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Road safety changes pending

"We need to realize the world does not revolve around the car It revolves around human life."

By SEAN MCINTYRE
 Staff Writer

Public outcry over improving safety at the intersection of Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads has prompted the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) to make some changes.

"I like to think we can make a difference and I won't be cynical today," said Marion Pape of the Salt Spring Pedestrian Safety Committee (PSC) after learning the ministry had decided to lower the speed limit, increase signage and remove two stalls where parked cars reduce visibility. "Once Highways does its

ROAD SAFETY 2



HARLAN'S HEART: Chocolate maker Ille Jocelyn was busy last weekend, wrapping up Valentine's Day goodies. Photo by Derrick Lunny

Remembering the debate as Ganges Sewer turns 20

Part one of a series
 By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Staff Writer

A seething controversy that spawned court cases, divided islanders in bitter acrimony and attracted national attention over decades came to a quiet resolution 20 years ago, as of February 19.

In fact, the "great Ganges Sewer debate" that raged through the 1960s, '70s and '80s would easily eclipse the battle between developers and environmentalists for Texada lands during the 1990s and early 2000s as a defining period of Salt Spring history.

Like the attempts to halt logging on Texada lands, islanders witnessed parades, protests and arrests. But the sewer issue also hit the Supreme Court and the legislature. Issues of the Drift-

wood were filled with headlines and letters about the sewer plan throughout the 24 years of arguments. In fact, one headline in January 1983 reminded readers that "Ganges Sewer Wasn't Only News Story of 1982."

Ganges Sewer controversy reached a peak when a barge containing plastic sewer pipe was torched in August 1981. A firefighter battling the blaze was overcome by fumes and replacement pipe cost \$250,000. No one was ever convicted of the crime.

Dietrich Luth, who later became the local director on the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, was hired for security after the fire and his dog was shot while it guarded the barge in October 1981.

"The dog survived it and ultimately died of natural causes with the bullet still in

him," Luth recalled.

Laying 3.5 kilometres of six-inch pipe in 1,000-foot sections along Ganges Harbour during rough weather for six months was difficult enough work without divers having to worry about violent attacks, said Luth.

"You had to have your wits about you, besides worrying about sabotage and things like that," he said.

Even after the pipe was laid, it took another five years to complete the project against a tide of public opinion.

"It's amazing really that the construction itself was a lesser problem than selling it to the public and getting the community to agree with it," Luth said.

Many islanders saw the **GANGES SEWER 2**

Pothole count set for Saturday

While Saturday, February 18 is the official First Annual Salt Spring Island Pothole Count date, some islanders have jumped the gun and toted the asphalt cavities already.

"So far the count is over 1,500 potholes," said count initiator Lorraine Norfolk on Monday.

"There have been reports of not so much in the way of potholes, but whole areas of road that are either eroded or where the pavement is breaking up, and some where the edges of the road have eroded to the point where what once was a two-lane road is now down to one."

She said Walker's Hook Road "is winning the sweepstakes, unfortunately, with one lady reporting

that between Hedger Road and Fort Street she counted 329 holes and four areas where the road is subsiding onto the beach below."

Norfolk added that good news was also coming in about roads that have been properly repaired, especially at the south end.

"Also, Alders Road, which four years ago was so bad that the Times Colonist [delivery person] would not deliver papers on the lower branch of the road, has been repaved during the intervening time."

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sewer as facilitating development that threatened their way of life, he said.

"Most of it was based on phobias and fears of being crowded out or otherwise changing the context; the kinds of things we still have happening. Some things never change."

And controversy regarding the sewer followed Luth when he became CRD director from 1993-96.

"I wound up being in the news much more than I cared for the next three years."

In the early 1990s there was a big push to create a percolation site at Burgoyne Bay to treat sludge from the Ganges Sewer, he said.

"There was quite a big tussle about that site. It was one of those NIMBY cases."

But it turned out that the

Burgoyne Bay site didn't have proper percolation and the CRD opted to transport concentrated sludge off island instead, he said.

Luth also recalled how islanders balked over plans to upgrade the sewer treatment plant in 1995.

"The upgrading of the plant was a big issue. The public had to be pacified that this wasn't going to mean an expansion of the plant — that it was possible to do it on the same footprint with this new technology that's there."

And Luth noted that the membrane-filtration technology is working very well.

"If you had to, you could re-use that water. Ultimately, it could be made into potable water. If you were living in a desert environment, that's

exactly what you'd do."

Ganges sewer system opened officially on February 19, 1986 with a ceremony attended by Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie, Saanich and the Islands MLA Hugh Curtis, Capital Regional District (CRD) chairman Howard Sturrock and about 75 onlookers.

Speaking at the opening, Sturrock and Curtis downplayed the 24 years of controversy surrounding the project.

"This [project] places Salt Spring Island in a very advantageous position to further develop the Ganges sewer system and benefit all the island's residents," Curtis said.

Sturrock said he had no intention "to revive any of the bitter controversy which for a time divided this com-

munity; suffice it to say that the system has now been completed and is in operation and it contains one of the most sophisticated sewage treatment plants on the west coast of North America."

And Ritchie indicated that the entire community aided the project, "even those who opposed it — a bit of opposition can be helpful."

At that time, the plant served 144 users and offered ultra-violet treatment.

The \$4.5-million facility was bankrolled by a \$2-million federal-provincial grant, \$250,000 a year in revenue-sharing grants to cover 75 per cent of the project's debt load, a special provincial grant of \$794,000 for the school and hospital, plus \$636,000 earned in interest on grants and debentures.

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part, the RCMP does its part and pedestrians and motorists do their part, we begin to get some action," she said.

Pape said she hoped the victory will inspire others in the community to lend their support to the committee's other priorities, such

as sidewalks, lighting and wider shoulders in locations between Atkins Road and Ganges village.

"I am absolutely ecstatic we did something to change that intersection," she added. "Ever since the accident, [MOT] has been really supportive."

Pape was referring to a November 29, 2005 incident when two high school students were struck in the crosswalk at Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads.

Pender Island's Bob Funk, the father of one of the victims, took it upon himself to show MOT enough was enough.

"We need to realize the world does not revolve around the car," he said. "It revolves around human life."

At the January 26 PSC meeting, Funk presented a detailed account of the problem areas and a list of recommended solutions.

"The kids are terrified of that crossing and, during the past 10 years, nothing has happened [to address that]," he said. "This is a classic

example of a very serious community problem and nobody wanting to do anything."

He said the area's "mish-mashed zoning" makes it next to impossible to help the neighbourhood grow in a safe and orderly manner.

Last week's decision came in spite of MOT's concerns that altering the speed limit may compound traffic concerns and a January 25 letter to school district trustees from Minister Kevin Falcon stating: "the [November accident] doesn't necessarily highlight a problem with the road design, the speed limit or the placement of signs in the area."

Funk's presentation and the PSC's persistence helped drive the first of what could be a long-term commitment to roadways in the downtown core, according to the ministry's area manager Greg Galpin.

He expects changes will be completed by mid-March and added further steps to increase visibility, repaint intersection lines and install

a flashing crosswalk will be pursued later this year.

The mandatory 30-km/h speed limit will be enforced along a 130-metre stretch of road between Mahon Hall and the entrance to Rotary Park.

"It's going to be a short stretch, but will help people be more aware that it is important to slow down," he said.

Speaking at a school board meeting on Galiano Island last week, trustees spoke of a two-fold approach to address the problem.

One the one hand, motorists must take the initiative to be more cautious in the area, while pedestrians must be aware of the dangers.

"It is a question of promoting a greater awareness," said Pender Island school trustee Pete Williams. "There is sometimes an expectation that cars will automatically stop when [pedestrians] step out into the street."

Beginning at a young age, he added, students must be taught what to do and not to do while walking along busy roads on the islands.



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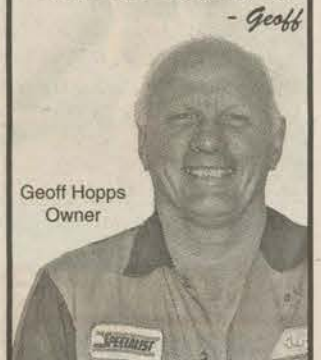
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Missing man may be on Gulf Islands

Family members of a man last spotted on the Tsawwassen ferry walkway are asking people to advise if they have seen Anthony John (AJ) Bay of Vancouver.

"We have reason to believe that he may have ended up on Salt Spring or one of the Gulf Islands and that he was possibly on the 6:55 p.m. ferry going from Tsawwassen to the Gulf Islands on Wednesday, February 8," said Bay's sister Dominica.

The 26-year-old man is six feet tall and about 140 pounds, with shaggy brown hair and blue eyes.

He was last seen wearing a long-sleeved, blue denim shirt or a black hooded sweatshirt or a red and grey Gore-tex jacket, with dark green snowboard pants tucked into white socks.

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PARC minimizes tax hit with borrowing decision

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) will meet its financial challenges for the year by increasing the amount of money it will borrow rather than substantially raising property taxes this year.

PARC had initially considered seeking a tax requisition through the Capital Regional District of \$1,558,810, up from \$1,239,240 in 2005 — or a 25.7 per cent increase, made possible in part by rising property assessments. Instead it has decided to stick with the 2005 amount and increase its long-term borrowing by \$400,000 and short-term borrowing by \$100,000, with only the \$31,650 in resulting costs added to this year's budget.

"The thrust was to come up with a similar type of increase, but to pay for it by borrowing and pay for it over time rather than raising taxes," explained PARC finance committee chair Carol Dodd at an extraordinary commission meeting held Monday night.

As expected, the indoor pool project has pushed PARC to scrounge up money wherever it can, while trying to maintain its pre-2004 referendum promise to give taxpayers the benefit of a \$2-million grant from the provincial government.

While the November 2004

pool referendum gave PARC the authority to borrow \$4.212 million for the pool, it has only tapped into \$2.5 million to date. The new plan will see \$2.9 million of authorized funds used, on a total estimated pool project cost of \$5.9 million.

Dodd said PARC felt borrowing the \$500,000 was the right thing to do for a number of reasons, including the fact the pool budget currently has no contingency funds and PARC doesn't want to find itself short in September, for example, when it would be too late to borrow more funds.

"We have not yet received any money from Ssplash," noted Dodd on Tuesday. "As we don't know when or if this money will be directed to the present aquatic project, we must make our plans without including that money."

If the indoor tennis building ends up on the Rainbow Road recreation site, then

more funds will also be needed to construct new tennis courts.

PARC also wants to direct resources to developing a master plan for community parks and recreation, undertaking a dangerous tree survey on its properties and rebuilding stairways at Vesuvius and Baker Road beaches.

Regional director Gary Holman was pleased with the financial outcome.

"We are borrowing \$1.3 million less than the amount approved by referendum in 2004, and less than half the current estimated cost of the pool.

"Many communities that have incurred cost overruns on recreation and other community facilities in recent years would be pleased to be in our position."

Holman added that he will submit a report on overall CRD tax issues in the near future.



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School staffing changes

School district superintendent Wendy Herbert's announcement that she will retire at the end of this school year caught school trustees off guard at the school board's meeting on Galiano Island last week.

"I have never had the opportunity to work with such a great group of people who care so deeply about the needs of our students," she told trustees, adding that she was stepping down to spend more time gardening with her husband.

A replacement will be determined at the end of the current school year.

Trustees also learned that Gulf Islands Secondary School vice-principal Neill Armitage retired from his post. Armitage spent his final day at the high school on Tuesday serving cake to students during lunch hour and helping new vice-principal Judy Raddysh find her way around her new digs.

Raddysh spent her first days on the job looking over report cards and looks forward to the challenges of overseeing high schoolers in a larger setting after a rewarding tenure as principal at Fulford elementary.

After retiring from the very same position six years ago, Barb Aust will replace Raddysh until July 7, when a full-time principal is hired.



GETTING SHIP-SHAPE: Military crews from Ontario and Quebec, including (left to right) Greg Andrews, Catherine Punshon and Robert Webster — were seen in Ganges Harbour last week, practising fire drills aboard YAG314.

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Province will help bail out Salt Spring storm victims

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Islanders can thank 96-year-old Effie Odlum for getting the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) to accept claims from residents whose homes sustained damage during the recent severe winter storms.

"I just couldn't believe

they might help us out," she said after learning the news. "At least this will help us recover some of the damages."

With her insurance company refusing to pitch in after two winter rainstorms left a portion of her waterfront home on Price Road underwater, Odlum began searching for other ways to pay the \$3,000 repair bill.

She heard about the PEP program after pursuing the issue at the island's Government Agent's Office where a cooperative Herb Burnett got Salt Spring registered on the list of areas eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) funding.

"All it took were a few calls and they were off to the races," he said. "It's all in a day's work down here."

Despite the running joke about the endless web of government bureaucracy, he said, people would be surprised to learn about the number of programs dedicated to helping out those in need.

Burnett said storm victims whose insurance companies refuse to pay them based on "acts of God" reasoning are eligible for funding under the government plan.

People who do not possess an insurance policy are not eligible for the assistance.

"This plan is about our tax dollars going to help those taxpayers who need the help," Burnett said.

Successful DFA applicants will receive funds to replace items deemed essential to a

home, livelihood or community service.

Applicants have until the middle of May to submit their claims.

Residents are required to pay a \$1,000 deductible and the DFA funding can cover up to 80 per cent of the remaining damage.

Under the DFA, successful applicants are eligible for up to \$300,000 in disaster relief funding.

The money does not cover recreational or seasonal residences, luxury goods, recreational items, rec rooms, damage to landscaping and docks.

DFA money will not likely cover the extensive damage left by Ganges Harbour on its way through her backyard but, Odlum said, she is hopeful the funds will help with the damaged floor, chesterfield and books in her granddaughter's bedroom.


Though she may now hold the government in high esteem, the process has dampened Odlum's view of the insurance business.

In all her years of buying insurance, she said, she has never needed to submit a claim.

"They blame everything on God," she said. "With all the floods and earthquakes there have been recently, God must be a pretty busy guy."

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Police were called to the scene of a late-night bar fight early Sunday morning after two adult males came to blows outside Moby's Pub. Once on scene, RCMP broke up the fight and took one of the men to hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. Police detained the individual until he was sober.

In other RCMP news:
• North-end residents are advised to lock their doors after residents of Trincomali Heights came home Sunday evening to discover their front door left open and several items missing.

