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Weather

Rain is in the forecast for today (Wednesday), but the sun is expected to shine for the rest of the week — even as temperatures drop. Highs to 5 C (today); overnight lows to -6 C (Saturday).

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SNOW CASTLE: Last weekend's snowfall may have created havoc for homeowners across the island, but it didn't cause trouble for everyone. Here, Trevor Clemente and Ryland Shields hang out in an igloo made by Jim and Leah Shields at their north end home.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Heros shine in the snow

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
and GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writers

Islanders were left freezing in the dark during a blizzard that ravaged Salt Spring this week. But the storm shone a light on community spirit in countless tales of assistance.

"This is a time when people pull together," said Mount Maxwell resident John Gossett.

He heard approximately 50 calls over the weekend from islanders calling for help because his telephone has the same number as the old B.C. Hydro hot line.

"We field calls and refer them to the new B.C. Hydro phone number," Gossett said.

He hasn't bothered to change his number, even with the inconvenience.

"People want to talk to someone on the island and they're not. They're talking to a 1-800 number somewhere. It's probably in India or something."

Gossett even took it upon himself to help one elderly couple when he heard their story.

"They left a desperate message that they're old and they don't have any power and they're running out of propane."

Gossett went to deliver propane but found he'd brought the wrong type.

"They appreciated seeing someone coming up their driveway — knowing they weren't alone in it."

Some 10,250 residences, services and businesses in the southern Gulf Islands (6,800 on Salt Spring) lost power at various points, essentially everyone in the area, said Ted Olynik, B.C. Hydro community relations manager for the Vancouver Island region.

POWER OUTAGES A2

Emergency centre activated

By SUSAN LUNDY
Staff Writer

An elderly man rescued from his freezing cold home Monday was shaking so badly he couldn't tie his own shoes.

"We found him lying on his bed under about eight blankets, just shivering," says Per Svendsen, one of dozens of volunteers helping people affected by the weather. "It was colder inside his house than out."

Like hundreds of other islanders, the Vesuvius Bay man had been without power

for three days. Rescuers said there was no evidence he had eaten recently, and he had fallen and was "limping badly."

But a call to a friend secured him a spot for the night Monday, and "he's nice and warm and taken care of now," Svendsen said.

The man was just one of numerous people helped through the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), activated by the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP), and running on Salt Spring since Saturday night.

"Our aim has been to meet people's needs by keeping them in their homes," noted Chuck Hamilton, EOC coordinator.

To this end, an army of volunteers — headed up by search and rescue personnel — spent several days driving four-by-fours and, in some cases, hiking into homes all over the island with items such as food, prescription medicine and fuel for generators. In one case, volunteers delivered oxygen to an elderly man who was running out.

"We're encouraging people to check on their neighbours," Hamilton said. "I have no doubt there's people out there who don't have community members, family or neighbours checking on them, or who are fiercely independent — and we'll never hear about them."

"I don't think it's melodramatic to say people could die out there."

Salt Spring firefighters were also working around the clock, with several even sleeping in the Ganges fire hall.

EMERGENCY CENTRE A3

Tsunami relief events set to carry on

Bad weather wreaked havoc on some tsunami relief fundraising plans, but other events are moving ahead as planned.

Blue Horse Folk Art Gallery had to postpone a multi-artist fundraising sale set for Sunday, but a new date of January 23 — also a Sunday — has been set.

A Salt Spring emergency services boot drive fundraiser was also cancelled.

However, the January 13-18 Island Artists for Tsunami Victims event is ready for unveiling in the Bateman gallery at ArtSpring.

Key organizer Nicola Whetton said artist and community support for the

all-original art sale has been fantastic.

"Thank-you guys, you have been amazing," she said Tuesday.

Relief fundraising has been taking place throughout the island, from school kids collecting funds to the Sea Gypsies Relief Fund at Island Savings,

TSUNAMI RELIEF A2

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Fulford home still hosting hummers

For Shelli Robertson in Fulford Harbour, one proverbial sign of spring never really leaves her and husband Don's property.

And even through this week's snow and freezing temperatures, Anna's hummingbirds are still buzzing around her feeder.

"They've been here all through the

snow," said Robertson Tuesday.

Last week she reported having hummingbirds of either the Rufus or Anna's variety at different times of the year.

"Last January 21, I put out my hummingbird feeder and on the 25th I had a hummingbird."

And for the past two months, her feeder has been regularly visited by the

Anna's hummingbird.

Robertson's experience suggests islanders can keep feeders filled through the winter.

"I made sure there was fresh [sugar water] out here."

A hummingbird survey conducted in late January of 2004 found only four of the birds at that time.

TSUNAMI RELIEF: *Ongoing*

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with money helping the Sea Gypsy Village on Phuket Island in Thailand rebuild its fishing fleet.

Islanders Tom and Debbie Cairns were living in the area when the December 26 tsunami hit, and have been helping out since.

With other Salt Spring residents they initiated the Sea Gypsies fund.

Another fundraiser is a January 22 musical night at Fulford Hall.

"Use of the Fulford Hall has been donated for the evening of January 22," said David Walker, one of the event's organizers.

"A number of local musicians have donated their performances, and it should be a wonderful night."

Artists confirmed to play are the Sundogs, Jaime RT, Jack and Lefty, Under The Sun and Donnie McDougall (of Guess Who fame), to name a few.

Use of a sound system, lights and the technical expertise required to run them for the night is generously being donated by Greg Pauker of Sculptor Systems.

Admission to the show will be by donation. A Red Cross representative will attend as well.

"I still could use a hand with some of the details, which would include food for the event, particularly for

the participants, some help with the door and setting up and putting away afterwards," said Walker.

A Thailand Relief cabaret, auction and dance at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday, January 29.

Interchill Records DJs and fire spinners from the Play Poi Studio in Vancouver are on the entertainment bill, with a goods and services auction also planned.

POWER OUTAGES: *Throughout the islands*

From Page A1

"We appreciate people's patience. We realize it's a frustrating situation to not have power for an extended period," Olynyk said. And thousands of shivering islanders, who received 54 centimetres (21 inches) of snow or more starting Thursday, went days without power.

"Our crews are working very hard. It's a major incident for us and Mother Nature is letting us know who is in charge."

The hardest hit areas on Salt Spring were Sunset Drive, Southey Point Road, Beaver Point, Isabella Point and the Musgrave area.

"The Musgrave area they are saying is quite bad and unfortunately it might be a couple more days before they can attend to that because of the extensive damage in the area," said Olynyk.

As of Tuesday some 175 households at Musgrave, Mount Tuam and other isolated areas still didn't have power, Olynyk said.

"What we're fighting

against now is the volume of outages."

There may be other outages that B.C. Hydro is unaware of, he said.

"If people don't call into the 1-888-POWER ON line, we don't know about it."

B.C. Hydro estimates some 75,000 - 100,000 customers lost power on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands when snow blanketed the region. Earlier reports of 210,000 outages on Vancouver Island included multiple outages at the same location, Olynyk noted.

Nine extra crews (of three or four workers per crew) were brought from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland to bolster the two local crews, said Bob Washbern, Duncan and Gulf Islands field manager for B.C. Hydro.

"We really appreciate their efforts. They are professionals and things like this really bring it out."

Washbern hoped to restore power to most homes in the region by Wednesday.

Acland Road residents Steve and Trudy Lynch went 74 hours without power during sub-zero temperatures, but felt fortunate compared to others around them.

"We had a propane stove so we were still able to cook," said Trudy Lynch. "But someone with just electricity, what would they do?"

Bullock Lake farmer John Fulker gained a "heroic" reputation after he ploughed local roads with his tractor and checked in on elderly neighbours.

"John is probably the hero in our neighbourhood," said Roland Cook.

"We have a neighbour up on Dover Place and she is in a wheelchair and is without power so John went up and got water to her and that sort of thing."

Eunice Venables, high up on Armand Way, was grateful for the Peterson family in their neighbourhood.

"We're on Day 5 without power," she said Tuesday. "It went out at 2:20 on Friday," said Venables.

While the couple has a woodstove, they've had no water from the well and her husband Jack is temporarily disabled after having a knee replaced on December 20.

Ed and Lois Peterson have been indispensable, she said.

"I don't know where we'd be without them."

They've brought water, ploughed out the driveway and delivered food.

"We have to melt snow for the toilets," said Venables, adding that a potential Driftwood contest would be answering the question: "How many roasting pans of snow does it take to fill up the back of a toilet tank?"

Residents around Channel Ridge offered similar thanks to Bryce Chapman, who ploughed their roads, while people in the Shepherd Hills neighbourhood called the Driftwood to thank Andy Hickman.

"I'm the only guy up here with a tractor and a backhoe," said Hickman.

"If there's snow, we always get it up here. We've got two and a half feet with three-foot drifts."

He laughed about his assistance.

"Most of them are my friends and they don't get helped first. There's an order to this. The paying customers get helped first."

And Hickman's not the only one helping his neighbours, he said.

"We're all in the same boat."

Salt Spring Fire Department captain Jamie Holmes put the whole ordeal into perspective.

"Some people are complaining they have been out of power for a long time, but I think Hydro has done an incredible job. If they hadn't brought in those extra crews, people would be looking at more than a week before their power was back on."

Holmes was impressed by all the people involved in helping others on the island.

"It's very impressive. That's why everyone loves living on Salt Spring."

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EMERGENCY CENTRE: 24-hour contact

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They responded to a phenomenal 40 calls from Friday through Tuesday morning — mainly to deal with medical emergencies and hazardous power lines.

Fire department vehicles are better equipped to deal with the snow than ambulances, noted fire captain Jamie Holmes.

“Every time the ambulance goes out we’ve been going out. The ambulance goes as far as it can and then we’ll grab the attendants and drive them into the patient and then drive them all out again,” he said.

“Knock on wood, we haven’t had any fire calls so far.”

“We’ve had to pull a few people out that were out of power for three days and didn’t have a woodstove or anything. One person hadn’t eaten in two days.”

Firefighters also helped a pregnant woman on Caprice Heights get off the mountain.

Set in motion by Emergency Social Services head Kimberly Liner, the EOC was initially established in the Ganges firehall Saturday. On Sunday it moved to its regular location in the government building basement.

Creation of the EOC released provincial funds for food and other necessities, and activated the EOC phone line, which is listed on the first page of the Salt Spring Lions Directory.

Normally, a caller dialling 537-1220 gets a recorded message. But once the EOC is activated, the number rings through to the centre, which provides 24-hour contact for people in crisis situations.

On Monday afternoon, volunteer coordinator Marguerite Lee, Hamilton and a handful of other volunteers were manning the centre, answering the phone, tracking weather and road conditions, updating Hydro outages, sending food to emergency workers (who had no time to stop for meals), and organizing drivers to aid people all over the island.

“It’s quiet between midnight and 6 a.m.,” said Lee, noting that otherwise the



EYE ON THE ISLAND: Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) coordinator Chuck Hamilton, left, and volunteer Bob Fenske check the map at the centre’s base, located in the basement of the government building.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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centre is non-stop busy.

A boil water advisory for the Fulford and North Salt Spring Waterworks Districts added work to the volunteers’ slates as they attempted to get out that information to neighbourhoods that didn’t have access to phone and/or hydro.

“We’ve been taking calls from family members from all over concerned about relatives here,” Lee said. “Those are the calls we’re sending search and rescue out on — they’re checking on the status of these people.”

The EOC also fielded calls from dozens of people volunteering to help, and organized the distribution of food bank items from the Community Centre to regular clients on Tuesday.

“We’re also feeding volunteers — approximately 15 to 20 people per shift — who can’t go and get regular meals,” noted Lee.

As well, the centre organized food for a relief centre established first at Ganges United Church and then at Community Gospel Chapel.

Numerous other activities — like organizing a driver to retrieve new chains for the

two ambulances and obtaining sandbags for the island in case flooding occurs later in the week — also kept volunteers busy on Monday.

Although the EOC stages simulated emergencies several times a year, a real situation is a useful way to test the system in the event of a larger disaster on Salt Spring, noted RCMP Sgt. Mike Giles.

“It gets all the volunteers out and in place.”

Both Hamilton and Lee were impressed with the way in which various island services worked together through the crisis.

And islanders were extremely grateful for the help, Lee added.



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EOC workers were unclear Monday as to how many days the centre would be in operation.

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ROAD BLOCK: A hydro crew tackles the first of two trees to fall within a few metres of each other on Cusheon Lake Road. The first, above, toppled over late Friday afternoon, while the second hit mid-afternoon Sunday.
Photo contributed

Blizzard slams records

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The World Wrestling Federation could learn a few tricks from Gulf Islands weather this week.

A burly Arctic cold front was dragged to the coast by an insidious low-pressure Pacific ridge to bury Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands with snow starting on Thursday night.

"That was a shoving match between two air masses," said Environment Canada outreach worker Anne McCarthy.

Salt Spring was socked with some 54.6 centimetres (21.3 inches) of snow at sea level between Thursday night and Saturday, reported islander Robert Aston.

"The snowfall was almost continuous, which is unusual," said Aston, who has kept Gulf Islands weather records for 39 years.

He recorded 29.7 cm (11.58 ins) of snow on Saturday and another 24.9 cm (9.71 ins) on Sunday.

"Forty years ago there was a 35.5-inch snowfall (90.17 cm) [starting on December 15, 1964] which was a record. We busted that in 1996, absolutely totally, and this is the biggest since then," Aston said.

Informal reports from callers to the Driftwood at higher elevations even suggested 75 to 90 cms (29 to 35 ins) of flakes hit the mat over the weekend.

"Normally, our weather pattern features storms and winds coming in from the west. The west may be cold but it's warm in relation to Fort Nelson," said McCarthy.

Usually masses of cold air from the north trickle out to the coast without incident due to prevailing on-shore winds, she said.

"But if you put a low pressure to the west of Vancouver Island and you've got a high in the Interior, you've got the equivalent of a vacuum cleaner off-shore. It just sucks it out."

Coastal topography funnelled high winds south west through Howe Sound to pick up moisture on Georgia Strait, she said.

"In this case and most cases when we get snow, we generally end up with moisture spinning around that low off-shore and whacking us."

Consequently, the Gulf Islands and the east coast of Vancouver Island were the hardest hit areas by the

storm, she said.

Victoria Airport recorded 24 cms (9.36 ins) of snow on January 8 and another 12 cm (4.68 ins) on January 8. Nanaimo reported 50 cm (19.5 ins) and an unofficial report in Shawnigan Lake gave 60 cm (23.5 ins), she said.

But Tofino was unscathed and Comox Airport recorded only 6 cm (2.34 ins) of snow, she said.

Average precipitation for Victoria Airport is 122 millimetres (4.88 ins) of rain with 15 cm (5.8 ins) of snow in January, she said.

It snowed 25 cm (9.79 ins) over the month of January 2004, January 1982 had a total of 65.7 cm (25.6 ins) snowfall over the month and few can forget the great dump of 1996 when the Gulf Islands received 133.9 cm (52 ins) between December 28 and 30.

While snowfall in January is a given and tools for prediction have improved tremendously in recent years, long-range forecasting is still an exceptionally tricky business, she said.

"You have to wait until you see the whites of its eyes to predict accurately."

Recorded weather forecasts can be found by calling Environment Canada (250-363-6717) or by checking their website (www.weather-office.ec.gc.ca).

The federal government agency also provides a pay service to talk with forecasters (1-900-565-5555).

Districts warned to boil water

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Many islanders will still need to boil water for a few days following a massive power outage that disabled treatment systems around Salt Spring.

"The [boil water] advisory will be in force until we get the go ahead from the health department," said North Salt Spring Water District (NSSWD) general manager Trevor Hutton.

NSSWD lost power at Maxwell Lake and crews were not able to get to the system until mid-day Sunday, he said.

"Although the water kept flowing, because it's a gravity system, there was no chlorine being injected."

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) ordered boil-water advisories for some 800 customers who use water from Maxwell Lake and another 86 customers in the Fulford Water District who were also affected by outages.

"They like two or three consecutive samples with a negative result. We're monitoring the system and as soon as that comes through, they'll lift the boil order."

Customers in affected area should boil water for one minute before activities such as drinking, brushing teeth or washing vegetables, he said.

"We phoned as many as we could yesterday. I'm sure we missed some."

NSSWD also hoped to notify customers through Salt Spring Cable and the Emergency Operations Centre.

The advisory could be lifted as soon as Thursday or a day or two longer, Hutton said.

"Fortunately Maxwell Lake is a good source and it's winter so the bacteria is not too active."

The water supply at Saint Mary Lake was unaffected, he said.

Power outages did not affect water systems monitored by the Capital Regional District (CRD) at the Fernwood, Highlands and Cedars of Tuam areas, said local CRD wastewater/waterworks operator Robert Lannan.

"We're in pretty good shape," Lannan said.



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Local woman helps fuel road battle

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

One woman's baking has carried weary snow-removal crews through the biggest blizzard of the decade.



Rita Dods

Workers clearing island roads around the clock since Thursday thank islander Rita Dods for baking up a storm to keep them going during the snow-fall.

"She's an amazing woman I think," said road-maintenance technician Jim Buckley of Main Road South Island Contracting Company. "There's not many people like her."

Ever since the snow began, Buckley's been grading Salt Spring roads during 12-hour graveyard shifts and he's found another mountain of cakes, cookies, muffins and sandwiches left at the Main Road office by Dods.

"Everybody's wolfing it down," Buckley said.

"She's like mom to all of the crew," said road foreman John Charlton.

"If you've seen the waistlines on some of the guys, you can see we are being rather well fed," Charlton said.

"We really want to thank Rita and make sure some attention is brought to her thoughtfulness."

But the goodies have been put to work during 54 centimetres of continuous snow-falls over January 6-8.

"We did the best we could to keep the main roads open during the thick of the onslaught," said Charlton.

"We had a lot of trouble with downed trees and power lines. The Hydro boys need a lot of credit for the amount of effort they've had to put out."

Main Road has been operating a grader and three plow trucks around the clock since the snow began Thursday. Ron Spencer was also contracted to help clear areas



HOT ROD: Hydro worker Mark Haston uses a hot stick to remove a wire which fell on this car parked at the top of a Cusheon Lake Road home on Sunday. The owner of the car was seconds away from getting into it when the wire fell, sending up an arc of flames. The family dog, which was in the car, survived the ordeal.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

of the south island with his grader, Charlton noted.

"It's been heart-wrenching to hear the stories on the message machine. I've talked to a lot of seniors who live in remote spots who've been without heat and power and need their medications . . . It just goes on and on."

