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Meeting debates hatchery issues

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

A rare public meeting between about 70 islanders and a provincial government official, prompted by alarm over a sablefin hatchery being built at Walker Hook, unfolded with civility at Lions Hall Friday afternoon.

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While not considered an official "public hearing," several of the 25 people who spoke against approval of a 20-year lease between

and Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. read from prepared statements, making it feel more "official" than most public gatherings.

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Victoria lawyer Jack Woodward also made a detailed presentation opposing the subdivision on behalf of a group called Salt Spring Residents for Responsible Land Use.

On the listening end of it all was Rob Howat, Ministry

of Transportation subdivision approving officer for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Based on his own evaluation and legislation he must heed, and comments from various government agencies and the public, he will decide if the 20year lease will be approved.

At Friday's meeting, those opposed cited worries about hatchery causing increased truck traffic in the area and its effect on both safety and road condition.

They said it was cited in the wrong place, surrounded by a residential neighbourhood with high density by Salt Spring standards, and that it would negatively impact the island's tourism industry.

"We could lose a lot more from aquaculture than we could get from the few jobs it might provide," said Maliview resident Sharon Bywater.

Lawyer Woodward took the most time to try persuading Howat the subdivision of Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands to facilitate the hatchery was "against the public interest" — one reason it may be refused.

He cited official community plan and Islands Trust Policy Statement clauses, and a similar case in Vancouver that saw the B.C.

HATCHERY 2

Local business takes off

Salt Spring Coffee is on the tip of the tongue - far and wide. Page 19

Island calls out for life changes

A pair of doctors excange their Ph.Ds for craft-making on Salt Spring. Page 21

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Weather

April showers bring May flowers . . . clouds and rain are in the forecast right through the weekend. Highs to 13 C (Thursday); lows to 2 C (overnight Thursday).

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BEDAZZLING RAYS: Fulford Elementary School students celebrate the unveiling of a giant sun-shaped mural they created under the guidance of professional artists in an effort to decorate the gymnasium wall with an environmental theme. The school is holding a presentation evening Wednesday (today) that includes a dance performance with Kindergartners and students who made percussion instruments.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Folk-booters protest with song

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for the sixth annual Black Tie and Gumboot Gala Monday. And while the gardenerchic event may have been planned as a light-hearted

Salt Spring Folk Club

Valdy and Bill Henderson still staged an epic folksy event, along with guests Bob Bossin, Bill Clint and Suzanne Little.

The Wrangellian Gumboot Dancers (re-named Coalition of the Unwilling for the occasion) even dropped their set, Valdy launched into a series of bouncy and cheery tunes about the local abundance of water and the plight of "real men."

And he encouraged the audience to sing along to Blue Herons Will Survive, a fantasy-fable protest song

the rookery you took from

Valdy also gave wonderthe performance.

GUMBOOT GALA 35

Local dragged by car

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

A local disabled hitchhiker was forced to jump from a speeding vehicle on Ganges Hill after he was struck and dragged by a motorist Monday.

"I let go at 60 kilometres per hour," said Pierre Patrick St. Pierre.

The islander was hitchhiking in front of Teddy Bear's Take-out on Fulford-Ganges Road at 10:40 a.m. Monday when the driver of a Toyota station wagon drove into him and continued to behave strangely.

"He slowed down and ran into my knees with his bumper. I opened the door to talk to him and the next thing I knew, he was driving away," said St. Pierre

The hitchhiker was totally surprised by the driver's actions.

"Instead of trying to close his door, he pressed on the gas pedal and drove away."

St. Pierre was caught HITCHHIKER 3

By MITCHELL SHERRIN undergarments as part of a community together in song as an informal protest over high-energy, stomping-Glitzy costumes, thumping the U.S.-led war in Iraq. choreography rhythm and For those focussed on a galoshes and a designer dance session. wardrobe of folk talent greetmore musical agenda, hosts Leading the first acoustic ed the Fulford Hall audience

originally written to protect a rookery from a golf club development in Point Roberts.

"Give back the rookery,

fully detailed background stories to each of his songs in

He shared one rosebud-

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It's time for a time

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Marilyn Marshall later estimated that based on

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expressed public opinion,

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Later in the week, trustee

"I was really happy to see

Kimberly Lineger said she

was pleased with the way

that the group was able to

go beyond differences of

opinion and hear what each

side had to say," she com-

mented. "It was important to

hear both sides of the story."

gave him "lots to digest"

and that a notice of condi-

tional approval or rejection

would be sent to the Islands

Trustee Lineger said she would make that informa-

"You're a brave man to

come into the lion's den like

this," said islander Harry

"The word 'stupid'

But in explaining his

rationale for meeting with

the public, he said it had

become "abundantly clear"

that people wanted to talk to

Howat was accompanied

by Mike Donald, MOT

senior district engineering

Nina Raginsky also

thanked Lineger for chairing

the meeting and ensuring it

Howat said final approval

The sablefin hatchery can

still proceed without subdi-

of any subdivision is appeal-

able through the courts.

him about the subdivision.

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Warner to Howat.

Howat said the meeting

the meeting turned out.

Salt Spring."

100 people.

From Page 1

Supreme Court uphold an appeal of a subdivision refusal.

Citing Section 86 of the Land Title Act, Woodward said it could also be refused for "injuriously affecting established amenities of neighbouring properties."

Woodward said that was a key point because in provincially mandated Trust legislation, "amenities" are defined as the natural attributes of the entire island - not man-made facilities.

"On this land [in the Trust area] there is an established written policy and you have to decide if this subdivision is consistent with these prin-

Walker Hook is also listed in Salt Spring's official community plan as one of three places cited as desirable for future park acquisi-

"You have an OCP in front of you that names only places," three Woodward.

Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) chair Bill Curtin said the Walker Hook area had also been identified by PARC as ideal for future parkland.

"Give Salt Spring time to do what is right and serve the public interest," he urged.

Woodward also said Howat should be guided by Agricultural Commission rules that state a subdivision of ALR lands should improve the farming capability of the lands in question.

He provided documents on the provincially registered archaeological sites of First Nations importance in the area.

"The building is being built on top of midden," he said.

Islander Murray Reiss, speaking as chair of the 600member Growing Circle Food Co-operative, also noted the disconnect between the OCP that forbids fish farming in our marine waters and having a hatchery whose product serves fish farms in other communities.

"We would be forced to participate in an industry we've stated we want no part of," said Reiss.

Speaking in support of the application were Chris Hatfield, who has been involved in aquaculture for many years, local aquaculture worker Matt Salo, who recently acquired shares in Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd., and Lorraine Norfolk.

Salo said it was important some industry exists in our society, and that compromise was needed.

"I think [this hatchery] is a good compromise in terms of the production of food and protection of the environment," he said. "There is no question the hatchery has no environmental impact."

Hatfield said he was speaking up for people who need to make a living from farming and said the island shouldn't rely entirely on tourism.

"Surely we're not going to turn this community into only making beds for Americans," he said.

Driftwood adds two new features Norfolk told Howat the crowd in the room opposed to the subdivision represent-

Driftwood readers have a new space to call

DERRICK'S their ISLAND PICS

RANTS

Two new features have been added to Page 11 of the Driftwood, giving readers a chance to express accolades and frustrations, as well as get to know fellow islanders.

Both features will run every week.

Rants & Roses is a new section open to reader submissions. It will accept brief notes (up to 75 words) regarding negative and positive local happenings.

(It will not accept personal attacks and the Driftwood reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions.)

Rants & Roses should be sent to the Driftwood via email (news@gulfislands.net) or fax (537-2613). Submissions will also be accepted at the front desk. Please include a phone number where the writer can be reached.

Also new this week is Derrick's Island Pics - a weekly feature by Driftwood photographer Derrick Lundy that focusses in on local personalities.

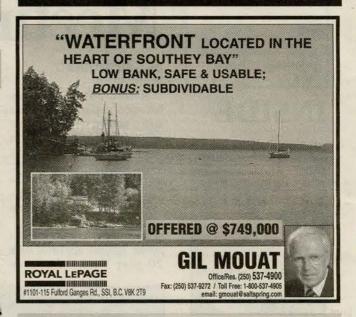
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April 1 joke aids golfers

Errant drivers discovered a pleasant April Fool's Day prank at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club Tuesday morning.

All the trees at the golf course were flagged with tape to indicate that any ball driven into the woods could be returned to the fairway without the usual penalty.

Greens maintenance crews normally use tape to mark areas golfers should avoid.

But an undisclosed source indicated that maintenance crews had not been involved in the tape-plastering incident that sent golfers on a





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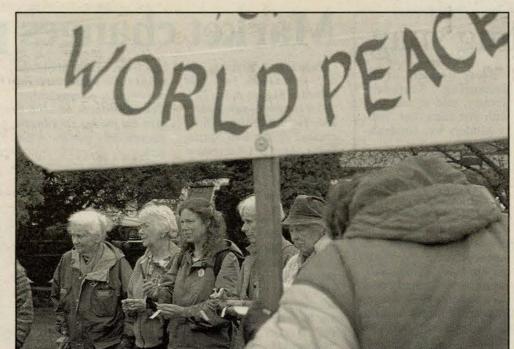
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PEOPLE FOR PEACE: Peace vigils continue to draw islanders to Centennial Park, where speeches reflect on world peace. Here, a group of locals gathered in the park at noon last Saturday.

HITCHIKER: Badly shaken

From Page 1

dangling out of the vehicle as he gripped the doorway.

"I told him 'You're wrong, you're wrong' and I kept boot skiing.'

The driver rapidly shifted gears and when St. Pierre saw the speedometer reach 60 km/h, he realized he needed to jump from the

"Sure enough, I crashed," he said.

The 29-year-old man tumbled along the roadside at Seaview Avenue but only sustained minor injuries, he

However, St. Pierre already suffers from the rare genetic disorder abetalipoproteinemia, which causes progressive nerve dysfunction, sensory difficulties, and bone and muscular

"My legs are sore already. . I can't work anymore. I have problems walking. And I would like it if people would pick me up when they see me."

Badly shaken during a Driftwood interview imme-

been cooking these meals

for many years but, just this

January it also took over

administration of the pro-

To meet the growing

- bathing, day and respite

demand, all four of these

community support services

programs, and Meals on

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recently expanded at the

request of the regional

ment continues to imple-

ment its initiatives on

seniors care, two new

seniors housing "categories

of care" will become more

familiar to everyone. Both

As the provincial govern-

health authority.

diately after he spoke to police Monday, St. Pierre still feels optimistic about

"The good news is that I found out my Mayan sign is a star, the sign of luck . . . I only have one gene of this disease.

And he plans to continue hitchhiking.

"I think I'm going to carry a handicapped sign."

Salt Spring RCMP are investigating the report and request that anyone with knowledge of the incident

contact Const. Jeff West at the Ganges detachment office.

The vehicle described as an older (1980s) orange Toyota fourwheel-drive station wagon driven by a man with short grey hair.

Police also wanted to remind local pedestrians that the Motor Vehicle Act prohibits people from soliciting rides, employment or business from a roadway.

Government plans affect seniors

The Gulf Islands Intermediate Care Society, commonly known as Greenwoods, is the main local provider for elder care on Salt Spring. Greenwoods board chair Don Hartwig was asked by the Vancouver Island Health Authority to coordinate on-island community involvement and support for its new "Elder Plan."

To that end, a series of articles in the Driftwood will explain the Elder Plan for Salt Spring and the B.C. government's "Continuum of Care" initiative for seniors. This first article, written by Greenwoods board member Ellen Karpinski, gives an overview of Greenwoods' communitybased programs and defines two of the new levels of care called "Supportive Housing" and "Assisted Living."

By ELLEN KARPINSKI Special Driftwood

In addition to its residenprogram, Greenwoods society has developed and operates a range of important community support services of particular interest to seniors wishing to live at home.

There is a bathing program where you can sign up to get help with a bath in Greenwoods' two fabulous whirlpool tubs. We also have a day program where seniors can be picked up at home, then spend the day at Greenwoods taking part in various specially planned activities, including lunch. In the afternoon the seniors are driven home again.

This program is especially helpful for overstressed caregivers in the home.

If, for some reason, seniors cannot stay at home for a few days (e.g. if the caregiver goes out of town), Greenwoods also has two rooms for respite care.

Many Salt Spring seniors have been happily eating meals at home which have been prepared Greenwoods and are delivered by volunteers. Of course you'll recognize this as the Meals on Wheels program. Greenwoods has

ELDER PLAN **UP CLOSE**

come under the newly named "Independent Living" program. These two categories - Supportive Housing and Assisted Living -- are meant to bridge the gap between living at home and living in a facility.

The key difference between these two types of housing is the level of care services provided. While Supportive Housing offers scheduled care, Assisted Living also provides unscheduled care available 24 hours a day.

Supportive Housing combines building features and personal services to enable people to live independently as long as they are able and willing. Minimum features

Private, lockable space; safe and barrier free; monitoring and emergency response; at least one meal a

day; and housekeeping, laundry and recreational opportunities.

All additional support, including personal care or home care nursing, is delivered by an outside agency.

Assisted Living has the same features as Supportive Housing and, in addition, provides scheduled and unscheduled personal care services for daily living tasks such as bathing, dressing, toileting, incontinence support, mobility, and personal care and grooming. The local health authority delivers nursing or nursing supervised care.

For more information, refer to the B.C. government website: www.bchousing.org/Supp_

Complex Care will be the topic of the next Elder Plan on Salt Spring article. Look for us in the weeks ahead.

raises flag April 2 Salt Spring's Long Harbour ferry flagship will be the first

vessel on the coast to sport a new design logo as the ship returns from an annual re-fit under the newly formed B.C. Ferry Services Inc. (BCFSI) Wednesday.

New ferry group

The Queen of Nanaimo was repainted in white with blue trim and the crew will lower the dogwood flag to raise a new double-wave banner in an official company-launching ceremony at 2:20 p.m. today.

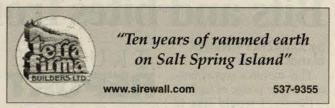
April 2 marks the date of transition for B.C. Ferries from Crown corporation to independent company under the Coastal Ferry Act.

"We want to honour the past of B.C. Ferries," said BCFSI communications officer Stephen Nussbaum.

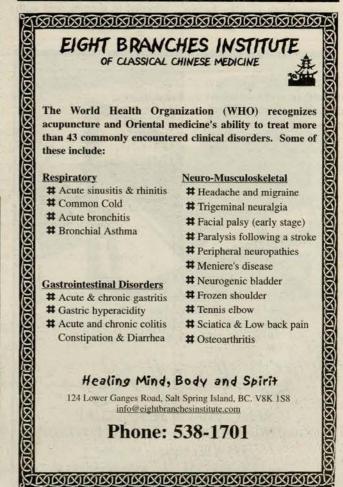
Consequently, the dogwood flags from the Queen of Nanaimo and Long Harbour terminal will be presented to someone in the community for safekeeping, Nussbaum said.

A similar ceremony in Victoria will see Transportation Minister Judith Reid present a flag to the Maritime Museum of British Columbia.

BCFSI will continue to provide coastal ferry services under a 60-year renewable contract. There are no planned changes to service or schedules for the next two years, Nussbaum said.









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"When convenience and security matter"

Skatepark hits funding snag

fundraisers may have to come up with an extra \$22,000 after an assumed understanding hit the skids.

The Ministry Transportation (MOT) owns Kanaka Road, which was closed in 1995 and has been informally used by skateboarders since.

For the past couple of years the Saltspring Skatepark Society has worked on plans to construct a professionally designed skatepark facility for boarders, bikers and roller-bladers. Part of the plan saw the Gulf Islands School Board assume ownership of the land from MOT.

In discussions with MOT personnel in recent years, both the skatepark society

skatepark and school board understood there would be no cost attached, especially since MOT would be relieved from its current position of holding liability on the road.

> "That's what we thought, but that's not what's going to happen," said school district secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold last week.

According to MOT communications officer Jeff Knight, the ministry has no record of a verbal agreement about cost-free transfer of the road from MOT to the school board.

"The ministry has suggested the two parties should agree to an independent appraisal of the land," said Knight. He said market value is approximately \$22,000.

Bruce Ruddell, of the Saltspring Skatepark Society, said to come up with that extra cost "really hinders our fundrais-

The park idea has also been transformed to eventually upgrade the entire area to include a climbing wall, street hockey area, playground and bridging of the soccer field with the school property.

"This is unfortunate because we've had some very good and kind offers in terms of money to actually make the park," he said.

Ruddell said Scotvold and Parks and Rec staff have put together a package for MOT outlining the road history and plans for the

Market changes planned

of generators in the Saturday Market in the Park and a couple of new vendor fees for the future will be created by the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC).

PARC staff were directed to write four new policies flowing from recommendations made by the Market Advisory Group (MAG) at its February meeting.

A busking policy will stipulate that a parent or responsible adult must accompany all children who are buskers, and will give the market coordinator "authority to determine the acceptability of busker performances and refuse space when he considers it appro-

As explained at the last PARC meeting, concerns had been raised about the nature of some busking activities by young children. Commissioners decided to give the market coordinator discretionary powers in that

Noise from gas-powered generators and hazards caused by electrical cords crossing pedestrian aisles were also targetted for improvement by the MAG. A policy prohibiting use of generators that produce noise or air pollution and encouraging safe power cord positioning will be drafted.

Fees for off-season vending — a flat fee of \$10 per season - and supplementary fees for use of the washcart and electrical outlets will also be established.

The off-season fee will come into play after the market season ends this fall, while the suggested \$35 per season for wash-cart use and \$20 for using electricity would be instituted for 2004.

Although MAG recommended implementing the wash-cart and electricity fees now, PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon suggested that could be difficult to administer since most seasonal vendors have already paid their fees for the year.

Bits and bites from trustee Lineger

By KIMBERLY LINEGER Islands Trustee

This month's report covers a hodge podge of topics.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who attended the March 7 community dinner at the Farmers Institute. It was a great success as over 220 tickets were

This event was a first for Trust Council and feedback from the other elected trustees has been positive. Special thanks for coordination and support go to the board of directors and John Pottinger from the Farmers Institute, and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

I'd also like to thank Salt Spring's "famous" gumboot dancers for their impromptu performance, Gene Grooms and his band for the great music, and the kids from the Spring Island Community 4-H Club for helping clean up the mess afterwards. Let's do this again next year.

• In addition to the March 28 public meeting held with Rob Howat, the subdivision approving officer from the Ministry of Transportation, regarding Walker Hook Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. lease, a panel discussion on aquaculture is also being organized for May. It will

TRUSTEE REPORT

include representation from the ministries of agriculture, fisheries and food; air, land and water protection; and sustainable resource management, who will discuss government regulations and legislation pertaining to aquaculture.

· The local Trust committee advisory panels, committees and commissions have been going through a period of re-organization. Recent appointments to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) have brought the commission up to date.

However, applications are still being accepted for the Advisory Design Panel and the Agricultural Advisory Committee. If you are interested in participating in either of these groups, please forward a letter of intent and your resume to the Trust office as soon as possible. New appointments are expected to be made at the April local Trust committee

· On the vacation rental front, a process has been adopted to start to deal with this thorny issue. A copy of the staff report outlining the consultation process is available at the Trust office. A resource sub-committee of the APC will be struck to examine the issue. Terms of reference for the committee will be adopted in April with a public meeting held shortly afterward. Anyone interested in participating on the resource sub-committee should forward a letter of intent to the Trust office as soon as possible.

· I recently had a meeting with our MLA Murray Coell and we talked about a number of issues that included provincial groundwater regulations, available sources of provincial and federal funding for recreation centre construction, concerns about aquaculture in the Trust area, acquisition of the Cusheon Lake Crown land parcel and Trust governance

· Lastly, and not totally Trust related, I would like to thank the many members of the community and the huge number of kids who have been calling the house and sending notes of support while my family and I have been dealing with my son's recent car accident.

I would especially like to thank Salt Spring fire and ambulance personnel for their great work at the accident scene, and the dedicated and professional nurses, doctors and lab and x-ray technicians at Lady Minto Hospital who made an otherwise stressful event tolera-

Lastly, a huge hug and kiss to Tess, who stayed with Pat at the accident scene - I don't think Pat would have made it through it without you.

· Just a reminder: if you want to discuss any issue with me, I am available Thursday afternoons at the Trust office. Please book an appointment by calling Sheila at 537-9144 or e-mail at klineger@islandstrust.bc.ca.





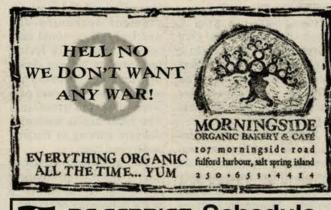


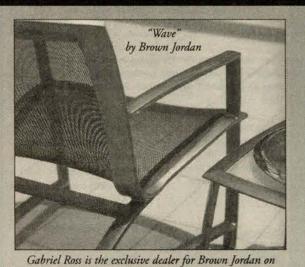


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PARC puts beer back in 'special occasion' parks

A policy for non-profit organizations wanting to serve alcohol at certain public events in three island parks was hammered out by the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) Monday night.

Following tweaking of a proposed beer garden and special occasion licence policy, PARC will grant licences for public events.

An original draft policy had cited only Rotary Marine Park and Portlock Park as potential spots for a special occasion licence.

However, PARC commissioner Brian Little wondered why Fulford ball park, where beer gardens accompanying a baseball tournament would be a natural, was not included.

Fulford ball park was subsequently added to the list.

Little also questioned the \$500 park use fee set out in the policy, noting that charge would eat up any profit a community group might hope to make from an event like a beer garden.

An option to waive the fee was already in the guidelines, but a suggestion by commissioner Rosemary Trump that the fee could also be reduced was adopted following discussion.

In discussing other criteria that were eventually dropped, commissioner Peter Lake criticized the amount of regulatory detail in the document.

"On this island we're small enough . . . I personally find it very worrisome that we're getting too bureaucratic."

Maintenance and clean-up bonds of \$1,000 must also be given to PARC before the

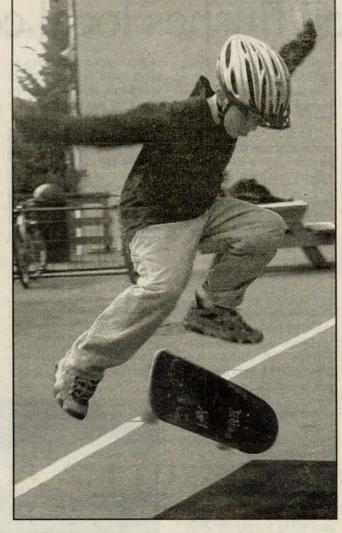
Applications for licences must also be submitted at least 60 days prior to the proposed event and applications can be denied "at any time for any stated or unstated reason."

Usual Liquor Control and Licensing Branch and local police approvals will still be required.

PARC also agreed to issue a licence to the Chamber of Commerce for use of Rotary Marine Park for a May 24 event called A Taste of Salt

While permission to use PARC parks for activities involving alcohol has been technically possible since 1999, no accompanying policy guidelines had been cre-

Alcohol consumption in all parks under PARC jurisdiction was banned in 1991.



SKATER KING: young but talented Leon Sturgeon takes advantage of sunny spring weather to practise his skateboard moves outside of Salt Spring Elementary School last Monday afternoon.

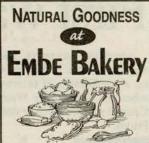
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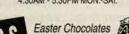
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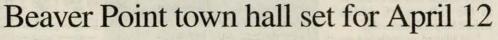
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A concerted effort to see more coordination in local government on Salt Spring will go public next week with a town hall meeting at Beaver Point Hall.

Elected reps, staff and volunteers from the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District, and Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission will be out in force at the event, which takes place on Saturday, April 12 beginning at 1 p.m.

Updates from the three local government bodies will be provided, and islanders will be urged to ask any questions or raise any issues of concern.

One topic islands trustee Kimberly Lineger would like people to consider is how Salt Spring might make use of \$20,000 in funds earmarked by Islands Trust Council to tackle sustainability projects in the Trust

"We already have some planning time set aside to deal with affordable housing, but there must be some other projects we should be looking at," she said. "I'd like to hear back from peo-ple on that." Her email address is klineger@islandstrust.bc.ca.





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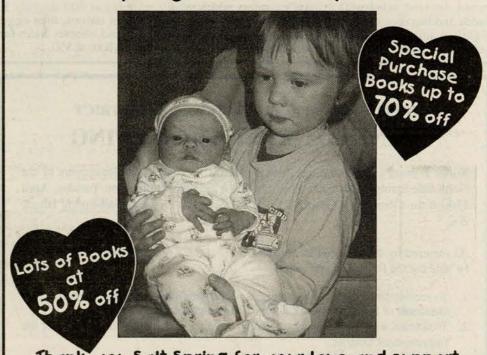
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First water council flushes local concerns

Agencies, experts and members of the public created a confluence of interest when the Salt Spring Water Council met for the first time



from

Holman

healthy turnout included representatives all invited agencies. Besides meeting co-

sponsors Capital Regional District (CRD) and Islands Trust, the Vancouver Island Health Authority, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP), The Waterworks and other water districts were represented.