Police are investigating the incident and could not identify the stolen items, but did suspect the robbery took place on Sunday afternoon.

Future tennis home not set

The controversial indoor tennis structure could land at either Portlock Park or Rainbow Road recreation sites, with Rainbow leading in the time-factor race, and Portlock on the money side.

With Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval and a public Islands Trust rezoning process required for the Portlock site — which could take an estimated nine months — PARC is leaning towards creating new court surfaces at Rainbow Road and installing the rigid-frame fabric-cover facility on top instead.

"Tennis now looks like it is going back to Rainbow Road, which is where it was wanted in the first place," said regional director Gary Holman at a Monday night PARC parks planning com-

mittee meeting. "It was timing and money that put it at Portlock."

With PARC's February 13 decision to give itself some financial leeway through short and long-term borrowing this year, it can now absorb the extra costs of locating the indoor courts on Rainbow Road, which has the correct zoning for indoor recreation buildings.

A land use bylaw variance to accommodate the structure, which has a 15-metre (49.2-foot) height at its peak, is required from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) for the Rainbow plan. That will be considered at the February 28 LTC meeting.

However, some commission members expressed preference for the Portlock

site. At this point PARC is also still pursuing the LTC and ALC approvals needed for the Portlock option.

Meanwhile, a B.C. Supreme Court petition launched against PARC and the Capital Regional District by island resident Mike Best and the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers Group (SSIRG) is still simmering. PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon was cross-examined on his affidavit evidence by SSIRG lawyer David Taylor in Victoria on February 9, while a March 15 petition hearing date has been set for Vancouver. The petition seeks the overturning of a CRD decision to award the tennis structure contract to Cover-All Pacific Building Systems Ltd.

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trict (CRD) Board, it's a different matter when seats are vacated due to resignations. A two-year and one-year term are available due to the recent resignations of Bill Curtin and Wayne Fraser.

PARC's establishment bylaw states that two PARC members and Salt Spring's regional director will make a recommendation to the CRD Board when positions are

filled for this reason.

"The commission and I agreed that we should still advertise for positions, even though this is not required by the bylaw, to ensure broad public awareness of the vacant positions," said regional director Gary Holman. "The two commissioners and myself will interview applicants at the end of February, and then make a rec-

ommendation to the CRD Board. Hopefully, the commissioners and I can reach a consensus on new appointees — otherwise, we would go to the CRD Board with differing recommendations."

People have until Monday, February 27 to submit an application to the PARC office. Forms are available from the office or by e-mail at parc@saltspring.com.

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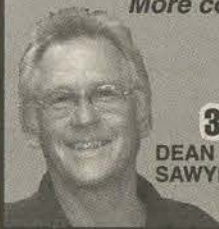
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Saanich elders speak to 'relatives of the deep'

An esteemed group of Saanich chiefs and elders will talk about Gulf Islands history and heritage at an event hosted by Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation (SSIJAR) on Saturday, February 18.

"If you believe this is your home, learn about what's been happening here way way back," said SSIJAR chair Phil Vernon. "Their cultural heritage belongs to all of us if we choose to honour it."

Members of the Saanich (or Wsanec) Nation lived on Salt Spring and shared use of island resources with members of the Hul'q'umi'num' language group (Chemainus, Cowichan and four other nations) prior to the arrival of Europeans.

The Saanich people lost access to large portions of their land and resources through the Douglas Treaties (conducted by Hudson's Bay

Company chief factor James Douglas between 1850-54) but they never ceded their claims to the Gulf Islands, Vernon said.

"They assert claims to the wider society and they want to get it out there next to claims from the Hul'q'umi'num'."

The Saanich Nation is comprised of Tsartlip, Tsawout, Tseycum, and Paquachin communities. As a deep-water fishing culture, their range once encompassed territory from Sooke, to the U.S. San Juan Islands and the Southern Gulf Islands.

"With a combination of colonial settlement and national boundaries, they were pushed back into tiny reserves," Vernon said.

The Tsawout people are the stewards of the Menh-inick Reserve property at the base of Reginald Hill, situated at one of the most beau-

tiful beaches on Salt Spring, he noted.

"We are in debt to them, if for no other reason than that they allow us to visit the reserve. It's a chance to pay respect for their generosity."

SSIJAR expects Tsartlip chief Chris Tom and Tseycum chief Vern Jacks to attend the upcoming discussion. They've also invited Tsawout and Paquachin elders.

Saanich linguist Earl Claxton Sr. and Saanich Native Heritage Society chair John Elliot will also attend.

"We would be very honoured by their presence because of how central they are in the preservation and regeneration of their culture," Vernon said.

SSIJAR has titled the upcoming talk Relatives of the Deep, Vernon said.

Saanich chiefs and elders will speak at the Lions Hall, on Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

Four-day school week examined

Southern Gulf Islands school trustees gave the nod to a Kelowna-based research group to study the effects of the four-day school week on the district's students.

"The more light we can have on this the better," said Salt Spring trustee Mike Krayenhoff at last Wednesday's school board meeting on Galiano Island. "This is a great opportunity to research specific issues involved in the four-day week."

The study will be conducted by the Society for the Advancement of Excellence in Education (SAEE), a non-profit and non-partisan B.C.-based registered charity.

According to the SAEE web site, the society seeks to increase performance of Canadian public school

students.

The study will include other provincial districts using the four-day calendar, including Boundary and Coast Mountain.

Trustees added the SAEE could also include districts from across Canada and the United States. Results will not likely be ready until next year.

News of the study comes in advance of the April discussion on whether to pursue the four-day week for the 2006-2007 school year.

The school district will host a facilitated session on the four-day calendar at the end of March.

Trustees agreed the presence of an independent facilitator at last year's session helped remove the element

of confrontation and promoted dialogue.

"I thought it was much improved," said board vice-chair Bonnie MacGillivray. "It gave a voice to people who would never stand up in a big room and quieted some of the people who tend to take over the venue."

Trustees recognized the importance of a prompt decision to the district's staff but said more information regarding next year's enrolment is required before a final decision is made.

According to Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston, the district may find itself "between a brick and a hard place," but is nevertheless required to make a decision up to 45 days before the end of the school year.

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LTC session will view Stewart plan

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

A special sitting of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) is scheduled for Friday afternoon to consider if a land-use proposal submitted by former trustee Eric Booth merits fast-track treatment through the application process.

The plan would see the island gain an additional 55 acres of parkland near the mouth of Cusheon Creek in exchange for the permission to construct 21 homes on a narrow 63-acre lot extending from below the top of Stewart Road to the sea.

"This is a perfect chance for the trustees to say yea or nay to this application without wasting years of planning time," Booth said during a recent tour through the proposed park he calls Jarrod's Grove in honour of his son who died of cancer in 1990.

The area is an expansive collection of fir, cedars and maple trees accessible from Creekside Drive that is

popular with area residents despite being located on private property.

Booth, a realtor, is acting on behalf of four property owners whose lands are being considered for purchase by an anonymous buyer prepared to purchase the lots with the intent to concentrate the total allowable number of buildings on two of the lots while preserving the others as parkland.

Roughly 15 per cent of the lots cited for development will be subsequently converted to parkland and a trail network will connect the works to a pre-existing network in an adjacent Islands Trust Fund property and Peter Arnell Park. One hundred acres of contiguous public greenspace would be created.

Since the four lots can only accommodate 13 densities under existing regulations, the plan will require LTC approval of eight additional densities using amenity zoning provisions of the official

community plan.

The Islands Trust has 100 amenity zoning densities which it can issue to projects that contribute an "eligible community amenity" such as parkland.

Since the ability to issue densities based on amenity zoning was formalized in 1998, it has yet to be exercised.

"The big challenge is in the timing of getting the four property owners ready to move at the same time," he said. "I am not hoping to jump over any hoops, just looking to proceed in an expedited manner."

In order to proceed, two Rural-zoned lots would be rezoned as Parks and Reserve land and two Rural Upland lots would be reclassified as Rural lots, with portions of the latter also rezoned as Parks and Reserve.

Over the past few weeks, Booth has toured the property with owners, the prospective buyer, trustees, conservation groups and neigh-

bourhood residents to gauge support for the project. So far, he said, the reaction has been positive.

According to Maureen Moore of the Beddis and Cusheon Area Residents Association, the plan offers an opportunity to protect a significant natural area, but requires more study before her group presents a detailed response.

"As a neighbourhood, some of us have long thought that this land and its mossy trees which filter run-off along Cusheon Creek, the outflow of Cusheon Lake, should be set aside as a protected natural area," she stated.

The special sitting will begin on Friday, February 17 at 2 p.m. in the Baptist church at 520 Lower Ganges Road.

Booth is holding a separate public information meeting in the same place from noon to 2 p.m.

For more information, he can be reached at ebooth@saltspring.com.



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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 has been extended by one week to **17 February 2006**. If you are interested in applying please forward your resume by mail, fax or email to:

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Positive side

It takes little effort to rattle off a round of complaints concerning just about anything.

Evidence of inadequacies and plain-dumb decisions blare from mountaintops, and we always hope complaints can lead to improvements — but it's tiresome too.

So it's heartening to have a week when positive observations are more easily uttered.

Firstly, it turns out the oft-slagged Ministry of Transportation is in fact willing to make some changes that should improve safety at the Rainbow and Lower Ganges intersection.

While we agree that road safety is the ultimate responsibility of drivers and pedestrians, proposed changes will be helpful and signal to everyone that extra caution is needed.

Even while the focus is put on the state of island roads with the February 18 pothole count taking place, the number of major road improvements on Salt Spring has also been observed.

The other body receiving ample negative attention over the years is the Parks and Recreation Commission. But it's time for a quick update there.

PARC called an extra meeting on Monday to vote on its 2006 financial plan. This gets the issue clearly into the public realm through this paper sooner rather than later.

And rather than push for a massive requisition increase to provide the cushion it needs to complete the pool and attend to a few other items this year, PARC decided to use more of its borrowing authority and spread the cost over several years instead.

It may be bad luck to declare this publicly, but the absence of disaster on the pool project to date is remarkable. It's been known since April of 2005 that the project would cost about \$1.6-million more than pre-referendum estimates, but that figure has not risen further. So far the project is on track budget-wise.

This is a frightening time to be building a major public facility, but the first cement has been poured — it's happening. So far, so good.

For both putting its financial cards on the table as soon as possible and wisely managing the pool project to date, PARC deserves some rarely heard appreciation.

Letters to the Editor

Rainfall possibilities

As the rains fell from the sky in January, I was thinking about what is actually happening.

I noticed that in a heavy rain, Ganges Harbour and Fulford Harbour turn brown. I wondered how that affects the aquatic ecosystems. How much material erosion does it take to turn the harbours brown? Tons? Hundreds of tons?

I marvel at how there can be so

much water now and a drought six months from now. Our rainwater management plan seems to be to direct the water that falls on all the hard surfaces (roofs, roads, and parking areas) in the shortest possible route to the nearest ocean.

Doing a quick calculation of man-made hard surfaces on Salt Spring I am surprised that over five per cent of the island that used to perk now doesn't. Our rainwater management plan is accelerating the rate at which Salt Spring is

losing its cover, with the almost inevitable end result resembling a Greek Island.

Clear-cut logging exacerbates this process. Consider that the real wealth of a community is the amount of clean topsoil available to grow food. Consider also some alternate ways to handle our rain: Encourage perkable road, parking, and roof surfaces.

Encourage cistern rainwater storage. Require every parcel of land to have a settling pond prior to

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Provide retention ponds for our ditches en route to the ocean.

Create reservoirs at the higher elevations that can be used to generate microhydro electricity for the island.

The amount of electricity generated by microhydro is calculated by multiplying the "head" (the vertical distance that the water falls) times the "flow" (amount or volume).

On Salt Spring we have lots of

head, but the volume of water, while quite large, is spread out over many watersheds.

For this reason, economic (and environmental) viability requires many microhydro systems feeding into an electrical grid (which we already have).

Are these options worthwhile? If so, how are they brought into reality?

MEROR KRAYENHOFF,
Salt Spring

New skills and attitude needed for 'oil crunch'

By ART MORTON

In September of 2005 I gave a talk to the Unitarian Fellowship of Salt Spring on the coming end of the oil and gas culture. I suggested at that time that the "oil crunch" would probably come in the next 30 to 40 years. And I posed the question whether Salt Spring could be a viable "survival" unit.

Since that time a friend sent me copies of two 50-page supplements published by the Independent newspaper of Great Britain dealing with the same subject of the oil crunch and how the people of Great Britain might respond. They, too, suggested 30 to 40 years as the probable time line.

In 2005 James Howard Kunstler published *The Long Emergency* dealing in some considerable depth with the "crunch" and its probable aftermath. He, too, suggested 30 to 40 years. So that may well be a ballpark time line.

This is not to suggest that supplies of oil and gas will run out at that time — they may well continue for some decades longer — but that may be the point where a

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supplies together with vastly increased demand, particularly from China and India, will drive prices to a level where, for the vast majority of us, oil and gas might as well not exist.

As a result, Kunstler postulates that the world will suffer a cataclysmic collapse.

He sees an end to airline travel as well as the end of ocean freight service. Car and truck traffic will largely disappear from our highways. Large corporations such as Home Depot and Wal-Mart will cease to exist. Federal and provincial governments will become unwieldy and irrelevant. Local governance will be all that matters. The lack of oil-based fertilizers, oil-based insecticides and oil-driven irrigation and cultivation will result in massive food shortages.

He sees world population dropping from the present level of 6-plus billion to a possibly sustainable level of 1.5 to 2 billion as a result of

The local library referendum of that time will not be whether to move it but rather whether we can justify the expenditure of energy necessary to heat the building and stop the deterioration of books and papers!

A very different world.

A friend said, "We merely have to go back to how we lived 150 to 200 years ago." But another wise friend of mine said, "It's not that easy. We have far more people now — people without the skills they used to have and they are different people. They are no longer co-operative people," and she added, "You could not have settled the prairies without a high degree of cooperation."

And she is right. We have had generations of people raised with the exhortation ringing in their ears "Compete, compete, get ahead, compete." To be cooperative was almost a character flaw!

Another wise woman said to me, "I am learning all I can about preserving foods — the best way to bottle, can and dry foods. Next I want to know the best way to sharpen knives and axes — saws and chisels."

"I am stockpiling skills."

