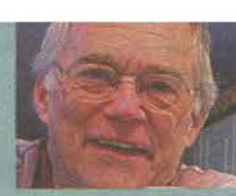




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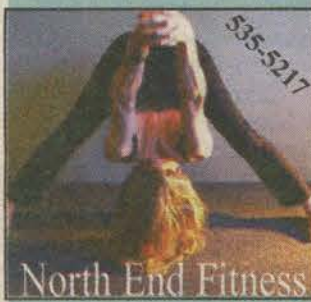


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Fire strikes family home

27 firefighters work on scene for four hours.

A Saturday morning fire has left an island family homeless and in desperate need of a place to live for the next few months.

High Hill Road residents Lari Robson and Diana Thompson and their 13-year-old son Dexter are without housing until their home can be rebuilt.

Thompson said she lit a hot fire in the woodstove after arising to a chilly morning, when at about 10 a.m. she became aware of an unfamiliar crackling noise and looked up to see melted, on-fire styrofoam insulation dripping from the ceiling. There was no other indication of a fire from inside the building.

Once outside, she could see the home's two-year-old shake roof was on fire. Dexter's bedroom above the kitchen was completely destroyed, as was the home's entire roof, and with smoke and water damage sustained throughout.

Thompson said it was "appalling" to see how quickly the fire spread.

Salt Spring Fire Department assistant chief Arjuna George said 27 firefighters worked on the scene for four

FAMILY HOMELESS 2



READY TO FIGHT: Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys basketball players practice for their big game Tuesday night as Lambrick Park challenges the local squad's provincial berth. Winner of the Tuesday night game (which took place after the Driftwood went to press) will head to the provincial championships. Seen here, left to right (front) are: Jeremy Byron, Shawn Lee, Martin Lannan and Josh Benloulou. From left in the back are: Yoni Marmorstein, Eland Bronstein, Kirby Garside, Jordan Borth and coach Lyall Ruehlen.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Feast of Saanich life shared

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

They're known as "the emerging people" — Wsanec or Saanich — the ones who survived a great flood by tying their canoes to an arbutus tree on Mount Newton.

They've also endured by relying on "relatives," including "the relatives of the deep" — what they call the nearby islands created when the Great Spirit tossed people in the ocean to help

feed and shelter the Saanich.

On Saturday, droves of present-day islanders packed Lions Hall as guests of the relatives and emerging people. They heard informal presentations by members of four different Saanich bands, with bridging provided by Tsawout councillor Gwen Underwood and a story, prayer and song led by Saanich elder Harry Underwood.

Not surprisingly, the historical and personal stories, and updates on the rocky

political landscape, often touched on gifts from the lands and surrounding sea, and stewardship issues.

Several speakers elaborated on their elders' teachings that "if you take care of the land, it will take care of you," as Pauquachin councillor Brian James said. "The elders said, 'take what you need and that's all.'"

James expressed sadness about the erosion of his people's ability to live off the land through hunting and

fishing, which he has experienced in his lifetime.

Earl Claxton, Sr., a Saanich language and cultural teacher and historian, observed the Saanich people "were really the first caretakers of the environment and the fisheries," and decried the government's banning of the traditional reef net fishery. He also offered historical tidbits like the fact the sandspit near Ganges was

EMERGING PEOPLE 2

Tom Toynbee recalls Ganges sewer gains

Second in a series
By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

It might've been a turbulent path that saw a sewer system completed in Ganges 20 years ago, but Tom Toynbee feels great pride in the cutting-edge facility benefiting islanders today.

"I want people to realize we are leading the way," said Toynbee.

As a director of the Ganges Sewer Local Service Committee that marked the 20th anniversary of the sewer opening on February 19, Toynbee believes Ganges now possesses one of the

best systems on the Pacific coast.

"The original plant was a good little secondary treatment plant, but the one we have now is extremely good."

He remembers a time when Ganges suffered from deplorable septic systems

and efforts to bring in a sewer were mired in decades of controversy.

"In many ways, it brought out the worst parts of human nature," said Toynbee.

He became involved with the sewer fracas when he moved back to Salt Spring in 1971 to run Mouat's Trading

Co. (after a stint off island for education and work).

"When we arrived here, it wasn't front and centre in my mind. We wanted to carry on with the store."

At that time, the sewer fray had already been underway for 10 years, an incorporation

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AFTERMATH: Salt Spring firefighters ensure a High Hill Road house fire that started on the roof is completely out on Saturday afternoon. Photo by Diana Thompson

FIRE

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hours.

"The structure was largely saved and the fire was contained to the area of origin," said George.

"A few days without rain really dried out the wood shake roof," he added.

While the family has received some welcome offers of short-term housing for rent, none has so far been able to accommodate their dog with an outside fenced area.

If anyone can help the long-established Salt Spring family, Lari and Diana can be reached at the Harbour House Hotel at 537-5571.

EMERGING PEOPLE

From Page A1

a Saanich village known as Syowt, meaning "caution," due to the effects of the south-east winds.

Saanich people are not part of the current B.C. treaty negotiations process, but instead pursue their rights under the Douglas Treaty of 1852, which guaranteed them the right "to hunt and fish as formerly," as if they were the sole occupants of the lands, explained Eric Pelkey of the Senecoten Alliance and other speakers.

Pelkey said the alliance first came together to fight the GSX pipeline proposal from a few years ago, but has since moved on to other projects.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us."

Tseycum Chief Vern Jacks

also raised current political issues, such as the disturbance of their ancestors' burial site at Bedwell Harbour on South Pender Island. "That woke us up," he said. "A lot of our relatives are buried there . . . Those are our landmarks."

First Nations are accommodating so much development in their territory, he said, when it should be the other way around.

Acting Tsawout Chief Lou Claxton recalled the beginning of political action, when in 1975 a marina was planned in front of their reserve, without any consultation with the band.

"All of Saanichton Bay was clam beds," he said. "They didn't care."

He said it appeared gov-

Teller convicted of theft from Ganges CIBC

A local bank teller pleaded guilty to stealing over \$10,000 from her grandmother at Victoria Law Courts on February 9.

Court heard that Kristina Kilbourn used her position as a bank teller at the Ganges branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) to make 12 withdrawals from her grandmother's account, totaling \$11,450 prior to July 2003.

In response to her guilty plea, Kilbourn was ordered to serve a four-month conditional sentence with 60 hours of community service and a ban on possession or consumption of alcohol, non-prescribed drugs or controlled substances.

"She now has a criminal record that will prevent her from working in a position of trust," said Crown counsel Barb Penty.

Drug and alcohol bans are a standard part of conditional sentences, Penty noted.

But the judge declined a routine curfew order because Kilbourn is a single-parent of teenage children who have extra-curricular activities, said Penty.

"The judge said he wasn't going to penalize her children."

Kilbourn was also ordered to pay full restitution to CIBC.

Sentencing had already been delayed by six-months to provide Kilbourn with time to make some payment but that plan was not successful, Penty said.

"None of the money has been repaid to the bank."

Kilbourn has been a community volunteer with numerous organizations and served as the chair of the parent advisory council for Salt Spring Elementary and Salt Spring Island Middle School over six years.

Legal counsel for Kilbourn did not respond to calls from the Driftwood before press time.

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FINE FORMS: Ben Wright tears apart forms from the first concrete pour at Salt Spring's indoor pool construction site. Photo by Derrick Lundy

GANGES SEWER

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tion referendum (based on the need for a sewer) had failed in 1967 and the health inspector prohibited any further Ganges development in 1977 due to the poor septic systems.

"All the commercial buildings in the core had failed systems of one kind or another."

Schools discharged effluent into the harbour, Lady Minto Hospital had a leaking septic field and most businesses in Ganges required pump-outs from holding tanks — weekly in some cases.

"It became clear that if we didn't do something about a sewer system in this town, it would stagnate and we'd have to relocate by percolation."

Mouat's tried to get approval for a private treatment plant but the health officer refused, Toynbee said.

"The die was cast at that point."

As a supporter of the Ganges Sewer system, he faced a constant barrage of opposition from activists, environmentalists, opposing businesses and even Capital Regional District (CRD) director Yvette Valcourt during her tenure from 1979 to 1983.

"It permeated everything," he said.

At one point, Toynbee's opponents called public health inspectors to visit his business on a weekly basis and the sewer battle felt "like Chinese water torture," he said.

"This was ugly stuff. There were no holds barred."

After a sewer permit was



LOOKING BACK: The Ganges Sewer was officially opened on February 19, 1986. Seen here left to right, are MLA Hugh Curtis, Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie and CRD chairman Howard Sturrock. Driftwood file photo

granted by the Pollution Control Branch in 1979, the Sewer Alternatives Committee launched a court case to overturn the order and won in 1981, but the provincial government then legislated a special law, Bill 31, mandating a Ganges sewer system.

Vitriol from the legislature spread into the community in 1981 when opposition NDP MLA Bob Skelly alleged that local Social Credit MLA Hugh Curtis (also the Minister of Finance) supported the sewer as a "payoff to his friends" on Salt Spring — a comment that was later retracted under threat of legal action.

In hindsight, Toynbee believes that the fight between factions became an issue that eclipsed the actual situation in Ganges, he said.

"We lost sight of the objective, which was to cure a problem."

But 20 years after sewer

completion, Toynbee reflects that dire warnings about the environmental impact and high costs of the sewer never materialized.

"It's exactly the opposite of predictions."

The current sewer system treats effluent with UV radiation and a top-notch bioreactor. Solids are removed with fine membrane filters — small enough to capture bacteria — and those solids are transported to Burgoyne Bay for further dewatering before septage is dumped at the Hartland Landfill.

After 35 years of involvement with the project, he is still excited about current and future developments to the Ganges Sewer.

"We've been able to upgrade the system with state-of-the-art technology but the user fees have remained very reasonable."

To be continued next week.

Pool concrete flows

The first batch of concrete was poured for the Rainbow Road pool site last week, as construction gets underway in earnest.

Then at an extraordinary meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) held February 13, one of the few remaining contracts was awarded by commission resolution.

A \$69,969 contract to Westcraft Timber Inc. is for the glu-laminated structures (or wooden beams) required for the pool project.

Commission members and staff expressed optimism about the contract process to date.

"The overall total of contracts awarded and recommended for approval to date is very close to the projected budget," said PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon in a staff report.



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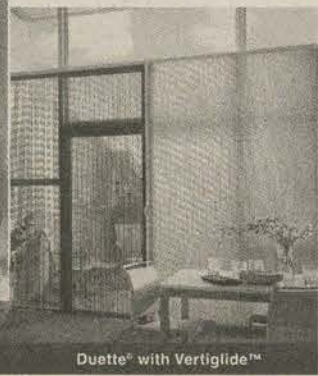
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Trustees consider parkland application

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

The decision to expedite an application calling for 21 homes and 55 acres of parkland along Cusheon Creek is not a green light for the plan, according to trustees speaking at a specially scheduled Islands Trust meeting held Friday afternoon.

"This is a complicated application that will receive the appropriate community consideration," said trustee George Ehring. "We cannot judge what the outcome will be."

Based on Friday's decision, the Islands Trust is now proceeding to select an independent planner for use on a cost-recovery basis at the applicant's expense.

Such procedures are routine when planning costs are likely to exceed the \$5,000 application fee or there is a need to speed up the application process.

Because the project

involves lands from four property owners (Salt Spring Ventures Incorporated, Diane and Gordon Matthews, Evelyn Oldroyd and Fung-Ying Lam) coming on the market simultaneously, Booth said, a quick decision is crucial.

"It's taken five months to get all the property owners at the same time and place for this to happen and there is little time to follow through," Booth told trustees.

According to Booth, an anonymous buyer has expressed interest in acquiring the properties for roughly \$6 million on the condition that it be permitted to construct 21 homes on a 63-acre portion of land north of the Deep Ridge Nature Reserve and Peter Arnell Park between Stewart Road and the shoreline.

A trail through the development would link the existing parks with Cusheon Creek, creating 100 acres of

public parkland in the process.

In exchange for the 14 additional densities required to make the project viable, Booth said, the developer will set aside 55 acres of the properties' most ecologically sensitive area alongside Cusheon Creek as parkland administered by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) and the Islands Trust Fund.

Six densities would be transferred from the parkland lots while eight others would be granted through the official community plan's (OCP) amenity zoning provision based on the creation of public park and recreation space.

According to a preliminary staff report presented to trustees at Friday's meeting, however, the "undevelopable nature" of the donor properties brings into question their eligibility as a community amenity.

Despite this initial concern, PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon said, it appears the land could potentially lend itself to some nice community parkland.

According to the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society president Wayne Hewitt, any opportunity to save parkland ought to be considered, though he expressed concern over

the development's potential impact on Cusheon Lake water levels.

Though Booth supplied hydrology reports indicating sufficient well water for the project, Hewitt said, further research is required to study the subdivision's overall needs and impact.

Though the proposal is in the preliminary stages, Salt Spring trustees said they have additional concerns about proceeding without knowing what a future subdivision would look like.

"It is certainly going to raise the comfort level, the more we know about this project," said Ehring.

Though Booth agreed to provide information regarding water supply and environmental assessment reports, he said subdivision details are contingent on confirming whether or not the plan will proceed.

"While I agree with getting as much information as possible, these points are better dealt with at the time of subdivision," he said. "This is not a subdivision application."

In other Islands Trust news, trustees agreed to initiate a separate cost-recovery process on John MacPherson's application regarding the transfer of five densities from the Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park Lands to a proposed subdivision on North View Place.

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Car theft a crime wake-up call

A Salt Spring woman whose car was stolen from her driveway on Friday night urges islanders to not be complacent when it comes to local crime.

"I think people are so oblivious and so careless," said Bev Serfaty on Monday.

Her Toyota Previa van was taken from her North Beach property while she slept, and later discovered wrecked not too far away.

When people don't lock their vehicles and homes, she said, it makes it easier for crime to occur.

In other police news, a Reynolds Road residence was broken into last week, and a dirt bike was stolen from the 1400 block of Fulford-Ganges Road.

On Sunday a woman reported her bank and credit cards missing and the credit card had been used in Victoria.

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Island incident added to sexual assault list

Sexual assault charges against Victoria-based chiropractor Dr. Michael Buna now include allegations of impropriety from when he practised on Salt Spring.

Victoria Police confirmed nine new complaints of sexual assault in the case against Buna since he was accused of inappropriately touching a female patient late last year, stemming from an incident on or about July 8, 1999.

New charges allegedly involving incidents that took place between 1985 and 2002 are the result of a tip line set up by Victoria Police.

"Over the past few weeks, our detectives have been investigating a bunch of calls that were received on that line," said acting inspector Les Sylven.

According to the B.C. College of Chiropractors (BCCC), Buna practised on Salt Spring between 1984 and 1988 before he worked in offices at Brent-

wood Bay, Chatterton Way, Mayfair Mall and his current office in the Cloverdale Centre for Health on Cloverdale Avenue.

The BCCC determined that Dr. Buna can continue practising under conditions that include requirement of a chaperone throughout all appointments with female patients.

The Victoria Police confidential information line (250-995-7444) is still running.



TRASHED: Tim O'Donnell is seen with garbage left at Drummond Park — part of an ongoing problem in the area that was addressed by a shoreline clean-up last week. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Tides of frustration wash into freedom camp area

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

The ongoing feud between some south-end residents and itinerant campers living near Drummond Park resurfaced on Sunday with claims of an alleged physical confrontation involving the camp's lone inhabitant.

"In the 20 years I've been here this is the worst case of aggression I've ever seen," said Paul Beckmann, more commonly known as Palu Rainbowsong, in an interview on Monday. "This was a darker side of Salt Spring."

Beckmann said he does not intend to give way to "vigilantism," despite the loss of two campers he said were intimidated into leaving the area after recent efforts to clean up the beach.

During the community-led initiative undertaken on February 12, more than 40 individuals helped clear out three dump-truck loads of garbage from the shoreline area, said South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association president Ken Lee.

The clean-up is the latest attempt to address the problem after repeated appeals to government have failed to prevent the "freedom campers" from squatting on the shoreline.

According to Beckmann,

however, what began as an effort to clean up the park became a determined attempt to evict the camp's three remaining inhabitants.

The alleged February 19 confrontation originated a week earlier when clean-up crew participants threw some of Beckmann's personal belongings in the trash, he said.

Salt Spring RCMP members are investigating the incident.

"We are getting different numbers and different views, depending on who we speak with," said Sgt. Danny Willis.

According to Willis, little can be done at the site until the legal status of the campers is established, a project the Capital Regional District (CRD), Islands Trust and RCMP have been working on since 2004.

Some progress has been made in attempts by the CRD via the Parks and Recreation Commission to acquire jurisdiction over the area where campers dwell, but the complicated process involves numerous government agencies.

What may have started as a political statement regarding homelessness or the state of society has now morphed into nothing more than a group of noisy and unruly "indigents and interlopers"

who gather on the beach each spring until high tides force them off the unregulated Crown land, observed an area resident.

Just last weekend, residents complained that Beckmann was shouting insults and profanities as neighbours worked in their yard, according to a report submitted to police on behalf of Fulford resident Johan Gerritsen.

"This barrage of insults and verbal abuse lasted for over 30 minutes, with Mr. Paul Beckmann pacing wildly around the parking area of the children's park, and willfully striding to and fro, through moving traffic across Isabella Point Road, all the while continuing at the top of his lungs with obscenities and threats of violence," the report stated.

In his defence, Beckmann said, his reaction came in response to his continued "harassment on behalf of local residents."

Despite the tension in Drummond Park, Beckmann remains determined to stand his ground until a viable solution to island poverty is achieved.

"The more threats there are, the more determined I will be to stay," he said. "Other members may bow out, but I am not a violent person and will not be intimidated."

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'Rough count' of homeless planned

Salt Spring Community Services Society (SSCSS) is looking for volunteers to help make a "rough count" of the homeless population on Salt Spring and participate in a community potluck dinner.

"A rough count is a method of collecting information to determine how many people are living in substandard or rough conditions or who are actually homeless in a community," said SSCSS program coordinator Ragnhild Flakstad.

SSCSS doesn't have accurate figures about the homeless community on the island and a rough count could help local groups access more funding for shelter services, she said.

"We don't qualify for that funding unless we have evidence based on numbers," Flakstad said.

Similar surveys have been conducted all over the world and a recent Victoria count found a population of 700 individuals, she said.

"We have people on the island living in all kinds of housing apparitions. People live in tents, uninsulated garages, boats and barges without running water and heat. There are people living in conditions one step removed from shanty towns on this island."

Flakstad has also seen an



COUNT: Community Services wants to determine how many people on Salt Spring are homeless and living in shelters such as the one shown above.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

increased demand in services for families and individuals without adequate housing, she said.

"When the cold weather comes, the food bank is overwhelmed with requests for housing."

As a mental-health support worker, she's also had difficulty finding homes for people with mental illnesses.

"We've got three or four people right now who are desperately looking for housing. They're really stable individuals. In Victoria there are facilities for people who are 'hard to house.' We don't have that here."

While some people might

think that homelessness is exclusively an urban problem, Salt Spring might be a notable exception, said SSCSS executive director Rob Grant.

"In B.C., the Gulf Islands and the West Coast are areas that are identified as having chronic homeless issues in the same degree and level and rate as the urban centres."

And Grant believes Salt Spring could have comparable numbers of homelessness to urban centres.

"If they continue to look at it as an urban issue, we need to cozy up to Victoria and say, 'Can we ride on your

coat tails? Because we're really housing the Capital Regional District homeless population to the same degree that you are."