Stewardship groups included the Water Preservation Society, Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society, Salt Spring Island Conservancy and Cusheon Stewardship Lake Committee, while water expert guests were Rick Nordine and Azit Mazumder from UVic, and islanders John Sprague, Mike Larmour, Dave Gooding and Wayne

About 20 members of the public also attended.

According to CRD director Gary Holman, who initiated the council concept and chaired the March 28 meeting, no one questioned the need for a body dedicated to protecting the island's water

"Everyone agreed that focussed attention on the water issue on Salt Spring was overdue."

He said most of the discussion revolved around identifying problems and strategies to address them.

Trustee Kimberly Lineger said she felt the meeting went

"I was happy to see everybody there and I'm hoping that we can come together and find some common ground so we can actually deal with the issue of water in the community."

Mazumder, who has been monitoring several island lakes, stated the case for water protection efforts most forcefully, said Holman.

"He said that with continuation of current development and water quality trends, the viability of some of our lakes as potable water sources is seriously threatened without costly investments in treatment facilities."

Stewardship group representatives stressed the need for public education and their willingness to pursue funding.

They also said conservation measures should ensure sufficient water was available to protect environmental values such as fisheries, and not just drinking water.

Holman said one note of concern was raised by salmon enhancement biologist Kathy Reimer, who hoped council initiatives would not duplicate or conflict with existing

Lineger said she hoped competition over jurisdiction, territory or funding issues wouldn't arise between the

various bodies participating on the council.

"I think we have to move beyond that and get down to work."

The importance of appropriate land use controls was stressed by a number of experts and members of the public, as was a need for cooperation from the Ministry of Transportation, particularly regarding stormwater control measures.

Nordine, also of UVic and well known on Salt Spring for his St. Mary Lake water study and work with the former environment ministry, stated the need for strong political leadership on the water issue.

Both Nordine Mazumder pledged their support as technical resources for the council.

Preliminary results of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District supply and demand study funded by the Islands Trust were presented by its author Wayne Lee. Those indicated that demand for water could begin exceeding supply by 2020. More details will be available in the full report, which should be published soon.

Lee placed importance on the CRD's in-progress feasibility study of reclaiming treated water from the Ganges sewage plant for non-drinking uses such as irrigation.

Kevin Reiberger of MWLAP said that new provincial water protection legislation was expected this spring session.

"He said it will likely

require water purveyors to meet strict drinking water standards and to bear the costs of necessary treatment," said Holman.

Reiberger also indicated that proposed groundwater legislation and regulations are still being developed.

Lineger

Options for structuring the council were discussed, said Holman. One suggestion was that the council could become an advisory group to the CRD-Trust coordinating committee, which meets monthly to discuss issues of common concern.

Holman said participants generally agreed that structure could provide the water council with the necessary political leadership, but they also wanted the council to be able to independently pursue initiatives such as research and education.

Trustee Lineger and Holman promised to support the council with some staff time and financial resources.

A technical group will meet in a month's time to prioritize strategies and recommend an organizational structure to the larger council and the public in early



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Delicious Onion Quiche

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birthday cake with trick candle my mom was good

And

sport! She said she couldn't believe she's still here. My theory is that she ate what she grew on the farm - vegetables, fruit, farm-raised meat, fresh eggs, whole milk and those nasty spring nettles and lamb's quarters which grew everywhere. Here's an onion quiche — a whole lot better than roadside greens!

4-6 onions, sliced 4 tbsp. butter

1 tsp. salt generous grinds of pepper 1/4 tsp. nutmeg

1 c. Swiss cheese, grated 3/4 c. milk

3/4 c. whipping cream 6 eggs, beaten

Line a nine-inch pie pan with pastry. Meanwhile, brown onions in frying pan with butter 'til slightly caramelized. Add seasonings. Bake pastry for five minutes at 400 degrees F. Pour in onions, then eggs, milk and cheese. Bake for half an hour at 350.

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Regenerated group looks at transportation issues

The Salt Spring Island Public Transportation Society (SSIPTS) came out of a three-year hibernation session to hold an annual general meeting and elect a new slate of directors on March 25.

"I'm personally pleased that this is back on track," said SSIPTS president John Cade.

He originally formed the transportation society along with his wife Debbie back in 1994 as an avenue to investigate funding options for an island transit system.

"As they didn't come up with anything solid, in 2000 it went to sleep," he said.

SSIPTS drifted into dormancy when the previous president, Paul Eastman, moved off-island, he added.

The two Cades had already stepped down from the board when they formed Azure Transport Ltd. and ran two buses with regular intermittently between 1994 and 1996.

But the Azure bus service was discontinued due to high maintenance and operation costs.

The regenerated SSIPTS will look at a much broader scope of transportation options than just transit systems, Cade said.

The new board of directors also includes representatives from Greenwoods, Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and Go Salt Spring (a group promoting an innovative ride-sharing concept).

"We wanted to get a board that was quite diversified," said Cade.

Along with John Cade as president, Debbie Cade serves as secretary; David Bolton represents Greenwoods; Jane Squier and Mallory Pred represent Go Salt Spring; Cara Joy Hughes represents Island Pathways; and John Wellingham represents the Chamber of Commerce.

"We can expand the directorship to include other service clubs," John Cade said.

The Islands Trust and Capital Regional District have expressed support for the society but cannot sit on the board due to conflict of interest issues, he noted.

One advantage of reviving the old SSIPTS was to take advantage of previous work that had registered the soci-



Once formed into a new board, the directors passed a motion to set a voluntary \$10 membership fee. And the SSIPTS collected enough money from memberships to cover the costs of various requisite filing fees.

Now that the SSIPTS has been re-established, the group plans to investigate island transportation needs and wants by talking to a number of different groups, such as: schools, seniors organizations and sports teams.

groups, needs can sometimes overlap," he said.

Overlaps in needs can often create cost savings through pooled resources. But the big challenge will be determining a way to fund

"With all these specific any transportation plan, he noted.

The Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation has shown interest in providing funding, but doesn't have any assets yet, Cade said.

He expects SSIPTS mem-

bers will establish an initial plan to plot the course of their investigations after an upcoming directors meeting.

'We hope to have a general idea of what we're looking at and schedule a public meeting in about a month," he said.

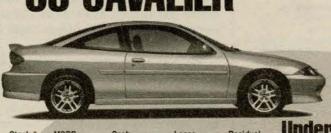
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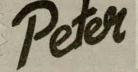


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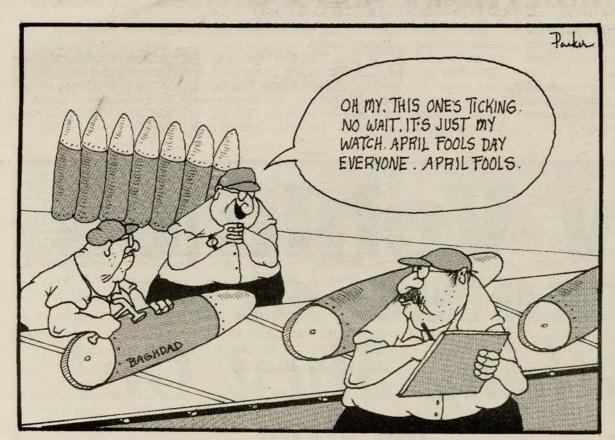
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Strained relations

There are three significant and separate issues to consider in examining the current state of relations between Canada and the United States. One is principle, the second friendship and the third common sense.

It is always welcome news when a politician — in this case Prime Minister Jean Chrétien — holds to a particular stand. A cynic might say that opinion polls persuaded Chrétien to stick to his insistence that military action against Iraq required the backing of the United Nations.

Maybe so, but little had changed between the time Chrétien first endorsed the requirement many months ago and the decision by the United States and Britain to proceed on their own. There was no justification for departing from the stand that United Nations support was necessary, and that Canada would not be involved without it.

The stand itself may be found wanting by some, but many Canadians have welcomed the signal to our neighbour that we are a sovereign nation. However, it is also to our grave misfortune that other, needless signals have been sent in the direction of Washington, none of them

The prime minister has failed miserably to maintain a longstanding friendship with the United States. We disagree on the process that has been followed in terms of disarming Iraq, just as we disagree on many

But the friendship between our two nations is surely stronger than those disagreements.

The third issue is one with which most Canadians should be able to relate. Common sense dictates that good relations with the United States will ensure the continued movement of goods and services across the border. Millions of Canadians depend on the economic impact generated by \$2 billion worth of goods and services sold daily to our southern neighbour.

Yet both friendship and trade are threatened by the ill-considered remarks of politicians who ought to know better.

It was one thing to take a principled stand on dealing with Iraq. It is another to allow juvenile behaviour by parliamentarians. For a community such as ours that relies on American tourism, the impact could be

It is not too late for the prime minister to mend some fences. It would be the principled thing to do.

Seal cull 'modest proposal' better sooner than later

By HAROLD BROCHMANN

The 1998 census of the British Columbia seal population estimated that there were 127,000 of them in our waters and that they were increasing in number by around 12.5 per cent per year.

Thus, in 2003 we would expect that there are in excess of 230,000 seals between here and Alaska. At this growth rate, B.C.'s seal population in the year 2010 would be 500,000 and 60 million by 2050.

I have just checked with the person who feeds the seals in the zoo in Vancouver. I am told that they are given 2.5 kg of fish each

Assuming that seals are fastidious eaters and don't waste anything, B.C.'s seal population is therefore at present chewing up in the neighbourhood of 365,000

tonnes of fish every year. To visualize this, imagine 120 million three-kg salmon, each 40-cm long, laid out nose to tail for 5,000 km - roughly, from here to Halifax.

All of this fish is, when digested, converted into coliformimpregnated poop. Around 365,000 tonnes of it in 2003. More next year, and more the year

If the situation is continued at this rate (which of course it won't), then in 2050, 55-billion kg of fish will be converted into coliform-impregnated poop in B.C.'s pristine waters every year. This is no drop in a bucket.

The numbers I give are approximations; but even so I suggest that what we have here is not a sustainable scenario, and that big brown eyes notwithstanding, either man or nature will at some point impose some sort of seal population control. Is later better than sooner?

There are, as we are all aware, two methods of population control: birth control and death control. The former involves appeals to abstinence and the use of condoms, while the latter imposes natural mechanisms: starvation, disease, parasite infestation, starvation — or predation.

Starvation, disease, parasite infestation and starvation are highly unpleasant and surely any

animal should, if possible, be spared this kind of fate. Surely, predation is the moral option. But with the orca population on the verge of extinction — having been hounded almost out of existence by the whalewatching industry — it behooves man to assume the role of responsible predator.

At the same time we note that B.C. has a sizable industry raising Atlantic salmon under conditions similar to those found in chicken factories. This year around 75,000 tonnes of this stuff will be stripped of sea lice and sold as food for humans. At a conversation ratio of 3:1, this means that in excess of 200,000 tonnes of feed, consisting mostly of the fish that the seals haven't eaten yet, was used.

My modest proposal is that we

establish an annual cull of say, around 20,000 or so B.C. seals. This would reduce the reproduction rate to approximately replacement level, thus hopefully preventing mass starvation or infestations of diseases and parasites. The animals could be humanely euthanized using methods similar to those employed with cats, dogs, horses, cows, etc., ground up and fed to farmed salmon, thus reducing one major source of environmental pollution, creating muchneeded employment, providing useful by-products and saving our oceans from being further depleted in the manufacture of flaccid fish.

Sailing, cruising, mathematics and intellectual discourse are a few of the passions of the writer, a retired teacher living on Salt Spring.

Chrétien stance stretches to height of hypocrisy important to our PM than it's easier to immolate the

Canadian (ku nay dee un) n. 1. hypocrite

Last week a number of people wrote letters to the editor praising Jean Chrétien for his stance on the War in Iraq. I've even heard people expressing regret for all the nasty thoughts and words they've had about our PM over the past few decades.

Wake up! Do you really think that Chrétien's decision not to send Canadian troops into Iraq is because he's opposed to the war? Do you honestly think he's taking the moral high ground for once? Give your altruistic head a shake.

There's a provincial election in Québec in two weeks. Doing anything he can to help Jean Charest win that election is far more

mere war. The Parti

Québecois is leading in the polls WITH JOHN POTTINGER and Mr. Chrétien needed a

quick trick to help bring more Québecers over to the Liberal party. An anti-war, anti-American posture is the surest way to do it.

So, what's wrong with that stance? It's the height of hypocrisy, that's what. Bashing Americans is quickly replacing hockey as our national sport, but it's both ignorant and self-serving. Ignorant because it shows a lack of awareness of Canada's leading role in making the world a bloodier place; self-serving because

U.S. as the great rapist while viewing the rest of the world as innocent virgins.

Holding America in contempt, while supporting the bloody repression of hundreds of millions of people in China, the murders of millions of ethnic minorities by African dictators, the ruthless colonialism in Russia and a bunch more equally vicious regimes is pathetic.

And don't tell me that you don't support those regimes. Yes you do, because Canada

time you wrote a letter to the editor, or walked in a march, or organized a protest, or even talked to your friends about those places and those problems? Remember the saying, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem"? Guess what? If you're not speaking out against those kinds of atrocities, you're supporting them. But it's a lot easier to just wave our fists, our tongues and our pens at those ugly Americans.

Do you really want to help make the world a better, safer place? Turn away from the easy target to the south and look inward. The U.S. imports more weapons and ammunition from Canada than anywhere else. In addition to the U.S.,

does. When was the last Canada sells military hardware to 50 other countries: Two billion dollars worth every year. In the past five years we've sold over 500 armoured vehicles to the U.S., thousands of air-tosurface missiles, and millions of rounds of ammunition.

we praise Mr. Chrétien for "not getting involved in the war." The PM must be laughing at us in both official languages. He gave his friends at Bombardier a contract to train fighter pilots from all over the world. We the taxpayers even bought the airplanes to train the

pilots in. We send these newly trained pilots back to places like Turkey to fly over Kurdish villages and launch Canadian-made mis-

In the past decade we've sold hundreds of millions of dollars worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia and France. In both cases, there's reason to believe that some of those weapons were re-sold to

Maybe that's another reason why Mr. Chrétien doesn't want Canadian kids in uniform on the ground in

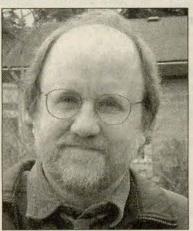
He'd be too embarrassed when they got their heads taken off by a missile made in Winnipeg or a grenade made in Montréal.

Make no mistake, we're involved in this war. But, unlike the U.S. and the U.K., we hide our role under a bloody shroud of righteous deception.

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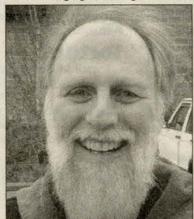
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We asked: What's one of your favourite books?



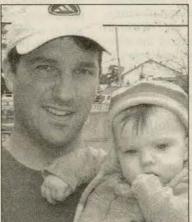
Bill Underwood

The Great Gatsby by F.Scott Fitzgerald. It's perfect: plot, character, imagery, insight. It's just flawless, as flawless as the way Mickey Mantle played baseball.



Murray Reiss

The Crying of Lot 49 by Thomas Pynchon because it provides the perfect paradigm of paranoia for our present



Dave and Emily Covell

Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss. It's very deep.



Megan Smeth

Ismael by Daniel Quinn. It touches on a lot of truth in human society as opposed to animal society. . . The movie Instinct was based on the novel.



Suzanne Lowe (Nanaimo)

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. It's a very touching story of family relations.

Letters to the Editor

Shared love

There is a house on Salt Spring that is closing its door after 15 years.

Actually it's not just a house, it's a home, or at least it was. This home was a place that was filled with love, laughter, compassion, and the kind of caring that only happens in really close families. It's not to say that things were perfect, because that would be a lie. Although why it is closing is relevant, what is more important is about what was shared between the people who called this place home and those who worked there.

This home was and is still known by many as McGoldrick Residence, a group home for developmentally challenged adults. Over the last 15 years there have been a total of six residents who have called this place home. None of them were from Salt Spring. Three of them have passed on, one found a really great home here on the island with a wonderful man named Tom, one moved off-island to be closer to family and the last resident of the house just moved into the extended care unit at Lady Minto Hospital.

McGoldrick was the first home this resident ever had in her whole life and the staff who worked and cared for her and all the other residents were her family. Some of the staff have worked at McGoldrick from the day it opened, watching the residents change, age, learn and create a life here on Salt Spring. All of the staff have given countless hours of care that can only be described as

Each staff person could share stories that would make you laugh, shed a tear and make you realize how deeply they cared about the residents. They would also tell you about all the things they learned from the residents, like about simple joy, about the importance of a hug, about how great it feels to be greeted with a big smile just because you walked in the door and about having a special name like "doda" of "blobby" or "my sweetie" or "shelala."

The staff considered themselves to be a part of a really

big family. They did their jobs in a very professional manner and respected the uniqueness of each of the residents. They did all the extras that come along with a job whose tasks include anything and everything from shopping to cooking to cleaning to figuring out if a bowel movement is small, medium or large.

They attended appointments with the residents, went to camp with them, threw them birthday parties, made Hallowe'en costumes for them and were with them when they died. They gave love that was unconditional and received it back tenfold.

Thank you to all the staff, to the residents and all those islanders who were a part of McGoldrick's history.

SAM BARLOW, Salt Spring

Costly savings

MLA Murray Coell's mandate comes from all the people of this riding; his government's mandate from all the people of British Columbia. That is to say it comes also from those who

are disabled, and those who live marginally in poverty.

I doubt Mr. Coell would be so rash as to maintain that the mandate comes only from (and hence should only serve) those who are fit and able, and those who are comparatively well-off.

The government seems set on a program of reducing expenditures at a questionable cost. While money may be saved on one hand, on the other it may be jeopardized. Immediate savings are good to contemplate, but further down the road an enormous expenditure may be in the offing. The costs, in other words, of the "savings" may be costly indeed.

In the end, it cannot fail to return to the Liberal government. No doubt its members expect encouragement and praise for being so careful with the people's money, and no doubt some will indeed deliver these. But the majority will, I'm sure, question their judgement, and many will have nothing but scorn for a government which was elected to serve all of the people and yet seems bent on an array of programs designed to turn the social clock back half a century.

It is, I suppose, understandable that one might wish to reassess disability levels and so on, but there's a hard way and a compassionate way to do everything

The Liberal party gives no evidence whatever of compassion or of listening with anything approaching sympathy to voices of protest. Instead, it gives the impression of an intransigent Scrooge determined to wreak as much havoc in the social (and industrial) sphere as possible, and all this because it can. It has the majority, therefore it can do as it pleases.

However, it seems to be doing a great deal without thinking. It is busy dismantling social programs that were not only hard fought for, and dearly gained, but are plainly useful and necessary. I must admit that the reasoning behind all this tends to defeat me.

I urge Mr. Coell and the government to take a second (or third) look at this legislation, and see what can be done to at least mollify its effect, which could be, and probably will be, devastating to many constituents. MURRAY SHOOLBRAID, **Pallot Way**

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Your letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 400 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

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Fish carnivores are over-mining the biomass

term.

We shouldn't get distracted by arguments regarding disease, pollution, foreign species, antibiotics, flesh quality, etc.

They're interim problems in an interim industry. Fish farms in 50 or 500 years won't look anything like what we've got today, because the laws of thermodynamics make clear that they're not sustainable. The reason is simple: the energetics can't be maintained.

Every pound of farmed fish requires three to five pounds of animal protein to produce it. Wild stocks are being fished out to make pellets for farmed fishes, which are top carnivores. The conversion ratio is similar for wild fishes, but they're much more efficient at feeding themselves. They don't require fossil fuels, ships, factories, roads, etc., which bring

about the pros and cons of fish of flesh produced to ludicrous- pellets to feed more and more that ensures there's not too dramatically cutting animal farming over the short and long ly high conversion levels.

BY BRENDA GUILED

We're heavily mining the Earth's biomass, spending way beyond replacement capacity. The planet can only produce, overall, about two or three per cent new growth each year. There can be impressive bursts here and there, but the average renewal rate is unbeatable.

Fish farmers are cashing in the Earth's wild fish capital, and if they don't know it, they're either ignorant or lying. They insist that the limits to expansion are only government regulations, rabid nay-saying environmentalists, and scarce investment dollars. Those

There are endless arguments the energy expenses per pound aside, just order more wild fish gatekeeper molecule, a funnel movement. The answer lies in

plankton and worms when wild fish stocks are plundered. Turn fossil fuels into fish food, for

Pete's sake, get that techno-fix

working. The biggest problem for all farming comes down to something very tiny: nitrogen fixation. Inorganic nitrogen must be converted to ammonia and nitrates to be useful to living things. Bacteria do it efficiently using an enzyme called nitrogenase; people do it extremely inefficiently using the Haber-Bosch process.

Bacteria still produce about 75 per cent of the nitrogen available to all life. The world's total nitrogenase would fit into a small bucket. It's a

farmed fishes, yes! Use zoo- much life on Earth, which protein consumption, farmed would turn it into a choking swamp. We can keep changing the balance by pushing the green revolution, but only at great cost in terms of energy lost and eutrophication gained. We can't change the big equation and its limits, which are becoming increasingly clear.

We'd be smarter to work within the equation, from another tack, which is human need and its sensible fulfillment. There are more than a billion overfed people on this planet, most of whom are eating way too much animal protein. Developing countries that used to have healthy, delicious low-meat diets are copying our worst ketone-passing habits, and free markets are obsessively driving it.

We need increased public awareness and censure of this folly, like the anti-smoking fish included. A few bites of meat a week (or bugs on greens, for vegans) are all that humans need for complete amino acid nutrition. Any more is pure indulgence and waste. On a finite planet, the sooner we get sensible about our flesh-eating habits the better.

I'm against the sablefish hatchery on Salt Spring because it feeds, in every sense, a serious problem regarding our collective understanding of how nature works and humans fit in the overall scheme. It's a "make-money" proposition that will rob the global energy bank to serve very few communities and far too many meat gluttons. Thank goodness for all the islanders who are tuned to this and not only oppose this development, but fill their plates accordingly.

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Number one

It's hard to imagine the enormous ignorance and arrogance of the John Wayne-swaggering Texas president as he leans on the podium, unstatesmanlike, biting his cheek like the cat that swallowed the canary and slurs out his movie scripted words: "We're gonna smoke 'em out, those evil doers, that axis of evil. We're gonna bring 'em all to justice, or bring justice to them, and if you're not with us you're with the terrorists.'

White House The regime, as must be noted, is the same body of spin doctors who for decades spoon-fed the likes of Saddam and other murderous dictators around the globe to accommodate U.S. policy on resources or conveniently placed military locations.

Bush Sr., Dick Cheney, Rumsfeld and the like built this particular puppet Saddam.

The U.S. supplied anthrax spores and other biological material and, along with Russia, France and other notable UN members, also provided the technical know-how for the manufacture and assembly of any massdestruction weapons Iraq may still possess.

I understand the great concerns about these weapons, but we at home should address this issue with the U.S. government, in regards to the close proximity of the border we share with our loving neighbours south of us.

The U.S. has for years held the largest stockpile of the most heinous weapons on earth. If there was ever a problem of the unleashing of biochemical weaponry due to an accident or possible terrorism, the weather patterns of North America would have no regard for international boundaries, as Chernobyl proved a decade ago.

The Pandora's Box of global problems created by the White House oil demons just reinforces the droning chant of the U.S. psyche, "We're Number

Well, I must agree. They are number one for holding the largest stockpile of weapons of mass destruction; number one for the greatest amount of waste per person on earth; num-

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ber one for the manipulation and interference in other nations' affairs; number one in delivering the guilt trip to those that don't agree with their policies.

The nation, nurtured on CNN deception, whose recent generation of trigger-happy Nintendo wargame graduates now delivers cruise missiles on civilian populations, continues to ask through its fog of ignorance why the world so disdainfully disagrees with them. Well, duh?

As regards to racial profiling at the border crossings, Canada should seriously consider watching out for blonde-haired, blueeyed, good ol' boys who look like Timothy McVey, the Oklahoma bomber.

Weather forecast: very dark days ahead; and congratulations to Michael Moore on his Oscar. PETER HAASE,

Need tourists

Salt Spring

Many of us who live on Salt Spring Island could not afford to do so if we did not have jobs.

Others, such as Frank Moore, (March 26 page 35 In Depth), do not need to concern themselves with such mundane matters. But those of us who do can appreciate the value of the tourist industry. It keeps many of us employed and able to enjoy the Salt Spring lifestyle.

But supporting tourism doesn't necessarily mean not supporting the principles or spirit of the official community plan.

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote and improve trade and commerce by providing a viable

are spent in our restaurants, shops, accommodations, recreation, etc. Without tourists, many of the wonderful shops and services our island provides, and we take for granted at times, would not exist.

