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Weather

Light rain for the next few days should turn to sun and showers by the weekend. Highs to 12 C today (Wednesday); overnight lows to 3 C on Thursday and Saturday.





Muted cheers greet new school funds

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Whether it's a boon from balanced books, early election campaigning or an effort to appease a nagging conscience, the province will add \$500,000 to Gulf Islands schools next year.

But it's unknown whether new education funding will be enough to allow local schools to resume a five-day school week.

During an announcement Monday, Premier Gordon Campbell touted \$150 million of additional funding for B.C.'s schools as the largest increase in education spending in the past decade.

Education funding for 2005/06 will exceed \$4.025 billion at \$7,079 per student (a \$327 increase per student from \$3.875 billion in 2004/05).

An estimated gain of \$517,000 locally (based on 2004/05 enrolment) will boost the \$14-million Gulf Islands School District budget by approximately 3.5 per

"If they've got some money, they should be pumping it back in," said Gulf Islands School Board chair May McKenzie.

However, local administrators are wondering if the new money will let them restore services already ravaged by declining enrolment and underfunding.

"It's a substantial amount of funding," said Gulf Islands secretary treasurer Rod Scotvold.

"The big question is: 'Is it targeted?

The ministry has already indicated the new investment must enhance school libraries, fine arts programs and special-needs student services under direction from school planning councils.

"We'll be wading through everything and see how we shake down," said McKen-

Since the district hasn't received detailed financial information, neither Scotvold nor McKenzie could determine if new funding would allow the district to return to a five-day week.

"It would depend on if the money is targeted or not and that's what we don't know yet," McKenzie said.

She hopes to have preliminary information for the February 9 school board

SCHOOL FUNDING 2



TSUNAMI FIRE: Fire dancer Mary Kristin entertains at a tsunami relief fundraiser held last Saturday night at Beaver Point Hall.

MLA Coell promises local government options probe

By GAIL SJUBERG **Staff Writer**

Salt Spring governance and the Islands Trust will get some attention from the province this year, MLA Murray Coell said last week.

Coell, who is Saanich North and the Islands MLA and Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services (MCAWS), said he is freeing up funds and staff to create a discussion paper on improving government in the Trust Area and especially on Salt Spring.

"I hope we can bring some clarity to governance for the Trust Area," Coell told the discussion paper and Driftwood Thursday, following a meeting with the Islands Trust Executive Committee two days earlier.

"I'll put my local government staff working with their staff to design a discussion paper with a broad range of options — everything from the types of incorporation to the types of expanded authority for the Trust — and then we'll take it to the people and let them have some input at a meeting in the fall. I think that is the only way you are going to get a consensus on the island, to have that broad some public meetings.'

Coell said considering a different scenario for Salt Spring governance was possible.

"Salt Spring maybe needs to have something different than some smaller islands, so [the paper] would look at some of the powers the regional districts have now that affect all of the islands, and some provincial government agencies."

Coell said that "one common thread" came through

LOCAL GOVERNANCE 2

Residents riled over power line upgrades

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Driftwood Contributor

The British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) will host upcoming community information sessions on the Gulf Islands regarding a proposed project to replace and upgrade existing transmission lines from Delta to Vancouver Island via Galiano and Salt Spring.

The Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project would see two 138-Kv AC and two high-voltage direct-current (HVDC) circuits replaced with two 230-Kv AC circuits in a two-phase project.

The existing submarine cables and the infrastructure that supports them are 35 to 50 years old, including the HVDC and AC circuits of the southern corridor," said Donna McGeachie, BCTC community

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By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

Feeling the public doesn't get enough chance to hear its redevelopment proposals at Local Trust Committee (LTC) meetings, Ganges Marina is holding an open house at the Harbour House Hotel on Saturday after-

"It's basically just to set the record straight," said Ganges Marina project manager Robyn Kelln. "To point

out the benefits for the community and how the math works so people can understand what we are really pro-

Marina Ltd. wants the community to tell them if they want the Ganges seawalk completed in front of the marina lands or not, and to

"Show me where this is not good for the communiwill reconsider anything you show me."

Despite the LTC indicating last Wednesday that if certain conditions are met it could give first reading to a rezoning bylaw that would see development proceed, the LTC and company are not heading into that process in agreement about "the

B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. would like a four-storey, 1,492-square metre (16,058square-foot) building — not the 1,115-square-metre (12,000-square-foot) one accepted by the LTC - four accessory buildings (not the Trust's proposed three) and six dwelling units (not four) across the street.

There's no argument about leaving a strip of waterfront land between the marina and Upper Ganges Road undeveloped for park use.

Trustee Eric Booth said he was prepared to consider the company's more ambitious proposal, although not its latest requests for a liquor store and outdoor retail sales.

The LTC has already agreed that 597 square metres (6,426 square feet) of filled harbour area could be contemplated so the longdormant Ganges seawalk may be finished as part of the development.

Booth stressed the importance of seawalk completion, while trustee Kimberly Lineger said she felt a broader public process was needed on that topic since discussions with adjacent land owners are ongoing.

Reciting reams of site-coverage and unit numbers at the January 26 LTC meeting, Kelln insisted larger buildings and more units could be constructed with the lands' existing zoning, including the placement of residential buildings on the area suggested for park.

He told the Driftwood the company could conceivably choose that course.

"Would we, could we build what we said? Let us suppose you had your option. Build something you could afford or go broke — what would you choose?"

Straining the Trust-company relationship further was trustees' agreement to look at imposing "cost recovery" on the project. When staff work exceeds an estimated 150 per cent of the fees received, making applicants pay for future Trust staff time is an

LTC option. Kelln was critical of the move towards cost recovery, especially since he feels the company could "go broke" if the public and groups like the Salt Spring Conservancy, which has been keenly interested in proceedings, demand Trust responses to all of their concerns.

"If I was one of the naysayers and I wanted to cause problems for me, I would absolutely inundate the Trust with letters and questions so the staff's time is spent answering questions and going over stuff so you bankrupt us."

Lineger initiated the cost recovery idea and lambasted Kelln for again bringing new information for trustees to consider on the day of the public meeting.

"I have a real problem when I get handed a package of materials on the day of a meeting. I can't do decision-making by paper inundation on the day of a meeting. Sorry, I've had enough

But Kelln said the whole process is flawed because so little time is available to get something in writing to the LTC after the latest staff report is released.

"You read the staff report three days before and anybody can take a swing at us at the meeting . . . we have no opportunity to set the record straight.'

The marina's February 5 open house runs from noon to 5 p.m.

Open house follows latest wrangle

posing. Kelln said B&B Ganges

ask him any questions about the development plans.

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LOCAL GOVERNANCE:

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in meetings with two sets of constituents on Salt Spring last fall — one group favouring incorporation and the other a renewed Islands

"The one common thread through everyone is a desire for some change and more local control by islanders."

"It's going to be a fairly quick track," said Islands Trust chair David Essig. "An outline for the study paper will be done by the end of February and [Coell] said he would expect to have the paper finalized by sometime in the fall."

Salt Spring trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth were not at the meeting of the Trust's executive, Coell and assistant deputy minister of local government Dale Wall, and so didn't feel up to speed on the issue.

"It was news to me," said Lineger, who heard about the meeting through a listserve message posted by Trust vice-chair Gisele Rudischer.

"I haven't had a chance to determine what it all means. Eric, Gary [Holman] and I are going to continue on our process and at some point we'll determine how they will dovetail.'

The existing "process" began when Salt Spring's three elected reps met with MCAWS staff in December and agreed to examine current governance challenges. They are set to meet with a facilitator next week. Holman said Coell's announcement was encouraging.

"While there is still a focus on Salt Spring, it is hung around the Trust framework and has implications Trustwide and that's good."

Holman said Coell's commitment to apparently look at options beside straightahead incorporation or the status quo signalled a definite shift from past MCAWS ministry policy.

Lineger expressed some cynicism about the timing.

"This is right before an election so I wonder how much of it is politics and how much is a meaningful wanting to solve some of the governance issues of the Trust," said Lineger.

In other news from his MCAWS ministry, Coell confirmed both additional funding for Salt Spring's Transition House in a province-wide increase, and money for one extra police officer, which has brought the local RCMP detachment up to full staff for the first time in several years.

SCHOOL FUNDING

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meeting on Pender Island.