Experienced rough count organizers from the Victoria Cool Aid Society will visit Salt Spring on February 27 to provide a three-hour workshop before the local count is conducted the following day.

Volunteer teams will attend various areas of the island to collect anonymous data between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on February 28.

The rough count will also collect information from the various agencies that assist homeless people on Salt Spring. A second count will also be scheduled in the summer.

A working lunch will be provided during the training session and SSCSS will also host a community potluck dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on February 27 (RSVP to 537-9971).

"It's a 'share the community' and 'feed the community' dinner," said Flakstad.

She invites community members to bring food to the event to share with participants and the excess will be brought to the food bank. SSCSS can use additional volunteers and donations to help support the dinner, she noted.

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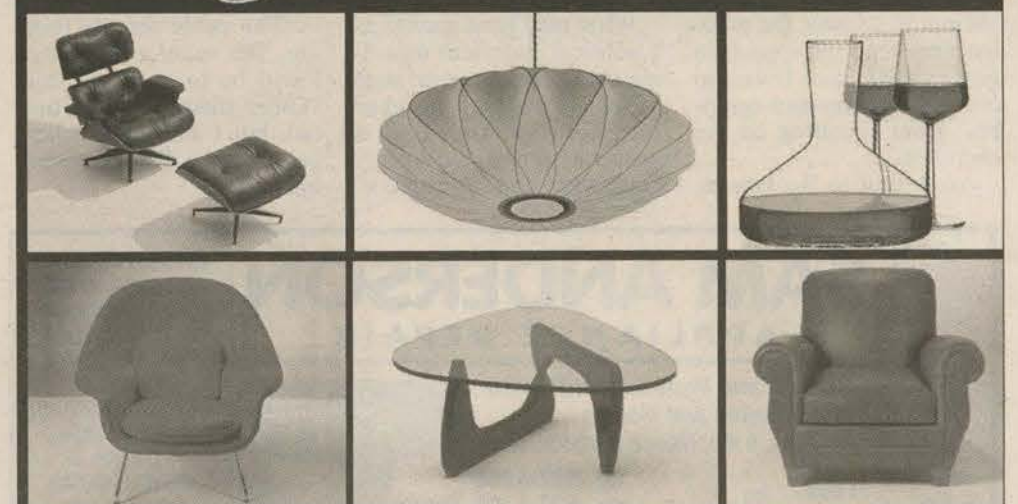
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ANIMAL HELP: SPCA volunteer Caily Cendershaw, left, collects signatures and donations from people such as Brook Borland, who want to help the SPCA stop cruelty to animals. Photo by Derrick Lundy

SPCA seeks end to animal cruelty

Local animal lovers can participate in a province-wide "End Animal Cruelty" campaign run by the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BCSPCA).

The BCSPCA aims to get 25,000 signatures on a petition to lobby the province to provide more funding for animal cruelty enforcement and to change existing legislation in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

"We're going to see how many letters we can get signed here on Salt Spring Island," said local BCSPCA shelter supervisor Jena Peori.

Volunteers set up an information booth outside the Ganges Village Market on Saturday and plan to return for the next two Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Peori hopes to see a change to legislation to make it easier to enforce existing regulations and so there are stiffer penalties for people who abuse animals.

The SPCA is mandated under B.C. law to enforce provincial and federal regulations, but receives little funding compared to the SPCA in other provinces, she said.

"We only received \$71,000 in B.C. whereas the SPCA in Ontario received a million and the SPCA in Alberta received \$850,000 last year," she said.

"If we weren't doing it, there would be a significant cost to the communities and the province."

The BCSPCA received 8,200 complaints of animal cruelty last year and Peori fields several calls each week.

"Most times we get called, there's nothing further to investigate, but if there is it becomes a lengthy and costly enforcement process."

And, even without changes in legislation, the SPCA needs more special constables to enforce existing regulations.

There is only one SPCA special constable based in Nanaimo to cover the Gulf Islands and northern Vancouver Island, she noted.

In addition to the information booth, islanders can get more information, donate to the SPCA and/or sign the "End Cruelty Now" petition at the SPCA office, the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic or at the special SPCA campaign website (www.endanimalcruelty.com).

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2006/2007 FINANCIAL PLAN

The Islands Trust invites input from the public on its annual budget and financial plan. Details of the proposed budget can be obtained directly from the following Islands Trust offices:

1-500 Lower Ganges Road Salt Spring Island, BC Phone: 250.537.9144	700 North Road Gabriola Island, BC Phone: 250.247.2063	200-1627 Fort Street Victoria, BC Phone: 250.405.5151
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This information is also available on the Islands Trust's website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Submissions from the public regarding the financial plan must be delivered by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6, to the attention of the Treasurer at #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8; by Fax: (250)405-5155 or by email at the above noted address.

Spring Grants—Request for Letters of Interest

Salt Spring Island FOUNDATION

The purpose of the Salt Spring Island Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in our island community. Grants are given twice each year to support the work of a wide range of the island's registered charitable organizations and other qualified donees.

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After reviewing the Letters of Interest, the Grants Advisory Committee will provide those organizations meeting the basic criteria with application forms so that they may submit a more comprehensive Grant Application.

NOTICE OF NOMINATION SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given to the owners of land within the Saltspring Island Fire Protection District that nominations for trustee (3 positions) will be received between:

9:00 A.M. Tuesday February 28, 2006 and 4:00 P.M. Friday March 10, 2006

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

Trustee positions are for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on March 28, 2006 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2009.

The Election to be held on Saturday, March 25, 2006 at the Ganges Fire Hall from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the Training Room. An Advance Voting opportunity will be held in the Training Room on Saturday, March 18th 2006 between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.. Candidates shall be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Saltspring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Fire Hall or from Carole Gear, Deputy Returning Officer (250)537 9255 or Thomas F. Moore, Returning Officer (250)472 0059.

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

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Recycled goods not landfilled

The Salt Spring Recycling Depot has had its share of challenges over the years, but has thrived nonetheless.

For depot manager Peter Grant, an opinion piece in the February 15 Driftwood written by islander Meror Krayenhoff was another challenge it did not need.

Krayenhoff implied that goods taken to recycling depots can end up in landfills, as opposed to a German system he described where packaging is returned to the manufacturer. Krayenhoff, known for taking ultra-long-range or alternative approaches to environmental problems, was advocating use of a take-back packaging program.

Grant wants everyone to know that all goods brought to the depot are transported to recycling companies for processing and do not go to the landfill. Recyclable materials are banned from Hartland Road Landfill he notes, and cannot be disposed of there.

Grant and others involved in the depot have over the years battled perceptions that the recycling system does not work as advertised, when it in fact works exceedingly well, he said.

At one point several years ago there was no market for recycled glass and it had to be stockpiled for a time, he said, but that's no longer the case.

After much study in recent years by the Capital Regional District (CRD), it was determined the current recycling depot system, as operated by the Salt Spring Community Services Society (SSCSS), made the most sense for our island.

When the CRD and SSCSS first contemplated renegotiation of a multi-year contract, the CRD's Environmental Services department was not convinced it was the most cost-effective route to go and the depot as we know it could have been lost, or been run by private interests rather than a non-profit community agency.

That would not have been a popular solution, which fortunately did not come to fruition.

Islanders appear to love their recycle depot and, until an alternate solution to the issue of excess packaging is developed, it deserves continued support.

Nonviolence a force to cultivate in both Iraq and Canada — Christian Peacemaker Team member visits Saturday

By JAN SLAKOV

In a world where there are signs that the "war on terror" could escalate to include an attack on Iran, where can we look for signs of hope?

I suggest we turn our attention to those people and movements which are demonstrating that nonviolence is much more than the absence of violence. It is actually a "force more powerful" — even though active nonviolence often involves real risks.

One of the groups using nonviolence to build peace is the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), active in Colombia, Iraq, Palestine, Ontario and other areas. Last fall, four members of a CPT group, including two Canadians, were abducted by the Swords of Righteousness brigade.

What would move people to take such enormous risks? CPT members want an end to violence, especially the organized violence which, in the name of "peace," actually involves war.

They want to help build bridges of love and understanding between peoples of different cultures, faiths and backgrounds and so, do not go as missionaries, but in order to "get in the way" of violence; they want their witness to demonstrate that nonviolence is a much better road to security than aggression and war. Their actions give real meaning

VIEW POINT

Decade for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World, declared by the UN in 1999.

Focussing on violent incidents that make the headlines can distract us from the underlying "big news:" that nonviolence is indeed the force we need to cultivate in this time.

Imagine how you might feel if an invading army had come into your home in the middle of the night, taken you or your partner to a prison where torture was known to be used, and perhaps killed one of your children and destroyed many of your possessions in the raid.

After you recovered from grief and shock, it would be difficult not to harbour feelings of anger, and a desire for revenge.

Can we be surprised that some Muslims might fear and hate Westerners in general?

Many Iraqis have suffered this type of abuse; thankfully, the CPT has been there, doing what it can to document the human rights violations and help families through their trauma. The CPT actually documented the abuse happening at the Abu Ghraib prison long before the graphic photos of torture made headlines

around the world. Imagine how much safer the world would be if the U.S. government had acted to stop the torture as soon as the evidence was available. (In truth, even after that Abu Ghraib scandal made headlines, and Bush and Rumsfeld spoke out against the use of torture, the U.S. government has allowed, probably encouraged, the torture to continue.)

Salt Springers have the opportunity to meet one of the CPT members who has been doing this work of active nonviolence in Iraq. Indeed, he nearly went out with the four other CPT members the day they were abducted. Greg Rollins, of Surrey, will be speaking Saturday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the United Church in Ganges. Thanks to the generosity of Island Star Video (equipment) and the United Church (venue), all donations will be given directly to the CPT.

Greg, who is 33, now has first-hand experience of what he and his fellow CPT workers have been documenting for years: abductions and abuse of loved ones. As much as the CPT has appreciated the outpouring of support and appeals for the release of its members, Greg was "disturbed that CPT's personal tragedy outshines the more frequent abductions of Iraqi civilians."

Similarly, as Canadians, let's not let the situation in Iraq distract us from the

need for active nonviolence here. One of the Canadian CPT members who was kidnapped, Jim Loney, was instrumental in getting the CPT into Kenora, where relations between natives and non-natives have been strained by the legacy of racism as well as mercury poisoning and clear-cut logging that have destroyed the health and livelihood of people at the Grassy Narrows reserve. But things are changing. An Anishnaabe grandmother, trapper and de-colonizer wrote about the work of the CPT not long after the abduction of Jim Loney and the other CPT members in Iraq:

"I was in Kenora during the last weekend that the CPTers were there, the 10th and 11th of December. I was privileged to spend time with them, to lean on and gain from their strength."

"I went to the Sunday service at the First Baptist Church; I had not been to a service there for over 40 years. I had gone to high school in Kenora, boarding with a family that went to that church. Old memories came back as I entered the church, old feelings; but mostly I felt new feelings, feelings of acceptance, of camaraderie, of welcome."

"At the end of the service on that morning, David [a CPT member] got up to speak the Benediction, when a man stood up in the congregation. He excused himself for his highly

unusual action of interrupting a church service. He welcomed the six of us Anishnaabe women who 'had the courage' to come to this church service and went on to talk about what he was learning from the CPT. He said he had never thought of himself as racist but he was learning that, in fact, he was. He said that if any of his relatives, his children, were injured or murdered on the streets of Kenora, he would surely take notice. But because it was happening to Anishnaabe people, he did not notice. It took the work of the CPT for his eyes to be opened. He looked forward to them coming back and welcomed the important work that they do."

"This was just one day after the deadline had passed for meeting the demands of the vigilante group in Iraq. In the midst of the vulnerability that many of us were feeling, the power with which the speakers that morning at the First Baptist Church gave their messages unleashed torrents of tears. Tears of release and healing and hope overcame the tears of fear and anxiety . . . This is the way it has been in the past several weeks, people supporting one another, writing letters and emails of hope and inspiration . . . The interconnectedness of all these messages are part of a world-wide system of peace and love, a message that is so often just words

in a song at this time of the year. Jim's colleagues and friends and family are doing him proud.

"This I know to be true. God: may all our words extend grace and justice, truth and compassion."

The writer is a member of Conscience Canada, which works to ensure that Canadians can direct their taxes towards nonviolent peace-building, rather than towards the military.

Your letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *Which Olympic sport would you most like to try out?*



Dorion Balek

Snowboarding half-pipe because I love getting up in the mountains.



Jennifer Hubert

I'd try ski jumping and just hope for the best.



Steve Strichmann

Bobsleigh seems terribly exciting.



Rhema Cossever

Figure skating because I love to dance and it's so lovely to watch.



Rainbow May

I'm not so competitive, but I would go for the flight to Turin and hope to participate in the Peace or Hugging Olympics.

Letters to the Editor

Volunteer

Have you ever thought about volunteering for the Parks and Recreation Commission? At the present time we are operating with two vacant seats and still the work goes on.

The commission maintains community parks and trails, works with the Islands Trust in evaluating park dedications, oversees the Market in the Park, runs Camp Colossal, and participates in the provision of recreation for islanders. The new skate park is well used and the swimming pool is under construction. There is a lot to do.

Volunteers to the commission come with varied backgrounds and abilities, and all share a commitment to provide our community with opportunities for recreation and leisure.

Commissioners attend two scheduled meetings each month. Committee work gives each member an opportunity to pursue areas of special interest.

The two current vacant positions are for one year, and two years respectively. If you have an interest in the work we do, and have some time to donate, please call the PARC office at 537-4448

for more information, and submit an application form no later than February 27, 2006.

Commissioners are eager to answer your questions, and will welcome your help. Please, just give it a thought.

ROSEMARY TRUMP,
PARC Chair

Slow down

I had to laugh at the front-page article in last week's paper regarding the first annual pothole count. Whilst I have in the past felt irritation at the poor state of our own road, after experiencing the roads in Costa Rica I have vowed never again to complain.

We recently spent two weeks driving around that country, and although we'd read about the poor state of the roads, nothing could have prepared us for the reality. One stretch of 30 km took us three hours to traverse, and for those of you who are mathematically challenged, that's an average of 10 km an hour!

Some of the roads had at one time been paved, only to disintegrate into something resembling Swiss cheese with the potholes far outnumbering the thin web of surviving pavement. Even

the major highways lacked such things as centre lines and signposts.

My personal favourite was the drive we did over two days that necessitated fording no less than 12 rivers; in some cases we had to search for the road out by driving along the running river for several hundred metres.

The upside of this experience was that the state of the roads meant that we had to drive slowly and got to enjoy the magnificent scenery in a way we perhaps wouldn't have done if we'd been whizzing along a freeway. Everyone we met on the roads was cheerful; most waved; no one had an attack of road rage, and getting to our destination felt like a real accomplishment.

One of the worst roads led to the Monterverde Cloud Forest Reserve, a top tourist attraction. Apparently there has been much talk about improving the road, and the decision has been made to leave it just as it is. Even though many Costa Ricans make their living off the tourists, they are also very concerned about the impact thousands of people are having on the delicate environment. So instead of building a highway to facilitate more visitors, they are controlling

the numbers by making the access very difficult.

I think there is something to be learned by this. Maybe we here on Salt Spring should let our roads develop a few more potholes, instead of rushing to fill in the ones we have, and in that way discourage the huge influx of summer visitors so many people seem concerned about. Those fancy, shiny SUVs that have never seen a dirt road might just stay put in their city garages.

Those of us who live here could all learn to drive slower and perhaps look at alternate forms of transport. Lots of Costa Ricans still use horses as their everyday mode of transport. We could put up hitching rails outside Thrifty's and the SS Roasters café.

We live in one of the most beautiful spots on earth. Let's all slow down and enjoy the view.

AMANDA SPOTTISWOODE,
Long Harbour

Review appointments

I felt compelled to write to MP Gary Lunn as my representative in our parliament about my grave concerns regarding the appointment of

four individuals to the new Conservative government.

Firstly I mentioned the undemocratic appointment of Michael Fortier, the unelected Conservative campaign co-chairman who was elevated to cabinet and given a Senate seat. It is clear the Conservatives campaigned on Senate reform, and this decision is in direct conflict with Conservative policy.

I was shocked to hear about Prime Minister Harper's soliciting of David Emerson from his newly elected Liberal seat before parliament is even in session. This is scandalous and damaging the reputation of your new government. Knowing that Emerson was also given a portfolio when elected Conservatives were not is completely undemocratic. I am opposed to any strengthening of NAFTA, and if giving Mr. Emerson the trade portfolio is the beginning of "back-room" negotiations, Mr. Lunn should know that his constituents will be at his door.

Honourable Gordon O'Connor has been given a potentially contentious post as the new defence minister, considering his past work as a military procurement lobbyist. His new job will

put him in charge of massive spending on military procurement and that makes me think that all his past clients will be getting billion-dollar contracts without a transparent and fair process for other industry bids. He is biased contrary to his insistence that he is objective. Again, this is being perceived as "back-room" politics and is not a good start to the term in government.

To end last week, I heard about the appointment of Honourable Ted Menzies, the Alberta MP, to a position of parliamentary secretary for the Francophonie and official languages, although he speaks no French. This is an incredibly poor decision, an insult to Francophone people of Canada, and I believe that he will have great difficulty in carrying out his job.

It would seem to me that the new Conservative government that prides itself on reform, democracy, transparency and integrity has shown us everything else but those principles. I would like to see these appointments reviewed and retracted.

MAGGIE O'SCALLEIGH,
Salt Spring

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Fulford beach clean-up shouldn't be left to citizens alone

By **KEN LEE**

The following letter from concerned south end residents was sent to the premier and copied to those government ministers responsible for the affected area.

Following unsuccessful recent attempts to solicit help from various government officials to clean up Fulford Bay, on Sunday, February 12, local residents undertook such a clean-up on their own initiative.

Some 40 volunteers, assisted by Mark Hughes and his dump truck, a backhoe and a tractor, removed several stashes of accumulated items from Fulford beaches: amounting to three large dump truck loads of debris. George Ehring and Peter Lamb from the Islands Trust were on hand to assist and be impressed by the extent of the littering along the west side of the bay. Among empty plastic milk jugs, plastic containers and styrofoam, volunteers discovered the following: several

GUEST COLUMN

car batteries; numerous cans of paint and paint remover and dirty brushes; two full propane tanks; many jars, bottles and containers holding gasoline, oil and unidentified liquids (with labels dissolved by salt water); masses of plastic bags and plastic sheeting; numerous pieces of electronic equipment, including a television set, several video recorders and a video camera; a crumbling electric outboard motor; abandoned tents; a wide variety of clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, towels and other linens; unused tins of food; and, inexplicably, a window and a jug of Windex. There was much more.

All these items had been submerged in sea water and were immediately adjacent to the shoreline, beside a public roadway and

next to a children's park.

It should be noted that, while our efforts took most of the day, large parts of the affected shoreline were left untouched by the clean-up. In particular, a large property at the near end of Musgrave Road which straddles Isabella Point Road has an extensive shoreline segment which is also inhabited by many of our island's homeless living in boats, campers, tents and other temporary shelters. Volunteers did not venture onto this piece of private property although its shoreline is littered with stashes of debris similar to those removed.