Main Road employees also took a toll from the storm from downed trees and lost power, he said.

"I really want to give them all a pat on the back for a great effort."

A falling tree even smashed a carport, camper and power at Gordon McPhee's house on Friday, Charlton said.

"He carried on working 12-hour shifts all through the weekend without dealing with his own troubles."

But Charlton regrets they weren't able to clear as much as they'd like and some higher-elevation roads still hadn't been cleared adequately as of Monday night, he said.

"We thought the snow had ended and then we got a second dump. It was about 24 inches on Wilkie Way and it's compacted down."

He's heard reports of four-foot drifts.

Crews were back doing second gradings of Trincomali Heights, Wilkie Way

and Mount Belcher Heights on Monday night.

Road-maintenance workers received kudos from school-bus supervisor Ken Garner of the Gulf Islands School District.

"The night shift called me at 4:30 a.m. Friday so I could get a good jump at it," Garner said. "They are our eyes. We don't know what the roads look like."

Buses didn't run Friday due to adverse driving conditions but they were out on main routes Monday and Tuesday.

Everything went smoothly, thanks to Main Road's work, he said.

"The hardest part was getting out of the yard."

Charlton has been happy with new equipment and management discretion under Main Road since the company assumed the South Islands contract from JJM Maintenance Ltd. in September.

"They have demonstrated to us that their main focus is winter maintenance."

And Charlton believes Main Road has weathered the first major test of their 10-year contract.

"They want to make a good impression. Unfortunately the first bout of bad

weather that hit us was a real challenge."

But the work isn't over. More snow was predicted at press time Tuesday, Charlton noted.

"I hope we get a reprieve because it will tighten everything up and make it really difficult to finish off the clean up."

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Some steps being taken towards safer walking corridors throughout Ganges

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**
Staff Writer
Second of two parts

Government representatives have been scratching their heads to find cost-effective safety improvements for pedestrians on Salt Spring.

But in the meantime, islanders can do their part to be seen and stay safe on local roads to prevent further deaths and injuries, said RCMP Sgt. Mike Giles.

"A, put yourself on the correct side of the road so you can see oncoming traffic and take evasive action yourself, and B, give the drivers the best chance to see you with reflective clothing and flashing lights."

He's impressed by new LED technology for walking safety.

"It's not like the old lights of yesteryear where you'd have to put in a set of AA batteries every week. These LED ones literally last for months."

RCMP constables were recently issued flashing LED lights for their epaulets, Giles said.

"It gives you that one added measure of protection."

His biggest wish is for sidewalks and better lighting, but those items are expensive, he said.

"Certainly, we are not going to get sidewalks everywhere on Salt Spring."

Prompted by concerns of pedestrian safety in Ganges, ICBC is conducting a review of Lower Ganges Road

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around the area where 88-year-old Norman Zacharias was killed last month.

"We'll be coming up with a list of potential measures to improve visibility at that particular location," said ICBC spokesperson Doug Henderson.

Suggestions from the road-safety study might include ways to make sightlines more visible for the intersection and pedestrian crosswalk at Crofton Road, he said.

"There aren't any decisions at this point."

There were 12 collisions between 1999 and 2003 on Lower Ganges Road in the vicinity of Ganges Village Market Centre and Upper Ganges Centre, Henderson said.

Those collisions included eight injuries, with one cyclist and one pedestrian struck, he said.

"The high number of injuries is why we continue to take a closer look."

ICBC is involved in engineering safer roads in an effort to reduce costly insurance claims, Henderson said.

"We recognize that by making intersections or certain stretches of road safer, we can reduce the number of collisions and ultimately save policy holders money."

But improvements must be cost effective, he said.

"For every dollar we invest, we need to see a 3-1 return on our investment."

MOT hopes to improve road safety along Lower Ganges but the ministry is waiting for the ICBC study

to hear recommendations.

"We recognize it's a congested area and we'd like to do what we can," said MOT area manager Greg Galpin.

The province plans to upgrade the pedestrian crossing at Crofton Road but it's waiting for warmer, drier weather to use thermoplastic paint.

MOT is also concerned about safety on Rainbow Road near the crossing at Lower Ganges Road.

"We might do some improvements at that intersection."

The ministry already added and moved signs along Rainbow to draw more attention to the school zone. Now MOT might move the crosswalk to the other side of the road, he said.

"We'll do anything minor we can do, short of traffic lights."

Pedestrian traffic volumes wouldn't likely be sufficient for a controlled crossing at any location on the island, he said.

"You need pretty high volume and pretty high pedestrian counts to warrant those types of expenditures."

The province would also consider traffic volumes and pedestrian volumes before installing crosswalks at other locations on the island, he said.

But MOT could improve sightlines, widen shoulders or add designated turning lanes to some areas to improve road safety.

"Sidewalks are not a mandate of our ministry. The only sidewalks we have are on bridges."

Existing sidewalks in Ganges were built on private property under a special agreement with MOT and they are maintained by individual property owners.

"It is a little unusual. It's not like a typical municipal-

ity," said Islands Trust head planner John Gauld.

The official community plan (OCP) also provides for a walkway system in Ganges, Gauld said.

"The Trust is asking for sidewalks as part of development approval. It would be provided by the owners," Gauld said.

According to the OCP, the Ganges core area is delineated by Seaview and Atkins Roads along the Lower Ganges Road corridor, he said.

"Hopefully, through co-operation, we can improve pedestrian safety and convenient pedestrian facilities."

A recent proposal by Salt Spring's Capital Regional District (CRD) director Gary Holman would see future sidewalks created under a new transportation commission.

"CRD staff are currently working on an establishment bylaw [for the transportation commission]," he said.

Under the current fragmented system of local government, all agencies need to co-operate to provide better pedestrian services, he said.

"The idea is to get people walking instead of taking cars. The biggest bang for the buck is around the village."

The CRD is also looking at community trail networks through the Parks and Recreation Commission, Holman said.

"We've got a trail network for Ganges and the idea is to start attracting more attention to it."

MOT, PARC and the CRD have been talking about ways to find partners to complete gaps in the trail system, said Holman.

"The shortest-term effort is to get MOT out there to paint more crosswalks and put up more lighting, particularly in that area where the accident occurred," he said.

Fire chief points out exit routes

No road will take you to the freeway on Salt Spring but islanders will still get some signs to direct them to major routes.

Up to \$2,000 is available from the Ministry of Transportation to purchase "No Through Road" signs for the island, said Salt Spring Fire Department chief Dave Enfield.

"I pursued it after coming back from [the wildfire in] Kelowna and noticed that all their roads are signed where here we've got nothing."

Since islanders navigating potholes might even need help to find the main road, tourists could have an even tougher time, since island roads can inexplicably change names up to three times without warning.

"We double or triple or population come summertime," Enfield said.

If the island faced an emergency, he doesn't want to see tourists driving up roads like Reynolds, Mount Maxwell or Charlesworth in search

of a main thoroughfare, he said.

"If you've got people that have to evacuate, they know they're not turning down [a dead end]."

The fire department is currently conducting an assessment of local roads, he said.

"We were just going through it yesterday and we're going to put it on a map and go from there."

The signage campaign is an on-going process that will be developed progressively, he said.



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WHITE WHARF: Centennial Wharf in Ganges is blanketed in snow as at least 21 inches fell in various parts of Salt Spring over the weekend. While the white stuff looked pretty, it caused havoc among drivers who ventured onto the roads, and for homeowners who lost power as snow-laden trees fell on wires.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

KFAC plans five-day tactics with regular meeting schedule

The Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC) will start meeting regularly at Gulf Islands Secondary School this month.

“It’s a good opportunity for people who want to be more involved to come,” said KFAC member Mona Fertig.

The coalition has been working to restore a five-day school week on the Gulf Islands.

“We want to be more public,” Fertig said.

“We hope to see teachers and CUPE workers, as well as parents, students and community members attend.”

The group was holding meetings at different locations on an irregular schedule, she said.

“We thought we should set dates so people could plan ahead,” Fertig said. “It’s also better for our planning.”

KFAC is currently preparing for several initiatives. Next on its agenda is a January 17 trip to the B.C. legislature with a petition.

Members of KFAC will also meet with school district trustees and senior administrators at 1 p.m. on January 18 to hear responses about KFAC’s budgetary questions.

KFAC will meet at GISS in Room N108 from 7-9 p.m. every second Thursday starting with January 13.

“Our meetings will be informative, quick as possible and you will meet a great bunch of people,” said Fertig.

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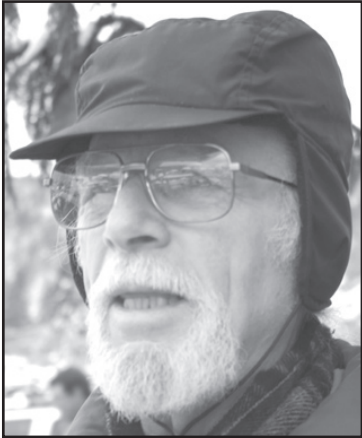
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We asked: *What’s been your adventure in the snow?*



Roy Brewer

This is nothing compared to the ice storm in Ontario. We had no power for a week and it was –20 degrees. That’s why we left.



Dave & Betty Kempling

We’re getting groceries for people on Eagle Ridge who are still without power. These are people with no wood-stoves.



John & Annie Bateman

We’ve been without power since Friday. We called B.C. Hydro when the power went out and then we called the next day to see how long it would be. They had no record of us... We called again this morning and they had no record.



Dustin Saunders

Jumping off roofs into the big piles of snow and sledding down the big hills.



Ken Marr

I’m having lots of fun with the kids tobogganing. It’s been a little extra vacation for the kids from school. It’s been lots of fun. I was set.

Letters to the Editor

Norma’s farewell

In February of 1998, I was gifted with the position of youth alcohol and drug outreach worker with Salt Spring island Community Services.

It has been during this time that I was able to connect with the island youth. In these connections, this is what I learned:

- The island youth are amazing and brilliant.
- That I will never grow old as long as I continue to connect with these young people and their vibrant energy.
- That our youth truly are our messengers of the future and that it is up to us to ensure these messages are not all bad.
- That in listening to their words I receive the messages they have of this present moment.
- That the island youth are so very courageous and

demonstrate this bravery on a daily basis.

• That laughter and silliness helps get us through the rough spots.

But most of all, I have learned that they take care of each other with such compassion, love and forgiveness.

Today, I want to thank all these young people for giving me these messages that I will carry with me, but most of all for trusting in me enough to share them.

Today, I want you to know that I too am off on a new journey and will be leaving Salt Spring as of January 27. The hardest part of making this decision to leave was that in doing this I would have to forfeit my daily encounters with the youth on Salt Spring. However, each day you have taught me about taking leaps forward and today I will honour your courage by taking a leap as well.

So, it is to the island youth that I will say “bye for now.” I look forward to witnessing

your many continued successes and need you to know that I will be cheerleading you all the way.

Thank you all for being such a special part of my journey, but most of all, thank you for being just who you are!

To the community, I thank you for all that you have given Kelly and myself. In our departure we urge you all to continue to support our young people and to take the time to stop and listen to their words as they have a message for each and every one of us.

NORMA J. THOMPSON,
Youth alcohol & drug outreach worker

Clarify contract

The recent, and fortunately rare, heavy snowfall has revealed some gross inadequacies in the snow clearance service being provided to the island.

Coming to Salt Spring

from Montreal 12 years ago, we were pleasantly surprised by the prompt and frequent service provided for even our little dead-end street, Rourke Road. This is no longer the case.

It is now three days since the first snowflakes started to fall and the road remains virtually impassable. There are hydro wires down at the end of the street — leaving seven homes without power for three days — a 4x4 is in the ditch as a result of a desperate attempt to get up the hill. . Hydro and TV cable crews are reluctant to come in to fix the problems.

One resident hired a front-end loader to tow their car to Beddis Road in order to get necessary medication from town.

Telephone calls around the island reveal a similar situation for people living on minor roads. Nothing has been done to remove snow except in cases where there are police, ferry or waterworks employees in the area.

Maybe that is coincidence, except for the fact that we did get better service on Rourke when we had an auxiliary RCMP officer living on the street.

From safety considerations alone, this situation is completely unacceptable. It should be mandatory to have access to all areas, within a reasonable amount of time after a snowfall, for medical emergencies, fire or accident.

Mail delivery is another less important issue. One has to wonder how lack of access might affect property insurance.

A new company, Main Road Contracting, is now responsible for snow clearance. The name itself would suggest, maybe incorrectly, that they are only responsible for clearing the main arteries.

Perhaps Mr. Greg Galpin, the Ministry of Transportation area manager, would like to clarify the terms of their contract. He has not

returned calls. For example, who is responsible for clearing large trees fallen across the road, such as happened on the south end of the island, obstructing hydro crews from repair work?

Another question. How is it that snowplows were seen in Ganges area going again over roads which had already been cleared, when there are so many other roads needing attention?

Finally, I cannot help questioning what value we are getting for the anticipated \$800+ Rural tax portion of our 2005 property tax bill, a large portion of which goes to road maintenance.

The short portion of Rourke where, for some inconceivable reason, repaving ended last year, is like a Fallujah street after a mortar attack.

But that’s a different story.

DEREK EMMERSON,
Rourke Road

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School injustice recalled after native woman’s death

The start of another year always thrusts me into a reflective mood, and this year I feel more fortunate than ever.

My most pressing hardship is that I’ll be trudging up and down our long, steep driveway until the snow melts.

Recent tsunami and earthquake devastation in poor regions of the world just adds to the sense of being perched high among the privileged.

I’ve always hated how it seems the most horrible things happen to those least able to absorb more suffering, and how the weak are so easily hurt.

It’s often made me want to give a leg up to the underdog; to make sure the stragglers don’t get too far behind; to seek balance when power streaks off too far in one direction.

In part I owe this perspective to a girl named Lorraine Burns. She taught me everything I cared to know about underdogs, injustice and prejudice.

She was the only fully First Nations kid at Courtenay Elementary, and was in my class for six

OTHERWISE BY GAIL SJUBERG



of seven grades spent there. Lorraine was adopted or in a foster family and at some point her last name became Jacobson.

Everything I remember about Lorraine is embossed with emotion: she’s laughing or crying or angry or humiliated, but mostly she likes to smile and laugh and be included.

She’s got these beautiful, see-right-through-you eyes and knows how to connect with people, if only they would let her.

Some time after Lorraine’s tragic death at the age of 40 in March of 2003, I dug up my class pictures from the ‘70s, wanting to look at those eyes again; to see if what I remembered could be validated by the photos.

She was safely there, alive, looking so sweet and happy in a velvetine and lace-collar dress in Miss Dennis’ Grade 1 class, all the way up to Grade 7, with the charming Mr. Philippsen as our

teacher. A fine man he was — as was the progressive Mr. Chown in Grade 5. (My 1973 diary notes that he owned a Toyota and wore a seatbelt!)

I so clearly remember Mr. Chown one day telling Lorraine she should be proud of her heritage; that “some people would give their left arm to be native.”

In seeking the class pictures, I was driven by a suspicion I would see something amiss. And I did. It’s in the Grade 4 picture, with Lorraine seated on the far end of the front-row bench. Everyone’s hands are dutifully clasped together and the photographer has said the magic word to make us all beam. Every single kid — except Lorraine — is smiling.

Our teacher (who shall remain nameless) is hovering over Lorraine and has her left index finger lightly pressed against the girl’s shoulder.

It was a simple gesture caught by the camera, but I know it’s significant.

Besides the poor treatment heaped upon her by many classmates, Lorraine was not treated equally by at least one of our teachers, and it was not fair.

I remember my friend and I

attempting some remediation that year by making Lorraine a beaded necklace. She responded immediately by giving us a pretty velvet choker, which I still possess.

Lorraine disappeared from school and daily view after Grade 9.

Then I saw her on TV about 10 years ago. She was organizing a benefit or something similar for a disadvantaged group or family, and she was connected to the native friendship centre in Comox.

Regardless of Mr. Chown’s advice, she had obviously chosen to reconnect to her heritage as an adult.

She had also moved to the Whe-La-La-U reserve on Cormorant Island when she was shot by a police officer responding to a complaint of a domestic dispute.

The incident and the ensuing inquest conclusion — that the officer had no choice but to shoot when Lorraine refused to obey commands to drop a knife and kept moving towards the officer — made the news for the requisite few days.

I don’t have an opinion about whether or not the officer should have pulled the trigger on Lor-

raine. I don’t have enough information and doubt if more details would lead me to a conclusion about his decision. It’s just sad.

One of the saddest things is this: If you bet money on who — out of all the kids in those classes — would be most likely to die too young, violently, she would have been the one to pick.

Lorraine had two children, aged 11 and nine when she died. According to news stories, their father had also died not long before.

In one media article, the aunt of a 29-year-old Victoria native man who died of asphyxiation while in police custody in 1999 was asked for her view of Lorraine’s death.

When Yvon Gesinghaus said, “I fear for the family of this young woman and pray they’ll get better treatment than we did,” she was referring to whether or not they would be granted an inquest, which did occur.

But when I first read it, I imagined Gesinghaus talking about Lorraine’s two kids.

So I’ll rephrase it my way. I hope they get better treatment from their community as children than Lorraine did from hers.

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Land trust group looked at many options before buying Horel Road

By MAGGIE SCHUBART

Some considerations recently expressed by Andrea Collins regarding the proposal to build eight small homes (700 square feet) on a five-acre lot on Horel Road prompt some clarifying thoughts from the applicants seeking approval for this project.

Salt Spring Community Housing and Land Trust Society (SSCHLTS) directors are sympathetic to the woes of the residents of Cusheon Lake watershed. Under no circumstances would they wish to compound the problems of these, our fellow islanders.

SSCHLTS' aim is to provide modest but attractive shelter for working people so they can build equity in a beginning home that will help them qualify for a mortgage when they are ready for a more elaborate residence.

We are a non-profit society, but for-profit builders and lending institutions will benefit when our clients move on. The need for decent, reasonably-priced,

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year-round rental housing is also urgent. Our community has lost many skilled people who couldn't pay the prices here and have found something that fits their budget on Vancouver Island.

The Horel Road land was not the first that SSCHLTS tried to purchase. In each of four previous attempts, a variety of obstacles from NIMBY to inadequate per capita crushed the deal.

The Horel Road land has been logged and appeared quite derelict. Our directors organized a work party to make it look presentable, which we hoped would be the first step towards creating a harmonious enclave that would welcome residents who would care for their environment as well as the wider community.