For me, the single most important statement Kunstler makes is when he says, "There is no substitute for oil and gas in sight."

Since the widespread use of coal during the Industrial Revolution, down through the gas and oil era, our impact on the environment has been nothing short of disastrous.

The brutal truth is that if we came up with a substitute tomorrow and that substitute did not drastically change our impact on the natural environment, it would be worse than useless.

The combination of an overpopulated world and an unsustainable lifestyle leaves us in a very precarious position.

Twenty per cent of the world's species are expected to become extinct in the next 30 years and 90 per cent of the ocean's large fish are endangered. Large areas of forest are being burned. Fresh water, already in short supply, is increasingly polluted — the effects of global warming are more and more evident — and on the medical level the increasing incidence of cancer, now at 50 per cent in men and 40 per cent in women is largely as

tion of our environment. An impact of this magnitude cannot continue if we are to survive.

Unpalatable as it seems, the "crunch" may give us a second chance — there will not be a third!

What of the aftermath of the crunch — is there no reasonable manner in which we could survive?

Well, yes, there may be.

The Amish sect gave up any involvement in our technical society years ago. No cars, electricity, radios, TV or telephones, and yet they have grown successive generations of reasonably happy, healthy children to maturity.

We may have much to learn from these people and others like them.

What may be essential is not a new technology but a new attitude.

Some will say I am being paranoid and I profoundly hope that is true, but until someone can show proof that there is indeed a benign substitute for oil and gas, I remain unconvinced.

Comments would be welcome at 537-5238 or amorton@uniserve.com.

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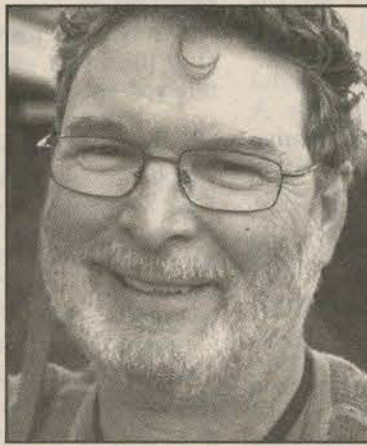
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We asked: *What would you do if you were Canada's new prime minister?*



Anne May

I would try to keep God out of my statements.



Jim White

If I were Stephen Harper, I wouldn't try to introduce anything likely to cause another election anytime soon.



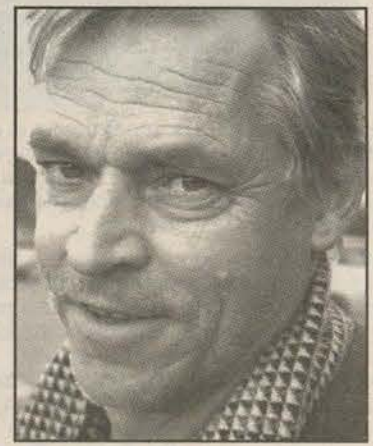
Keti Kac

I would work on building the country's natural and cultural heritage instead of tearing it all down.



Nathan Gauld

I would address education and try to fix everything from the four-day week right up to university tuition fees.



Bob Rogers

At this point I would rescind Emerson's cabinet position and tell him to run in a by-election.

Letters to the Editor

Hazard

While roundabouts are a nice idea, it can be difficult for a fire truck to get around them, unless they are very, very large.

On Salt Spring, there isn't room to make them large enough for a fire truck to go around them easily and safely. They have them in a district in Calgary and have found them a hazard for this and other reasons. Keep this in mind when you are thinking about building roundabouts.

M. MIDDELBERG,
Calgary

Aeration

Years ago I attended several meetings regarding the algae problems and the aeration project on St. Mary Lake.

At my age, memory may be faulty, but luckily I kept copies of some of the reports. Water quality had been a concern for fish habitat and human consumption for some time. In the period between March 31, 1981 and March 31, 1985, the Provincial Habitat Conservation Fund spent \$53,500 on

the aeration project on St. Mary Lake. Countless hours of volunteer work were also provided by Kathy Reimer and the Salmon Enhancement group.

A report was made by Dr. Rick Nordin entitled Habitat Conservation Fund Enhancement Proposal 1995-96 St. Mary Lake Aeration Rebuild. This report showed that over 10 years of operation of the aeration project's life it had met all of the project's expectations. This was primarily algae reduction and improved water quality for human consumption and fish habitat.

The report also recommended that \$93,500 was required to rebuild the project over one year and that shared funding assistance of \$40,000 might be expected from Salt Spring Island. Dr. Peter Law held a meeting on Salt Spring explaining the entire report and emphasizing that shared funding would be required. The long and the short of it was that the various governing bodies on Salt Spring did not provide any shared funding and hence no aeration proj-

ect and continuing deterioration of water quality on St. Mary Lake.

I trust that this time around the sharing of costs will not stop the aeration project so necessary for good water quality on St. Mary Lake.

HANK DOERKSEN,
Beaver Point

DIY water

Okay, folks. It's time to get it together on this water issue.

Why does everyone keep drilling wells when we actually live in a rain forest?

We were flabbergasted when on January 30 we realized that we had collected 500 gallons of fresh rainwater in less than 24 hours. This is from the roof of a 600-square-foot saltbox house. This is no exaggeration.

No special engineers or consultations were required. Just two gutters on either end of the slope and several lengths of PVC pipe leading to a cistern. You pump it up to a water tower or tank at higher ground and voila.

I've noticed a lot of money allotted towards "investigating" water options. Phone

537-3988 for moral support and do it yourself!

KATE PETER,
Victoria Street

Accountability

The Conservatives were fond of the word "accountability" during the last election campaign, especially when they were talking about the treacherous Liberals. But considering their recent appointment to cabinet of one person who was unelected and another who was elected as a Liberal, I wonder what they mean by the word? So on Friday I called our MP's office and asked.

Before hanging up on me (his office is a bit testy with me for holding Gary to account for his support for the Iraq War), I was told that the decision about whether Emerson should stand in a by-election wasn't up to us. It was up to him and the leadership of the Conservative Party. Click.

But later in the day, Lunn was interviewed on the CBC radio program As It Happens and repeatedly asked about Emerson, Fortier and

accountability. Gary kept dodging the questions by saying that he felt they were very qualified for their new jobs and that he looked forward to working with them. It's hard to hang up on the CBC, but the interviewer was persistent and finally succeeded in getting an answer to the question: How was Emerson being accountable to citizens who voted for a Liberal and got a Conservative? The answer: The people of Vancouver-Kingsway will have a chance to hold David Emerson accountable during the next election. Oh.

So there it is folks; accountability as it's always been. If we don't like what our government is doing, we're just going to have to suck it up until the next election. Maybe that isn't too far away... Sigh.

BRIAN SMALLSHAW,
Fulford

Moth update

As the Driftwood goes to press, we are still waiting for the Ministry of Environment to announce its decision on the spraying permit. The good news is that the Minis-

try of Forests and Range has agreed to meet with our local trustees and representatives of SSTOP to hear our plans for alternative methods of gypsy moth control on Salt Spring.

The meeting with Forests will probably take place some time next week. Please see www.savesaltspring.com for updates.

Ninety people to date have volunteered to participate in a community-based gypsy moth monitoring and control program. If you can give five hours of your time to do this, if and when the need arises, please send your name and phone number to me at: law@saltspring.com.

Petitions are now available at Foxglove, as well as Natureworks and the Morningside Organic Bakery. Only 300 more signatures are needed to achieve our goal of 1,000 signatures on the petition!

Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing efforts and support.

LESLIE WALLACE, for SSTOP

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First butterfly sighting reminds us of why we live here

January 23rd has earned the distinction of being the most depressing day of the year, followed closely by February 3. That's the day of the year when more working Canadians phone in sick than any other day. I mean, really.

What's the point of getting up? Casualties mount in Iraq, Iran is bristling with nuclear rage, Muslims worldwide are razing Danish embassies. In our own back yard, cancer rates are actually increasing in Canada. The new government has already lured Liberal MLA David Emerson to their side with a plum cabinet position. "Meet the new Boss. Same as the old Boss." And our own homegrown hockey hero has been implicated in a gambling scandal. Say it ain't so, Wayne.

Right here on Salt Spring, days, weeks and months of relentless horizontal rain and near hurricane force winds have put giant trees through the roofs of living rooms. St. Mary Lake is ready to go over the top, and Walker Hook is quickly slipping into the pound-

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



ing surf. I mean really. What's the point.

While happy Salt Spring realtors are sipping Coronas at Playa de SomethingorOther, the great unwashed are scraping morning frost off windshields in the dark, bumping along bad roads to nowhere jobs trying to make enough money to pay outrageous rents and feed the 19 per cent credit card debt incurred buying Christmas presents for uncaring spouses. I mean really, what's the point?

It could be worse. It could be Winnipeg.

Someone once asked the late president of France, Charles de Gaulle, if he was happy.

"What do you take me for, an idiot?"

A typical French reply, but nonetheless, a telling comment.

The North American addiction to happiness is perhaps the most dangerous virus we face. The hunger for diversion fuels the economy along at a breakneck pace. We replace our cell phones once a year, our computers every two years. Cargo pants are bulging with Xboxes, iPods, camera phones, Blackberries, and if that isn't quite enough to keep us amused, we have pill boxes stuffed with Xanax, Ritalin, Prozac. Anything to keep us anesthetized.

I used to kayak over to Idol Island once a year, solo, camping on the beach for about a week, with little or no human contact. Gradually it winnowed down to a four-day junket, with my Jack Russell terrier for company. Four days became three days, with a cell phone and the pup. The last time I did it, it was for a weekend, with my Jack Russell, my cell phone, and a portable television. Last year, I didn't go at all. Solitude has become a terrifying prospect.

I know women that have undergone breast enhancements, Botox treatments, nose jobs, and guess what? Most are stumbling around wild eyed, dissatisfied, disgusted at their own reflections. It's never good enough.

And I know people — wealthy people — people whose future is assured, desperately unhappy. One man who was "having trouble at home" bought his wife a spanking new \$100-grand champagne coloured SUV. I asked him if it helped.

"Yeah, for about three days."

A couple of months later, she loaded up the SUV with the household artwork and hit the road. And so it goes.

And I know cancer survivors that by all odds shouldn't still be walking on this earth. I know people going through torturous chemotherapy, all the while smiling like fools. What do these people know that I don't? Does coming face to face with your own mortality work like spiritual shock therapy?

So how do you stay at the top of the roller coaster? You don't. As

Scott Peck most famously, poignantly remarked in the opening stanza of *The Road Less Traveled*: "Life is difficult."

Jobs will be lost, hearts will be broken, my nasty Jack Russell terrier will eventually end up interred in a quiet corner of my back yard.

Life is difficult. Accepting this truism will go a long way to keep you out of rehab. I call it my "One Step Program." Not that I've learned the lesson, but one step seems less daunting than 12, and it doesn't involve group hugs, primal screams or 30-day chips.

Maybe these are merely the railings of a man holed up in Montreal awaiting major surgery. Maybe it's just a man grouching about not allotting the time to loll around in a time-share in Panama or a late night Cuban jazz club.

But it's a wake-up call about the fundamental reason most of us ended up on Salt Spring — to take time to smell the roses — to stop scrambling up Mount Erskine with a stopwatch.

Four days ago, I saw my first butterfly of the season.

Arbutus House is open!



We are very excited! The 2nd Residence at Heritage Place, Arbutus House, is now finished and open for viewing every Saturday 1 - 3 pm or at other times, by appointment. Please join us for a tour of our new Residence and to see our show suite. There are Studio, One Bedroom and Two Bedroom Suites available.

Heritage Place is not a care home. Heritage Place provides independent living accommodation for seniors who seek an easier lifestyle. All suites are ground level with a private patio. The suites are beautifully appointed with lots of windows for maximum light and the building is wheelchair friendly. The central common area in each Residence is luxuriously furnished and consists of a large kitchen where the evening meal is prepared; an intimate dining room and a beautiful lounge with propane fireplace and entertainment system. The Resident Homemaker, living on the second floor, provides the services of the House. The menu is diverse and the food is delicious with everything from bread and soup to desserts homemade on the premises. Dietary needs can be addressed.

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There are 3 more Residences to be built to complete the village at Heritage Place. The 'Gatehouse', the administration building for the project, is under construction at the entry now. All Residences will be connected by a covered walkway. The location is superb, adjacent to the Seniors Centre and Lady Minto Hospital, with shopping right across the road.

There is no obligation to being on the waiting list. To reserve a specific suite in a specific building, a refundable \$100 fee is requested. Balsam House has been in full operation since the summer. Come and see for yourself why the residents are so happy!

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Island spirit

A lifetime being a city gal, transplanted unexpectedly to Salt Spring Island a year ago, I experienced the emotional fulfillment that has made the transition seem completely worthwhile!

Reluctantly, I left West Vancouver — a marvelous setting for decades of marital growth and experience — to be near to a very special daughter and family who had chosen Salt Spring as home four years earlier.

Settling in Ganges, referred to as "town" by most Salt Springers, the initial impact was the completely warm, delightful, relaxed manner of one and all — smiling faces and many friendly hello's from faces everywhere! Now I wish the whole world could be this kind of place. We all truly have something to offer each other!

Last week on an evening return trip to Long Harbour — an hour and a half overdue departure which could be enough to put many pas-

sengers out of sorts with daily living dramas — a simple incident of a wee kitten missing from its home island-bound car brought to realization the wonderful caring quality of people. A little cat, "Tike" was missing from the vehicle. The Pender Island couple had gone above for sustenance. The discovery of the missing pet was related to a ship's officer, a quiet announcement which, sitting in our car, we did not hear. Suddenly, dozens, possibly a hundred bodies surfaced around the cars — all in the search for the missing kitten. This was a real demonstration of the caring that people have in their hearts!

And so, it is good to acknowledge and recognize this quality in people — particularly in today's fast-paced, hectic world. Yes, we are all brothers and sisters and need to attempt to appreciate and help one another!

SHIRLEY SAGER,
Victoria

Stupich legacy

The evil that men do live after them; the good is oft interred with their bones . . .

A man died this week. For younger people the legacy of Dave Stupich is "Bingogate." For those of us who remember the 1960s and '70s, there is, however, a lot of good to be acknowledged.