Without tourists, the thousands of dollars that local businesses donate to arts, cultural and charitable organizations and the local hospital would be vastly

Without tourists, many of the islanders who contribute to the diverse nature of our community would not now be living here for one of two reasons: either they came as tourists and stayed, or they rely on tourists for their livelihood. PERRY NEWPORT,

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce

Fortunate

Once again a contributor to the Driftwood has made a snide comment about the community of Channel Ridge.

A few weeks ago, the rationale for the acquisition of a new fire truck was based in part on the needs of the large homes on the ridge, despite the fact that many are of moderate size, there has never been a house fire here and all are built to current building standards.

In last week's issue, Frank Moore said, "We unfortunately already have a thing called Channel Ridge."

Perhaps Mr. Moore is unaware of the contribution our members have made to the life of our island with no thought of gain other than the satisfaction of being of service.

Over the last very few years, our members have the official community plan, with Parks and Rec. and as school trustee.

I have lost track of the number who volunteer in the library, the hospital and the Visitor Information Centre. It is certain there are many others deeply involved in community pro-

While most of our members are retired and able to devote time to volunteering. others are part of the island workforce.

At one time, five doctors lived on the ridge, as did the police chief. If you get a blood test, are stopped for speeding, need an electrician, visit a school or want a house built, chances are that you will meet one of our residents.

Yes, our island is changing and in doing so we do lose some of the rural charm of yesteryear. However, some of us are doing our best to ensure that we do retain a strong sense of community and give of our time to strengthen those elements that brought us here in the first place.

Instead of being "unfortunate," perhaps we should be "fortunate" that so many want to become involved. JOHN MYERS,

President, Channel Ridge Owners' Association

Torture

I wish to bring attention to the needless suffering caused by the disability review process and other draconian policies of Campbell's Liberal government.

I have worked with the poor and the disabled for over 30 years in cities and in rural areas all over Canada.

I am a mental health nurse and a community worker and a licensed health professional, and as such, I have been called upon to provide assessments for clients who have to "reapply" for their pension benefits. I would like to tell you about some of the things that I have observed:

I have seen mothers weeping, frightened as to how they are going to provide for their families; I have seen depressed people brought to the brink of suicide because of the threat of having their income cut off; I have visited people living in broken-down vans and tents in the bush, marginalized by poverty, who do not even under-

Come meet Bob Saunders of

Saunders Subaru at Ganges Village Market

stand the review process of the 23-page form they are required to fill out.

Many of these people do not have doctors to act as their physician-assessor, one of the requirements of the review.

There are countless examples of the suffering and misery this reapplication process has caused. It is the legislated torture of the poor, the sick and the vulnerable.

DENISE QUARRINGTON, Salt Spring

Not

appropriate
In regards to Mitchell Sherrin's March 26 response to a letter by Phyllis Webb on his recent story about chess champ Farley Cannon: It is clear that Ms. Webb is asking him, as a journalist reporting in a public forum, to be more sensitive to his use of language, especially during these times of war.

His rebuttal to her, using one of her personal poems that in no way touched on war, was not only clearly inappropriate, but also transparent in its attempt to shift the emphasis to her writing rather than accept responsibility for his own.

LORRAINE GANE, **Upper Ganges Road**

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Name: ROSE MURAKAMI

537/538/653: 537

Occupation(s): Chief cook, bottle washer, number one gofer for brother and sister.

Hobbies: Gardening, reading, catching up on sleep.

Home finished/unfinished: Never finished, cleaning, that is.

Favourite people: People who are interesting, talented, honest.

Favourite read: Driftwood.

Best thing about SSI: It's surrounded by water and has the Islands Trust.

Worst thing about SSI: Potholes — should plant flowers in them for better visibility.

Best place to kiss on SSI: Anywhere and everywhere when the mood strikes.

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Miracle

I would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who surprised me on March 16 by bringing my Emily here for spring break.

Together they have performed a miracle and made a wish come true.

Choosing to pursue my career as a musician has left me eking out a sparse but fulfilling life here on Salt

I have been racked with guilt at being unable to visit the seven-year-old light of my life since she moved to Lethbridge last July with her

The logistics and planning that everyone had to do to pull off this wonderful surprise astounds me. I wish that, during these troubled times, the rest of the world could take a cue from this generous act of kindness shown to Emily and me. We are truly blessed to have such warm friends.

I am even compelled to thank my ex-wife who made it all happen from the Calgary end. Thank you, Chris.

I know that none of my friends desire to be publicly acknowledged for the wonderful people they are but I think the public needs to hear some good news right now. Thank you all so very

The light of love shines a little brighter in my heart these days.

Love and peace. BOB DELION, Salt Spring

Conspiracy

Do we all have to suffer from John Pottinger's arrogance? This is the second time in a month he has used his spacious article to berate the same person, Will Thomas, who Pottinger is now challenging to a "debate" two weeks after Thomas left the island.

I guess I should just be glad that for once something other than the B.C. Ferries' Sunshine Breakfast has gotten under his skin.

Pottinger thinks that Thomas made up chemtrails, and so provides no information himself of any value to the topic of chemtrails, but has assumed that people who even question the topic must worship a guy who wrote a book about it.

I can only imagine what type of "debate" Pottinger has in mind for someone he's never even met, but if it's anything like his writing style, no one will want to show up. I think that any future discussion where Pottinger wants to host (that means you have to attend, John) should be held outside on a clear day so the public can see above their heads what they're debating the existence of.

If John has a question that he would like to present, or a bit of that secret information that he's packing, the public would be grateful indeed. So far he's only served to turn off public curiosity, perpetu-

ating his own ignorance. He says he's read volumes about Chemtrails, and yet denies their existence. Interesting. And in his final

paragraph, he writes, "I do believe there are real conspiracies out there; some by governments," and goes on to say "If there's a chemtrail conspiracy, it's NOT a project of the U.S. government."

Hmmm. Is this some sort of "insider" information? And if so, how can I trust

OK, double-o John, your own patriotic desire to defend the unwavering noble and pure virtues of the U.S. government is not in ques-

The question is: What are those white trails that stretch out over the sky? Why are only some planes leaving them, and others not? Hey look - what about those ones that have been lingering all afternoon?

This isn't about "mass poisoning" or some other paranoid scare tactic (as you're so sure Thomas' message amounts to), but the intention of becoming aware is to do something democratically to voice dissent, because our skies shouldn't be treated like an experiment. Neither should our food chain!

But I guess John Pottinger thinks that the government is going to make an effort to label genetically modified foods, or that such won't end up in his grocery basket until they get his air traffic controller authorization.

Most likely he'll just deny everything and pass it off as "conspiracy."

IOLA MARIS, Long Harbour Road

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RANTS

Those people who (despite being fit and ablebodied) drive around Thrifty's parking lot for 10 minutes trying to get a spot close to the store. These lazy goofs not only tie up the traffic, they waste an opportunity for a little exercise. If they parked a block or two away and walked, they'd help solve the congestion problems in that parking lot and the short walk would do wonders both physically and spiritually.

To the idiot in the grey Monte Carlo who screeches through town at 70 K. He's going to hit a pedestrian near the PetroCan one of these

To the locals late for the Fulford ferry who drive along Fulford-Ganges Road as if it's the highway to Whistler. Especially the morons who pull out to pass a line of traffic near Garner Road. There's a reason for that double solid line. Despite the road being straight, it has a great big dip in it, so you can't see what's coming. I've seen more than one brainless driver avoid a head-on collision by mere inches.

To the person who ran over my bike. You'll pay for it, one way or another. Maybe not in this life but sometime. May a family of otters build their new home in your car while you're away for a month. May a troupe of travelling circus monkeys escape and hide out in your house while you're in the city for a few days. May your brakes fail and your car horn stick on as you pull up behind a gang of huge, ugly smelly tattooed bikers at a stop light.

For people who don't vote, yet constantly criticize the various levels of government and the job they are doing. Don't they realize voting is a privilege and that their vote counts?

For the delivery guys at Windsor Plywood. Man they're fast, and happy about it, even with all the splinters!

To Jane for re-opening so fast after the incident at Bark Avenue. Poochie thanks her

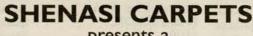
To the library's long-term planning committee for ensuring that the community will have a viable facility for years to come.

For Kay Catlin. She takes personal responsibility for sorting out the traffic chaos in front of Patterson's Store when the ferry is loading/unloading. Despite the fact that Kay has some mobility problems, she gets herself down to the ferry parking lot and back whenever things get out of hand. If you dare to park on Fulford-Ganges Road and tie up the traffic, Kay will have you on your way in seconds with a few succinct words.

For all those patient island drivers who put up with the tourists in front of them driving at three miles per hour. Most of us want and need these folks to visit Salt Spring. In fact, most of us behaved the same way the first time we came to the island. So continue that laidback Salt Spring spirit by smiling and waving instead of honking.

To the people who pick up hitchhikers. Thanks for helping to make it possible for people working minimum wage jobs to stay on Salt Spring.

To B.C. Ferries workers - for smiling and not losing their cool when irate people take out their frustrations on the nearest employee instead of the company.



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Insulting

In reply to last week's "Name Withheld" letter such an insulting letter to our farm community!

In almost 20 years on this island I have met most of our islanders involved in agriculture. They are caring people who look after their animals with consideration for their welfare and often with loving care, spending many hours (night and day) to preserve a life. True, some of these animals will end up in the meat business but the reality of farm life is that people eat meat! It is a personal choice and I do not argue with anyone whatever choice they make.

The farm children I have met grow up with a caring philosophy - not a "cut them up" attitude.

The ancient people apologized and thanked the animals that provided them with food and perhaps many of our current farmers say the same ages-old prayer of thanks to those animals.

As to being concerned for the welfare of him/her and their children because of an angry response, well, you sound angry, too. Should that be a cause of concern to anyone else?

When you see animals that cannot defend themselves torn up by dogs, that does tend to make you angry. It doesn't need to happen if people were responsible for their dogs.

MARGARET THRELFALL, Robinson Road

Below belt

As a practising Roman Catholic I resent the remarks made by Jack Hallam (March 26 letters) with regard to the previously published photograph of our beloved Pastor Goulet and some parishioners of the joint churches in Ganges on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer.

I happen to have many friends who profess to be atheists, and that is their choice, but to belittle people who pray for peace I think is hitting below the belt.

I can only say I hope Jack Hallam finds his own peace. He strikes me as being rather troubled.

RUTH LISTON, Salt Spring Way

Great goalie

The March 19 coverage of the Dragon's final soccer game was a late entry, so I wanted to fill in the rest of

We played the first place team two divisions ahead of

It was a clean, hard, exciting game and we were just fine with the 3-0 loss. We were all on defence with many great plays and even a few down in the other end.

What made it an outstanding game was the number of shots on goal that our awesome keeper, Carol Adam, deflected, caught and dove for. She lost count at 28, still in the first half, and there were just as many in the second. The number of goalie kicks (when the ball goes over our end line) she took

was also countless. Carol played a heads-up game, although she doesn't

⊗ MADD

beyond the intensity inside the 18 line. I'm sure most would agree that she was our MVP that game.

While I'm at it, thanks to Carol for her dedication to coaching us the last two years. It's been full of drills, skills and fun. Thanks, Carol. **GAIL BRYN-JONES,** Ganges

Special

The visit on March 22 by Guujaaw from Haida Gwaii was a special day for Salt

We were honoured that day as well by the attendance of Chief Judith Sayers, who spoke here last November, and Chief Vern Jacks of the Tseycum First Nation in Sidney, who we hope to invite back another time.

On behalf of the co-sponsors, I would like to thank the many people who made Guujaaw's visit possible, and such a success. Thanks to the staff at GISS, to Barb's Buns and the Ometepe Coffee

Thanks especially to all those members of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation (SSIJR) who helped out with the driving, the hike up Maxwell, the potluck and set-up at the high school everything that made Guujaaw's weekend here so enjoyable.

Guujaaw sends his thanks, and said he was glad he came.

Thanks also to Gail Sjuberg for her fine reporting about the event in the Driftwood last week.

PHIL VERNON, SSIJR

Enough damage

Do sea lice occur naturally? Of course they do, but in nature we do not have 750,000 or more fish crammed into small pens being fed processed foods laced with chemicals and swimming in their own sewage.

Open-pen fish farms provide the perfect filthy environment for the spreading of disease and the perfect breeding grounds for sea lice to breed into concentrations never seen in nature. Thus, rampant disease and the destruction of wild salmon runs being killed off by sea

What's wrong with fish hatcheries? Fish hatcheries were introduced to help restore wild fish runs that were declining as a result of man's over-fishing and the destruction of natural breeding grounds of wild fish. Our growing dependency on fish hatcheries means that we are losing the battle in trying to save the wild fish runs. On one hand we breed fish and on the other we continue to fish to the max, log to the water's edge, dam rivers and streams, develop our natural wetlands, and encourage open-pen fish farms, ensuring that our wild heritage will be forever lost.

By encouraging and allowing hatcheries to breed millions of fish at a time for the open-pen fish industry means we are embracing the notion of turning our beautiful coastal waters into an industrial farming wasteland.

Have we not done enough damage to our coast already? We are having major problems with the existing 70+ fish farms operating in our waters; what will our coast look like and smell like with 500-600 more of these open sewers?

Is this how we act as good stewards of the land and sea that give us life?

If we are not prepared to take a stand against this latest assault on our environment, there may not be much left to stand for!

WAYNE FRASER, Salt Spring

Run route

"Baby, we were born to run . ." Springsteen's anthem often pops into my head when the adrenaline starts to flow and I visualize running with the ancient Spartans, the Indian warriors of early Canada and the modern day Kenyans and Ethiopians of West Africa.

Over the top maybe, but running does keep a spring in your step, building endurance in all aspects of one's life.

The Salt Spring 10-k run and half marathon is only two months away (May 25) and we would like to encourage islanders to register now and participate in what will be a wonderful run.

The course description is as follows:

Start/finish line, late registration and awards are at Fernwood School. Routes for the 10-k and 21-k (halfmarathon) head down Fernwood Road, turn left at the dock and proceed half a kilometre along North Beach Road, then turn around and run back along past the dock and continue along Walker Hook Road.

The 10-k will turn around at Fort Street, run back along Walker Hook and up

Fernwood Road to the school and finish.

The half-marathon route will continue past Fort Street along Walker Hook Road to Stark Road, along Stark through Acheson Road to North End Road. Turn right and head north past St. Mary Lake and continue on North End Road to North Beach Road. Down the hill at North Beach all the way to Fernwood dock continue along Walker Hook to Maliview. Turnaround, back to Fernwood Road and up the hill to the school and a welldeserved finish.

Run facing traffic at all times, watch for uneven surfaces, walk/run particularly if you are a novice runner, wear brighter clothing and please be aware and watch for traffic. There will be four water stops on the 25th so on practice runs bring some water and experiment with different carbo snacks for before, during and after the run.

Remember, all proceeds are going to SSPLASH 20 for an indoor pool on Salt Spring Island and that will benefit all of us. Anyone playing soccer, or any active sport, should be able to run 10 kilometres with a practice run twice a week.

Coaches, encourage your teams to participate, and for those who have run a 10-k in the past, turn it up a notch with long easy runs and you will cruise the half marathon. For more info, call Ben Cooper at 537-1951, or me at 537-9542.

To volunteer, please call Gail Bryn-Jones at 537-9149 and for pledge sheets and online registration go to www.ssplash.org.

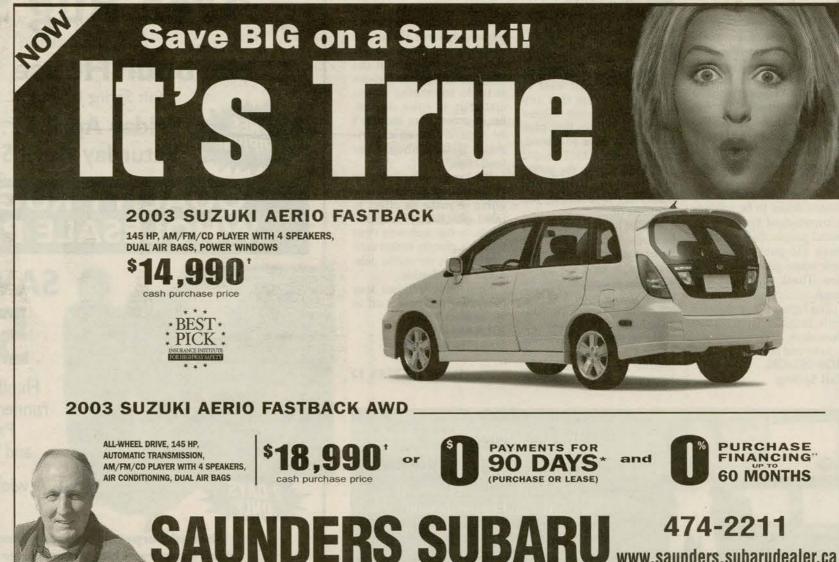
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Iraq could have been flooded with food not bombs

By RICHARD MOSES

It finally hit me! George W. Bush could have become the greatest statesman, the most imaginative, courageous leader in the history of the world.

What else would motivate the maniacal action he has launched?

He could have declared a brand new kind of "war" on the people of Iraq.

It is called "exotic expropriation" and is used only when resistance to the greater good is encountered. It is a way of temporarily commandeering and holding a piece of land in order to benefit that greater good. When those benefits have been accomplished, the land is simply returned to its rightful owners.

Mr. Bush could have exotically expropriated Iraq! Imagine this:

When this "war" was declared, tens of thousands of soldiers (half of them called-up reservists whose real trades are as carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc.), trucks and aircraft, "assault" the country. But no bombs or rockets fall. No rifle fires. No threats are uttered. Thousands — no, millions of tons of food, medicine, supplies, clothing — coming from all those ships anchored out there - suddenly flood the land.

Within hours, repairs to hospitals, schools, homes are begun; water and sewage systems are under construction, shops and stores are heavy laden with products of every imaginable sort. Wherever the alert "invading forces" see a need, it is



filled.

The population of Iraq is stunned, shocked: nobody is trying to kill them! They are suspicious: these are Americans, this is the United States. Why are they so friendly? They are giving us things! Why are there no bombs, no bullets?

Then they relax. "What's going on?," they ask. "Is this some sort of trick?"

In fact, it is a trick — a conjuring trick. It's like pulling a rabbit out of a hat. It's magic! There is great wonder at where all this is coming from; it defies explanation. It seems, as with the hat trick, to be an illusion. But, as the rabbit is real, so is everything pouring forth from this munificent, magnanimous and - what a total surprise! - magnificent country, the erstwhile international bad boy, the United States of America.

There is of course the little matter of Saddam Hussein and his henchmen. Heading the procession into Iraq, this incursion of good works, there is something like a tank brigade: giant, grumbling tanks, rumbling over the landscape, surrounded by squads of armed foot soldiers. One difference: the hatches of the tanks are open, commanders looking out, observing the scene and huge white flags are flying from everything that moves. Surrender? Not a bit of it!

But sufficient to cause hesitancy, to sow confusion, to give pause to aggressive acts. This is an invasion of genuine, peacemakers and the "enemy's" hesitation provides time to demonstrate it.

Soon the word spreads, from town to town, by word of mouth, radio, television: "The Americans have come! They are here! But they are not shooting; there are no bombs. They are giving things away; they are building. They are helping us!"

The word reaches Mr. Hussein. He doesn't believe this. He is convinced it is a trick, a ruse to draw him from his hiding place, to confuse, then to bribe and win over his soldiers.

He commands, he orders, but the eyes of his guards are turned elsewhere, their ears hear the sounds not of war but of jubilation. They do not shoot, because no one is shooting at them. Overcome by curiosity, first their attention wanders and then they themselves sidle inexorably away.

Mr. Hussein is very angry. He fulminates and stamps his foot; his moustache bristles. This is not at all what he expected. He expected to be a hero, even a martyr. How can he be a hero when there is no one to defeat? There are American soldiers down there, and they have rifles, but they are not even brandishing them, let alone firing bullets. So what's to fight?

Instead of the city being flattened, becoming a smoking ruin, instead of inadequate hospitals being overrun with maimed and bleeding casualties, this city is brilliantly lit, the streets are full of revelling — if still slightly dazed — Iraqis.

Hussein is in a quandary. He suspects that all over the country something may be happening to his people. The land is full of invading armies. True, there doesn't seem to be any attack going on, any damage being done, but still they are there.

And now he notices that his palace is surrounded by some of those guns. He decides against going any-place. He begins to realize that out there among all those foreign troops, his own influence on his subjects might have been diminished somewhat. He is afraid that their fear is evaporating

What probably does not occur to him, in his rage and impotence, and what is gradually starting to dawn on those people out there, is that nobody needs him for anything; nobody wants him. In fact, way down deep in his own damaged soul, it is beginning to sink in that nobody ever did. He is being ignored, even laughed at the very worst things that can happen to a tyrant. Saddam Hussein has become irrelevant.

Throughout the Arab world, as the news gets out, there are great feelings of relief. Saddam Hussein has not been deposed, not gone into exile, not been killed; he

has simply become irrele-

Six months later, nine months, a year, and it is time for the Americans to leave. A new government has been elected, jails have been emptied of political prisoners, hospitals and schools are in full swing, the economy is strong, civilization has begun to build again in Iraq, its people are discovering what is meant by "human rights"

Saddam Hussein is still there, is given an allowance by the new government, continues to speak and write — is a sort of irrelevant king, and nobody pays him

the slightest heed.

The Americans are pulling out now — with some regret; they have found Iraq and its people surprisingly human and engaging. The Iraqis hold a parade. They wave scarves and handkerchiefs as the troops and trucks pass by.

Invitations have been received: two new countries in Africa, another in the Middle East, would welcome an "invasion" by the American peacemakers.

Ah, well, we can always dream.

The writer is an active community volunteer and was raised in the U.S.



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Society update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those attending the Salt Spring Island Public Transportation Society AGM. Your attendance and input was appreciated. I would also like to thank the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club for allowing us to use the clubhouse for the meeting. Furthermore, I would like to thank both the Driftwood and Thrifty Foods for their support and help in advertising and promoting this meeting

The primary goal at this AGM was to elect a new board and get the society on the road again (so to speak). The new board passed a motion to set a voluntary \$10 membership fee. Enough money was collected from these memberships to cover the costs of various filing fees to bring the society into current good standing.

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The society's mandate encompasses more than just a transit-style bus and includes all forms of transportation needs on the island, including special needs groups, seniors, youth, poor and alternative means of transportation, such as walking and bicycle paths.

paths.

We will be seeking input from the general public and

interested groups as our first order of business.

JOHN CADE, President,

Thank you for your sup-

JOHN CADE, President, SSI Public Transportation Society





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Calling bluff
Re: John Pottinger's March 26 column: The word "conspiracy," when not used to debunk someone offhand, implies that we're being lied to about something, or that something is being covered up.

We all know that never happens. Rather than debating what this person or that person believes, let's go to the official sources.

Two U.S. congressional hearings (1977 and 1994) and declassified British Defence documents "uncovered" 50 years of open air biological testing across the U.S., U.K. and Canada on unknowing citizens.

In 1953, the U.S. army sprayed carcinogens on slums in St. Louis; in 1956, the military released mosquitoes with yellow fever over Georgia and Florida; in 1966, military scientists released bioagents into the New York subway system.

According to the hearings, 239 populated areas were contaminated for experimental research on real people between 1949 and 1969.

The U.S. Code Title 50, section 1520 says that the Secretary of Defence may "conduct tests or experiments involving the use of a chemical or biological agent on a civilian population," as long as it is related to "research activity."

The code was amended in 1997 to include consent from the citizen or congressional permission. Are Congress or British Defence lying conspiracy-nuts, Pottinger?

The London Times reported in November 23, 2000 that the U.S. military was presently engaged in weather manipulation as a weapon, such as was used in Vietnam to cause pouring rains over the enemy (Project Popeye). The Soviets are known to have conducted weather experimentation since the 1950s.

Is the military lying about projects they claim they did? Was the Navy lying in 1975 when it filed patent for a "contrail generation device?" Or was Hughes

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Aircraft Co. lying about its 1991 patent for a device called "Stratospheric Welsbach Seeding for Reduction of Global Warming?'

Was the Victoria International Airport Authority lying when he left a recorded message stating that the grids of "contrails" over Victoria were "A military exercise; U.S. and Canadian Air Force exercise that's going on. They wouldn't give me any specifics on it." (December 8, 2000)

Or how about the FAA official in Maine who confirmed the air force was conducting weather modification over the U.S. and Canada? (March 12, 2001)

How about the air force report called Owning the Weather, where they speak of cloud seeding and "aerial obscuration" projects? Or Edward Teller (H-Bomb Ed) proposing in 1998 a 'planetary sunscreen" of aluminum oxides to slow runaway global warming? Or Lawrence Livermore National Labs, who worked

out the feasibility study of this project (that it might work, or might destroy the ozone layer).

Chemtrails grid skies for hours on most clear days over Salt Spring and elsewhere, year-round.