"I can't see the district being able to pull off returning to the five-day week next year," said ex-school trustee and Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC) spokesperson Garth Hen-

"It would be lovely but if they have to tie funding to these issues - fine arts, special needs and libraries — they won't do it," he said.

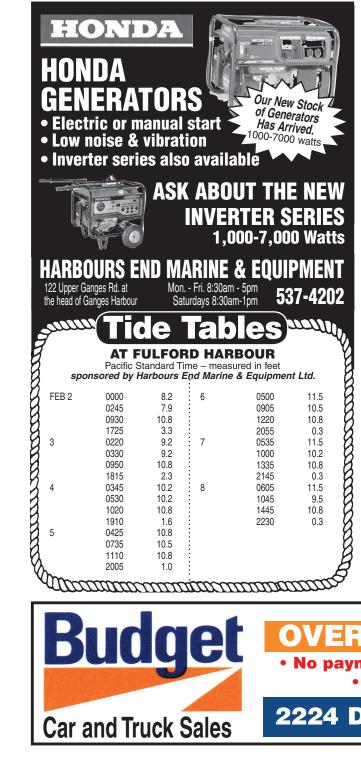
"The biggest dilemma this district faces is the shortfall in terms of wages and benefits as a result of the contract settlement three years ago," Hendren said.

The ministry only funded one year of wage and salary increases imposed by the province, said Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Jean Claude Levesque.

"That's what forced school districts like ours to go to a four-day instructional week," Levesque said.

Underfunded teachers' contracts created an \$188-million shortfall to B.C. districts, he noted.

"Now that [Campbell] comes up with \$150 million, we're so damn far behind that he's just trying to pull the wool over people's eyes."



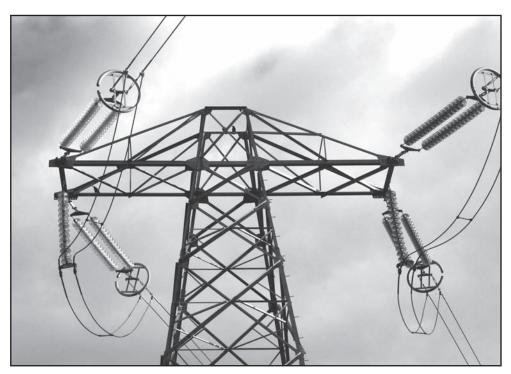


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POWERED-UP: The B.C. Transmission Commission (BCTC) is proposing to replace and upgrade power lines on the route across Galiano and Salt Spring islands. Both BCTC and opposition residents groups are holding public meetings on the

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affairs manager.

"The upgrade is necessary to meet the growing demand in the Gulf Islands and on Vancouver Island," she said. "The load forecast from BC Hydro is that the demand will grow by almost 30 per cent over the next 20 years."

The existing 138-Kv overhead wires and undersea cables are currently serving Galiano and Salt Spring with one circuit, while providing emergency backup for Vancouver Island with the other.

Phase 1 of the project would see one cable replaced with a 230-Kv line to serve growing demand on Vancouver Island, a replacement of existing poles and tall lattice towers with single steel poles approximately the same height, replacement of all overhead lines and a portion of the undersea cables. The earliest Phase I in-service date would be October

The existing rights of way are the preferred route option for BCTC, including overland routes from Taylor Bay terminal to Montague Harbour on Galiano and from Maracaibo terminal to Sansum Narrows on Salt Spring.

In Tsawwassen, residents have organized to protest the plan to replace overd wires through dential areas with higher voltage cables by forming distributing electricity is a

the Tsawwassen Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines (TRAHVOL). Likewise, on Salt Spring, opposition to the upgraded lines across the island has spawned the Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines (IRAHVOL).

The local campaign kicks off with a community information strategy meeting on Saturday, February 5 at 4 p.m. at Meaden Hall for all concerned residents.

"We encourage all residents concerned or living near the overhead power line corridor to attend," said Barbara Turner of IRAHVOL.

"We will have a representative attending from the Tsawwassen organization, TRAHVOL and a panel discussion regarding the issues. We'd like to present as much information as possible to those affected.'

"The objection is to the effect that it will have to the residents who live in proximity to the overhead lines and who will, through no fault of their own, be subject to hugely increased levels of electromagnetic radiation and suffer severe property devaluation," said Chris Anderson, a local EMR tes-

"There are safe methods of distributing power and stringing high voltage AC lines around residential areas is not one of them," he said

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method of underground DC cabling called DC light."

The next year, according to McGeachie, will be spent doing environmental assessment work, including healthimpact studies.

Even with the upgrade to the higher voltage, because of the new pole configuration, we expect that the electromagnetic fields will be less," she said.

The BCTC information sessions take place on Saturday, February 5 at the Galiano Lions Club Hall between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., and on Saturday, February 12 at the Salt Spring Lions Hall between 12:30 and 4 p.m.

"The BCTC project manager and project engineers will be on hand to address any technical and operational information requests," said McGeachie.

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FOR THE RECORD

Contrary to information in the "Ten things to consider before dying" story of the Death & Dying supplement in last week's Driftwood, a will does not need to be signed in front of a lawyer or notary in order to be legal.

As pointed out by Salt Spring lawyer Joanne Elizabeth, "The law relating to the making of wills in B.C. is that a will must:

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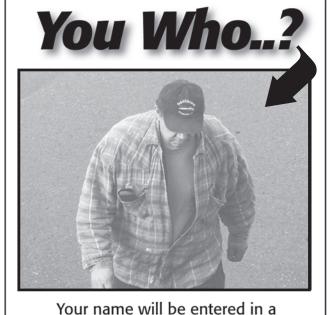
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Trust seeks release of Norton opinion

An Islands Trust legal opinion sought by developers of a Norton Road subdivision could be released to the public.

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) decided at the January 26 meeting to ask the Trust Executive Committee to release the

"I suggest there's so much community interest in this that it could be released," said LTC chair David Essig.

At issue is whether the proposed 26-lot affordable housing development would conform with the official community plan (OCP) when it comes to the proposed density.

A Trust staff report suggests a 15-lot subdivision would meet those provisions and still be subject to restrictions for affordable housing, such as registered housing agreements tying a property's value increase to the rate of inflation, which are intended to keep the homes as part of the island's "affordable" housing stock.

In repelling criticism from developer representative Tom O'Connor, who made an additional plea for lawyers from both sides to talk about their contrasting legal opinions, Trust regional planning manager John Gauld stressed the Trust staff report was created "without a legal opinion. There is a planning rationale for it; it's not because of a legal opinion. Our report is clear and our planning rationale is clear.'

Norton Road resident Daria Zovi argued during delegation time that the property's best use was as

agricultural, not residential. land.

The property was taken out of the Agricultural Land Reserve in the past and redesignated as "Residential" in the OCP. It still has Agricultural 1 zoning, but would require rezoning to a Residential Zone Variation for the development to pro-

Kim Hoban, also of Norton Road, spoke about the need for a valid traffic study to address dangers of the potential increase in vehicles on the road.

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Public knocks around proposed changes in accommodation law

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

A topic marked by frustration and confusion since it was first raised three years ago continued to confound the public at last Tuesday's packed Islands Trust public

"We realize there is still so much confusion out there," said trustee Kimberly Lineger Monday.

"I'm still fielding all sorts of questions about things that I thought were pretty clear.'

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) has proposed new bylaws that

• let seasonal cottages be used for vacation rental purposes, with up to 100 granted temporary use permits

• let homeowners rent their residence to others for one 30-day-maximum period each year;

· let seasonal cottages be used as affordable housing units, if a TUP is granted and other conditions are met;

• require all new B&Bs and home-based businesses to obtain a TUP;

• put a cap on the island's

total commercial accommo-

• increase the minimum lot size allowing seasonal cottages from 1.2 hectares (three acres) to four hectares (10 acres);

· not allow seasonal cottages on lots created by density transfer or amenity pro-

• limit the maximum number of campground sites to 10 unless a larger number is approved by the LTC.

While the suggested changes are wide-ranging, people at the meeting first zeroed in on the proposed fees.

People hoping to make some income under a new regime, if made law, were initially most concerned about the Trust's \$1,000 fee for the two-year TUP that would be needed (with a \$300 renewal fee required.) Those fees apply to all TUPs.