We are outraged that tax-supported provincial and federal ministries with responsibilities for highways, transportation, fisheries and oceans and the environment refused to take any share of responsibility for this initial clean-up. Surely now, in the light of the evidence cited above, these ministries should reassess these

refusals and recognize their own interests lie in monitoring and, hopefully, eliminating the impacts of unauthorized and illegal long-term "camping" along our shorelines. The fees for dumping the debris collected this weekend were in excess of \$600, a small price to pay for our environment protection, although this rubbish has also made a fairly significant contribution to our landfill. The real price of continuing bureaucratic inertia is likely to be felt in reductions in Fulford Creek salmon returns, the loss of shorebirds in the bay and in the impact of leached poisons on shellfish and other permanent or temporary bay species. Explosions of gas containers next to a public road and a children's playground are another obvious hazard.

Many of us in the community have worked hard to assist and support salmonid enhancement and other environmental protection projects promoted by the

same government agencies who are now only passing the bureaucratic buck.

Local residents will continue to monitor the shoreline and to remove any objectionable materials that are left to foul our waters. But another influx of summer campers taking advantage of government inaction is inevitable. Salt Spring Island is a peaceful place and its residents do not want confrontations with current or future despoilers. The volunteers who participated in the clean-up were very angry and frustrated. They are not looking forward to another summer in which our hospitality becomes converted into abuse of our environment. We expect our governments to get their act together and live up to their responsibilities.

The writer is president of the South Salt Spring Island Property Owners and Residents Association.



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Immersion time

It is that time of year again when parents line up for days in Vancouver in order to enroll their children in a French Immersion (FI) program. Here on the island we are much luckier, having access to a FI program that begins in Grade 6 at SIMS.

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Each spring, a District French Immersion Program package is mailed to the families of the district's Grade 5 students. Interested parents are then invited to attend an information meeting where further questions may be answered by a panel

of administrators, teachers, parents and students. This year's information session will be held at SIMS tonight, Wednesday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

LOUISE DOUCET,
SD 64

Peak oil is here

I also have read the James Kunstler book called The Long Emergency and many more. Richard Heinberg's The Party's Over and Kenneth Deffeyes' Beyond Oil, and lots of others too.

Man drilled the first oil well back in 1859. Oil production went from zero to 85 million barrels a day. The planet's population also went from about 800 million to today's population of 6.5 billion. That is a lot of growth when you consider it took 32 thousand years for the population to double before fossil fuel.

Right now for every food calorie we grow it takes 10 fossil fuel calories to grow and process it. This is just unsustainable.

Ken Deffeyes now believes the world is at peak

oil — the most oil the planet can produce in one day. Then we start down a slow decline when in 2025 world production will be around 60 million more or less. By 2050, less than 25 million. So the population will start to decline with oil.

Also, globalization will fail. The days of drinking water from the French Alps are toast, so are sugar-bread cookies from Denmark. In North America only two per cent of the population now works in agriculture. That will change to 40 per cent or more by 2020. We need to grow more food a lot closer to home. Think Victory Garden.

One more thing that's going to be a big issue is the health of the world stock markets, with losses of up to 10 trillion dollars. So keep an eye on the Dow — it will start to discount this event at some time in the future.

I know lots of you out there will not believe this. All I can say is get up to speed on this issue. Google "peak oil" or try peakoil.net, which is a great site to get started. Not much time left for delay.

I believe God has set the limits to growth. He is going to test us now to see how we behave.

This is not the end of the world, just the start to the end of the industrial age. So let's not wait any longer and start to build a new world civilization that's new with the world in balance.

Did I read about microhydro this week in the Driftwood? Now there's a sharp guy — lots of great ideas. Let's listen and try to make some of those ideas work.

Also thank you Art Morton — your piece in the paper got me off my butt on this issue. I also know that the number of people who

agree with me on this issue is growing all the time. A lot more than three years ago.

ROB DIXON,
Ganges

Host families

Earth Track education's Thailand/Canada youth exchange program enters its second year next month with the arrival of 21 Thai students to the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island. The students are aged between 11 and 13 and study in an English Immersion program in Thailand.

Last year's program had Thai and Canadian students join together for camping, cultural and school activities. The Thai students brought their kindness and gentleness into the homes of host families and shared their cooking and craft skills.

On the return trip in January of this year, 14 Canadian students visited Phetchaburi, Thailand and were hosted by Thai families and shown Thailand in a way that tourists seldom experience. We trekked in the mountains, camped, snorkeled, swam and played in the sun, as well as learning Thai cooking and dancing, sports, traditional games and exploring the temples and ancient sites of the kingdom.

For this year's program, we have three students still needing host families, either full time for the month, March 15-April 12, or part time for three long weekends March 15-April 3.

Any family interested in being a part of this program as a host, with the option of joining the winter 2007 trip to Thailand, please contact Tashmyra at 537-7008 or tashmyra@hotmail.com.

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Court hands youth \$500 fine for assault

• A local youth charged with robbery, assault and impaired driving was given a second chance at Ganges Provincial Court on February 14.

The 18-year-old islander, whose name is withheld in accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) received a \$500 fine, a one-year driving prohibition and 12 months probation with orders to attend counselling as part of a conditional sentence.

Court heard that the Salt Spring youth had become extremely intoxicated on August 13, 2005 and punched another young man in the face as part of a drunken misunderstanding before he pursued him into a restaurant bathroom and took a cell phone from the victim after he demanded "everything you got."

A second incident on July 30, 2005 found the same youth arrested for impaired driving after police responded to a beach-party complaint.

Upon investigation, the youth presented two breath samples of 0.12 (compared to the legal limit of 0.08).

"He recognizes what alcohol has done to him," said defence counsel Kirk Karaszkiwicz. "He is not a violent person who goes out looking for trouble."

The youth pleaded guilty to the lesser charges of theft (instead of robbery) and impaired driving under Section 224 of the Motor Vehicle Act (instead of the criminal-

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code impaired charge).

• A Salt Spring man was ordered to pay \$1,072 restitution and serve 12 months probation when he pleaded guilty to theft of five lifejackets from a local hardware store.

Court heard that Robert Mearns, age 31, tried to resell the lifejackets to another islander before attempting to "return" them to a store in Sidney.

Defence counsel Tybring Hemphill indicated that Mearns had been depressed and impaired as a result of a medical diagnosis at the time of the crime. And even though Mearns was recorded taking the lifejackets on security camera, he reported no recollection of the theft.

He is now living in a more stable and healthy situation, Hemphill said.

Probation terms included orders to abstain from alcohol.

• A local youth pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) from an incident that occurred on April 11, 2005.

Court heard that the defendant, who was 18 at the time of the crime (name withheld due to the YCJA), had been drinking all evening before he agreed to help another youth access a window at SIMS with a ladder and break the window with rocks.

Cash taken from an office

cupboard at SIMS was estimated between \$600-1,000.

"They appeared to know exactly where to go and nothing else was disturbed," said Penty.

The second youth had already received a four-month custody order after admitting to the crime.

Defence counsel Tybring Hemphill claimed that the second youth was the sole benefactor of the stolen cash.

Judge Keith Bracken ordered the defendant to pay a \$300 fine and \$300 restitution to SIMS.

"He might not be party to the proceeds, but he was part of the events," Bracken said.

• Aeron Jensen received the mandatory minimum penalty when he pleaded guilty to impaired driving.

Court heard that Jensen was stopped at 11:15 p.m. on December 21, 2005 after police saw him drive away from the Harbour House Hotel at a "high rate of speed."

Upon police investigation, Jensen provided breath samples of 0.13 and 0.12 (over the 0.08 legal limit).

Jensen had little to say to Judge Bracken prior to sentencing.

"I regret my decision to drive that night," Jensen said.

He received a \$600 fine and a one-year driving prohibition.

• Joao Raposo received a \$500 fine and a one-year driving ban after he admitted to operating a motor vehicle while prohibited.

Court heard that Raposo

was stopped on November 11, 2005 when a local RCMP officer noticed him driving against a ban imposed in October related to an impaired-driving charge.

"It's very hard to get around on the island without a transit system," Raposo said.

"Getting a driver's licence is going to be very difficult if you ever get convicted again," the judge cautioned.

• Probation was extended for a youth who was reluctant to complete community service hours.

Court heard that the 15-year-old youth "lacked motivation" to pay \$400 restitution and complete 75 hours of work that she was ordered to complete by August 7, 2005 related to charges of breaking and entering.

Both the youth and Crown counsel seemed satisfied that she should serve 20 days of custody at a youth detention centre, but Judge Bracken declined the suggestion.

"The easy way out is not always the right way out — even if it closes a door for us."

He ordered her to complete eight hours of community service per month for six months.

• A special sitting of Ganges Provincial Court on February 8-9 saw Robin Schaefer enter guilty pleas to two counts of mischief related to fireworks incidents that occurred on October 30, 2004.

Schaefer will appear in Ganges Provincial Court on April 11 when the judge will hear a pre-sentencing report.

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ROSES

A beautiful rose to each of the many volunteers who turned out to clean up our beautiful shoreline in Fulford Bay. Special thanks to Mark Hughes for the use of his truck and to the many other community members who came with rakes, shovels, clippers and muscle — we could not have done it without you. And, not to be forgotten, a great big kiss for the tractor guy. South Salt Spring Island Property Owners and Residents Association.

Big, belated bunches of bright red roses to the B.C. Hydro crew (from Surrey) who worked so quickly and efficiently to restore our power after the windstorm and to Doug from Telus for re-attaching the phone lines! M&L

A large bunch of red roses to Carol Williams and the United Church Women for the heart-warming Valentine's Day Tea, and the uplifting singing by Shirley Bunyan's Lost Chords. It was a great treat — roses to all. Burgoyne UCW

A huge bouquet of smiling, heart-shaped roses to

my family, friends, co-workers and clients. I feel truly blessed and grateful to be surrounded by such incredible individuals. My life would not be as full without you. TS

Sweetheart roses to all who bought tickets for Salt Spring Elementary School's raffle. The winner was Tracy Cottrell. We raised \$652!

Thanks to the staff and fellow friends at Lady Minto for supporting my daughter through her brief stay. A truckload of roses to you. MP

A large thank you to the many businesses that so kindly contributed prizes for this year's curling funspiel, and to realtor Rick Alexander. Your generosity helped to make the event more enjoyable, and was greatly appreciated by everyone. JP

Roses to Jim Erickson for sharing his wonderful quilts and knowledge with us.

A bouquet of spring flowers to Chris Bowen, Laurel Bauchman, Paul Ceysens, Christine Godlonton, Jeremy Milsom, and Gary and Cindy Brooks for all of your help and support in completing my business case. MG

Busy book is of no benefit, says VIHA

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) is warning area businesses to be aware of a telemarketing company soliciting donations for a children's activity book that is neither approved nor endorsed by VIHA and its local hospitals.

Salt Spring businesses have been among those asked by telemarketers to donate money to purchase the Healing Hands Busy Book.

The telemarketers claim sales will benefit locally hospitalized children, but "VIHA does not support the campaign, as donations do not benefit the hospital, the health authority or patients," states a VIHA release.

Regional businesses were targeted by the same telemarketing campaign in October 2004 and the spring of 2005. VIHA has written to the Healing Hands Busy Book company asking it to stop soliciting businesses for this purpose and also filed formal complaints with the Competition Bureau and the Business Practices Consumer Protection Authority.




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In a food processor or blender combine **2 cups chickpeas**, drained, **3 tablespoons lemon juice**, **1/2 cup tahini**, **3 tablespoons sesame oil**, **2 tablespoons water**, **4 cloves garlic**, **1 tablespoon fresh parsley**, **1/2 teaspoon cumin**, **salt & pepper to taste**. Add your choice of **1 chipotle pepper** or **3 tablespoons pesto** or **2 roasted red peppers**. Serve with a warm pita alongside your favorite salad

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Thousands of potholes counted on 39 per cent of roads

The count is in. Salt Spring's First Annual Pothole Count tallied 5,161 divets from a sampling of 39 per cent of island roads. "It seems that roads that are bad are really bad, with reports of between 258 and 651 holes on the worst ones," said pothole-count organizer

Lorraine Norfolk. Along with receiving reports of potholes, Norfolk also heard numerous accounts of degraded and disintegrated pavement. "For instance, I was told that on Musgrave Landing Road there are 578 holes and 42 areas with such exten-

sive damage that they were counted separately. The story of this kind of damage is widespread from one end of the island to the other," she said. She heard one report from a counter on Burgoyne Bay Road who was thrilled to find 267 potholes.

"She said, 'That's really good. They just graded the road three weeks ago and I'm sure that before it was graded, we had over 500.'" There is no way to verify the accuracy of the count, Norfolk noted. "Some people were very diligent and walked the

route, marking every bit of damage, while others made their count while driving." Local road crews from Mainroad South Island Contracting Ltd. strive to provide the best maintenance possible with available resources, said general manager Rick Gill. "Our goal is to maintain the road surfaces in a safe and smooth condition for the travelling public, and to protect the pavement from penetration of water to extend its life as much as possible."

Mainroad responds to any input provided on a priority basis and makes repairs as soon as possible, Gill said. "Many of the roads on Salt Spring are coming to the end of their life and we're working closely with the Ministry [of Transportation] to address these problems," he said. As the local contractor, Mainroad is obligated to fill holes when they are reported, he said. "We did lots of paving last year and we'll try again this year."

Summary of 2005 Salt Spring weather

By ROBERT ASTON
Driftwood Contributor

January started as the average January customarily does, cool both overnight and daytime. Then on the 6th, 7th, and 8th came quite a lot of snow, 21.7" (55.1 cm) to be precise.

It continued cold, indeed for us quite cold, particularly overnight, until the 16th when more snow fell. After some 5" (12.5 cm), it turned to quite heavy rain with very warm temperatures, peaking on the 19th with a new record high temperature for the month at 62.0°F (16.7°C). Strange indeed that a new record "high" should so closely follow the coldest daytime "high" for some years. Snowfall for the month was also a new record for me here at 27.0" (68.6 cm), just fractionally more than I recorded in 1982 — two records in one month!

All in all though, it seemed to me a month many of us would prefer to have behind us.

February turned out to be a more or less average month, some days warm, some days cool.

Except that the rainfall was above average, the month of March itself was generally average, as were April, May and June. So also were July, August, September and October.

In the second half of November we had almost a week of heavy fog, then overnight 25th/26th we experienced a temperature of 32°F (0.0°C). It seems to me that this was probably the latest "first frost" of the winter in my 30 years here.

December was warmer and drier than average, with very little snow.

The following weather observations were made at the Douglas Road waterfront in Ganges.

Taking precipitation first, the year was as follows:

Jan	9.25" (235 mm)	snow 27.0" (68.6 cm)
Feb	1.83" (46.5 mm)	snow 0.2" (0.51 cm)
Mar	4.61" (117 mm)	snow nil
Apr	2.61" (66 mm)	
May	1.81" (46 mm)	
Jun	1.65" (42 mm)	
Jul	0.89" (23 mm)	
Aug	0.60" (15 mm)	
Sep	1.00" (25 mm)	
Oct	3.79" (96.3 mm)	
Nov	4.90" (124.5 mm)	
Dec	5.84" (148 mm)	snow 1.2" (3.0 cm)


Corresponding 20-year average 1984 through 2003 inclusive:

Jan	6.33" (161mm)	snow 3.5" (8.9 cm)
Feb	3.99" (101.3mm)	snow 3.0" (7.6 cm)
Mar	3.64" (92.5mm)	snow 1.7" (4.3 cm)
Apr	2.38" (60.5mm)	
May	1.75" (44.5mm)	
Jun	1.15" (29.2mm)	
Jul	0.78" (19.8mm)	
Aug	1.00" (25.4mm)	
Sep	0.90" (22.9mm)	
Oct	3.72" (94.5mm)	snow 0.1" (0.03cm)
Nov	6.47" (164.3mm)	snow 2.1" (5.3cm)
Dec	6.47" (164.3mm)	snow 6.4" (16.3cm)

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The Festival continues with the remarkably generous support of our community. Saltspringers sustain and invigorate the festival by volunteering, giving in kind donations, and by filling the donations jar at the door. Non-profit "Community Groups" complete the circle by providing action opportunities for folks inspired by our films.

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Film Guide
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and individuals, and it is up to each and every one of us to envision positive possibilities and work toward achieving them. There are many inspiring examples to be found. Our Island, Our World's films will showcase some of them.

Saltspring Island community groups like SOLID, and others, like Amnesty International, will be presenting action opportunities at the Film Festival where you can exercise your passion and commitment, either locally or globally. Get involved. The world needs you to use your privilege to advantage for those less fortunate. If we each strive to do a little more each day, the world will become a better place to live, a little each day.

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7:00 PM: *Iroko*, African Drumming

7:30 PM: *The Chain of Love* / GISS Global Awareness & Judy Jackson

The Ungrateful Dead: In Search of International Justice / Judy Jackson

FILM GUIDE 2006

Saturday, March 4th					Sunday, March 5th				
JANE GOODALL ROOM (Drama Room)	MAHATMA GANDHI ROOM (\$205)	STEPHEN LEWIS ROOM (\$207)	HELEN CALDICOTT ROOM (\$211)	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ROOM (\$210)	JANE GOODALL ROOM (Drama Room)	MAHATMA GANDHI ROOM (\$205)	STEPHEN LEWIS ROOM (\$207)	HELEN CALDICOTT ROOM (\$211)	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ROOM (\$210)
10:00 AM <i>The Future of Food</i>	10:00 AM <i>Peace One Day</i>	10:00 AM <i>Stolen Spirits of Haida Gwaii</i>	10:00 AM <i>Loose Change</i>	10:00 AM <i>Devil's Miner</i> <i>Amnesty International</i>	10:00 AM <i>Seeds of Change</i>	10:00 AM <i>Their Brothers' Keepers: Orphaned by AIDS</i>	10:00 AM <i>Granito de Arena (Grain of Sand)</i>	10:00 AM <i>A Life Among Whales</i>	10:00 AM <i>100% Real Woman</i>
11:45 AM <i>Between Midnight and the Rooster's Crow</i>	11:40 AM <i>Different Drummers; Daring to Make Peace in the Middle East</i>	11:30 AM <i>Vendetta Song</i>	11:40 AM <i>Broken Limbs: Apples, Agriculture and the New American Farmer</i>	11:40 AM <i>Seoul Train</i> <i>Amnesty International</i>	11:20 AM <i>Aristide & the Endless Revolution</i> <i>Author of "Canada in Haiti" present</i>	11:20 AM <i>Teaching Peace in a Time of War</i>	11:20 AM <i>Thirsty Planet</i> <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	11:20 AM <i>The Bottom Line: Privatizing the World</i>	11:20 AM <i>Beyond Treason</i>
			11:55 PM <i>Sunset Story</i>	11:55 PM <i>Give Peace a Chance</i> <i>Arms for the Poor</i> <i>Amnesty International</i>			12:05 PM <i>Power is in the People</i> SOLID		
	12:40 PM GIFTS Student FILMS	12:40 PM <i>The Collector of Bedford Street</i>				12:30 PM <i>Saltspring: House Me</i> <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>		12:40 PM <i>The True Cost of Food</i>	1:00 PM <i>Owning the Slave</i>
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Film
Descriptions
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Order

ON SCREEN AT 1

100% WOMAN

59 min./Karen Duthie/2004

10:00 am/Sunday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

Michelle Dumaresq is one of B.C.'s top competitive downhill mountain bike racers. So why is there an effort afoot to oust her from the competition? Because Michelle used to be Michael and several of her competitors believe that gives her an unfair advantage. Reactions range from racing superstar Missy Giove's words of support to talk of a boycott from some of the other racers. Michelle's grace, humour, and passion for racing hold steadfast in the face of lost friendships and an outspoken opposition to her presence in the competition.