If all these officials are conspirators then so is CBC's Bob MacDonald of Quirks and Quarks, who ran a radio segment on March 2, 2003, called Weather Manipulation, interviewing a scientist who said a similar project will create a planetary sunscreen to protect us from global warming. They must be cult worshippers of William Thomas, hey John?

However, this is no joke. These chem-sprays cause ill health, there are huge environmental risks messing with nature's cloud balance, and there are fundamental rights being broken by our military and government conducting these experiments on citizens.

We definitely need a public debate on chemtrails, which Will Thomas had been calling for for years, but no one official would debate it. However, we need relevant people there who have the information and can present their views sensibly.

Sorry John Pottinger, but after two columns, you obviously don't have the ability to discuss this intelligently, let alone debate it, or we'd have heard some real info by now rather than slanderous name-calling and mudslinging.

KENNETH ROULEAU, Salt Spring

ISLANDS TRUST NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on the following proposed bylaws:

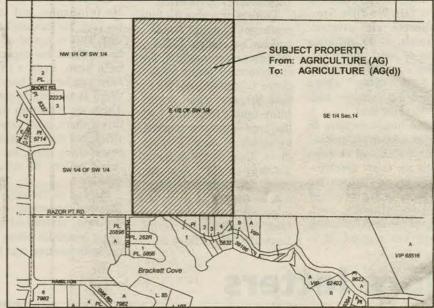
- Proposed Bylaw No. 149 (LUB amendment), cited as ""North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 6, 2002". In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 149 is to amend the Land Use Bylaw to (1) establish a general regulation stating that construction trailers are permitted in all zones for construction purposes only; and (2) consolidate two existing tables in Section 8.3 (Agricultural zone) and change the zoning on the land shown in the sketch below from AG to AG(d) to indicate that there is a site-specific regulation pertaining to the land.
- Proposed bylaw 151 (OCP amendment) cited as "North Pender Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 83, 1993, Amendment No. 1, 2003." In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 151 is to amend OCP policy 2.1.1.6 (Rural Residential) to add a phrase stating that the Local Trust Committee may give consideration to applications to permit one additional dwelling where the dwelling in question is a pre-existing, non-conforming use.
- Proposed bylaw 150 (LUB amendment Neumann) cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996 Amendment No.1, 2003". In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 150 is to amend the zoning on the lands shown on the sketch below to permit two existing dwellings, one of which may be sited as close as 5 metres from the front lot line.

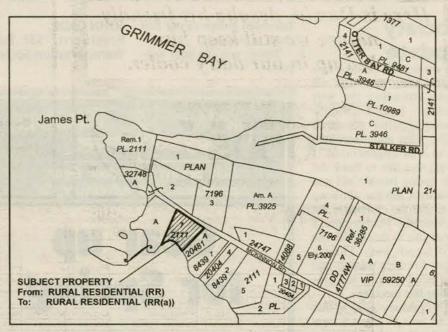
The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

The Public Hearing will commence following a Community Information Meeting which starts at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Pender Island Public Library, 4407 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC.

At the Public Hearing, the public, including all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws, at the above time and

All persons concerned should inspect the proposed bylaws to satisfy themselves as to how their lands may be affected by the proposed regulations. A copy of the proposed bylaws and relevant background documents in respect of the proposed bylaws that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing, Wednesday March 26, 2003 up to and including, Friday, April 11, 2003.





For the convenience of public only and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the North Pender Capital Regional District Office and on the various Notice Boards on North Pender Island and on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250)405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2003; and
- after 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2003, by delivery to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing starting at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 2003 until the close of the hearings.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, North Pender Island Planner, at (250) 405-5159, or for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

> Kathy Jones **Deputy Secretary**

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★ ★ Get to the Heart: The Barbara Mandrell Story (1997,True)
The true story of Barbara Mandrell's incredible climb to fame and her tragic car accident.

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Wishmaster 4: The Prophecy
Fulfilled (2002, Horror) The Djinn has a
woman fall in love with him in order to release
his evil brotherhood. John Novak, Tara
Spencer-Nairn (1h30)

8:00 PM

Scarred City (1998,Thriller) An officer is not in an enviable position as his third shooting is being investigated. Tia Carrere, Stephen Baldwin (2h) 8:30 PM * 15 Minutes (2001, Drama) A pair

of murderers commit videotaped crimes in an effort to become media darlings. Robert De Niro, Edward Burns (2h)

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The true story of Barbara Mandrell's incredible
climb to fame and her tragic car accident.
Maureen McCormick, Greg Kean (2h)

** ** Irreconcilable Differences
(1984, Comedy) When a couple fall out of
love, their child beats them to the punch and
sues for divorce. Drew Barrymore, Ryan
O'Neal (2h)

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10:00 PM
Cries and Whispers
(1972, Drama) A cancer patient turns to her housekeeper for comfort when her sisters are unavailable. Harriet Andersson, Liv Ullmann (1h45)

10:30 PM

** Enemy at the Gates

(2001, Drama) A Russian sniper is hunted by a German adversary during the 1942 battle of Stalingrad. Jude Law, Joseph Fiennes

THURSDAY, APR 3

(1997, Drama)

When three sisters are given land by their father, dark secrets are brought up. Michelle Pfeiffer, Jessica Lange (2h)

20 Columbo: No Time to Die (1992,Mystery) Columbo investigates the disappearance of his nephew's successful and attractive new wife. Peter Falk, Susan Demante (2h)

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② ★★★ Cat Ballou (1965,Comedy)

A teacher-turned-train-robber teams up with a gunfighter to avenge her father's death. Jane Fonda, Lee Marvin (2h) 6:30 PM

★ Wicked Minds (2002,Thriller) When a young man returns from college, his father is murdered and everyone is a suspect. Angie Everhart, Andrew Walker (1h30) 8:00 PM

A young warrior and a cyborg battle rebel cyborgs that have turned to blood for fuel. Kris Kristofferson, Kathy Long (2h) 9:00 PM

A Girl is a Girl (1999,Comedy) Though a man has no trouble meeting we he cannot seem to find the woman of his

ne cannot seem to find the woman of his dreams. Andrew McIntyre, Paige Morrison (2h)

19 ** * Pretty in Pink

1986,Romance) A girl from the wrong side of town becomes involved with a wealthy and popular young man. Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy (1h35) ♠ ★★★ Cat Ballou (1965,Comedy)

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* * We Were Soldiers (2002, War) A story about the soldiers who fought the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War. Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe (2h30)

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(1991,Suspense) The career of a young
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(1993, Comedy) Dennis's skirmishes with Mr. Wilson serve as a warm-up to his encounter with a robber. Walter Matthau, Mason Gamble (1h35)

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23 ★★ Cutaway (1999,Action) A U.S. customs agent goes undercover to infiltrate a ring of skydiving drug peddlers. Stephen Baldwin, Tom Berenger (2h)
23 ★★ Perry Mason Returns (1985,Mystery) A lawyer steps down from a judgeship to defend his one time secretary, Della Street. Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale (2h)

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3 ** In the Bedroom
(2001, Drama) Parents face a crisis when their son falls for an older woman and is later murdered. Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei

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■ ★★ In His Father's Shoes
(1997, Drama) A boy gets magic shoes,
enabling him to travel back in time and possess
his father's body. Louis Jr. Gossett, Robert
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13 * And God Created Woman

(1987, Action) An ex-con finds her dream to rock and roll impeded by her husband and his family. Rebecca De Mornay, Vincent Spano (2h)

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(1981, Drama) A reporter is manipulated into writing a damaging story about an innocent man. Sally Field, Paul Newman (1h40)

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3 ** Spy Game (2001, Drama) A
CIA agent works against time and the agency
to help free a young agent from prison. Brad
Pitt, Robert Redford (2h15)

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(2) Meet the Feebles (1989,Comedy)
Television stars who are sex-crazed, egotistical and wacked-out are featured here. (1h45) SATURDAY, APR 5

★★ Shallow Hal (2001,Comedy) A shallow man falls for an obese woman w he is hypnotized to only see inner beauty. Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black (2h)

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1999,Romance) A man falls head over heals in love with a free-spirited woman, en route to his wedding. Ben Affleck, Sandra Bullock (2h)
23 ** Hardware (1990,Sci-Fi) A man giyes his nirffriend robot romains unconstitution.

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Dylan McDermott, Stacey Travis (2h)

Any Which Way You Can
(1978,Comedy) A man thinks about heading back to the ring for one last lucrative bareknuckle fight. Clint Eastwood, Sondra

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5 ** Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984, Adventure) Indiana Jones goes in search of an Indian village's stolen gems and missing children.

Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw (2h30)

Judgement Day (1991, Sci-Fi) An assassin is sent back in time to protect a boy who will become the savior of the world.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton (2h30)

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3 ★ Man of the Century
(1999,Comedy) A newspaper columnist in present-day New York behaves as though he lives in the 1920s. Gibson Frazier, Susan

lives in the 1920s. Gibson Frazier, Susan Egan (1h30)

He Sees You When Your Sleeping (2002, Suspense) A dead man must rescue a young mother and her daughter from gangsters to enter Heaven. Cameron Bancroft, Erika Eleniak (2h)

*** ** Duel in the Sun (1946, Western) Two brothers rival for the affections of a woman that has been tagged as a bad girl." Gregory Peck, Joseph Cotten (2h)

*** ** ** A Stranger Among Us (1992, Action) The story of a policewoman who falls in love while investigating a murder in Brooklyn. Melanie Griffith, Eric Thal

Brooklyn. Melanie Griffith, Eric Thal 10:00 PM

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(1973,Drama) Four friends spend their last night together before two of them go away to college. Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard (3h15)

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Mystery Movie (Mystery) A mysterious body, an ancient knife and interweaving dreams lead to a shocking conclusion. Tina Keeper, Peter Kelly Gaudreault (2h)

** * Howards End

(1992, Drama) Two middle-class sisters shake the rigid social barriers existing in 20th century England. Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter (2h30)

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Atlantis: Lost Empire
(2001, Animated) A young adventurer
named Milo Thatch searches for the mysterious
lost continent, Atlantis. Voices of Michael J. Fox, Leonard Nimoy (2h

3 ★ The Scorpion King
(2002,Action) In ancient times, a warrior sets out to stop an evil swordsman from taking over the land. The Rock, Kelly Hu (1h30)

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2 ** An Ideal Husband
(1999,Romance) A happy marriage is
threatened by the social ramifications of a husband's dubious past. Rupert Everett,
Julianne Moore (2h)

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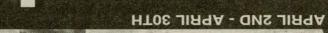
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Local gets acquainted with deceptive invasive plant

Special to the Driftwood Shortly after I moved to B.C., I cycled from the summer haze of Victoria out to

Parking my bike, I left the city behind and climbed through fir, and out among the Garry oaks. I admired the hills, and the distant waters of the strait. Then I opened my sketchbook and made a drawing of the plant which grew so abundantly around me.

I felt content, especially at the thought of my growing intimacy with the native plants of my new home. I sketched the green branching shrub before me, the contours of its black, flattened pods and its yellow flowers.

Many readers will be familiar with my story: a few months later - DIS-MAY — when I thumbed through my copy of the coastal plant "bible" by Pojar and MacKinnon. In there my first B.C. plant acquaintance, Cytisus scoparius or Scotch broom, was described as no less than "a very widespread and invasive shrub" which "has been so successful over much of its range that it has endangered much of our region's distinctive rainshadow



Broom: deceptive beauty

Just how invasive is Scotch broom? Well, the first broom was introduced to Vancouver Island in 1850 by Captain Walter Grant. He planted just 12 seeds. Of these, only three germinated. But, today, all the broom growing Vancouver Island are said to be descendants of these original three!

Broom plants have massive seed production: some may produce as many as 18,000 seeds every year!

Like many introduced species, broom does not have any natural enemies from its "homeland" here; so it has spread with unusual speed. Broom seeds can remain "banked" in the soil for up to 30 years, awaiting the perfect conditions.

On dry and disturbed sites, broom has easily established itself. As many native wildflowers and grasses growing in the shade of broom plants do not receive enough sunlight and die, they are being replaced.

Fortunately you can take action to help protect native species from the effects of Scotch broom.

Sites likely to be invaded by broom should be replanted with preferred vegetation immediately after distur-

Avoid planting broom for slope stability or as an ornamental. Instead, plant native species. Local nurseries can help you to select suitable plants or shrubs.

Prevent soil erosion; also, carefully clean equipment used on broom infested sites. Since broom seeds can remain dormant for many years, and as they are protected by a thick coat, if they are washed into the water of ditches and streams, or transported on equipment, they will survive and can be quickly carried long distances to invade new

You can help to control existing broom by pulling it out, which is done during the moist months of the

When the ground is wet, broom plants can be pulled with the least disturbance to the soil. This is important because the soil holds many broom seeds and when disturbed, particularly under warm conditions, the seeds will be stimulated to germi-

Try to push back original vegetation where the broom is taken out or plant native species in its place.

Cutting broom plants is also useful. It's usually done in the summer, but can be done at any time when the plants have bloomed but the seed pods are still green.

The roots have the least chance of survival once the plants have put their energy into flowering. Cut the plant stem at ground level for best results. This is especially effective for killing old plants or those under maximum drought stress.

It was with much satisfaction that I joined a community broom pull late last winter and pried out shoots. That first summer on the coast, when I sketched so happily my first B.C. plant, seemed far away. Cytisus scoparius, I have come to know you well.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy will be hosting a talk on invasive species on Friday, May 9, and a community broom pulling event is planned for the fall.

For further information about Scotch broom or to borrow a broom puller (by donation), contact the Salt Spring Island Conservancy at 538-0318.



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Rae, Hutton join Pentecostal church board

people Twenty-four attended the Salt Spring Island Pentecostal Assembly annual general meeting last Wednesday evening.

Two new deacons were

board. Bert Rae and Trevor Hutton were elected to join John Fischer and Paul

replace Jim They McClean and Otto Mostad, appointed to the church who have stepped down for

treatments, lighting

a one-year mandatory sabbatical.

Their service and dedication are much appreciated," noted Pastor Rick Hill.

Also at the meeting, Robin Rudolph was appointed as an advisor to the board.

Visitors are welcome to attend all Pentecostal services held at 215 Baker Road at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. Coffee always follows the service.

Grant deadline April 15

Recreation groups wanting to apply for a grant-inaid from Parks and Rec have until April 15 to submit an application.

A new way to deal with grant requests was discussed in depth last month, with slightly amended guidelines approved by the commission at its Monday night public meeting.

Commission member Bob Francis, who spearheaded the initiative, said the amendments "make it very clear we are talking about active recreation groups which provide additional programs" to the communi-

One-time grants will be considered for "community organizations seeking financial assistance for parks, arts and recreation-related projects which directly provide additional recreation facilities, equipment, services or programs.

Rather than considering requests for funding on an ongoing basis, PARC has decided to set deadlines twice a year, with available funds being allotted at that

Future deadlines will be publicized once established.



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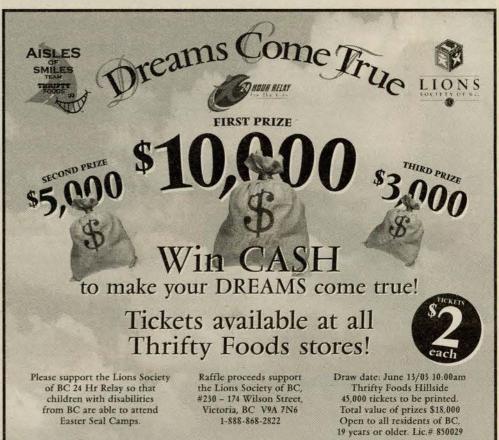
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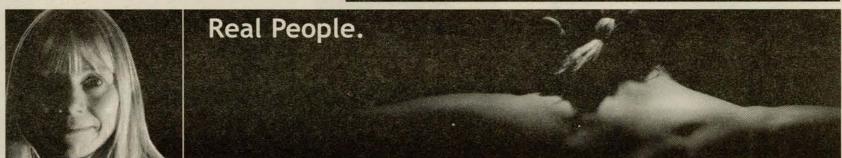
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By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

Only seven short years ago, Salt Spring Roasting Co. (SSRC) rewrote the island's gastronomic standards by opening a little Ganges cafe with a shop roaster and coffee to

Now that business is not only a staple of island life, but the name of Salt Spring is firmly entwined with the certified organic and fair trade coffee movement steaming throughout B.C. and beyond.

Recently redubbed Salt Spring Coffee, the business Robbyn Scott and Mickey McLeod set up in 1996 with 3.5 workers now employs more than 40 individuals between its Fulford and Ganges restaurants, the roasting plant on Alders Road, and sales reps in Vancouver, making it one of the bigger companies on the island.

Like several successful Salt Spring enterprises, its growth can be largely attributed to off-island markets with a hearty appetite for quality. Up to 10 tons of beans pass through Salt Spring Coffee's roaster each month, destined for the Salt Spring Roasting Co. cafe in Ganges, Roasters in Fulford and a galaxy of stores and restaurants

With distribution handled by both its company and Lower Mainlandbased Pro Organics, Salt Spring Coffee can be found in just about every Vancouver and Vancouver Island grocery store — from chains such as Country Grocer to Quality Foods to Safeway and more healthfood-oriented shops like Lifestyle Markets, The Market on Yates, Choices Markets, Capers and Urban

It's poured into cups at numerous south coast restaurants, and is now on its way to replacing the packages of sawdust shavings traditionally used in motel/resort coffee makers.

Some diehard fans even have the taste of Salt Spring mailed to Winnipeg, Toronto, U.S. spots and Japan.

McLeod notes that SSRC was one of the first to concentrate on organic coffee and micro roasting.

"There are some bigger companies in a similar vein, but we were one of the first organic flag in coffee," he

SSRC was also among the first 10 in Canada to become a certified fair-trade roaster, and that was way back in

Even while researching their coffee business in the mid-1990s, McLeod and Scott were set on supporting organic coffee farmers and ensuring they were not exploited.

Tapping into bean sources that satisfied those two goals wasn't always possible, but McLeod is clearly proud to say that all Salt Spring Coffee is now both certified organically grown and certified fair trade by an independent third party.

"It's important that we do this," he stresses.

"For me, a big part of this business is that I've lived most of my life with organic

Salt Spring Coffee shipped and sipped far and wide



values pretty strongly, and because coffee is the second largest commodity traded in the world — after oil — it has a big impact on people."

Certified fair trade means the farmers are paid a decent, living wage; have access to affordable credit; sell their product through a democratically managed co-operative; and use sustainable growing tech-

SSRC even pays a fee to use the "certified free trade" logo, which helps fund the program.

The company receives certificates from third-party inspectors, and SSRC is also audited, providing documentation such as roasting records

"We have a whole audit trail we have to go through," he says. "It's not like we're just throwing the name around."

SSRC is also a member of the not-for-profit organization called Canadian Business for Social Responsibility.

Visiting coffee-producing countries and linking up with the farmers is also one of McLeod's aspirations.

We'd like to see what truly happens and that way we can really support the social and environmental aspects of the business.'

Two years ago, 90 per cent of producing countries could supply organic coffee, said McLeod. In the last six months, the 100 per cent mark has been achieved.

There's no doubt that more and more people refuse to let anything but organic and fair trade specialty coffee pass their lips and ease their cravings, but McLeod says that it still represents only a tiny part of the overall coffee market.

"Ten per cent of coffee is specialty, and a lot less of that is organic and free trade."

The ultimate key to continued business expansion is to increase that market percentage figure by convincing more people to support coffee farmers and the protection of their agricultural lands through organic growing.

At the same time, SSRC has to find ways to keep ahead of the competition, which is multiplying all the

Besides using excellent raw beans, McLeod credits investing in quality machinery and having hot-shot roasters for making Salt Spring Coffee what it is.

Strict attention to detail is

the cardinal practice of roasters Neil Haywood and Doug Saunders, notes McLeod.

In order to achieve consis-Ltency, he says, "You have to do the same thing every time . . . A couple of degrees or a couple of minutes can make a big difference."

Salt Spring Coffee is always "roasted to order" and then shipped out immediately. That means Ganges and Fulford cafe customers drink coffee from beans that could have been roasted just the day before and certainly no longer than 10 days earlier.

While the Fulford and Ganges cafe names maintain their "roasters/roasting" references, McLeod says the subtle product name change cially when Salt Spring is mentioned.

'We're trying to make it a little more clear so that people understand we're in the organic coffee business, not the roasting business."

Having Salt Spring in a company name is definitely a marketing bonus, admits McLeod.

"People are obviously intrigued with Salt Spring," he says. "A lot of people really associate Salt Spring with quality and a good lifestyle."

While it's a boon for marketing, doing business on the island has its challenges. Besides chalking up extra transportation costs, the lack of warehouse space or appropriately zoned land limits options for operation or expansion.

Always keen to explore new entrepreneurial opportunities, McLeod would like to find a way to use the byproduct of roasting — heat - to operate greenhouses growing organic produce, but that also demands a specific piece of property that may not exist here.

Still, when he's manning the SSRC booth at a Vancouver trade show, and people ask with envy if he 'really" lives on Salt Spring - being able to answer "yes" is worth the challenge of doing business on an

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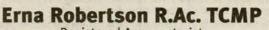


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Book thrills hockey agnostic

I don't often use this space to deliver a book review, but that' because I

don't often come across a book that I actually think is worth recommending.

Today's different. I just read a book that I think any Canuck would enjoy. It's called The Good Body. It's by Bill Gaston, a young writer who lives in Victoria, B.C. — and it's virtually a patriotic duty for every Canadian to read this book because it's about a hockeyplayer.

Ah ah — don't turn the page. I realize that you may or may not be fond of Canada's National Obsession. The first few bars of The Hockey Night In Canada Theme may cause you to tear up, throw up or anything in between.

The point is, if you're Canadian, you're affected.

I would classify myself as a hockey agnostic. Used to love the game, back in the Paleozoic Era when there were six teams and you knew every player's face, thanks to the absence of helmets, face masks and mullets.

The fact is, you didn't even need to see the faces back then. The players could all have taken to the ice wearing nothing Stanfield longjohns and Canadian Tire bags over their heads and you'd still know them. You knew them by their stride, their shot, the set of their shoulders. You knew them because - well, there were only half a dozen teams and you saw every team play at least seven or eight times a year.

Gaston's book kind of bridges that spectrum between the Good Old Days of bare-faced goalies and the Brave New World of multimillionaire superstars who hail from Irkutsk. The hero, Bobby Bonaduce, is a grinder who's spent the past 20 years in the minors, chewing cold take-out pizza on the overnight bus between forgettable burgs like Utica, Tulsa, Rochester and Kalamazoo.

As the book begins, that chapter of Bobby's life is over. He knows now he's not drawn to the spectacle of going to make it to the NHL. men who are the best in the





Instead he's on his way to Fredericton at the wheel of a wheezy old beater to put a cap on his hockey dreams by playing on a line with his undergraduate son on the University of New Brunswick hockey team. How's he going to pull that off? Easy. By getting a masters degree in English literature at the university.

There are just three major obstacles between Bobby and seeing his personal red light go on: he's plagiarized his way into the course; he's next to flat-broke and he hasn't laid eyes on his boy since he was an infant.

Oh yes — and the major cross check. The big reason Bobby Bonaduce is skating away from that Utica arena locker room and towards the groves of New Brunswick academe — Bobby is in the beginning stages of Multiple Sclerosis. This book, The Good Body, is about a body going bad.

Doesn't sound like a thigh-slapper premise for a book — but The Good Body is funny. Funny and dark. In fact, it smudges the line between funny and dark. When somebody chastizes Bobby for his gallows humour, he gives her his face off stare and says, "Marg? Where we're all going? ALL humour is gallows humour."

That's the thing about this guy - he contradicts all the Big Bobby Clobber stereotypes of The Muscleheaded Hockey Player. He's big and he's tough and his face is cross-hatched with scars from hundreds of sticks and pucks and fists, but he's no monosyllabic mutt.

Bonaduce is a wicked observer of the world he lives in. He attends a Bob Dylan concert and describes the singer's voice as sounding like "a hornet in a bean

Of his chosen profession, he says, "That a puck is a meaningless thing to chase is exactly the point. They might never think of it this way, but hockey fans are

4-H animals, kids at Foxglove event

By AMANDA HOY **Driftwood Contributor**

Hello again. Hopefully everyone can read this article in time to join us at the

Show, which takes place on Saturday, April 5. Many 4-H members will be bringing their animals to

Foxglove Farm and Garden

display. This annual event is always our first exhibit of

the year. We look forward to showing our animals to you and sharing information about

The following weekend, on Sunday, April 13, we will

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have another animal display at the plowing match in Ruckle Park.

4-H members and volunteers will be running a concession of hot chocolate, coffee, tea and goodies. There will also be a spring raffle basket.

In 4-H, we participate in many community events during the year.