Several people gasped audibly when the \$1,000 figure was mentioned. But trustee Eric Booth said it might be possible to do a "pre-sort" to ensure people didn't pay the fee if their application was rejected, or batch the applications to reduce the standard TUP fee amount.

"Maybe because we'd be doing it in batches there could be a substantial reduction of fee."

People who have been operating vacation rentals contrary to existing bylaws said the provision to allow any homeowner to rent out their home for a period of not more than 30 days each year was not useful to them, and suggested at least 60 days would make more sense.

"Having a 30-day provision is kind of silly," said vacation rental operator Greg Simmonds. "Either this really is a bad thing for the island or it's not. It's not only a bad thing for 30 days ... 30 days is goofy because we're a 75-day island.'

Yet once the topic was raised, it was apparent not everyone understood the Trust's intention. George Ehring, who was part of a research committee on vacation rentals last year, said the 30-day idea was to let a residence be rented to one group for one period of up to 30 days if the homeowners went on vacation - not to serve multiple renters for any number of nights within that 30 days.

Trustee Kimberly Lineger said some public feedback showed a wish for multiple renters, and to extend the 30day period — in effect to operate residences as shortterm vacation rentals for a limited time period each

More than one person suggested it wasn't fair if existing B&Bs don't pay fees, but Gauld stressed that B&Bs don't need permits from the Trust to operate because they are a conforming land use.

Trustees and staff reminded people the proposed bylaws were not cast in stone and could be amended before being given first reading and sent to public hearing.

"If you have a change you want to make, then we need to hear it," said Lineger. "Give it to us in writing."

Copies of the proposed bylaws and a "plain language" interpretation are available at the Islands Trust office in the B.C. Hydro building.

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Missile plan shot down

An island-based scholar has launched a protest letter to oppose Canadian participation in the U.S. Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) pro-

"Even if it were effective, we should not be involved because it represents enhancement in weapons," said islander Hugh Greenwood.

As the retired head of the Geological Sciences Department at U.B.C., Greenwood led a group of eight scientists and scholars from the Royal Society of Canada who oppose the BMD.

"I guess we're all distinguished by the fact that we have accomplished something in the name of science," he told the Driftwood.

Based on extensive research on the BMD, he believes the interceptor-missile program is inherently flawed and would waste billions of dollars. Historically, any weapon development leads to further escalation in countermeasures, he said.

"If this is also a step toward putting weapons in space, that's another thing contrary to Canadian foreign policy.'

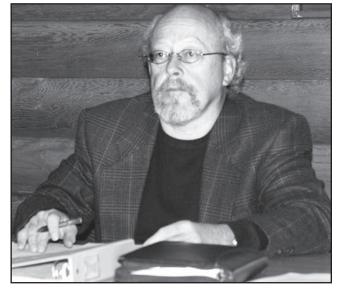
Greenwood believes BMD support will also erode Canadian credibility in the international community.

He is not in the habit of writing protest letters, Greenwood said.

"It's time to stop standing by. It's time to express an opinion.'

His co-signers were Royal Society Fellows Timothy Parsons, Peter Dodwell, Bryce Kendrick, Maria Tippett, Michael Hadley, Janet Bavelas and Philip Wallace.

"Since none of us as individuals have any clout with the political machinery, we hope it might stimulate others to write letters and maybe stimulate someone who's more likely to get the ear of the Prime Minister than we are.'



TRUST MEETING: Local Trust Committee (LTC) chair David Essig, above, and Trust planner John Gauld listen to concerns expressed on various issues at last week's LTC meeting on accommodation.

Blackburn paving considered

Concerns about proposed paving of Blackburn Road to service a 12-lot subdivision have prompted a call for a public meeting.

Vastu Development Corporation is undertaking the subdivision on 28 hectares (70 acres) of land overlooking Blackburn Valley.

It has received several letters asking the Ministry of Transportation to not pave the remaining gravel portion of Blackburn Road from Salt Spring Centre up to Cranberry Road.

Those letters, which oppose the plan to cut down trees, widen and pave the remaining gravel portion of Blackburn Road from Salt Spring Centre up to Cranberry Road to the usual 60foot-wide standard, were passed to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC).

"Cutting down the trees along the side of the road would destroy the country lane atmosphere it now has, drastically reducing its appeal, wrote Salt Spring Centre of Yoga director Frank Ens.

"It would also encourage people to drive faster, especially since there is a long straight stretch, making it a more dangerous place to walk

The LTC decided to postpone a decision until more public input on the matter is received, possibly through an information meeting.





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"It wasn't a boat no more," said officer-in-charge Paul

The vessel owners were previously advised to take care of the derelict vessel, but it ran aground on a provincial park near Sidney and the coast guard checked the wreck to ensure no one had been aboard, he said.

"They left it and it got hammered in the storm."

On return to Ganges, the crew was then tasked to investigate reports of a burning vessel at Five Fingers Island near Nanaimo.

A hovercraft, Nanaimo auxiliary and a crew from French Creek also participated in the search but nothing was found, Reynolds said.

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Teachers wear ribbons to protest service erosion

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Local teachers marked the third anniversary of eroded learning conditions in the province by wearing special black ribbons on Friday.

"If we don't speak out for special needs kids and services and so forth, who will?" said Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) president Jean Claude Levesque.

"Prior to the Liberals coming into power in 2001, learning conditions in B.C. were protected by the teachers' collective agreement," Levesque said.

"When these guys came into power, they stripped everything."

Collective agreements between teachers and the province were removed when Bills 27 and 28 were adopted in the legislature on January 28, 2002, Levesque said.

"Now we have 113 neighbourhood schools closed, 2,500 less teachers in the province, we've lost a lot

of our programs, though not necessarily in the Gulf Islands, and we've certainly had specialist services eroded."

Collective agreements had previously provided limits for class sizes, guaranteed provisions for specialist teachers such as librarians and counsellors, and determined service levels for students with special needs, Levesque said.

A B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) press release states that school districts have been underfunded by \$319 million since the Liberals assumed power in 2001.

"From our perspective, things aren't worse for our students," said Gulf Islands School Board chair May McKenzie.

Declining enrolment (pegged at 29,300 across the province since 2000-2001) has significantly impacted figures reported by the BCTF, she said.

"We definitely are all dealing with a declining enrolment but as we know and we've said it over and over: 'The government does not fully fund the cost of education in this province."

But even though funding might be lacking, there is no evidence of deteriorating educational achievement, McKenzie said.

Results from international tests in 2003 (Programme for International Student Development) placed B.C. students in the top five achievers in the subjects of math, reading and science among 41 participating nations, she noted.

"B.C.'s right up there at the top again . . . It's a balance to provide all that in the face of decline."

Teachers' collective agreements expired in June 2004. To date, the parties have conducted preliminary talks, but the bargaining process is still in the early stages.

Thais sail more local boats

Donations collected on Salt Spring keep transforming into fishing boats in Thailand.

Fundraisers from Salt Spring's Community Gospel Chapel transferred another \$9,781 to the Sea Gypsies Fund on Saturday.

"To date we have raised \$35,781 and have pledges for about \$23,000 more," said islander Debbie Cairns from Phuket, Thailand.

Cairns and her husband Tom have already bought seven boats and hired a boat builder in Krabi to make nine more long-tail fish boats. He can make a boat every five days, she said.

One recently purchased boat was even named by a donor after a grateful recipient asked for recommendations.

"Mr. Khai asked Tom if he would name the new boat for him. So, we e-mailed the donor and he wanted the boat called the Stacie M."

Another local donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has sent funds to buy 10 boats, she said.

"He commented that so many hearts were broken by one wave. His heart went out to the Thai people whom he had lived with 23 years ago. He saw a need, believed in this project and sent money."

Each of the new Sea Gypsy boats will be adorned with a cross to symbolize the religious group's involvement in the rebuilding project.

The Cairns wanted to thank all the islanders who have supported the project.

"We are so blessed to hear of the schools, Legion [members], coast guard, firemen, musicians and dancers who are raising money for boats. Wow!"

Last week, Salt Spring Island Middle School students reached their \$2,500 goal for buying a boat. And as the Cairns find fur-

ther success and more funds, Sea Gypsies in the Rawai village are connecting them with other communities to extend a helping hand further abroad.

