meaning of fellowship and the invigoration of faith. Shortly after the Katrina disaster in New Orleans, for example, the church offered a worship service featuring jazz music. Though planned long in advance, the coincidental timing and beauty and joy of the service spoke with special resonance in the hearts and souls of those who participated."

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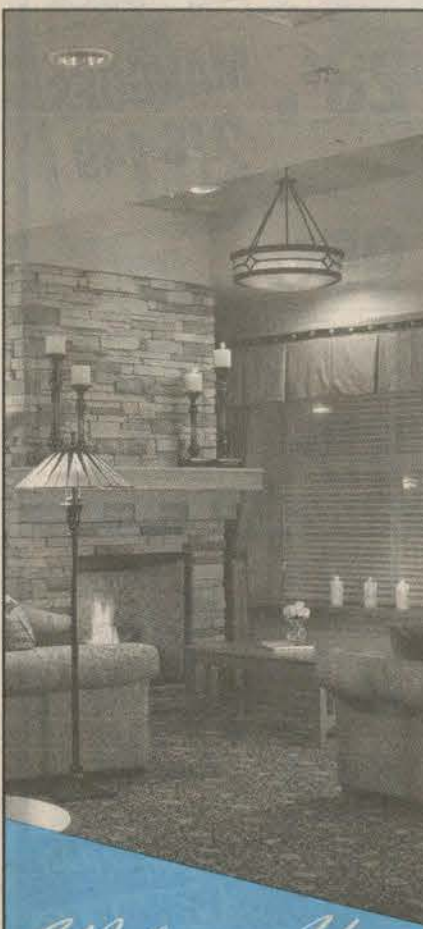
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STARS shines for kids coping with mental illness

By **DAWN HAGE**
Driftwood Contributor

Mental illness can be frightening, confusing and overwhelming for children living in the care of a family member suffering from the disease.

The STARS program (support, trust and resources) aims to alleviate fear, provide accurate information and debunk the many myths about mental illness. By providing support and healthy coping strategies, leaders hope to deliver the clear message to children that they are not alone and

there are many resources in place to help them.

Salt Spring's STARS program begins Thursday, February 9 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and runs for five consecutive weeks. Facilitators are Ragnhild Flakstad and Maryanne Benwood.

An adult session runs concurrently and both are free of charge and include a light meal. The program is designed for children aged eight to 12 years.

"At this age, children have the social and emotional confidence to sit in a group, the ability to remain focussed

over the hour and a half, and the maturity to comprehend the material," said Flakstad.

Sessions include a short information-giving session, followed by creative activities, discussion and exercises in group building and coping strategies.

"The pace will be set by the needs of the children," said Flakstad. "As they gain confidence and share their personal stories, there are very powerful and profound emotional moments. Some of these children will be sharing their experiences for the very first time."

Facilitators use a workbook entitled *Someone in my Family has a Mental Illness* by Lyne Brindamour, MSW.

Divided into three sections, the book discusses the human brain and defines mental illness, allows the child to name the illness and identify symptoms, explore feelings and questions they have around the illness, and introduces the idea of coping skills and self care with practical suggestions and exercises.

The adult classes, designed for caregivers, patients themselves, siblings older than 12 and other family members,

will cover similar material. "Children that have graduated from past programs have gone on in the community to become peer counsellors in the schools," said Flakstad. "It's another aspect of being a 'star' . . . they become shining beacons of hope for other children in similar situations."

Classes take place at Family Place and the Community Services building at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road.

To enroll in the program or for more information, contact Flakstad or Benwood at 537-9176 or 537-9971.



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Getting the work done — a free volunteer workshop

Everyone knows how critical volunteers are for community organizations to achieve their mission.

To help groups develop these important resources, ArtSpring is presenting a free workshop called Getting the Work Done: Volunteer Management Workshop on Saturday, February 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Facilitated by Teresa Kingston of

Kingston and Associates, this workshop will explore the changing roles of volunteers, planning for volunteers, recruitment, screening and selection, orientation and training, and motivation and recognition.

Based in Port Alberni, Kingston has worked over 25 years in municipal recreation management and has a MA in Leadership and Training

from Royal Roads University. In addition to volunteer management and board governance experience, Kingston's skills also include working with youth, community development, meeting facilitation and strategic planning.

There are no pre-requisites and all members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Participants are requested to register in advance through the ticket centre at 537-2102. Light refreshments will be served.

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Jesus: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

WINSOME WHITE
Please Read: John 12, 44 & 45
John 14, 7-11

Cards rule at election night bridge outing

By **JILL EVANS**
Driftwood Contributor


Undeterred, the dedicated bridge players slogged their way to the Brinkworthy clubhouse through a drenching downpour on January 16.

When the competition was over, the rain had ended too, and there was a tie for first and second, featuring the initials E and H.

One winning pair was Jean Elder and Patricia Hewett, and the other was Jill Evans and Irene Hawksworth. Third were George Laundry playing with Paul Retallack, while Penny and Doug Poole were fourth in their farewell appearance on Salt Spring, although they hope to return soon.

BRIDGE TRICKS

The fact that it was election night on January 23 didn't seem to affect the bridge turnout much. The various candidates for ruling the cards in this riding were not watching TV or manning the polls and Bob Morrisette with Paul Retallack could claim the victory. There was yet another tie, this time for the second and third places with Conhor Vane-Hunt and Isabelle Richardson in a stand-off with Ima Krayenhoff and Patricia MacFarlane.



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Our Island, Our World Film Festival, which takes place from March 3-5 at Gulf Islands Secondary School, is looking for billets and drivers for filmmakers and Gulf Islands activists who wish to attend the festival.

"We're expanding our publicity and outreach this year to the other Gulf Islands via the Gulf Islands Forum network," explains Carol Grier, one of the festival's coordinators. "It's a natural fit because many of our films concern issues of importance to Gulf Islanders throughout the Salish Sea. We have a wonderful line-up of films this year, and we'd like to extend a welcome to fellow islanders who are making a difference in their communities."


People who can have billets for the festival weekend or transport visiting filmmakers should contact Manfred Pape at 537-4567.