I first met Dave Stupich in 1968. He came to Olive and Don Layard's house. A group of likely Salt Springers had been invited to meet with him. The Goodmans were there and many who have gone from this place or on to Tir na n-Og. He signed us up as members of the very new NDP, and we left Layards with a plan to form a local club. Salt Spring NDP Club has a charter dating back to that year.

Dave Stupich had other connections with Salt Spring Island. It was he who worked with Gordon and Lotus

Ruckle to create Ruckle Park. The bond of friendship survived to this week. In fact, Dave visited Gordon when he moved to Extended Care.

Those who knew Dave remember his absolute commitment to agriculture. It was he who conceived the idea of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). This idea and legislation were the first ever and served as a model for other provinces, and then for several states and countries as well. Dave had the stomach for a fight, and he certainly had one. Various developers did not want farming land to be beyond their reach. The struggle goes on to this day, but without the ALR there would be little to struggle for.

Salt Spring New Democrats mourn his passing and will continue to work for the survival of healthy and sustainable agriculture in B.C.

IRENE WRIGHT,
Salt Spring

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Take-back packaging beats recycling

By MEROR KRAYENHOFF

Although I'm seldom the one to do the recycling, almost everything about recycling is offensive to me.

It's bad enough that much of the stuff that gets sorted ends up without a market and ends up in the landfill. Probably the worst thing is that all the best people on Salt Spring Island spend their valuable time doing this (shudder) thing. Imagine what those people could accomplish in the community if they weren't spending their time (shudder) recycling.

Recycling can be viewed as the corporations co-opting the public to do their clean-up.

In one of the courses I teach, I talk about the idea of take-back programs and how effectively they place the burden of material and packaging choices where they belong, with the manufacturers.

How take-back programs work is that everyone who handles a product is required to take back every part of the product that isn't consumed.

IN DEPTH

For example, buying a tube of toothpaste in some parts of Germany, the consumer can take it out of the cardboard box at the counter and leave that cardboard with the merchant, who then takes it to his supplier, who takes it back to the wholesaler and so on.

Pretty soon toothpaste doesn't come in cardboard boxes. When the tube is empty, the consumer can take it back to the merchant who is required to take it.

Before long the market forces determine what packaging is best from an environmental as well as fiscal point of view.

Another example of how the take-back program plays out in Germany is that VW manufactures cars for the local market with very little plastic, but continues to manufacture as usual in the rest of the world.

What the take-back program creates is that the per-

son/corporation who makes the initial decision regarding material use is the one impacted by that decision.

One of my students, while working for Cisco, had made a million dollar sale of product to a company in Germany.

The product, packaged the usual way, was shipped to France, transferred onto a train and moved into Germany. Upon arrival the product was turned around because the receiver was unwilling to deal with all the packaging.

Back in France it was repackaged in an environmentally friendly way, the old packaging was landfilled, and the product was resent to the buyer. The additional costs of transportation, land-filling and repackaging not only removed the profit from the sale but more importantly, educated Cisco in how to do business in the context of a take-back program.

My mother tells a story about going into Future Shop to buy some software and how the store refused to take the significant packaging back. Recently on Salt Spring I had the rare experi-

ence at the Energy Options store to have my packaging taken back by the proprietors. I can't tell you how delighted I was by that simple yet profound action.

Are there any stores on Salt Spring willing to boast of a take-back program? If all Salt Spring stores were so inclined, we might be able to eliminate or greatly reduce our recycling efforts.

The writer runs Terra-Firma Builders and is interested in environmental issues.

More letters

Initiate debate

It should be of no surprise that the quality of St. Mary Lake water is in doubt as the question has been raised repeatedly in the past.

Several years ago the board was asked to re-introduce aeration but it was said to be unnecessary and very expensive. When asked to consider the mandatory periodic testing of septic fields draining into the lake, the excuse was that it was beyond the powers of the board but that regular water testing ensured satisfactory quality.

It is not very comforting to be told that "there is not a health concern at this particular time" when last year algal toxins "exceeded Health Canada's lifetime exposure by as much as 13 times."

One wonders why the water district has not previously informed all users of this problem. It is not as though it doesn't send out bills in the mail every two

months. It would seem that the lessons of Walkerton have not been learned.

Immediate steps must be taken to reduce phosphates by checking out all septic systems draining into the lake, especially those serving the resorts, some of which are many years old.

At the same time the re-introduction of an aerator is critical. These actions would require cooperation of all levels of government, which is too often conspicuous by its absence. To get the water district, the Islands Trust, the CRD, the provincial government and the federal government to even decide on a date to meet is a Herculean task and only points out the huge problem of our present political system.

We are stuck with a political system that appoints an Islands Trust local chair we didn't elect, who doesn't live on our island and yet makes political decisions on our behalf.

Further, there seems little or no public input into levels

of taxation at a time when assessments are going up at over 20 per cent per year on many properties.

We recently voted on a referendum, with no public debate prior to its announcement, based on the bias of a single person. The enacting of bylaws to meet local conditions seems to be so difficult that one is rarely passed. For example, there appears to be need of legislation to restrict clear-cutting of trees on private property. Bylaw enforcement appears to be haphazard and so time-consuming that months pass before anything is done.

I call on all our elected representatives to put aside any preconceived ideas and to initiate debate on the future governance of our island through public forums with the objective of seeking to meet the needs of all citizens and yet preserving the qualities of life as expressed in the objectives of the Islands Trust.

JOHN MYERS,
Cormorant Crescent

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A fabulous floral array to Timothie Hill for coming to my rescue. He saw me fall when I slipped in a patch of black ice and immediately stopped his car and offered to

drive me to the hospital. He was also kind enough to stay with me until the nurses took me into the treatment room. I was later diagnosed as having a particularly nasty fracture of my right arm.

I would like to send roses to the caring and competent medical staff at Lady Minto and to the Salt Spring ambulance drivers who took me to the last ferry and were good enough to give me a package of toiletry necessities. Also, roses to the Salt Spring Island Anglican church women and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #92 who provide the ambulance crews with these very welcome packages. PB

MORE LETTERS

Calling all owls

Recently, the call went out for information about Salt Spring Island owls, in preparation for an upcoming talk called Who Gives A Hoot? The Owls of Salt Spring Island. The talk takes place at Lions Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 24.

Owls are usually active at night, so the request for "sightings" was really more of a request for "hearings." At least six different species of owls might possibly make their homes here, and it turns out that each species has a distinct set of calls. Even on a pitch-black winter night, you can determine who is hooting in your neighbourhood from its call.

Which species actually do live here? Are owl populations healthy and free from threats? These are some of the questions to be answered by our February 24 presenter, Darren Copley, a popular Victoria naturalist who has headed up the interpretive program at Goldstream Park for several years. Also, our citizens' survey of owl populations will contribute to these questions and to future studies of owl diversity and sensitivity.

So the call went out for "hearings" and the calls came in. And e-mails, too. About 14 different auditory encounters with owls were reported in the first week in February. And that, you'll remember soakingly, was a time when wind and rain made listening for owls a bit difficult.

And who was heard? Let's start with Barred Owls, the species most frequently reported. It may be possible that a single pair of Barred Owls is rapidly winging around the island, from North End Road, to Booth Canal, to Ruckle Park and then over to Isabella Point Road. But more likely, we have at least eight pairs of vociferous Barred Owls. Did you know that this owl is also called the black-eyed owl or the crazy owl? Wonder why?

Other reports of owls on our island make for fascinating reading.

Imagine walking down a pitch dark road to have a Great Horned Owl following along from tree to tree beside you. Imagine a gorgeous evening in bed with your sweetheart while listening to the magic sound of a Western Screech Owl.

There's a wealth of knowledge to be learned from listening to owls, and Darren Copley's talk will inspire and inform us for better owl appreciation.

You'll probably want to join one of two ears-on owl sessions that Darren will also lead. One is on Friday night and the other Saturday night. Registration is mandatory, so phone the conservancy at 538-0138.

And please keep those owl sightings/hearings coming in. You can e-mail your data with time and location to me at ddenning@saltspring.com.
DAVID DENNING,



'I could not be happier than I am at Heritage Place'

I love everything about Heritage Place. It's just like living in my own home. There is nothing institutional about it at all. My suite is beautiful and I am very comfortable. I have made wonderful friends here and we have become like a family. We all lead our own lives but there is a very strong bond at Balsam House. I can't say enough about Sandi, our Resident Homemaker. We just love her. And, the food...well, it is just fantastic! Everything is home made and really delicious. I am so very grateful that I could stay on Salt Spring Island when it was time for me to make a change.

Doreen Young

'When I walk in the door at Heritage Place, I feel like I did as a child coming home from school'

When I first walked in the front door of Balsam House, I immediately felt the warmth of a real house. The wonderful cooking aromas coming from the kitchen made my mouth water. I immediately knew that this was the place for my mom. She wouldn't hear of it when I first mentioned it. Even the Doctor's encouragement was dismissed. I finally convinced Mom to just come and look. When she walked in the front door and Sandi welcomed her with a big hug, that was it. Heritage Place was her new home. I looked at many Seniors' projects for my mom, including on the mainland. They all felt institutional and impersonal and the dining rooms were noisy with so many people eating at once. The small dining room in each Residence here fosters a family feeling. I've had dinner here many times. The residents are having fun! I am so grateful for a beautiful place like this on Salt Spring, allowing Mom to stay in her own community. I can't say enough about the staff...there's a lot of heart here. We live on the mainland and we are so relieved that we don't have to worry about Mom. Heritage Place is independent living but there is an excellent supportive safety net here that gives us great reassurance.


Marti James

Note from Heritage Place: Sandi is very intuitive...she doesn't hug everyone!




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Shopping list:

- 1 onion
- 1 green bell pepper
- 4 mushrooms
- Butter
- 1 can sliced peaches
- Vegetable or beef broth
- Worcestershire sauce
- Corn starch
- Whole peppercorns
- Lemon pepper
- 1 clove garlic
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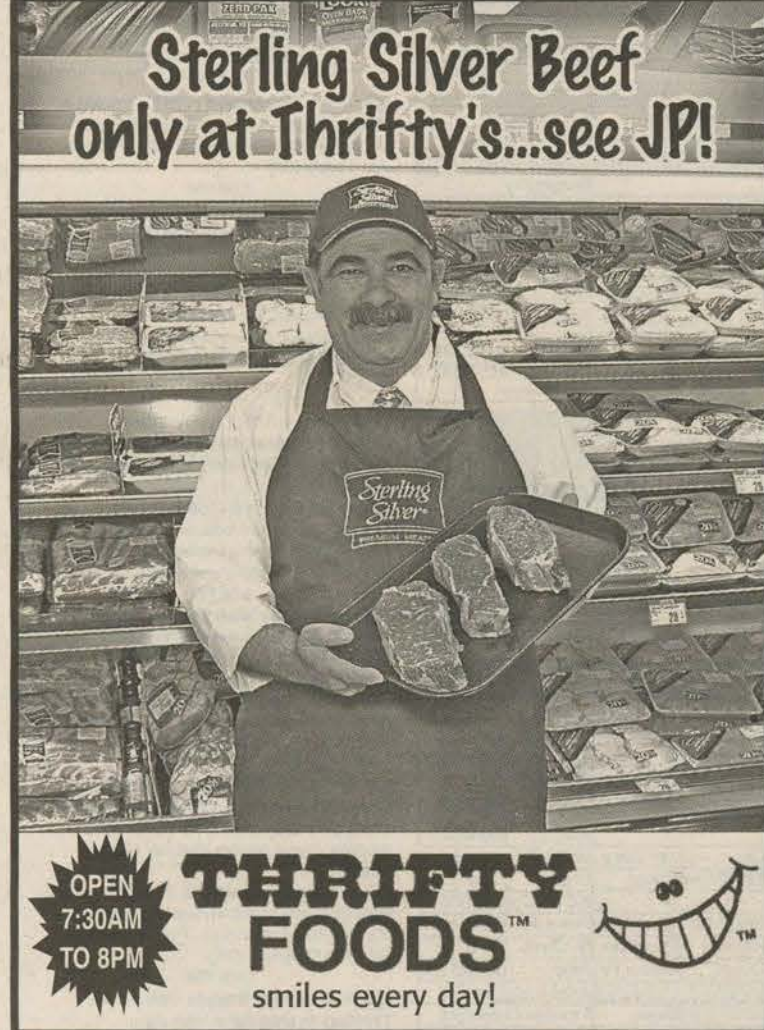
THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Feb 15, 2006 to Feb 21, 2006

- WEDNESDAY, FEB 15
- 6:00 PM
14 ★ Home Team (1999, Comedy/Drama) A former pro football player is sentenced to volunteer work at a children's home. *Steve Guttenberg, Derek Lebrero (1h45)*
 6:30 PM
3 ★★ Japanese Story (2003, Psycho-Drama) A geologist and a reserved businessman are stranded in the remote Australian outback. *Toni Collette, Gotaro Tsunashima (2h)*
 8:00 PM
24 ★ Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult (1994, Comedy) Lt. Frank Drebin comes out of retirement and goes undercover to foil a terrorist plot. *Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley (2h)*
 8:30 PM
3 ★★ The Chiefs (2004, Documentary) The true story of five hockey players as they vie for a spot in a brawling league. *Robert Berger, Brady Austin (1h30)*
 9:00 PM
4 ★★ The Stork Derby (2001, True) A man leaves \$1 million to the woman who has the most babies ten years after his death. *Megan Follows, Terry Simpson (2h)*
13 ★★ Antwone Fisher (2002, Drama) A young Navy man is forced to see a psychiatrist after an outburst against a crewman. *Derek Luke, Denzel Washington (2h35)*
 10:00 PM
14 ★★ Autumn Tale (1998, Romance) A sophisticated bookseller becomes determined to find a mate for her lonely friend. *Marie Rivière, Béatrice Romand (2h15)*
 11:00 PM
3 ★★★★★ Downfall (2004, History) Adolf Hitler's last secretary describes his final days in his Berlin bunker in 1945. *Bruno Ganz, Alexandra Maria Lara (2h45)*