Since the SSCHLT society would be the owner of the land in perpetuity, a properly

designed and maintained septic system would be a given. Since residents of a nearby mobile home park have managed access to schools and shopping, and since we have a resourceful group working to improve public transportation, those needs seemed solvable.

Though our community plan was thoroughly and patiently produced with broad citizen participation, circumstances here have been changing. Absentee owners and part-time residents were relatively rare. Islanders were water-conscious, sewer-conscious, environment-conscious. They still are.

We must surely be able to reconcile problems that have become acute with occasional exceptions to regulations.

Some folks worry about creating precedents, but precedents have been creeping in that will bring about a ghetto for the rich.

Ms. Collins has made some plausible suggestions about alternate sites. SSCHLTS has explored several of

these possibilities: Some of them are not for sale. The Catholic diocese property and the school district lands could serve, but the process involved puts them several years in the future.

The Norton Road project is its own self; as I have said, there is a place for profit-producing housing.

The legal complications attendant on the Swanson's Pond area ruled it out for SSCHLTS.

Through the efforts of the Copper Kettle Society, islanders are becoming aware that there are perfectly respectable people sleeping in the woods. Most of us remember the occupation of the vacant Woodwards building in Vancouver. Salt Spring can be spared those tensions.

SSCHLTS has received some generous donations to get started. Gifts of land, labour or money will receive a heartfelt thank you and a tax receipt.

The writer is a member of the SSCHLTS board.

More letters

Dangerous spot

This morning as I drove down Whims Road in the snowy icy driving conditions, there were kids waiting for the bus right at the end of Whims and North End roads.

I asked them to move away in case someone was unable to stop. The reaction was, "I'm waiting for the bus."

Suggesting there would be no need for the bus if someone was unable to stop prompted the reaction of "no one has slid through during this snow."

I actually called the school board office about a month ago, suggesting it was a very dangerous spot for the kids and was told there was a ditch so they had to wait there. So far I can't find a ditch on that side of the road.

It's not just snow or ice that makes it dangerous if someone loses their brakes it would wipe out 10-15 kids. Do you really want your child in that danger?

I ask all parents to assess the situation where their children are standing waiting for the bus and do something. My child is grown, but don't you want yours to as well?

CAROL MILLER,
Maliview Drive

Find Punky

My mother's little dog, Punky, went missing on Salt Spring on December 27, while they were visiting from Parksville.

We have put up flyers and placed ads. Now I am trying a letter to the editor too, because everybody reads them. A woman called saying she was sure she saw him on January 5 but didn't see a notice until the next day.

Punky is a 15-year-old male Shitzu-poodle cross with an apricot-cream coat. He is partly blind and partly deaf.

Our first reported sighting

was that he had a "fright" with a car on Sunset at Mountain Park Drive on December 27. The last reported sighting was January 5 on North Beach Road, north of Fernwood. He was apparently in good condition, played with a dog in a yard and then followed someone walking towards Fernwood who said he was not her dog.

We would like to hear from anyone with any news (good or bad) about Punky. Please call me at 537-1883.

SHERI NIELSON,
Sunset Drive

Community spirit

It is all too frequently that we throw bricks on these pages at those with whom we disagree. But it is the warmth of the community spirit that should really get us thrashing at our typewriters.

The community spirit is alive and well on Channel Ridge although we, as homeowners, continue to express our concerns and our wishes loudly and frequently to the owners of the development. In the summer we cordon off a street and have community barbeques and at Christmas we have a community tree decorating hot chocolate party.

These are merely the superficial manifestations of the community spirit, which is evident in so many other ways on Salt Spring. The snows of 2005 brought us together again.

It was like a family reunion on Sunday with all the neighbours peering out of their lairs and attempting to free their homes from the grip of winter and to shovel veins of a path or a driveway through the near impossible snowfall of over two feet.

There are many of us whom our good doctors have prohibited from shovelling, so we provided the chorus of support for those who were

hard at it.

At the point of near-desperation from the impossible task at hand, the oh-so-welcome sound of the development owner, who is a part of our community, coming to the rescue with his back hoe, highlighted the strength of the spirit in this community . . . the one we call Channel Ridge and the one we call Salt Spring Island.

JIM GANDERTON,
Channel Ridge

Peace lost

I would like to take issue with the statement made in the Elliotts' In Response column last week that Norton Mews would be of low impact and environmentally friendly.

The main entrance is directly across the street from me on Norton Road and I am conservatively estimating at least 50 cars per day will be going through that gate when the development is completed — over and above a steady flow of noisy and polluting, light to heavy-duty diesel trucks and equipment during construction.

This is mainly because the development is targeted towards working-class people who will be making at least one return trip per day and more in double-income families.

With this, of course, is going to come a significant increase in noise levels, air pollution and jeopardized safety while walking on our road.

Also, an omission was made when it was stated that within 1,000 feet of Norton Mews are 200 homes.

What was omitted was that these are mostly retirement homes, which means that the morning or afternoon rush-hour traffic factor doesn't apply! Retirees in this neighbourhood can walk to most of the services they require.

Since I have lived at this address for 30 years now and don't really want to leave, I have compromised and come up with what would be acceptable to me in my retirement years.

If the main entrance to Norton Mews was relocated to the corner of Scarff Lane and Norton Road, it would be the least obtrusive to the present residents and half of the traffic flow would then be diverted down Scarff Lane.

I could also tolerate this impact if the density level of the housing were kept to the initial 15-unit recommendation of the Islands Trust planner.

If this does not happen, I see no option but to leave, as I definitely did not build my home here to see peace and tranquillity lost to traffic madness.

Life is just too short at this point to waste it complaining when it seems as though nobody is listening. The other three pensioners on this road are faced with this same disagreeable option that those unsympathetic to a long-time resident's plight might utter: "If you don't like it you can leave."

MIKE SHPELEY,
Norton Road

No gas plant

I and all my friends and relatives say no to the proposed gas-fired plant at Duke Point.

The greenhouse gases will be equivalent to putting 40,000 more cars on our roads in B.C.

Alternative energies don't produce greenhouse gases and do create more jobs than the dying fossil fuel industry.

What will it take to make us all aware of nature's power since the recent horrendous earthquake and tsunami in Asia?

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Quebec Drive

RANTS

To all those making decisions affecting Salt Spring, where maximizing profit is the only motive, I hope you got to see the Newman production of Scrooge before Christmas. If not, then perhaps next year you will. It will be the best \$15 you ever spend. Harry Burton

A raving rant to “she up there who must be obeyed,” and snow white roses to the hydro crews who are disobeying her. Conhor Vane-Hunt (pp Horace Rumpole, QC)

ROSES

To Chef Ilyes of the Tree House South who spoiled us with a fabulous Tunisian feast with 11 menu choices — thanks for the hard work and we hope you get to smell the fabulous roses we all offer to you. HB

To the fabulous youth on Salt Spring, continue doing the great things you are doing and success will be yours. Don’t ever give up. HB

I would like to thank all the members and staff of Curves, and the ladies of Community Gospel Chapel for the wonderful baby shower they had for me. We appreciate all the love and support you have given us. B & S

A big bouquet of stone roses to A and L for shovelling us out. H

Roses and a hot toddy to Bryce Chapman who, without being asked, dug out many driveways on Channel Ridge, and wouldn’t take even a coffee for his efforts.

A huge bunch of roses to Steven Marleau and his assistant Lyle Brown. They washed all the dishes from the potluck lunch after the New Year’s Day Sock and Toque Golf Tournament. Last year it seemed to take us ages — they did it lickety split. It’s good to see that all the training I gave Steve 23 years ago hasn’t been forgotten. JB

Dozens of joyous red roses to all the Salt Spring merchants who contributed

RANTS & ROSES

turkeys, hams, salmon, salads, buns, vegetables, fruit cake, tarts, egg nog, juice and coffee; to all the volunteer cooks who roasted and baked and steamed and served; to all the musicians who played and sang; to the Reverend Ruth Cairns for leading us in saying grace; to everyone who came and shared Christmas dinner on December 25; and the biggest, most joyous, reddest rose of all to Gary Fletcher, chief cook, bottle washer and all-around organizer. Salt Spring United Church

Bunches of rose-shaped balloons to Michele Severn, Arlene Montalbetti, and let’s not forget Marilyn Lundy (careful what you wish for), who were put to work on New Year’s Eve blowing up balloons at the Dollar Store. This was another reminder of why we chose to do business on Salt Spring. May 2005 be filled with roses and no thorns. I, L and V

Roses to Gil Marcotte for driving us in the bad weather. B&A L

There are not enough roses in the world to properly thank Christine at Pharmasave and the nurses at Lady Minto for helping engineer and pull off what was for our family a miracle of the best kind. It was because of your kindness and thoughtfulness that our daughter was able to spend this time with us. So straight from our hearts, we wish you an especially happy and healthy New Year. We are two grateful parents. A and P

A thousand roses to the ladies of the snow shovel brigade who have been displaying their talents in and around the Brinkworthy community. Many thanks.

A huge bouquet of roses to Steve Mueller for clearing your neighbours’ driveways.

Huge baskets of roses to Mike Best and Daniel Borth-

wick for picking up and delivering the staff of Lady Minto Hospital to and from work safely during the recent snowfall. We couldn’t have managed without your help!

Roses to neighbour Brian Dawes who flashed up his truck last Friday and winched my car out of a ditch where it was a definite hazard to navigation. DM

Roses to Andrea at Bow Wow & Co. for her sweeping, gardening and snow shoveling that helps keep our storefront clean, clear and beautiful. From the staff at the Driftwood.

A robust rose of winter to our special Emergency preparedness people, like Marguerite and Betty, who have been calling throughout our island to help those without power, transportation, food, water etc., etc. What valuable volunteers you are.

A huge bucket of roses to the Hydro crew for working so hard to keep us all with power. As well, to the Highways crew who work night and day ploughing and clearing our roads so we all can get around safely. You all do an awesome job with the limited resources available to you and are definitely not appreciated enough. Thank you for all you do.

A bouquet of flashing red and white roses from the ambulance crew to Tim and John of Island Star Video and Henry Baade. Henry tried to buy us a DVD player to keep us entertained between calls, and Tim and John insisted on donating it instead. Thanks, guys!

Two hampers full of long-stemmed roses to Cathy Stringer and Melanie Morris, co-ordinator and manager, respectively, of the Salt Spring Island Food Bank. Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated. Thank you very much from the volunteers and clients.

Roses to the Raven Street Market Cafe for staying open on Monday, their regular day off, so they could supply hot coffee and comfort to all their neighbours who were still waiting for power. Thanks from Fernwood.

A huge bouquet to Donn and Maddy Tarris, and Henry and Linda Schwagly, who brought us in from the cold. The warmth of their friendship will stay with us always. Jack ‘n’ Lefty

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SNOWBOUND: Phillip Sauriol flies over a make shift ramp as he enjoys the snow Monday afternoon. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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PACK ATTACK: The Driftwood photographer becomes the focus of a snowball fight as he checks out snow activity at Salt Spring Island Middle School on Monday.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ferries sewage won't be curtailed with 2005 Queen of Nanaimo refit

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**
Staff Writer

Environmental groups are making a stink about sewage dumped from local vessels after B.C. Ferries cancelled plans to install a wastewater treatment plant aboard the Queen of Nanaimo.

"What comes out of our ferries and other vessels is one more thing that has a cumulative effect on our marine life," said Howard Breen, coordinator of the B.C. Environmental Network.

"You can imagine the uproar if sludge was put on our parks or on our mountainsides. But it's seen as treated when it goes into the ocean and yet the nutrient loading, the heavy metals, none of that is removed and nor is the pathogens."

B.C. Ferries initially discussed installing a sewage treatment plant as part of a mid-life refit for the Queen of Nanaimo set this spring. But those plans were discontinued during financial negotiations.

"It's all for tourism dollars but we may be killing the goose that lays the golden egg," Breen said.

While most B.C. Ferries have waste-treatment systems, many ferries may be simply discharging in the middle of Georgia Strait, he said.

Breen didn't have statistics on B.C. Ferries wastewater but he noted that a cruise ship with 3,500 passengers and crew aboard discharges approximately one million litres of black water and grey water in one week, he said.

"It's really comparing apples and oranges," he noted.

But Canadian waste-treatment technology is available through companies like Hydroxyl Systems Inc., which provided previous facilities for B.C. Ferries, he said.

"There is not a government in Canada that doesn't thump its chest in respect to advancing green technologies, but at the same time they are not offering incentives to adopt them or putting disincentives in place not to."

It took the Canadian government mere weeks to introduce security legislation, but environmental protection will wait until at least 2006, with plans for an additional five-year implementation period, he said.

"The 2006 date is not cast in concrete. Anything could happen, especially given the incredible influence of the cruise ship lobby."

He wonders how many shellfish poisonings it will take before new legislation in the Canada Shipping Act will restrict marine discharges.

"People in some agencies believe that Georgia Strait is a sacrifice zone."

E-coli and other pathogens can survive for up to two days in our cold climate, he said.

"That means people are at risk, as well as our very treasured marine mammals."

Ferries and cruise ships are the only point source discharging pathogens and harmful nutrients into some ecosystems, he said.

"If our government can't set the standard, how can recreational boaters be expected to hold and use pump-out facilities?"

There are 11 no-discharge zones for boaters around B.C. waters, including Victoria and Nanaimo harbours, he noted.

"Cruise ships are required to make discharges four miles from shore, but one wonders what they are doing on these shorter ferry routes."

Legislation introduced in Alaska in 2002 prevents vessel waste offloading of any kind, and Alaska State Fer-

ries were given a three-year grace period to meet legislation.

"Whether it be a large ferry or a 'megaship' discharging black water and grey water, it strikes me as unacceptable in 2004 that we should wait any longer to contend with it."

Of 36 vessels in the B.C. Ferries fleet, four have holding tanks and only five don't have any waste-treatment system, said Deborah Marshall, B.C. Ferries director of media relations.

"At this point we are not legally required to do so but we do provide primary and secondary treatment on most of our ships," Marshall said.

"We are actively pursuing to upgrade our vessels as our commitment to be a good corporate citizen."

Among vessels serving the Gulf Islands, all have waste-treatment plants except the Queen of Nanaimo and the Tachek, which have holding tanks, she said.

"All of our existing vessels do have to be compliant by 2011 and we are working on a plan for that right now with the vessels that are outstanding. We hope to have that developed within a year."

Marshall couldn't give a financial estimate about the Queen of Nanaimo refit scheduled for this spring, but she said, "It's certainly quite a bit more substantial than the usual refit work that we do."

She said B.C. Ferries had discussed installing a waste-treatment system with Hydroxyl, which has provided 10 other systems since 1998.

"We were looking at installing a sewage-treatment plant as part of this project but we weren't able to come to mutually-acceptable terms with the party we were negotiating with so we are just not going to proceed at this time."

Hydroxyl representatives declined to comment on the issue.

Marshall confirmed that several other waste-treatment companies had provided systems for B.C. Ferries vessels but they were not in consideration for the Queen of Nanaimo refit.

Vessels with holding tanks like the Nanaimo discharge sewage at "appropriate places" in open water away from land, she said.

"Right now there aren't any regulations about that."

Georgia Strait Alliance's green boating coordinator Sarah Versteegen encourages B.C. Ferries to set a good example.

"I would be looking for B.C. Ferries to be a good corporate citizen regardless of when the deadline is in place."

And she'd be happy to trumpet the company's environmental leadership if it installed a waste-treatment system ahead of the deadline.

"But they'll probably turn around, look at the bottom line and say, 'Nah, we're not doing this.'"

Versteegen noted that while the city of Victoria discharges far more sewage than the B.C. Ferries fleet, the ships shouldn't be ignored.

"I think we should do the easy stuff as well, even though it's smaller. You have to work from a lot of different directions and nibble away at it."

She believes that while B.C. Ferries had started to upgrade fleet waste systems, it is now trying to save money by waiting for required legislation.

"The reality is that however much sewage the Queen of Nanaimo discharges will continue to be discharged for that entire period until they come into compliance. So we would like to see them do it sooner than later."