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To our friends on Salt Spring!
"Thanks for stopping by!"
- Geoff



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SUNDAY, FEB 5

8:30 PM
13 ★★ Losing Isaiah (1995, Drama) Two women from different backgrounds find themselves locked in a bitter custody dispute. *Jessica Lange, Halle Berry* (2h15)

9:00 PM
18 ★★ My Best Friend's Wedding (1997, Comedy) A woman tries to break up her best friend's wedding so she can marry him herself. *Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney* (2h)

19 The Rich Man's Wife (1996, Suspense) A young woman finds herself in danger after being framed for her wealthy husband's murder. *Halle Berry, Peter Greene* (1h30)

10:00 PM
3 ★★ The Wedding Date (2005, Comedy) A single executive hires a male escort to pose as her boyfriend during her sister's wedding. *Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney* (1h30)

15 ★★ Raid on Entebbe (1976, True) Commandos hijack a plane and use hostages to negotiate the release of imprisoned terrorists. *Charles Bronson, Martin Balsam* (4h)

10:30 PM
19 ★★ Married to the Mob (1988, Comedy) A woman tries to escape from the mafia after the death of her mob hit-man husband. *Michelle Pfeiffer, Matthew Modine* (1h30)

11:00 PM
14 ★★ Introducing Dorothy Dandridge (1999, Biography) The life of legendary actress Dorothy Dandridge and her struggles with racism in Hollywood. *Halle Berry, Brent Spiner* (2h15)

11:30 PM
3 ★★ Imaginary Heroes (2004, Comedy/Drama) A promising young athlete's suicide plays havoc on an already crumbling family dynamic. *Sigourney Weaver, Jeff Daniels* (2h15)

10 Exotica (1994, Drama) Un homme est obsédé par une danseuse qui a déjà été la gardienne de sa fille décédée. *Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner* (1h45)

MONDAY, FEB 6

6:00 PM
13 ★ Black Girl (1972, Drama) A mother tries to atone for her parental mistakes by taking in a troubled foster child. *Louise Stubbs, Leslie Uggams* (2h)

6:30 PM
3 ★★ Living With the Enemy (2005, Suspense) A young bride learns disconcerting things about her billionaire husband and his late ex-wife. *Bianca Bellange, Maxim Roy* (1h30)

8:00 PM
2 Murder Unveiled (2004, Drama) The tragic love story between a wealthy Indo-Canadian beauty and a local kabaddi player. *Anita Majumdar, Chenier Hundal* (2h)

24 ★★ Love With a Proper Stranger (1963, Comedy) An innocent Macy's salesgirl discovers she's pregnant from a fling with a musician. *Natalie Wood, Steve McQueen* (2h)

9:00 PM
3 ★ Hollywood Files (2004, Crime Story) Two bank robbers kidnap a tourist and hold her ransom until her brother makes a delivery. *Antonio Cupo, Bianca Guaccero* (1h45)

10:45 PM
3 ★ Target (2004, Action) The brother of a slain arms dealer decides to take vengeance on an army sniper. *Stephen Baldwin, James Russo* (1h30)

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<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Songwriters' Showcase. Featuring Sharon Bailey, Barb's Buns, 8 pm</p> <p>Mike Wall & Ron Moshontz. Piano and sax at Music & Munch recital. All Saints, 12:10 pm.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Acupuncture Detox. At Community Services, 7 pm</p> <p>SS Zen Meditation Circle. 210 Cedar Lane, 7-9 pm. Info: Rowan, 537-2831.</p> <p>Chair Yoga. For seniors. OAP room, Fulford Hall, 10-11 am.</p> <p>French Cooking Classes. With Jonn Ashlie begins at The Barn, 6-9 pm. Info: 653-4988.</p> <p>SS Community Theatre. Discuss upcoming productions at Croftonbrook, 7 pm</p> <p>North End Toy Library. SS Elementary multi-purpose room, 10-11:30 am</p> <p>South End Toy Library. Fulford Elementary gym, 8:30-9:30 am. Info: 653-9904.</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Mowbray & Wall. Sax & guitar jazz at Tree House South.</p> <p>Matt & Tom's One Night Stand. Live music at Shipstones, 9 pm</p> <p>Beaver Pt. Scottish Country Dancing. Beaver Pt. Hall, 7 pm. Info: Pat, 537-0087.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Women's Drop-in Basketball. GISS gym. 6:30-8 pm. Info: 537-5995</p> <p>Japan Exchange Meeting. For parents & students. GISS S212, 7 pm</p> <p>Bingo. At Meaden Hall, 7 pm; early bird games at 6:30.</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Alan Moberg. West Coast balladeer at Tree House South.</p> <p>Soul Shakedown. Live band at Moby's, 8 pm</p> <p>Soul Shakedown. Live band at Shipstones, 8 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Rollerblading to Music. All ages at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm</p> <p>Indigo Evolution. Film showing at Casa de la Playa. Info: 537-8911</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas. Traditional Scottish concert, ArtSpring, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Soul Shakedown. Tree House S.</p> <p>Drop Radio. Barb's Buns, 9 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Chronic Pain Support Group. Croftonbrook, 10:30 am-noon. Info: Sharon, 537-1534.</p> <p>Will Clinging Clinic. At Blennerhasset Equestrian Centre. Info: 537-2089.</p> <p>Letz Sing Salt Spring! Community singing with Tina Erickson. Lions Hall, 2-4 pm</p> <p>Intro to Letterpress & Lino-Cuts. Workshop with Mother Tongue. Info: 537-4155.</p> <p>Indigo Evolution. Film showing at Casa de la Playa. Info: 537-8911</p> <p>Getting the Work Done. Free volunteer management workshop, ArtSpring, 10-4.</p> <p>Dad 'n' Me. Pancake Breakfast drop-in for dads and kids under 8 at Family Place. Saturdays, 8:30-10:30 am</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Celtic Worship Service. With harpist Yvonne Gibbon. SS United Church, 9:45 am</p> <p>Barley Bros. Fulford Inn, 6 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Will Clinging Clinic. At Blennerhasset Equestrian Centre. Info: 537-2089.</p> <p>Graffiti Theatre Auditions. For staged reading of An Enemy of the People. Info: Yvonne, 653-0033.</p> <p>Intro to Letterpress & Lino-Cuts. Workshop with Mother Tongue. Info: 537-4155.</p> <p>Superbowl Sunday Event. At Shipstones and Moby's Pub. Volumes Up and prizes!</p> <p>Indigo Evolution. Film showing at Casa de la Playa. Info: 537-8911</p> <p>Beginners Line Dancing. 8-week session begins at 2 p.m. Info: 537-9563.</p> <p>SEEDS AGM. Film showing of Visions of Utopia and meeting at ArtSpring, 2 pm</p>	<p>other activities</p> <p>Floor Hockey. Mondays at Fulford Hall, 7-9 pm</p> <p>Salt Spring Island Knitters Group. Stitches Quilt Shop (Rainbow Rd. entrance). 7:30 pm. All knitters welcome. Info: Dawne, 537-0738</p> <p>Gabrielle Roth's 5-Rhythm Active Meditation. Mondays at 5 p.m. Info: 537-4837.</p> <p>Eckhart Tolle. Practising Presence Group, 7:30-9 pm. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p>	<p>other activities</p> <p>SS Zen Meditation Circle. Wednesdays at 210 Cedar Lane, 7-9 pm. Info: Rowan, 537-2831.</p> <p>Taoist Tai Chi Open House. And free introductory class. All Saints, 7 pm. Info: 537-1871.</p> <p>Bessie Dane Foundation & Hospice. Hand & Foot Massage presentation at monthly support meeting for members only. SS Seniors, 7:30 pm</p> <p>SS Historical Society. Mike Morris is guest speaker. Central Hall, 2 pm</p> <p>Ometepe Coffee. Volunteers meeting at Fulford Hall OAP Room, 2 pm</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">tues.</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">february 7</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Circle Dance Group. Folk dancing at the Core Inn (3rd floor), 7-9 pm. Info: Nikki, 537-9380.</p> <p>Fulford Hall Committee. Meets at Fulford Hall, 7 pm. Info: Lynn, 653-4441.</p>						