- THURSDAY, FEB 16
- 6:00 PM
13 ★★ Devil in a Blue Dress (1996, Mystery) A detective on the trail of a mysterious woman is drawn into a web of corruption. *Denzel Washington, Maury Chaykin (2h)*
 7:00 PM
3 ★★ House of D (2004, Comedy/Drama) An American artist living in Paris deals with his past in order to discover who he really is. *David Duchovny, Téa Leoni (1h45)*
 8:00 PM
24 ★ On Deadly Ground (1994, Action) An oil rig firefighter is targeted for death after he discovers an illegal operation. *Steven Seagal, Michael Caine (2h)*
25 ★★ Legally Blonde (2001, Comedy) When a sorority girl is dumped by her boyfriend, she decides to follow him to law school. *Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson (2h)*
 9:00 PM
13 ★ Tornado Warning (2002, Drama) A dedicated meteorologist invents a device that predicts the patterns of tornadoes. *Jack Clements, Gerald McRaney (2h)*
29 ★★ Driving Miss Daisy (1989, Drama) An elderly lady shares her life and develops a special relationship with her chauffeur. *Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman (2h)*
 10:00 PM
13 ★★ The Browning Version (1994, Drama) A professor at a British prep school is disillusioned with both his career and marriage. *Albert Finney, Matthew Modine (2h)*
 10:15 PM
3 ★★ Perfect Strangers (2003, Thriller) A woman is held prisoner on a deserted island by her obsessed kidnapper. *Sam Neill, Rachael Blake (1h45)*
 11:35 PM
13 ★ Bugs (2003, Sci-Fi) A city engineer teams with a biologist to stop mutant bugs from terrorizing the city. *Antonio Sabato Jr., Angie Everhart (2h)*

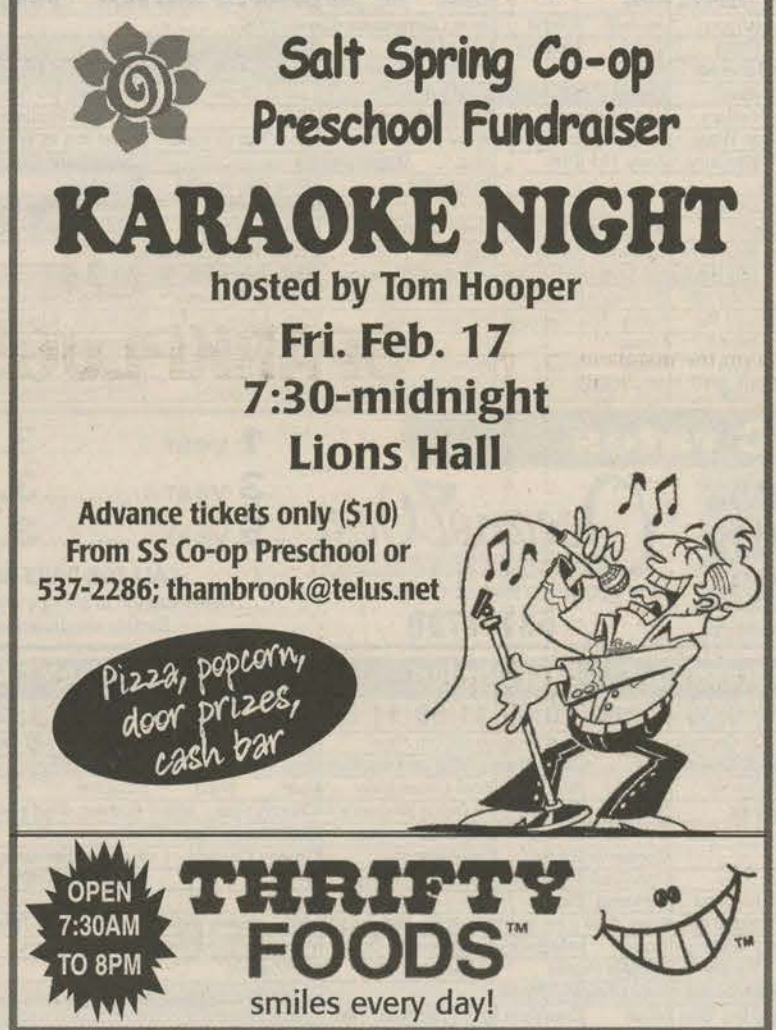
- FRIDAY, FEB 17
- 6:00 PM
14 ★★ Tyson (1995, Biography) A look at the troubled but talented boxer, Mike Tyson, and his tragic fall from glory. *Michael Jai White, George C. Scott (2h)*
 7:00 PM
3 ★★ Sin City (2005, Crime Story) An adaptation of Frank Miller's stories about revenge and despair in a fictional city. *Mickey Rourke, Jessica Alba (2h15)*



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253 359	CITY 8:00 Breakfast TV	Various	Cooks	Relic Hunter	CityLine/M Ellen	Cooks	Spin City	Various	Movies							
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615 520	A&E City Confidential/M 24	American Justice	Various	Various	Various	TH Glory	Various	TU Airline	Various	TU Plot	City Confidential/M 24	American Justice				
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407 419	RSP Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News	Various	Various	Various	Prime Time Sports					
22	KSTW 8:00 The Daily Buzz	The 700 Club	Frasier	Frasier	Divorce	Divorce	The People's Court	Alex	Alex	The People's Court	Home I.	Sabrina				
24	KVOS Various	TH F Paid	Your Day	Various	Paid	Paid	Funny!	Funny!	The People's Court	Various	W Paid	Matlock				
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288 380	KOMO 7:00 Morning Am.	Regis & Kelly	The View	KOMO 4 News	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest								
65 394	VISION It's a New Day	Mass	Various	Various	Marshall	Crede	Various	Various	Various	7th Heaven	Various	Martian				

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Sinclair serves up fine musicianship

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Contributor
"Oh, he's cute," exclaimed my companion as we settled into our ArtSpring seats on Sunday afternoon to enjoy Denzel Sinclair along with a sold-out crowd.

Though not necessarily a criteria for jazz vocalist/pianists, good-looking charm is a righteous place to start. A skilled voice with the piano chops to support it and a fine trio backing it up ensures much more than what decent genes can provide, mind you.

Playing most of the cuts off of his third and latest CD called *My One and Only Love* on the Verve label, ballads were the order of the day.

"I hope you had your morning naps," Sinclair joked. "All the songs are slow, slower, and slowest."

Choosing a wide range of repertoire that wasn't strictly jazz, his phrasing and jazz players — tenor saxophone player Mike Allen, bass player Russ Botten and drummer Dave Robbins — turned familiar pop songs into jazz-felt tunes.

A versatile singer with a laid back but in-the-pocket approach to rhythm, he has been likened to Nat King Cole. Most noticeable on his vowels and slides up and down to notes, this vocalization was not the only styling.

When subtle dynamic shifts, soulful renderings or complex jazz forms were more appropriate, he used

them to show a superb understanding of the music. His piano playing acknowledged this expertise and creativity as well.

Opening with a sweet joke that won us over, the entire first set, except for the last song was a potpourri of pop.

Willie Nelson's *You Were Always on my Mind*, The Platters' *Smoke Gets in your Eyes*, *Follow You, Follow Me* by Genesis, Roberta Flack's *I Can See Clearly Now*, and *Here Comes the Honeyman* from George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* were all given tender treatment and innovative styling.

The closer, *Estéte*, a song made famous by the late great Shirley Horn, also a Verve artist and vocalist/pianist, encouraged the audience's "Guess that Tune" capability with musical quotes in Sinclair's piano solo. After much debate and scating in the lobby, Sinclair told the clutch of people left that besides *Papa Was a Rolling Stone*, it was Wayne Shorter's *Footprints*.

A blistering exit tune at Charlie Parker speed before intermission revved the crowd up and had me longing to listen to these excellent musicians let loose on something more up-tempo.

After intermission, ballad-land was put on hold while *You Treat Me So Good* with a boogie-woogie feel got Sinclair's long legs tapping under the piano. An exceptionally tasty drum solo by Robbins shone.

Starting with a walking

bass and tenor fill, Harold Arlen's *I've Got the World on a String* saw Sinclair stand up from behind the piano. It was fascinating to watch his microphone technique and some of Salt Spring's young vocalists should have been there to see how it's done.

Gershwin's *For Me, For You, For Evermore* highlighted a lovely melodic bass solo.

My One and Only Love rounded out the second set before Allen started to really wail on that exit song. An Antonio Carlos Jobim song encored the expectant crowd.

Judging by a couple of mooning couples, this concert was a Valentine treat well served by excellent musicianship and charming repartée.

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Spring break arts camp, Faerie Harp story offered

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FABRIC ART: Collector Jim Erickson is seen with a colourful display of antique quilts exhibited at ArtSpring last week. Called Family Jewels: ParLOUR Quilts of the 19th Century, the exhibit was presented by Stitches Quilt Shop in association with Erickson. At right is a multi-coloured quilt from the 1880s, which appears to be three-dimensional.

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Cuban blockade effects seen in Film Festival Café showing

Our Island, Our World Film Festival will host the second Film Festival Café event at Barb's Bun's on Thursday, February 23.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. for those who wish to partake of food, beverages and conversation with friends, with the film starting at 7 p.m.

This month's film will feature Cuba. With voices from the streets of Havana and the Cuban countryside, *Bloqueo* (or blockade) lets Cubans speak for themselves about how they have been affected by the blockade, and what it means to live in Cuba today.

The documentary also fea-

tures analysis from activists travelling with the Pastors for Peace Caravan — an annual journey calling attention to this controversial policy.

Bloqueo looks at the successes that have made Cuba a model in health care, environmental stewardship and other arenas that forge an alternative and ultimately more sustainable, system.

Peace Caravan coordinator John Waller will be on hand to introduce the film and answer questions following.

"Arrive early to get a good seat. We were packed to overflowing last time," suggests Carol Grier, Film Festival Café organizer.

"*Bloqueo* will be a tasty appetizer for the Film Festival. We're featuring over 60 films March 3-5, many with a Latin American theme. We'll also be showing numerous films on food, sustainability and farming. Don't miss the film guide in the Driftwood on February 22."

There will be no charge for *Bloqueo*, but the Film Festival will gladly accept donations to go towards purchasing much-needed equipment, and to support youth filmmaking activities in our community.

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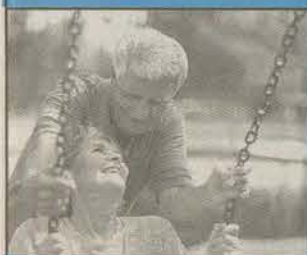
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FABRIC ART: Collector Jim Erickson is seen with a colourful display of antique quilts exhibited at ArtSpring last week. Called Family Jewels: Parlour Quilts of the 19th Century, the exhibit was presented by Stitches Quilt Shop in association with Erickson. At right is a multi-coloured quilt from the 1880s, which appears to be three-dimensional.

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Cuban blockade effects seen in Film Festival Café showing

Our Island, Our World Film Festival will host the second Film Festival Café event at Barb's Bun's on Thursday, February 23.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. for those who wish to partake of food, beverages and conversation with friends, with the film starting at 7 p.m.

This month's film will feature Cuba. With voices from the streets of Havana and the Cuban countryside, *Bloqueo* (or blockade) lets Cubans speak for themselves about how they have been affected by the blockade, and what it means to live in Cuba today.

The documentary also fea-

tures analysis from activists travelling with the Pastors for Peace Caravan — an annual journey calling attention to this controversial policy.

Bloqueo looks at the successes that have made Cuba a model in health care, environmental stewardship and other arenas that forge an alternative and ultimately more sustainable, system.

Peace Caravan coordinator John Waller will be on hand to introduce the film and answer questions following.

"Arrive early to get a good seat. We were packed to overflowing last time," suggests Carol Grier, Film Festival Café organizer.

"*Bloqueo* will be a tasty appetizer for the Film Festival. We're featuring over 60 films March 3-5, many with a Latin American theme. We'll also be showing numerous films on food, sustainability and farming. Don't miss the film guide in the Driftwood on February 22."

There will be no charge for *Bloqueo*, but the Film Festival will gladly accept donations to go towards purchasing much-needed equipment, and to support youth filmmaking activities in our community.

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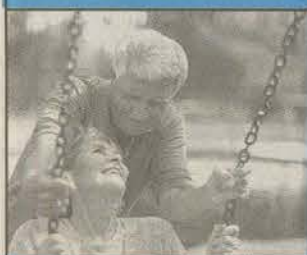
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Friday, February 17, 2:30 to 3:30
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Friday, February 17, 3:30 to 4:30
Ages 8 & up; Max. 8 (class AS04)

Random Nest: weave a colourful nest with Melanie Thompson

Friday, February 24, 10:00 to 12:00
Ages 8-11; Max. 6 (class AS05)

Looming Large: weave your own scarf in this two-day workshop.

Day 1: Friday, March 3, 10:00 to 2:30
Day 2: Friday, March 10, 10:00 to 2:30
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Painting in the Town with Christina Johnson

Paint a huge mural on a banner to be displayed at the Ganges Fire Hall.
Day 1: Friday, March 3, 11:00 to 2:00
Day 2: Friday, March 10, 11:00 to 2:00
Ages 8 and up; Max. 12 (class AS07)

Between the Covers

Bring your favourite book to inspire your creativity, with Suzanne Predergast. Later visit the library to see your artwork in a special exhibition.
Friday, March 17, 9:00 to 12:00
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Clown Around: this is your chance to make up funny character voices with Jan Rabson.

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See real, live ballet in ArtSpring. Everyone is welcome to watch a dance rehearsal and meet the dancers and prima ballerina Veronica Tennant.
Friday, March 24, 2:00 to 3:30
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Song writing with Jim Raddysch

Friday, March 31, 10:00 to 12:00
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Friday, March 31, 1:00 to 3:00
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Freedom-loving Graffiti presents classic Ibsen play

Graffiti Theatre kicks off its new year with a reading this weekend of a controversial play from Scandinavia that remains as relevant today as it was when it was written in 1882.

Henrik Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People* in 1882 is based on a true incident that occurred in Germany when an outbreak of cholera occurred at a spa.

"Ibsen always wrote with ideas at least ten years ahead of his time," notes a Graffiti press release.

"His play *A Doll's House*, about the liberation of women, caused an enormous stir at the time, and the truths he exposes about selfishness and greed in *Enemy of the People* have not dated. It's a play that has long been on the

favourites list of director Yvonne Adalian, because "at heart it champions a spiritual freedom that is so often lacking in society."

Being a futurist, Ibsen was used to being unappreciated, and his belief that "he who is strongest is most alone" is soundly echoed within this play.

In the play, Dr. Thomas Stockmann, a public-minded doctor in a small town famous for its public baths, discovers that the water supply for the baths is contaminated and has probably been the cause of some illness among the tourists who are the town's economic lifeblood.