They went to Sea Gypsy villages at Koh Lanta on Tuesday.

"We are on a fact-finding mission to assess the needs there," said Debbie Cairns.

She believes that Sea Gypsy villages in Thailand will need some 1,200 new boats.

Islanders can learn more about the fundraising project through their website (www.communitygospelchapel.com/seagypsies.html).

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GROUNDHOG DAY: Two "Salt Spring ground(water)hogs" watch as a third looks for its shadow in the water at a private dock on St. Mary Lake.

Elders appeal one Sablefin permit; another one denied

By ROB WILTZEN

Driftwood Contributor

The close of one outstanding regulatory issue has coincided with a new challenge to the controversial Sablefin Hatcheries operation at Walker Hook.

While last month the company was denied authority for more excavation through First Nations burial sites, Penelakut Elders have just launched an appeal against the permanent waste disposal permit granted in December. That follows an unsuccessful appeal of the temporary permit for the same purpose.

"There has been an appeal filed to the Environmental Appeal Board on the waste disposal permit under the **Environmental Management** Act," confirmed Krista Robertson, legal counsel for the Penelakut Elders.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management (MSRM) denied a request for a Sablefin Hatcheries permit amendment to authorize excavation of four spur trenches at the Walker Hook site this week.

"It is evident that the archaeological site is of cultural significance to First Nations," noted the ministry in a letter.

The denial will not affect hatchery operations since the pipes will be installed above ground, rather than buried, according to Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. president Gidon Minkoff.

"What it will do is affect the visual aspect, but not the operation," said Minkoff. "The residents of Salt Spring who oppose the project don't realize that we are trying to do the best to maintain the environment.

"Their intervention is aimed to try to find a way to stop the project," he said. "This doesn't change the project, it just means that the pipes are not going to be buried."

The MSRM decision is a positive step for the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group (HTG), however, said HTG negotiator Robert Morales.

"We appreciate the ministry's indication that the decision is in support of First Nations' values," he said. "This is the first time that we're aware of that a permit has been denied with respect to cultural values of First Nations and indicates progress in terms of the ministry's understanding of First Nations issues.

"There won't be any further excavation and that's positive, but we still have concerns," said Morales. "The objection, as we've said all along, is that this is an ancestral burial area and the whole idea of running effluent through it is contrary to our customary laws and traditions."

Salt Spring Island Residents for Responsible Land Use members have actively opposed the operation and permits.

"From the residents' point of view, knowing that there will be no further digging and trenching, that no further ancient remains will be disturbed, gives us some relief," said Sharon Bywater of the group. "But using the funeral grounds of the Penelakut for industrial waste is still wrong."

"They never should have been allowed to do the work in the first place," agreed Kim Kornbacher, a Salt Spring archaeologist. "If the proper procedures had taken place and an archaeological impact assessment had taken place, I'm convinced that the findings would have proven that this is a place of scientific and cultural significance. No assessment was

done, however."
"Arguably," she said, "Sablefin went through all the proper procedures and it wasn't really their fault. I really fault the Heritage Conservation Branch of the ministry for granting them the permit in the first place."

Land tax-saving workshops begin

Salt Spring residents interested in Islands Trust's new Natural Areas Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) should attend information meetings set for this Saturday at Lions hall.

NAPTEP is designed to encourage landowners to protect ecologically, geologically and culturally significant land on several Trust Area islands by providing a break on property taxes.

The February 5 NAPTEP general information session runs from 2-4 p.m.

Baseline studies and monitoring report writing for environmental professionals will be discussed from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Islands Trust Fund has prepared a comprehensive information package, which is available on its website (www.islandstrustfund. bc.ca), by calling (250) 4055186 or by writing to the Islands Trust Fund at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8.

The information session is at the Pender Islands Community Hall on Sunday, February 6 from noon to 2 p.m.; at Saturna Community Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 12; and Mayne Island Ag Hall from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, February 13.

Applications will be accepted beginning March



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Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 17, 2005 at 7 pm Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave., Salt Spring Island, BC

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I cordially invite you to the second annual general meeting of the Members of Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation.

At the Annual Meeting, members will be asked to consider and vote upon the following matters:

- Approval of the Report to Members from the Board of Directors; Approval and acceptance of the financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2004.
- Election of Robert McGinn, Eric Booth, Don Montieth, Michael Ableman, and Michael Hogan as the Directors of the Society for a one-year term expiring at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Members.

Following the formal business of the Annual Meeting, at 8:00 PM there will be presentations by:

- Jim Scott A discussion of his role in last years Community Economic Development and how it benefited Salt spring Dollars.
- 2. Cameron Smith- A discussion on Oceanside Dollars, a Vancouver Island Project http://www.oceansidedollars.ca/about\$\$.html which was patterned after Salt Spring Dollars
- 3. Bob McGinn- A discussion of the future of \$\$ Dollars

All members of the public are welcome.



STRAIT OF GEORGIA NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA FEASIBILITY STUDY

Notice of Community Information Sessions

Parks Canada, in cooperation with the Province of British Columbia, is undertaking a study to assess the feasibility of establishing a national marine conservation area in the southern Strait of Georgia. You are invited to attend an upcoming information session to learn more about the project and how you can become involved. Information sessions will be held at the following locations and times:

Saturna Island

Saturna Community Hall, 104 East Point Road Wednesday, February 9, 2005. 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Pender Island

Pender Islands Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road Thursday, February 10, 2005. 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Galiano Island

Galiano Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road Tuesday, February 15, 2005. 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Mayne Island

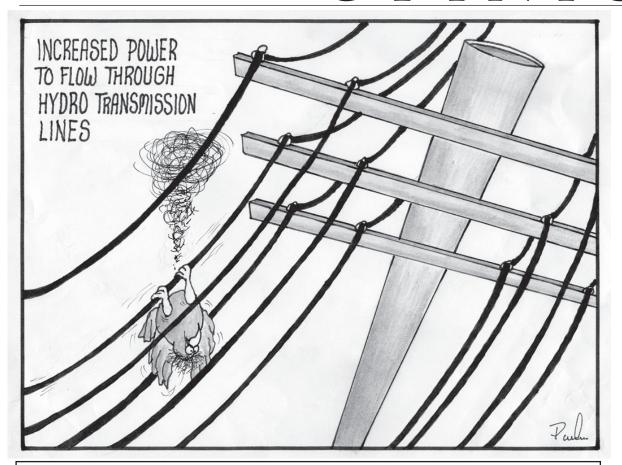
Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road Wednesday, February 16, 2005. 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Saltspring Island

Artspring Centre, 100 Jackson Avenue Thursday, February 17, 2005. 4:00 - 8:00 pm



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Long election trail

It's been a wonderful week or two in B.C.

Skies have cleared and downpours have been replaced by torrents of provincial government funding announcements and all kinds of attention being paid to long-neglected needs.

There's now millions for everything from education to transition houses and the legal aid system.

Even the lowly Islands Trust Area has been given promises of special attention and a discussion paper with options on improving governance. While that may or may not prove fruitful for Salt Spring and the rest of the Trust islands, having islanders' concerns finally heard on the governance issue is welcome news.

Let's have an election every year.

It's easy to see that a fixed election date gives the government even more of an advantage when it comes to timing announcements so it can put on its best face — although an out-of-control scandal could always kibosh the potential benefit.

During the inaugural go-round of a fixed election date in B.C., the provincial Liberals are clearly stretching out benefits of the pre-election period to the max.

But political opponents and critics can also use the fixed election date to their advantage, as can the average voter. Rather than a rush to dissect all of the issues in a 30-day period, they can absorb and participate in ongoing discussions and analysis over several months.

As an example, a forum on the changing state of environmental regulation and related topics is running Tuesday on Salt Spring. With reps from political parties invited to join the high-level guest speakers, the event has a decidedly pre-election flavour.

Ideally, four or five months of pre-election discussion will end up being a good thing, with voters gradually educating themselves about critical issues and sifting through what's sincere and

With a referendum on the Single Transferable Vote system also on the May 17 ballot, it's more important than ever that the electorate be alert.

Letters to the Editor

Erosion

Ten thousand years ago the glaciers receded and uncovered the topography of the islands we know and love.

From that time to the present there has been an extremely slow accumulation of topsoil or biomass (the ecstatic skin of the earth).