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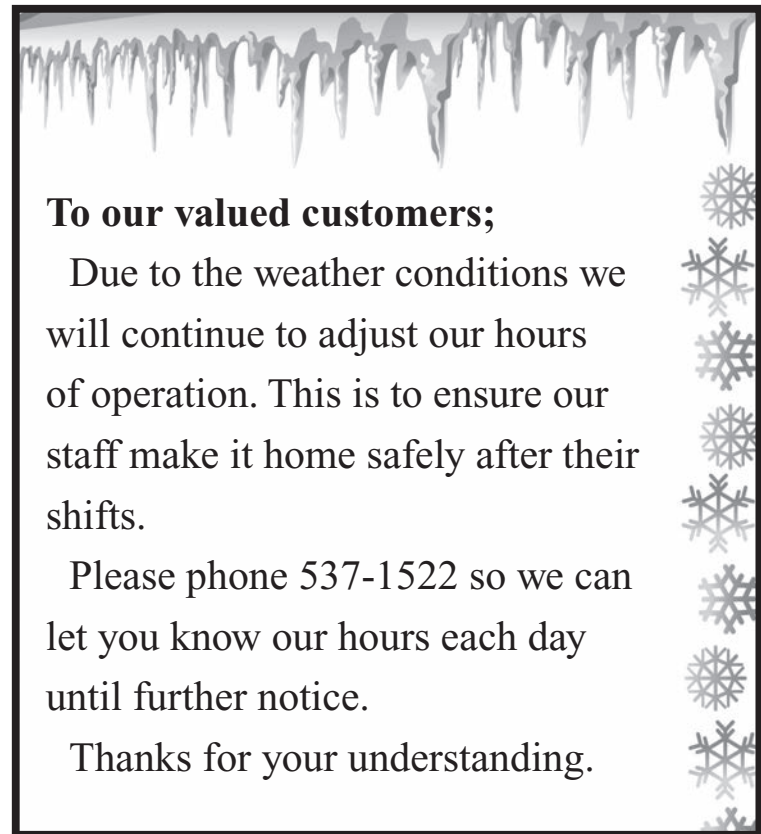


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Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Jan 12, 2005 to Jan 18, 2005

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8:00 PM	
23 ★★ ... All the Marbles (aka The California Dolls) (1981, Comedy)	A manager of a ladies tag-team wrestling combo will do anything to be great. <i>Peter Falk, Vicki Frederick</i> (2h30)
8:30 PM	
3 ★★ Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (2002, Drama)	A look at game show impresario Chuck Barris' claims of a double life as a CIA operative. <i>Sam Rockwell, Drew Barrymore</i> (2h)
9:00 PM	
4 Home Team (1999, Suspense)	A soccer coach learns what life is really about as poor kids fight to keep their home. <i>Steve Guttenberg, Derek Lebrero</i> (2h)
10:00 PM	
13 ★ Riding in Cars With Boys (2001, Comedy/Drama)	A young woman struggles to finish school after becoming a mother at the age of 16. <i>Drew Barrymore, Steve Zahn</i> (2h30)
10:30 PM	
19 ★★ Hook (1991, Fantasy)	A grown-up Peter Pan must return to Neverland to rescue his kids from Captain Hook. <i>Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman</i> (2h20)
11:00 PM	
14 ★★ Bed and Board (1970, Drama)	A married man expecting a child begins a love affair with one of his coworkers. <i>Antoine Doinel, Jacques Tati</i> (2h)
11:30 PM	
3 ★ Sol Goode (2001, Comedy)	A charismatic hustler tries to change his ways and win over his best friend. <i>Balthazar Getty, Katharine Towne</i> (1h45)
THURSDAY, JAN 13	
6:00 PM	
14 ★★ Virgin and the Gypsy (1970, Drama)	An innocent country girl engages in a romance with a handsome gypsy. <i>Joanna Shimkus, Franco Nero</i> (2h)
7:00 PM	
3 ★★ The Barbarian Invasions (2003, Comedy/Drama)	Friends, family and former lovers gather round a dying man for laughter and remembrance. <i>Remy Girard, Stéphane Rousseau</i> (2h)
8:00 PM	
24 ★★ Night and the City (1992, Action)	A boxing promoter does what it takes to become famous but eventually finds only trouble. <i>Robert De Niro, Jessica Lange</i> (2h)
9:00 PM	
3 ★★ Jeepers Creepers 2 (2003, Horror)	A basketball team's bus is attacked by a flesh-eating beast that attacks every 23 years. <i>Ray Wise, Jonathan Breck</i> (2h)
10:00 PM	
13 ★★ The Sixth Sense (1999, Thriller)	A psychologist tries to help a young boy who is haunted by ghosts that want his help. <i>Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment</i> (2h)
11:00 PM	
19 The Naked Gun: From The Files Of Police Squad! (1988)	An incompetent lieutenant must prevent the murder of Queen Elizabeth II. <i>Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley</i> (1h30)
12:00 PM	
29 ★★ A Man Called Peter (1955, Biography)	The story of Scottish-born Presbyterian minister and world-renowned author Peter Marshall. <i>Richard Todd, Jean Peters</i> (2h)
1:00 PM	
14 ★★ Lost in Yonkers (1993, Comedy/Drama)	A struggling widower leaves his two sons with his German mother so he can earn a living. <i>Richard Dreyfuss, Irene Worth</i> (2h15)
1:30 PM	
3 ★★ Cold Mountain (2003, Romance)	A wounded Civil War soldier heads for North Carolina to reunite with the woman he loves. <i>Nicole Kidman, Jude Law</i> (2h45)
FRIDAY, JAN 14	
6:00 PM	
14 ★★ By Dawn's Early Light (1990, Thriller)	Political and military conflicts arise as the east and west prepare for a nuclear war. <i>Powers Boothe, Rebecca De Mornay</i> (2h)
7:00 PM	
15 Hitler: The Rise of Evil (2003, War)	Explores Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany during the years prior to World War II. <i>Robert Carlyle, Stockard Channing</i> (2h)
7:30 PM	
3 ★★ The Perfect Score (2004, Comedy)	Six high school seniors decide to steal the answers to their upcoming SAT tests. <i>Scarlett Johansson, Erika Christensen</i> (1h30)




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330	379	KING	7:00 Today Show		Today Show II		L.Elder	F.L.Elder	Ellen DeGeneres		News		Days of Our Lives		Passions		Dr. Phil											
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23		KSTW	6:00 The Daily Buzz		Life & Style		Cosby	Cosby	Becker	Spin City	The People's Court		Divorce	Divorce	The People's Court		Girlfriend	Sabrina										
24		KVOS	Various		Paid Prog		Paid Prog		Various	Various Movies	The People's Court		I Spy		Various	WFTUPaid	Diagnosis	Murder										
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13	260	359	CITY	CityLine		Ellen DeGeneres		News		Sex&City	Friends	Star Trek: Enterpr.	Beverly Hills Cop (1984) Eddie Murphy.		News	:35 Ed's			
14	460	523	BRAVO	Chasing Rainbows		The Producers			By Dawn's Early Light	Powers Boothe.	Law & Order	Sex&City	:45 Maslin Beach	(1998) Michael Allen.	ScanMov.				
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19	483	541	FAM	:15 Dave..	Possible	Proud F.	McGuire	All That	Future	SmartG.	Just For Kicks		Tom Arnold.	The Three Musketeers			Tim Curry.	:15Back to Beach	
20	459	520	A&E	American Justice		Clear and Present Danger (1994) Harrison Ford.						American Justice	Clear and Present Danger (1994) Harrison Ford.						
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4			NewVI	Fishing	Real Fish	Snowmob	Outdoors	Exposed	ScanMov.	Richler Ink		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Cloak and Dagger	Henry Thomas.		BeastMaster					
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258	336		GBLBC	7:00 Saturday Morning News				Up&Grow	Grow	Antique	W.trade	News	Miller TV	Football	AFC Divisional Playoffs	NFL Teams TBA						
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23			KSTW	Littles	Littles	I. Gadget	I. Gadget	Home...	D.Buy	Poker Challenge	Walker, TR		Semi-Tough			(1977) Burt Reynolds.	An American Affair					
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GISS dancers get jazzy for performance

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) dancers are set for a jazz extravaganza at their end-of-semester dance performance next week.

“The senior dance class has been busy tappin’ their toes, swinging their hips, turning ‘round and hop-pin’ high in preparation for Jazzifyin,” said GISS dance teacher Sonia Langer.

The show runs at ArtSpring on Wednesday and Thursday, January 19-20, at 7:30 p.m.

The 20 Grade 11 and 12 students have been studying the roots and origins of jazz music and dance, said Langer. As a result, they will dazzle the audience with the Charleston from the 1920s, the shim sham from the 1930s, swing dance from the 1940s and some funky, swingin’ grooves from the 1950s.

The show will also give the audience a chance to enjoy ballet, hip hop and contemporary choreography. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults.



READY TO DANCE: Gulf Islands Secondary School Grades 11 and 12 dancers prepare for their end-of-semester performance, set for ArtSpring on January 19 and 20.

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Snow-buried shows rescheduled

Weather has postponed two high school performances that were set to hit the ArtSpring stage this week.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School music program concert was supposed to run tonight

(Wednesday), with the Grade 9-10 drama department play building show scheduled for Thursday. The musical evening has been bumped to Monday, January 24, and the drama event is now on the 27th.

Tea leaf class warms up ‘seers’

How does sharing a hot cup of tea in a warm atmosphere with the opportunity to hone your intuitive skills sound right about now?

During the oh-so-cold month of January, islanders have the rare opportunity to learn how to read tea leaves right on Salt Spring Island.

Local tea leaf reader Tanya Lester, who usually teaches the Art of Tea Leaf Reading at Saanich Commonwealth Place, has responded to requests for an on-island workshop, which will be held on January 16 and 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. on both Sundays.

“Amazing magic takes place,” said Lester, in reference to her experience as a workshop facilitator. “I do everything in my psychic power to make it interesting, informative and easy for participants to make the leap into the seer’s world. Those present can feel it in the energy of the space that we work in. It is an invigorating and delightful natural high.”

Lester has about a decade of tea leaf reading experience.

She reads for people from many parts of the world

and from absolutely every walk of life. She read radio announcer Bill Richardson’s cup on CBC Radio. She met Goldie Hawn and read her son’s leaves at the Ganges Market a few years ago.

She is also a published author with over a decade of experience teaching writing courses.

The workshop costs only \$50 and takes place at Lester’s Ganges space. To register, to get directions on the workshop location and for more information, call Tanya at 538-0086 or e-mail t_lester@yahoo.com.

Coming Soon to ArtSpring

Bernard Primeau
Montréal Jazz Ensemble

Only 40 tickets left!

sponsored by Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty

“If you’re looking for a performer who is passionate about his music and who lives for the special moment of creative jazz interplay, then Primeau is your man.” Ottawa Citizen

Wednesday, January 26, 8:00 (Wine-tasting with Garry Oaks Winery, 7:00)

Rob McConnell Trio

Sold Out

Sunday, February 27, 2:30

Michael Kaeshammer

Sold Out

Friday, April 1, 8:00

Jacques Brel

is alive and well and living in Paris

Held Over

Wednesday, March 23, 8:00

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- root canals
- same day crowns/onlays

Lorne Elliott: The Collected Mistakes IV

With two previously sold-out performances at ArtSpring, Lorne Elliott is truly back by popular demand. Lorne brings us a new one-man performance of humour, storytelling and music.

The script is a work of thought-provoking contemporary satire: witty, clever and fast-paced. Lorne’s stage persona, a contrast of intellectual and extravagant jester, is both outlandish and charming. The performance is a blend of comedic mayhem and superbly silly performance art.

Wednesday, February 9, 8:00

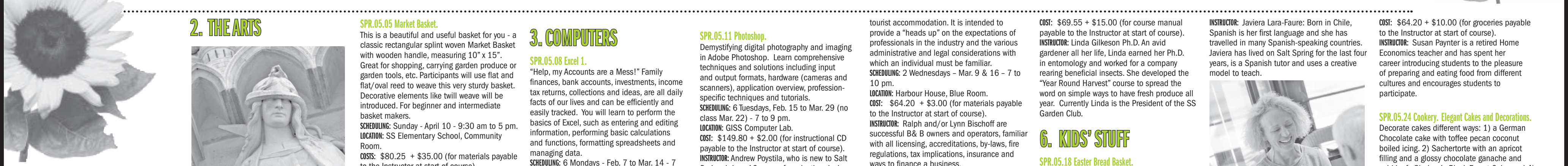
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Call the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 537-2102 or email the Ticket Centre at tickets@artspring.ca.

Visit www.artspring.ca for more event information and a chance to win tickets to Midwinter Escape, presented by Salt Spring Concert Band.

SSI SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SPRING 2005 COURSE CALENDAR



1. ACADEMIC

SPR.05.01 Introduction to Chaucer: First Fragment of Canterbury Tales.

A discussion of the first fragment of the Canterbury Tales. (I.E. The General Prologue and tales of the Knight, Miller, Reeve and Cook) will be covered. The text will be in Middle English, a version of our modern language which students will find both easy and delightful to learn to read. The class will take a seminar/discussion format in which all views and opinions will be welcome.

SCHEDULING: 6 Tuesdays - Feb. 8 to Mar. 15 - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: Mormon Church.

COST: \$90.95 + book purchase \$15.00 (payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: John Mills is a Professor Emeritus of SFU's English Department, where he concentrated on the medieval period. John has also published many novels and essay collections as well as reviews and scholarly essays.



SPR.05.02 Invisible History: First Nations in the Gulf Islands.

A six-part introduction to First Nations' culture and history in the Southern Gulf Islands. Topics will include creation stories, spirituality, language, technology and history based on historical documents, archaeology and First Nations' oral history.

SCHEDULING: 6 Tuesdays - Feb. 8 to Mar. 15 - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: ArtSpring: Guild Room.

COST: \$96.30.

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Arnett is an artist, author and musician who has lived on Salt Spring Island for over 16 years. Chris has authored and co-authored several books and articles on British Columbian history including "The Terror of the Coast: Land Alienation and Colonial War on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, 1849-1863" (Talonbooks, Burnaby 1999). In 2000-2001 Chris taught full-time in the First Nations Studies Department at Malaspina University College in Nanaimo, and continues to work with local First Nations on a variety of research topics pertaining to history and culture.

2. THE ARTS



SPR.05.03 Life Drawing.

This course will offer instruction in clearly seeing what you are looking at and transposing that to a one-dimensional surface by drawing accurately. It will help you to think visually. The fundamentals of drawing the human form will be explored including proportion anatomy and foreshortening. Drawing boards will be available for purchase.

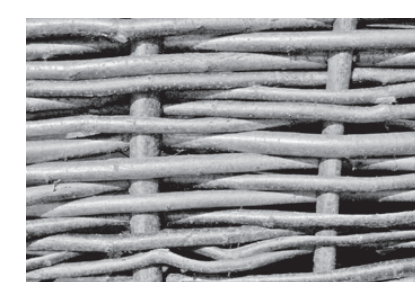
SCHEDULING: 6 Wednesdays - Feb. 23 to April 13 (no classes March 16 & 23) - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: ArtSpring, Bateman Gallery.

COST: \$149.80 (includes model costs).

TOOLS: 2,4 & 6 B pencils, white drawing paper, 11x14 or 14x17, drawing board.

INSTRUCTOR: Charles Breth is a well-known artist and teacher with a solid background education in the arts.



SPR.05.04 Inside Out - Double Walled Basket.

This basket is adapted from an original Cherokee design where two baskets are woven as one unit. The inner basket is woven first and then its spokes are rolled over and an outer basket is woven making it double-walled! There will be many colours of reed available to create striking patterns using different weaves. While some experience is helpful, beginners are welcome.

SCHEDULING: Sat. and Sun. - February 19 and 20 - 10 am to 5 pm.

LOCATION: SS Elementary School Community Room.

COST: \$112.50 + \$40.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

TOOLS: Scissors and/or diagonal cutting clippers for reed, small needle nose or round nose pliers, small awl, measuring tape, clothes pegs, bucket, towel, pencil (instructor will have extras of all of these).

INSTRUCTOR: Donna Cochran is a basket maker and basketry teacher whose passion for basketry evolved over 20 years of international development work throughout Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Since moving to Salt Spring in 1995, she has been exploring traditional and contemporary basketry techniques, teaching workshops and exhibiting, and is a founding member of the Salt Spring Basketry Guild.

SPR.05.05 Market Basket.

This is a beautiful and useful basket for you - a classic rectangular splint woven Market Basket with wooden handle, measuring 10" x 15". Great for shopping, carrying garden produce or garden tools, etc. Participants will use flat and flat/oval reed to weave this very sturdy basket. Decorative elements like twill weave will be introduced. For beginner and intermediate basket makers.

SCHEDULING: Sunday - April 10 - 9:30 am to 5 pm.

LOCATION: SS Elementary School, Community Room.

COSTS: \$80.25 + \$35.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

TOOL LIST: Sturdy scissors, old towel, spray bottle and measuring tape.

INSTRUCTOR: Joan Carrigan discovered basketry in 1991 and has since studied with numerous outstanding basket makers, acquiring a broadly based knowledge of basketry techniques and materials. She teaches extensively, exhibits her work in international juried shows and is a founding member of the SSI Basketry Guild.

SPR.05.06 1. Decorative Capitals.

Called "versals", these were used historically to mark the beginning of verses. The letter is set in a square that is then decorated with inks or watercolours. Make a card for Valentine's Day!

SPR.05.06 2: Monoline Calligraphy on Rice Paper.

Combine the transparency of rice paper with metallic inks and watercolours to produce an ethereal haiku. Write out a haiku and then paint a backing to produce letters that "float above" the colourful background. Bring a notebook for both classes.

SCHEDULING 1: Saturday - Feb. 5 - 10 am to 4 pm.

SCHEDULING 2: Saturday - Feb 19 - 10 am to 4pm.

LOCATION: Mormon Church Small Room.

COST: \$101.65 + \$15.00 (for both courses, materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Delaine Faulkner (see below)

Tools: notebook, pencil, eraser, waterproof pen, inks, gel pens, watercolours.



SPR.05.07 Calligraphy: Condensed Italics.

The italic form of script is graceful, legible and useful for many purposes and this course will give a basic understanding of its forms along with variations. There will be examples provided of both historic and modern usages to inspire your own work. Bring a notebook. Paper, liners, pen nib and holder will be provided, along with example sheets.

SCHEDULING: 6 Wednesdays - Feb. 23 to Apr 6 (no class Mar. 23) - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: ArtSpring, Conference Room.

COST: \$112.35 + \$20.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Delaine Faulkner - A local islander, Delaine has been practicing calligraphy for over 25 years and has attended international calligraphy conventions. She teaches locally.

3. COMPUTERS

SPR.05.08 Excel 1.

"Help, my Accounts are a Mess!" Family finances, bank accounts, investments, income tax returns, collections and ideas, are all daily facts of our lives and can be efficiently and easily tracked. You will learn to perform the basics of Excel, such as entering and editing information, performing basic calculations and functions, formatting spreadsheets and managing data.

SCHEDULING: 6 Mondays - Feb. 7 to Mar. 14 - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: GISS Computer Lab.

COST: \$149.80 + \$15.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Philip Benson (see below).



SPR.05.09 Word 1 and II.

Learn at Your Own Pace! Would you describe your learning of Word as "trial and error"? If you want to learn the right way, or if you have had experience or training, this course will add to your knowledge. Rather than teaching to the class as a whole, Philip will teach the individual; thus, the class size is small. He will provide one-on-one instruction to accommodate each learner's particular needs and level of experience. This course offers principles of word-processing that are involved in creating, editing, printing, storing text, and more. You will get plenty of practice and encouragement!

SCHEDULING: 6 Wednesdays, Feb. 9 to Mar. 16 - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: GISS Computer Lab.

COST: \$149.80 + \$15.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Philip Benson (see below).

SPR.05.10 Access.

This course is for complete beginners. When confidence is gained using a simple database the learner will be taught how to create a database from scratch. You will create and work with tables and forms, then learn how to extract and sort information using queries.

SCHEDULING: 6 Thursdays - Feb. 10 to Mar. 17 - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: GISS Computer Lab.

COST: \$149.80 + \$15.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Philip Benson: A recent addition to Salt Spring, Philip brings from England a wealth of knowledge and experience in both teaching and computer skills.

SPR.05.11 Photoshop.

Demystifying digital photography and imaging in Adobe Photoshop. Learn comprehensive techniques and solutions including input and output formats, hardware (cameras and scanners), application overview, professional-specific techniques and tutorials.

SCHEDULING: 6 Tuesdays, Feb. 15 to Mar. 29 (no class Mar. 22) - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: GISS Computer Lab.

COST: \$149.80 + \$2.00 (for instructional CD payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Andrew Poystila, who is new to Salt Spring, brings 16 years of production design and a vast skill, set in multi-media production, from broadcast animation to corporate presentations and marketing deliveries.

4. HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SPR.05.12 Creating Intimacy.

Identify elements needed to create lasting intimacy in all relationships. We will look at relationship patterns, core beliefs, paths through conflict and disowned parts in relationships. Lecture and interactive format. Bring a notebook.

SCHEDULING: Saturday - Feb. 5 - 10 am to 4 pm.

LOCATION: Baptist Church, Lower Level.

COST: \$80.25 + \$5.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTORS: Sharon Bronstein MSW, and Alan Caplan MA are registered clinical counsellors. Sharon has been a therapist for 24 years and has trained counsellors. Alan works in Nanaimo specializing in work with men's issues. Together, they lead relationship workshops.



SPR.05.13 Support & Strength: Women's Group.

From time immemorial women have sat together in circle. In this women's group, using expressive art therapy, discussion and process you will be introduced to different ways of exploring who we are as women. Confidentiality will be observed to ensure a safe environment.

SCHEDULING: 6 Wednesdays - Feb. 9 to Mar. 16 - 1 to 3 pm.

LOCATION: Mormon Church.

COST: \$85.60 + \$5.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTORS: Sharon Bronstein, MSW, has been a therapist for 24 years and enjoys using expressive arts in her workshops. Oni Freeman, MFT, is an experienced and licensed therapist who specializes in women's groups and sand-play therapy.

5. HOUSE AND HOME

SPR.05.14 Bed and Breakfast Primer.

Do you have what it takes? The course is intended for a general audience of islanders contemplating opening their homes to

tourist accommodation. It is intended to provide a "heads up" on the expectations of professionals in the industry and the various administrative and legal considerations with which an individual must be familiar.

SCHEDULING: 2 Wednesdays - Mar. 9 & 16 - 7 to 10 pm.

LOCATION: Harbour House, Blue Room.

COST: \$64.20 + \$3.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Ralph and/or Lynn Bischoff are successful B&B owners and operators, familiar with all licensing, accreditations, by-laws, fire regulations, tax implications, insurance and ways to finance a business.



SPR.05.15 Indigenous Plants and their Uses.

Discover wild plants found on Salt Spring for herbal and culinary uses. Wander with Dan through the gardens at the Salt Spring Centre. Bring a notebook and a small plastic bag for samples and rain gear if necessary.

SCHEDULING: Saturday - April 9 - noon to 3 pm.

LOCATION: Salt Spring Centre, 355 Blackburn Rd.

COST: \$32.10.

INSTRUCTORS: Dan Jason - A 28 year resident of Salt Spring, Dan, whose interest began in early childhood, has owned and operated Salt Spring Seeds for the past 20 years. Dan has authored many books including a B.C. best-seller - "Some Useful Wild Plants."

SPR.05.16 Upholstery.

Foot Stool - Trash to Treasure. How many of you have a raggedy footstool that just needs a little fabric, a little time, a little energy, a little know-how, and a few tools to transform it into a beautiful piece of furniture? Maybe you just have a wooden box that would pass for a footstool with some fabric and feet?

SCHEDULING: 3 Sundays - Feb. 13 to 27 - 9 am to noon.

LOCATION: Instructor's home.

COST: \$80.25 + \$7.00 for materials + cost for chosen material (will vary) payable to the Instructor.

INSTRUCTOR: Cayt McGuire: Cayt's first job when she arrived on Salt Spring in 1984 was as a helper to Master Woodworker, Ilyd Perkins, where she learned the basics of furniture construction and finishing, as well as traditional rushing, caning, and weaving chair seats. Having worked with fabric for most of her life, and having learned to work with wood more recently, the jump to upholstery and repairing furniture, was a very small one.... "It's like making designer clothes for your furniture."

SPR.05.17 Year Round Harvest.

Are you sick of well-travelled, unripe vegetables at exorbitant winter prices? Make the most of your garden and savour home grown fruits and veggies all year. Learn what varieties of more than 30 winter-hardy veggies to grow. Work on your own planting plan that suits your tastes and space and much more!

SCHEDULING: Saturday - Mar. 19 - 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

LOCATION: Harbour House Blue Room

COST: \$69.55 + \$15.00 (for course manual payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Linda Gilkeson Ph.D. An avid gardener all her life, Linda earned her Ph.D. in entomology and worked for a company rearing beneficial insects. She developed the "Year Round Harvest" course to spread the word on simple ways to have fresh produce all year. Currently Linda is the President of the SS Garden Club.

6. KIDS' STUFF

SPR.05.18 Easter Bread Basket.

(For ages 8 to 13 years.) Create an Easter basket from bread dough and then bake it in a wood fired oven. Great for Easter eggs! One adult needed to help and fun for all. Bring a metal bowl, 12" or less in diameter and an apron!

SCHEDULING: Sunday - Mar. 13 - 1 to 4 pm.

LOCATION: Instructor's home.

COST: \$42.80 + \$5.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Campbell. Salt Spring's well-known "Bread Lady" has been baking organic artisan breads in a wood fired oven since 1996.

INSTRUCTOR: Javiera Lara-Faure: Born in Chile, Spanish is her first language and she has travelled in many Spanish-speaking countries. Javiera has lived on Salt Spring for the last four years, is a Spanish tutor and uses a creative model to teach.



8. LEISURE

SPR.05.22 Intermediate Bridge.

A detailed course. George will start with Stayman and work up to more sophisticated systems. He will also stress the theory and play of defence along with "lead directing" signals as well as squeeze plays and end runs. Students will play "Swiss Teams" again - perhaps the most fun part of bridge competition.

SCHEDULING: 8 Thursdays, Feb. 10 to Apr. 7, (no class Feb. 17) - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: OAP Hall, Fulford Hall.

COST: \$85.60 + \$5.00 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: George Laundry. An experienced bridge teacher, George has been a long-time bridge master and tournament "junkie" at the national level. NOTE: Please be prepared to find a spare if you miss a session.



SPR.05.20 Advanced Introduction to Spanish.

For those that have taken the introductory course with Javiera or for folks who have "un poco de Espanol!" She teaches in a creative way to add to your confidence with the language.

SCHEDULING: 10 Saturdays - Feb. 12 to Apr. 16 - 10 am to noon.

LOCATION: Baptist Church, Lower Level.

COST: \$139.10 + \$10.00 (for materials and coffee payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Javiera Lara-Faure: (see below).

SPR.05.21 Introduction to Spanish for the Novice.

This course is a repeat of last fall's very popular course. You already know many Spanish words. Come and find out more. This course is 10 weeks and will build your vocabulary in a creative way to help you travel, shop for groceries or trinkets and sight see in a Spanish speaking country.

SCHEDULING: 10 Saturdays - Feb. 12 to Apr. 16 - 1 to 3 pm.

LOCATION: Baptist Church, Lower Level.

COST: \$139.10 + \$10.00 (for materials and coffee payable to the Instructor at start of course).

SPR.05.23 Cookery. Dim Sum.

These are small snacks usually containing meat, often cooked by steaming or stir-frying. Students will participate in the making of these snacks and will finish the day with a hearty meal. They will be given recipes for each of the 8 courses and information in general about Chinese cooking techniques and ingredients. Help welcome in the Chinese New Year of the rooster! Please bring an apron, notebook and an appetite!

SCHEDULING: Saturday - Feb. 5 - 1 to 4 pm.

LOCATION: Instructor's home.

COST: \$64.20 + \$10.00 (for groceries payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Susan Painter is a retired Home Economics teacher and has spent her career introducing students to the pleasure of preparing and eating food from different cultures and encourages students to participate.

SPR.05.24 Cookery. Elegant Cakes and Decorations.

Decorate cakes different ways: 1) a German Chocolate cake with toffee pecan coconut boiled icing. 2) Sachertorte with an apricot filling and a glossy chocolate ganache and gold leaf. 3) classic Black Forest Cake, and 4) a Genoise sponge used for Victoria Sponge. Please bring an apron and notebook.

SCHEDULING: Saturday - Feb. 26 - 1 to 4 pm.

LOCATION: Lisa Lloyd's Barn, 190 Reynolds Road.

COST: \$69.55 + \$13.00 (for groceries and recipes payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Chef Jonn Ashlie: A long time resident, Jonn is a well-known chef and caterer. He studied culinary arts in Scotland and enjoys creating new recipes for excellent and frugal menus.

SPR.05.25 Mah Jong.

The favourite game of the Chinese, blending memory, skill and strategy. No partner to disappoint, no critics, and a wonderful way to keep the brain active and enjoy a game with friends. You will learn basic skills, rituals and etiquette and how to play and score games. Handouts. Optional purchase of Mah Jong book \$21.00. Please bring Mah Jong if you have it.

SCHEDULING: 4 Wednesdays - Feb. 2 to 23 - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: Seniors for Seniors.

COST: \$70.62 + \$.25 (for materials payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Mary Lauzon, a resident of SSI since 1991, has instructed Mah Jong at Seniors for Seniors since 1992.

SPR.05.26 Woodworking: the Basics.

Make a blanket box or toy chest and learn tool skills: measuring, cutting, joinery, adornments and finishes. You will also learn about safety and use sophisticated tools. Please bring cordless drill/screwdriver if you have one and a measuring tape.

SCHEDULING: 7 Mondays - Feb. 7 to Apr. 4 (no class date(s) TBA) - 7 to 9 pm.

LOCATION: SIMS Woodworking Shop.

COST: \$139.10 + \$20.00 to \$70.00 depending on wood chosen (payable to the Instructor at start of course).

INSTRUCTOR: Mitch Howard works with wood as a hobbyist and teaches safe woodworking to students at the Middle School.

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- Binders
Driftwood Desk, Library,
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and instructions).
- Online:
www.crd.bc.ca.ssiparc
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COURSE #	COURSE NAME	COST:
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I would like to register for a Spring 2005 Course with SSI Community Education (537-0037).

Name (Last name first): _____

Address: _____

V8K _____

Phone: _____

Make cheque out to: Community Education

THANKS!

Place this form together with a cheque for the total amount in a sealed envelope and either mail to Box 329, Ganges, SSI, V8K 2V9 or drop it into the Community Education Box at Salt Spring Books.

REGISTRATION TIMES AND DATES:

- January 21 & 22
(Friday and Saturday)
Community Room,
Salt Spring Elementary School,
10am to 4pm
 - Phone-In - 537-0037
- January 24 to 31 (Daily pickup)
 - Driftwood Registration Form
- Any time until January 31 (Daily pickup)
- Registrations will be taken on a first come/paid first served basis.
- All costs include GST.
- We accept Cheques, Cash and Salt Spring Dollars.
- A limited amount of financial aid is available.
- For more information please leave a message at 537-0037.



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Actors test limits with GISS monologues

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**
Staff Writer

Drama students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) are taking risks with demanding psychological monologues during an upcoming performance on January 21-22.

"I'm wondering who might come to see this," said GISS drama teacher Jason Donaldson. "It's sort of exciting."

Three students from the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA) will offer works by contemporary Canadian playwrights for The Susan Smith Tapes with Monologues.

"We can do the riskier things to raise the bar intellectually," Donaldson said.

These avant-garde works are more commonly performed in venues like metropolitan arts clubs, fringe festivals and theatre-college campuses than at high schools.

"It's about one young actor and her art," Donaldson said.

With a major school production out of the way, he's enjoying the freedom to promote alternative works that are not hampered by large-scale budgets or providing an optimum number of roles.

"Look what we can get away with."

The drama 9/10 class also plans to hold a low-cost play building exercise at ArtSpring, likely on January 27. (An original January 13 date is being rescheduled.)

Pandora Morgan will headline the upcoming monologue event with an edgy 40-minute piece about an imprisoned mother who

explains in a video letter to the American public why she drowned her children.

"She's telling her story to Oprah and Jerry Springer to set the record straight," Donaldson said.

Toronto-based poet R.M. Vaughn's 1998-play titled The Susan Smith Tapes recounts a true story from the U.S. in the 1990s.

"Somehow we feel compassion for this character who is naïve or ignorant," Donaldson said.

He's been incredibly impressed by Morgan's work on the project.

"It honestly puts the hair on my neck on end."

She was off book with a fully developed understanding of the character before he even started direction, he said.

"The character just really intrigued me, so I did a lot of research on my own on the real Susan Smith," said Morgan.

The Grade 10 student looked at several plays before

she settled on her pick.

"I try to look for stuff that will be challenging to me."

Morgan was intrigued by playing a real person who was psychologically twisted but also a mother.

"I like trying to figure out people and figure out what happened to them so I can actually become that character."

Due to a strong background in community theatre and acting workshops, Morgan is not daunted by the thought of an extended monologue.

"I figure it's where I want to go with my life so I might as well challenge myself."

The monologue event will open with two other shorter pieces: one five-minute segment from Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet), performed by Sarah Penhale, and another 10-minute selection from Shylock, performed by Jordan Roper.

Shylock is an award-winning play from B.C. writer

Mark Leiren-Young about a Jewish actor who finds himself condemned by his own community for his portrayal of Shakespeare's notorious Jew.

"It's about anti-Semitism in Shakespeare's work," said Donaldson.

Ann Marie MacDonald's Goodnight Desdemona (1988) is about a university student who learns she's been ghost-writing for her professor.

"She finally comes into her own and has an epiphany about what she has been doing," Donaldson said.

The role demonstrates phenomenal range for Penhale, who is naturally soft-spoken and recently played a go-getter in the Real Inspector Hound, he said.

"She is so moldable as an actor."

The Susan Smith Tapes with Monologues will be held in the GISS Drama Room at 7 p.m. on January 21-22.

Tickets are \$5.

Original art sale boosts tsunami relief

For art appreciators wanting to aid tsunami victims, an incredible opportunity to purchase fine original art works unfolds this week.

Island Artists for Tsunami Victims features work from Salt Spring's top artists, with 100 per cent of sale proceeds being given to the Canadian Red Cross.

The exhibition and sale opens Thursday, January 13 at ArtSpring, with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m.

It runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, January 18.

Nicola Wheston has been blown away by the generosity and co-operation she's received in putting the show together.

"All the artists, all the galleries and the businesses who have donated — they're amazing. It has heartened me incredibly."

Organizers stress the event is not an auction, and all works will be priced.

Participating are Jack Avison, Eric Klemm, Birgit Bateman, Anni Knoop, Robert Bateman, Michael Levy, Charles Breth, John MacDonald, David Borrowman, Peter MacFarlane, Jill Louise Campbell, Thomas McPhee, Simon Camping, Patricia Murphy-MacDonald, Ron Crawford, Morley Myers, Jerry Davidson, Helen Ormiston Smith, Margaret Day, Osman Phillips, Diana Dean, Nicola Prinsen, Lynn Demers, Karen Reiss, John Denniston, Bill Rhodes, Stefanie Denz, Michael Robb, Janet Dwyer, Kathy Robertson, Carol Evans, Ron Smith, Joanne Evans, Ian Thomas, Steven Friedman, Diana Lynn Thompson, Howard Fry, Rachel Vadeboncoeur, Ben Goodman, Barbara Watson, Donna Hall, Ron Watts and Nicola Wheston.

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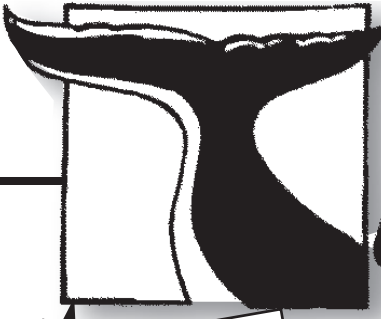


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| Sunday Jan 23 | Vintage Lounge with DJ MattJ
Rare & Classic Jazz, Soul, and R&B |
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| Friday Jan 28 | Interchill Records DJ's
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8:00 PM

2 ★★★ The Hamburg Cell (2004, True) A look at the young men in Hamburg, Germany, who took part in the September 11 attacks. *Karim Saleh, Kamel* (2h)

14 ★★★★★ Coming Home (1978, Drama) A Marine's wife falls in love with an injured veteran during her husband's absence. *Jane Fonda, John Voight* (2h30)

24 ★★★★★ Lethal Weapon 3 (1992, Action) Two detectives attempt to stop a gang of hoodlums who are selling armor-piercing bullets. *Mel Gibson, Danny Glover* (2h30)

9:00 PM

4 ★★ What Women Want (2000, Comedy) A chauvinistic executive gains the ability to hear what women are really thinking. *Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt* (2h30)

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15 ★★ Legends of the Fall (1994, Drama) Three brothers who were raised by their

19 ★★★ **Chariots of Fire (1981, Sport)**
Two very different men are trained to represent their country in the 1924 Olympics. *Ben Cross, Ian Charleson* (2h)

20 ★★ **Windtalkers (2002, War)** *Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach* (3h)

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3 ★★★ **50 First Dates (2004, Romance)** A veterinarian falls for a woman with short-term memory loss and sets out to win her over. *Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore* (1h45)

10:30 PM

14 ★★★ **Born on the Fourth of July (1989, Biography)** The story of Ron Kovic, a Vietnam vet who became an anti-war spokesman after his return. *Tom Cruise, Willem Dafoe* (3h)

11:00 PM

19 ★★ **Ladyhawke (1985, Adventure)** A thief befriends a mysterious knight, who must break a curse placed on him and his lover. *Michelle Pfeiffer, Matthew Broderick* (2h5)

11:35 PM

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11:45 PM

3 ★★ Buffalo Soldiers (1997, Adventure) A semi factual tale of the legendary African American Cavalry Corp. and their mission. *Danny Glover, Bob Gunton* (1h45)

MONDAY, JAN 17

8:00 PM

24 ★★★ Morning Glory (1993, Drama) An ex-convict who's on parole is accused of murdering a woman in the town where he works. *Christopher Reeve, Deborah Raffin* (2h)

9:00 PM

19 ★★★★★ Moonstruck (1987, Romance) A woman tries to mend the feud between her fiancé and his brother by inviting him to their wedding. *Cher, Nicolas Cage* (1h30)

9:35 PM

3 ★★ Ned Kelly (1970, Biography) The story of the legendary 19th-century Australian outlaw, whose story outgrew his life. *Mick Jagger, Sue Lloyd* (1h55)

11:30 PM

librarian begins an affair with a mysterious woman who walks into his library. *Christina Ricci, John Simm* (14h5)

TUESDAY, JAN 18

6:00 PM

14 ★★ Abba (1979, Docu-Drama) A rookie DJ is sent on his first assignment to follow ABBA on the road. *Robert Hughes, Anni-Frid Lyngstad* (2h)

8:00 PM

4 ★★★★★ I Am Sam (2001, Drama) An intellectually-challenged father is suddenly forced to fight for custody of his child. *Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer* (3h)

24 ★★★ Miracle Mile (1989, Suspense) A musician picks up a ringing pay phone and learns that a nuclear war is about to begin. *Mare Winningham, Anthony Edwards* (2h)

9:00 PM

13 ★ Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (1999, Comedy) A fish-tank cleaner finds himself working as a gigolo for women with special needs. *Rob Schneider, Norm MacDonald* (2h)

19 ★★★★★ Mr. Destiny (1990, Comedy) A man's life is altered when he is given a chance to relive a moment from his past. *James Belushi, Linda Hamilton* (1h30)

20 ★★★★★ The Innocents (1961, Horror)

The governess of two children becomes convinced that the house and grounds are haunted.
Deborah Kerr, Michael Redgrave (2h)
10:00 PM

3 ★★ Anger Management (2003, Comedy) A mild-mannered man is ordered to see an unusual anger management specialist.
Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson (1h45)

14 ★★ Mr. Rock 'N Roll: The Alan Freed Story (1999, Drama) The story of legendary disc jockey Alan Freed, who introduced rock 'n roll to the world. *Judd Nelson, Paula Abdul* (1h45)
11:45 PM

3 ★★ Paycheck (2003, Sci-Fi) After his memory is erased, an engineer tries to recall his past and escape police. *Ben Affleck, Uma Thurman* (2h)

14 ★★ Alive and Kicking (1996, Drama) A passionate young dancer re-examines his life and career when faced with death. *Jason Flemyng, Antony Sher* (1h45)

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News readers don't always tell it like it is

So Dan Rather, venerable CBS news anchor-man is going to hang up his headphones in March.