In his effort to clean up the water supply, Stockmann runs into political cowards, sold-out journalists, shortsighted arm-

chair economists, and a benighted citizenry. His own principled idealism exacerbates the conflict.

The well-meaning doctor is publicly labelled an "enemy of the people," and he and his family are all but driven out of the town he was trying to save.

"Could this be Salt Spring?" asks Graffiti.

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SUNDAY, FEB 19 8:15 PM. 14 *** The Butcher's Wife (1991, Comedy) A southern clairvoyant marries a New York butcher and gives advice to his customers. Demi Moore, Frances McDormand (2h15)

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14 *** Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003, Action) A deadly Terminatrix arrives to kill teenagers destined to save the world from machines. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl (2h35)

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14 *** Brown Sugar (2002, Romance) A magazine editor and a hip-hop record executive stumble into romantic territory. Taye Diggs, Sanaa Lathan (2h)

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 21. Table with columns for time slots (4:00-11:30) and channel/program details.

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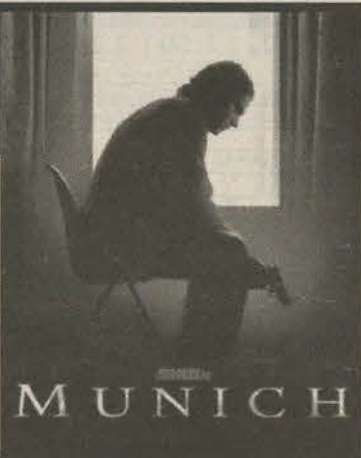
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<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Songwriters Showcase. At Barb's Buns, 8 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>SS Zen Meditation Circle. Wednesdays at 210 Cedar Lane, 7-9 pm. Info: Rowan, 537-2831.</p> <p>Dog Training. Wednesday series with Sheri Standen begins at Central Hall, 537-5646.</p> <p>Dr. William Code. Immune system expert gives free talk at Mahon Hall. Reserve seat through Patty at 537-0798.</p> <p>North End Toy Library. Wednesdays at SS Elementary multi-purpose room, 10-11:30 am</p> <p>Storytime With Ms. S. Fun book program at SS Library for kids aged 6 and under. 10:30-11 am</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Shipstones Grand Re-Opening. With Matt & Tom's One-Night Stand, 8 pm</p> <p>Sweetwater. Jazz & bossa nova at Tree House South.</p> <p>Open Stage. At the Fulford Pub Thursdays.</p> <p>Alan Moberg. West Coast balladeer plays at Tree House South.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Beaver Pt. Scottish Country Dancing. Beaver Pt. Hall, 7 pm. Info: Pat, 537-0087.</p> <p>Belly Dance. Thursdays at Ganges Yoga Studio, 7-8 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Shipstones Grand Re-Opening. With Interchill DJs, 8 pm</p> <p>Sundogs. Tree House South.</p> <p>Karaoke Night. Co-op Preschool fundraiser with Tom Hooper. Lions Hall, 7:30 pm. Advance tickets only through Shari (537-2286) or Maggie (537-5955).</p> <p>Mark Reeves. Moby's, 9 pm</p> <p>Tom Hooper. Tree House South.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Rollerblading to Music Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm</p> <p>South End Toy Library. Fulford Elementary gym, 10:30-11:30 am. (Note new day & time) Info: 653-9904.</p> <p>Tooning Around. Cartoon drawing with Donald Gunn. At ArtSpring. For ages 6-8; 9:30-10:30 am. For ages, 9-plus, 11-12.</p> <p>Bang! Explore Percussion Instruments with Laurent Boucher. ArtSpring. For ages 6-8, 2:30-3:30 pm; ages 8-plus, 3:30-4:30 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Loaded. Dance music at the Fulford Pub.</p> <p>Billie Woods. Samba, bossa nova & more at Tree House South.</p> <p>Barley Brothers. Newgrass music at Tree House South.</p> <p>Planet Music. At Barb's Buns, 9 pm</p> <p>Shipstones Grand Re-Opening. Hang the DJ, with DJ Matt, 8 pm</p> <p>An Enemy of the People. Staged reading of Henrik Ibsen play by Graffiti Theatre. Mahon Hall, 8 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Valentine's Evening Dessert Potluck. SS Newcomers Club. 141 Pine Place, 7:30 pm. Call 537-1813.</p> <p>Saanich Chiefs & Elders Speak. On Saanich and cultural heritage. Lions Hall, 2-4 pm.</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Barley Bros. Fulford Pub, 6 pm</p> <p>An Enemy of the People reading of Henrik Ibsen play by Graffiti Theatre. Mahon Hall, 2 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Clayoquot Sound. Slide presentation of kayaking trip by Michael Levy, Central Hall, 3 pm</p> <p>Spirituality Through Song. Unitarian Fellowship topic at Fulford Hall, OAP Rm, 10:30 am</p> <p>mon. february 20</p> <p>live entertainment</p> <p>Tim Williams. With opening act Carolyn Hatch. SS Folk Club at Fulford Hall, 7:30 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Salt Spring Island Knitters Group. Stitches Quilt Shop 7:30 pm. Info: Dawne, 537-0738</p> <p>Gabrielle Roth's 5-Rhythm Active Meditation. 5 p.m. Info: 537-4837.</p>	<p>other activities</p> <p>Women's Drop-in Basketball. Middle school gym. 6:30-8 pm. (new location & day) 537-5995</p> <p>tues. february 21</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Circle Dance Group. Core Inn 7-9 pm. Info: 537-9380.</p> <p>Belly Dance. Ganges Yoga Studio, 7-8 pm</p> <p>Pharmasave Walking Club. 30-minute walk. Downtown store. Chris or Mel, 537-5534.</p> <p>We Talk: English as a Second Language. SS Community Ed course begins today. 537-0037.</p> <p>Salt Springers for Safe Food. 440 Old Scott Road, 7 pm</p> <p>Island Farmers Institute AGM. With guest speaker Michael Colgan from Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre - presentation and slides. Upstairs meeting room, Farmers Institute, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>other activities</p> <p>Genealogy Group. Informal group for discussing all things genealogical. LDS Church, 7 pm. Info: 538-1708.</p> <p>SS Zen Meditation Circle. Wednesdays at 210 Cedar Lane, 7-9 pm. Info: Rowan, 537-2831.</p> <p>Fun & Fitness for Seniors. Physiotherapist Michelle Nadon speaks on exercise at SS Seniors, 2 pm</p> <p>SS Garden Club. Bryan Taylor speaks on heather. Meaden Hall, 7 pm</p> <p>SSI Rod & Gun Club. AGM at the clubhouse, 8 pm</p> <p>North End Toy Library. SS Elementary multi-purpose room, 10-11:30 am</p> <p>Storytime With Ms. S. Fun book program at SS Library for kids aged 6 and under. 10:30-11 am</p> <p>Ready, Set, Learn. Fulford Community Elementary School open house, 1-3 pm</p>

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SEEDY OFFERINGS: Above left, Pat Barnes of Bigfoot Herbs shows off her garden fare at the annual Seedy Saturday held last weekend at the Farmers Institute. Above right is Maya Neufeld-Boucher, creating seed cards. Photos by Derrick Lundy

Relay for Life blossoms here

A nationally successful Canadian Cancer Society fundraiser is set to run on Salt Spring this year, as the Relay for Life unfolds at Portlock Park on June 9-10.

The plan will see at least 20 teams of between eight and 16 people gather pledges and then participate in an overnight non-competitive relay, a luminary ceremony and camping event.

John Wakefield is the Salt Spring Relay For Life coordinator.

He emphasizes that Relay for Life is a "fun, non-competitive event." And even though it takes place from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., that doesn't mean participants won't get any sleep.

One team member must simply be on the track at all

times, he notes.

"The main intent is going to be fun, to have a bonding event and to bring people together."

Since available space is expected to go fast, people should start planning to register as teams or individuals through the www.cancer.ca website.

As well, a number of volunteers are needed — some well in advance of the day, and some for the event at Portlock Park itself.

Wakefield is assembling a multi-faceted coordinating committee to ensure all the details are taken care of. Doug Mitchell is the team chair.

One Relay for Life feature is the Survivors' Victory Lap, where community members who have beaten

cancer undertake the first lap of the relay.

The Luminary Ceremony involves the placement of special candles in bags containing messages being placed around the track.

"After being lit during a moving ceremony at dusk, the luminaries provide light and inspiration for participants," notes promotional material.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has granted permission to use Portlock Park for the event, and agreed to waive the park use fee and donate meeting space.

"We are looking for a lot of in-kind donations," said Wakefield.

For more information at this point, contact Wakefield at 537-4624 or jwakefield@bc.cancer.ca.

BRIDGE TRICKS

No ties! Sounds like what Dad wanted for Christmas, but no, it's a happening these days at the duplicate bridge club.

On January 30 Flo and George Laundry took first place, with Patricia MacFarlane and Ima Krayenhoff only half a point behind in the second spot. Joan Conlan and Blanche Poborsa followed closely in third, and fourth were Ron Hall and Bob Morrisette.

Repeating this singular situation a week later, on February 6 John Jefferson and Brent Vickers were sole occupants of first place, with the Laundrys by themselves in second. Coming third were Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick, who was welcomed back after a sojourn in New Zealand.

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Minor baseball signs up youth for new season

Batter up! Registration for Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball and Girls' Softball starts Saturday.

Last year, the club grew by 30 per cent, with some 165 local kids playing t-ball, coach pitch, boys' hardball and girls' softball, said minor baseball association president Gord Hollingsworth.

"We're hoping that we go up even farther this year," he said. "We hope we can get enough numbers in the 14-17 boys so that we can put a team together in the off-island league."

As a highlight for this season, parents will notice that club rates have stayed the same for another year, said Hollingsworth.

"We're pretty proud of this. We've been able to keep the prices the same for years because we have great support in the community."

The club will also be entering a team of 11-12-year-old boys in the Chemainus League this season.

And the club will bring in off-island umpires for local games, he said.

The baseball season starts in the first week of April and runs through June.

Younger players (up to age six) meet once per week, older players practise twice a week and major division (age 11 and up) players meet for two practices plus a third

day of games, he said.

Prospective baseball players only need a glove and shoes, and players over age eight will also need an athletic cup.

"We supply bats, balls, helmets, catchers' gear and all that kind of stuff."

Islanders have helped out with donations for equipment in the past and Hollingsworth would be happy to see more this year, he said.

"It helps because gear is very expensive. We're happy that we were able to spend \$3,500 on island last year . . . That's one of the reasons we are able to keep costs down because we were within budget last year."

The club also has sponsors for all the teams. But the minor baseball club could use a few more coaches, especially for the entry-level players and the older players.

"We lost a couple of good coaches in the older age groups last season as kids have moved on."

Players aged five to 18 can sign up at Sports Traders on the next two Saturdays — February 18 and 25 — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Forms can also be picked up at the store before those dates. A photocopy of the child's birth certificate must accompany registration.

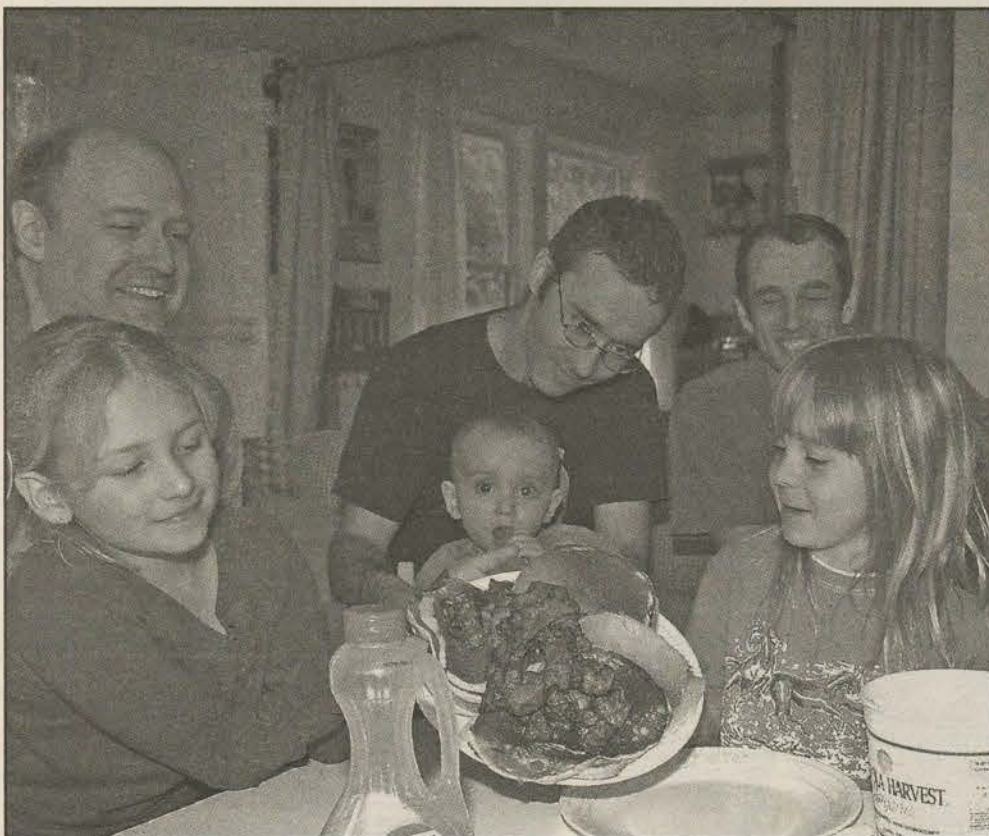
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Garden club has a fling with heather at meeting

The first meeting of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club in 2006 is all about heather and its many varieties, uses and seasons in the garden.

"Many of these plants are providing a very welcome splash of color in our gardens at the moment," notes a garden club press release.

Bryan Taylor is guest speaker for the evening, which takes place at Meaden

Hall on Wednesday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

Taylor is secretary of the Vancouver Island Heather Society and curator of the Horticultural Centre of the Pacific Heather Garden, where he also lectures. He has provided hands-on advice to the Abkhazi Garden and U.B.C., amongst others.

Taylor is a popular speaker

at major garden clubs and in his presentation he will suggest what to buy and give advice on planting, maintaining and growth.

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information with some beautiful pictures and dry humour."