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emergency RESPONSE

This special section provides emergency related stories, tips and advice

'Ground-pounders' ready to roll in case of an island emergency

"There's situations in which we conceivably would have to trust our lives to the others."

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

If evacuation ever became a necessity in any corner of Salt Spring, the person bringing the stark news to your door could well be one of the Salt Spring Search and Rescue Society volunteers saluted in this section.

Whether prompted by a wildfire, earthquake or flood, the island's Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) team would be dispatched to get people out of their homes and to safety.

Last year's snowstorm, which stranded many vulnerable islanders, saw GSAR volunteers out in force and on the ground to ensure those people's needs were

taken care of.

"There's a whole hidden segment of our society you don't think of if you're alive and younger and well," notes GSAR search manager Chuck Hamilton in recalling his group's contact with shut-ins after the heavy January snowfall.

But GSAR members also assist the fit and active when their plans go awry.

If a hiker doesn't return home at an expected hour, GSAR members are tasked to use their specialized skills. And they go out not knowing if the missing person will be found dead or alive.

"Sometimes you find them; sometimes you don't. Sometimes you come across a sight, sound and smell that you wish you hadn't," says Hamilton.

That's why "critical incident stress management" is also part of GSAR training, along with first aid, survival skills, tracking and spe-

cialized search techniques, evacuation procedures, emergency communications (including acquisition of a restricted radio operators' certificate), maintaining an uncontaminated crime scene and rope rescue methods.

The group is even now creating a high-angle rope team, whose members will be specialists in rescuing people from hard-to-access places.

GSAR can be tasked by the RCMP, Department of National Defence, B.C. Ambulance Service, the coroner's office or the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program.

The Salt Spring Search and Rescue Society has some 24 full and in-training members at present, who cover the spectrum of vocations and ages, and more recruits would be welcomed.

Pender Island members are an essential part of the team, both to potentially

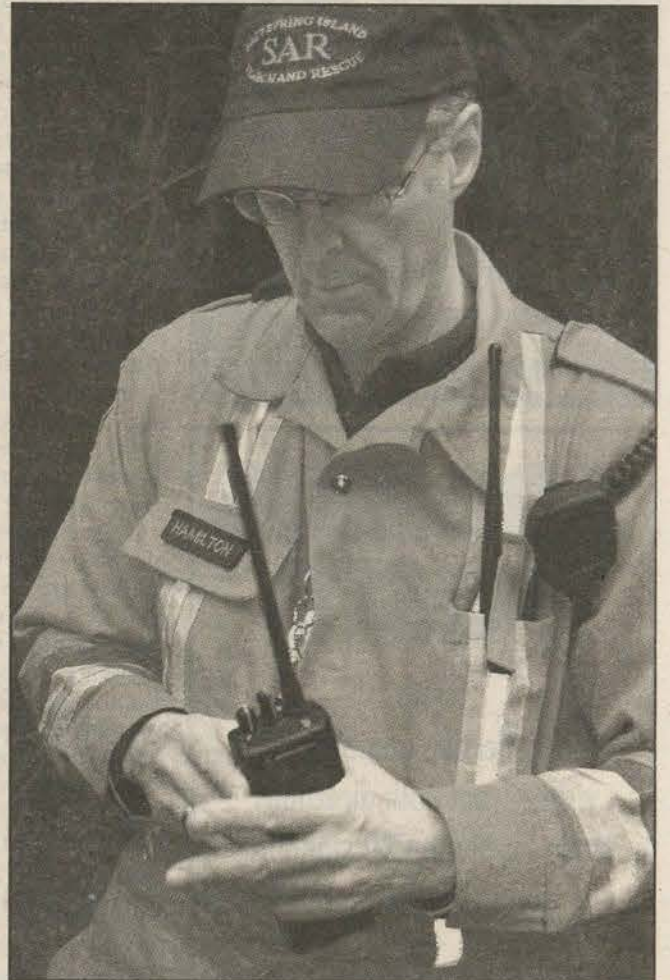
aid Salt Spring emergencies and to be first on the ground in southern Gulf Islands searches.

"When we get there, things are under control, and then we swing in with more bodies and assist with the search," explains Hamilton.

He notes the group has a very high search success rate, and help from Duncan search manager Mike Neeland and surrounding area volunteers is also appreciated.

Despite the serious nature of their volunteer work and training, the GSAR members also joke around a lot, have a good time and socialize through the occasional potluck barbecue — where family members are thanked for their support.

As GSAR member Michael Butler notes, building group member relationships is important.