This is the stuff that the trees, plants and animals

(including us) depend on for survival. The amount of biomass that is available represents the long-term wealth of a place.

Every time we have a heavy rain, an enormous amount of our common wealth is washed into the harbours around the islands. Today's farmers and loggers probably have some appreciation for what is happening when Ganges Harbour and Fulford Harbour turn brown.

My concern is that the opportunities we're leaving our children and grandchildren are also being eroded. MEROR KRAYENHOFF,

Cusheon Lake Road

Guiding aid

The tsunami disaster has been at the front of the headlines for a few weeks now and everyone has been contributing time and money in true Salt Spring fashion generous to a fault.

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As time goes by, the headlines will disappear and for the most part the thoughts of donating will decline. As has been expressed by several people, the need will continue for months and even years to come.

The 1st Salt Spring Guides have decided to embark on a recycling project that will help other Guide Units in

the areas that suffered. The money raised will go directly to Guiding Units that need it most. The Refund Centre has generously set-up an account for the girls and they are asking the community to donate their refunds to their cause. The project will run from now until the end of May. If you want to donate only a portion of the refund money, the depot has asked that you separate your bottles into two piles before you get to the check-out.

Tell them which one is for a credit and which one you want cash for. The community's help in this will benefit young girls from afar as well as give our local girls the chance to participate in a worthy cause.

LIANNE FIDLER, Guide Leader, 1st SS Guides

Taking my place at the family table: 3 stories for changing

By ROBERT OSBORNE

I pulled the car over and said a prayer. I asked the early night sky to open my heart, to embrace the family from whom I rarely see or

My soul mate, my grandmother, had died on the new moon. Her death brought me back to a very wintry Ontario. This night the moon was nearly full and the reflecting scape into a mystic twilight blue. I sighed. My bones recognized home even if those who peopled it no longer recognized me.

I knocked on an estranged front door, stepped in and took my place at the family Christmas table.

To my enjoyment the food was the same, the stories and conversation the same. As the evening drew to a close I suddenly realized that no one had asked me a single question about my frontier life on the West Coast.

Had I become the silent symbol, an occasionally pleasant anonymous adornment to their centristloving life? Perhaps I represented to them a time of past hopes, now of present confusions and of a looming unknown future.

As I listened to my stepmother tell her fourth back-to-back story, it dawned on me that my life was simply too dangerous for them to acknowledge, let alone accept. To enter my world they risked challenging their own sweet understandings of order and privilege.

In this brief awakening my heart

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shone for them. You see, I am blessedly gay. I am a jet-setting, poverty-dodging artist, successfully living with HIV, a witch, an environmentalist, a healthy, sex positive, country-loving pagan who is, as a former lover describes, "a maniac for life." I live on the outer margins of my family's comprehension of society.

In this moment, years of longing for attention and the chronic pain of exclusion converted into a sense of deep personal empowerment and wonder. I felt greater love for them — and for myself — than I had ever known before. My martyr complex up and quit. I had become a true hedonist for life.

A month later I stand on a Vancouver corner with a thousand solemn queer men and their allies demanding justice on Sunday courthouse steps.

Four young men receive knuckle-tapping sentences for the brutal murder of Aaron Webster. It could have been me. It could have been any number of those I hold dear.

The night of his demise several witnesses heard what sounded like the side of a car being smashed in. The sounds of bats and golf clubs, symbols of the privileged sports lovers in our midst, bludgeoning

The theme of Sunday's rally: "That's enough guys!" were Aaron's final words. This statement, at once seemingly pathetic, had now become heroic. They echo in my gut, they haunt me until I feel nauseous all over again.

Contained within this simple three-word phrase is a profound innocence, courage and trust in a society that will one day back his dying words. This was the final legacy of yet another gay man witnessing death rain down on him in cracking metal and wood.

The prosecution failed to name it for what it was, a gay bashing hate crime.

During the demonstration I hugged a couple of politicians I know. Whatever their politics, we're gay men in solidarity. One is a disenfranchised liberal in the B.C. parliament. The crowd thinks he has turned his back on his own community, safely towing party

The other is a renowned former federal NDP MP - Svend Robinson, our Icarus fallen for coveting

shiny diamonds. He delivers his first speech since his resignation. He dutifully reminds us of the connection between the marriage issue and the murder of a single gay man. He reminds us that without full and equal rights, young teenagers, girls and boys full of life and unfulfilled purpose, will continue to load up their knapsacks with rocks heavy

enough to weigh them down and jump off local bridges and commit suicide. The water makes the rocks so much lighter than the taunts, jeers and punches of peers and adults alike, a world indifferent to their beauty and promise.

Two days later and I stand on the steps of the Victoria Conference centre. This time, 150 of us protest the bigotry and political ism of Conservative leader Stephen

I do not believe he cares about gay marriage any more than the southern charlatan Bush does. Political opportunism is nothing new. The sad thing, other than the wasted millions of taxpayers' money fuelling their divide-andconquer platforms, is that the world might continue to lose many bright next steps in its evolution.

Harper, preferring a decaying '50s model of society, blankly tells a newly married professional lesbian couple that he would annul their marriage. Power-hungry scary

On this, the first sunny day of many to come, I am humbled to see how many culturally diverse young people, presumably many heterosexuals, arrive to cheer on freedom and equality for all. Their definition of marriage is one based on love, not fear. They speak with intelligence and faith in a future that includes everyone's rights.

Church groups arrive. A minister lends his voice to this rising

wave of change. He is rightfully concerned that radical right-wing Christians give religion a bad name, further alienating people from finding their own way to spirit

and a caring human world. Before I know it the loudspeaker is in my hand. My heart shakes as I proclaim to this out-and-proud crowd of future community leaders that protests are not some civil exercise in human rights. I invoke the memory of Aaron Webster and of those desperate, frightened youth. I remind all of us that we of the borderlands continue to fight

Marriage itself is a symbol, one that now openly represents the friction of inevitable change. We Canadians are a society embattled in a strained, value-confronting courtship.

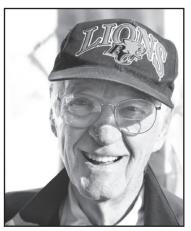
It is my belief that in doing so we are doing the responsible thing. By working out our differences, whether struggling against homogeneity or chaos, we will only discover we have much more in common with one another than not.

Together we are hashing out the pre-nuptials. Let's do it passionately but fairly. It is our time to prepare to quietly lie down together in a giant country queen-sized bed before we all roll over and turn out the light.

The writer is an organic farmer on Salt Spring.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Is winter over?



Don McCardia I'm an optimist. I think it's over.



Xiang Xu I think it's over because February 9 is Chinese New Year and we celebrate the beginning of spring. The weather is also beautiful.



John Pringle It's absolutely over. The flowers are starting to bloom.



Annie Weinberg *Is it ever over? You might* still have some winter in your heart. Even if the sun is shining, you might carry some January around. For me, it's always summer.



Kate Bragg The trees are budding. If it ain't over, it's almost over. I saw an ornamental plum tree in bloom the other day.

Letters to the Editor

Mean spirit

Mr. Harper and his colleague MP Gary Lunn are not being honest when it comes to same-sex marriage. Beneath their tidy plan to simply "protect" traditional marriage by downgrading same-sex marriages to the status of "civil unions" lies a host of legal problems, a swarm of social ramifications and a mega-dose of mean-spiritedness.

Yet, they refuse to admit they will have to invoke the Notwithstanding Clause to override the court rulings in favour of same-sex marriage in most provinces where 87 per cent of Canadians live.

Thousands of same-sex marriages will have to be annulled to the disappointment of their friends and families:

"My parents aren't married any more, they've been civil-unionized."

The end result of "cherry picking" the rights of minorities is that the government is going to find itself back in front of the Supreme

Court of Canada years from now. When the court rejects this type of discrimination, which by all indications it will, it will be the Conservatives who have egg on their face. And the cost to the taxpayers?

It also sets a dangerous precedent by using the Notwithstanding Clause to deny rights to a group of people.

What if the government decides to ban interfaith marriages, since they may be offensive to the country's large Catholic population? Or deny infertile couples the right to matrimony because marriage is apparently all about sex and reproduction according to these Conser-

As constituents of Mr. Lunn, we should tell him not to waste any more time obstructing the right of a small, vilified minority to enjoy the pleasures of a faithful, committed marriage. As was the case with interracial and interfaith marriages, Mr. Harper and Mr. Lunn need to stop pandering to doomsayers and instilling fear among new and old Canadians.