New members are welcome. Cost for non-members is \$5.

Stubbs slides on show

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has had a change of plans for its February 23 social night.

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She will also give examples of different kinds of exercise and how to start a safe walking program.

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Trueman sweeps up curling win

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Keen curlers with their eyes on the coveted "mock rock" endured freezing temperatures inside the Duncan Curling Club Saturday during the fourth annual Salt Spring Island Curling Funspiel.

After valiant efforts from all 12 teams, Team Trueman pulled off a nail-biter of a victory in its championship match against the Driftwood's Missing Rinks squad.

The victory marks the second championship in a row for Alice and Mark Trueman, Steve Leichter and Chris Weber.

Leichter said talk of a dynasty may be premature, but added he already had a special place for the tournament's top prize, an oversized curling stone with the names of past champions engraved on its side.

"I won't even have to dust off my shelf," he said during the awards ceremony in the club's lounge.

"There is a lot of luck in this game, but we'd also like to thank the Driftwood for choking at the



TRUE CHAMPIONS: Steve Leichter, Alice Trueman, Chris Weber and Mark Trueman show off the "mock rock" after winning the 2006 Salt Spring Island Funspiel in Duncan.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

last minute," he added.

Driftwood team members were Sean McIntyre, Tim and Marit McBride, and a man named Darcy, whose wife was playing on another team.

The Truemans capped a successful day with their final rock that just barely managed to knock out a Driftwood stone and give the team a well-earned 2-1 victory.

Tournament organizer James Pasuta said the level of play continues to astound him, and added the tournament is proof that curlers know how to have a good time.

"Most of the people in this tournament have never curled before, but the level of play really surprised me," he said.

Hitting the ice again may have been the last thing on people's minds as the event's 30 participants nursed aching muscles and sore broom shoulders following the 10-hour curling marathon.

With help from Pasuta's inspirational and vocal skipping abilities, his Plan B team managed a remarkable comeback over the Leier clan to clinch third position.

GISS stuffs hoops for championship win

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Scorpions' defence stung opponents at the Lower Islands AA High School Basketball Championships held at St. Michael's University (SMU) in Victoria last weekend.

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys picked off Edward Milne, SMU and Lambrick Park in three straight wins to seize the Lower Island Championship title on Sunday.

"We started out all right," said GISS Grade-10 guard Bob Byron.

Indeed, the Scorpions beat Edward Milne (Sooke) by 75-38 on Friday.

But he wanted to see better work from GISS defence for their following games.

"Our offence kind of kept us ahead by quite a bit, but our defence could've been better."

GISS then took out SMU by 54-40 on Saturday.

"We knew they had some strong players and we knew we would have to play better defence than we did against Edward Milne, so that's what we did."

The Scorpions led scoring by 30-16 at the half and then they let the defence take over, Byron said.

"When we're all clicking, it's great," Byron said.

Scorpions faced the Lambrick Park Lions for the final and took a 71-65 win.

"A large amount of people came out to show their support — students and parents and friends. There was about

80 people from Salt Spring cheering on the Scorpions."

"It was close right from the beginning," said GISS captain Jeremy Byron.

He credited a team effort from the whole bench for the tourney win.

GISS led by 14 points at the half, but they slipped behind at one point in the second half, he said.

"They would come back and tie it and we would regain a bit of a lead."

But GISS earned a double bonus after Lambrick Park got into foul trouble.

"We shot pretty good from the foul line to keep our lead."

The tourney win earned GISS a good berth for the zone championships that start Thursday at Ladysmith, the captain said.

Jeremy Byron was voted tourney MVP while Josh Benloulou and Jordan Borth were named to the first all-star team.

Lambrick Park, Shawngigan Lake and SMU also advance to the island championships.

"Of the eight teams there, four are ranked in the top 10 in B.C."

Number-1 ranked Ladysmith presents particularly daunting opposition, but GISS is placed sixth against Cedar (fifth) and Lambrick (seventh).

Only two teams will advance from the island championships to the provincials, he said.

"We have to win two games in a row this weekend. If we lose one, our season is over."

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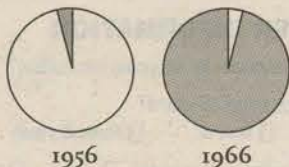
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Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men's team credited Saturday's 3-1 win over Powell River Villa to coaching tips offered by a seven-year-old spectator.

"We were down 1-0 at the half and Liam Hackett came in and gave everybody a speech and a little game plan. He started telling us what to do and he got everybody in a circle and they listened," said FC manager Jordan Morrison.

Liam suggested a strategy to push the ball into the corners, said his mother Cindy Hackett.

"It seemed to work because in the second half we got three goals," said Morrison.

Now the Grade-2 student might be getting a coaching-job offer, he said.

In accordance with Liam's plan, Tyler Laitinen took the ball into the corner and crossed it to Jeremy Morrison for a header to get Salt Spring on the scoreboard.

"We've been shut out in the five previous games," said the FC manager. "It was nice to get that first goal and they just started coming after that."

Jay Moulton scored the second tally with a hard shot to the bottom left corner.

Building on success, FC made a third goal by repeating Liam's plan with Laitin-

en and Jeremy Morrison.

FC had great assistance from Mike Davis (of the Old Boys) in the back line and Joel Berry and Colin McDougall (who came up from the Division-5 team), said the manager.

Jonathon McDonald also had a great game up front for his first game back with the team after his injury, Jordan Morrison said.

"He had a great run around. He probably could've got a couple of goals, but maybe he'll get that next time."

FC next faces Powell River at Portlock Park this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. for Jackson Cup action.



UP AND AWAY: Salt Spring U14 player Alice Paveley runs with the ball as Maddie Fetherston and Dani Severn (back) provide support. The local squad beat Lakehill 3-2 in the coastal cup semi-final match and now advance to the final, which is scheduled for this weekend.

Photo by Joanne Pal

READER SURVEY

The Driftwood welcomes your feedback. In recent weeks, we've made a few graphic changes to the newspaper and we plan a redesign later in the year. Before we do that, however, we'd like to hear from you. This survey will be published for the next three editions. Thanks for your comments.

PENNY SAKAMOTO, Publisher, The Driftwood



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U13s take lower island C-cup title

Salt Spring's U13 Stinger bronze girls won the Lower Island Soccer Association C-Cup title after two spectacular soccer matches in Victoria over the weekend.

Salt Spring toppled the previously undefeated Bays Stompers by 2-1 in a semi-final game Saturday and maintained momentum for a 2-0 cup final win against Gordon Head on Sunday.

Stingers co-captain Megan Jarman received the team's mini-cleat MVP award for the final game after she earned a shut-out in net and displayed steady leadership throughout the tournament.

Impenetrable Stingers defence (yielding a 9-1 goal ratio in cup play) by Alex Crandall, Hayley Harkema, Sofia Sherrin, Abbie Sherwood and Christine Villadsen (among others who also played forward positions) both prevented threats and offered counter attacks for their teammates.

Jody Pringle scored the game winner against Gordon Head with a solo effort only

90 seconds into the match. Becky Edwards notched an insurance goal in the second half after strong build-up play by Sammy Clemente, Jessica Hatchard, Torrie Holmes and Abby Rothwell.

As the game drew to a close, Amalia Smith still threatened three more late chances on breakaways when she was sprung by Chelsea Baldwinson and Alanna Hillis.

Against Bays in the semi-final match on Saturday, Pringle scored the first goal off a sliding kick and Liz Fennell (mini-cleat winner against Bays) sunk the game winner with a blast from the top of the box after the Stompers had equalized with a header in the second half.

Stingers share their victory with teammates Pilar Brooks and Maddi MacKay, who were unable to attend the final. Salt Spring is now gearing up for the Island Regional Championships against the upper island C-Cup winners in Nanaimo on February 25-26.

Sports Schedule

MEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring FC Div. 1 vs. Powell River Villa
Sat., Feb. 18 • Portlock Park • 1:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Old Boys vs. Vic West A
Tony Gover Cup play At GISS
Sun., Feb. 19 • 10:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

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Gymnasts vault home with medals, team spirit award

Fifteen members of the Salt Spring Gymnastics Club spent the February 4-5 weekend at the Seventh Annual Chimo Pyjama Party in Comox.

It was the first competitive meet for six of the athletes.

KIP-level gymnasts were Annika Berendt, Sedona Brooks, Emily Christie, Mikaela Fraser, Alexandra Murphy-MacDonald and Junessa Sladen-Dew.

Fraser and Murphy-MacDonald achieved gold level on vault, Berendt and Sladen-Dew received silver, and the rest were able to reach the bronze level.

On floor, Fraser received gold, with Murphy-MacDonald achieving silver and the other reaching bronze.

Silver medals were also awarded to Fraser and Mur-

phy-MacDonald on beam, with the others reaching bronze level.

Bronze level was achieved by everyone on the uneven bars.

Sunday was a full day for coach Noella Fraser. She started off the morning with the Level-1 Novice girls — Kaitlin Brunt, Rachel Drummond and Tess Eddington — and Level-1 Open gymnasts Jessica Fettis and Katrina Villadsen.

Personal bests were achieved by Brunt on vault, who also earned a gold medal; Fettis on vault with a gold and a bronze on beam, floor and uneven bars.

Fettis' placings allowed her to finish up with an overall second-place finish and a silver medal.

Villadsen was able to place seventh overall in her level, with Brunt, Drummond and Eddington finishing seventh, eighth, and ninth respectively.

In the afternoon, the Level-1 Tyros and Provincial Beginner Tyros hit the mats. Samantha Brunt received bronze for a personal best on vault in Level 1.

Jenna McRobb placed sixth on beam, with Sarah Robinson coming in eighth.

Kristi Reynolds, in her first competitive meet, placed ninth on floor.

On Sunday morning, five Level-1 novice and open gymnasts were able to pull off the Team Spirit Award. A special thanks was given to Rachel Drummond "for being soooo loud!" notes a press release on the event.

U12 boys take out Lakehill

Leh Smallshaw took "player of the game" honours, Jyah Flam nailed a hat-trick and Byron Mussell had a great game in net as Salt Spring's U12 boys beat Lakehill 6-3 on home turf last weekend.

Although the local squad dominated the first 10 minutes, Lakehill was first on the scoreboard on a break-away play.

Showing "poise and patience," Salt Spring was rewarded at the 20-minute mark when Flam took a throw-in, sending the ball

SOCCER KICKS

to Cameron Potapoff, who sent it back to Flam. Flam crossed it to Luc Comeau, who put it in to tie the game.

With two more quick goals from Flam and Luc, the locals were up 3-1 at the half.

Lakehill scored again, but brave goalkeeping by Mussell prevented the team from taking the lead.

Then Derek Oswell linked up with Comeau, who sent Adriano Alonso on a run with Flam acting as a decoy for the defence. The resulting shot beat the goalkeeper.

Two additional good goals from Flam gave Salt Spring a lead they would not relinquish despite a determined Lakehill effort that resulted in a late goal.

Smallshaw was named player of the game for his determined tackling against taller, physical opponents and his willingness to overlap on attack.

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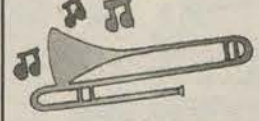
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Celebration of Life David R. Jackson
Please join David's friends in a celebration of his life on Sunday, February 19 3:00 to 6:00 pm Meaden Hall The Legion

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20 COMING EVENTS

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

EXCITING WATERCOLOUR Workshops with Libby Jutras starting week of Feb 20. Beginner or Intermediate, small groups. libby@saltspring.com or 537-1952.

MORE DOG Training classes (Level 1) with Sheri Standen scheduled for March 2 - April 13 (7 Thursdays) at Mahon Hall. 537-5646.

BEGINNER'S BODY BALL CLASSES

For 5 Tuesdays, starting Feb. 21, from 5:45 - 6:45pm at All Saint's Church basement. Pre-register by Feb. 14 for \$30. Register by Feb. 20 for \$35. Your own exercise ball and sticky mat are required. For more information and to register, please contact Minzie at 537-4004.

MORNING CARDIO BALL CLASSES

At All Saint's Church basement. Monday and Fridays from 9 - 10am, starting Feb. 20. Your own exercise ball and sticky mat are required. For more information, contact Minzie at 537-4004. SSI ROD & Gun club. Annual General Meeting, Wed., Feb. 22, 8pm. 221 Long Harbour Rd.

7 IN MEMORIAM



Paul Ramer came into Sandi Johnson's life, a gentle fisherman with a big Heart, and helped her find her way Home. Now he has sailed away, his Love her guiding star. We all miss Paul very much. - Sandi & Paul's friends

20 COMING EVENTS

POTTERY WORKSHOP
Pat Webber is currently taking registration for her summer workshop. For information call 537-8871.

"The Old Fart"
Celebration of the Life of Lester Reimer. Sunday, Feb 19. Farmer's Institute Building, 12 to 4pm. UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP: Singing Our Worship service. Come join us as we sing our way through this service with Unitarian singer/songwriter & workshop leader Joyce Poley, Fulford Hall OAP, Feb. 19, 10:30. All voices are welcome.

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Gulf Islands 10 Minute Play Competition Workshop & 2006 Launch
Sunday, February 26 1 - 4 pm Mahon Hall
Facilitated by Libby Mason.
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Suggested Donation \$5.

20 COMING EVENTS

BC SPCA SALT SPRING ISLAND BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, Feb. 18 1 pm at Mahon Hall 114 Rainbow Rd
For the purpose of: Electing members of the Community Council for the Branch, as well as conducting any other business of the Branch
For further information call 537-2123

Beacon Employment Services is hosting an Employer Forum
on Feb. 23rd from 10:15 am - 12 pm.
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20 COMING EVENTS

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32 MEETINGS

Islands Trust
SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has called a special meeting to consider recent applications to amend the Land Use Bylaw and Official Community Plan and matters of general business.
DATE: Friday, Feb. 17, 2006
TIME: 2:00 pm
PLACE: Baptist Church Lower Hall 520 Lower Ganges Rd.
Please note that entry to the Lower Hall and vehicle parking is located at the rear of the church building. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144

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Day Vendors register at the Market starting Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 am.

New vendors must show proof that they make their product.

Call 537-4448 for office hours or more information.



INTERESTED IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY?