AT THE READY: Ground Search and Rescue search manager Chuck Hamilton gets set for a major training session with other volunteers in the Salt Spring Search and Rescue Society. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Neighbours' program crafts perfect plan

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

By the time the phone lines hit the ground, snowdrifts block the roads and power outages cloak the island in darkness, it's too late to start planning.

That's why a dedicated group of island residents are busily finding a way to save your life before disaster strikes.

Before you relegate emergency plans and rescue strategies to the exclusive domain of die-hard survivalists with a penchant for doomsday scenarios, take a moment and think again.

For Elizabeth McClean, a soft-spoken yet energetic mother of three, making sure Salt Spring is prepared for a disaster is just a matter of common sense.

According to McClean, existing emergency and support services may be adequate for a house fire or serious car accident, but could never reach out to support the entire island in the event of a large-scale disaster.

"Who are we going to depend on if we have a major crisis?" she said during a recent interview about her efforts to create an island-wide safety net. "This rescue plan is a way to make people self-sufficient and more able to communicate with one another."

Wildfires, floods, snowstorms and earthquakes have the



Elizabeth McClean

potential to cause serious damage and, McClean said, a large part of minimizing casualties requires staying calm and knowing how to respond.

She has spent the last six months dividing Salt Spring into 50 separate neighbourhoods or "pods." Volunteer contacts for each pod are continuously being recruited and trained to facilitate rescue efforts should the need arise.

While specific emergency requirements in mountainous areas may differ from coastal regions, each contact is expected to get out into their neighbourhoods, identify where everybody is living and confirm nobody gets left in the dark.

The information will help rescue crews when they arrive on scene and guarantee everyone is accounted for when the going gets tough.

"I want to make sure everything is smooth right from the start," she said. "I don't want to find out we missed a detail during a real live emergency."

For inspiration, McLean is borrowing a page from North Pender Island's successful Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program, a plan largely initiated in 2000.

Because the Pender system is based to some extent on existing areas within the community, North Pender Emergency Coordinator Pat Haugh said, there is no perfect template for how many neighbourhood contacts the island can have.

With just over 2,500 residents, North Pender has 72 neighbourhoods, each led by at least one volunteer contact. Haugh estimated roughly 85 per cent of residents are presently accounted for under the system, with a goal of covering the entire island when contacts are found for remaining neighbourhoods.

During a recent boil water advisory, contacts reached most residents within 20 minutes. Having participated in earthquake rescue scenarios, Haugh believes the system is fit to handle many

emergencies.

"This is the kind of thing you would do naturally in any neighbourhood," she said. "After you make sure your home and your family are safe, you look around and see what you can do to help out your neighbours."

Community support on Pender Island is astonishing, Haugh added, even though it took several years to build the network up to today's level.

Public response on Salt Spring varies from pod to pod, but McClean is confident increasing participation at her information meetings demonstrates a desire for the program.

Interest is stronger in specific neighbourhoods and, McClean said, some areas have produced multiple contacts with different specialties such as first aid, communications and transportation.

With some luck, these successes can be reproduced throughout the island and sore points can be tweaked as the project expands, she added.

"This is a massive project," she said. "Like anything, you have to start small and go from there."

A public information session featuring Pat Haugh will be held on Salt Spring in February. For more information, contact Elizabeth McClean at lizz@saltspring.com or 537-1431.

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"There's situations in which we conceivably would have to trust our lives to the others," he said.

Despite the enormity of responsibility and service they provide, GSAR receives minimal government funding. Because the old RCMP station has not yet transferred to First

Nations hands from the federal government, GSAR can have a base there in exchange for maintaining the building.

Without a municipality to provide stable funding and uncertainty about a future location, the society is unfortunately not in as secure a position as it would like to be.

When the group eventually puts out the call for a space to store its gear and do training, hopefully the community will respond with the same kind of support its members give without question around the clock.

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Local support sets rescue boat afloat

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

The days of Salt Spring's volunteer fire department getting stuck up a creek without a paddle are long gone thanks to the community's overwhelming participation in the rescue boat funding drive.

After little more than a year of formal fundraising efforts, island businesses and residents raised nearly the entire \$15,000 needed to buy the department's new freshwater rescue craft.

"The level of support is proof the community is prepared to step up when it comes to protecting residents and visitors," said Kurt Irwin, a volunteer firefighter and the driving force behind the fundraising efforts.

A weekend-long boat drive held by the volunteer firefighters association (VFA) in May netted \$5,000 and, Irwin said, once word got out, little could be done to stem the tide of contributions.

Irwin began the serious push for a boat after a Cusheon Lake rescue left rescuers knocking on doors in a desperate search to commandeer canoe and rowboats from lakeside homeowners last winter.

Volunteers pulled off the rescue, but were not overly keen to repeat the experience, especially with the frigid water putting lives on the line.

"Having this boat is the safest thing we can do," Irwin said during an interview at the Ganges fire hall, where the boat is being stored until it is ready for action. "It's far better for those getting rescued and better for those doing the rescuing."

The freshwater rescue boat committee has acquired equip-



SERVING SALT SPRING: Kurt Irwin, left, and Mark Wyatt show off the Salt Spring Volunteer Firefighters Association's new rescue craft at Hall #1 in Ganges. Photo by Sean McIntyre

ment and finished applying the final touches to the 12-foot, 20-horsepower Zodiac.

The next step, Irwin jokes, is to get it out on the lake and see if it floats.

The VFA is now calling for interested members to sign up with the freshwater rescue team.

Over the next few weeks, members will receive all necessary training just in time for spring, when people begin flocking back to the island's lakes.

Although the coast guard is responsible for search and rescue operations in waters surrounding the island, freshwa-

ter lakes remain the domain of the fire department, search and rescue squad and, in the case of recovery operations, the RCMP.

"It seems kind of dumb to live on an island and not have a rescue boat," Irwin said. "This is something all organizations will be able to use."

With room for six adults and a full compliment of rescue gear, Irwin said, the new boat will vastly improve the force's ability to serve the community.

The craft will be at Central's Hall #3 since St. Mary Lake is both the largest and busiest of all the island's lakes.

"St. Mary and Cusheon lakes are the two most popular lakes and they are only going to get busier," he said, adding the boat could be deployed to lakes on the island's south end in under 20 minutes.

Given the success of this entire project, Irwin said, the department has yet to rule out getting a second boat for Fulford Hall someday.