These first two are going to be lots of fun! We hope to see you there.

land at using their bodies to fulfill PURE DESIRE. Pure, because these are guys who will basically kill to get at a puck, this chunk of dumb rubber the perfect symbol of worthlessness. It is so abstract, so pure in its meaninglessness, it is almost Japanese."

So has Bill Gaston turned me back into a Hockey Night In Canada fan? Naw.

Any sports enterprise that's been reduced to naming its franchises after ducks, penguins and coyotes can only be in the final convolutions of a terminal death spiral. I won't be tuning in to the Ron and Don show anytime

But The Good Body has turned me into a Bill Gaston fan. I'll be looking up his other books.

The Good Body, by Bill Gaston, is published by Harper Collins.



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VANCOUVER ISLAND ENERGY CORPORATION Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Vancouver Island Generation Project

NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Date: Time: Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 and 23, 2003

Location:

9:00 a.m.

Coast Bastion Inn

11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 6E4

THE APPLICATION

Vancouver Island Energy Corporation ("VIEC") has applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") pursuant to Sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Vancouver Island Generation Project ("VIGP", "the Duke Point Project"). VIEC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro"). The Application states that the VIGP is BC Hydro's preferred option for securing reliable electricity supply for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

The VIGP consists of a combined-cycle natural gas turbine power generating plant at Duke Point near Nanaimo, a connection and upgrade to the existing transmission grid, a short gas supply pipeline and related works. It would provide 265 megawatts of power, has an estimated cost of \$340 million and an expected in-service date of July 2006. Environmental and other impacts of the VIGP have undergone an assessment by the Environmental Assessment Office.

The VIGP is integrally linked to the Georgia Strait Crossing Project ("GSX Project"), a proposed natural gas pipeline from Washington State to Vancouver Island. The Canadian portion of the GSX Project currently is under review by the National Energy Board.

The Commission will hold Workshops on the Application in Nanaimo on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 and 23, 2003 commencing at 9:00 a.m. The Workshops will address the following matters:

Tuesday, April 22

- · Vancouver Island peak and annual demand and supply
- · Condition of HVDC cables and reliability of supply

Wednesday, April 23

- · Feasibility of new transmission lines and other supply alternatives
- Vancouver Island Generation Project and GSX Project

The Commission will hold a Pre-hearing Conference in Nanaimo after the conclusion of the Workshop on Wednesday, April 23, to address procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- completeness of the Application,
- identification of principal issues,
- process (information requests, written or oral public hearing),
- location(s) of the proceeding, and
- other matters that will enable the proceeding to efficiently review all aspects of the Application.

After the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will issue a further procedural order and regulatory agenda for the review of the Application.

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The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at the following locations:

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British Columbia Utilities Commission

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The Application is available for viewing on BC Hydro's web site at www.bchydro.com/vigp.

Persons who expect to actively participate in the proceeding should register as Intervenors with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, April 11, 2003 identifying their interest in the Application, indicating if they plan to attend the Workshops and Pre-hearing Conference and providing an e-mail address if available. Intervenors will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation. Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the Application, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, April 11, 2003 identifying their interest in the matter and indicating if they plan to attend the Workshops and Pre-hearing Conference. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary and all Orders issued.

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For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Brian Williston, Manager, Engineering and Commodity Markets, as follows:

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Ph.Ds traded for candles

What is it that brings people here? Sure, it's a nice place to live, but it isn't exactly Harry Belafonte's Island in the Sun.

There's no pink sand beaches rimmed with palm trees. Much of the time it's gumboots and anoraks. Still, they come - most seeking something as elusive as "tranquility." Maybe it's something in the water.

Take Doug and Irene, for example. How else to explain why two sensible, mid-life Ph.Ds would turn their backs on an enviable lifestyle in a charming west coast city to become craftspeople on an island. They had vacationed a couple of times from their Oregon home and, of course, fell in love with the summer ambience, but retirement? Here? In any event, way down the road. Not even in sight.

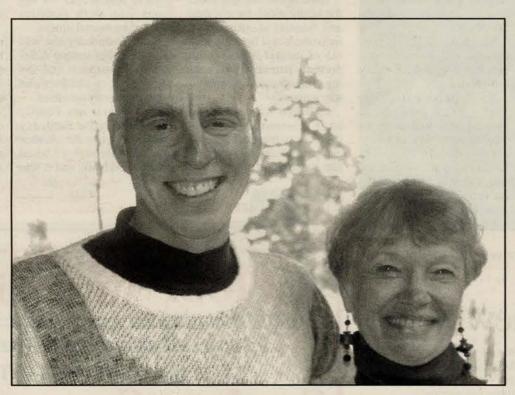
After all, they both had flourishing careers - he as a clinical psychologist at a Portland psychiatric hospital, she in private practice as a neuro-psychologist. It's true they were often stressed out. Their picture-postcard garden cried out for more attention, and fun things were too often set aside for "tomorrow/next week." But that goes with the territory, they reasoned.

Yet Doug Dunlap and Irene Lieban, married 21 years, with four grown children (hers), sensible mid-life professionals, one day said "Enough!" That far-off retirement was NOW, and damn the torpedos.

Besides, said Doug, with a grin, "It was time to do something 'right-brained.""

Retirement was maybe a misnomer, but these two are adventurers and they had a plan - of sorts. They quit their respective jobs, sold their house and moved to Salt Spring Island in July 2002 less than a year ago.

Irene was born in England where she lived with her family until age seven when they moved to the United States. Her intriguing background involves Russian forebears who fled during the Revolution of 1917. Her great grandfather, once a friend and admirer of Lenin, soon became disillusioned with Communism and led his family into exile in France. Irene's trilingual, artistic mother, whose first language was French, had a profound influence on her daughter who, to this day, feels more European than American, in spite of having been brought up in the United States. (She studied French and Russian in college and for a time taught English



Doug Dunlap, Irene Lieban

Photo by Derrick Lundy

THROUGH MY WITH PAT GOULD

in Paris.)

She is an accomplished weaver, plays the piano and guitar. It's hard to picture this lady stomping around in gumboots but stomp around she does, a many-faceted woman. She had visions of spending leisure hours working at her loom — a dream on hold until the garden is reclaimed, the carpenter's paraphernalia disappears and she finishes painting the living room, hall, sunroom, office, bedroom and weaving room of their underrenovation property. But I

American-born Doug spent his early years in Pakistan, where his physician father was a medical missionary and where life with his siblings was an unending adventure cut short when he was sent off to prep school in the States at age 16. Following university he went on to post graduate studies - a pre-doctoral internship — at a psychiatric clinic in Houston. There he met Irene, who was working towards a masters degree in social work.

During college he became interested in photography (which would later become more than a hobby). He was also a dedicated swimmer, in training four times a week as part of a master swimming group. Doug dreamt of spending his leisure hours crafting

furniture n d swimming countless laps (in an as-yetto-be-dis-

covered location).

As with Irene, leisure time is now on hold while he shovels earth into wheelbarrows, shifts leaden cartons from one area to another, clears brush and debris from their five acres, tiles floors, paints the house exterior, retires gratefully to bed at nine. But I digress,

So — they were going to "retire" to Salt Spring. But what could they do that was "right-brained?"

A coffee shop for was sale. "No," said Irene. A florist's business? Uh-uh. Stationery store? Ditto. Chocolate shop? Dairy Queen? Nothing fit.

There was one intriguing possibility: a craft store whose Danish owner was selling out to return to his homeland. They could purchase the candle-making part of the enterprise. Sold!

They promptly commenced learning the fine art of creating unique candles. (It would be an understatement to say that family and friends back in the States were puzzled.)

On the day they took possession of their property, Doug and Irene strolled along the quiet street to explore their surroundings. A raven perched on a fence watched their progression, and then appeared to follow them.

"It's a sign," Irene said to

Doug. "The raven says we're meant to be here." The yet-tobe-built studio would be called, appropriately, RavenSign.

I visited them the other day. The pleasant living room where I admired the view was the only space not under siege. They both looked tired. The grounds were muddy and forlorn, water had accumulated where it shouldn't, a dog had chased their cat up a tree, one room had to be repainted, and Doug's parents were arriving in two weeks for a

We strolled the short distance to the adjacent studio completed, immaculate, awaiting only the anointing of the ubiquitous sheep plaque. Its warm salmon-coloured walls - Irene's handiwork compliment the displays already in place: her colourful woven vests, hats; Doug's unique "painterly" photos printed on note cards and calendars. Perhaps most important, lined up on shelves were groupings of what started it all - the candles.

"You see?" said Doug, looking at Irene. "We're all set to go. It's time to put up the sign."

"You're right," she replied, a smile lighting up her face. "It's time."

What makes sensible people burn bridges to the past in hopes of attaining something as elusive as tranquility? Sounds kind of crazy to me.

But wait a minute - didn't I do the same thing? And I can't even make candles. It's gotta be the water.

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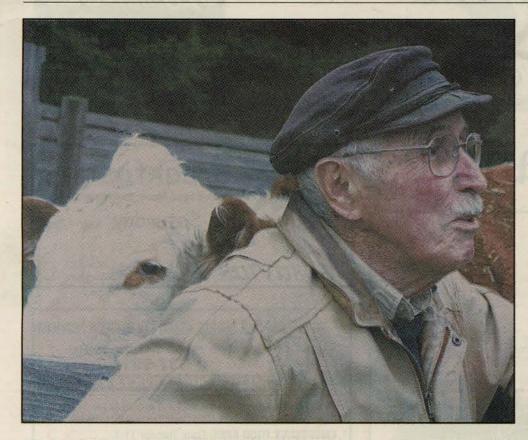
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COW STORY: Long-time Salt Spring farmer Roy Lamont watches the last of his cows and calves head off to a new home in Courtenay.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

collection of stories, titled

Country of Cold, which

interweaves the tales of rural Canadians who grap-

ple with the puzzles of fate,

identity and adulthood in a

Patterson is currently

writing his next book while

working at Rankin Inlet and

Repulse Bay. He's also

planning another sailing

adventure to the Marquesas

on his boat, the Sea Mouse.

and northern medical visits,

Nanaimo Regional General

Hospital and lives on Salt

Spring with his daughter

Molly and partner Shauna

time sipping java while his

partner Leslie worked out at

North End Fitness, it seems

writer/SFU-instructor/multi-instrumen-

· After eons of passing

Patterson

In between sailing trips

works

variety of landscapes.

Lamont cattle off to new home

five years of raising purebred Hereford cattle in a 27-acre farm

27-acre farm between Mount Maxwell and Mount Erskine came to an end last Saturday.

Roy Lamont of Fritz-Roy Farm on Toynbee Road watched the last of his cattle being loaded up and taken off to a farm in Courtenay.

At age 87, Lamont is hoping to find a bit more time for other things in his life.

The cattle will be living at the farm of a friend — so Lamont can visit anytime.

• Salt Spring authorphysician Kevin Patterson is expected to return to the island on April 9 after a three-week stint in Nunavut where he's been working as a medical internist.

The local writer received considerable acclaim for his travel book The Water in Between (2000), which recounted his first sailing adventures in the south Pacific.

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hoisting of weights. Way to go Vlad and good luck with those extensions!

Patterson has published a artist has a major exhibit

• A former Salt Spring artist has a major exhibit opening at Winchester Galleries in Victoria next week.

ing of coffee cups with the

Judy Mclaren is showing 25 pieces — mostly of figures — at the exhibit which runs April 6-26.

A preview takes place this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with a reception from 1-5 p.m.

Lots of islanders bade goodbye to John, Rosemary and Jennifer Baxter at a Friday night potluck and "roast" at Lions Hall. The long-time Salt Spring family were well-known in the realms of outdoor recreation and social activism, including the Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association. As a childcare worker, Jennifer was also a friend to many island youngsters and their families. The Baxters have moved to the Comox Valley, but will be back to

talist Vlad Konik has made the transcendental trek upstairs, swapping the lift. HONDA MARING SEASWIRUS 2301 STRIPER FISHING MACHINE FEATURING HONDA'S POWERFUL 225 HP AND SILKY SMOOTH 9.9 HP "POWERTHRUST" KICKER 1 FROM DISPLAYI SILKY SMOOTH 9.9 HP "POWERTHRUST" KICKER 1

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Families who have a member with mental illness face often challenges never considered by others.

On Wednesday, April 9 at 1 p.m. at the Harbour House, Lyne Brindamour, MSW, will speak on that topic.

Brindamour will talk about the implications for children and families of mentally ill individuals and how the stigma of mental illness often prevents parents from seeking professional and community support.

Children whose parents have a mental illness are often cast into the role of caregiver at an early age and feel isolated and afraid. Parents unable to cope also fear the loss of their children to the Ministry of Children and Families in event of a crisis or breakdown.

Brindamour has written a workbook called Someone In My Family Has A Mental Illness and works on the front line with families affected by mental illness.

Next Wednesday she will talk about her unique intervention approach and the well-being of children and extended family members.

Two years ago Family Place offered a Saturday workshop series for children aged nine through 12 based on the workbook, and it was viewed as a great success by the children and their par-

Funding has again been obtained through the Child Mental Health program to offer this program. Dates have yet to be determined, but it will be facilitated by islander Cat Lightfoot.

The workshop is free, open to the public and any health, education and counselling professionals.

For more information or to register for the half-day workshop, call Family Place coordinator Ragnhild Flakstad at 537-9176 or send a message to family@salt-spring.com.



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Islanders suggest African epic and Rockies tales as book pics

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Islanders with an interest in acclaimed fiction or down-to-earth autobiographies will find intriguing recommendations from local readers as part of a literacy project promoted by the Driftwood and the Gulf Islands School District.

This week, local artist and art instructor Patricia Brown about Barbara Kingsolver's 1998 poetic novel The Poisonwood Bible and island plumbing contractor Jay Bourdin touts Sid Marty's autobiographical collection, story Switchbacks: True Stories from the Canadian Rockies

(1999)"The Poisonwood Bible is one of Kingsolver's best," Brown said.

The book is set during the Belgian Congo's transition to independence starting in 1959. And the primary characters are an evangelical Baptist minister and his family who leave Georgia with the intent to transform Africa.

"I guess you do get a sense of being in Africa. But I guess you get more of a sense of being under a heavy-handed missionary zealot," Brown said.

She particularly enjoyed the way that Kingsolver used a variety of narrative voices to tell the story from different viewpoints.

"It's just such an effective perspective of bouncing around," she said.

A mother and her four daughters reveal their own undoing and salvation against a political backdrop of revolution, CIA-sponsored coup and reconstruc-

"It's a story about human spirit surviving against horrific odds."

And while the suspenseful plot-line was intriguing, Brown also enjoyed the poetic word-play and palindromes that spiced the text.

She's currently studying Romantic poetry with an eye towards earning a masters degree in English liter-

"My biggest interest, other than painting and kids, is English," Brown

"I like to have a wellrounded approach to life. Maybe that's why the book appeals to me; it bounces around like I do.'

Cut from a different form of literary cloth, Bourdin isn't a big fiction fan.

"I generally enjoy outdoor books," he said.

The long-time islander, parent and plumbing contractor found that Marty's

Switchbacks reminded him of his own experiences of hiking, backpacking and bow-hunting.

"I'm not a big reader by any means. But when you get onto something like that, it's good."

For Switchbacks, the Albertan ranger-songwriterpoet drew on his own memories in a series of true mountain tales.

Among Marty's subjects are an old guide who built a staircase up a cliff; a man who catered to hungry grizzlies; a stranded snowshoer rescued between rounds of beer in a Banff tavern; and an opinionated packrat with a gift for larceny.

"It gives you the experience of almost being there."

And Bourdin found that the stories had a fluid quality that maintained a sense of continuity throughout the collection.

"One story would almost flow into the next story."

Even though Bourdin rarely finds time for recreational reading after trying to keep up with research on industry developments and innovations, he found that

Marty's stories drew him vividly into the back-country lifestyle.

"I dove into it and really enjoyed it. You get reading and reading and you can't put it down.'

And islanders might want to consider a peek at Bourdin's or Brown's recommendations (along with picks by four other islanders this month) since the local literacy project is heading into full swing next

Organizers have a dream that Salt Spring readers will each select one of the six recommended books to peruse in the spirit of the Canada Reads project.

Previously interviewed islanders and their selected books are:

• Norman Twa - Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki;

· Wendy Herbert — Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracey Chevalier;

• Mark Proctor — To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper

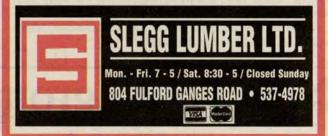
· Clare Rustad - The Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling.

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Early islanders look back at life on Salt Spring

When people ask "What was it like to grow up on Salt Spring in the first half of the 20th century," Lucie Stuart of Victoria has many answers.

She will share some of her experience at the April 9 meeting of the Salt Spring Historical Society at 2 p.m.

Stuart's parents, Theo and Jean Burkitt, purchased the original Mouat homestead on Tripp Road in 1920 and Stuart was born there in 1925.

Stuart attended Mrs. Moorhouse's private school on Robinson Road, the Vesuvius School at Central, the old "chicken house" school next to Mahon Hall in Ganges, and finally the luxurious 12-room Consolidated School at Ganges in 1943. Only the last of these schools still exists.

The Burkitt family also ran Shirley Farm and the Lakeshore Fishing Camp, and Stuart worked hard at both of those ventures, and at her job in Mouat's store during the winters.

Stuart's wide range of experience in many aspects of island life will give her audience a rare opportunity to find out about life on Salt Spring during the early 20th century.

Everyone is welcome to attend the presentation, which will be followed by refreshments.



EMERGENCY HELPER: Grade 10 student Gordon Elliott gets a taste of life in the fast lane as he spends a week working with the volunteer fire department through a work experience program at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

hoto by Derrick Lundy

New youth group aims to bridge age gap

By RACHEL COPPING Driftwood Contributor

So there's this new group on Salt Spring, and as part of the deal I get to write my very own Youth Councilinspired article. Yay!

Now that I've got your attention (hopefully), there are a lot of things you need to know.

The group is a wonderful program that, among other things, bridges a gap between adults and teens, and the results are fun and productive, allowing people of all different ages to comCOLUMN

municate what they feel the community needs.

The volunteers work together planning activities that will make Salt Spring a little more interesting for teens

Right now we don't have an official title, other than "Youth Council," but we're brainstorming for a name and logo.

Exciting events have already taken place.

• On the weekend we had a Retro Dance at Meaden Hall, and the previous week an introductory Tai Chi Chu'an class was offered by Paul Marcus.

• On March 15, the first Youth Recreation Night took place at the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre.

Recreation nights are open to high school and middle school students who want to participate in noncompetitive indoor sports like basketball, soccer and badminton.

We have the space and the equipment, just bring you!

• An exciting new Hip Hop dance class, called Eternity, is being taught by Jesse Young and Chelsea Peterson every Sunday night from 7-9 p.m. at the Core Inn.

Students will learn new choreography, as well as inventing their own, and it's geared toward creating dance pieces to perform in a year-end show.

Everyone is welcome and should wear comfortable clothes and nonmarking shoes.

• These are just a few events we've organized and there are many more to come.

New members and any input is welcome.

• Got an opinion, rant, rave or compliment for the youth of Salt Spring? We want to hear it!

Send your questions, letters or comments to the Driftwood or, if you're on the Internet, post your input on: www.gulfislandcentral.com

Antiques hit the spotlight

It's not the Antiques Roadshow, but it's considered the next best thing.

On Saturday, April 5, everyone is invited to watch Al Bowen, skilled appraiser and former decorative arts curator of the Vancouver Art Gallery, tell a number of islanders if they own a treasure or not.

Last year, one attendee learned that a painting owned by his family for many years was worth \$50,000!

The antiques event, a fundraiser for the Canadian Federation of University Women's local scholarship program, takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Gospel Church, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road. A \$5 admission allows you to stay as long as you like. Refreshments will be available.

Also included in the day's activities is a silent auction of paintings contributed by Margaret Little. A highly skilled artist, Little has shown her work mainly in London, Ontario, where she lived before retiring to Salt Spring Island. She has worked in a variety of media, including pen and ink, etchings, pastels, oils, acrylics and watercolour.

Proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction will go toward a Gulf Islands Secondary School scholarship for a worthy graduating student planning to attend university.

For more information, call June Perry at 537-9838.

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Kim Krieger



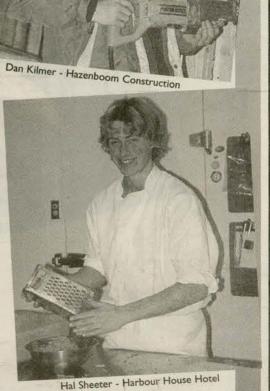
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War memories: shame on Bush

May I tell you a war story? This is not a tale of vengeance or the tantrums

ALEX MITCHELL



offered me a light.

I met my peers. We left

Inverness carrying our

parachutes and settled into

a first-class train compart-

ment for the long journey

back to Southport. We

played a quiet game of

poker. We removed our

insignia, cape and jackets.

we arrived at Crewe, a 15-

minute stop-over on our

One hundred years later

of a wee spoiled boy saying, "Look at me, dad, I'll finish the Desert Storm saga for you and make you

proud of me."

The year was 1945. The Second World War was coming to an end and there was nothing left to kill. As a Royal Navy pilot, age 21, I was given a new task.

"Study the manual of the Bolton Paul Defiant night fighter and fly it up to Evanton, just north of Inverness in Scotland."

I was appalled. I was stationed in Southport at the time and was enjoying a dalliance with a delightful lady who could have written the Kama Sutra all by herself.

The Bolton Paul Defiant was an obsolete night fighter, better known as the widow maker, and Evanton was a graveyard for ancient airplanes.

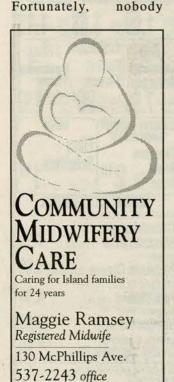
My task, with three other colleagues, was to pick up the planes from outlying naval air stations and fly them to their places of rest.

Fair enough! The rub was that to land these Wright Brothers derelicts you had to touch down at five miles an hour above their stalling speed. The stalling speed, as you all know, is the speed at which the airplane will no longer fly

For example, the stalling speed of a Tiger Moth is 45 mph; the stalling speed of a Spitfire is 65 mph; and the battered old Defiant was now 110 mph. A very dicey situation. We were perhaps not quite disconsolate but we were far from consolate.

The four of us picked up these ancient expendables from all over England and nursed them to Evanton. Why? Ask George W. He probably knows.

We survived. I have memories of a broken thumb being reset without anesthetic and emerging from a crashed plane saturated in gasoline from a leaking fuel tank. Fortunately, nobody



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way south

Crewe has only one redeeming feature — it dispenses draught Bass, the best beer in the world. We were motivated. Like arrows we streaked to the station bar and indulged.

We reeled back to our train some 16 minutes later and it had gone. Our poker table, our uniforms, my winnings (three shillings and sixpence) had left for Southport.

We were not happy! I shall draw a curtain over our angst and shall move on. However, I still wake up sometimes at three o'clock in the morning and

scream. After all, three and sixpence was a fortune in those days.

Two of my fellow pilots, a few weeks before the war ended, flew into a mountain in Scotland and were killed. They were 21 years of age.

I was lucky. I celebrate my 78th birthday next month. I had a wonderful marriage, have two loving sons, two caring daughtersin-law and a grand-daughter who lights up my life.

War is real. Shame on you, George Dubya. I ponder sometimes and try not to think of the ghosts who might have been.



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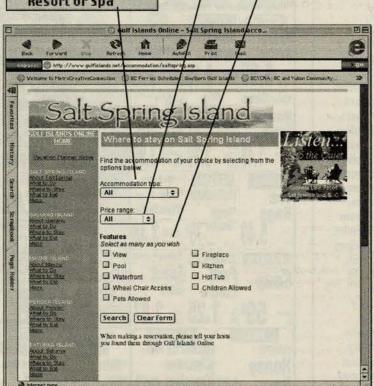
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By STANLEY J. SHAPIRO Special to the Driftwood

Would you like to browse online to read magazines that our library does not have in its hard copy collection?

If so, all you need to do is use the Salt Spring public library's EBSCO service. Anyone can do this at the library and all library card owners with an Internet connection can access EBSCO from their own computers.

When the Mary Hawkins Library introduced EBSCO last year, emphasis was placed on how patrons could use its "full text" feature for researching subjects of particular interest.

For example, those preparing to attend a Philosophers' Cafe meeting on Is War Ever Just? could use EBSCO to generate a list of articles published since 1990 on that subject. Most of those articles could either be read online or printed out in entirety.

Similarly, students working on term papers could do their research through EBSCO online more effectively than is possible even in the largest libraries. Anyone who wishes to use EBSCO as a research tool needs only to follow the

instructions provided when you click on "EBSCO What Is This," a link which you will find on our library's home page (www.saltspringlibrary.com

There are, of course, other ways to search for information online. In particular, using mega-search engines like Google, Dogpile and Copernic will uncover a large number of sites on almost every conceivable topic.