4REAL KENYA (featuring K'naan)

24 min./Sol Guy/2005

3:20 pm/Sunday/Stephen Lewis Room

Travel with your guide Sol Guy as he takes you on an adventure through Kenya with a Somali refugee, poet and emcee, K'naan, the Dusty Foot Philosopher. Now living in Toronto, this is K'naan's first trip back to Africa since he escaped the war in Somalia in 1991. Meet local hero, Salim Mohamed, who takes us to Kibera, the largest slum in East Africa where Salim runs a medical clinic and a community development sports program, involving over 5,000 young people. The film crew also connects with Kenya's vibrant hip-hop scene.

ARMS FOR THE POOR

26 min./Anne Macksood, John Ankele/2003

1:00 pm/Saturday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

In unveiling the murky world of U.S. weapons exports to developing countries, this documentary exposes the present-day influence of the military-industrial complex that President Eisenhower cautioned about when he left office. While the poor need housing, education, and health care, U.S. taxpayers support an already immense military budget that is growing larger, deal by deal.

ARISTIDE AND THE ENDLESS REVOLUTION

83 min./Nicolas Rossier/2005

11:20 am/Sunday/Jane Goodall Room

One hour away from Miami the elected president of the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation was twice removed from office with the complicity of the US and the international community. Rossier investigates events that led to the removal of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the democratically elected President of Haiti. He then journeys into political intrigue; armed criminals posing as freedom fighters, and economic fiascos. What emerges is a young democracy being constantly tested and is ultimately destroyed. Visits from Noam Chomsky and Danny Glover.

ARGENTINA, HOPE IN HARD TIMES

74 min./Melissa Young & Mark Dworkin/2004

2:40 pm/Saturday/Jane Goodall Room

Join the processions and protests; visit neighbourhood assemblies, workers, cooperatives and urban gardens in Argentina. This film takes a close-up look at the ways Argentines are picking up the pieces of their devastated economy and creating hope for the future. A spare narrative, informal interview settings, and candid street scenes allow the pervasive strength, humour, and resilience of the Argentine people to tell these tales.

BEHIND THE LOOM

25 min./Ana Carpio/2004

3:45 pm/Saturday/Stephen Lewis Room

For four decades, Guatemala suffered through an armed conflict that left thousands of victims. The widows left behind by this war, residents of a small indigenous community in the western highlands, organized to improve their lives by forming a weaving cooperative, ASOMADEK. 'Behind the Loom' is the story of these women's sacrifices, but also of courage, tenacity, and of overcoming fears to build a brighter future.

BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND THE ROOSTER'S CROW

66 min./Nadja Drost/2005

11:45 am/Saturday/Jane Goodall Room

Canadian oil giant EnCana is under fire for the construction of an oil pipeline in the Amazon. Faced with the contamination of their lands and coercion by "security" forces, Ecuadorian peasants tap into reserves of remarkable strength and courage as they resist. In a race for black gold -- a race fuelled by oil companies, and a government desperate for foreign investment, the people struggle not to come in last.

BEYOND TREASON

89 min./William Lewis/2005

11:20 am/Sunday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

The deadly effects of depleted uranium from warheads used in Iraq, Afghanistan, and The Balkans will contaminate those lands for eternity. The DU not only cause devastation in the bombed countries, but are brought back by soldiers and spread sexually to their families. Gulf War veterans from all 27 coalition countries slowly die of "unknown causes" as they await help from their governments. There are 250,000 disabled US soldiers alone from the first Gulf War. This is a hidden nuclear war that breaks all arms treaties. Disturbing scenes.

BLOQUEO

45 min./Rachel Dannefer & Heather Haddon/2004

4:10 pm/Saturday/Jane Goodall Room

'Bloqueo' (or blockade) lets Cubans speak for themselves about how they have been affected by the economic blockade, and what it means to live in Cuba today. Observed annually by activists traveling with the Pastors for Peace Caravan, 'Bloqueo' sees Cuba as a model in healthcare, environmental stewardship, and other arenas that forge a more sustainable system.

THE BOTTOM LINE: PRIVATIZING THE WORLD

62 min./Carole Poliquim/2003

11:20 am/Sunday/Helen Caldicott Room

Just as God created the world in seven days, today the All-Powerful Businessman is intending to sell it—in 7 days. His ultimate goal: To declare the Total Market. Can the human community survive if all elements essential to life (water, healthcare, etc.) become commercial goods? Will human rights, or corporate profits prevail? Listen to "the Voice of God" explain the consequences of the world's submission to private interests.

BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN

134 min./Ang Lee/2005

9:30 pm/Saturday/Cinema Central

7:00 pm/Sunday/Cinema Central

A raw, powerful, yet epic love story set against the sweeping vistas of Wyoming and Texas, 'Brokeback Mountain' tells the story of two young men - a ranch-hand and a rodeo cowboy - who meet in the summer of 1963, and unexpectedly forge a lifelong connection, one whose complications, joys and tragedies provide a testament to the endurance and power of love.

BROKEN LIMBS: APPLES, AGRICULTURE AND THE NEW AMERICAN FARMER

57 min./Guy Evans/2004

11:40 am/Saturday/Helen Caldicott Room

Wenatchee, Washington prospered for nearly a century as the "Apple Capital of the World." But the good times have vanished. Apple growers by the thousands are going out of business. After his own father receives a foreclosure letter from the bank, filmmaker Guy Evans sets out to learn what went wrong here in this natural Garden of Eden. The future looks bleak until Evans meets a new breed of farmer, who mixes very old practices with very new.

CALL FROM A COAST

32 min./Twyla Roscovich/2005

2:20 pm/Sunday/Helen Caldicott Room

An exploration of salmon aquaculture in BC, and the importance of wild salmon to coastal communities. Roscovich takes us underwater to catch glimpses of the sick and dying marine life in areas around fish farms. First Nations spokespeople, researchers, sports and commercial fishers point to changes they are witnessing since the introduction of industrial salmon farming to their areas. Beautiful cinematography.

THE CHAIN OF LOVE

14 min./Global Awareness and Judy Jackson/2005

7:30 pm/Friday/Multi-Purpose Room

2:20 pm/Sunday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students from Global Awareness team up with Canadian filmmaker Judy Jackson to tell the story of "twinning" schools in Lesthoto and Salt Spring Island, modeling possibilities for Africa and Canada. Moving excerpts of Stephen Lewis' speech at the SOLID AIDS in Africa conference at GISS, fall 2004.

THE COLLECTOR OF BEDFORD STREET

34 min./Alice Elliott/2003

12:40 pm/Saturday/Stephen Lewis Room

This Academy Award nominee follows Larry Selman, the filmmaker's 60 year old neighbour. A community activist and fundraiser with developmental disabilities, Larry raises thousands of dollars for charity every year while he lives at the poverty level. Because of Larry's 20 years of service to his neighbourhood, the community created a "supplemental need adult trust" fund for him. 'Collector' reveals how a community celebrates a unique and valued member.

C.R.A.Z.Y.

129 min./Jean-Marc Vallée/2005

7:00 pm/Saturday/Cinema Central

9:30 pm/Sunday/Cinema Central

People are lining up to see this poignant and beautifully crafted gay coming-of-age story. Ten years in production, the film takes its title from the first initials of five brothers born into a suburban Catholic family. Narrating his tale is Zac, born on Christmas Day, 1960, who grows up to understand how a blessing can also be a curse. When the Tupperware lady proclaims God has given him the ability to heal, it becomes clear he will never quite be like everyone else.

DEFENDING WOMEN-DEFENDING RIGHTS

32 min./Amnesty International/2005

2:40 pm/Saturday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

The documentary explores the lives of 5 Women Human Rights Defenders from across the world (one from each region). These extraordinary women stand up for human rights. Selflessly and often at great risk to themselves they fight injustice on the frontlines. They are just some of thousands of women who do this across the world. It is important to highlight the work and lives of women human rights defenders because they are in urgent need of recognition and protection.

DEVELOPMENT AND DESECRATION

20 min./APTN/2005

2:40 pm/Sunday/Stephen Lewis Room

An exploration of local development at Walker's Hook and Pender Island's Poets' Cove as seen from First Nations' perspective.

DEVIL'S MINER

82 min./Kief Davidson, Richard Ladkani/2005

10:00 am/Saturday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

14 year-old Basilio Vargas and his 12 year-old brother Bernardino, work in the Bolivian silver mines of Cerro Rico, which have existed since the sixteenth century. Through the children's eyes, we encounter the world of devout Catholic miners who sever their ties with God upon entering the mountain. Basilio believes only the mountain devil's generosity will allow them to earn enough money to continue the new school year. Without an education, the brothers have no chance to escape their destiny in the silver mines.

DIFFERENT DRUMMERS; DARING TO MAKE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

50 min./John Michalczuk/2003

11:40 am/Saturday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

North American media focus on the violence of Palestinian suicide bombings and Israeli house demolitions. There are, however, seldom-heard voices of peace crying out in the desert, which provoke all concerned parties to consider more seriously a path toward peace. Meet some of the remarkable people who are working for new understanding and reconciliation in extremely difficult circumstances.

EVERYTHING BLUE: THE COLOR OF MUSIC

76 min./Jesse Acevedo/2004

1:00 pm/Sunday/Jane Goodall Room

Jesse Acevedo's visually and aurally spectacular debut is an investigation of the music of the favelas in Brazil, Samba. While that vibrant music is considered an expression of the soul of Brazil and a realization of the peoples' joy, Acevedo portrays Samba in terms of racism and the long struggle of blacks to resist discrimination since first being brought to the Americas as slaves.

THE FUTURE OF FOOD

88 min./Deborah K. Garcia/2004

10:00 am/Saturday/Jane Goodall Room

'The Future of Food' offers the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled North American grocery stores for the past decade. From Saskatchewan to the fields of Oaxaca, Mexico, this film gives voice to farmers whose lives and livelihoods have been negatively impacted by this new technology. Alternatives such as organic and sustainable agriculture offer real solutions to the farm crisis today.

G.I.F.T.S. STUDENT FILMS

60 min./GIFTS Students/2005

11:45 am/Saturday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

A unique array of shorts from Galiano Island's Gulf Islands Film and Television School, our local "film, video & animation production hub." Under the close mentorship of award-winning media professionals, the students are immersed in all aspects of the production process. These shorts are the results of intensives conducted in 2005.

GRANITO DE ARENA (GRAIN OF SAND)

60 min./Jill Friedberg/2004

10:00 am/Sunday/Stephen Lewis Room

For over 20 years, global economic forces have been dismantling public education in Mexico, but always in the constant shadow of popular resistance. 'Granito de Arena' is the story of that resistance. Interviews with internationally-recognized figures, such as Eduardo Galeano and Maude Barlow, place the Mexican teachers' struggle in a global context, clearly spelling out the relationship between economic globalization and the worldwide public education crisis.

HARDWOOD

29 min./Hubert Davis/2004

4:35 pm/Saturday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

Son of former Harlem Globetrotter Mel Davis, explores how his father's decisions affected his family life. Davis uses personal interviews, archival footage and home movies to delve into his father's past in hope of finding a new direction for his own. It's about the power of redemption and the healing of the bonds between fathers and sons.

HOODWINKED: THE MYTH OF FREE TRADE

98 min./West Dunn Productions/2005

2:40 pm/Sunday/Jane Goodall Room

"Canadians don't understand what they've signed. In twenty years, they will be sucked into the U.S. economy." So said Clayton Yeutter, U.S. trade representative, after the signing of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement of 1989. Free trade or subtle sellout? There's more to these trade deals than the matter of tariffs. Here's the analysis of free trade that our elites are afraid to have. After 16 years, it's time to take stock.

SALT SPRING: HOUSE ME

8 min./Deirdre Rowland, Kate Leslie,

& Elizabeth Nolan/2004

12:30 pm/Sunday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

A comical look at a very serious subject for Salt Spring Island. It is no joke when there is no affordable place to live for many people. As real estate prices spiral out of reach for even middle class citizens, the problem reaches epidemic proportions, and threatens the very fabric of the local culture. What would SSI be like without young families? We don't want to find out.

IMAGINE

5 min./Amnesty International/2004/

12:55 pm/Saturday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

Yoko Ono Lennon has given Amnesty International a wonderful and generous gift: the rights to use her late husband's song "Imagine" in a campaign for human rights. This music video is a compilation of images of children around the world singing John Lennon's "Imagine". The video includes an introduction by Yoko Ono.

IN THE SHADOW OF GOLD MOUNTAIN

43 min./Karen Cho/2004

2:45 pm/Saturday/Stephen Lewis Room

Karen Cho, a fifth-generation Canadian of mixed heritage, discovered that half her family wasn't welcome in the country they called home. While Canada encouraged and rewarded immigration from Europe, it imposed laws that singled out the Chinese as unwanted and unwelcome. Through a rich melding of stories, poetry, and deeply moving testimonials, this film reveals the profound ways this history still casts its shadow.

INVISIBLE CHILDREN: ROUGH CUT

56 min./"Jason, Bobby, and Laren"/2004

3:40 pm/Sunday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

Even at this moment Ugandan children, as young as 8, are methodically being kidnapped from their homes by a rebel group called the "Lord's Resistance Army". They are then turned into vicious fighters. We watch thousands of children "NIGHT COMMUTERS" travel from their villages to nearby towns each night in order to avoid the LRA abductions. Three teenage film students were amazed to find many things in common between these kids and kids in America. Their lives deepen and transform by what they witness in Uganda. Disturbing scenes.

LET THEM STAY

28 min./Alex Lisman/2005

4:20 pm/Saturday/Stephen Lewis Room

'Let Them Stay' features exclusive one-on-one interviews with U.S. war resisters in Canada, documenting their life-changing experiences in Iraq and the hidden realities of U.S. military recruitment and warfare. It also documents the War Resisters Support Campaign, a pan-Canadian coalition of labour, faith, and peace groups, Vietnam war resisters, and individuals who are working with these war resisters to put pressure on the federal government to let them stay.

A LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

71 min./Julia Guest/2005

3:05 pm/Saturday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

'A Letter to the Prime Minister' follows Jo Wilding on her remarkable journey in solidarity with the people of Iraq. Narrated as a letter to Tony Blair, the film traces the non-violent resistance to US/UK policy in the region. In April 2004, she traveled into Falluja, when even Al Jazeera had pulled out, to stand alongside the civilians trapped and targeted by US forces. She also forms the Boomchucka Circus to work with school children refugees. Disturbing scenes.

A LIFE AMONG WHALES

57 min./Uncommon Productions/2005

10:00 am/Sunday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

Unafraid of powerful images, this film's unique hybrid of the biography of whale researcher, Roger Payne, and natural history leaves viewers contemplating our stewardship of the earth and co-existence with some of its most intriguing creatures. Payne has consistently advanced the boundaries of science and activism through his pioneering research in Patagonia, and controversial discoveries of whale songs and cross-ocean communications.

LOOSE CHANGE

80 min./MoveonMoron/2004

10:00 am/Saturday/Helen Caldicott Room

Was 9/11 a controlled demolition? Compelling visual evidence that 9/11 was not all that it seemed. Controversial, but ideas promoted are well worth pondering.

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288	380	KOMO	First News @ 4		KOMO 4 News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	G. Lopez	Freddie	Lost					News		
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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Feb 22, 2006 to Feb 28, 2006

WEDNESDAY, FEB 22

- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **Suddenly Naked (2001, Comedy)** A sexy and famous novelist must decide what to do when she falls for a quirky 20-year-old. *Wendy Crewson, Joe Cobden (2h)* 6:30 PM
- 13 ★★ ★ **Siblings (2004, Comedy)** Joe and his siblings kill their stepparents, and try to collect an inheritance. *Alex Campbell, Sarah Gadon (1h30)* 8:00 PM
- 13 ★★ **Shallow Ground (2004, Thriller)** A boy covered in blood appears at a sheriff's station one year after an unsolved murder. *Timothy Murphy, Stan Kirsch (2h)* 8:30 PM
- 24 ★★ **Operation Delta Force II: Mayday (1997, Action)** A group of terrorists take over an ocean liner with 3,000 passengers on board. *Michael McGrady, Dale Dye (2h)* 9:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **Violet (2000, Comedy)** As her 55th birthday approaches, a woman searches for the meaning of life. *Mary Walsh, Andrew Young (2h)* 9:00 PM
- 13 ★★ **Radio (2003, Drama)** A high school coach takes a developmentally challenged man under his wing. *Ed Harris, Cuba Gooding Jr. (2h)* 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ ★ **Bed and Board (1970, Drama)** A married man expecting a child begins a love affair with one of his coworkers. *Antoine Doinel, Jacques Tati (2h)* 11:00 PM
- 13 ★ **Ghostwatcher (2002, Horror)** Halloween night becomes Laura's worst nightmare as she discovers her apartment is haunted. *Jillian Byrnes, Marianne Hayden (1h30)* 11:35 PM
- 13 ★★ **The Postman (1997, Drama)** A performer offers hope to war-weary, desolate communities by pretending he is a postman. *Kevin Costner, Will Patton (3h55)* 11:35 PM

THURSDAY, FEB 23

- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **The Looking Glass War (1970, Spy)** A Polish defector is sent on a mission to verify the existence of missiles in East Germany. *Christopher Jones, Anthony Hopkins (2h)* 7:00 PM
- 13 ★★ **Layer Cake (2004, Crime Story)** A successful cocaine dealer is assigned to find a missing socialite before he can retire. *Daniel Craig, Tom Hardy (2h)* 8:00 PM
- 24 ★ **Proximity (2000, Thriller)** An inmate hears more than he was meant to when the convict in the next cell is murdered. *Rob Lowe, James Coburn (2h)* 8:00 PM
- 13 ★ **Visitors (2003, Thriller)** A young woman sailing around the world experiences strange dreams and visitations. *Radha Mitchell, Susannah York (1h45)* 9:00 PM
- 13 **Poison (1999, Thriller)** A widow suspects her daughter might be responsible for a series of unexplainable deaths. *Rosanna Arquette, Jürgen Prochnow (2h)* 10:00 PM
- 29 ★★ ★ **The Defiant Ones (1958, Drama)** Two racist convicts must overcome their differences when they escape from prison together. *Tony Curtis, Sidney Poitier (2h)* 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ ★ **Iris (2002, Drama)** A loving husband watches helplessly as his wife's mind is ravaged by Alzheimer's Disease. *Judi Dench, Jim Broadbent (1h45)* 10:45 PM
- 13 ★★ ★ **The Motorcycle Diaries (2004, Drama)** A chronicle of Ernesto 'Che' Guevara's travels across South America on a motorcycle in 1952. *Gael Garcia Bernal, Rodrigo De la Serna (2h15)* 11:35 PM
- 13 ★ **Ringmaster (1998, Comedy)** Two women whose significant others have cheated on them tell their stories on a talk show. *Jerry Springer, William McNamara (2h)* 11:45 PM
- 13 ★★ ★ **Eve's Bayou (1997, Drama)** A young girl is traumatized when she sees her father flirting with a beautiful woman. *Samuel L. Jackson, Diahann Carroll (2h)* 11:45 PM

FRIDAY, FEB 24

- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ ★ **The Tuskegee Airmen (1995, War)** The first squadron of African-American combat fighters in WWII battle against prejudice. *Laurence Fishburne, Cuba Gooding Jr.*

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521	560	TLC	Wedding	Makeover	What Not to Wear	Younger	Baby St.	Baby	Clean Sweep	Trading Spaces	While You Were Out	Martha					
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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						
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Ibsen play a poignant piece for island

By EMMA YARDLEY
Driftwood Contributor

Walking into the intimately staged Graffiti Theatre reading of Henrik Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People* at Mahon Hall on Sunday, I was handed a program and a piece of paper with facts on Salt Spring's groundwater quality issues.