While this is a step in the right direction, he said, the island just keeps on getting busier and the numbers of emergency tools and personnel will just have to keep up the pace.

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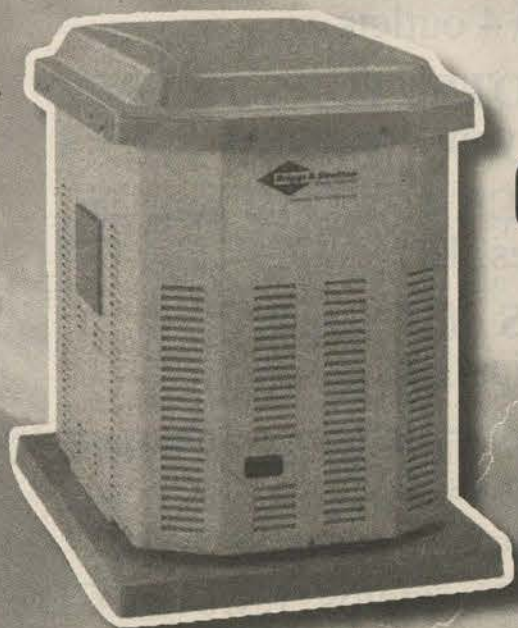
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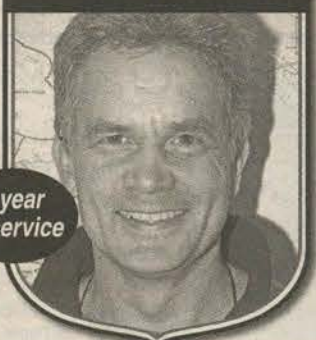
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Junior girls take 2nd at North Islands

Junior girls from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) placed second among eight basketball teams during the North Island tournament at G.P. Vanier Secondary in Courtenay over the weekend.

The GISS Scorpions won their first two games, but lost the final to Woodlands.

"Monique Comeau had an outstanding tournament," said GISS basketball enthusiast Kayla Grommé.

"Monique's a team leader and she made some good assists and shots."

Sam Bowen also played "amazing defence" and Jess Harkema had a good showing, Grommé said.

In addition to the tourney, the junior girls played a home game Monday, beating Frances Kelsey 35-30 in a come-from-behind game, and they expect another home match on Wednesday.

In other basketball news:

• GISS senior girls placed fifth out of eight teams during the North Island tournament at Carihi in Campbell River last weekend.

The GISS senior girls beat Timberline by 12 points in the opener, but then lost to Vanier (56-29) and forfeited their final when they suffered from too many injuries to make the game, said GISS senior player Kristi Lee.

A weekend highlight occurred when four GISS players and the coach were stuck in an overloaded elevator for half an hour, she said. "The condensation was dripping off the walls and we could play Xs and Os in it."

Lee, Val Harkema and Ari Yoshikawa all had good games, said Grommé.

"Amanda Hoy was the most improved player on the



FOCUSSED: Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions junior girls basketball player Monique Comeau (#6) is ready to check a Cowichan player at a home game last Wednesday. Rosalie Baldwinson (#33) is on the right.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

team. She really came out this tournament."

Senior girls played a game at Brentwood Tuesday (results unavailable at press time) and they hope to see some fans during a home game at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

"It's our toughest game of the season. It should be good," said Grommé.

• Senior boys lost a league game against Brentwood on January 24.

Josh Benloulou had a good first half and Jordan Borth had the same experience in the second, Lee said.

"Jordan had eight points in six seconds — apparently," said Lee.

The Scorpions boys will be visiting Brentwood for a tourney this weekend.

Newport, 186.

Circus League: Ken Strike, 244, 223/ 638.

Seniors League: Harald Repen, 221; Clara Hicks, 234; Carol Kaye, 244; Ken Robinson, 216.

Thursday Mixed League: The Machine (aka Danny Bedford) is Back! 209, 227/634; Lance Leask, 220.

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5.Baker Brent	317	493	810	49
6.Lam Huy	337	461	798	46
7.Field Marilyn	344	452	796	42
8.Langdon Jocelyn	306	490	796	50
9.Dekleer Rene	319	474	793	40
10.Marmorstein Yoni	319	469	788	53
11.Butler Janet	322	466	788	46
12.Johnson Liam	328	457	785	39
13.Newton Norma	302	480	782	49
14.Johnson Cam	311	466	777	40
15.Hoban Rypawn	327	449	776	47
16.Eyles Gail	313	462	775	38
17.Lynch S	337	438	775	50
18.Lam Ramona	337	436	773	46
19.Eyles Tobin	292	480	772	47
20.Tamboline Philip	310	462	772	49
21.Charlebois Jason	315	454	769	49
22.Anderson Dennis	319	448	767	52
23.Luke Kevin	320	444	764	47
24.Hitchcock William	311	452	763	42
25.Doerksen Hank	307	455	762	52
26.Smith Donald	322	437	759	47
27.Hardy Mike	312	444	756	44
28.Eddie Cole	315	438	753	42
29.Byron Leah	302	450	752	51
30.Torok Les	262	486	748	49
31.Moldon Dennis	311	433	744	43
32.Reinholdt Kim	329	414	743	44
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34.Watson Bradley	319	421	740	53
35.Gillham Jerome	314	424	738	46
36.Eyles Evan	297	439	736	38
37.Watson Tracey	296	440	736	41
38.Cunningham Jean	317	417	734	46
39.Steele John	279	454	733	37
40.Newton N	295	435	730	46
41.Hoban Lind-e	312	418	730	45
42.Lynch Brian	318	409	727	46
43.Byron Josh	313	414	727	41
44.Huser Christian	332	393	725	43
45.Kopetzki Kevin	313	410	723	46
46.Courtney John	303	415	718	39
47.Marleau Gerry	279	438	717	34
48.Dekleer Bruno	290	422	712	37
49.Coles Don	266	446	712	47
50.Coeino Lara	293	418	711	46
51.Marleau Steven	311	398	709	42
52.Shaske Lucy	291	418	709	49
53.Smith Shirley	284	424	708	42
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74.Field Owen	262	405	667	34
75.Longeau Fiona	274	392	666	44
76.Lynch Steve	279	386	665	41
77.Weir Jacob	248	415	663	40
78.Coles Shelley	243	419	662	46
79.Shantz Colleen	251	409	660	38
80.Torok Sah-Ryan	288	366	654	38
81.Gillham Jeffrey	266	388	654	36
82.Marleau Deanna	238	416	654	45
83.Temmel Max	272	378	650	38
84.Brown Kevan	279	370	649	36
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Dragon Boat Club launched

Over 30 islanders practised paddling at the inaugural meeting of the Salt Spring Island Dragon Boat Club at Ganges United Church on January 25.