And you would think from the news coverage that a king was abdicating, a literary giant had gone mute or possibly a pope had passed.

The man *reads* to us, for heaven's sake. He puts on makeup, straightens his tie, sits behind a desk and recites off a teleprompter while pretending to look us in the eye.

This is not brain surgery. It is not even bricklaying. And yet Dan Rather in particular and news anchormen in general are accorded a status in modern culture just slightly below that of basketball wizards and Hollywood hunks.

What is it about the anchorman?

Why do TV networks line up to shower them with gobs of dough, drape them in Armani and Hugo Boss and altogether treat them like demi-gods — all for doing what our moms and dads used to do for free — namely, read us to sleep at night?

Actually, I do TV news anchors a disservice. They

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not only have to read well, they have to look like a Ken doll while doing it.

Good looks were not a requirement in the radio business, where I spent my career. A radio newsman could look like Gollum as long as he had a good voice and didn't trip over his tongue.

And it's no longer entirely true that we worship at these guys' clay feet.

Ted Baxter changed all that.

The genial dope on the *Mary Tyler Moore* show who managed to mangle every newscast that long-suffering Murray Slaughter wrote for him, set the mold for the popular stereotype of news anchors. He had the big hair. He had the big voice. He had the big ego.

And he was major league dumb.

And Ted Baxter begat Jim Dial of *Murphy Brown* and Bill McNeal of *News-Radio* and Kent Brockman of *The Simpsons* and, most recently *Anchorman's* Ron

Burgundy.

Buffoonish blow-dried bubbleheads to a man.

There are a lot of theories about why we love to laugh at anchors. Adam McKay, the guy who co-wrote and directed the movie *Anchor-man*, says, "Ultimately it's just about the hair."

Well, I dunno about that. Admittedly Ted Koppel's hair is a wonder to behold. It looks like some bizarre sculpted shrub in the process of eating his face. And then there's CTV's Craig Oliver, whose hair tone shimmers between green and orange. And Peter Mansbridge, who is rapidly running out of anything to comb.

I don't think it's the hair. I think it's the fact that news anchors are authority figures and, as such, always good for a giggle.

And let's face it: they ask for it.

They look preposterously pompous, sitting all puffed up behind their desk with their solemn owl eyes and their chins tucked into their shirt collars to make their voices deeper.

Pompous? You bet. Listen — the most famous North American newscaster of the 20th century, Walter Cronkite, actually had the cojones to end each newscast by intoning biblically "and that's the

way it is"

No Walter, that's not The Way It Is.

That's the way one TV producer and a couple of cameramen plus a script-writer agreed to say it was, based on the people they'd talked to and the film footage they'd managed to slap together over the previous 24 hours.

Luckily we don't have to work too hard at pricking anchormen's ego balloons — they do a perfectly good job of it themselves.

Such as the radio newscaster who legendarily signed off a national broadcast with the words: "And that was the news from the Canadian Broadcorping Castration."

And my favourite: back in 1965 when the famous Black Muslim leader Malcolm X was assassinated, I happened to be in the control room during a radio broadcast in Toronto.

Suddenly an out-of-breath news announcer burst into the studio, shouldered the show host away from the microphone and breathlessly told the nation: "This is an urgent bulletin from the CBC newsroom in Toronto. Malcolm 10 is dead."

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Book pursues De Courcy treasure

By SEAN MCINTYRE
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The story of Brother XII has intrigued historians with tales of black magic, hidden treasure and free love for nearly a century.

Now, a Victoria writer hopes to get children interested in this unbelievable tale of a Gulf Islands religious eccentric.

Brother XII, originally known as Edward Arthur Wilson, is described by biographer John Oliphant as "one of the most remarkable religious figures in modern times."

Oliphant explains how Wilson managed to enslave hundreds of followers on De Courcy Island during the 1920s. Many gave up everything to follow Wilson from his native England, while others came from points scattered throughout North America.

Wilson's disciples believed they were bound to become members of a new race of humans. By setting up a spiritual base in the Gulf Islands,

Wilson had them believe they could avoid the impending destruction of civilization.

Several years after its founding, it would be Wilson's Aquarian Foundation itself that would crumble. In 1932, Wilson's uncontrollable greed and prurient antics caused a mutiny and, after setting it on fire, he fled the commune along with the money and valuables of those who had placed their faith in him.

Author Philip Symons' new rendition, entitled Brother XII's Letter, skips over many of the more salacious details of the cult leader's reign and, instead, focusses on the commune's legendary treasure which is rumoured to remain in the area.

"Because Brother XII was a rather nefarious character," he said, "I neglected many of



the details and used his story as the basis for a new story."

The new tale begins when three young children meet Brigadier George Vaughan-Thompson, who lives on an island where Brother XII had set up what he hoped would become the spiritual centre of the world.

"The brigadier asks them if they would like to camp on his property," Symons explained. "When the kids unexpectedly say 'yes,' the brigadier wonders how he is going to entertain them during their stay."

Mr. George, as he is known to the children, hands the kids Brother XII's letter. This turns out to be a treasure map and the adventure begins.

Symons is adamant about the importance of teaching children to appreciate local history at an early age. He hopes his new book will act as a starting point for further exploration of the area's past.

"When I was a boy, I hated history because it just didn't

click. Now I think history can be so fascinating," he said. "I've tried to combine history with other elements like sailing, biology and art to make it more interesting."

The book's historical roots run beyond Brother XII as the Vaughan-Thompson character is based on the late Brigadier Miles Smeeton, a world-renowned sailor who once lived on Salt Spring Island.

Symons grew up in Victoria and developed fond memories of the Gulf Islands after spending numerous summers cruising the region with his family. He and his wife may be spotted plying local waters in their small sloop throughout the summer.

As for finding any lost treasure, Symons laughed and said, "The only treasure I'd be seeking is the fun and adventure of sailing through such a beautiful area."

Brother XII's Letter is published by Ruddy Duck Press of Victoria.

Frank Moher playwriting course now taking names

Island writers wanting the benefit of tuition from the internationally known Frank Moher can attend a playwriting workshop in February.

But if they want to take advantage of the half-price offer, they should call Yvonne Adalian at 653-0033 to reserve a spot by January 15.

The February 12-13 workshop is part of Graffiti Theatre's new play development program on the island.

"It is a unique chance for writers to receive professional guidelines as to how to go about writing a play, or how to complete a play that they have already started," said Graffiti's artistic director Adalian.

"If there is sufficient talent and interest, new plays will have the opportunity of

receiving rehearsed public readings before going on to workshopped productions."

Moher's plays have been produced in Canada, the U.S.A., New Zealand and Japan, and he is a well-known dramaturg and teacher of playwriting.

His play Odd Jobs has been produced throughout North America as well as abroad; he was a finalist for the Governor General's Award and winner of a Los Angeles Dramalogue Award for Writing.

The Third Ascent and Supreme Dream (the latter written with Rhonda Trodd) both toured nationally, and Frank has twice won Edmonton's Sterling Award for Outstanding New Play.

His latest script, Big Baby, was part of the 2002 New Play Festival at Van-

couver's Playwrights Theatre Centre.

As a director-dramaturg, he has worked at the National Arts Centre, the Banff Centre, Workshop West Theatre and TheatreOne, and conducted workshops for Theatre B.C., the Alberta Playwrights Network, the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild and the Manitoba Association of Playwrights, among other organizations.

Most recently he directed the premiere of Laura Cranmer's DP's Colonial Cabaret, with music by Sandy Scofield for The Limpish Collective on Vancouver Island.

Moher teaches in the Department of Creative Writing and Journalism at Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo and is artistic producer of Western Edge Theatre.

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Ancient mistakes revisited in Jan. 21 Ron Wright talk

The 2004 Massey Lecturer Ronald Wright revisits the themes of *A Short History of Progress* when he speaks at Lions Hall next Friday night.

Ancient Mistakes: Lessons of the Land in the Americas will make special reference to the white settlers and conquerors and their relationship with the aboriginal people here.

According to a press release, Wright will discuss the Europeans' disdain for the "savages" they believed had little knowledge to share, and those who later went "to the opposite extreme, idealizing native people as 'noble savages' blessed with ancient virtues lost to Europeans.

"The Noble Savage is still among us today — viewed as a primordial environmen-

talist who supposedly did no harm to the natural world.

Ronald Wright suggests that such myths dehumanize native people and hinder us from learning the truth about their societies.

In reality, American civilizations, like others around the world, deeply affected natural systems for both better and worse; and we can learn from their mistakes as well as their successes."

Wright is a prize-winning novelist, historian and essayist. His books include the number-one bestsellers *Time Among the Maya*, and *Stolen Continents*.

The latter work, a history of the Americas, won the Gordon Montador Award and was chosen a book of the year by the Independent and

Sunday Times newspapers.

His first novel, *A Scientific Romance*, won Britain's David Higham Prize for Fiction and was a Globe and Mail, Sunday Times, and New York Times book of the year.

Wright is also a frequent contributor to the Times Literary Supplement, and has written and presented documentaries for radio and television in Canada, Britain, and the United States.

In November 2004 he gave the CBC Massey Lectures, *A Short History of Progress*.

The January 21 event begins at 7 p.m.

It is co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation group and the Salt Spring Conservancy.

Workshops look at brain, body health

Brain fitness and mind-body work that helps people take charge of their health will be explored in two workshops on Salt Spring this month.

Former island resident Ariadne Sawyer, M.A., presents a Memory Skills and Brain Fitness Workshop, and Take Charge of Your Health at Central Hall on Saturday, January 22.

The first session runs from 1-2:30 p.m., with the second from 3-4:30 p.m.

The memory skills/brain fitness session covers various types of memory, including intelligent memory, memory systems for names and faces and other systems, organization and tips to keep your brain fit and healthy at any age. Sawyer's mother Madge Kimball of Salt Spring will assist with the "Link System."

The Take Charge of Your Health workshop presents "the great resource of mind-body work, the placebo effect and creating an ecological internal healing environment to deal with health issues," explains Sawyer. "It is designed to work with any program that you are doing with your health practitioner."

"I am so happy to bring this information to the Salt Spring community who has been so gracious to me and my family," said Sawyer. "In my opinion, the material contained in the workshops is of vital importance and I

am making the commitment to bring it to Salt Spring and other areas of B.C. at an affordable price."

Workshop cost is \$12, or \$10 for those who pre-register. Sawyer is a speaker, consultant and coach who has done extensive research on the brain.

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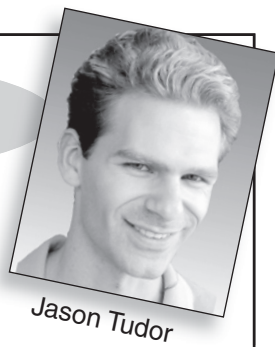


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Epic Troy has lots of action and heart, despite occasional cheese



Jason Tudor

Unless you read Homer's epic *The Iliad* in high school (and please, don't tell me you read it for fun at the beach last summer), the only thing you know about the Trojan War has something to do with a wooden horse.

The basics of *Troy* "the movie" are this: Trojan prince Paris (Orlando Bloom) falls in love with Greek Queen Helen (Diane Kruger), and spirits her away to Troy. Greek King Menelaus (Brian Cox) gets appropriately angry and launches a thousand ships.

At the centre of this fight are Greek hero Achilles (Brad Pitt) and Trojan hero Hector (Eric Bana), neither of which are all that eager to see the deaths of thousands.

Directed by Wolfgang Petersen (*Das Boot*, *The Perfect Storm*), *Troy* is a massive undertaking in

filmmaking. Everything is huge: the sets, the armies and especially the wars. The "money shot" of the aforementioned thousand Greek triremes sailing the Aegean Sea, as seen in the trailer, is pretty impressive just on its own.

There is a consequence to all this excess, though. It produces an occasionally cheesy epic, the kind of movie that seems old-fashioned these days. In fact, it can be difficult to think of too many that have been critically successful.

However, I don't see how *Troy* really could have been any better. For one, it's pretty exciting: the action, the dialogue, the music all of it is, for the lack of a better word, rollicking.

Troy wisely leaves all the Greek god stuff to a minimum, even though Zeus, Hera, *et al* played a fairly large role in

Homer's version. It also presents most of the characters as fairly real people: some cowardly, some arrogant, some vicious. This is quite contrary to your usual war film, which attempts to lionize the "good guys" and reduce their opponents to cannon fodder.

In fact, *Troy* has a distinctly anti-war sentiment at its core. Unlike many epics, such as the overrated *Braveheart* and *Gladiator*, war here is seen as a tragedy that bedevils civilization. You can see it on the faces of the combatants, particularly Hector's anguish when he realizes the coming apocalypse for his homeland.

Even Brad Pitt, usually a flat actor, manages to evoke the pain and anger central to a warrior's life. This isn't a guy you'd want to send to Iraq, er, *Troy*, especially without the right reason.

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Ganges United Church: faith journey

By PAT BARCLAY

Special to the Driftwood

I moved to Salt Spring with my husband in December 1992. Though we were both originally from the West — Paul was born and raised in Calgary and I grew up in Victoria — we had spent the previous 26 years in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Funny, but living in Thunder Bay turned out to be good preparation for life on an island, because Thunder Bay is so geographically isolated, it's like an island itself.

Our only real moment of doubt about leaving there came the night after we'd signed the agreement-of-purchase-and-sale for our new home.

"Oh, no," said my husband suddenly, "we forgot to ask if there's a Chinese restaurant on Salt Spring!"

A phone call to our patient realtor soon settled that question, but it surprises me now to think that in 1992, neither of us gave a thought to what kind of spiritual food we might find on the island.

To borrow a line from Lewis Carroll's *The Walrus and the Carpenter*: "And this was odd, because it was the middle of the night" — the dark night of the soul, that is, for us both.

Four years earlier, Paul had been diagnosed with leukemia and given a year to live, with the possibility of up to four years depend-



SONGSTERS: United Church choir members, clockwise from bottom left, Shelagh Tulloch, Alan Clews, Janette Grey, Denis Russell and Sam Peebles enjoy a moment as they break from singing.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

ing on response to treatment. Though by December of 1992 he was in full remission and thus able and keen to make the move to Salt Spring, we both knew the imminence of death could reappear at any time.

Luckily, by the time it did in the summer of 1996, we had found a spiritual home at the United Church in Ganges.

It is now perfectly clear to me that one of the amenities of life on Salt Spring Island is attending this particular church.

But I came to this understanding slowly, beginning with the day my daughter Kirsty and I met with Rev. Barry Cook to plan Paul's memorial service. (Dr. Cook and his wife, Rev. Sharon Cook, shared joint ministry of the church at the time.)

Our conversation was going so well that I got up the nerve to ask if by any chance we might be able to include Paul's favourite song in the service.

"What is it?" asked Barry warily.

When we told him *Home on the Range*, he replied with a peerless mixture of tact and strategy that perhaps we should discuss this with Shirley Bunyan, the church organist.

Shirley's solution was to refuse gently and then, to our surprise and delight, sail briskly into the post-service reception with a fistful of copies of this classic cowboy song, then sit down at the piano and lead us through all four verses — a cathartic

experience for every relative and old friend present if ever there were one.

Following the Cooks' tenure at the church came the incomparable Rohana Laing, whose strong yet gentle presence and powerful sermons never failed to impress.

Still, however, my awareness of the church's place in our island community was largely limited to my own personal experience of it.

I appreciated the ambience of the building itself and the beauty of its stained-glass windows, the friendliness of the congregation, the many-voiced choir under Shirley's able direction, and especially the messages from the pulpit conceived in mind and heart and delivered straight from the shoulder.

Until recently, however, my knowledge of United Church history and beliefs was quite limited.

I suspect, in fact, that I liked it that way because the less I knew about them, the safer I felt from possible disillusionment. But then along came the new Creed, which, though written in 1968, is still not often used in our services today.

Though considered a work in progress, its eloquence is extraordinary, and it refers to social justice.

It includes the words: "We are called . . . to seek justice." Seeking justice, it turns out, is at the heart of the United Church of Canada's ever-evolving mission. No one knows this better than the Rev. Ruth Cairns, who became our minister a

year ago last fall.

Subtly but determinedly, Ruth is succeeding in making her influence felt.

"Trained around social justice and having worked with Open Door, community kitchen and community outreach," Ruth points out that part of the very foundation of the United Church is social justice, making it a different church from any other.

Later this month, for example, the Victoria Presbytery is organizing a meeting to discuss gambling in B.C.

The plan is to invite other churches and faith communities to help develop a common front against this "serious social pathology," and provide a perspective on the issue of gambling to all political parties before the provincial election next May.

Here on Salt Spring, the United Church's Christmas activities evoked an enthusiastic response from the community.

There was standing room only at the evening carol service on December 24, and some 40 volunteers helped serve 100 people dinner at noon on Christmas Day.