Not knowing what to expect, it became abundantly clear that this play was chosen to inspire reflection of our own resources and to question the validity of the "solid majority."

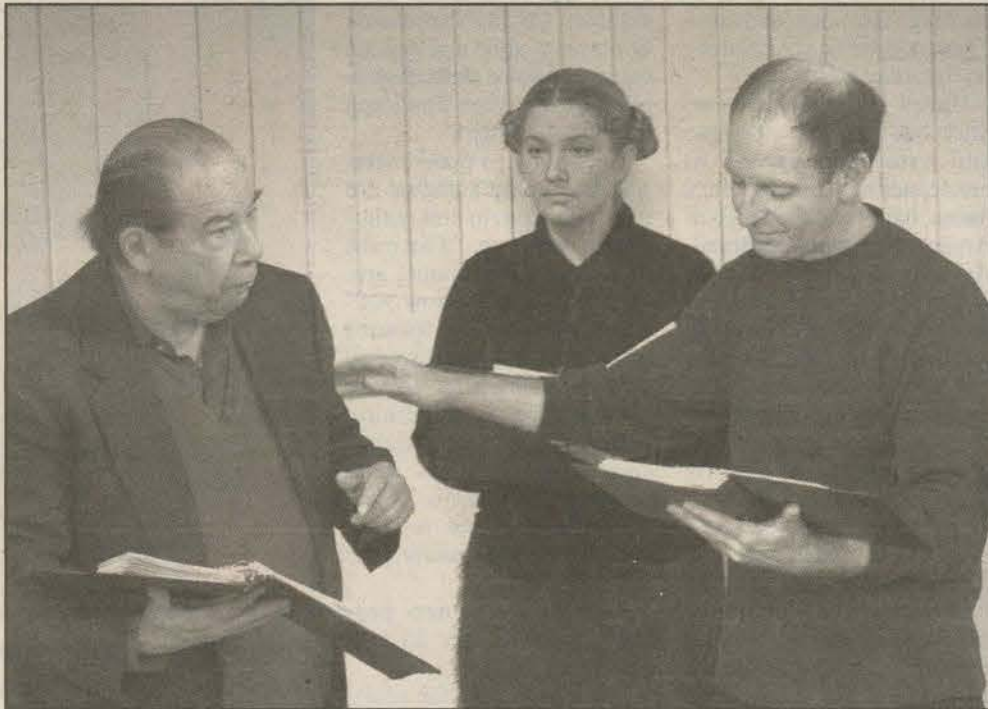
This 1882 play has been heralded as being as relevant today as it was when it was written, with its discourse of environmental issues, the power of big business and citizens' inaction when threatened with economic penalties.

The crux of the play is Dr. Thomas Stockman's discovery that his town's health spa, a project he conceived to attract revenue, is using contaminated water and causing sickness rather than rejuvenating the people it was made to help.

Stockman, a man of science and a naive idealist, who has "so many things to fight for" was played with vivacious energy by Vaughn Fulford. When he takes his newfound knowledge to his brother Peter, the authoritarian mayor of their small Norwegian town played by Marck Shipley, he is firmly asked to withhold this information from the public.

The mayor tells his brother, who is employed as the baths' medical officer, to think of the "economic consequences" for him and his family if they are closed. Stockman ignores the warning and tells his friends that the "artery of the town . . . is nothing but a damned cesspit."

His friends, the closet liberal Hovstad, a local news-



ON STAGE: Seen performing in Graffiti's weekend production of *An Enemy of the People* are, from left, Len Doncheff, Karena McAllister and Vaughn Fulford.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

paper editor (well played by Gordon Keel), the reliable Captain Horster (played solidly by Rusty Marshall), and the ambitious young journalist, Billings (read with enthusiasm by Michael Mulaney) are all behind Stockman, promising to break "up the ring of bigots" who want to keep the baths open.

Stockman even wins the support of the mild-mannered printer and chairman of the house owners' association, Aslasken, who believes "the most valuable virtue for a citizen is restraint." Protector of moderation, Aslasken (humorously played by Murray Reiss) is adamant that they do not "offend the authority."

Unfortunately it is too late for that, as the mayor has begun to effectively discredit Stockman and produces his own "report" to be published in the newspaper. This effectively shows the delicate balance in the media with Hovstad's conflict between his own liberal beliefs and pleasing his readers.

As soon as the town realizes that the baths would need to be shut down for two years to be refitted, destroying their livelihood and raising their taxes, their support of Stockman disappears instantaneously.

There is a brilliant scene in which Stockman calls a town meeting and the blind force of the "solid majority" is felt (bolstered by the performances of Halley Fulford and Randie Clark as raucous citizens).

Barred from talking directly about the toxic baths, Stockman instead weaves a story of social injustice and the fiscal nature of the masses, during which Fulford draws in the audience by addressing them as part of the gathered townspeople.

Stoic Mrs. Stockman, read by the believable Karena McAllister, is concerned for the economic survival of her family, but when the whole town turns against her husband, she stands by his side.

Stockman's daughter, Petra, is an educated free thinking student who believes in her father's ideals of freedom and honesty. Played with the enthusiasm of youth by Joanne O'Connor, Petra is Ibsen's modern woman.

Adding to the family affair, it is revealed that the tannery owned by Stockman's father-in-law Morten Kiil (fondly called "The Badger" and played with brooding humour by Len Doncheff) is one of the main offenders polluting the water.

Even after being labelled "enemy of the people" and with his family facing economic ruin and ostracization, Stockman holds on to his moral convictions and social dogma. Stockman is an unlikely hero who believes that "the man who is strongest stands most alone."

Director Yvonne Adalian chose a poignant piece to stage in a community that has had its share of environmental dilemmas.

FALL FAIR FOCUS

By Sandy Barclay

The fall fair theme has been set!

This year will be the 110th anniversary for Salt Spring Island's fall fair. This promises to be a fun and exciting event for everyone!

The theme for this year's fall fair is 'Celebrate Farming's Future'.

Islanders of all ages will be able to participate and plan for entries in the various categories and events that will be featured at the fair.

The fall fair 'Celebrate Farming's Future' will be held **September 16 and 17** at the Farmers Institute on Rainbow Road, so let's start thinking of entries and ideas to celebrate this wonderful event!!

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• **Lounge Night**
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25
• **House Party**
with DJ Matt J 9 pm MOBY'S

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Cuadro Flamenco ignites ArtSpring

Vancouver's top Flamenco company presents the internationally renowned Argentinian Flamenco dancer Marcela Suez in an evening of exciting, sensuous, authentic Flamenco dance at ArtSpring on Saturday night.

Based in Buenos Aires, Suez has enjoyed a diverse and esteemed career in music, acting, contemporary dance, ballet and flamenco in Argentina, Spain and Brazil. As well as teaching dance at the Universidad de Buenos Aires' Centro Cultural Ricardo Rojas, she operates her own theatre space to further the art of Flamenco. Suez performs regularly in festivals, clubs and concerts in Spain, Brazil and Argentina as well as on major Spanish television programs.

Joining Marcela will be Flamenco Rosario dancers Rosario Ancer, Bonnie Stewart, Nanako Aramaki and Afifa Moxness with singer Jose Luis Perez from Montréal and guitarist Victor Kolstee.

The dancers will perform traditional Caudro Flamenco dance forms such as Soleares, Alegrias and Bulerias, which are considered good vehicles for the expression of personal style and danced mainly as solos with ensemble performances providing the climatic finales.

According to press material, the group's shows are met with a warm and enthusiastic response. "The most often heard comments are: 'This is the best show yet!' and 'I always look forward to your shows because you always surprise us — you always give us something different!'" Recent highly successful seasons have featured sell-out or near-capacity crowds for the company's passionate performances.

Cuadro Flamenco performs on February 25 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$16 for students available from ArtSpring at 537-2102 or www.artspring.com.



DRESSED FOR FUN: Gulf Islands Secondary School students Ian Butler-Cole and Daisy Voaden ham it up for the camera during Neill Armitage's retirement party held in the multi-purpose room. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Brass Age presents Bach at M&M

A chance to hear up and coming new musical groups is one of the pleasures of the Music and Munch lunchtime series.

On Wednesday, March 1, the recently formed Brass Age group takes the stage to offer its fabulous sound in the acoustical excellence of

All Saints By-the-Sea.

Formed in September 2005, the discipline and talent of these dedicated young brass players has already attracted the attention of the community. They played in November at Remembrance Day and have supported services at both the United and Anglican churches.

Ranging in age from 13 to 18, with the addition of adult trumpeter Maggie Krieger, the brass octet members have as individuals won awards and much acclaim. All are very much involved in the Gulf Islands Secondary School music program, with the exception of young Rob Cronin, who is still at the middle school.

"This group will blow your

socks off," assures Music Makers press material.

On trumpet are Brad Cronin and Eryn Krieger; flugel horn, Maggie Krieger; trombone, Geoff Cronin; bass trombone, Charlotte Mellstrom; French horn, Rob Cronin and Gordon Havelaar; and tuba, Erica Cronin.

Due to school-related commitments, a couple of ensemble members will be missing. However, the group will be joined by organist Barry Valentine for this occasion. His gift as a soloist and accompanist is well known.

Free music begins at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints followed by a delicious optional lunch for \$5.50.

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Ganges walking our booklet unched Saturday

An updated version of a guided tour of Ganges village has just been published by the Salt Spring and Historical Society (SSHS).

Places of Historical Interest in Ganges Village: A Walking Tour, the page booklet features a map of the village with accompanying photographs of 19 landmarks taken by Peter Gilbert, Lynda Gordon and Frank Neumann, and an informative text by Dorothy Wright.

On Saturday, February 25, everyone is invited to celebrate the beginning of Heritage Week and the launch of the new booklet, which will be placed between 1 and 3 at the library in downtown Ganges.

Wright is quick to point out that the booklet evolved as a collaborative effort by several long-time members of SSIHS.

"The booklet came about in a roundabout way," Wright

Bob Rush used to host a circular walk around the village and then Tony Farr brought together a one-page layout that was given out by the Chamber of Commerce tourist bureau."

Visitors and locals snapped them up and the original tour maps went out of print. Dorothy Kyle, a SSIHS member who regularly volunteers at the Visitor Info Centre, heard continuing requests by visitors for some sort of information on village history and encouraged Wright to take on the project.

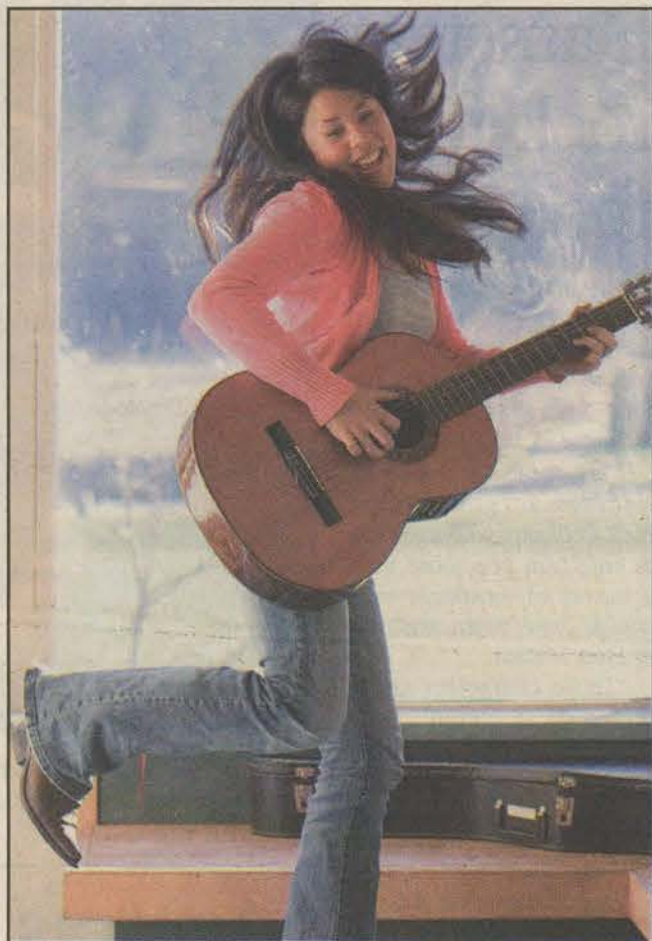
"The idea was to get something done that we could give to visitors," said Wright. "To try and tell people how it was and what has changed."

Wright worked on the text, drawing heavily on information from Sue Mouat and Charles Kahn.

"After I'd written and rewritten, I passed it on to Frank Neumann, who pretty well took over and made it into the booklet."

Visitors and locals alike will find something of interest, whether it's a familiar landmark such as the Moat's building or the less well-known Ganges Social Club on McPhillips Avenue, (built in 1896 and now a medical office).

Tea, coffee, and baked goodies will be offered at the Saturday library event and copies of the booklet will be available for \$5.



MUSICAL WALK: Gulf Islands Secondary School student photographer Mercedes Reynolds recently snapped this photo of fellow student Nadia Nowack, playing guitar at the school.

Renowned professor sets ecology course

It's not too late for islanders to be enlightened and engaged by an internationally acclaimed ecologist who is visiting the island to lead a six-week course through Salt Spring Community Education.

Dr. Richard McNeil, who has a Ph.D. in Ecology and Wildlife Management, is teaching a course titled Science Fiction and the Environment.

It has nothing to do with the literary genre of science fiction but will examine environmental principles and problems, with discussion of topics such as global warming, sustainability, overfishing, overcrowding and forestry, to name a few.

"Dr. McNeil's celebrated background in part includes being a long-time professor of natural resources at Cornell University," explains a press release.

"He has shared his knowledge and wisdom as a visiting scientist with the

United Nations Environment Program, as well as a professor of anthropology at Venezuela's Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Cientificas."

McNeil's work and study has taken him to more than 30 countries.

"As a wildlife biologist, his contributions to environmental studies and resource policies are legendary. In Kenya, for example, he helped create the policies regarding whales and whaling, and elephant census.

In New Zealand, he worked on deer studies, including their behaviours, interaction with other mammals, etc."

To register for the course, which runs on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m., contact Community Education at 537-0037, e-mail to info@ssicommunityed.com or visit www.sicommunityed.com and print the registration form.

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Hamsters rock for food bank

The Hamsters are set to overrun Beaver Point Hall for a March 4 benefit concert to raise money for the Salt Spring Community Services Food Bank.

"All members of the Hamsters are grizzled road rock veterans who promise to entertain you more than a barrel of monkeys ever could," said event organizer Don Mellor.

"These characters are la crème de la crème of the Salt Spring pop-rock sect."

The show is set to begin at 8 p.m. with Samba de Soleil first warming up the crowd.

The Hamsters' David Jacquest, Mark Vanderwerf, Ben Wright and Dave Campbell hope their eclectic brand of rock-inspired funky pop rhythms will get the south end shaking for a good cause.

Tickets for the show are \$10 at the door and participants are asked to also bring down some non-perishable food items for the food bank.

People interested in helping out with the event can reach Mellor at 538-0084.

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CHALK ART: Fernwood school students, from left, Madison Haston, Erik Perrins, Maja Nordine and Kay Sigurgeirson create some playground artwork, using colourful chalk.
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Mantras CD grabs another Juno nomination for Manx

Salt Spring-based musician Harry Manx was nominated for a Juno Award last week for the fourth year in a row.

His latest release, *Mantras for Madmen*, got the nod for Roots and Traditional Album of the Year.

"His last four studio albums have been nominated at the Junos in either the Blues or Roots/Traditional categories," notes a press release. "Harry's previously nominated albums include *Wise and Otherwise* (2002), *Jubilee* (2003), *West Eats Meet* (2004) and now *Mantras For Madmen* (2005)."

Earlier this year, Manx was awarded Best Acoustic Act at the Maple Blues Awards and Best Solo Act at the Folk Awards. He was also nominated for Best Roots CD at the Western Canadian Music Awards and *Mantras For Madmen* was chosen by



Harry Manx

Driftwood file photo

the *Chicago Sun Times* as one of the top 10 blues CDs of 2005.

"It's always an honour to be recognized by the industry and I'm very grateful that people are so interested

in my somewhat obscure blend of blues and Indian ragas," said Manx. "What I see is that music is not a life and death situation for most people, it's much more important than that."

Juno winners will be announced April 2.

In other Manx news, "While performing at the New York City Guitar Festival in January, Manx was visited backstage by Bruce Springsteen, who was quite impressed with his rendition of *I'm On Fire*," notes press material. "It appears Springsteen is now a certified Harry Manx fan and www.harrymanx.com has photos and Harry's account of this exciting meeting."

Manx is currently on a sold-out, 40-concert tour of Australia and returns to Canada in the spring to get ready for a cross-country tour with jazz piano virtuoso Michael Kaeshammer.

Black leads humour courses

Arthur Black, former CBC radio host, award-winning author and long-time syndicated newspaper columnist, steps into the classroom on March 4 as an instructor at Malaspina University-College.

He will teach two classes at the Cowichan campus — An Hour Of Comic Relief With Arthur Black, and Writing Humour With Arthur Black — aimed at aspiring writers of every level.

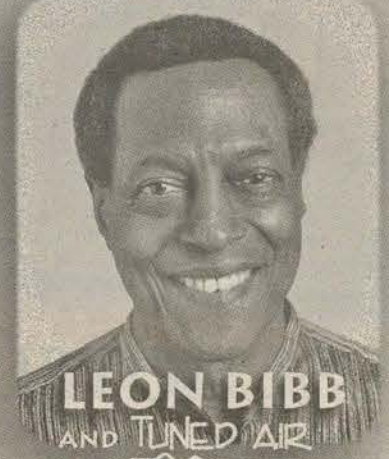
An Hour of Comic Relief

runs from 10 to 11 a.m., with a \$10.70 fee, while the second session is from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and costs \$68.48.

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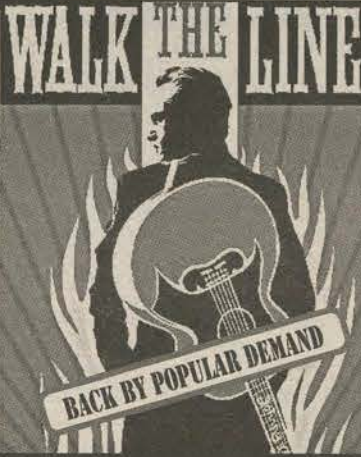
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exhibitions

- Work by Richard Jacksties and Claudia Lohmann is showing in the ArtSpring lobby exhibit space.
- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art presents new original works by Randolph Parker, Robert Genn, Ken Kirkby, Joe Fafard and more.
- June Boe shows large canvas works and photographs at Moby's Pub through February.
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50 min./Pat Morrow/2005
1:10 pm/Sunday/Helen Caldicott Room

Magic for Cynthia Hunt, the founder of HEALTH Inc (Health, Environment, and Literacy in The Himalayas), means empowerment of women, good health and nutrition. But these are not easy propositions in Ladakh - one of the highest and driest inhabited places on earth. Yet Cynthia helps the illiterate village women in their efforts to form a cooperative. They then undertake a perilous, four-day journey down a frozen river canyon to petition for funds to build greenhouses.