Twenty years from now, when homosexuality is as unusual as left-handedness, Mr. Harper and Mr. Lunn's reactionary plans will not only seem bewilderingly ignorant, but just plain

DAVID RUMSEY, Musgrave Road

Music?

Now I know why there are few events where you can bring children.

The tsunami benefit at Fulford Hall Saturday night was a good example. Amongst those who attended, there was a small group of six to eight children. The music was excellent amid the screaming, thumping and running tots.

The collective response tolerated this ruckus but it detracted from the musical performances.

Do parents no longer teach "inside voices" (lower volume) and "outside voices" (you can yell)?

It's a large hall, so running around is okay, but here's

a tip — two little rules. Say: "Inside voices please and don't run in front of the stage."

I have raised two boys and was a professional children's entertainer for over 10 years, so I know that just a few rules and a little structure can bring about a delightful evening for everyone.

After Saturday night's experience, the reactions of some people make me believe they would not attend another event open to all ages.

I ask all guardians to please consider these pointers for the overall success of future family events.

J. MUNN, Salt Spring

Misleading

Last week's Driftwood contained an article using information from a selfcongratulatory press release from the Islands Trust regarding province-wide support for the preserve and protect mandate.

The press release is a prime example of political spin and misleading with statistics.

Full survey results, not just what the Trust chose to publicize to the press, are available on the Trust's website. Along with the happy conclusions trumpeted by the Trust, there are some equally valid but unhappy conclusions that can be drawn from the same survey.

1) Less than 80 per cent of Trust area residents consider themselves very familiar with the issues.

2) Ninety-five per cent of mainland residents are not very familiar with the Trust or Gulf Islands issues.

3) Fifty-seven per cent of the province's population has no strong objections to either mining or fish farming in the Gulf Islands.

4) Seventy-one per cent do not object strongly to large-scale tourist developments here.

5) There is strong support province-wide for protection from overdevelopment (86 per cent) and tourism management to protect the environment (93 per cent) in

our islands. However, there is no way to distinguish this from a general opinion that applies to all parts of the province. We may be as "special" as Surrey or Prince George in others' eyes.

The Trust has misused \$6,000 of our money to fool itself and its constituents. Far from being a strong province-wide endorsement of preserve and protect, the survey can as easily be read to show widespread ignorance of the issues and a likely "so what" response should the Trust's mandate be threatened.

Self-government on Salt Spring, with preserve and protect explicitly mandated in its charter, and with the Trust remaining in place to prevent purely local foolishness, would be far more effective than the expensive rose-coloured glasses the Trust has apparently donned. It would cost us less to boot.

NORBERT SCHLENKER, **Islanders** for Self-Government

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Dragging affordable housing out of market no solution

The Elliotts' Norton Road "affordable housing" project has a lot of detractors, apparently with endless spare time and bottomless energy, swearing blood oaths that this project will never see the light of day.

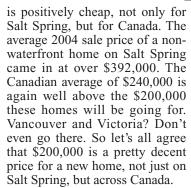
Arguments range from the sublime to the ridiculous, touching upon spotted owl habitats to visions of preschoolers mowed down by out of control vehicles.

In his zeal to appease the unappeasable, Mr. Elliott has marched out concession after concession. To further burnish the altruistic halo, and meet official community plan (OCP) guidelines, he has promised to attach covenants to all properties, which will limit profits from future resales to the rate of inflation, thus ensuring these homes remain "affordable" in perpetuity.

Are the alarm bells going off yet?

Let's take a close look at this. Let's talk about what's affordable. Is the anticipated \$200,000 sale price "affordable" for someone entering the real estate market? Absolutely. Two hundred grand

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But maybe "affordable" refers to the ability of a typical Salt Springer to pony up the downpayment and pay the mortgage every month.

Statistics Canada pegs the average Salt Spring grunt's take-home at \$35,000 per year. An OCP survey talks about a median Salt Spring income of \$49,000. (The survey must have factored in the thriving "grow-op" industry.)



ber, affordable market housing on Salt Spring professionals.

Teachers, cops and trades people should

not be forced to commute from Victoria or Crofton to get to the job site. Affordable housing will go a long way in convincing these essential professions to call Salt Spring "home."

At today's rates, with a minimum down payment, a \$50,000 per year wage earner will pay a little over \$1,100 per month for one of these Norton Road properties. Add another \$150 for property taxes and you are at \$1,250. Seem like a lot?

According to Blair Howard of Royal Property Management, the typical Salt Spring three-bedroom rental costs \$1,246 a month. We have one of those bizarre situations where it is just as expensive to rent as it is to buy. It's one of the six signs of the Apocalypse,

So here's a fatherly piece of advice. Get your hands on a piece

Whatever the num- of real estate. It remains the best legal tax loophole available in Canada. You don't pay tax on any should target middle profit made from selling your principle residence. And tax-free profit is what you will very likely

> The average non-waterfront Salt Spring house increased in value 22 per cent in 2003, and a further 10 per cent in 2004. Show me an RRSP or a mutual fund that can make that kind of profit over two years. I dare you.

> Barring an economic freefall such as a repeat of the World Trade Centre nightmare or the NDP wresting away the reins in the next provincial election, the B.C. economy will continue to

> People are flocking to B.C. at the rate of 40,000 per year. Last year saw an astounding \$5.5 billion spent on residential construction, a 36 per cent increase over 2003. Homebuilders are crying for qualified tradespeople, with over 30 per cent unable to find decent carpenters. And the 2010 Olympics virtually guarantees work for the next five years. All

the signs point to blissful prosperity and rising house prices for the foreseeable future.

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Which brings us back to Norton Road, where the developer and Islands Trust state that any profits on any resales will be restricted to the rate of inflation.

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Serious study

The Norton Neighborhood Association is anxiously awaiting to hear the results of a traffic study being done from Crofton Road to Atkins Road. As a member of the association, I feel compelled to inform the island that this important study appears thus far to be reduced to a rereport from ICBC stating the number of accidents in this area that have occurred in X number of years.

Because there will be no vehicle counters, mechanical or human, and likely no information based on weather conditions such as fog, ice, time of day, time of year, etc., this can hardly be defined as a reliable study. The issue in any case is not what has happened, but what is going to happen when 50 or more cars are all trying to

get to work on our winding, single-lane roads. Norton Road and Blain Road both slope onto Lower Ganges; this is really scary on frosty mornings! It's like 365 fall fair days forever. Visualize 50 cars stopping on ice as each one slides into the other at the intersection. Visualize the south-bound traffic on Lower Ganges Road as other vehicles come over the crest in front of the original house at Summerside.

I will refrain from any more scenarios, but please let us invest in a believable, responsible, serious study.

- Take into account all the not-too-agile seniors that walk the area.
- Remember there is a day care centre here, a seniors centre, Legion and bowling alley.
 - Remember that the school

bus stops at the Blain Road/ Lower Ganges intersection. (Alternative route for Norton Roaders.)

- · Remember why it does not stop at Norton intersection. Do you know why it doesn't stop there?
- · Are you aware that the bus, if full, is not obliged to pick up our children? Do you know why that is?
- · Are you aware that there is a blind corner at Scarff and Kings Lane with a 13 per cent (estimated) grade nearby?
- Are you aware that there is only an average 11-foot span of uncrumbled road in this area, with no sidewalks?
- Twenty-six houses equals at least 26 more people walking the roads at any given time. How much is the life of a child worth?

KIM HOBAN, Norton Road

KFAC petition

On February 17, Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC) is running a bus to the Victoria Legislature to present petitions signed by 1,000 people. The number one item on our petition is increased funding support for education in this province. Education will be an important and critical issue in this spring's provincial election. Call John at 537-2891 to book a seat on the bus. Read our petition below. It can still be signed until February 14 on-line at www.keepfivealive.ca.