However, they will not lead you to nearly as many "full text" articles as will EBSCO or similar services available only through college and university libraries. Anyone researching a topic should use both EBSCO and a number of the available search engines.

Some 600 searches using the library's EBSCO system were conducted during 2002.

That's an impressive number given that library users were just becoming familiar with the system. Use of EBSCO will no doubt increase as those who read widely rather than research specific topics realize EBSCO also makes this possible.

Most individuals and

small libraries like ours cannot afford to subscribe to all the magazines they would like. Fortunately, the EBSCO service greatly increases the number of magazines available to us.

How is this done?

The process is simple enough. Let's demonstrate it by using the collection containing the largest number of "general interest" magazines. That collection is called MasterFILE Premier. (Other collections you can access contain more specialized publications in such areas as business, health and religion.)

You sign on to EBSCO when you want to read magazines the same way you sign on when researching a specific topic.

Start by going to the library's home page: www.saltspringlibrary.com.

Under "Periodicals" in the column on the left, click on "EBSCO HOST."

In the place requested, you enter your library card number as it appears on the back of your card (BOR and then the six digits that follow) and click on "Login."

Then click on "EBSCOhost Web."

Next, click on the "Title

List" under MasterFILE Premier.

In the space then provided, ask the system to browse for (find) the general interest magazine that you wish to read, for example National Geographic.

Click on National Geographic when it appears at the top of a list of available publications beginning with the letter "N." You'll be told EBSCO provides "full text" access (complete coverage) of all issues of National Geographic beginning January 1, 1995, except for the three most recent issues.

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In particular, the Canadian coverage is not quite as complete as we would like. Also, some magazines, such as The New Yorker, only allow EBSCO to publish summaries of each article rather than its full text.

However, full text coverage is provided for close to 2,000 general interest publications. The other EBSCO collections available to you

are also quite extensive. For example, the Business Source Elite collection provides full text coverage of over 1,100 business publications.

Also, the Consumer Edition of the EBSCO Health Source provides the full text of 195 health-related magazines and abstracts for 200 additional publications.

It's that simple. You can easily use EBSCO either as a research tool or for recreational reading of a large number of magazines. You can do that at the library or, if you are a library card holder with a computer and Internet access, you can also use EBSCO from your home.

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Caroni Young. Grade 10

Siena Anstis, John Arnett, Kathleen Attwood, Devan Banman, Aleesha Bird, Caitlin Bishop, Ann Cooper, Nicolas Corley, Paolo D'Attilio, Koy Dawn-Prince, Anna Delahaye, Rebecca Dixon, Adrian Dom, Evan Eyles, Hannah Fairbrother, Michelle Footz, Marlon Fraser-Buchanan, Danielle Girard, Zoe Guigueno, Erin Hornell, Anna Hosie, Sarah Howe, Jesse Hranchuk, Cameron

Jesse Hranchuk, Cameron Johnson, Jessica Johnston-Hill, Charlotte Jones, Fraser Krayenhoff, Kimberly Krieger, Luke Lester, Mischa Linser, Jesse Lobalbo, Miranda Logan-Webb, Garrett Macdonnell, Stephanie Mathis, Jenna McBride, Jason McLean, Chessi Miltner, Alyssa Mundy, Simon Munneke, Ashley

Nelson, Brittanie
O'Donnell, Hector Ortiz
Roldan, Danika Pal,
Lucas Parker, Alex
Perkins, Aaron Rainsford,
Amber Reid, Ginger
Rippingale, Aja Robb,
Adam Ruddell, Britta
Rustad, Benjamin
Sanchez, Maureen Searle,
Kathleen Sinclair, Morgan
Smith, Kyra StefflerBeard, Amanda Sykes,

Nicola Walker.

Grade 11

Nicola Temmel, Meaghen

Toole, Julian Tross,

Sebastian Anstis, Jessica Bambrough, David Bartle, Jamie Burgess, Timothy Byron, Joah Chlopan, Yoko Deguchi, Daniel Fogarty, Sarah Fraser, Jacquie Harkema, Evan Hartman, Serena Hayes, Colleen Houston, Bryan Hunsberger, Angela Huser, Kara Huser, Takehiro Kakiyama, Laura Kaltwasser, Willow Kaspryk, Fiona Kennedy, Asuka Kimura, Michael Langley, Hali Larsen, Sarah Larson, Lauren Lee, Mira Mackey, Carey

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Michelle Vezina, Katie
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OPENING UP MARKETS FOR BC FOREST PRODUCTS

BC accounts for almost 10 per cent of global wood product exports and more than 12 per cent of pulp exports. We export more than 90 per cent of our forest products – so whatever happens in the global marketplace affects every British Columbian. In an increasingly global economy with new competitors emerging all the time, it's essential we aggressively market our forest products and world-leading forest practices. To that end, the BC government is investing \$20 million to strengthen and diversify forest product markets. We're seeking new customers in emerging Asian markets like China, which has 1.3 billion potential consumers of BC wood products. Meanwhile, we're also strengthening relationships with our current trade partners and working to open up new markets.

CREATING NEW FOREST SECTOR OPPORTUNITIES

BC's forest industry generates 260,000 direct and indirect jobs in the province. It also creates twice as many private sector jobs as any other sector of the economy. To reinvigorate our prime economic engine, we're modernizing the province's forest policies and opening up the sector to new players. We're reallocating 20 per cent of timber held by major licensees to diversify our forest economy and make room for entrants with fresh ideas for forest management and processing. We're making timber more accessible to BC's value-added manufacturers, local entrepreneurs and First Nations. By doing this we'll generate more employment and long-term community stability within a healthier BC economy.

ENSURING SUSTAINABLE FOREST PRACTICES

Another part of our forest revitalization plan is sustainable forest management. Our new forest practices code requires the forest industry to meet strict standards for sustainable forest management, while providing the flexibility needed to achieve better economic and environmental results. The new code focuses on results, not costly, time-consuming paperwork. Companies must achieve measurable and enforceable results set out in forest stewardship plans or face fines of up to \$1 million or time in jail. The code, along with the BC industry's world-class forestry practices and leadership in independent certification, will ensure the province's renewable forest resources are there for future generations.

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- Last year the forest industry paid \$2 billion to the province and its municipalities, enough to fund 390,000 of BC's students in grades 1 to 12
- Close to 600 mills, large and small, provide jobs in well over 150 BC communities
- The average salary and benefits for a forest worker exceeded \$67,000 in 1999
- Secondary manufacturing from timber or lumber employs 20,000 British Columbians and produces an estimated \$4.6 billion in annual sales
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MAD PERSONS SIZZLE

By SUSAN LUNDY Staff Writer

A crazed mix of colour, choreography and crashing sound overtook the ArtSpring stage Sunday night as a Japanese theatre troupe presented the stunning-but-bizarre Educating Mad Persons.

Visually breathtaking, the show drew a standing ovation from a packed ArtSpring crowd, which was then invited to meet the cast in a post-event gather-

I envied my fellow theatre-goers, who could lean back in their seats and let the evening's artistry wash over them.

They could gorge their eyes on rich, vividly-colourful costumes, detail-perfect makeup, flashy lighting, mesmerizing movement.

They could breathe in the sound of clanging cymbals, banging drums, smacking hands and sticks; and enjoy the auditory flavour of background music.

They didn't have to make enough sense of the plot and theme to make lofty commentary in a review the following morning.

Educating Mad Persons dazzled as a banquet for the senses; as "food for thought," it left me agreeing with a comment I caught immediately after "Wow," someone said. "That was great. What the hell was it?"

Originally written for puppets in 1962 by the late Japanese visionary Shuji Terayama, Educating Mad Persons was adapted by Show Ryuzanji and presented by the esteemed Ryuzanji & Company theatre troupe, using human puppetry.

It was brought to Salt Spring by the Raven Street Market Cafe and Gulf Islands Brewery.

The show starts with a longish prologue that introduces a cast of six men manipulating six mannequin-puppet women. The women disappear off stage while the men dress Ninjastyle, asserting themselves as powerful puppeteers.

The women return as six members of a family, which has learned one of its members is mad. To save the family's honour, the patriarch grandfather decides the "mad" person will be identified and killed.

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to the point of obscurity.

The show is billed as a

The term "musical"

makes me think of Andrew

Lloyd Webber productions

songs. While Mad Persons

uses resounding music and

booming percussion to

great advantage throughout

most of the show, the solo

pieces themselves are some-

what jarring to Western

with my senses soaring.

Still, I left the theatre

- with beautifully-crafted

musical with 15 original

Each character — who all appear nuts from the outset has the opportunity for self-revelation.

As the story continues, the drama moves beyond the family, and the characters reflect on themselves as controlled by the puppeteers.

But even the men holding the puppet strings are not the authors of the story and so, ultimately, everything is controlled by outside

Eventually, the characters step away from their own uniqueness, so as not to be identified as the mad person. Only Ran refuses to join her family's chorus, choosing instead to "sing her own song." She is selected as the mad one, killed and, in a surprising twist of events, bleeds like a human being, not a puppet.

The show uses a horizontal screen above the stage to flash English translations of the Japanese dialogue. Sometimes it is difficult to move the eyes between drama and words, making it possible to miss crucial lines or action.

Also, I wondered about the translation from Japanese to English — a

SENSE SENSATION:

Characters in Educating Mad Persons reveal themselves through song in the highly visual show which ran Sunday evening in front of a packed ArtSpring audi-

Amazed at the versatility and ability of the human body, I watched in wonderment as the six puppetwomen moved with extraordinary ease between fluid people-motions and stiff

All 12 cast members proved to be disciplined

The women's stark white faces with decorative makeup were surprisingly expressive. The troupe used a collection of battered suitcases as effective props, and creative lighting and other effects added to the spectacle.

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The entire performance oozed madness and glory - it was a real treat for this Salt Spring theatre-goer to witness such a unique



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23 ** * The Two Jakes

(1990, Mystery) A private eye's new case quickly leads him into a web of murder and corruption. Jack Nicholson, Harvey Keitel

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4 * The Bone Collector
(1999, Thriller) A detective helps a rookie cop find a serial killer who collects bones from his victims. Denzel Washington, Angelina

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12) *** The Remains of the Day (1993, Drama) A butler is so totally devoted to his master that he shuts himself off from all emotion. Sir Anthony Hopkins, Emma

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** Normal (2003, Drama) A middle-aged man tells his family that he wishes to have a sex-change operation. Jessica

Lange, Tom Wilkinson (2h)

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(2000, Comedy) After doing time in prison, mobster Jimmy the Tulip, moves to a suburban neighborhood. Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry (2h)

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3 ★★ From Hell (2001,Thriller) A troubled, clairvoyant police detective investigates the murders of Jack the Ripper. Johnny Depp, Heather Graham (2h15)

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*** The Mask of Zorro (1998,Action) An aged hero recruits a thief to help him stop a ruthless politician from taking over. Antonio Banderas, Sir Anthony Hopkins (2h30)

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3 ★ Seducing Maarya
(1999,Drama) A determined Indian father tries to teach his gay son how to seduce his new wife. Nandana Sen, Cas Anvar (2h)

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23 The Price of Kissing
(1997,Romance) A man falls for an aspiring poet, unaware that she's still in love with her former beau. Pauley Perrette, Nicole Eggert (2b)

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3 ** Someone Like You
(2001, Romance) A talk-show talent scout
writes a sexist column accusing all men of
being cheaters. Ashley Judd, Greg
Kinnear (1445)

4 Croon (2003, Romance) A bittersweet romantic comedy about finding love

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Alexandra Stewart, John Kapelos (2h)

** * Hard Rain (1997, Action)

An armored truck guard tries to protect his cargo from thieves and a sheriff. Morgan Freeman, Randy Quaid (2h)

**Look Who's Talking Too (1990, Comedy) An accountant and a taxi driver find their marriage in trouble after they have a baby. John Travolta, Kirstie Alley (1h40)

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3 * * Thirteen Ghosts
(2001, Horror) A family inherits a wealthy uncle's estate, including a house filled with vicious ghosts. Tony Shalhoub, Matthew Lillard (1h30)

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* * Harmony Cats
(1993,Romance) When a symphony (1993, Homance) When a symphony musician loses his job, he trades in his violin for a bass guitar. Kim Coates, Jim Byrnes (2h)

3 ** Our Man in Havana (1960, Comedy) A salesman earns extra money by inventing information to sell to British spies. Burl Ives, Alec Guinness (2h)

Napoleon (2002, Biography) The life of the French leader's great victories and bitter defeats on the battlefield. *Christian* Clavier, Isabella Rossellini (2h) 8:00 PM

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(1999,Sci-Fi) A powerful military leader takes control of a rival kingdom in a post-apocalyptic world. Dolph Lundgren, Rachel Shane (2h) 9:00 PM

** The Waterboy (1998,Comedy) A waterboy becomes a football sensation when a coach discovers his talent. Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates

(2h)

** * Stakeout (1987, Crime
Story) A police officer falls in love with the
woman he is supposed to be investigating.
Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez (2h)

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life of the French leader's great victories and
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(1960,Comedy) A salesman earns extra money by inventing information to sell to British spies. Burl Ives, Alec Guinness

10:00 PM The story of the man who deserted the Beatles for a career in art, and the woman he loved. Stephen Dorff, Sheryl

★ The Sweetest Thing (2002,Comedy) A single woman and her friends set out on a road trip to find a man she met in a club. Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate (1h30)

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Napoleon (2002,Biography) The life of the French leader's great victories and bitter defeats on the battlefield. Christian Clavier, Isabella Rossellini (2h)

11:30 PM 3 * * Donnie Darko
(2001, Thriller) A giant bunny urges a
disturbed adolescent to perform dangerous and destructive pranks. Jake Gyllenhaal, Jena Malone (2h)

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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April 2

Special Events

Virtues Talk. With presenter Gail Bryn-Jones. Sall Spring Centre, 6:30-8:30 p.m. RSVP to 537-9130.

Meetings

Sustainable Living Public discussion at StarBooks, 5:30-

Genealogy Group. Monthly meeting. Driftwood office,

SSPLASH20. Monthly meeting at Portlock Park portable.

Music

Music & Munch. Janette, Doug and Bruce Grey, and Gary Lundy. All Saints, 12:10

Atomic Blues. Birthday Wednesday Night LIVE! Open stage at Moby's, 9 p.m.

Family

Kindergym. Indoor playgroup Wednesdays & Fridays, Community Gospel, 9:30-11 a.m. Gratitude Journals. Fables Cottage workshop, part I. 3:30-

THURS.

April 3

Special Events

Springtime Dessert Social. With guests The Lost Chords, Ganges United Church, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games 6:30.

Music

Food, Not Bombs. Organizational meeting at StarBooks, 5:30-8 p.m.

Workshops

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen . . . Seven-Thursday parenting series with Lisa Sigurgeirson begins. 7-9:30 p.m. Info/register: 538-1703.

Activities

Partnership Dancing With Mike Young. Mahon Hall. Swing, 7 p.m.; ballroom, 8

Just Dance. Creative dance & superb sounds. Lions Hall, 7-10 p.m.

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April 4

Special Events

He Said She Sang. "Duet" play, Mahon Hall, 8 p Return to the Himalayas Photographic journey with Jane Vincent-Havelka. Lions Hall, 7 p.m.

Chapman Stick Players. Part of open stage at Anise Restaurant, 8 p.m.

Meetings

SS Trail Riders. Meeting re trails in Burgoyne Bay park. The Yardleys' - 316 Isabella Point Road. 7 p.m.

Workshops

Living With Chronic Illness or Pain. Six-week series with Dr. Brian Grady begins: 653-

Yoga With Monica Voss. Three-day intensive workshop begins. Call

Family

Kindergym. Indoor play-group Wednesdays & Fridays Community Gospel, 9:30-11

Roller-blading to Music Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9

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April 5

Special Events

annual Antique Appraisals. With appraiser Al Bowen. Community Gospel, 9-4. He Said She Sang. "Duet" play, Mahon Hall, 8 p.m.

Greg Howard & Jim Reilly. Chapman Stick players at Moby's, 8 p.m.

Michael Redhill. Author reading at All Saints, 8 p.m. 4-H Animal Display. At Foxglove's Farm & Garden

Meetings

Scott Point Waterworks District.AGM at yacht club. 7

p.m. Music

ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Check ticket availability at 537-2102. Ian Tamblyn & Rodney Brown. Northern Roots Tour con-

Manitoba Chamber Orchestra.

cert. Lions Hall, 8 p.m. The Electric Church. Rock 'n' roll/blues at Fulford Inn, 8:30 p.m.

Family

Herbal Kit. Fables Cottage workshop, 3-4:30 p.m.

Cinema

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days — Kate Hudson stars as a maga-

zine reporter looking to prove how easy it is to ditch a guy, the only

problem is she meets her match in an equally ambitious advertising

rep looking to prove his manly talents of seduction. Lots of good

laughs and great chemistry between Hudson and co-star Matthew

Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 — SSTV runs 24-hour community

broadcasts every Friday and Saturday. Tune in from 3:30 p.m. April 4 to 3:30 on April 5. Fall Fair 2002 (part one): The 106th annual

island ritual had the usual splendor of sunshine and friendly vibes.

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April 6

Special Events

Western Canada Stick Retreat. Concert at Pan -Ea Ma'at Light Centre. 7 p.m. (6 p.m. for dessert)

Meetings

Central Community Hall. AGM at the hall, 2 p.m. Special talk on B.C. police history.

Music

Celebration of Student Musicians. Performance by Salt Spring music teachers' students. ArtSpring, 2 p.m. Ron Hadley Trio. Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m.

Workshops

Acceptance of What Is. Evening workshop with Britta and Yogesha. Call 537-1751 or 537-0081.

WHAT'S ON

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April 7

Meetings

Voice of Women, 440 Old Scott Road, 4-7 p.m

Workshops

Lean Living Program. Free introductory class with Susie Buckley, 7 p.m. 538-0004.

Activities

Men's Pick-up Basketball. Mondays at GISS, 8 p.m. Chris: 538-5534.

WHAT'S ON

TUES.

April 8

Family South-end Drop-in. For par-

ents & toddlers. Fulford Hall, 10-noon Easter Basket. Part I of

Fables Cottage workshop, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Activities

Floor Hockey. Tuesdays at Fulford Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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This week's episode of Salt Spring Live features the Peace Rally and scenes from a variety of other community events. Exhibitions

Lots of Colour - paintings by Salt Spring Painters' Guild members is in the ArtSpring lobby.

Mostly Critters, a show of selected artworks by Dale Drever, runs at Salt Spring Roasting Co.

Carroll Church shows portraits at Luigi's Pizzeria.

Nicole Menard shows abstract paintings and hangings at StarBooks through April. Andrea Palframan's Tarot-inspired images in vivid oils, with writ-

ten affirmations to inspire and guide the viewer, are hanging at Barb's Buns Colour: the bridge — work by Laura Hughes McGrath is hanging

at Moby's this month.

Donna Hall and Karen Reiss are showing sculpture pieces at Island Savings until April.

South End Drop-in

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Folk-rocker Ferron drops by south end

It's been four years since folk-rock legend Ferron performed in concert on Salt Spring, but she's breaking the drought next Friday, April 11.

Ferron performs at The Inner Garage, an intimate south-end concert space, beginning at 8 p.m.

Beginning her career in the coffee houses of Vancouver in the early 1970s, Ferron has released 10 albums since that time. Attesting to the wealth of material she has created, her last release, in 2000, was a double-CD compilation spanning three decades of music-making, called Impressionistic Ferron.

She has received critical acclaim for much of her work, including Testimony and Shadows on a Dime—albums released by her own Lucy Records company, and Still Riot, put out by Warner Brothers in 1997.

Ferron's 1994 release Driver was nominated for the number two spot in the New York Times list of best CDs for that year.

According to a 14850 Magazine website article, people who hear Ferron's music cannot leave a concert without being deeply affected.

"This is one performer who sings about very personal visions, and who is

able to leave her audiences feeling like they have gotten to know her, as she guides them through discovering lost pieces of themselves.

"Her lyrics spin volumes of poetry with each line, conjuring up forgotten emotions, suppressed memories, avenues of the soul you've never travelled before, or dreamscape corridors you are still learning about. Ferron is singer/songwriter possessed of haunting melody and daunting honesty. Caution. Do not enter the world of Ferron's music unless you are prepared to feel, to open up to your darkest emotions and to the recesses of your heart."

Doors for the Inner Garage concert open at 7:30.

Tickets are \$22 and on sale in advance at Acoustic Planet.

Ferron also performs at the Saturna Community Hall on Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are at Saturna General Store.

Ferron currently lives in northern California and on Saturna, and is working on a new CD and a onewoman play.

She also facilitates writing workshops and is "in her own quiet way looking for the wild haiku."





RETROACTIVE: Island teens were stylin' at Meaden Hall Saturday as a retro costume dance got underway. Seen here at right, Pippa Millerd and Christina Penhale dress to the hilt in 1970s garb; while above, Nathan Gauld and Jess Strange turn out in 1980s wear.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

He Said/She Sang on stage this week

Salt Spring, Galiano and Pender are all on the spring tour of He Said/She Sang, the hit "duet" created by singer-song-writer Carolyn Neapole and actor-playwright Matthew Payne.

He Said/She Sang runs at Mahon Hall on Friday and Saturday nights, April 4-5, beginning at 8 p.m.

With a combination of witty monologue and gut-wrenching songwriting, the story of two people who appear destined not to connect is told from two points of view.

Susan is a singer-songwriter "wearing her heart on her six-string," explains a press release.

"Bradley just got dumped, again. Both are plummeting towards seemingly solo careers as every opportunity to meet is doomed to comic failure."

Payne plays both Bradley and his best friend Jeremy. He Said/ She Sang was written by Victoria-based Neapole and Payne, and is directed by Amiel Gladstone.

It was originally produced as part of Theatre SKAM's Summer Kamp 2002, and made the Monday Magazine shortlist for "outstanding show of 2002."

Monday also described the work as characterized by 'sassy charm and hopeful romanticism."

Tickets for all shows are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

He Said/She Sang also runs Saturday, April 12 at South End Community Hall on Galiano Island, and at the Pender Community Hall on Friday-Saturday, April 25-26.

The Green Door in Duncan and Victoria's Lucky Bar are also hosting shows in May and June. The show is also supported by the Lucky Bar.







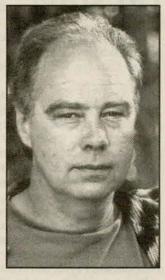
Northern Roots tour takes hold on Salt Spring

The strength of "northern roots" will come through loud and clear when a Canadian folk and roots duo hits Lions Hall on Saturday night.

Longtime friends and collaborators Ian Tamblyn and Rodney Brown have included Salt Spring on their current Northern Roots tour, with a concert that begins at 8 p.m.

Although Tamblyn and Brown's life journeys have taken them down very different paths, they both spent their formative years in Thunder Bay. That experience has profoundly influenced the music they create.

In concert together, Tamblyn and Brown weave vocal and instrumental harmonies, while painting pic-



Rodney Brown

tures of life in the north and exploring universal themes. Piano, guitars, harmonica, dulcimer and percussion find a place in their performances.

Tamblyn has been called an icon of Canadian folk music. He is responsible for the birth of classic folk songs like Woodsmoke and Oranges, and Once Upon a Railroad. His songs have been covered by the likes of Colleen Peterson, Tamarack and Sylvia Tyson.

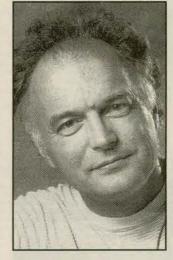
An intrepid traveller and adventurer, Tamblyn has brought his experiences from the far corners of the world home and incorporated then into his music. With an honorary doctorate from Lakehead University, a Juno award and a Japanese Folk Award (only a few of his accolades) to his credit, Tamblyn's talent has not

gone unrecognized.

He has also produced more than 25 albums for musicians of various genres, and recorded and produced over 100 soundtracks for theatres across Canada.

Brown has remained in the north, tenaciously choosing to pursue his career from Thunder Bay, even when logic dictated a careerenhancing move to a larger centre. Establishing a national reputation from a relatively isolated community means intensive touring, but after almost two decades of crisscrossing the country, family commitments encouraged him to take a break from the road.

He has gained a national reputation as a children's entertainer and recorded



Ian Tambiyn

three albums. He has continued to front local bar bands playing everything from traditional Celtic, classic rock, country, folk and reggae.

Brown songs Northern Winds, the Freight Train Derailed and Jack of Clubs Hotel have been covered live and recorded by musicians like Tom Jackson, Daisy De Bolt and Kim Deschamps.

Advance tickets for the April 5 event are \$10 at Acoustic Planet and cost \$12 at the door.

For more information, contact Liz Martin at 537-

Variety of events on tap this month

By JOHN WAKEFIELD **Driftwood Contributor**

This April ArtSpring offers a splendid balance of exhibitions, theatrical performances and musical

Whether at home, on the road or on the CBC, the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra has become known for its selection of orchestral repertoire that is rarely touched by large symphony orchestras. The performance on Saturday, April 5 will begin with a pre-concert chat with George Ehring (7 p.m.) followed by the show at 8 p.m.