If it did the heart good to participate in these worthwhile but fleeting occasions, surely it makes sense to consider this: when we become a regular part of a vibrant church community, our connection, both to the wider community and to our own spiritual growth, is hugely enhanced.

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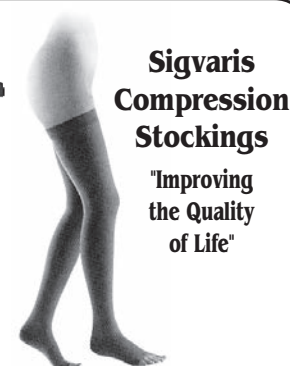


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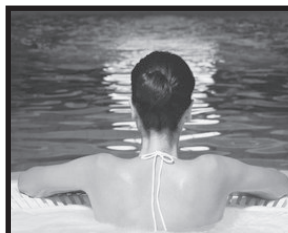
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Salt Spring keeper Dragomir seeks sponsors for European soccer play

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**
Staff Writer

Local keeper Braden Dragomir has his sights set on soccer in Europe after a successful season in net for the University of Maine.

"I got to start this season, which for a freshman is pretty rare," Dragomir said.

He's pursuing a bachelor's degree in athletic training at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, working on campus and playing NCAA Division-3 soccer.

"It came down to Presque Isle or Bethel College in Kansas," Dragomir said. "I decided I'd rather be closer to the coast. I didn't want to be in Kansas."

The 18-year old applied for scholarships at approximately 80 schools before he utilized the services of University Prospects to create an application package that was sent to hundreds of U.S. colleges.

"I tried to do it myself but it was a lot of work."

The small east-coast public college reminds him of home and the school community has been friendly, he said.

"I've never been on a team that's so close off the field. It's almost like we're brothers."

Playing with the Presque Isle Owls, he started in 15 out of 18 games last season and earned rookie of the year from his university along with nominations for the conference and All-State.

"I'll get the results of the votes in late April," he said.

The Owls didn't make the playoffs



Braden Dragomir

this season but Dragomir's statistics hoot for themselves. He made 237 saves, netted a .927 save percentage and had a 1.82 goals-against average.

"It's a very different game on the east coast," he said.

While islanders shoot at every opportunity, east coast players work on set plays in a more passive style, he said.

"It's slower and less intense, but just as physical."

Dragomir missed two games with a concussion after he was kicked in the head while he was simultaneously recovering from a knee injury.

The 18-game season was compressed into eight gruelling weeks, he said.

"Being a goalie, if you have a bad game, you don't have much time to recover."

Now that the regular season's wrapped up, Dragomir is playing inter-mural indoor soccer and weight training.

"Right now in Maine it's so cold we can't go outside."

He's also gunning for a program that will see him play for Maine with the Dutch Soccer Academy in Europe this spring.

"We'll be playing some pretty high-level teams."

The eight-day trip will give him an opportunity to experience play in soccer-focussed countries and expose him to scouts for semi-professional teams in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, he said.

Dragomir earned a spot on the team but he needs to raise \$2,100 US to pay for the program. Looking around the island, Dragomir has found sponsorship from Windsor Plywood (\$200), Salt Spring Sports Traders (\$100) and Island Star Video (\$20).

If anyone else would like to sponsor him, they can contact the Dragomir family (537-4923) or call Braden directly in Maine at (207) 760-2103.

High turn-out for Hot Rum sailing event

By **BOB JONES**
Special to the Driftwood

What a fantastic and unexpected start to 2005!

At 8 a.m. on January 1, it was a dull, grey morning with little wind and a light snow falling.

I think most of us were heading to our boats more in hope than anger.

At the skippers' meeting, more and more skippers and crew arrived at the head of the dock and a wind started to fill in from the northwest.

A course that would see us back at the clubhouse soon after noon was called for and so we elected to use Welbury Spar, Horda Shoal and home.

Fifteen boats crossed the line at 10:30 a.m., many with

spinnakers flying and some with spinnakers needing crew training.

The wind improved as we reached Second Sister and the wind was such that the brave could hold onto the big sail for a reach to Welbury.

Final Dash and Alacrity were in close company and leading the pack at 6.8 knots.

Sheets were eased a little for the leg to Horda Shoal and Final Dash roared past Alacrity to execute a flawless spinnaker take down and jibe round the mark onto the windward leg home.

The fleet was stretched out by this time and we noticed both Fandango and West-

wind having their moments with reaching spinnakers.

Catdancer, with a cast of thousands, and Deryn Mor single-handing were both having a good race holding off larger vessels.

With her late start, Electra started to work her way through the fleet.

We had four new racers out today and we truly hope that they enjoyed themselves and will try again.

They were Tara's Wisper, a cal 27 sailed by Mario; Madrigal, sailed by Brian and Julie (the former crew of Westwind); Blue Peter, sailed by Derek and Jennifer Barrio; Khadine, sailed by Jon and Jennifer Healey; and the truly stately Atkins Clare de Lune, sailed by Jim and Randy, but on this occasion

guest skippered by Stuart Farson.

It was a grand beat up the harbour, the snow had ceased and the wind held.

Final Dash was able to hold off Alacrity to take line honours.

There were also close finishes between Electra and Fandango plus Aquila Mia and Soul Dancer.

Most boats were home by 12:30 p.m. and we all proceeded to the clubhouse where the "Hot Rum" lunch was getting under way.

It was an excellent meal put on by Arlene Dashwood and her fine band of helpers, which really completed what was a grand day on the water with the best turn-out of boats that we have seen for a long time.

Week's top bowlers named

High scores in bowling league play before the Christmas break were:

Monday, December 13, Circus League: Doreen Hewitt, 245; Don McMahon, 206; Lance Leask, 216; Connie Hardy, 209.

Wednesday, December 15 Special Olympics: Jimmy Beck, 158; Mahjor Bains, 169; Carlos Manzano 140, 170; Dominic George, 169, 151.

Monday, December 20 Circus League: Doreen Hewitt, 205, 220; Connie Hardy, 208, 250-633; Don McMahon 209, 201; Ken

HIGH ROLLERS

Stark, 210.

Wednesday, December 22 Special Olympics: Carlos Manzano, 156; Jason Newport 172; Jimmy Beck, 188.

In Special Olympics play on December 28, high scores came from Jimmy Beck, 161; Mahjor Bains, 206; Joanne Sandberg, 142; and Carlos Manzano, 172.

On Wednesday, January 5, Jason Newport played a 213 game.

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Family works out for kicks

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**
Staff Writer

Island families are getting their kicks from a new Olympic Taekwondo club that begins a second session on Salt Spring next week.

Outreach Martial Arts Centre of Ladysmith opened a local school in September after requests from islander Wendy Charlton.

“Our son has been involved in Taekwondo since he was five or six,” said Charlton.

“One of the things we promised him when we moved here from Vancouver is that he could continue Taekwondo.”

After driving Troy to classes in Duncan two to three times per week, she pleaded with grand master Kim Teh and he agreed to start a Salt Spring school, she said.

Now that classes are running on the island, the whole Charlton family has joined, she said.

“It’s great. We all know we’re going so there is not even a question of, ‘Oh, I’m not going to go today.’”

And the novice members of the Charlton family were promoted to yellow belts

after 12 weeks of classes.

“I think it’s a great workout.”

Charlton also finds that the martial art builds confidence and flexibility, and it has self-defence elements.

Troy Charlton is a more advanced red-belt student and is particularly keen on the sparring component of classes, she said.

“I don’t know if he likes the discipline but I like the discipline. It’s very respectful, she said.

“If there’s any goofing around, boy, you’re doing 10 push-ups.”

Classes are taught by Teh (a seventh-degree black belt), with assistance from black belts Sam Udahl and Paul Ingvallsen (of Salt Spring).

“Myself, I’ve been involved with Taekwondo since 1963, so I’ve been doing it for a long time,” Teh said.

He has operated a Taekwondo school in B.C. for 14 years, and also opened affiliated schools in Victoria and Nelson, besides his home school in Ladysmith.

“We’re basically a martial art that has become a sport,”

he said.

The 2,000-year-old Korean martial art has been modified for modern times and it was adopted for the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

“It’s a dynamic sport because you are upgrading all the time.”

Some 60-million people practise Taekwondo worldwide, said Teh.

“We want to promote Taekwondo to the younger generation from the grassroots level.”

Adults can also gain assets from the cardio-vascular exercise, flexibility training and self-defence skills during Taekwondo classes, he said.

The martial art involves a lot of kicks and leg action.

“The whole family can kick together and stay together,” said Teh.

Local Taekwondo classes run Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Lions Hall and start January 21. To register, call Wendy (537-1348).

Please note the original start date has been bumped ahead by a week due to the inclement weather.

Locals dig Groundhog bonspiel

Islanders can don toques and brush up on their curling skills for the Third Annual Groundhog Day Bonspiel set for February 12.

“The emphasis is on fun,” said event organizer Jim Pasuta.

Last year, 10 teams of islanders hurried over to the Duncan Curling Club for a day of fun and mayhem, and Pasuta expects more of the same.

“It’s become a tradition.”

A local team comprised of

Doug Peck, Murray Smith and Betty Smith won the event last year after they beat the reigning champions — Dagwood Diners.

“They better come back, they have the trophy.”

For an entry fee of \$40 per person, players receive transportation, ice rental, lunch and even a prize, Pasuta said.

“We’ll make sure if there’s 32 people, there will be 32 prizes.”

The event is open to nov-

ices and briar veterans alike, as long as they are from the island, he said.

“We’ve never had a ringer team.”

Players will catch the 8 a.m. ferry to Crofton and return on the 8:10 p.m. ferry. He advises interested teams to register soon.

“Last year it was fully booked.”

Registration deadline is February 1. For more information, contact Jim at 537-9995.

Weather stuffs soccer practices

Whether the island receives sun, snow or rain, local soccer will likely be cancelled this weekend.

“Now the public knows why we need a turf pitch,” said Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association technical director Sue Spencer.

All soccer fields are currently closed and will remain closed this weekend due to heavy saturation, even if the snow is cleared, Spencer said.

But U5 to U10 mini program teams postponed from an indoor practice at the high school Saturday might still get to practise this week.

“We are trying to get something happening.”

Currently, gym space is hard to find for indoor practices, she said.

Individual teams will be contacted when they learn more about gym availability on Thursday.

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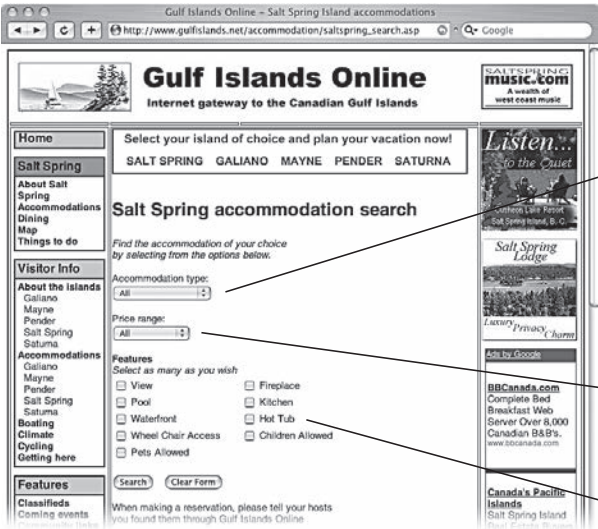
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DORVAL: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Donna May Dorval, February 13, 1935 – December 21, 2004. She is predeceased by her husband, Ron Smith (1960), and daughters Rhonda (1960) and Valerie (1962). She is survived by sons, Jack, Dennis (Caroline) and Paul (Debbie); daughter B.J.; sisters, Betty, Jeanne (Jim); brother Bob (Cathy); as well as many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Donna spent her life working in the hospital-ity Industry on Salt Spring Island and in Victoria, retiring early due to poor health.

No Service by Donna's request. A Celebration of Donna's life will be held at a later date due to the weather. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations in Donna's memory may be made to the BC Heart and Stroke Foundation, #107 – 1001 Cloverdale Avenue, Victoria, BC, V8X 4C9, the Kidney Foundation of Canada – Victoria Branch, 320 – 1600 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6J 1R3, or the charity of one's choice.

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6 DEATHS

KAISER, GERTRUDE Isobel (née Parnell). Gertrude was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan on October 9, 1911 and passed away peacefully in Lady Minto Hospital on December 25, 2004. She was predeceased by her husband Jack in 1999 after 65 years of marriage. She is survived by one daughter, Glenda, son-in-law Allen Larsen and grandsons Roland and Adrien. Gertrude will be greatly missed by her family and by her many friends and neighbours in Victoria where she lived for 60 years. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Greenwoods where she was a lively and cheerful presence for the last nine months of her life, as well as Dr. Woodley and the nurses and staff at Lady Minto, who treated us with great sensitivity and kindness. At Gertrude's request, there will be no funeral service. She wishes your "loving thoughts only".

TIMMERMANS, HUIGERIENA Elisabeth - has gone home to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on Monday, January 10, 2005. Born November 25, 1922 in Rotterdam, Netherlands and immigrated to Canada in 1955. Rene is survived by sons John, Mitchell and Brian Timmermans and daughter Connie Quinton and 11 grandchildren, her two sisters Hannie Verbrugge and Trudie Hoek. Rene was predeceased by her husband Pieter Timmermans and son John Peter. Rene loved to sing and share the love of Jesus. The family would like to extend their thanks to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital for the care they gave their mother. A memorial service will be held at the Rock Pentecostal Church on Sunday, January 16.

8 CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU to Tracy & Andrew Little of Ganges Floor Coverings for donating a beautiful piece of carpeting for our circle time area. Many Thanks, Little Red School House.

20 COMING EVENTS

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

CREATIVE WATERCOLOUR classes. Waterfront studio, new 6 week sessions. Beginner starts Feb 15. Intermediate Feb 17. Limited space, mornings. Email libby@saltspring.com.

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Thank you to all the volunteers — cooks, servers, clean up crew, set up crews; members of our congregation that do all the cooking and preparing of turkeys; Fred and his kitchen crew; and Bonnie and her clean up crew. I know I have not named names because so many showed up, said hello and started to help.

I hope this generosity of spirit and giving never departs from this community.

Thank you!
Gary Fletcher, Coordinator

10 CELEBRATIONS



Thomas Wright and Irene Witherspoon were married on Jan. 15th 1955 in St. Stephen's Church, Calgary, Alberta.

Congratulations and love on your 50th Anniversary. Thank you for all your love and support, from your kids Hal, Sandy and Penny and their families, including 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

20 COMING EVENTS

SSI ROWING CLUB public info. meeting. Come out and hear what we're all about. 7 pm, Wednesday, (postponed to) January 19, Middle School Library.

PAINTING CLASSES (water colour or acrylics): new sessions starting in Jan. Beginners & intermediates welcome. Call Val Konig 537-9531.

COLLAGE WORKSHOP with Bly Kaye, Saturday, January 15, 10 am - 3 pm, \$30, at the Barn, 190 Reynolds Rd. 653-4453, gkaye@saltspring.com.

LIVE DRAWING with Stefanie Denz. In Ganges Jan. 14 to Feb. 25, 10:30 am to 12 pm. \$15/class or \$95 for all 7 classes. 653-2018.

FAMILY PLACE is closed for renovations. Re-opening Jan. 17. Rug huggers will continue Monday Jan 17, 11 - 1 for parents & babies 17 mos. and under. Coats for kids may be picked up at SSI Community Services building.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Business Breakfast Club. Thursday, January 13, 8 am. Raven Street Cafe. 537-4223 for more information.

20 COMING EVENTS

KEEP FIVE Alive Coalition meetings. Starting Jan.13 Thurs. 7-9 pm GISS, Rm #N108. Every 2nd Thursday. Working to restore the 5-day school week. Join us. Info: 537-4155 or keepfivealive@telus.net.

YOU ARE invited to a "Bon Voyage to Afghanistan" Party for Bonnie Dalziel, hosted by the Voice of Women. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2-4 pm, Lion's Hall - Drake Rd. Refreshments. Entry by donation (\$5 suggested).



Monthly General Meeting

Wednesday Jan. 12 at 7:30 pm
SS Seniors Services Building.

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Wednesdays Jan 19 - Apr 27
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Ballet 6:00 - 7:15
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Dance Team 8:45 - 9:00
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Friday January 14 at the Farmers Institute
Drop in session: 1-4 pm
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Coming Events

Saturday Jan 15
Bugs: The Good, The Bad & The Beautiful
Slide show & talk by Linda Gilkeson
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Friday Jan 21
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Friday Feb 18
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FROM THE ISLAND

Environmental Farm Planning Workshop

Saturday January 22
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Salt Spring Island Farmers Institute meeting room

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32 MEETINGS

MEETING - BOARD of Directors of Central Community Hall, Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 7 p.m. Public welcome.

34 NOTICES

THE DRIFTWOOD'S annual Wedding Planner is being prepared and we are looking for interesting and historic wedding photographs from our readers. This special issue is published in February and original photos will be returned. We are looking for original wedding photos of good quality from eras gone by. Hippy wedding in the 60s? Slicked back hair in the 50s? War time bride? Disco couple in the 80s? We want your photo! Please submit with pertinent information by January 21 to The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

2005 is off to a dramatic start. Natural disasters are stirring fears and apocalyptic imaginations. These tests to our collective sense of humanity may be just the beginning. This is a time of initiation on both personal and especially on collective levels. This is the curve in the road that we have been expecting. The birth of a new humanity certainly has its share of pain. People are increasingly suspicious of the intentions and actions of governmental authorities. Consequently, other organizations, especially humanitarian groups, are rising to the occasion and demonstrating their sincere intentions. Aquarius is about people power and Mother Nature is helping us to combine our efforts. As the Sun enters Aquarius this week, we have even more reason to reflect and to act upon cooperative efforts. This is the need of the times and the hope of future generations.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
Re-discovering who you are and where you best fit at this stage of your journey continues in the spotlight. Your mood is pragmatic and ambitious. At best, a creative and strategic attitude prevails. Alternatively, you may be the source of friction and frustration for others in as much as you are pushing too hard. You are open to fairness, however, and as long on others are playing fair you will too. Assert your personal ambitions and rights fairly.