"Reverse the decision to reduce the Gulf Islands school week from five days to four. On May 19, 2004, after an inadequate public consultation process, and no referendum, SD #64 trustees voted to change the Gulf Islands school calendar in September 2004 because of a projected budget

deficit. Given that the quality of our children's education was not the primary consideration when the trustees of SD #64 voted to cut the school week. Given that the concerns of the parents, students and community were not thoroughly researched or respected. Given that we know from various studies and from the experience of other districts in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and the U.S. that academic standards suffer under the four-day week. Given that for every student lost from the public to the private and independent system more public money is given to private and independent schools. Given that this calendar change will precipitate further enrollment decline. Given that parents have the right and responsibility to participate in the process of determining the educational goals, policies and services provided for their children:
"We call for increased

funding support for education in this province starting 2004/05.

"We call for ethical intelligent alternatives and solutions to financial and enrollment problems of this district that will make the quality of public education for our children a number one priority.

"We call for the cancellation of the four-day school week and a solution that excludes the four-day school week and respects the votes and voices of the community.

"We call for an independent audit of SD #64's finances.

"We call for a more open, transparent and accountable school board and for full disclosure of School District #64's Business Company's financial and future plans.' MONA FERTIG,

Parent, KFAC member

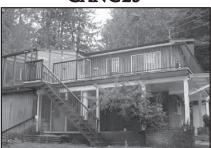
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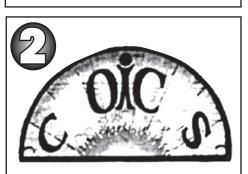
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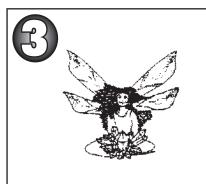


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Bring health-care workers' pay back to 2004 levels

By CLAIRE HEFFERNAN

Just before Christmas, I received a copy of our MLA Murray Coell's report titled "Meeting The Challenge."

It was an interesting metaphor since I too have been trying to . . . meet the challenge . . . struggling to live on \$5,000 less a year. This cut to my income was the result of the B.C. Liberals' draconian legislation, Bill 37, passed in May 2004, forcing nearly 40,000 health care workers back to work with a 15 per cent pay cut.

Over 100 Hospital Employee Union members on Salt Spring Island experienced the same fate, representing a loss of over ½ million dollars to the local economy.

Mr. Coell describes his government's efforts to reinvent and re-build a province that had drifted into "have not" status by ensuring the Campbell Liberals got "value for money and taxpayer accountability." However, he didn't provide one example of how this was done.

Perhaps that's because there's not really much to crow about. Food banks are thriving, more people are living on the streets, school budgets are cut, social services and environmental protection gutted, the cost of living — especially housing is rising.

Then there's Railgate the questionable sale of BC Rail and the pending trial of insiders on the take, the contracting out of the Medical Services Plan to a U.S. company and the awarding of lucrative ship building

VIEW **POINT**

contracts to European firms.

Since 2002, nearly 10,000 members of the Hospital Employees Union have been fired and replaced by low-paid contract workers, with contracts awarded to non-Canadian firms. Private company managers (not nurses or administrators) now oversee these workers, who labour away for 40 per cent less than our April 2004 wages and have few benefits.

Health care workers have the highest injury rate of any occupation in B.C. because it's back-breaking work. People who work for \$9.25 an hour abandon their jobs when they find out what kind of work they have to do for those wages. It's called the revolving door in health care and you can just imagine how that turn-over of employees negatively impacts patient care.

There is no evidence the province has saved money through these mean-spirited measures. Contracting out of food, laundry and cleaning services and personal care was a calculated measure that stole the jobs of the most vulnerable workers in health care — a workforce dominated by women who are the main breadwinners in homes.

It is also part of a grand plan of privatization of our public services and, with it, the loss of living wage jobs that are an essential part of our community.

Mr. Coell ends his 2004 report with "Have a happy new year."

It's difficult to maintain your optimism about 2005 when you toil away all day, come home exhausted and your paycheque is in 1994 dollars. With the high cost of living, our pay cut is nothing short of a disaster.

Our M.L.A. is part of an administration that "Deceives BC" on a daily basis. For example, the \$2billion dollar surplus they now say is evidence of their good management, well, \$1



billion of that is a transfer payment from the federal government to help the province deal with rising health

I have some suggestions for Mr. Coell for 2005. Government is not a for-profit business, so stop trying to run it like one. A pay increase for health care workers back to 2004 levels is now overdue.

It's time the BC Liberals

started looking after us like we look after them!

The writer is vice chair of the Salt Spring Island local of the Hospital Employees

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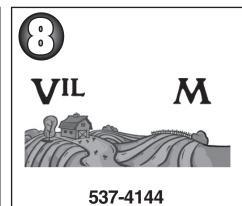


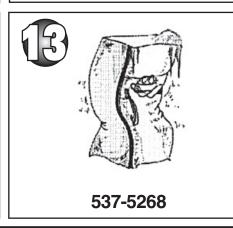
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*Late registrants will be waitlisted.

MORE **LETTERS**

Unanswered

Well, so much for "demanding better accountability.'

Our MP, Gary Lunn, has a bill in Parliament that seems to be aimed at preventing American soldiers refusing to serve in Iraq from fleeing to Canada.

I say "seems" because about a dozen phone calls, letters and e-mails to both his office and Conservative Party headquarters have gone unanswered. My efforts to get clarification on this bill have been met with silence.

Maybe they'd rather we didn't know or maybe it's because Gary doesn't like my criticism of his support for the American invasion of Iraq. If anybody has more information about Bill C-237, I'd appreciate hearing from them (653-9778, smallshaw@saltspring.com). **BRIAN SMALLSHAW,** Salt Spring







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Thank you to the person(s) who responded to our cries for help when our boat tipped over while we were collecting water samples on Cusheon Lake. Thank you to fire and rescue volunteers, ambulance attendants, to the owners of the rescue boats and to Tom Galvin and Judy Ellis for the warm blankets. We are very fortunate to have such well-trained volunteers who helped prevent the situation from becoming a tragedy. WH and DE

Roses to the great family in the Burgoyne van, who turned in my lousy wallet to the police station. CB

Roses to my neighbour who came to my rescue, firemen and ambulance people who got me out, and espeto Rita Dods, who opened her house to me until I could go home. ES

A rose to everyone who supported Salt Spring Island Girl Guides by purchasing cookies! Cookie money goes a long way to supporting our units and programs. There are a few boxes left!

A huge bouquet of roses to the fantastic Fulford Hall kitchen crew who cooked and served a wonderful Robbie Burns supper for the Scottish Country Dancers' annual celebration of The Baird!

Thanks to the Masons organization for giving North Salt Spring Waterworks District staff a temporary home while the waterworks district was displaced by the fire at their Central office. NSSWD

Fragrant roses to Jack and Glenda for taking us in from the cold. J&T

A big bag of red-coloured discs to Jesse Crute for doing the lions share of the work, and ensuring that the picnic table made it safely to the disc golf course.

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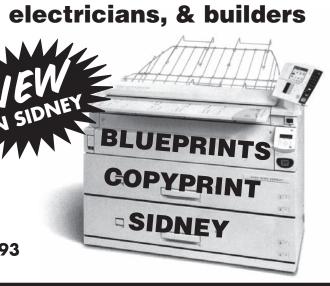
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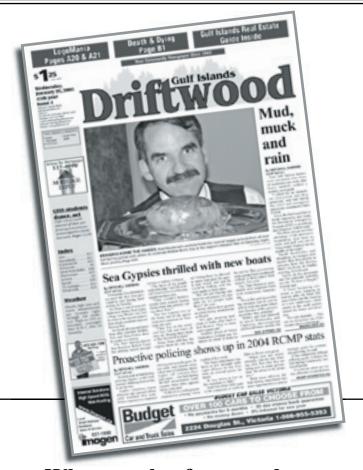
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Penny Sakamoto Publisher, The Driftwood

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CELEBRATING THE BARD: Above, Scottish dancers enjoy some tartan twists and turns as they celebrate Robbie Burns Night at Fulford Hall on Saturday. At right, a decorative Ron Spencer slices up some beef at the same event.

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Mark Reeves @ Barb's Buns Feb. 19th

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By MARY HUGHES

Special to the Driftwood

Sunday afternoon at Art-Spring. What a great way to spend a drizzly, gloomy winter day.

At one point, while watching the Lafayette String Quartet, I thought violinist Sharon Stanis was going to leap right off her chair. Stanis used to remind me of comedian Andrea Martin.