MARDI GRAS: MADE IN CHINA

62 min./David Redmon/2005
3:40 pm/Saturday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

"Mardi Gras: Made in China" follows the "bead trail" from the factory in China to Bourbon Street during Mardi Gras, poignantly exposing the inequities of globalization. First-time director David Redmon cleverly illuminates the clash of cultures by juxtaposing American excess and consumer ignorance against the harsh life of the Chinese factory worker.

MONEY AS DEBT

5 min./Paul Grignon/2004
4:20 pm/Saturday/Helen Caldicott Room

A clear and concise animated explanation of money and how it works in our society...and for whom. A short history of how lending came into being from ancient times, how banks don't actually lend existing deposits, but materialize money out of thin air. Fascinating for all ages.

MR. MERGLER'S GIFT

31 min./Beverly Shaffer/2004
2:55 pm/Sunday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

"Mr. Mergler's Gift" is the moving account of a student and her mentor, and a lyrical homage to the transcendent power of music. Xin Ben illuminates Mr. Mergler's final months of teaching with her youthful talent, and in return he lovingly guides her toward a life in music. Oscar-winning filmmaker Beverly Shaffer crafts a film of elegant simplicity and deep emotion, gracefully documenting a dying man's dedication to his young prodigy.

OIL ON ICE

58 min./Dale Djerassi & Bo Boudart/2004
2:25 pm/Saturday/Helen Caldicott Room

"Oil on Ice" is a vivid, compelling and comprehensive documentary connecting the fate of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to decisions America makes about energy policy, transportation choices, and other matters. Caught in the balance are the culture and livelihood of the Gwich'in Athabaskan Indians and Inupiat Eskimos and the migratory wildlife in this fragile ecosystem. "Oil on Ice" exposes the risks of oil extraction in this extreme environment. Stunning cinematography.

OWNING THE SLAVE

33 min./Renee Poisson/2006
1:00 pm/Sunday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

Andy Stringfellow is a black man in a white town. Suddenly facing death he questions his identity. He has lost his culture, his marriage and his health, as well as his successful career as a clinical counsellor. "Owning the Slave" is about reclaiming himself from imposed social, political and personal patterns and restrictions.

PEACE ONE DAY

80 min./Jeremy Gilley/2004
10:00 am/Saturday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

"Peace One Day" is the story of one man's attempts to persuade the global community via the UN to officially sanction a global ceasefire day; a day of non-violence, a day of peace. This documentary charts his 5-year journey. As a result of Gilley's efforts, the UN International Day of Peace is now celebrated annually, September 21st. The real challenge has just begun. Inspiring.

THE POWER IS THE PEOPLE

52 min./SOLID/2005
12:05 pm/Sunday/Stephen Lewis Room

Follow the story of how a small group of committed Canadians work with their counterparts in impoverished communities in South Africa and Lesotho to create a community garden in a township, build a tree nursery at a rural high school, and connect with a support group for women living with AIDS. Through spoken word performances, choral song, and dance, the film reveals the resilience of African culture to carry on joyfully in the face of adversity.

THE RED PILL

25 min./David Sheen/2005
2:20 pm/Saturday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

Twenty-five films in twenty-five minutes. This scratch video culture jam samples twenty-five Hollywood feature films creating a subversive, sometimes hilarious, deep ecology riff using the language of the masses. In a vertically integrated media environment a little editing software can be a powerful tool. Some disturbing scenes.

RETURN TO KANDAHAR

65 min./Paul Joy and Nelofer Pazira/2003
2:20 pm/Sunday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

Nelofer Pazira, star of the movie "Kandahar", returns to Afghanistan to seek out her childhood friend Dyana, whose story inspired that film. Nelofer journeys across a broken land smashed by war with the Russians, years of anarchy under the Northern Alliance, the Taliban, and now by America's "war on terror." Incisively weaving Nelofer's personal story with that of Afghanistan itself, the film shows a country once again in the grip of warlords.

THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEvised (AKA HUGO CHAVEZ: INSIDE THE COUP)

74 min./Kim Bartley and Donnacha O'Briain/2003
1:00 pm/Saturday/Jane Goodall Room

Hugo Chavez, elected president of Venezuela in 1998, is a colourful folk hero, beloved by his nation's working class and a tough-as-nails, quixotic opponent to the power structure that would see him deposed. Two independent filmmakers were inside the presidential palace on April 11, 2002, when he was forcibly removed from office and they were still there 48 hours later when Chavez returned to power amid cheering aides. In spite of suppression in the USA, the film has won numerous awards.

SEEDS OF CHANGE

60 min./Ian Mauro, Stéphane McLachlan, Jim Sanders/2005
10:00 am/Sunday/Jane Goodall Room

An expose' on how genetically modified crops have changed the face of agriculture in western Canada. The film provides firsthand accounts by those who are most affected by the new crops' impacts on agriculture and rural life-the farmers. It makes explicit connections between rural decline and technology developments that do little to mitigate the plight faced by farmers across North America and the rest of the globe.

SEOUL TRAIN

54 min./Jim Butterworth, Aaron Lubarsky, Lisa Sleeth/2004
11:40 am/Saturday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

In Fall 2003, first-time filmmakers Lisa Sleeth and Jim Butterworth set off for Korea with an ambitious plan: Document the secretive Underground Railroad smuggling North Korean refugees out of China. "Seoul Train" is the definitive exposé into this growing and potentially explosive humanitarian crisis. It portrays not only the human toll, but also the complex geopolitics of a conflict that threatens to undermine the stability of East Asian peace.

SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL

56 min./Peter Raymont/2004
1:30 pm/Saturday/Stephen Lewis Room

Follow the searing, emotional journey of Canadian Lt-General Roméo Dallaire, who commanded the UN peacekeeping troops in Rwanda during the massacre 1994. This experience led to Dallaire's own life tragedies as he dealt with the psychological fallout of witnessing a genocide he was powerless to stop. Filmed during General Dallaire's first return to Rwanda, in April 2004. Disturbing images.

SOMBRIO

60 min./Paul Manly/2006
12:55 pm/Sunday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

Sombrio Beach is one of the best surfing spots on Vancouver Island. It was also the home to a squatting community that had lived peacefully there for three decades. "The inhabitants were all kicked out of their homes when the government made it a park for yuppies to hike through." "Sombrio" presents a portrait of a vital subculture in BC's history and challenges our notions of what it means to be a self-determined citizen.

SOMETHING'S IN THE AIR/BUT IT'S NOT ON THE AIRWAVES

8 min./Chris Chandler & Karen Kilroy/2005
1:55 pm/Sunday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

This short film is about the media blackout on the global peace and justice movement. It features video footage from several of the large demonstrations in recent years, including School of the Americas Watch, the FTAA in Miami, and the Counter Inaugural in Washington, DC. In the ten days it took to make the film, 42 U.S. service people and countless Iraqis were killed.

STOLEN SPIRITS OF HAIDA GWAI

74 min./Kevin McMahon/2004
10:00 am/Saturday/Stephen Lewis Room

After the Haida were forced by disease to abandon some 35 of their ancient villages, their islands became a paradise for the relic hunters of the early 20th century, greedy for the totem poles and masks that were desired by museums. These thieves and grave robbers also took away hundreds of skeletons. "Stolen Spirits of Haida Gwaii" follows the Haida to a museum in Chicago and, ultimately, to reconciliation with the descendants of those who robbed island graves a century ago. The Haida engage their entire community in the preparations for the return of the ancestral remains.

SUNSET STORY

73 min./Laura Gabbert/2003
12:55 pm/Saturday/Helen Caldicott Room

"Sunset Story" is a funny and intimate documentary that will make you think differently about growing old. Set against the backdrop of a retirement home in Los Angeles for "free-thinking elderly", the film follows Irja (81) and Lucille (95), whose feisty engagement with life draws them together. They operate as an odd couple, with Irja the eternal idealist and Lucille, the irreverent skeptic, cracking ironic dry jokes.

TEACHING PEACE IN A TIME OF WAR

54 min./Teresa MacInnes/2004
11:20 am/Sunday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

A decade of civil war cost the lives of more than 250,000 people in the former Yugoslavia. The children of this region have been irrevocably afflicted by this violence. Can Hetty van Gorp help teach the language of peace to a generation of kids who have known only war? We witness small triumphs as "Teaching Peace" offers a sense of optimism that even schools in the most troubled circumstances can become beacons of peace.

THEIR BROTHERS' KEEPERS: ORPHANED BY AIDS

56 min./Catherine Mullins/2005
10:00 am/Sunday/Mahatma Gandhi Room

"Their Brothers' Keepers" goes inside Chazanga Compound, a shantytown in Lusaka, Zambia to focus on two families headed by children, and their ongoing struggle for food, water, schooling and health care. Excerpts from speeches by Stephen Lewis fill in the broader social context. "Their Brothers' Keepers", powerfully conveys the sense of hope grounded in the human spirit to survive.

THIRSTY PLANET

27 min./Ed Carswell/2005
11:20 am/Sunday/Stephen Lewis Room

"Thirsty Planet" reveals the surprising potential of solar ovens in equatorial regions, holding great promise for using the sun to cook food and pasteurize water. Local doctors learn how solar ovens can eradicate parasites from contaminated water. Locals, who normally walk two or three kilometers to find firewood, are delighted to learn of an alternative method to pasteurize water. They are also preserving their forests by using the limitless energy of the sun.

THIS BEGGAR'S DESCRIPTION

65 min./Pierre Tétrault/2005
1:15 pm/Sunday/Stephen Lewis Room

Philip Tétrault has been locked up in jails and psych wards, kicked out of the house by a desperate family, and spent long periods living on the streets of Montreal. However, he is also a talented writer and loving father whose deep family bonds have helped him come through periods of incredible darkness brought on by his schizophrenia. "Beggar's Description" offers extraordinary insights into street life in Montreal, the beauty of nature and what he calls "the gymnastics of my mind". Music by Leonard Cohen.

THE TRUE COST OF FOOD

15 min./Sierra Club/2004
12:40 pm/Sunday/Helen Caldicott Room

The Sierra Club Sustainable Consumption Committee Mission: To encourage people to think about the environmental impacts of their consumption choices by providing specific information. "The factory meat industry has polluted thousands of miles of rivers, killed billions of fish, pushed tens of thousands of family farmers off their land, sickened and killed thousands of U.S. citizens, and treated millions of farm animals with unspeakable and unnecessary cruelty." — Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Waterkeeper Alliance

TWO WORLDS COLLIDING

49 min./Tasha Hubbard/2004
1:40 pm/Saturday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Room

"Two Worlds Colliding" chronicles the painful story of Saskatoon's infamous "freezing deaths," and the schism between a fearful, mistrustful aboriginal community and a police force that must come to terms with a shocking secret. The result is a major RCMP investigation into several suspicious deaths, the conviction of the two constables who abandoned a native man, Darrell Night, and the reopening of an old case, leading to a judicial inquiry. It remains to be seen whether the gulf between the two worlds can be bridged.

THE UNGRATEFUL DEAD: IN SEARCH OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

94 min./Judy Jackson/2005
7:30 pm/Friday/Multi-Purpose Room

Filmmaker Judy Jackson's thought-provoking documentary traces the evolution of international law and justice from the tribunals of the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, through the arrest of General Pinochet in London, to the opening of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The documentary focuses on Canada's contributions since the campaign for global justice began. The film also looks at the US, who opposes the new court, and visits Iraq, Kosovo, Northern Uganda, and Darfur, charting a path to international justice. Disturbing scenes.

THE VANISHING ICE

22 min./Rachel Gauk/2005
3:40 pm/Saturday/Helen Caldicott Room

The earth's glaciers are disappearing, and the impact it will have on humanity could be cataclysmic. Water has been called the blood of the earth, and glacial ice is one of the most reliable storage systems for fresh water. Within 20 years glaciers in the Canadian Rockies will lose at least half of their current mass, and with it much of our available water.

VENDETTA SONG


52 min./Eylem Kaftan/2005
11:30 am/Saturday/Stephen Lewis Room

For years, Montreal filmmaker Eylem Kaftan has been haunted by a family mystery: The murder of her aunt Guzide nearly three decades ago. In the documentary Vendetta Song, Kaftan returns to her Kurdish roots in eastern Turkey to uncover the truth, and to confront the ancient traditions that cost Guzide her life. Kaftan's search brings her face-to-face with a suspect in her aunt's murder. Was the "honour killing" really worth her aunt's life?

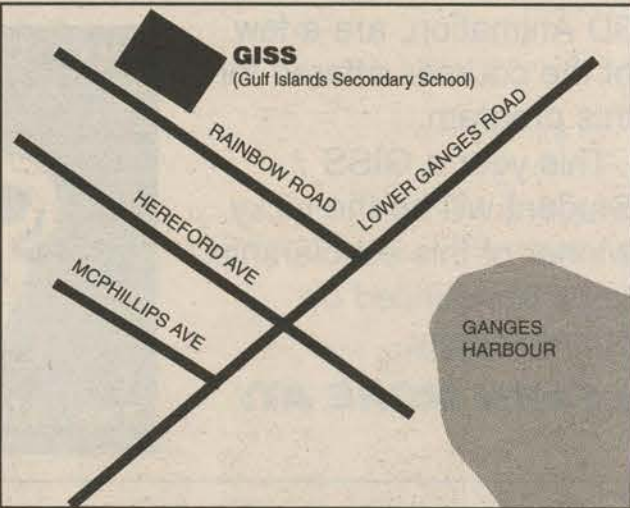
WAL-MART: THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICE

20 min./Robert Greenwald/2005
3:10 pm/Sunday/Helen Caldicott Room

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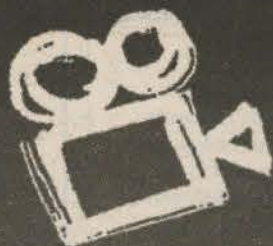
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Islander taps into sweet idea

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

When last week's cool temperatures had most islanders reaching for the thermostat, Paul Minvielle was more than happy to keep stoking the flames in what just may be Salt Spring Island's very first sugar shack.

With morning frost lingering on the forest floor, a roaring fire and plumes of steam rising from the first batch of maple sap in his homemade evaporator, Minvielle jokes he's probably the only person on the island wanting the cold weather to stick around for a while.

"That's the only way to get the sap flowing," he said during a tour of his sugaring operation. "You develop a different perspective when it comes to maple syrup."

With nearly 300 litres of maple sap collected during the recent cold spell and even bigger plans for next year, Minvielle may soon need more than a new point of view to keep up with the flow.

Collecting the maple sap requires heading out with a bucket full of hoses and spigots, a 12-volt drill, a sturdy pair of gumboots and a keen eye for the elusive bigleaf maple.

In the summer and fall, the trees' large leaves makes picking them out a no-brainer but tracking them down in winter requires some tricks of the trade, like knowing their trunks are usually covered in moss.

Minvielle, a former newspaper editor, has already tapped between 30 and 40 trees on his 12-acre property and whenever overnight temperatures dip below zero, he just has to wait for sap to start flowing as the temperatures warm up.

The sap itself is about 98 per cent water and must undergo an extensive boiling process in the evaporator before it becomes the highly prized golden syrup sought after around the globe.

If "boil-down" is done indoors, prepare for a fair share of steam, he warns.

Using propane or wood heat outdoors is the preferred way to go, though amateurs have been known to cook up small quantities on the kitchen stove.

Sap is considered syrup when the sugar content reaches 66.5 per cent. It's been a while since Minvielle



FLOWING: Aspiring "Sapsucker" Paul Minvielle with this year's first batch of Salt Spring Island bigleaf maple syrup. Photo by Sean McIntyre

last fired up his evaporator but with several days of constant flow, the sugaring off season is well underway.

"All it takes is a couple of cold nights and we're off," he said.

Minvielle has spent the past three years honing his syrup making technique in what has been a largely untapped market here on the West Coast.

Small yields caused by

of Vancouver Island, are determined to put West Coast maple syrup on the map.

Sapsuckers president Gary Backlund has written the book on the subject and is busy spreading the word at events and lectures.

What started out as a small family scale operation on his woodlot near Ladysmith has now inspired hundreds of would-be sugar-barons to take a closer look at the sweet

though more and more tapping tools and literature keep creeping into his living room and he's already got plans to spend this summer clearing trails and improving his sugar shack in hopes of tapping up to 130 trees.

"When the cold weather comes next year," he said. "I'll be ready for it." ❁

"It may seem like a lot of work, but it is certainly rewarding enough. Once it gets into your blood, you're doomed."

mild winters and the intensive boiling process nearly convinced him to pack it in last year. Then, he tasted the finished product.

On a large circular wall chart depicting maple syrup's various tints and flavours, Minvielle reckons the bigleaf product lays somewhere between floral and fruity.

With a tad more bite than Eastern maple syrup, the coastal varietal is more suitable for baking or cooking. During the sampling process, however, it tastes just fine by the spoonful.

"It may seem like a lot of work, but it is certainly rewarding enough," he said. "Once it gets into your blood, you're doomed."

Aside from some small Interior operations specializing in birch syrup, the province's sugar industry comes nowhere near the legendary status of sugar shacks in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, which bring in roughly \$165 million annually. Though British Columbia's climate leans more towards produce than pancakes, The Sapsuckers, a group of more than 100 farmers, foresters and sweet lovers between the U.S. border to the northern tip

secret their land may have to offer.

Tapping the trees, he said, is a great way to add some diversity to the way forests are managed since the process is based on preserving a renewable resource and does not harm the tree.

Twice a year, syrup-tappers from the Vancouver Island Maple Syrup Producers meet to discuss techniques and share experiences about maximizing sap flow, one of the largest hurdles facing the burgeoning industry.

One of the greatest difficulties, he said, is making sure you're there when the sap starts to run.

"It's a lot like e-mail," he said. "You never know what you're going to get, so you have to keep on checking to see what's come in."

Back on Salt Spring, Minvielle's 300 litres of sap will likely yield only seven litres of final product, a far cry from a viable commercial enterprise.

So far the maples are only producing a few litres of sap each day, though a few more cold nights will ensure up to 60 litres of sap.

For now, Minvielle is content to keep his passion for syrup at the hobby level,

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Jason Tudor

The Weather Man is a strange yet oddly engaging drama in the mold of other "depressed middle-ager" efforts like American Beauty.

Nicholas Cage stars as Chicago TV weather man Dave Spritz. Dave is an absolute shlub. He is separated from his wife, can't help his kids with their problems, and is routinely pelted by fast foods thrown by bitter viewers.

Faced with not only these challenges, but the impending death of his father (Michael Caine) and the possibility of moving to New York to be on the nationally-televised "Hello America," Dave comes close to cracking. He wants to prove himself to his father, get back together with his wife and help his kids, but life is too unpredictable for this weather prognosticator.

At first The Weather Man feels awkward in its rhythm, but I think this is partially the point. The way in which it is made echoes Dave's own internal confusion. In one scene we hear his thoughts degenerate from a simple wifely reminder to get the tartar sauce to a complete mishmash of sex, memory and fear.

Hans Zimmer's score seems ridiculously all over the place until you link it to Dave's current mental state. It ticks electronically like a time bomb when he's frustrated, and swoons when he's encountering a moment of drunken transcendence.

Likewise, director Gore Verbinski's obvious technical skill creates an energetic playground for the eyes. His use of over-saturated colour and framed objects within a shot are perfect at emulating the

emotional tone of a given scene, as seen in his previous films such as The Ring and Pirates of the Caribbean.

The Weather Man as such is a very modern work in that it doesn't seek to lull us into some sort of comfort zone where we can passively observe poor Dave's trauma. It instead pokes and prods, offering a bit of release and then pulling it away.