Taurus (Apr 21 – May 20)
A rather deep soul searching time is upon you. The more conscious you are of this fact the better. Whatever is happening in your life, the plot, setting and perhaps especially the players, are not the source of this process. Such event oriented perspectives belie inner evolutionary processes. Claiming personal responsibility without blame of self or others is the foundation of personal power. Lay claim to this power and you will feel respect coming from within and from without.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)
Questions about the reality of illusion and the illusion of reality are teeter-tottering in your mind. Letting go of what seems to constitute security and trusting in your own center of power and awareness is the goal now. This is where true friendship shines brightest. Being one's own best friend reflects the fact that the primary relationship is with oneself. Let go of any judgemental attitudes and choose to trust in the natural flow that is unfolding now.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 21)
Managing your affairs on relationship fronts is now in focus. There are some important decisions to make and you do well to be open and perhaps heed the advice of others. Overconfidence could cause you more trouble than it is worth now. Tough negotiations require an empathetic approach. This means truly hearing what others need and want. However, it may not be easy to take decisive action yet. Deliberate until you feel clear.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 22)
You are in the mood to create a new sense of order and a healthy routine. Practical considerations are a challenge to more playful and adventurous aspirations. Health concerns and issues may be on the top of your list. You are in a good position to multitask. However, try to avoid scattering your energies and focus. Take some time to brainstorm for ideas. Follow the guidance of your higher will and mind rather than forcing situations.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 21)
Playing with new ideas and entertaining new prospects is keeping you busy now. Associations of one kind or another require your full attention.

Expanding your scope of contacts will bring emotional, material and spiritual gains. Accepting changes is necessary for your health and well being. However, there may be a few frustrating delays challenging your personal agenda. Flow with the outer reality and play more for overall balance.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 21)
Asserting your sense of authority and leadership both at home and in public spheres is the call now. Organizing and planning events is a source of creating stimulus. Taking a leadership role when necessary and yielding to the authority of others as necessary should feel natural for you. Trust that you are establishing a solid foundation even if you are not sure of the direction yet. Anchor in your center and expand your potential in the world.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)
Tending to an array of errands and responsibilities finds your juggling a variety of details and directions. The time has come to assert the next stage of your plan. You are ambitious to go big. A deep feeling of confidence is welling up from within to support your goals. Do not let the limiting perspectives of reality coming from others to block your progress. Winners are dreamers who bring their visions into reality beyond all odds.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 20)
Fortifying your overall foundation continues. Creative thinking, strategic planning and deliberate follow through are necessary for success. Pioneering energies are available to support your cause now so do not scatter your energies. Balancing your talk with realistic walk will win the confidences of others. Sometimes it is about what you know, at others it is about whom you know and increasingly it is about who you are. Break through your conditioning and be real now.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)
Taking new initiatives implies decisive action. Directing your own energies rather than trying to manage others too much will bring the results you seek. Clearing beliefs and habits within will open doors without. This is a good time to entertain new business prospects. The time has come to take a few more risks. However, avoid making long-term commitments just now. Personal projects will prove more fulfilling.

Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 19)
A dreamy, idealistic and perhaps visionary mood continues to stir your imagination. You are increasingly aware of the imbalance and injustice in the world and dream of doing something about it. However, you may feel overwhelmed by the scope. Joining with others for the sake of larger causes will bring you peace of mind. The world is changing and people power is rising to counter institutional corruption and selfish private interests. For now, rest and retreat.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)
Merging your talents, visions and energies with those of others is keeping you busy now. You are in a good position to make a lot happen in a short amount of time. This is a call for discipline and some measure of executive power. Breaking through old limitations requires focus, awareness and dedication. As long as you are ready and willing to flow with change and stay on top of things you will be successful. Cooperatives will work best.

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Copper Kettle seeking solutions for island homeless

If the Copper Kettle Society ran Salt Spring Island, homelessness and lack of decent shelter would no longer be an issue.

Its members are working on specific solutions and want to form a partnership with any other groups or individuals who can help.

“The generosity is there, the spirit of giving is now here,” said Copper Kettle dynamo Cherie Geauvreau.

“We have so much brains and we have so much knowledge and experience in this community it’s unbelievable.”

Geauvreau estimates about 50 people on Salt Spring are homeless. She said four more people lost their shelter last week.

Copper Kettle has been able to help several people by providing sleeping bags, tents, tarps and other “camping” supplies. A Capital Regional District grant-in-aid assisted the purchase of needed items.

But the society really wants to find long-term, secure shelter for these individuals, many of whom work at the lower-paying jobs on the island.

“We need to address the problem of homelessness,” said Geauvreau. “We do it with what we have at hand. We have housing in our community that can be purchased. Copper Kettle is willing to do this . . . to be the transparent organization where people come first.”

Geauvreau explained that the Copper Kettle group hopes to purchase a 3,800-square-foot home on Stark Road, which could be transformed into a rooming house with the collection of individually affordable rents covering the mortgage and administration costs. Rents could also help build a fund to buy even more housing.

“We want to be the community partnership that invites the community in to look at a whole new way of looking at housing — keeping it in perpetuity. We need to not only help put a roof over their heads, we need to give them tenure.”

Copper Kettle also wants to open a day shelter, so homeless people can have access to a cup of coffee and some food, shower and laundry facilities, pick up their mail or work on their resumes.

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Fulford shelter investigated

A south end emergency shelter spot was being arranged as the Driftwood went to press Tuesday afternoon.

According to Ken Rouleau of StarBooks, the Fulford Hall or Fulford Inn were being investigated as options, in case more bad weather caused further power outages or isolation.

Bruce Patterson and Ken Lee were designated organizers for the effort, he said.

People should call the emergency operations centre at 537-1220 for more information.

Rouleau said volunteers to relocate people may also be needed.

“As a nice coming together of community, some of the homeless who have been down at the [StarBooks] store and [United] church are now being contracted to clear the town drainages so to avoid flooding in Ganges and snow-plough the areas most in need of clearing. Everyone helping everyone.”



Be safe. Be seen.

“Through a camera sight, in the dark of night, a man dressed in black without a strip ain’t right.”
Derrick Lundy, Driftwood photographer

With the many near misses and more recent pedestrian fatality fresh in our minds, The Driftwood reminds Islanders that it is dangerous to walk on Salt Spring roads after dark without proper reflective or lighted markings.



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{we asked}

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Niamh Plunkett

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Paris Haase

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Elan Squire

What I could say is cliché: this place is beautiful and really nice to grow up in.



Tammy Dean

You get a lot more opportunities and it's amazingly beautiful.



Ayla Lundy

There's nothing to do so you're forced to become awesome friends with everyone.

GULF ISLANDS KIDS: STILL MORE GREAT STORIES TO TELL

Since our first Great Kids edition hit the streets last September, we've been looking forward to the next one — and this is it.

Not only was the positive feedback enough to tell us that Great Kids was a winning concept for readers, but there's something especially rewarding about putting the spotlight on a diverse collection of youth.

Good news stories and tidbits about young islanders involved in sports, the arts, academics and community groups can always be found in the Driftwood.

But Great Kids lets us get to know the people behind those one-paragraph mentions in a drama review or fundraising promotion.

While Great Kids was initiated last fall to highlight middle and high school-aged youth and their pursuits, this time we decided to seek out a representative of the younger set. Grade 5 student Elizabeth Anderson stepped into that spot with real poise and charm.

Driftwood staff also enjoyed interviewing, photographing and writing about soccer player Cardin Davis, musician Zoë Guigueno, equestrienne Alexa Hardy, actor Kevin Parr, global awareness activist Morgan Smith and football player Mike Windsor.

As you will read, there's much more to the seven participants than the nouns preceding their names, but it's those primary passions

that brought them to our attention in the first place.

We even cast the net beyond Salt Spring and met a young woman from Mayne Island (Guigueno) and another from Galiano (Smith), for a chance to highlight inter-island connections and the wider Gulf Islands community.

Great Kids sponsors who bought an ad for each page deserve thanks for making this section possible.

Please feel free to suggest names for our next edition!

Gail Sjuberg — Driftwood editor

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Galiano teen builds global connections

By MITCHELL SHERRIN

Morgan Smith might dance in a small community, but she has her eye on the big picture.

The Galiano-based Grade 12 student loves to dance, but she also finds expression in encouraging friends to help others in need.

“There are so many people who want to give, but sometimes there is no opportunity,” Morgan said.

So she formed the Global Awareness program at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) this year.

“I love it. It’s like a little mini dream of what I want to do in the future.”

As a director of the student-led program, she facilitates meetings and helps organize fundraisers for people in developing nations.

“The money we raise goes toward sending orphans in Rwanda to school.”

For every \$50 collected by GISS students who sell muffins or return pop bottles, a child in Rwanda can attend school for a year, Morgan said.

“I put energy into this because there is so much need beyond us,” she said.

Morgan participated in a similar program in Squamish before she moved to Galiano in Grade 9.

“In Grade 12, I realized this is my last year, so I have to do it and I started it in September.”

Fellow GISS students encouraged her to form the Global Awareness program when she asked if there would be interest in the concept.

“Some people find it hard to take a leadership role, but I just fall into it.”

In addition to the recycling program and the muffin fundraiser, the 30-member group also started a coin drive, called Change for Change, and collected school supplies to help students in Rwanda.

“Even if it’s a pencil from each person, it means the world.”

The Global Awareness program is just one example of Morgan’s inclination to fill a niche that suits her interests.

When she moved to Galiano, she was disappointed to find no dance classes on the island.

“There wasn’t an opportunity for kids to take dance so I decided to create that.”

Morgan has studied ballet since the age of three and other dance styles since Grade 6. Last year, she provided two ballet classes for children and a jazz/hip-hop class for kids and adults.

“This year, I’m not doing that because I’m too busy but I hope to teach dance again in the summer.”

But Morgan is involved with dance as part of the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA), which provides six hours of instruction per week outside of regular school hours.

On top of school and Global Awareness commitments, Morgan is also a member of the SWOVA Youth Team.

She acknowledges her life is pretty busy.

“It can be so stressful at times. There’s times when I think I need to drop everything. But I’ll pull through.”



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Grade 12 student Morgan Smith stands in front of her Global Awareness program board at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

She relies on friends to help her stay relaxed and her family rents a house on Salt Spring, so Morgan and her brother travel less during the school week.

“Coming home to Galiano on the weekends is kind of like a little escape from the busyness of Salt Spring.”

Morgan is thinking about attending U.B.C. to study psychology or youth counselling next year. But, after living in France for three months

last year, she’d like to try a university exchange abroad. “I have the travel bug now.”

For future career plans, Morgan is interested in psychology, teaching or child and youth work.

She recognizes she’s got tricky steps to take if she wants to accomplish everything on her list.

“I’m kind of ambitious. There’s lots of things I want to do.”



Morgan Smith

Stats

- Age:** 17
- Grade:** 12
- Lived on Galiano Island:** 4 years
- Parents’ names:** Shelley and David Smith
- Siblings’ names:** Bonn, Tara, Brooke
- Likes:** Dance, friends, travel
- Dislikes:** Exams
- Favourite subjects:** Dance, Peer Counselling
- Least favourite subjects:** Science, Math
- Favourite book or author:** Stuart McLean’s Vinyl Café series
- Favourite movies:** Dirty Dancing, Spider Man II, Beyond Borders
- Favourite TV show:** Friends
- Favourite music:** Everything
- Favourite island hangout:** Boating on the water
- Future ambition:** Work with youth



Some people find it hard to take a leadership role, but I just fall into it.

Morgan Smith
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Elizabeth Anderson

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Age: 10 & 3/4
Grade: 5
Lived on Salt Spring:
 10 & 3/4 years
Parents' names: Angela and Brien Anderson
Sibling's name: Christina
Likes: Baseball, basketball, camp, Guides, church, Salt Spring Spirits
Dislikes: Nothing
Favourite subject: Art
Least favourite subject: Spelling
Favourite book or author: Roald Dahl's BFG
Favourite movies: Freaky Friday, Finding Nemo
Favourite TV show: That's So Raven
Favourite music: Hilary Duff
Favourite Salt Spring hang-out: Home
Future ambition: Singer



I like helping out with the Food Bank, doing the Christmas baskets and sorting out the food.

Elizabeth Anderson
 GREAT KID



Positive outlook shines on this young life

By GAIL SJUBERG

Even though Elizabeth Anderson isn't yet 11 years old, she's already packed a bundle of positive experiences into her life on Salt Spring.

Islanders might know Elizabeth from her six years with Guiding groups, regular attendance at Community Gospel Chapel or through baseball and softball play on minor league association teams.

She's an enthusiastic member of Salt Spring Elementary School's Spirits leadership group and volunteers at the local Food Bank.

"I like helping out with the Food Bank, doing the Christmas baskets and sorting out the food," says Elizabeth.

This year she and younger sister Christina took on a special assignment, scooting around gathering up the needed items for several baskets.

At school, the Spirits group for Grade 5 students is tailor made for community-minded kids like Elizabeth.

"We get together and help kids on the playground if they need ice or help with stuff," she explains.

"We organize special days, like Crazy Head Day . . . and Ice Cream Day."

They deliver the school's recyclables to the island's depot, with Elizabeth's mom Angela Anderson doing the driving, and raise funds for Salt Spring Elementary (SSE).

Elizabeth also likes playing basketball at SSE and baseball in the spring. Last season she was part of a winning Mouat's Trading-sponsored girls softball team that faced squads from Duncan, Chemainus and Salt Spring.

Elizabeth's mom Angela notes that her daughter enthusiastically pursues sports even though a heel problem has caused substantial pain at times in the past few years.

(In true active kid fashion, she has also endured sprained and broken wrists and had a stint on crutches.)

At Community Gospel, it's Elizabeth's job to help set up Communion, along with her Nana and Papa, Carole and Ben Martens.

Elizabeth talks with ease about all of her activities, but it's the involvement with first Sparks, then Brownies and now Guides that ignites the most animated details.

Her blue sash is crowded with service and interest badges, along with a cluster of "thank-you" badges marking Guides' assistance at special events like the Lions Club's Christmas dinner for seniors.

"We helped out with the Santa Claus visit, the World Development Tea — and we sell lots of cookies!" says Elizabeth.

"We go to camp and learn about nature and trees, and we sleep in tents . . . We had to cook our own meals. We cooked eggs and toast over a fire, and the toast got kind of burnt."

She and Christina also attend the Boys and Girls Club on Fridays at the Pentecostal Church with Reverend Jim Cornock and group leader Robin Rudolph.

A summertime Christian family camp at Cowichan River is another favourite activity.

Elizabeth's dad Brien Anderson suffered a workplace back injury just before she was born, so she's had the not usual experience of living



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Active in numerous island activities, Elizabeth Anderson is a proud member of the Girl Guides of Canada. She's seen here with some of her badges.

with a disability in the family.

But Elizabeth has taken it all in stride, says mom.

"She's always had a really positive outlook."

When asked about some of daughter's other attributes, Angela replies: "She has a great sense of humour . . . She's very responsible . . . There's definitely no hesitation to help out."



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Mayne Island musician shows her ‘mojo’

By MITCHELL SHERRIN

Zoë Guigueno has numerous passions. Some interests are fleeting charms like stints of juggling or knitting, but a few strands remain constant.

“Music? I’ll never be able to use it up and move on from it,” she said.

An accomplished singer, bassist and saxophonist, Guigueno is currently a member of five music groups.

“A few people light up the room each year and you know when she walks in the room; it’s positive ‘mojo,’” said Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) music teacher Bruce Smith.

Zoë sings in the jazz choir and plays bass in the jazz band and jazz combo as a Grade 12 student in the new Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA) that started at GISS this year.

But out in the community, the 16-year-old also plays saxophone in the Salt Spring Concert Band and demonstrates the range of her talents in an enchanting Mayne-Island-based trio of young artists called Bell Jar.

“We play a lot of Celtic and folk, along with all the jazz.”

Her favourite music for the moment is jazz flavoured by Chet Baker, Charles Mingus and Phil Woods. But she also appreciates Celtic conjurings by Marc Atkinson of The Bills and good old folk by Joni Mitchell.

Along with her interest in music, Zoë is also drawn to reading and writing. She even published a 50-page book when she was nine.

“My dad’s a writer and I’m really inspired by him,” she said.

“Whenever I ask him a question about anything, it turns into a two-hour lecture. He’s a wealth of knowledge.”

Zoë’s mom also owns a bookstore on Mayne to add to the literary influences.

“Music has taken over this year but I want to keep writing.”

A reading club at GISS has pushed her to investigate classics and a recent read of Jane Eyre inspired tears, she said.

TV is just not her cup of tea.

“I can’t stand it. It’s such a waste of time.”

And she’s not inclined to dress up either.

“My friends have pinned me down to put make up on me for a party or something. I can’t stand it.”

Her idea of a good time is jamming, cycling or swimming on Mayne Island.

“I get really energetic when I’m around my friends doing music or tromping through the woods.”

She’s very attached to her island home.

“I feel really fortunate to live where I’ve got such great friends and a supportive family.”

And Zoë is also appreciative of support from a second family on Salt Spring.

“I’ve boarded with the Bird family since Grade 7,” she said. “Without them, I wouldn’t be able to be part of any extracurricular activities.”

But after a recent visit to Montreal, she’d like to go to McGill University next year.

“It took my breath away. It’s really beautiful and the programs sound good.”

Since she is a French Immersion student, it



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Zoë Guigueno, seen here with the bass she plays in the high school jazz band and jazz combo, is an accomplished musician who also sings in the choir and plays the saxophone.

would help develop her language skills, she noted.

“I want to move there and become totally bilingual.”

But she would probably be equally happy at UVic, she said.

“It’s close to home. I’d feel comfortable there and I’d know people there.”

For a summer job, she’s worked in the gift shop at the Mayne Island Glass Foundry over the last few years.

“I’ve learned a lot of stuff,” she said.

“When I’m not busy, I work with glass.”

Even though Zoë might seem like an overachiever by skipping a grade in school, writing novels before puberty and challenging herself with practice for five music groups, she revealed a secret indulgence.

“When I don’t have to be anywhere, I sleep till noon or one o’clock and I’m a heavy sleeper too.”



Zoë Guigueno

Stats

Age: 16
Grade: 12
Lived on Mayne Island: 16 years
Parents’ names: Yvette Guigueno, Terry Glavin
Siblings’ names: Eamonn, Conall
Likes: Music, swimming, writing
Dislikes: Dressing up, TV, mornings, shopping, non-recyclers, non-composters
Favourite subject: English
Least favourite subjects: Geography, Math
Favourite book or author: Charlotte Brontë’s Jane Eyre
Favourite movie: Anne of Green Gables
Favourite TV show: Doesn’t watch TV
Favourite music: Jazz, folk, Celtic
Favourite Mayne hangout: Ag Hall, the Iredales’ place
Future ambition: Bassist and writer



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