· Salt Spring Music Guild presents a Celebration of Student Musicians on April 6 at 2 p.m.

Performing in a variety of mediums, including brass, woodwinds, piano and voice, the show is an opportunity for private music students on Salt Spring to develop their performance capabilities.

Performers range in age from young children to adults and musical styles from Renaissance to contemporary.

· Join Stagecoach Theatre School for an evening of

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fun, laughter and enchant- real life of a small Irish ment for their annual presentation of A Midsummer Night's Dream. This tale of romance, fairy magic and humour brings Shakespeare alive to audiences of all ages. Adapted by Joi Freed, a performing arts educator, the show runs for three nights only — April 10, 11, 12 at 7 p.m.

· Abstract expressionistic paintings which speak of darkness and rebirth, created by Oshun Manuel, are on display in the ArtSpring Gallery April 10-15. A graduate of Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, Oshun has come to Salt Spring in search of spiritual teachings to channel her work.

Painted in the acrylic medium, the works are aimed at capturing the spirit of a child: deliberate, yet raw, colourful, gestural and

 Graffiti Theatre presents four performances on April 16, 17, 18, 19 (8 p.m.) of the award-winning West-end hit Stones in his Pockets. The

community collides with the wonder land of Tinsel Town when a major Hollywood film studio descends on a village in County Kelly. The absurdities involved in making a movie are observed from the worm's-eye view of Charlie and Jake, two of the many locally hired extras to look oppressed and starved on demand.

• From April 17 to 24, the ArtSpring gallery will host recent artwork by Linda O'Neill, featuring a northern interpretation of Salt Spring. O'Neill has lived in and painted the north for the past 25 years. Her recent move to Salt Spring has given her fresh inspiration as she attempts to capture the light and colour of this new environment.

In the north she is known for the intense colour and quality of light in her paintings. O'Neill's new paintings show a softer and slightly more subtle colour

• The Salt Spring Concert

Band is going all-out for its spring concerts on April 25 and 26 (8 p.m.) The band will celebrate its 10th anniversary with special guests, effects and soloists. The concert's theme -Music in Motion — refers to music that relates to both film and dance.

Presented by Island Savings, this will be a once-in-a-decade concert - not to be missed!

· A Gulf Islands Secondary School benefit concert for its Ghana school project is scheduled for April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

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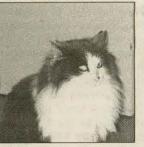
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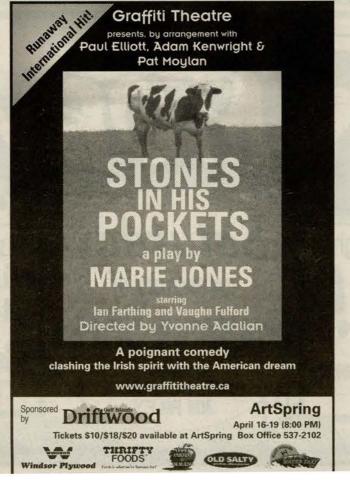
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Famed author takes

Islanders are invited to meet one of Canada's most vibrant authors at An Evening of Canadian Literature on Saturday night.

Michael Redhill, best known for his award-winning novel Martin Sloane, reads at All Saints beginning at 8 p.m.

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S a i n t s listed for the Saturday. prestigious Giller Prize and three other awards.

Critics' praise for Martin Sloane was volu-

"Art and life collide in [an] explosive debut," stated a Globe and Mail review. "Redhill's language is masterful; imagery and metaphor rise organically out of each event and picture . . . The pacing of the writing is marvellous, and conscious of the heaviness of history.'

Books in Canada "Michael declared: Redhill's first novel seems destined to become a small classic, one of those books handed from friend to friend With this luminous, wonderful book, [he] highlights the complexities of human relationships in profound and unexpected ways."

While his first novel fed a tornado of literary excitement, Redhill has also been acclaimed for his drama and poetry.

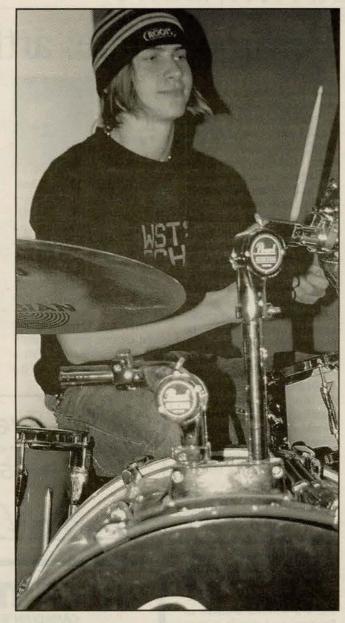
His play Building Jerusalem won the Dora Award for best new play, and was nominated for the Governor General's Award for Drama in 2001.

Redhill's two poetry collections, Asphodel and Light-crossing, have also been highly praised.

He was co-editor of the anthology Lost Classics, along with Michael Ondaatje, and Este and Linda Spalding, and the same team edits the esteemed literary magazine called Brick.

The April 5 event is free, but all donations are appreciated.

Redhill's visit is sponsored by Theatre Alive! and the Canada Council.



DRUMMER BOY: Greyston Stefancsik bangs out the beat at a safe grad fundraiser held at Gulf Islands Secondary School last Friday night.

Students converge for annual concert

After learning new songs over the winter months, spring is the perfect time for Salt Spring's young musicians to stride out onto the stage.

This Sunday, April 6, beginning at 2 p.m., they'll do just that at ArtSpring for a concert aptly called A Celebration of Student Musicians.

Performers ranging from wee ones to adults who study voice, piano and woodwind instruments with Salt Spring music teachers will fill the program.

The annual event is sponsored by the Salt Spring Music Guild, and it's also a fundraiser for the group.

As with the last guild-sponsored student concert in November, audience members are asked to remain for the second half, rather than leaving after the performing children they know have taken their turn.

"It's wonderful to support all of the kids," said Deb Toole, a voice teacher and guild member.

Toole noted the student concerts are always a treat, and it's fun to see the progression of the performers' abilities as their skills develop each year or they take on new chal-

Admission to the event is \$5 — although further donations are also appreciated.

Refreshments and door prizes are also part of the after-



Lots of colour at guild show

People seeking colour to reflect the flowers of a new season should be on the lookout for a fresh Salt Spring Island Painters Guild

Hung earlier this week in the ArtSpring lobby, the show's theme and title is Lots of Colour, with works done in paint, crayon, pastel and watercolour.

"Lots of Colour is an opportunity for members to show their work after a very full winter program," notes a press release.

The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild has been in existence since 1972.

It holds weekly workshops and special programs taught by well-known artists and senior program mem-

As well as lobby shows at ArtSpring, guild members participate in an annual July show and sale, and the ArtCraft summer show at Mahon Hall.

The guild also sponsors an outdoor sketching program and members exhibit paintings at Lady Minto Hospital and other island THE INTERNET **GATEWAY TO** THE **GULF ISLANDS**

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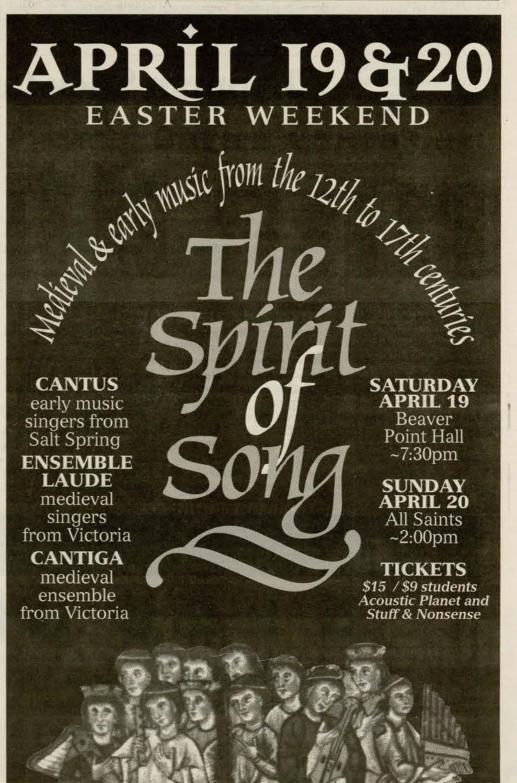


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New gallery eyed

A new Morningside Drive gallery featuring artists at work is catching the lingering gaze of islanders in Fulford.

The working-collective format of In the Public Eye allows art connoisseurs to meet its members: Sam Barlow, Bonnie Dalziel, Brenda Guiled, Sara Gadon, Laura Hughes McGrath (IMOH), Jerry Mallette, Nikki Menard and Rachel Vadeboncoeur.

"It's not just a gallery, but a place to see artists working in their own medium," Dalziel said. "It's an excellent way to stay in touch."

One of the most difficult aspects of a career in the arts is marketing, she said. Working at the gallery creates an environment of vitality and allows artists to meet the community.

"It's a very valuable way to stay in touch with your potential audience and your potential clients."

And since a different artist is in attendance each day, the gallery space will be constantly changing and evolving.

"It's a changing space . . . Every time someone comes in, they bring something new."

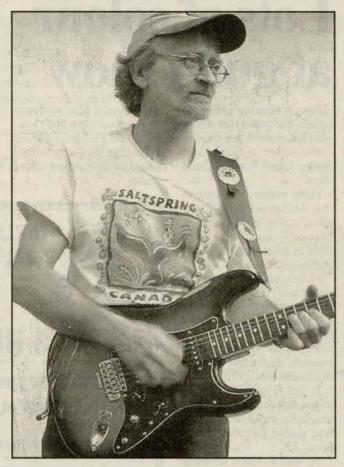
Barlow displays black and white photography, colour work and cards; Dalziel creates vibrant art quilts with political messages; Guiled shows portraits and uses digital manipulation to enhance her technical fish drawings; Sara Gadon paints oils of local landscapes; McGrath shows her colour field paintings; Mallette assembles collages from found items and paints abstract oils; Menard paints abstract watercolours; and Vadeboncoeur cuts leadedglass pieces and shows a variety of painted works on various materials.

While one artist works in the shop each day for the time being, warm weather in the summer will allow several more to work simultaneously by using outside space, Dalziel said.

They even plan to create a satellite workshop down on the Fulford dock.

"We're making an effort to be present to do our work . . . Unless I can sell my art, it's all for naught."

In the Public Eye will have an official opening with artists working throughout the day on Saturday, April 19.



ELECTRICITY: Randall Raymond joins Ross Bruster and Bob Delion as The Electric Church at the Fulford Inn this Saturday night.

Photo Contributed

Electric Church band set to rock south end

A dynamic combination of wood, steel and electricity is ready to assemble at the Fulford Inn on Saturday night.

Randall Raymond has teamed up with Vancouver's "number one up and coming drummer" — Ross Bruster — and Salt Spring's Bob Delion, to create the high-energy bluesrock band called The Electric Church.

"With crying time emotion, Raymond's sonic edge, reminiscent of the late great Stevie Ray Vaughn, cuts through the air with physical force," states press material on the band. "He works that mojo magic and blasts off blues runs like he was on a launching pad."

Femme Fatale: artful trash

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De Palma
is a director many
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his consistent and blatant pilfering of classic films, particularly the twists and turns of Alfred Hitchcock.

I personally don't mind this so much, as long as the result is entertaining. Recently, though, De Palma has drifted into the big-budget, highly controlled studio system, resulting in mediocre efforts like Mission: Impossible, Snake Eyes, and Mission to Mars.

For Femme Fatale, his latest film, he returns to the familiarities of both independent production and "ripping off" the past.

Femme Fatale stars Sports Illustrated swimsuit modelturned actress Rebecca Romijin-Stamos (whew, let me catch my breath) as expert thief Laure Ash. It begins with a heist at the Cannes Film Festival, where Laure double-crosses her accomplice and runs off with the loot. As a result, she's a wanted woman in France, and needs a way back to the good old U.S.A. When she discovers a French woman that looks as if she could be Laure's twin, opportunity beckons. And that's all in the first half

Being a De Palma film, there is a focus on dual identities, trickery, plot tricks, and the such. To make things even more convoluted, it's a De Palma film that refer-



ences other De Palma films. The result is a consistently entertaining, almost bewildering flow of ideas and excitements. It's a cheesier, more energetic version of last year's Mulholland Drive; clearly, understanding it fully probably means seeing it at least twice.

Although I did use the word cheesy, this absolutely does not mean Femme Fatale is a badly made film. To the contrary: De Palma is a master with the intricacies of filmmaking, and his willingness to incorporate metaphors and a sense of the mystical makes it by far his best film.

The cheesiness comes from De Palma's insistence on using bad actors in somewhat stereotypical roles. This actually plays into his favour in that we are constantly reminded that this is a movie — in fact a movie about movies — and so the viewer is allowed to just "let go" and have fun.

Femme Fatale is thus artful trash, and paradoxically one of the best films of the year.



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Chapman Stick taps island

Salt Spring is being "overrun" with Chapman Stick players this week, and offering three opportunities to hear their remarkable instrument at public venues.

Players from across North America are gathering for a weekend workshop at Pan-Ea Ma'at Light Centre, where a Sunday evening concert is also planned.

As explained in a press release, the Chapman Stick is a five-and-a-quarter octave stringed and fretted musical instrument played with a two-handed tapping technique, created by Emmett Chapman in 1969.

While the Chapman Stick may not be entrenched in everyday musical vocabulary, it's been heard in works of artists as renowned as Bruce Cockburn or Peter Gabriel.

"Stick music is as varied as the players who play the instrument," notes the release. "You will hear jazz, classical, folk, rock, funk and some incredible combinations of all those styles."

Sunday's Pan-Ea Ma'at concert begins at 7 p.m., and is preceded by dessert at 6.

Pan-Ea Ma'at is located at 181 Beaver Point Road. Tickets are \$16 from Acoustic Planet Music or 653-4250, and include dessert.

"Stickists" will also take part in an open mic night at Anise Restaurant on Friday.

The following night, two group principals — Greg

Howard and Jim Reilly — will headline a show at Moby's Marine Pub. Both shows start at 8 p.m.

Howard, from Charlottesville Virginia, is one of the most prolific and best-known Stick players in the world.

He has many solo recordings to his credit and has performed and recorded Stick with numerous artists, including Dave Matthews.

Reilly, from Kamloops, is fast becoming one of the top Stick players in the world.

He recently wowed audiences at the international Stick night during a major show in Los Angeles.

More information is available by following the events links at www.stick.com or by calling 653-4250.

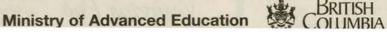


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GUMBOOT GALA

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sniffing tune he'd originally written for an event in honour of local firefighter volunteers; but he hadn't performed it at the event because the firefighters had already stood out in the sun listening to a lot of other musicians.

"There's a rose by the garden gate blooming his life away. I won't let it pass me by," he sang.

The local bard even coaxed the crowd into hyperventilating, quacking and wheezing as part of a giant Earth Rap sing-along.

While much of Valdy's music maintained a jaunty community-oriented barnraising kind of quality, he also touched on deeper emotions with an artfully crafted song that linked a chance encounter with a pod of orcas to a story of compassionate senior-care.

"Feeding the elders who were too slow to catch their own . . . Something much deeper touched me in that family flail."

A second set saw Valdy join the four other musical guests for a chatty Songwriters in the Round event.

The wily Stringband veteran and Gabriola resident Bob Bossin launched into a powerful protest song with a strident list of "maybes" that could be the root cause of current societal problems.

The ranting tune built a fever-pitch suspense as he listed one cultural symptom after another to prepare for a finale that elicited cheers from the audience.

"If it was up to me, I'd take away the guns.'

After discussing a puzzling encounter with a local alien at Beddis Beach, his quixotic love song Lily, Scotland to Canada with an

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which took jabs at a cheerfully mocking God.

"Some of you were conceived in orgasmic fire and some were rutted; and I can tell who," he joked.

Bossin was recently surprised to become a father at age 53 with his wife Mary Joe, who is aged 45.

"Love steams on like a supertanker. Lily did it go like that?" he sang.
Hiding from the light

under his hat in the corner of the stage, Bill Clint shared a barrelling grizzled voice filled with trembling emotion in songs called Sailing in Your Dreams and It's Just the Way Things Worked Out.

"All we've got is our dreams. It ain't what it

Punctuating resignation and longing with his poetic lyrics, Clint filled the hall with his raw emotion in booming lingering notes.

As a local recording artist and member of the Free Range Chicks, Suzanne Little shared her songwriting with a performance of This Time, a song about the personal struggles of musicians who recoil from catering to the recording-business marketplace.

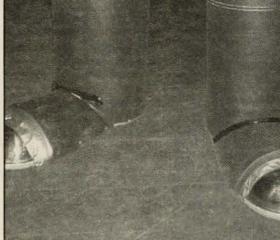
"I know I don't have what it takes to shock myself into place," she sang.

But the surprising ferocity and energy of Little's voice and guitar-work belied her message of musical modesty.

She also gave the audience a special sample of her resonant new song War Bride that she'd completed especially for the gala event.

"I'm writing to say how much I miss you. I know the war will be over in a while."

The heart-ripping lyrics Bossin also shared a remark-able true tale that generated story of immigration from



infant when the woman hadn't heard any word from her soldier-husband.

"I marched on through the lovers and I never did let myself cry.'

As Salt Spring's most renowned Chilliwack resident, Bill Henderson also sang songs of heartbreak and loss.

His classic lyrics: "There must be some way to mend your heart . . . there may never be another chance like this," offered a bittersweet ache to accent an upbeat romantic rhythm.

And the audience was thrilled with Henderson's classics such as: Groundhog, Rain-O, Fly at Night and Something I like About That.

Even people who might not consider themselves fans of rock and roll were seen bobbing and tapping to songs that were immediately recognized as warmly familiar and timeless in composition.

"In vain, in vain, I tell you were all the same," he chimed from Rain-O.

And recognizing that he was performing for the folk club, he made humourous apologies for his inclination toward the gritty medium of rock music.

"I've been back in a rock and roll band for the last five or six years and [Fly at Night] captures how I feel about that."

Wrapping up the evening, Henderson shared the stage with Valdy for a series of anti-war protest songs.

with Calvin's salsa, sour cream, guacamole & cheese

skewered tiger prawn with cilantro & lime butter

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Kicking off with The Green Fields of France by Eric Bogle (a folk club guest in 2001), the two local musicians sang about "a whole generation butchered and damned."

They also led the crowd through Henderson's adaptation of the 1960s song It Isn't Nice by Malvina Reynolds.

"It isn't nice to block the doorways, it isn't nice to go to jail; there are nicer ways to do it, but the nice ways always fail."

Joe McDonald's I Feel Like I'm Fixing to Die Rag was also given a CNN update. And Fulford Hall roared with laughter over the song's wrenching sarcasm.

"And it's 1, 2, 3, what are we fighting for? Don't ask me why I don't give a damn, just wanna go bomb Saddam."

The crowd was finally sent packing with the traditional song Study War No More where everyone sang: "Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside and study war no more."

Residual notes from the spiritual tune may have left some islanders wondering if they actually need to keep up to date with events in the Middle East.

And the crowd shuffling home might also have been thinking about the military implications of words Henderson sang earlier

"If there ain't no audience, there ain't no show."

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GUMBOOT WINNERS: Akasha Forest of Galiano Island (far left), seen with Sky Forest, won best individual costume at the Gumboot Gala while Gordon Keel (at right) won an award for biggest boots with his creations fabricated from concrete forms, kitchen bowls and pool-liner material. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin



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Underage islander overachieves in soccer

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

A Salt Spring Island Middle School student who regularly plays soccer with a metro team of boys two years older than himself has been selected for the U13 Provincial Academy team in preparation for the U14 Nationals in 2004.

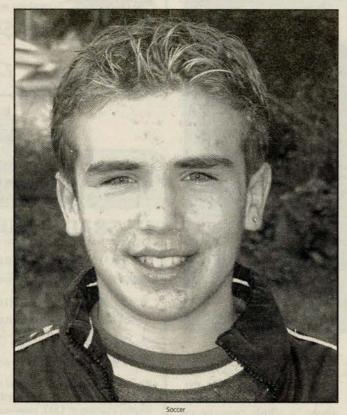
"I'm pretty excited," said islander Cardin Davis

He was one of two players chosen from the lower Vancouver Island region out of 13 initially selected. Only 14 players made the final cut out of 66 B.C. players who attended the first try-out.

Members of the U13 Provincial Academy team will travel to tournaments in the U.S. and go to Ireland in August for 10 days.

Vancouver-based training starts in April but Davis is already used to a six-hour trip associated with practice and game sessions three times a week from playing with Victoria teams for the past two years.

The 13-year-old soccer enthusiast has played with teams two years his senior on the Victoria metro league



Soccer Player Cardin Davis

Photo by Derrick Lundy

in a variety of different roles. "The coach wants me to play all sorts of positions,"

Davis said.

But he's most inclined to playing outside or centre

"I like to get around the guy and drive to the net and put some crosses in and stuff," he said.

Davis started playing soccer with the Salt Spring mini program when he was five years old. But his father and first coach Mike Davis had to convince him to stick with the game in the first year, he laughed.

"When I was little, I wanted to quit because I was scared of the ball. But now I love it."

Currently, his metro team just lost the semi-final match of cup play. Davis still has a big game ahead against an upper-island team in the Nike 'A' Cup on Sunday.

"We will play to see who goes to provincials."

In preparation for cup games, his team has been keeping active with a recent exhibition match against the UVic Vikes women's team and another one against a Division 4 men's team on Saturday.

"We tied the Division 4 team. It was pretty brutal," Davis said. "They'd throw you to the ground."

But the U15 Metro Selects beat the Vikes 3-1, even though UVic is ranked second the Canada West Universities Athletic Association.

"They had the ball most of the time in the first half," he noted.

Even though the Vikes scored first, the younger boys came back with three goals of their own. Davis even got a goal against the university

Asked what he thinks gave him his added advantage when competing for a spot on the U13 Provincial Academy team, Davis had to consider his under-age status.

'Maybe because I've played two years up; it gave me more skill and made me more aggressive - because everyone's so tough in that league."

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Names of week's top bowlers listed

By PAULA BEDFORD **Driftwood Contributor**

Sorry about missing the column last week but I guess having a weekend away to the Interior sidetracked me - but I'm on track now.

For those who are wondering how much we raised for the Muscular Dystrophy fund, it was \$200.75. I loved the look of the shamrocks and sure hated to take them down. Next year let's double

Top scores for the week: Circus: From the land of

down under is Fran Fenly, who has never bowled fivepins but got her first 204

Also over 200 are: Lance Leask, 258, 218/631 and 278, 200/641; Wayne Hewitt, 203, 223; Brian Radford, 202 and 204; Duncan Mathieson, 200; Connie Hardy, 288.

Tuesday a.m. seniors: Jim Glenn, 202 and 243; John Pringle, 209; Stan Sage, 230 and 207; Harold Repen, 212; Marg Baker, 214; John

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Richardson, 205.

Tuesday p.m.: John Pringle 223; Harold Repen, 239, 200; Ken Robinson, 221, 243/602; Winstone, 214, 211/610; Clara Hicks, 233; Henry Otto, 219 and June Webb,

Special Olympics: Jimmy Beck, 147 and 220; Jason Newport, 156 and 186; Terry Swing, 175; Gloria Dale, 202, 162; Carlos Manzano, 163; Andrew Krazon, 142; Joanne Sandberg 142.

Legion: Lance Leask, 214, 289/644; 242, 210/621. The Machine, 211, 296/706 228, 234/660. Fishmonger, 200, 221; Lori Coulombe, 241; Nikki Moreau, 213; Myles Wilson, 200 and 206; The Boss, 234/623; Rick Parsons, 202; Ken Ditlof, 219 — great shoes!

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Sailors enjoy a brisk wind in Ganges Harbour last weekend

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Div. 6 tests Genesis in 'cage match'

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Despite a spirited effort, Salt Spring's Division 6 men's soccer team lost 5-3 against a top-ranked Genesis squad in an endto-end "barn burner" Sunday.

"Genesis is tied for first so we decided we should be their nemesis," said coach-captain Mike Brown.

And the Salt Spring team was even tied 3-3 with Genesis at the half after a series of strong goals, he said.

"It was a wicked game; a great loss."

The game was played in a field surrounded by 12foot chain-link fencing at Topaz Park, Brown noted.

"It was a total cage match."

Fresh from an extended trip to Mexico, Asher Squire challenged both a defender and keeper to caught the Genesis netminder on a faulty pass.

Genesis answered with a cannonball kick from 35 yards. But Colin Walde responded with a hole-inthe-wall free-kick that ricocheted off the goalie to find Tom Berry waiting on the doorstep.

Genesis came back to tie the game at two apiece and Brown told Squire to take more shots.

The speedy score-master deked deep into the Genesis defensive zone once again, and everyone thought he would pass but Squire "let it rip" from 18 yards to catch the keeper standing still.