The result is that Dave's progress in "life," while not amounting to the typical happy ending, feels justified. The Weather Man isn't one of those family-friendly efforts to just toss in the DVD player and toss away afterwards. It's a serious (though frequently funny) look at what it means to be a man in America today. I heartily recommend it.

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Drug-related stories wanted for project

An innovative and creative new project that aims to tackle current issues for youth through dramatic monologues and group discussion is seeking participants.

Organizer Cindy Clark describes the Youth Voices For Community project as a collaboration between youth, a support team and commu-

nity members who are willing to share their personal experiences.

"Once we have gathered the stories, monologues will be created from the stories, focussing not only on the experience, but also on the healing of the experience."

The first topic to be tackled is drugs, and the group welcomes and encourages community members of any age to come forth and share their stories.

"We are looking for a broad perspective, so the story could be regarding a person's direct experience with drugs or perhaps how someone else's experience with drugs has affected them," said Clark.

She assures all participants that their stories will be treated with the utmost respect and privacy.

The first meeting for youth wishing to explore involvement in this project is Friday, March 3 at 12 noon on the second floor of the Core Inn.

Anyone interested in sharing a story for the project or getting involved in another capacity can call Clark at 537-8828 or e-mail her at hackett@uniserve.com.



EYE ON BALL: William Rithaler is excited to watch some ball this year as his mom, Loretta, registers big sister Anna for participation in the Salt Spring baseball season.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

School program volunteers needed

Volunteers who want to help a child connect with nature are needed to help with Stewards in Training field trips to Ford Lake and other seashore sites this spring.

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Island climbers raise cash for B.C. Lungs

Volunteers from Salt Spring Island Fire Department (SSIFD) raised over \$4,000 for the B.C. Lung Association when they competed with fellow firefighters in the fifth annual Climb the Wall for Clean Air event at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel on Sunday.

According to the B.C. Lung Association, 48 firefighters and 373 other climbers raised over \$100,000 during the friendly competition.

"It's the highest fundraiser we've ever done," said B.C. Lung communications coordinator Derek Moscato.

"Salt Spring is one of the top fundraising teams. It's an outstanding effort on their part."

SSIFD lead the pack of firefighter teams for fundraising on race day (including event hosts from Vancouver Fire Department). And as SSIFD's top fundraiser, Fiona Foster single-handedly collected more money than some entire departments.

At last count, Foster had brought in more than \$1,500 — well over contributions from nine other fire-department teams combined. And she's still fundraising until the March 17 deadline.

"I could probably boost her up there. I don't know what my total is going to be," she said.

Along with fundraising for B.C. Lung, Foster would like to see more people give the stair climb a try next year, just to test their fitness.

"I thought I was ready," Foster laughed, "And I was not ready."

Weighted down with 50 pounds of quilted protective clothing, helmet, boots, breathing apparatus and mask, Foster posted a time of 15:36 minutes when she ascended the 48-story building.

"My lungs still hurt," Foster said Monday.

As challenging as the climb was, island firefighters assembled the largest team (10) and even put some competitors on the podium.

SSIFD's Uma Meyers

placed second among female firefighters with a time of 13:26 minutes (compared to the top female time of 12:29) while Dave Melanson placed third among male firefighters under age 40 with a time of 7:08 minutes (against 6:16 for the fastest male).

Local firefighter Mike Bartle drew the top door prize of the event — a coveted hand-painted helmet.

To train for the climb, Meyers led a firefighters' yoga class, participants adopted individual exercise regimes (like stair-master sessions in breathing apparatus) and, in one extreme, Melanson ran up Mount Erskine daily (and sometimes more than once a day) over several months.

Consequently, most members of the island team placed respectably in the middle of the pack. Mitchell Sherrin was 18th overall (8:51), Kyle Beaumont 19th (8:57), Aaron Hannah-Matin placed 27th (9:29), Peter Ogis finished 34th (10:28), Mark Wyatt completed the climb in 12:13 minutes, alumni SSIFD member Jon Ward finished in 17:46 minutes and Bartle completed 20 stories of the climb.

As an event highlight, SSIFD even enjoyed corporate sponsorship from MSA Canada Inc., who provided breathing-apparatus and outstanding on-site service from B.C. area sales representative Marcel Syens — much to the envy of competitors.

Outside of the firefighters' division (and free of cumbersome breathing apparatus), local doctor Ron Reznick raised \$300 and completed the 739-stair climb in 7:55 minutes to place 64th among 149 men.

Dr. Reznick said he had fun and was impressed by the event organization.

"I thought it was first class and it was something I'd like to do again next year."

Anyone looking for a challenge can consider Climb the Wall top times: 4:17 minutes among males and 6:04 minutes for females.



SAYING GOODBYE: Retiring high school vice-principal Neill Armitage is surrounded at his retirement party by students (left to right) Niko Hook Nilsson, Graham Meek, Emma Rimmer, Ashley Macdonell, Caitlin Hilyer and Jen Akerman.

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KIDS OF CANADA: Max Mackay (front) and Madison Haston are among a crush of Fernwood Elementary School students holding provincial signs during a special assembly last week.
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Pioneer E.F. Wilson recalled

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Expatriate islander Michael Morris offered an affable and engaging look at his great grandfather, island pioneer Reverend Edward Francis Wilson, during a meeting of the Salt Spring Historical Society at Central Hall on February 8.

Some 60 islanders were seated almost stones-throwing distance of the Wilson homestead, now the site of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club, and St. Mark's Church, where Wilson served as rector from 1894 till 1909, during Morris' delightful chat.

As a result of Wilson's rich diaries and Morris' family stories, historical society members and guests learned a wealth of information about one of the most influential islanders of his time

and a great recorder of local history.

Wilson first came to Canada as a missionary in 1868 and founded the Shingwauk and Wawanish residential schools, as well as a school in Elkhorn Manitoba for the Ojibway people before he moved to the coast in 1892.

"He didn't just get into the word of God, he got them into the word of carpenters and boat makers," Morris said.

And Wilson had been an advocate for the influential Metis leader Louis Riel during the famous trial at Regina in 1885, noted Morris.

Wilson moved to B.C. when his health started to fail (since he had heard it was a "land of fruit, flowers and genial climate") and Morris shared an excerpt from Wilson's diary that described the move:

"Though perhaps it seems a mad thing to do, we sent two of our children as an advance guard to spy out the country, Winnifred age 18 years and Llewelyn 16 years. In early September we received first from our young pioneers and most enthusiastic were they about the glories of the new country."

Buoyed by reports from his children, Wilson moved out to the coast where weather wasn't exactly as expected. Morris read a letter written by his great-grandmother Elizabeth to her husband in December 1892 when he was called back to Manitoba.

"A strange and most unexpected change has come over my dream of a balmy and windless B.C.," she wrote. "I have never passed through two days of such utter misery. The wood is green and mostly roots, and everything in the house froze — the food, water, milk and saddest of all to me is the loss of all my lovely houseplants. The snow blew in every crack and the wind was terrific."

After a two-year stint in Victoria, Wilson visited Salt Spring and immediately decided to move to the island, where he bought a 100-acre property at Central.

Morris described, with great detail and wit, how Wilson sought to improve his farm (with updated annual tallies of pigs, chickens and pigs) and to marry off his five daughters over the next 10 years.

Islanders learned that Wilson also filled in as a doctor, narrowly escaped a house fire in 1895 and watched two of his children run off to the Klondike gold rush.

Historical events such as the Point Ellis Bridge accident, where 59 people were drowned in an overloaded streetcar at Victoria in 1896, were woven into Morris' narrative through familial connections to the events.

Morris also touched on the Boer War of 1900, the building of Central Hall in 1897, the death of Queen Victoria in 1901 and the sad catastrophe of 1898 when two young islanders were drowned in a boating accident — prompting creation of the memorial window that now adorns St. Mark's.

Once Morris finished his talk about Reverend Wilson, he recounted a few of his own memories about growing up on the island, which included: chasing sheep off the golf course as an early job, a \$9 fine for selling cider made from Scott farm apples, and his mother's work as a local telephone operator in an age when phone numbers had two digits.

Morris also recalled an amusing tale about how his great uncle Norman Wilson offered him a present of land for his wedding, which Morris declined because the property was difficult to access and sandwiched between two beaches. Instead Morris suggested he'd like a toaster — which he still uses as a doorstop — but he regrets turning down the property that eventually became the Long Harbour ferry terminal.

"The only property I own on this island is two plots behind the hall," the Nanaimo transplant quipped.

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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Old Boys' cup dreams drained

By FRASER HOPE
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring FC's Old Boys threatened a win against the Victoria Athletic's A-division team with a 1-1 tie in regulation time during a Tony Grover Memorial Cup match at the lower high school field on Sunday. But overtime goals from a Victoria team ranked two divisions above the islanders in the Master C's ended hopes of an upset.

In fact, the Old Boys battled so well that the opposition was increasingly frustrated with its inability to beat down a stubborn, if at times desperate, island defence.

Salt Spring did not allow their skilled opponents time to develop their strategy and, allied with Dennis Shaw's best game in an Old Boys goalie shirt, the islanders kept the Vic West team at bay for the full 90 minutes of regulation play.

Those faithful island spectators with earlier-season memories flashing back in their minds were sure that the well-executed move (practised many a cold evening under the lights at Hydro Field) of Martin Thorn shooting off the near goal post for Mike McCormick to slot in a goal from one yard

would win the game in the dying minutes.

Alas the win was not to be — Vic West managed to scramble the ball away and FC headed for overtime.

Vic West had many opportunities to score during regulation time, but there was a sneaking chance Salt Spring could "nick" the win against the run of play.

Early into the first 15-minute overtime session, a mix-up in Old Boys defence saw the visitors receive a penalty shot, which was quickly dispatched for a 1-0 lead.

Salt Spring continued to fight for the equalizer but in all-out attack mode a speculative shot was deflected, spinning high over Shaw's head, to complete the scoring for Vic West.

With the new cup-tie format in operation, it meant this was the final game of the regular season for the Old Boys.

The team has benefitted from the addition of new young blood, committed coaching and were close to promotion to the Masters B Division, but all energies will be concentrated on upcoming spring tournaments, which culminate in the Salt Spring Island Challenge Cup in May.



BALL DRIVE: Salt Spring Div.-1 player Harrison Jason goes for the ball during a 1-0 loss against Powell River, which knocked the team out of Jackson Cup play.

Photo by John Cameron



UNDERCUT: Old Boys player Jesse Fisher gets his foot into the action during a 1-1 tie against Victoria Athletics.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Div.-5 men snag disappointing tie

Salt Spring FC's Division-5 men's team fought to come back from behind, but still ended up with a disappointing 4-4 tie against Juan de Fuca (JDF) at Portlock Park on Sunday.

"They wanted the game much more than we did," said player coach Jude Shugar.

Salt Spring was ranked second against the ninth-place JDF team within Vancouver Island Soccer League standings heading into Sunday's game.

And islanders have their sights set on promotion to Div. 4 as the season winds down. But the islanders have temporarily drifted into fourth place within the hotly contested top spots as a result of the recent tie.

Early miscommunication and miscues lead to two JDF goals within the first 20 minutes, Shugar said.

Brook Speed answered with a goal, but then the visitors sunk two more shots.

"We weren't moving the ball very well," said Shugar.

In the end, the Div.-5 men showed remarkable compo-

sure to recover from a 4-1 deficit. Shugar led the assault with two goals scored on penalty kicks after he was taken down in the box.

New team addition Ben Berry then salted away the fourth island goal off a free-kick cross by Jesse Fisher.

By the end of the game, Salt Spring had applied full pressure, but the clock ran out.

"In the last five to 10 minutes, we hit three crossbars," Shugar said.

Next week the islanders play a cup game against Oceanside.

In Div.-1 action, islanders suffered another tie of sorts when Powell River Villa came back with a 1-0 vengeance after suffering a loss to Salt Spring FC the previous week.

Visiting Villa players knocked the islanders out of the running for the Jackson Cup during a match at Portlock Park on Saturday. Powell River's Mario Paul scored the lone goal and Cory McCracken earned the shut out.

153; Mahjor Bains, 166-163; Stuart Elliott, 171.

February 8: Mahjor Bains, 150; Gloria Dale, 157; Jason Newport, 193.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the week:
The Sun enters Pisces on February the 18th this year. Uranus and Mercury are already there and together they will stir our imaginations in unexpected ways. This is especially so since communications are not easy to express when is the watery sign of the fishes. Further, Mercury will turn retrograde in Pisces in March, more on this next week. Uranus in Pisces suggests an awakening to the subconscious mind and its realities and power's at best. With Neptune in Aquarius, there is a nice exchange between the low gas giants, Uranus and Pisces. These trans-social planets serve to awaken us to larger, galactic and cosmic realities. They are certainly doing that as any scan of history over the last 100 years suggests. The time has come to awaken on both personal and collective levels to larger realities about who we are as spiritual and cosmic beings and how we fit into the larger scheme of creation. This is a dawn realization. Tune-in!

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
Change is in the air and it is touching upon your relationships. Partners, lovers, friends, family, colleagues - all are possible areas of activation. Balancing personal needs, expressions and time with relationship responsibilities is in the script. Accepting the fact that you cannot please all the people all the time is important now and will become increasingly so over the next several weeks. Attend to externals rather than try to figure it all out or try to please everyone and balance practically with originality.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Exercising compassion without getting lost in sympathy is part of the plot for you now. This includes yourself as well as others. Compassion begins by imagining and/or understanding what another is experiencing and caring about them. Avoid pushing your ideas on others, but do forge ahead with your plans. Honouring your individuality as well as that of others figures prominently as well. Be aware of expectations you impose or that are being imposed upon you - don't do it and don't let it happen!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
A new wave of energy is activating within you now. However, this energy has more to do with awakening to inner realities more than it does with making things happen in the outer world. Dreams, visualizations, meditations, inner journeying, insights into the subconscious mind, or simply awakening to your inner self is in focus. This is a continuation of a process already underway as of the turn of the New Year. Tune-in and create an inner connection!

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
A creative and playful mood is rising within you. This will activate your leadership. Creating fair deals with others could, however, be a source of some real drama. Confusions and stubborn tendencies either on your part, the other(s) you are dealing with or both may be at issue. Your will and ability to keep an open mind and seek creative solutions is ideal. This implies negotiating win/win deals. Make sure you are doing your part and stand firm at middle ground.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
Your ideals will take an added emphasis this week. So too may confusion about your place in the world. In one way or another you may feel the need to make sacrifices, especially in regard to your public and/or professional life. Perhaps someone or your family are suffering because of your current situation, or perhaps it is you that feels like something is missing. Finding your place implies facing fears and claiming bigger talents latent within you. Slow but sure!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Connecting within to your core sense of self and individuality is now in focus. This momentum will grow through and beyond the week. The summons of your soul is a call hard to resist yet also challenging to interpret. It is more an intuition and feeling than a thought or idea. The more you can enter into silence and feel, the better. Discussions about who you are and where you belong are likely. Seek guidance as necessary and summon faith and inspiration from your source.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
The Sun in Pisces marks a time for you to approach authority figures for favours and earned rewards. Your leadership and influence are culminating. With Mercury turning retrograde in early March, you do well to act now in this regard. In fact, do as much as you can now in terms of technical work and dealings with authorities or especially signing important contracts and documents. If you could take March off from technical work you would be lucky and wise!

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
A fresh wave of inspiration is washing in on your shores this week. This could spark interests into some of the deeper and more subtle mysteries in the world. The pyramids, reincarnation, psychic phenomena, astrology, UFO's crop circles, Atlantis, the tax system, you name it, the mysteries. On more mundane levels, taking more space and becoming more self aware, especially of self-defeating patterns of any kind will activate your inner spiritual strength and knowing.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
New realizations are awakening new values and vice versa. Change is in the air and you are ready to respond. There are things you have always wanted to do and perhaps places you would like to go and now is the time to respond to the call. So, seeing yourself in the world in new ways is likely. It may feel as though you are giving birth to a whole new aspect of your being. This can be a painful process, unless you surrender to the call. Be dutiful to your inner guidance.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
As old foundations dissolve, new ones are in line to take their place. Your commitment to growth and change is necessary now. This does include expanding your vision and your horizons. Perhaps you are ready for a promotion in your career or you are ready for a whole new line of work. If you are confused, ask and be patient for an answer. It may take until April for the clouds to really clear. Stay calm and faithful and present in the moment. Play with new possibilities!

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
With the Sun now in your sign, some pioneering initiatives are dawning. The past does not equal the future and it is time to venture to new places or at least to prepare for another voyage. This does include learning new skills and gathering new tools. Disruptions and splits are possible close to home as a result. Focus and meditate to hold your center.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
A plunge into your and perhaps your family's deeper psychology is taking you to deeper levels now. Outer expressions, patterns, blocks etcetera always have an inner source, even if they appear to be solely based on environmental conditions. Recognizing this and making efforts to access these inner places is otherwise called inner work. Avoid getting over dramatic about it all. Keep it matter of fact that it is basic human nature. Energy goes where attention goes!

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Scorpions packed a sting to place second at the Island Championship AA Basketball Tournament last weekend and now the senior boys team from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) might just be bound for the provincials.

GISS turned heads by snatching the lower Vancouver Island title with a 71-65 win against Lambrick Park on February 12. But then the Scorpions went on to roll through Woodlands of Nanaimo by 90-36 on Thursday and St. Michael's University (SMU) by 65-41 in the Island Championships on Thursday and Friday.

It took B.C.'s top-ranked

Ladysmith 49ers to stall GISS by 56-45 in the island final on Saturday. And Lambrick Park (ranked seventh in B.C. going into the weekend tourney) took another shot at the islanders with a challenge game for a provincial berth on Tuesday night (results not available at press time).

"We knew we had a chance, but it's nice to know we could actually do it," said GISS captain Jeremy Byron.

Regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's game, GISS players are proud of their achievements.

"We've already made a number of accomplishments this season. We have nothing to hang our heads about concerning our season."

The Scorpions made a big improvement from the last two seasons, he said.

"We knew what we wanted to do ever since last April and we knew we had the chance to do it with the players we have — we're all good friends on and off the court — and now we're really really close," said GISS player Yoni Marmorstein.

The senior boys have been training for the past 11 months with extra runs, morning drills and the summer basketball camp at Gonzaga University, he said.

During the weekend tourney, GISS even led Ladysmith through the first half of the island championship game in Ladysmith, Byron said.

"Our defence was pretty strong in the first half," Byron said.

GISS scored equally in both halves but Ladysmith edged away in the second, he said.

"They took the lead and we never really recovered."

Byron and Jordan Borth were named to the first team all stars and Josh Benloulou made the second team.

The captain was pleased with his teammates' work in all three games over the weekend. In the match against the SMU Blue Jaguars, he asked the team to hold SMU to 16 points and they closed the net to all but 14.

They also prepared for the match against Ladysmith

by watching them in action against Lambrick Park.

"We saw their fans. It would have been hard for Lambrick Park to play through that. It was beneficial to see that beforehand."

GISS tried to fill the bleachers for the islands final and the team even brought drummer Luke Giefing to perform as a rival for the Ladysmith drumming section.

"Every time they started to drum, he would solo and that got our crowd going."

Following Tuesday's drum roll, islanders will either reflect on the end of a great season or will be making plans for the provincials in Kamloops on March 1-4.