"We did an exercise where everybody visualizes being in the boat and tries to stay in time with the drummer. That gave people a sense of what it is going to be like," said dragon boat club organizer Mary Rowles.

"It's really exciting getting a club started from scratch," she said.

People in their 20s through 70s attended the meeting.

"It can be an intensely competitive sport or it can be an intensely recreational activity."

Dragon boats utilize a team of 22 (20 paddlers, a steersperson and a drummer), Rowles said, and the group is still looking for paddlers.

"If you are tired of lifting weights in the gym, it's a full

body workout. We're looking for anybody. You don't have to be fit; you will be after a few practices."

She also hopes to create a high school team if there is sufficient interest.

"We'll try to make it easy for them to join."

Club members can soon practise their strokes with real paddles in an actual boat on the water, she said.

"We've got a second-hand boat available from the False Creek Canoe Club."

Since the group agreed to buy the used boat, they can start practising in the water as soon as April.

"The first team effort will be to get the boat and deliver it to Salt Spring," she said. "They are 48 feet long, so it requires a bit of engineering in itself."

But the Vancouver chapter of the Go Racing and Paddling Foundation Association of Canada has a trailer and they will likely provide assistance, she said.

Local paddlers are already hoping to field a team in three events this year, a race in June at Nanaimo, another Richmond event in July and a Victoria-based event in August. The group is also aiming to become a charitable non-profit society that will perform community work along with their fitness and fun endeavours.

"We'll be fundraising for ourselves but we'll also hope to share the profits with other community organizations."

Rowles has been paddling competitively on two different teams for the last 10 years.

She will coach the club along with Carl Graham. They plan to meet regularly on Sundays between 1-4 p.m. once they get their boat and they've already arranged a practice site. Club membership is \$100 annually.

For more information, call Mary (653-4139) or e-mail (maryrowles19@hotmail.com).

Scoring drought drops FC

Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men slipped into a 4-0 loss against Vantreights during a mud-bogged match at Glasgow Field in Victoria on Saturday.

"It didn't go our way," said FC manager Jordan Morrison.

Vantreights had four weak goals to take a commanding lead in the first half.

"Their first goal was a shot that was going wide but it took a deflection off one of their guys' faces and went to the other corner. It went downhill from there."

But Chris Griffiths had a good game in net, Morrison said.

And Salt Spring came back with a vengeance in the second half.

"We took the game to them, I thought. We had all the chances. We had all the possession but we just couldn't get a goal; the story of our season, pretty much."

The team pulled up Division-5 players Zoltan Kodaly, Andy McEachern, Jeremy Moulton and Ryan Smith, who also played really well for the match, Morrison

said. FC regular Cardin Davis also played a great game, he noted.

"He kept beating his guy one-on-one on the ball and he played well on defence when he came back too."

FC faces the bottom-feeding Bays United White squad (ranked 10th) off island this week (time and field TBA). The Salt Spring men are also looking forward to the Jackson Cup, which starts February 18. Sixth-place FC drew Powell River Villa (eighth) for the first round.

Stingers nail first match in cup play

A good team is built upon strength at the back and the Salt Spring U13 Stingers proved the case this past Saturday, keeping Gorge scoreless in the first match of C-Cup play.

In fact, the Salt Spring keepers only touched the ball on three occasions — none of which were actual shots on the net.

The Salt Spring defence, anchored by sweeper Alex Crandall, never allowed the

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opposition within the 18-yard box.

While everyone on the team had a solid game, certain players earned special mention, starting with Becky Edwards, who scored a hat-trick, starting at the five-minute mark. Liz Fennell,

though playing a defensive role, showed her tenacity in the other team's goal area to score her second goal in as many games.

Pilar Brooks, also a defensive standout, showed her skill from the penalty spot with a nifty shot off the post that no keeper could have stopped. And Jody Pringle was tireless in the midfield.

Fans gave the team a well-earned cheer at the end of the 5-0 win.

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Verva Joy Chalke was born in Outlook, Sask. on March 21, 1918 and passed away on January 27, 2006 on Salt Spring Island where she had been living for the past 8 years. She previously lived in Chilliwack and Victoria with her husband Harry, who predeceased her in 1986. She is survived by her two daughters Donna Allan (Richard) and Anne Byrne (Michael), three grandchildren, David Allan (Jeannie Blyth), Michelle Konschuh (Dale), Derek Byrne (Lisa), and three great-grandchildren, Jessica, Tianna, and Cole. She was also predeceased by grandson Michael Allan, and brothers Bob, Jack and Bill Reid. Verva enjoyed music and played the piano in her earlier years. She also knitted and crocheted many treasures for herself and her family. She was a member of the United Church of Canada in Victoria and Salt Spring, and enjoyed the friendships and support of Cooke's Presbyterian Church in Chilliwack. She was a kind and gentle soul and will be greatly missed. A special thanks to Dr. R. Crichton and the staff at Greenwood Intermediate Care and Lady Minto Hospital Extended Care for their compassionate care over the past seven years. A service of remembrance will be held at Henderson's Funeral Home in Chilliwack at 2 pm, February 4. No flowers by request.



CLARK, BARBARA LOUISE passed away quietly at Lady Minto on January 22nd, 2006 after a very courageous battle.

Cherished mother of Brian and his wife Karen Clark, Brent and his wife Valerie Clark. Sadly missed by grandchildren Kyla, Alana, Conor, and Devin. Beloved sister of Joan McKay and her husband Bob. Barbara will be missed by her nephews, niece and the many friends she came to have on the island. We would like to thank all of those that cared for Barbara over recent years as they made her feel like family and us with them. A memorial service was held on January 27th in Victoria.