However, Genesis responded with another goal to tie the teams at

Squire, Berry, Colin McDougall and Cameron Sweet had numerous opportunities in the second half, including four emptyscore the first goal after he net chances, said Brown.

But only Genesis was able to capitalize with two

Salt Spring keeper Chris Healey "stood on his head" to play an excellent game, said Brown.

"He must have stopped 20 shots."

The game also saw Tyler Sayer return from Thailand to dog Genesis in the midfield while Chad Little and Ryan Harrison added great depth to defence.

Martin Thorn and Daemon Baker did a great job sharing a halfback position and Hamish Lloyd played an excellent game as a defender, Brown said.

Sweet, who had been absent for several games, also received an MVP nomination for the division.

"Everyone deserves to be patted on the back," Brown noted. "If you can feel good about a loss, I feel great about that one."

The two teams maintained good sportsmanship game. Players even stopped to let fallen opponents get up, Brown said.

The Genesis team, predominantly manned by Jamaican immigrants, introduced the Salt Spring contingent to their native beverage — Ping — after the game.

"It was the right Ping to do,' as they kept saying," Brown laughed.

The local Div. 6 team wraps up its season with a match against Sooke next

Pumped from the recent game, Brown even thinks the islanders can secure the nine goals they will need to take uncontested control of third place in the league.

"We were right there. For a team that hasn't played together for four weeks, it was top notch."

Any Div. 6 players are welcome to join him for 5 p.m. practices Tuesdays and Thursdays, he added.

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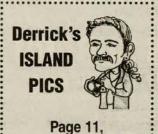
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Peninsula erodes under Slackers tide

Salt Spring's U18 silver "Slackers" girls are headed to the district cup finals after a 5-0 semi-final finish against Peninsula at Blue Heron Park Sunday.

"We started slow with a low energy level, except for our midfield, but we got our first goal halfway through the first half off a throw-in from Jordyn Davignon to Valri Cunningham," said coach Brian Little.

Cunningham, almost missed the ferry, had an excellent first half at centre defence and applied



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along with midfielder Davignon, Little added.

The second half saw Salt Spring score a wave of fourth off a penalty shot. goals, beginning with a clearing kick passed to Nenah Burandt, which was dropped back to Davignon, who pounded a blistering shot into the net.

A great corner by Jocelyn Langdon connected with a great header by Davignon

strong offensive pressure to tally a third island goal. A run by Burandt was pulled down in the box to give Langdon Salt Spring's

And a sliding re-direction by Laura Walker gave the Slackers a 5-0 finish.

"Our defence of Jocelyn, Melanie [Callas], Val and ever-dependable Kathleen [Sinclair] worked tirelessly, breaking any Peninsula offence."

Mira Mackey was also uncanny in net to collect the shut-out.

"[She was] playing at a level any metro coach would be proud of," said Little.

The Slackers missed key striker Kelly Kerr, but they hope to see her back on the field when Salt Spring plays the district cup final at Juan de Fuca next

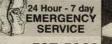


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MASTERS OF THE TRADE: Salt Spring Prowlers' masters basketball team made Salt Spring sports history last week by participating in the Over-40 Provincial Masters Basketball Tournament.

Women take off-island courts at Mouat tourney

The Salt Spring Prowlers women's basketball team made local history with their first-time appearance in the Over-40 Provincial Masters Basketball Tournament at W.J. Mouat Secondary in Abbotsford last weekend.

As coincidence would have it, three Mouat women played on the Salt Spring team and the host school was named after their cousin, Bill Mouat, who had been a principal in Abbotsford.

Former Salt Spring residents Barbara (Mouat) Nemeth and Peggy (Stacey) Street joined the team to bring up the numbers, and became key players for the Prowlers. Peggy's husband Larry Street also helped coach the team in between his "Over-50s" men's games.

Adding to the serendipity, the Prowlers faced Prince George for the opening round and Fulford principal Judy Raddysh had previously played with the northern masters who won the provincial tournament last year.

According to a report submitted by the Prowlers, the Prince George game held fast action and Raddysh led off the scoring against her former teammates while outside shooter Monica Huser hit a three-pointer.

Unfortunately, luck wasn't with the Prowlers as their seasoned opponents took it to the boards time after time to win the game.

Kim O'Neil rallied the

team for their second game against Williams Lake.

Salt Spring came out strong on defence with Karen Hosie fighting for the ball under the boards and Barb Akerman running down her check.

Susan Garside sunk the first two points and they never looked back.

The Prowlers tucked away a winner.

Sunday morning saw the islanders take sixth place after losing the consolation match to a Kelowna team who has played together since 1980.

Both teams came out strong. Lee Anne Gordon worked hard for rebounds and Morgan Savin denied passes.

Still, Kelowna took an early lead against the islanders' man-to-man defence.

Salt Spring managed to keep even with Kelowna in baskets after switching to a zone defence, but Kelowna's lead was insurmountable.

Rushing back for the ferry, tabulated scores were left behind and Basketball B.C. had not been informed of official results at press time.

But collecting score records was not a key focus for the Salt Spring women, Raddysh said.

Now that the Prowlers have finally made the long-distance trek to join bigleague play, they plan to return to the tournament with even greater enthusiasm next year.

Golf season starts

The Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club launched its 75th anniversary season with a Spring luncheon and nine-hole social scramble mixer for women's opening day on March 25.

A team comprised of Barb Davis, Susan Ramsey, Dora Reynolds and Tricia Simpson scored 43 to win low gross.

Melanie Iverson, Verity McKenzie, Ann McLeod and Joyce Scott combined to win low net with a 29.5.

Alice Richards drove closest to the pin on hole

The ladies 18-hole division began regular play Tuesday (results not available at press time) and the men's opening day is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday. Sign up in advance at the clubhouse.

In other golf news:
A Salt Spring team of
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Winners of the 2002-2003 tournament trophy were Irene Hawksworth and Jean Verville. Second place went to Shirley Parsons and Norma Keech.

Betty Ball and Joan Hodge came third and Louise Foulis and Effie Odlum fourth, Pat Herchmer and Margaret Baker fifth, and Tony Luton and Tilly Crawley sixth.

Mary Carlson and Kay Booth tied with Crawley and Luton for the most small slams.

Foulis and Odlum won

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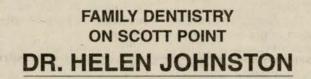
Consolation score for the lowest one day score went

to Ball and Hodge.

Five lucky ladies went home with door prizes. Thanks to Steve Marleau at the golf club pro shop for the gift certificates.

A donation from the bridge group will be used for improvements to the golf club.

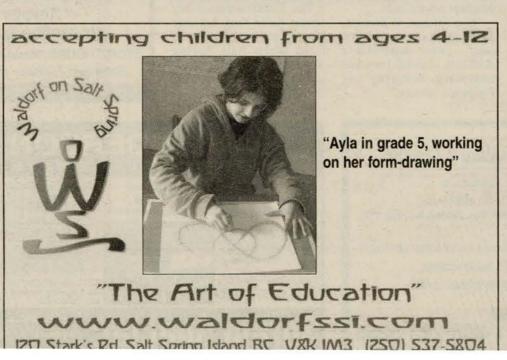




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MAVOR ELINOR Kennedy (nee Fowler) 1911 - 2003. In her 92nd year Mavor passed away while sleeping, early Monday morning, March 24, 2003, in the extended care wing of The Lady Minto Hospital, Left to remember her with love are her "precious baby brother" Terry Fowler of Calgary, Alberta, her devoted daughter Mavor Jacqui and Jacqui's husband Bill of Nanoose Bay, their son, her only grandchild, David Warwick and his wife Michelle of Vancouver. Her joys were, her God, His bluebirds, daisies and the art in his clouds. She began and ended each day with her Bible and long prayers and constantly reminded others to "remember to say your prayers tonight". Her belief was that there is good in everyone. Mavor loved her life and all the blessings it gave her and she will remembered for her strength of purpose and the unselfish, loving ways she 'returned' her blessings. Mavor excelled and was prolific in all the needle crafts. Books, words and music were a part of who she was - she wrote children's stories for her grandson and poems for her husband and kept a daily journal. The lilt of the piano and the words of song kept the sparkle in her eyes. The love of her life was her husband Jim. Together they moved west from Hanna and Calgary, Alberta to Vancouver, retiring to Salt Spring Island in 1980. Jim passed away in 1986 and Mayor remained in Pioneer Village until New Year's Eve 2000 when she went to live at

Lady Minto Hospital. Praise goes to the nurses and staff of The Lady Minto, acute and extended wings, for their constancy, their gentle hands, car-ing hearts and ready laughter. Arrangements entrusted to Hayward's Funeral Service. After cremation she will remain on Salt Spring beside her "Jim". God Bless you Mavor, surely your Irish Eyes are Smiling now, in Heaven.

GRAY: DAVID Lyon. David was born April 1, 1915 in Winnipeg, MB and passed away sud-denly on March 25, 2003 in The Greenwood's Intermediate Care Facility on Salt Spring Island. He was well regarded in the soft drink industry in Canada prior to a career in adult education and management consulting. He was known for his sense of humour, sharp mind and compassion for others. He will be greatly missed by his wife Freda of 61 years; sons, Stephen (Joyce) and Brian; grandchildren, Arlo, Pascal, Saskia, Isaac, and Carmella; as well as his brother Bernard, and sisters Sarah, and Anne. No formal service will be held In lieu of flowers, send donations to Greenwood's Foundation, 133 Blain Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1Z9.



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Desmond 22, 1947 - March 25 2003. Patrick died peacefully at home surrounded by those who loved him so dearly. Born in Vancouver, he grew up in Burnaby. His love of adventure and insatiable curiosity took him around the world at 19 years of age; the first of many great trips exploring interesting places. He attended SFU starting in 1964, when the universi ty first opened and did his gradwork in Economics a UBC. Patrick had a nearly 30 year career with the provincial government as a policy specialist in labour relations. He was respected for his wealth of knowledge and the integrity and professionalism he brought to his work. Patrick loved hiking, camping, and kayaking; was ar excellent squash player, noted for his sportsmanship, and an avid reader. Patrick will be remembered for his cheerful presence, boundless optimism, his sense of equality and justice, but most of all, for his devotion to his family, and his joy in living life to the fullest.

Survived by Linda, his loving wife of 30 years, his beloved daughters Sarah (25) and Alisa (22), his parents Joe and Doreen,(Galiano Island) brothers Brian (May) and David, sister Cheryl (Brad) nieces and nephews; Caylee, Brittany, Joey, Alex, and Matt. Patrick will be greatly missed by Linda's family, Louise, John, Jack and Elizabeth Woodward.

A celebration of Patrick's life will be held on Saturday, April 12, at 2:00 pm at the First Unitarian Church of Victoria 5575 W. Saanich Rd. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Patrick's memory to a non-denominational organization of choice committed to peace and development in the third world.

8 CARD OF THANKS

THE PRODUCERS of the SS Community Theatre production of "Dangerous Liaisons" wish to offer belated, heartfelt thanks to the following: Foxglove, Wine & Flowers, Gina McMahon, Nancy Holcroft and Ruth Pepin for their invaluable assistance during the show. We really appreciate your support.

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SALT SPRING Singers "Carmina Burana" - a spring frolic with friars. Artspring, May 9 & 10. Keep posted.

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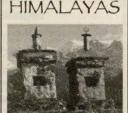


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C-section controversy and night of terror

under my mosquito net, I subconsciously tried to ignore the hurricane



lantern swinging across the moonlit field of the hospital grounds. It was the last night of over 200 I had spent on Tanna, the remote and primitive South Pacific island of 30,000 souls.

The swaying lantern meant that something had gone sour at the hospital, and I, as the only doctor, was being consulted as a last resort.

Soon there would be a soft knock at the rickety door and a nurse practitioner would step back apologetically and say gently, "Sorry dockta, but one patient is no good."

I learned early on that problems were understated when once a nurse stood at my 3 a.m. door, stating, "A man at the hospital fell down," to which I replied, "That's OK, I'll see him in the morning." "Sorry dock-ta, but he no breathe now."

My last night would be one of utmost terror. Enneth, a midwife who our family had grown very fond of, and who occupied the "residence" next to ours, was, much to her joy, finally pregnant herself and due any moment.

But she had run into trouble. The umbilical cord had prolapsed and Enneth was bleeding. The baby's lifeline would be cut off before birth, a very dangerous situ-

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vival for the baby was to perform a Caesarian sec-

In North America C-sections are at the heart of a raging controversy. Obstetricians are often rated according to their Csection rate, one that can range from nine to 35 per cent. In 1970 the national C-section rate was a paltry 5.5 per cent. Today it is 25 per cent and rising.

Many women in this fastpaced world prefer a McBirth, one that can be planned for and not involve prolonged discomfort.

Some modern gals have been labelled as "too posh to push" and demand a quick delivery by scalpel rather than a slow stretch in

Some obstetricians also actually prefer C-sections to normal delivery. The delivery can be scheduled, done quickly, pays more, is arguably safer and presents less risk of lawsuits over a potentially unhappy vaginal birth result. But this is not a risk-free operation, even under the best of circumstances. Anytime a scalpel is dragged across a belly, things can go sideways.

Tonight, for example, in the jungle. In North America, when a C-section is performed, no fewer than four doctors are present in the room. An obstetrician, anesthetist, pediatrician and

an assisting GP are all witness to the blessed event.

On the island of Tanna, I was alone with a nurse and a few dozen flies. I sliced open the abdomen, making my way through assorted layers of muscle and fascia while the nurse flipped away the flies with a towel, like Moose, the locker room bully.

As a C-section can lead to a boatload of blood loss, I had arranged to have extra blood on hand, donated by her village moments before the surgery.

I opened the womb, delivered the baby boy, followed by the placenta, and began to sew the pieces back together. Suddenly a great geyser of blood gushed forth. I struggled blindly to find the source. I stuck clamps everywhere, including most of her uterus, my gloves and the nurse's towel.

But as we say in medicine, "All bleeding stops eventually" and it did. I thought that I had stemmed the hemorrhage. With the last stitch, I nodded to Enneth, asked the nurse to start a unit of blood replacement and headed down the hall to check the baby.

Suddenly the nurse burst in. "Dockta, Enneth dead!!"

I raced back to the OR and was horrified to see my friend and neighbour unresponsive and whiter than

The nurse whispered, "No pulse, no blood pres-

I grabbed a scalpel and sliced open her ankle to do a venous cutdown, a means of urgently restoring fluid when no veins can be

'This will be my legacy," I thought. "I killed much beloved Enneth."

I turned to the only consultant I could on this forsaken island. "God, help me help this good woman," I whispered desperately.

"Dockta, look!" the nurse exclaimed, pointing to the patient's skin. A rash had erupted on Enneth, an allergic rash. She was having a transfusion reaction, a serious allergy of sorts to the blood I gave her. She wasn't bleeding to death!

Some quick adrenaline, cortisone and Benadryl and this new mother rolled open her eyes and asked for water.

I said "Enneth, why drink it, you just walked

I thanked my consultant and wandered back to my shack, my terror now replaced by joy. I relished the experience of being a bush doctor.

The next morning, as I said my good-byes and prepared to leave these lovely people, I was informed that Enneth was recovering well, as was her little David.

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Horoscope for the week of April 6, 2003

Tip of the Week: Jupiter is now in direct motion as of April 3, 2003 after being retrograde in the sign of Leo since early December 2002. The planets are

always turning either direct or retrograde, especially the far ones. While the impact is somehwat subtle, some Astrologers do take note. When in Leo, Jupiter is very royal and proud. At worst, pride and arrogance are the result and at best clear intuitions about the nature of spirit and life are accessed. While retrograde, this faculty of wisdom tends to be obscured. Now that Jupiter is direct, the clouds are clearing. According to the chart cast for the time of Jupiter's direct motion, the main challenge is one of recognizing abundance verses lack. Lack means pain, generally, and is re-inforced by fear. The fear of lack also breeds greed, corruption and potentially violence. This fear is largely anchored in the past when technology was not advanced enough to meet our collective needs. Now, however, we have the technology to provide all people with everything they need. Unfortunately, much of our technology is used to prevent the fear of lack that was experienced in the past. The result is gross imbalance, injustice, insensitivity and cruelty, so that some may have more than they could ever use while so many others go without enough to even eat. To help remedy this unfortunate imbalance in consciousness, exercise gratitude for everything you do have, especially the open heart that allows any of us to truly

enjoy it at all. Thank You! Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Things are really heating up out there! What is to stay and what needs to go? Such are the questions of this day. You yearn to connect with nature. An earthy and practical focus is keeping you here, now. Meanwhile, you feel more strongly and fully than you can remember. It is not so much about personal love as it is of people in general...humanity. We are never alone, though our intellect and sensory faculties do a good job of making us feel that way sometimes. Shift your focus to and through your heart and you will be with everyone fully again!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

A reconnection with your core self, your 'I Am', is now underway. You are being called to rise above daily duty and routine for a while. Inner anchoring is the priority that super-sedes practical concerns. There are many ways to 'get real'. The needs of the moment require that you feel deeply connected to life and earth and spirit all at the same time. In ways you yearn to push and move harder and faster than you can. Breath slowly and deeply, right down to your feet, and remember that your true self is timeless.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) We are all awakening to higher levels of consciousness and you can see the signs everywhere, especially in your own experiences. Now see them everwhere around you and in the lives of others. Like the early morning glow of the sun just before dawn, a magical light is ascending. Take a moment now and sense it. Your ability to feel life and people more fully is your greatest asset. At any moment you feel imatience or judgment or fear, focus on feeling more deeply. Feel the wellspring.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

You are in a take command mood these days. As though you are preparing for something but you do not know exactly what, you feel determined and perhaps somewhat confused. You want to stand on firm ground and yet it is hard to feel it fully. As though in a dream, you have been carried by currents larger than you, these past few years. It is true! You are on the verge of rebirth. Your task is to re-invision how you would like to be in the world. A new expression of leaderships is calling. Trust the flow!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Your spirit is soaring. From this new vantage you are able to see people and life in more vivid ways. You can see through and beyond what was available to your consciousness only a short while ago. Your heart feels full and you are more able to love and forgive. That's right, let go of the past no matter what happenned. No matter what, it is over and you have survived it. Every moment and experience you have ever had has led you to this moment. There is only now, be here and see. Everywhere, spirit made manifest!

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) A subtle stripping of identity layers

is liberating you now. Like scrubbing the dead skin off in the shower, this process will make you feel refreshed. However, like a child, you may resist the rub of the brush. Establishing a few new and better habits is your inner motive. This includes assuring a more independent approach, in certain regards. Exercising clearer boundaries both with your own self as well as with others is probably needed. Focus! Yet, keep an open mind about how the process unfolds.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)

Taking new strides and initiatives on relationship fronts is a central theme now. The key is to let go of expectations about how things should be and/or appear. Be experiemental! Some shifts, and perhaps adjustments changes and renovations are all necessary aspects of the process. New scenes require new sets. This is your chance to explore parts of your self that you know are there but have been afraid to express. Start with little steps rather than stride and run. Just one little shift, twist and step each day will do it.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)

Health continues as a central focus. This implies body, mind and emotions. You have been and continue to shed old layers of the mind. At worst, you feel a little raw and vulnerable. Not everyone understands your motives and intentions. Do you? Perhaps there is room to be more open and receptive. Vulnerability of this sort is a sign of wisdom and strength. Take a break from habitual defence. Are you sure you know what you and others truly need? Nurture more humility. True healing begins in the heart.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

The game is afoot and you are in the mood to play. More determined and ambitious than you have been of late, you are ready to face your fears. The time has come to take the needed steps to make your dream a reality. In order to do so, you must clarify the dream. They are often fuzzy until we outline them at least verbally and especially in written or pictographic form. Your creative manifestation faculties require more definite images to work with. Make the moves to be a star in your own movie.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

With paint on your face and a sharp focus you are fully engaged in the battle. Whether you are in the drapes of the spiritual warrior or the uniform of the soldier, you are compelled by the moment, backed by realities larger than your personality, to be alert and present. With each new moment you learn something new and yet you do not exactly know where you are going or what will happen next. The dust will clear soon and you will be clearer about your duty and resolve. Let the bigger picture sharpen your focus.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

We each have our individual tasks and yours is linked to the information war. Well, perhaps it could be called a game. Yet, the stakes are high now and quality information is needed for success. Consider that the most important mode of communication and information is transferred through personal actions. The people we actually connect with day to day are the real recipients of our messages. That is the virtual reality. If your message is one of love and peace, be love and peace.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

You are eager to build upon a new foundation. The current stage you are on has served its purpose and you are ready for new settings. You yearn to stretch your wings and create a more versatile flight. Yet, you do not feel as confident as you you do not see a set that the is you would like Asset that the is you would like. Accept that this is just the way it is for now. Your test is to feel the fears and be willing to jump anyway. Yes, you will have to learn as you go so be ready to flow with the airwaves and swoop as necessary. Follow through and learn to fly!

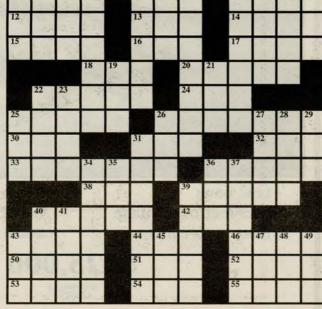
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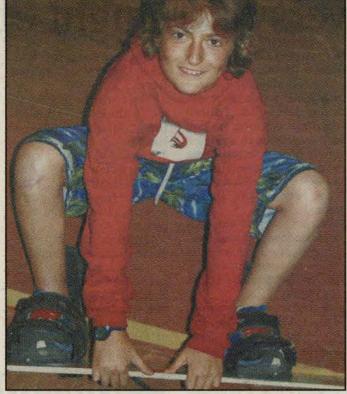
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SWAP TREASURES: At left, Oden Brentmar checks out a new bike — his first without training wheels while above Jasper Snow-Rosen looks closely at a snow board. The sports swap, a Salt Spring Stingrays swim club fundraiser, ran Sunday at Fulford Hall. Organizers say the event will take place around the same time again next year.

Moo-Lamb Rouge bleats for players

A local group of disc-sport enthusiasts is signing up island players for the Udder Bowl XI ultimate tournament in Nanaimo April 12-13.

Dubbed with the moniker Moo-Lamb Rouge for the co-ed event, the Salt Spring Ultimate Club (SUC) hopes to meet rival teams from Lasqueti Island, Cortez Island and the vaunted Lawn Party of Calgary during the 30-team tourna-

Many off-island men and women have already applied for spots on Moo-Lamb Rouge since SUC has established its reputation by earning Spirit Awards for outstanding sportsmanship in their last two tournament showings.

The team also lost all 13 games it played.

But the local team would like to give islanders, even inexperienced players, top priority over vacant positions before recruiting veterans with years of experience in the game.

The team could use four to six more players to field a full complement of 14-16 needed to tackle the eight-game tour-

The only requirements for participation on the Moo-Lamb Rouge team are a cheerful disposition, a silly sense of humour and the ability to fabricate a costume based on a can-can farm theme.

Some Frisbee throwing skills, running ability and a teamsports background can also be assets.

SUC practises regularly at the Hydro field beside Salt Spring Elementary School at 3 p.m. on Saturdays. There will also be special practices at 4 p.m. this Wednesday and 3 p.m.

Call Mitchell Sherrin (537-4536) for more information.

Race training helps avoid running injuries

By BEN COOPER Driftwood Contributor

We are more than halfway through our training program for the Salt Spring Pool Association (SSPLASH) run on May

But there's still over seven weeks for those who still want to start training for the various running events.

It takes a huge commitment to train for the run.

However, the better pre-

pared we are for the event. the more we can enjoy it and reap the benefits.

We want to pace ourselves to avoid injuries.

The gratification of crossing the finish line can best be achieved by taking the slow-but-sure route of training, rather than overdoing it.

Proper training will reduce the potential for injuries, speed up recovery after the race, and give a better performance.

Keeping focussed on the ultimate goal of finishing the run and patience in training will produce successful results.

Week 8 beginners' training schedule

Session one: run five minutes, walk one minute and repeat 10 times (60 minutes total).

Session two: run five minutes, walk one minute and repeat eight times (48

Session three: run five minutes, walk one minute and repeat nine times (54

Runners training on the faster schedule will start doing interval training designed to increase oxygen-carrying capacity and muscle endurance.

Interval training involves running at a faster tempo for a short period followed by a recovery period of a slow jog or walk, with repeti-

Week 8 advanced training schedule

Session one: run slow and easy for 10 minutes; run three minutes medium-fast tempo and recover for three minutes.

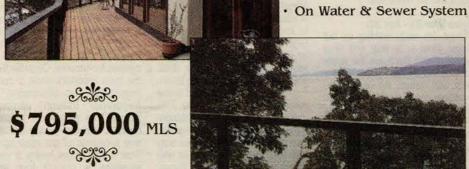
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Session two: run 40 minutes. And session three: 50 minutes running.



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