RISEING STAR: Andrew Chan is among Salt Spring's younger set of athletes. He and others train at Portlock Park on Saturday mornings.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

U12s nail come-from-behind win in youth soccer action

Whether it was the lack of warm-up, the biting cold wind or the amazement of playing on Hampton Park's new turf field, the Salt Spring U12 squad found themselves three goals down within the first 10 minutes of their Sat-

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urday game against Gorge.

Gradually adjusting to the new surface, players forced

their way back into the game with Adrian Alonso's first goal encouraging them to quickly tie things up with additional goals by Luc Comeau and Alonso.

Olivia Greig's surging run and powerful shoot from

15 metres put Salt Spring into the lead. Greig's decisive tackling and excellent distribution to the strikers seemed to discomfort the Gorge defence and threaten the right flank.

In the second half, the team

increased its lead with goals from Comeau and Alonso, with each picking up a hat-trick.

Unanimous choice of the team for Player of the Match was Greig, who had her finest game since joining the team

U17 boys put on stellar show against Cowichan Valley team

By LOUISE DOUCET
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring's U17 boys gold team hosted the U17 Cowichan Valley Royals at Portlock Park last Sunday, taking the game 2-1.

The visiting team is renowned for its physical style and extremely aggressive play. Luckily, one of its worst offenders is out for the season after receiving a suspension during the last Salt Spring/Cowichan match.

Two more of their players were benched with red cards before the game began. Island

referee Malcolm Legg handed out another red card and two yellow cards during the game.

Salt Spring played full on from beginning to end, maintaining its composure, ignoring the language and playing through all of the fouls.

Their persistence paid off with a goal scored in the first half. Tavis Morton passed from the defensive end to Rusty Fedberg, who then headed it to himself and with some

fancy footwork landed the ball high in the opposing net.

Bob Byron was injured in the first half, leaving the locals with one sub.

The second half saw the Cowichan team come on even stronger and score early on. But the local squad continued to create ball-passing opportunities and to break down the defensive wall.

Again, Morton sent a long ball up to the scoring third and DJ Lake landed a strong

one from the corner of the 18-yard line.

Throughout the game the midfield performed extremely well, as did the defence. When the ball did penetrate Salt Spring's defensive end, keeper Brandon Shaw ensured no goals were scored by Cowichan. He played a stellar game.

The team has been working on its offensive skills with a new technique of attacking the defensive end. Islanders should see some fairly strong games during the upcoming district cup.

Juniors wrap up basketball season

Junior girls from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) ended their basketball season with a three-point loss to Frances Kelsey in a qualifier tourney for the Island Championships on Thursday.

"It was a heartbreaker," said guard Monique Comeau.

Sammy Bird, Kate Parker and Colleen Hillis were scoring leaders along with Comeau (who scored 17).

The 40-37 loss put an end to the junior girls season.

GISS junior boys also ended their run when they lost two games at the Mid-Island Championships held at Shawnigan Lake on February 16-18.

"I think we all played really well," said centre/post James Cameron.

He commended efforts from David Outerbridge and Stuart Garside.

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Dragons roast Vic A's squad

After almost a month of rain delays and cancellations, Salt Spring's Division-3 Dragons soccer club looked like they hadn't missed a beat after defeating the Vic A's 2-0 on Sunday.

"We looked great out there," said player Sue Anne Donaldson. "Definitely like we weren't gone for a month."

The Dragons stormed out of the gates with an early goal from Jeanie Gray with an assist from Gina D'Attilio.

The team dominated throughout the first half, controlling the play and affording their opponents few chances to muster a comeback.

Donaldson added the Dragons' insurance goal by drilling a one-timer past a bewildered Vic A's keeper with only minutes left in the half.

Sunday's game also marked the return of Dragons keeper Amanda Langeaan, who managed to quell the opposition's modest

resurgence during the game's final minutes.

The Vic A's defeat marks the top-ranked team's second loss in 13 games and means the Dragons still have a chance to make a run for top spot in their division. The team's record now stands at 5-5-2.

According to Donaldson, the team usually plays up to its competition's level, tending to come up short when playing the division's weaker teams.

Kicking off the second half of the season on a winning note will hopefully inspire players to give it their all in the home stretch, Donaldson added.

"We are very confident and glad to be playing well as a team," she said. "We are focussed on winning, winning and winning some more."

The Dragons next match is a cup game against Lakehill this Sunday at the lower high school field. Start time is 12:30 p.m.



READY TO PLAY: Dragons players arrive at the lower high school field with a bag of soccer balls, set to take on Vic A's. They won the match 2-0.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island youths play in cup challenges

A squad of Salt Spring soccer players is still in the running for cup titles at different levels of competition, while others have been knocked out and are now eyeing district championships.

The island's U13 girls bronze team is well on its way to the Coastal Classic championship in C-Cup competition, after winning the lower island title last week.

They play an upper island team this weekend and a win could send them to the coastal cup final at the end of March.

U13 gold players Kevan Brown and Rhys Hardy have passed the first two hurdles in Provincial A-Cup play with their Lakehill gold team.

The two helped their team beat Prospect Lake 10-0 in the quarter-finals of A-Cup competition two weeks ago, and then took down Gordon Head 4-0.

Salt Spring's U14 silver girls advanced to the lower island coastal cup finals after winning their semi-final game against Lakehill (3-2), but lost the final match 1-0 to Juan de Fuca.

The local U18 girls advanced to the semi-finals after beating out Juan de Fuca in a forfeited match, but then lost 4-3 to Sooke.

Other island soccer players and teams were knocked out of cup play in quarter-final games.

U13 gold players Kai Fishleigh, Sierra Lundy and Grace Morgan, who play for Peninsula, lost their A-Cup game to an undefeated Bays United squad.

In B-Cup play, Salt Spring U16 silver girls forfeited their quarter-finals game to Bays; island U15 gold players Danica Lundy, Olivia

Morgan and Erica Rimmer's Peninsula team fell 1-0 to Prospect Lake; Salt Spring's U17 gold boys lost 4-3 to Gorge; and the U15 silver boys fell 7-0 to a gold Lakehill squad.

District cup finals — currently set for the first weekend in April — are open to all teams knocked out of A, B and C-cup play.

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The world is an island, volunteering is a bridge



Anna Callegari

Stats

Name: Anna Callegari
Lived on Salt Spring: Seven years
Spouse/Kids: Solo (other than five nieces and nephews). Too busy for that!
Likes: Hanging out with above kids, meetings (by necessity), knitting (see above), social gatherings
Dislikes: Apathy and dishonesty
Future ambition: To travel more
Words of advice: Live fully



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE/GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

HELPING HAND: Seen at Pharmasave where she works, Anna Callegari has travelled the world to help out.

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Anna Callegari readily admits hopping a plane to Africa with three near strangers is a "somewhat radical" approach to volunteering, but she doesn't have any regrets about the experience.

"Once you meet people from other countries or from other situations, whether it's here on the island or in Africa, you become friends and you can't turn your back and forget about them," she said.

During her 2005 visit to Lesotho, a small land-locked country in southern Africa, Callegari danced, played, laughed and learned with 264 orphans at a school funded by the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID).

"When you can make volunteering a personal commitment, the world becomes a much better place because your contribution isn't just a number," she said.

Before Callegari moved to Salt Spring seven years ago, her commitment to help people in need had already taken root.

Travels through India and Nepal in the early 1990s showed her just how badly off a large portion of the world's population truly is.

"It was a life-altering experience just to experience those struggles and cultural differences and it really gives you a sense of how privileged we really are," she said.

On her return to Canada, Callegari spent time working at the outpatient clinic at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver where she witnessed the impact of HIV and AIDS first-hand.

"That whole experience revealed a mysterious kind of world," she said. "After that, I learned to see [HIV] as a preventable disease that is rampaging out of control."

Callegari, now a full-time pharmacist, supplements her efforts with SOLID by volunteering with the Salt Spring Community Services Society (SSCSS).

While it may take on a different form, she said, poverty on Salt Spring Island is a very real problem and it shows little sign of letting up.

The SSCSS plays a major role with initiatives that include the new food bank, mental health services, family

support and addictions counselling.

Islanders, she said, have proven again and again that they are up for the challenge. Unfortunately, getting carried away by the routine of everyday life is often too easy.

"Hardship is definitely a difficult thing to look at, but it is necessary to make the effort. It is necessary for the health of our society, our community and our little town," she said.

"As a society we need to wake up and occasionally look at the unpleasant things around us rather than tuning in to reality television."

Volunteering offers something for virtually anybody, regardless of the skills they have and, Callegari said, wannabe volunteers only have to raise their hand to get noticed.

SOLID and Community Services, she added, are always looking for new volunteers and are set to launch a major recruiting drive.

"Volunteering offers a selflessness that takes you out of your own experience and allows you to give without expectation of receiving," she said.

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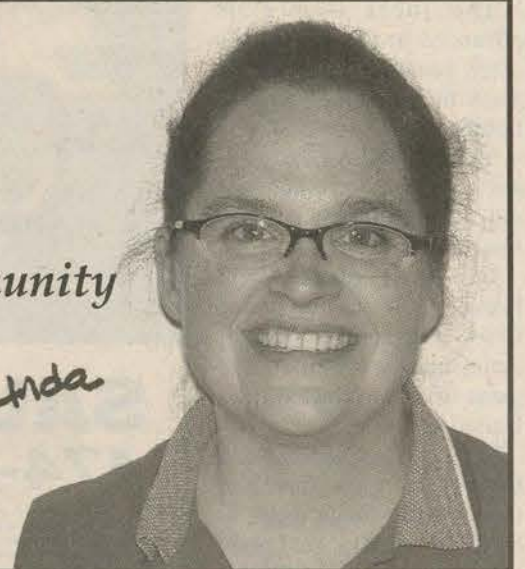
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MARGARET MAUDE FRATTINGER

Passed away peacefully February 15, 2006.

She was a long time resident of Salt Spring Island. Margaret was born in Lachine, Quebec on November 18, 1912. She is predeceased by her husband, Peter A. Frattinger, and her son, Peter A. Frattinger Jr. She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Judy Darby (Tom) of Seattle, and a brother, Dr. Ernie Jarman and his wife Velma, of Victoria. Margaret loved her 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and lots of nieces and nephews, most of whom spent many summers on Maple Beach where Margaret lived for many years. Margaret and her husband built Scott Point Marina which is now the Vancouver Yacht Club Marina. She loved golf and hit a hole-in-one at Salt Spring Golf Course. No specific memorials are requested.



JOSEPH L. MOULTON

died peacefully at Kelowna General Hospital on Tuesday, February 14, 2006. A former resident of Salt Spring Island from 1960 to 2001, Joe and his wife Isabel moved to the Okanagan Valley in the summer of 2001, residing in Westbank. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Isabel, daughters Doreen Williams, Joanne Desautels, Marlene Moulton; son John, and 10 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers Stanley, Lloyd and Arthur and sisters Bertha Silvester and Hazel Dabbs. Memorial services will be held at the Burgoyne United Church in May 2006. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Society.

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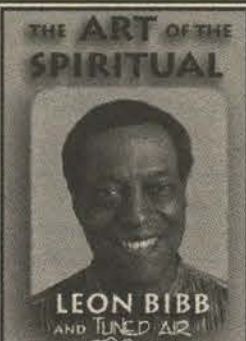
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29 LOST AND FOUND

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FOUND: 1 MEN'S navy & red ski glove. Owner may claim at 653-4620.

FOUND CATS. 1/h calico cat, female, very, very fluffy, very friendly from Dukas Road, Been there for 1-2 years. You never know, so give the SPCA a call 537-2123.

FOUND: CAT, s/h grey, orange & cream marbled cat. White on feet and on chest. Very friendly. Found on Stewart road around Feb.13th. Give the SPCA a call 537-2123.

FOUND: GREEN dog collar in Whales Trail. Owner may claim at Driftwood office.

LOST - SEVERAL books loaned to friends. Please check your book shelves, and if necessary, return to me. Patricia Massy, 537-4308.

RED TOQUE lost on Reynolds road Wed. Feb. 15. Knit by Grandmother in Sointula. If found please call 537-0115. Thanks.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES:

DISPLAY ADVERTISING Friday, 5 pm

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25 EDUCATION

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32 MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting
of
Fulford Community Hall
on
March 7 at 7 pm
in the OAP Room
Everyone Welcome



Islands Trust

**SALT SPRING ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF
BUSINESS MEETING**

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Tues., Feb. 28, 2006
TIME: 1:00 pm
PLACE: ArtSpring
100 Jackson Avenue

Starting at 1:00 pm up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144

34 NOTICES

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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



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Contact: Yolande Leger
w. 537-1115
h. 537-4285

34 NOTICES

NOTICE
SSI Community Education
Change in Revenue Canada Status
→ OFFER OF REFUND ←

During the 2004/2005 terms, the Salt Spring Island Society for Community Education collected GST from program participants. Through a change in Revenue Canada status, the GST is now refundable. As an alternative to a refund, the SSI Community Education Program would like to use these funds to enhance this Community Program and to provide assistance to those in need of financial assistance through our Bursary Program.

Program participants still desiring to claim a refund may either apply in person at the SSI Elementary School on the following 3 consecutive Saturdays: February 25, March 4, or March 11 between the hours of 10am - 2pm in the Community Room or leave a message at the Community Ed Office by calling 537-0037 and requesting said refund. Identification required. The deadline for collecting this claim is March 11, 2006.

**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
OR
at the PARC office
Mon. to Wed. 10 am - 2 pm
Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (closed 1 - 2 pm)

Phone 537-4448 for more information

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

PARC
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, BC
V8K 1K3
or parc@saltspring.com



34 NOTICES

Congratulations!
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of a
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Thanks to all who entered
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**MARKET
IN THE PARK**
Seasonal Vendors to renew permits
by February 28, 2006 at PARC office,
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
(Portlock Park). Fee \$150.

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.

parc
parks & recreation

34 NOTICES

Islands Trust
THE OFFICES OF THE
ISLANDS TRUST,
SALT SPRING ISLAND,
WILL BE CLOSED
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1,
2006. REGULAR OFFICE
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AT 10 AM, THURSDAY,
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WITNESS
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WINDSOR PLYWOOD is looking to hire yard help. Full time, year round employment for the right person, clean D.L. Apply at Shipping Office.

55 HELP WANTED

NASCAR GREAT Richard Petty, record holder for most races won, once said "It's easy to win...it's not easy to win all of the time". Ronald Besley and Sons Inc. is now accepting applications for general carpenter and carpenter's apprentice, with experience in high end custom homes. Please email letter to rbesley@telus.net.

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KITCHEN MANAGER and cook (or cook's apprentice) required for the Falconshead Grill. Please submit resumé in person at the Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club or fax to 537-5387. Thanks you.

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 resumé at Deli.

LANDSCAPE LABOURER needed. Please call Van Isle Irrigation and Landscaping, 250-383-3618.

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BANFF, ALBERTA - The Fairmont Banff Springs is seeking full-time housekeepers and dishwashers - March to June starts. Subsidized housing and competitive wages. More opportunities at www.fairmontcareers.com. Fax: 403-760-6056.

JUNIOR PRESSMAN - The Estevan Mercury in southern Saskatchewan requires two pressmen for its web printing operation. We are seeking pressmen with at least one year's experience on Goss community presses, who are looking to hone their skills & advance their careers. The Mercury is affiliated with ten printing plants throughout western Canada. We are always seeking energetic & talented press operators who are looking to grow with our company. Wages & benefits commensurate with qualifications & experience. Interested individuals please contact: The Estevan Mercury, 68 Souris Avenue North, Estevan, SK, S4A 2M3. Phone 306-634-2654, atn: Peter Ng, Publisher.

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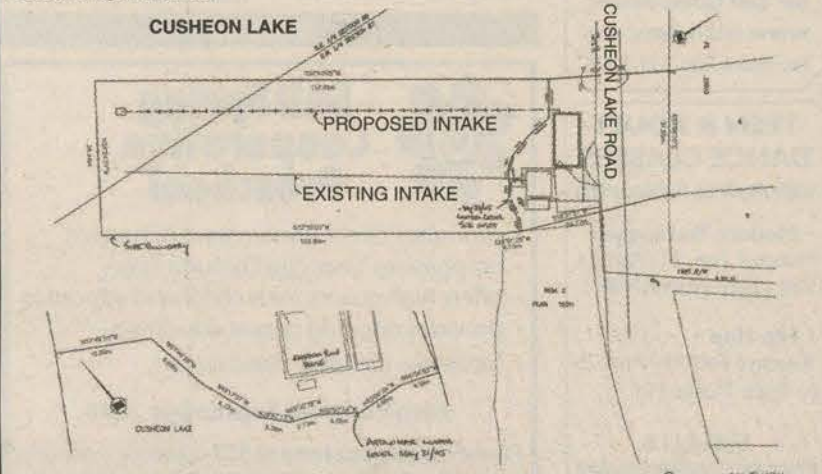
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The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is File No. 1412774. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Senior Land Officer at 501 - 345 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5B6. Comments will be received by ILMB until Wednesday, April 5, 2006. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website at www.lwbc.bc.ca under Current Land Applications for more information.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at Integrated Land Management Bureau's regional office.



MAINTENANCE/SUPPLY POSITION ON NEARBY ISLAND FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL

We are seeking a very reliable individual with a variety of skills to maintain buildings, docks, machinery; perform routine plumbing, electrical and mechanical repairs and maintenance; schedule, manage and ferry qualified individuals for more complex jobs; clean metal roof for water collection; maintain and handle with extreme care and skill several boats; deliver via owner's barge a variety of supplies; and make frequent security visits as part of overall services. Ability to communicate via e-mail and phone in articulate and organized manner, manage accounting for expenses on a timely and intelligible basis, and be completely reliable in the absence of regular in-person supervision are essential.

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Salt Spring Island FOUNDATION

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BANDSAW, JACUZZI, tools, batik fabric, cordless phones, laptop accessories, collectibles, silver jewelry, books. 235 Isle View Drive, 8am - noon, Feb. 25.

ANOTHER GIANT SALE

More stuff: fence panels, furniture, antiques. 720 Lower Ganges Rd. Saturday, Feb 25, 8:00 - 2pm. 537-5257.

SALT SPRING Lodge is closing. All furnishing, carpets, sundries for sale. Saturday, March 18, 10am - 4pm, 641 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

GARAGE SALE Feb. 25 all day. Tools, furniture, stuff. 854 Long Harbour Road.

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Pine portable kitchen cart with drop leaf sides, shelves & drawer, 26"x20"xDX33-1/4"h, \$150. Very attractive dark stained pine bookcase, 76"hX24"w, \$225. Karen Mazzei handwoven rug \$175, 60" X 26", dark to light blue tones. Original Angle 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.

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ELECTRA LITE golf trolley. Runs well but will likely need new battery. Charger included, \$50. 537-9289.

HOTTUB WITH new cover and cedar siding \$1000. Champion juicer \$100. 653-4590.

WOOD STOVE for sale - Intrepid II 1990 - Excellent condition. Fully approved and legal. \$400 obo. 538-1305.

CAMBER STUDIO monitor speakers \$400. Mission bookshelf speakers \$125. Bandsaw \$250. Tablesaw \$275. Jacuzzi tub \$100. Radial arm saw \$150. 537-4837.

CAMERAS (OLDER & newer, no plastic ones), interesting photographic accessories and old photographs wanted to buy. Call 653-4639.

PRESSURE TREATED fence posts (4 inches in diameter); never used. 7 and 10 foot lengths; \$4.50 and \$6.50 respectively. Call 653-4299.

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