COTTON, Kittie (Kate), née Weightman, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 26, 2006, at the age of 88. Born Feb. 1, 1917 in Coxwold, Yorkshire, England, predeceased by her brother Thomas, Kittie is survived by her husband of 56 years, Barry, her daughter Wendy (Kevin) and son David (Denise), grandchildren Korena, Gabrielle, Daniel and Paul, and brothers George and Henry. A trained Registered Nurse, Kittie was most proud of her service as a theatre sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve) during World War II, where she did duty in Iraq, Tripoli, Italy and India. Kittie enjoyed the outdoors and was never happier than when she was on a mountain trail, surrounded by alpine flowers. She sang beautifully, she was an accomplished knitter, and she loved to talk with people. Her main desire in life was to help other people and she was a loving, nurturing and supportive wife, mother and Nana. Independent and determined to the end, she will be remembered clearly and fondly by those who knew her. The family would like to thank Dr. Woodley for his care over the years, John, Maureen and the staff of Meadowbrook, Maggie, Barbara and all the Home Support workers who helped Kittie so much in the last months. A Celebration of her Life will be held at Meadowbrook (121, Atkins Road, Salt Spring Island) at 2 pm on Saturday, February 11, 2006. Donations may be made in Kittie's name to the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association, 121 Atkins Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2X7



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We sure hope so 'cause we want to be back at the Saturday Market in April to serve you our delicious OMETEPE COFFEE. We enjoy doing this because we know all the profits return to Nicaragua to fund water projects and health and education needs. So we feel good about this and our group always welcomes new members. Our monthly meetings are relaxed and can be entertaining. So for good time phone 653-4283. You may even see the Saturday Market from the other side of the coffee table!

Next meeting - Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 2 pm
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Alice Friedman assisted by Helen Moon will facilitate your learning

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Lions Hall

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• Application forms and information are available at the Ticket Centre at ArtSpring.

• Deadline for entry forms and \$5 non-refundable fee is Friday, January 13, 2006.

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Call 537-2125 for further information.

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Registration Night

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Feb. 9 - 7 pm

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PART-TIME RETAIL sales staff required. Apply in person with resume to Aroma Crystal Therapy at Ganges Harbour Place.

CEDAR MOUNTAIN Studios (local manufacturing company) requires full time shipper. Job requires an energetic disposition, attention to detail and good organizational skills. Please call 537-5776.

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SUPPORT WORKER required immediately to work with a young woman with developmental disabilities; working in the community; in recreational activities & at home with personal care and light housekeeping duties. Must have experience and training in supporting individuals with autism, challenging behaviours, epilepsy and other neurological issues. Valid driver's license, first aid and a clean criminal record check a must. Please reply in writing to G.I.F.T. Society, 152 McPhillips St., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V8.

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RESEARCHER / FACILITATOR REQUIRED SHORT-TERM CONTRACT

THE TASK: To work closely with local community organizations to research and facilitate the development of food security plan for Salt Spring Island. Work to be completed in Feb. and March.

REQUIRED SKILLS: knowledge and experience with food policy, community development approaches, and the local community. Strong research, writing and facilitation skills.

Respond in writing to **Food Security Project, 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2K6** before February 6, 2006.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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Your personal attributes include excellent interpersonal, communication and sales skills. You are flexible, willing to take a risk, and are a strong team player committed to member service and achieving the other objectives for the branch.

To apply, please submit your covering letter and resume by Friday, Feb. 10, 2006. Please address cover letters to:

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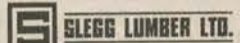
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350 MISC. FOR SALE

CLAWFOOT BATHTUBS, \$50 - \$300. Salvaged wood windows, doors and french doors. Porcelain wall sinks \$20. 537-4450.

ATTENTION ARTISTS and bargain hunters: All picture frames left from our fall sale will be sold for an additional 10% off until Feb. 10. Don't miss this last opportunity to stock up on fabulous standard and odd sized frames at incredible prices. Ask about specials for custom orders, too. A Thousand Words Picture Framing, 785 Fulford-Ganges Road, Monday - Friday, 10 - 4. 537-5131.

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BABY CLOTHES in great condition; new & used for a great deal. Brand names like "Old Navy, Classic Pooh, Teddy's Choice, Disney" and much more. Sizes 0-12 months. Also for sale formula, baby bathtub, baby receiving blanket. 537-6621.

FINE PIANO, matching bench, brass music light, apartment size, perfect condition, estate sale, Willis & Co., \$1250. 537-4643 to view.

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THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED SUDOKU! PUZZLE AWAY!

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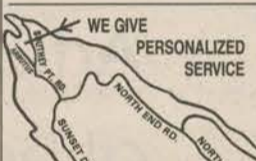
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379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

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WORKING AUTOMATIC washer and dryer. Before Feb. 2. 537-2076.

WURLITZER TWO-KEYBOARD electric organ. Free to a good home. 537-2501.

24 INCH 4-BURNER propane stove with oven. Older, but great working condition. Call 537-8560. DRAPES FOR 2 windows. One window 8 ft. 3 in. wide, second 6 ft. 3 in. Recently dry-cleaned, colour beige. Also, Christmas music cassettes. Tel 537-5971.

TWO COMPUTER monitors, good working order. 537-1990.

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LONG TERM - new basement suite for rent. 2 Bedroom, with laundry facilities. Close to town, NS, avail now. \$900/month + utilities 537-1748. (Could be shared).

GANGES HARBOUR view, 1200 SQ. FT. 1 bedroom suite plus office, 4 appliances, close to town, \$695. 818-642-5526.

GARDEN AND ocean view bachelorette suite, wrap around deck, long term. Quiet single preferred. NS, NP \$450/mo. 403-249-0914. This weekend 537-1741

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520 HOUSES FOR RENT

PEACEFUL GARDEN and ocean view. 2 bdrm, big screen TV room. Quiet family or couple preferred. NP, NS \$1250. 403-249-0914. This weekend 537-1741

SMALL BRIGHT cottage with sleeping loft, wood floors, window seat, full bathroom, walking distance to town. Ideal for a quiet, mature tenant. NS, cat OK. References. \$750/month, includes hydro. Avail. now. 537-4155.

SMALL ONE person cabin for rent. NS, NP \$600/mo. Phone 653-4244. **BRIGHT, FURNISHED** cottage, near St. Mary Lake, 1 bdrm plus sleeping loft, equipped kitchen, lg. garden, walking trails, quiet, W/D, NS, Cat OK, \$750, Feb. - June. 537-1530.