Two vacancies have occurred on the Salt Spring Parks & Recreation Commission

The Commission includes 10 members, appointed by the CRD Board, plus the CRD Director for Salt Spring Island. Current vacancies will be filled for the remainder of the respective terms. One position will be filled for the remainder of 2006; the second will be for the remainder of 2006 and 2007.

Interviews will take place on February 28, 2006.

Application forms are available by email at parc@saltspring.com

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Mon. to Wed. 10 am - 2 pm

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Please submit your application form no later than Feb. 27, 2006 to:

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SECRETARY WITH legal experience required by law firm with office in Ganges for permanent full-time position. Please forward resume to McKimm & Lott, Barristers & Solicitors, 201-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2S4 or email to saltspring@mclott.com.

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PART-TIME BIOLOGIST with SSI Conservancy. Duties: fieldwork to identify and map sensitive habitats/wildlife; contact with local landholders; surveys, and community education. Qualifications: excellent communication skills; degree in biology; related work experience; and knowledge of Salt Spring Island Conservancy. Anticipated timeline: March 1st to December 31st. Send resumes to: Biologist, Salt Spring Island Conservancy, PO Box 722, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3 by February 24th. Only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

PART-TIME OFFICE Assistant with the SSI Conservancy for up to 20 hours per month. Duties: taking minutes, preparing reports/grant proposals, and maintaining database. Qualifications: excellent writing skills; related work experience, and background in conservation an asset. Anticipated timeline: March 1 to December 31. Send resumes to: Office Assistant, Salt Spring Island Conservancy, PO Box 722, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3 by February 24th. Only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

GANGES VILLAGE Market has an opening in the Deli Dept. Must be able to work flexible hours (nights, weekends, holidays, etc.) Experience & Food Safe an asset, but not necessary. Please apply or drop off resume at Deli. 2ND YEAR, 3RD YEAR, Journeyman Welders required for major oilfield fabrication shop, Nisku, Alberta. Journeyman shop rate \$27/hour + bonus. Fax 780-955-2780. Phone 780-955-7433. Email: safety@mastco.ab.ca.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION PART-TIME ADMINISTRATOR

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is seeking a part-time Administrator to support the work of the Trustees.

Responsibilities will include taking minutes of meetings, maintaining a donor database, and other diverse administrative duties.

The Foundation is seeking an individual who is able to work up to 25 hours per month on a flexible basis, is computer literate, and enjoys working independently.

Please submit applications by February 24, 2006 to The Governance Committee, ssifoundation@saltspring.com or Salt Spring Island Foundation, Box 244, Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V9.

RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT REQUIRED PART TIME STARTING MID-MARCH

Minerva Research & Communications is looking for the right person to assist with continuing evaluation of a school-based violence prevention program and other social research projects. Must be comfortable with basic quantitative and qualitative research methods, a self-starter, meticulous, have own PC and car. Familiarity with MS-Word, Excel essential. Familiarity with SPSS an asset. Letters of interest with resume by February 20th, Driewood Box 10, Serious inquiries may call 537-5599 for more information.

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Basement Sale. February 18 & 19, 9am - 4pm, 121 Chock Rd. (up Charlesworth). Furniture, beds, kitchen table & chairs, toys, garden tools, lawnmower, kitchenware, pictures, computer monitor, freezer. Everything must go... including the house.

215 SHEPHERD HILLS Rd., 9am - 2pm, Feb. 18. Sale of quality items, furniture, picture frames, art & art supplies (eg. ornate mirror), black Oriental cabinet... reasonably priced.

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Pine portable kitchen cart with drop leaf sides, shelves & drawer, 26"x20"x33-1/4", \$150. Very attractive dark stained pine bookcase, 76"x24" w, \$225. Karen Mazzei handwoven rug \$175, 60" X 26", dark to light blue tones. Original Angie Hempel painting, "Woman at Lake", \$900. Plus some misc. artwork & a few smaller items. 537-1213.

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DUE TO construction delays, Salt Spring Island Antiques and Architectural Salvage has renewed their lease at Merchant Mews. Current stock will continue to be offered at clearance prices, new stock arriving. Feb. special dining tables.

5 KW ONAN electric Generator. Propane fire, with remote transfer switch \$3000. 250-652-0753.

WATER TANK cleaning service, power wash, vacuum, sanitize and refill. 10% off until May 15. Isles West Water Services. Damon 537-4884 or Bob 653-4513. Bulk water & tank sales.

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HOT TUB for sale. 6 person, free standing, good condition. Rebuilt pump, new heater, \$1800. 537-5147.

GARAGE SALE: 215 Shepherd Hills Rd., 9am - 2pm, Feb. 18. Sale of quality items, furniture, picture frames, art & art supplies (eg. ornate mirror), black Oriental cabinet... reasonably priced.

DOUBLE-SIZE MATTRESS (54" X 75"), clean and in good condition, \$50 or best offer. 537-4388.

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CUTE PET? Enter your pet's photo in the Driftwood's annual Pet Hall of Fame contest for just \$10.95 + gst. You could win a prize and help the Salt Spring SPCA. We'll publish all the photos on March 15. Deadline to enter is March 3. Bring in your best pet photo to The Driftwood or email to: driftwood@gulfislands.net.

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SALT SPRING Island Recycle Depot is located at 349 Rainbow Rd. We are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. This service is operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Please call The Recycle Depot at 537-1200, or Community Services at 537-9971 for information on materials accepted for recycling.

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510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

OFFICE SPACE available. One 4 room suite and one 2 room suite suitable for professional, studio or retail/workshop use. Home Design Centre, 320 Upper Ganges Road. Inquiries 537-5340.

STUDIO/OFFICE space available mid-March. Approx. 700 sq. ft., includes vacuum hood, industrial sink, 22 volt outlet, great light. \$500/month + strata, tax, & utilities. Businesses only! No live-ins. 250-538-8080.

LOCAL, ESTABLISHED business is looking to share commercial office space with complementary enterprise. We are centrally located in Ganges on a main thoroughfare with good frontage. Would suit a one or two person operation. Contact 250-386-8444 Ext. 206 for more information.

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6	2	8	4	7	9	5	1	3
7	5	4	3	1	6	2	8	9
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Red is the Colour

This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the week

Pluto is now in alignment with the galactic Center or G.C. This event only occurs every 248 years and the last time it occurred we were not even aware Pluto existed! This aspect will be operative for about one year. Pluto is all about clearing, purging, transforming, death and rebirth and Sagittarius is all about beliefs, religion, culture, laws and customs. Putting the two together, we might imagine that there will be a lot of changes on international fronts over the course of the next year from about this date. Many believe that this will prove to be a major turning point in the direction of humanity as whole. The effects will probably be felt on both personal and collective levels. The tension stands to build until late March initially. Some feel the impact will be geological as well as political, social, cultural and religious. With Jupiter currently in Scorpio, it and Pluto are in a relatively harmonious configuration, so whatever unfolds from this dynamic and dramatic alignment, we may gain solace in the idea that it will be ultimately for our highest good, especially in terms of core beliefs and visions. Given the current world situation especially in terms of the ecology, we are need of some big shift anyway. We are giving birth to a new humanity, may the delivery be smooth.

P.S. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A rebellious attitude continues to rumble and will even increase this week. This could cause conflicts of varying degrees with friends, family and co-workers. Reality may clash with your ideals and desires. Your willingness to new learn new skills and methods is ideal. Sometimes it is better to go with the flow. However, you may simply want to escape it all somehow. Be careful of substance abuse, it will probably backfire. If necessary seek wise counsel.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

Realizing your ideals, dreams and goals especially in public and professional arenas is now at center stage. Your ambitions are peaking and you are in the mood to act decisively. You may feel the need to make sacrifices of one kind or another but not the desire. It is possible that you feel quite stressed about it all. You would like to have some deeper understanding and insight to see you through. Close friends may be good but may not be able to help. Ask for guidance.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Exploring new horizons somehow continues. Whether in mind, body or both you are stretching to see and be in new ways. Your ability to see people and situations for whom and what they are includes looking clearly at your self as well. Creating a healthier lifestyle remains central. This probably includes eliminating certain things and/or associations. Taking a good look at your diet, addictions, habitual patterns and attitudes may be necessary. Break free!

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

It seems like this is a time of purging on one level or another for many people including you. Your tolerance in certain areas is reaching its peak and, although spring is not yet here, you are in the mood to do a big clean-up. Your mood may be explosive or you may receive the same from others. Either way, the air will be cleared in preparation for the next stage of events. Do look to others for guidance and advise yet prepare to act independently.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Relationship fronts are the stage for the drama this week. You are in the mood to forge ahead especially on professional fronts and you may not feel as though your closest intimates are able or willing to lend their support. You will want to act diplomatically, yet you may also realize that you cannot please all the people. You may be on the verge of major ultimatums and/or decisive action. Make efforts to see your own blind spots. Investigate the deeper themes.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Changes in your lifestyle may be affecting your relationships and vice-versa. You may need to take space to sort things out inwardly. There is reason to believe that your career and/or social life is about to take off and you will feel compelled to respond. This will create ripples and waves close to home. Travel is a likely possibility. Clear communications are not only ideal, they may be necessary for the sake your health. Speak your mind from your heart.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Awakening to the desire and perhaps need for more fun and play in your life continues. This probably requires that you too make some lifestyle adjustments. Lending an open, yet constructively critical eye to your whole life situation will help. Are you coming from a clear place or are you projecting personal unresolved issues; both may be the case. Acquisitions and investments are highlighted and favourable now. Let imagination and creative thinking lead you to solutions.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Awakening to new possibilities in your life continues. Half of you would like more independence while the other half would like a deeper connection. Deciphering who you are and what you value at this stage of the journey is part of the plot. At worst, you feel confused about your place in the world and perhaps your role in your family. Playing with new ideas in this regard may be necessary, or at least ideal. What actions or roles can make you feel special?

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

It seems that everyone is having powerful encounters on relationship fronts and this includes you. At worst, you are caught in a game of blame or be blamed. If so, be the one to break the cycle by taking more responsibility. Denial visits us all and it hides right behind righteousness. Your ability to access a deep reservoir of faith remains central. This may include acquiring new tools and beliefs. Activate your will to learn and see things in new ways.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Building upon a reliable network and/or key associations with specific power players continues. You have been playing with new angles, prospects and possibilities and the time to implement your ideas is rapidly approaching. Deep changes continue to brew within and your ability to deepen commitments is part of the process. Stubbornly adhering to old patterns will cause pain for you and perhaps others. Look to what is truly fair and act accordingly.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Exploring new visions, philosophies and/or relationships is in focus. Some of your core beliefs and values are changing. You have been in the mood to expand and this trend continues. Amidst the storm, opportunities are presenting. Your charisma is strong these days; so move on. All fair in love and war and the demands of the moment require your full attention. Making new commitment and perhaps investments is an important element in the overall plot.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Your power is growing and expanding these days. Much is happening behind the scenes and perhaps beneath your own awareness. You may wish the pace was faster in certain respects while in others you have to concentrate fully to keep the pace. Talking more down time of late may have been necessary and this will continue for at least another week. The momentum will really take off after that so get ready. Changes close to home are highlighted. Explore new relationship options.

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'Compelling ambience' of local courses featured in worldwide disc mag

An article featuring disc golf on the Gulf Islands hit an international audience of 28,000 subscribers this month.

Hart-Memorial Disc Golf Course at Mouat Park, Golf Island Disc Park on Pender Island and several private courses on the two islands were featured in the winter edition of Disc Golf World received by 27,775 members of the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA).

Local courses will likely get more attention from world-class disc golf players as a result.

"Oops, we're famous for one more thing on Salt Spring," said local disc golf advocate Fritz Arnold.

"I think there's going to be some echoes over the next few seasons as a result of this story."

For people unfamiliar with the relatively new sport, which was formalized in the

1970s, disc golf is akin to ball golf, except that players throw a disc (or Frisbee) at a metal basket or tone pole.

The sport has grown rapidly over the last two decades.

In 2005, the PDGA hosted over 600 events with a purse of \$1.4 million on its pro tour. The PDGA website boasts an international directory of 1,975 courses.

In a six-page article for PDGA members in Disc Golf World, U.S. visitor Rob Lyon celebrated island courses for their "Ripvanwinklesque" terrain, "compelling ambience" and the "artsy, eccentric and romantic" locals who play there.

Lyon also described island amenities and the charm of the region at length.

But Lyon described Mouat Park as a "short, technical" course and Arnold believes competitive players need a place where they can practise long drives.

"If we had a world-class

course, we could bring in world-class players and host the provincials or the nationals."

Arnold thinks Salt Spring is ready for another public disc golf course and he'd like to see it located at the new park in Burgoyne Bay.

"If we had a second public course, it would ease the usage and it would make more room for parents and children to come downtown."

He's walked out a site on the old Burgoyne farmstead that wouldn't impinge on walkers or make a significant impact on the ecosystem.

And the Hart Memorial course has settled into steady use now that it's eight years old.

Even during the wet season, some five to 25 players use the course every day. And during peak times in the summer, a steady stream of players pass through the 18-hole course, he said.

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By LOUISE DOUCET
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring's U17 boys team travelled to Finlayson Field Sunday evening to face off against Bays United.

The local squad dominated play from the onset of the game with beautiful triangle passes from deep in their defensive end to the attacking third.

Far outplaying the opposing team, they passed the ball with accuracy and skill.

However, this game was not to be theirs as they were

pitted against an aggressive team and a referee who appeared to specialize in missing serious fouls.

The first goal was struck by Bays on a breakaway. It was followed shortly by a beautiful cross from DJ Lake to Tavis Morton, who scored high in the left corner.

Bays retaliated with increased physical play, attacking the Salt Spring goal.

Keeper Brandon Shaw had a stunning save, which rebounded in front of the net.

As he dove to save it again, an opposing player kicked him in the head. Liam Johnson stepped in goal and kicked out the second attempt, but was unable to get a foot on the third rebound shot and Bays scored again.

Shaw, suffering a minor concussion, was taken off the field and Gordon Havelaar went into net.

Within five minutes another Salt Spring player was seriously injured in a check from behind. Jesson Motherwell was carried off the field and the team was left with no subs.

Just before half-time, DJ Lake landed a beautiful kick from outside the 18-yard box to tie the score 2-2.

The second half continued much as the first with Bays using unwarranted physical play and attacking our second goalie.

Salt Spring players kept their composure, playing a brilliant game, but were unable to finish.

The final score saw Bays United winning 4-2.

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