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530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

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MATURE WOMAN, working full time with well behaved cat looking for clean cottage or apartment. Around \$650/mo. incl. util. Excellent references. Call Kris 537-0749.

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856 BUSES, VANS

1991 TOYOTA PREVIA LE, 7 seatbelts, 4 cyl. engine, good on gas, runs great, well maintained, excellent family and/or cargo van, 217K, asking \$3950. 653-2412.

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IF YOU need to take my reversing Diabetes, Syndrome X, and pre-Diabetes class being held from 1 - 3 at the Mormon Church starting Feb.16 but need an evening session, please call me at 537-8406. Sandra Lee, DNM.

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New Ad!
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New Ad!
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Tip of the week

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

The New Moon in Aquarius on January 29th at 6:15 a.m. officially marks the Chinese New Year. The date is different each year because the New Year begins on the New Moon in Aquarius - the ancient Chinese especially held great reverence for Astrology and the tradition holds strong. The Year of the Fire Dog suggests a dramatic year with plenty of flair. This Sign/Element combination out of the 5 possible combinations for the Dog suggests great charm. A classic theme for the dog is loyalty and this year will certainly bring that theme into focus. What is and is not important and to whom and to what do you devote your loyalty? This is the basic question. Since the Fire Dogs bite can be as fierce as his bark, we will see the other side of all the charm and flash with bearing teeth and determination to win. Since the New Moon is in direct conjunction with Mercury in Aquarius, visions of the future will become more pronounced. The future beckons, yet the inertia of the past will prove to be a stealth opponent. With both Uranus and Pluto unopposed, there is a good deal of unpredictability in the atmosphere. The decisions we make this year, both personally and collectively, could have a black and white quality - the time has come to choose a higher or lower path; which is which will be the big question. Beyond charm and promises, our future welfare requires vision and wisdom.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You may feel or sense or see that new aspects of your personality are emerging. Your ambitions remain strong and you are becoming more and more independent. These combined could be very good for starting or re-directing a business. For now, you may feel the need to adhere to the reputation that you have built up in the past. However, this may not last. Seed visions of what will be are being planted now. Where and how would you like to be in 3 years?

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

New beginnings in your public and professional life are in the spotlight. Dreams of what could be are lingering, yet you may not feel ready to take action yet. The months of June or July are more likely for major decisions. You may well need extra time and space to yourself these days to decipher your values and priorities. Initiating new directions is likely, however, and you may be eager to scope your options. Look to the future and make a plan you can believe in.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Changes, uncertainties and unpredictable actions are all dancing in your life. In certain respects, you may want to run away from it all. You can choose to run towards rather than away. This implies having a plan and/or a vision backed by solid reasons. You may feel ready to explore new horizons somehow. This may include new places, friends and talents or skills. What do you really feel? With whom can you share your inner feelings and secrets? Speak your mind!

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Making some key moves and changes in your life is in focus. Exploring new relationships, whether for love, business or otherwise is likely these days. You feel rebellious and determined to make some power moves. Making investments and/or enquiries into ways to seed bigger returns remains likely. You are eager to create harmony in other respects as well, but may not know how. Investigations and research for future prospects will inspire you. Shop now, buy later.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Making changes on relationship fronts is now a central theme. This can include reaching out to friends new and old. Active communications and negotiations are part of the plot. A commitment to change seems necessary and important. Getting clear about what you truly need and/or what constitutes an authentic vision imply open discussions and/or wise counsel. Getting this from those closest to you may not give you the objective you seek. Assert your independence.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Changes on relationship fronts are now in focus. Lifestyle and health are important themes. Letting go of habitual patterns and inherited self-concepts is the deeper end. You may be open to new possibilities for now, yet due to too much input you could become confused about things before too long. Developing self-control under pressure is an underlying theme. Tend to the details with an open mind and expect the unexpected for awhile. Regular meditation will help.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Moving with the flow of changes in your lifestyle asks that you sustain the flow. You may feel the urge to push harder than is necessary. Unwarranted ambitions backed by fear may be at play. Remember, for every thought and action there is an equal and opposite reaction. This process is impartial reflecting a law that the glyph for Libra - the scales - represents. In some respects it is all a game, but it can produce pain. See the impartiality and find refuge in love and forgiveness for all trespasses.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Deciphering who you are and are not at this turn of the dial continues. You may feel somewhat out of tune or balance with yourself, life and others. Over analysis is the classic recipe for paralysis when it comes to making choices, thus creating insecurity. This may linger for a while, but will subside soon. The first two weeks of February are particularly good for making important decisions. Be your own best friend and lighten-up.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Your mind may be extra clear and alert now. You are able to see things more fully as they are than as you would like. This is the riddle of perception. If we think others do not get "it", it shows that we do not. "It" is perception and it is relative, just like many so-called hard facts. However, we sometimes gain much clearer glimpses and this could be one of them. Beyond all other considerations, what can you do now to feel more secure?

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Taking account of your energies, resources, talents, money, friends and anything else that equates to the abundance you have is now in focus. We all have more than we may know, especially when we do not compare with others. This classic tendency to compare reveals that our outer relationships are more important than the one we have with our own heart and soul. Does this sound too poetic? Get beyond materiality and back into higher reality!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

An independent and pioneering mood is upon you. You would like to expand or explore new territory somehow. Is it a new project, job, relationship, city, all of the above? Putting out the feelers in order to become more aware of other possibilities is the call. Much is shaking out there in the world and you may wonder if it is just what you are going through. Perhaps the time has come to put some of your higher principles and ethics to work. Explore your options.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Awakening to new perceptions of reality is shaking your world now. This could prove very illuminating and refreshing if you are open. The urge to escape could be equally strong, however. How can you create balance? Perhaps a good book that challenges and stretches some of your convictions will do you some good. Meditations, contemplations, imaginations, lucid dreams and other mind expanders are calling you in to get out of habit and assumption. Dare to enter.

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abuse or childhood abuse. Women interested in finding out more about the program can call the Stopping the Violence counsellor directly at 538-5568.

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cifically designed for young people who have witnessed abuse in their own homes, after they are out of the abusive situation, as well as providing support for primary caregivers. For more information, the child and youth counsellor can be reached directly at 538-5569.

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