These days she's a tad more Vicky Gabereau, but she's always a treat for the eyes, and that's the power of live performance. You're watching, as well as listening, to the music being made right there in front of you. It can be risky, and the four Victoria-based women do not shy away from taking risks.

There weren't many empty seats for this concert. Salt Springers filled the hall and listened attentively. No coughing; no throat clearing and only one candy unwrapper.

They called the program "Revisions" and, in keeping with the current fashion for presenting information along with music, first violin Ann Elliott-Goldschmid explained that the quartet would perform two versions of the first movement of the Quartet in F, Op. 18 No 1; the original, written in 1798 and soon rejected by Beethoven, and its replacement, published in 1800.

Most of us probably couldn't hear much difference, but it was intriguing to have the opportunity to try. Personally, I enjoy these musically educating events, as much for the interaction between musicians and audience, as for the imparted information.

The Lafayette tackles everything with gusto. Their playing is physical, and their individuality shines through. Stanis has this great, expressive, mobile face.

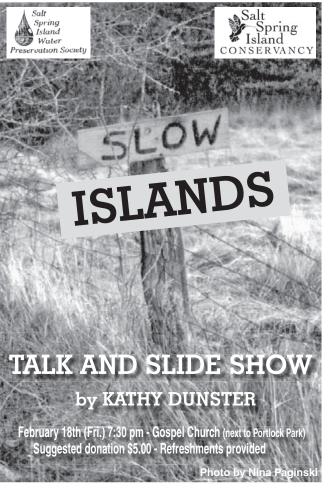
Elliott-Goldschid plays with her eyes closed at times, so involved is she with every note.

Violist Joanna Hood is less emotional, almost cerebral, and cellist Pamela Highbaugh Aloni conjures up deeply gorgeous bass notes from her cello.

Quartet playing is by nature interactive and cooperative and the Lafayette, which is fast approaching its 20th anniversary, just gets better and better.

In the second half they gave us the Op. 130 Quartet in B Flat Minor, complete with the daunting Grosse Fuge — its original conclusion. The movement is 20 minutes long and is challenging, read "difficult," music to listen to. It's probably brutal to play. Wiser heads prevailed back in 1825 and Beethoven was compelled to compose a lighter, more lyrical finale which we heard just before intermission. Another revision.

Combined with my treasure hunt at the Lions Garage Sale on Saturday where I came up with two brand new LPs featuring pianist Vladimir Horowitz, and two pristine copies of David and Igor Oistrakh's 1950s recordings of Brahms, I've had a great weekend, on what my Uncle George described as a remote little island somewhere off the B.C. coast - trying to explain where his daughter Carol Welsman was performing Thanksgiving weekend of 2002.





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The recent Tropical Punch winter storm hit the Gulf Islands hard. This handy pull-out section will remind us how we can be better prepared next time. Read it and save it!

Emergency services investment paid off in snowstorm

By ROB WILTZEN

Driftwood Contributor

The heavy snowfall and power outages in January provided an opportunity for island services and residents to put theory into action with preparations and plans for emergency services.

"In general it went really well," said Kimberly Lineger, director of Emergency Social Services. "We've been getting positive feedback from both the community and everyone who worked in the program. There were, of course, some little hiccups that you would expect."

"We have not yet done our formal debriefing with all the agencies," she said. "The information is all being compiled now."

"It all went fairly seamlessly," agreed Dave Enfield, coordinator of the Emergency Operations Centre, who was actually on vacation when the January 6-8 snowstorm hit. "We were able to alleviate everybody's concern fairly rapidly. People liked the fact that they had a local contact that was able to deal with

BC Hydro, Telus, the RCMP, ambulance or whatever was to always have at least one required."

Participants in the program deserve a lot of praise, according to Enfield. "There was a lot of time put in by a lot of people," he said. "We were staffing the firehall in Fulford and Ganges 24-7 for an extensive period of time."

"The acquisition of the new Ford Excursion Command Unit made a big difference in our mobility," he said.

Households were able to cope with the challenges relatively well, according to Enfield.

"People here were very self-sufficient and if we were able to get them their necessities such as food, medicine, or even chicken feed, then they were quite willing and able to tough it out themselves," he said.

"We did get some medications delivered to people who couldn't get out," said Chris Steffich of Pharmasave. "We can deliver medications if the home is accessible enough, and Emergency Services can help," she said.

"We try as hard as possible store open, but people can always go to the hospital for emergency medication."

Power outages resulted in some households turning to alternative sources of light, heat and communication.

"We had a pretty fair run on candles, propane, heaters, flashlights, plug-in telephones, batteries, oil lamps and, of course, shovels," said Mouat's general manager Kevin Bell about the Home Hardware store's experience through the storm.

"It focuses everyone down to the essentials and what you really need to have," he said.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) funds the island's emergency commission, which has seen an infusion of planning and training time devoted to it in the past two years.

Regional director Gary Holman said the snow-caused emergency proved the value of that work.

He said Lineger did "an excellent job" in the Emergency Social Services leadership role.



EMERGENCY PLANS: Chuck Hamilton, left, looks at a map of Salt Spring with fellow emergency operations centre worker Bob Fenske. The two are seen here working during the snowstorm earlier this month.

"I was pleased that it dem- were away or up to their own onstrated our work over the ears in their personal circumpast two years is showing fruit and we have more well-qualified people involved. And there was an excellent case in point where the coordinator for some people but basically [Enfield] and deputy coor-

stances and yet the operation still worked reasonably well, with the usual hiccups.

"It was potentially serious on a smaller scale and we dinator [Ross Armstrong] got to work out some of the ing together."

bugs and test our operations without it being an extreme disaster.

"Exercises are one thing but it still brings it home more and it still makes it more real if it's an actual situation. It enabled us to test our responses and our operations and we'll come out of it more prepared, so that was good."

Holman noted the Emergency Social Services organization has different duties from emergency service providers like the ambulance, police and fire department.

"In any kind of emergency, the first responders are going to do what they do best. There is absolutely no question of that . . . and now Emergency Social Services is there because it has been revived."

Holman said the function could still use volunteer help.

"All those basic response things are in place and I think by keeping at it, by meeting regularly, by exercising and then by occasionally using them when the real thing happens, I think we are getting more effective at work-



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- 25 adhesive bandages
- 5 2x2 gauze pads
- 1 1" roller bandage
- 1 1/2" cloth adhesive tape
- 10 cotton swabs
- 1 rubbing alcohol
- 1 thermometer

- 1 sterile water
- 25 safety pins
- 1 tweezer
- 1 scissor 1 ice pack
- 5 pairs latex gloves
- 1 emergency blanket

antifungal cream

MEDICATIONS: (should be checked every 6 months for expiry date) Special medications required by

- 1 topical antibiotic
- 1 painkiller (acetaminophen) 1 antihistamine (ie: Benedryl)
- **OPTIONAL MEDICATIONS:**
- family (inhalers, epi-pens, etc.) 1 oral re hydration solution.

antidiarrheal antacid

✓ pens/pencil

OTHER:

- ✓ garbage/ziplock bags

- ✓ paper
- ✓ flashlight

- - ✓ twine
- ✓ duct tape
- ✓ emergency candles

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- ✓ bleach/iodine
- ✓ water ✓ power bars

- ✓ sufficient food for 1 week

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Water, water everywhere — and how to deal with floods

How to avoid water damage caused by flood conditions that plagued the islands and south coast of B.C. two weeks ago has been on people's minds.

BCAA Insurance offers the following advice on preventing damage and what to do if you've had a flood.

To prevent damage:

- Clean snow, ice and leaves from exterior drains, gutters and downspouts.
- Walk around the perimeter of your house during heavy rains to see where gut-

ters, downspouts and drainage systems may not be performing properly.

- ensure drainpipes are directing water away from your house, not towards it
- Inspect the street in front of your home and report any blocked storm drains to the municipality,
- Ensure sump pumps are fully functional.
- If you live in a house or area where wet basement problems are common, ensure heirlooms, family photos or important belong-

ings are raised off the floor. Store these items in plastic bins, not in cardboard

If you've had a flood:

- Disconnect all electronics and electrical equipment in the room, and move them to a safe, dry location.
- Place your furniture up on blocks. It will help protect the furniture from the water, as well as protect the carpet against damage from wet upholstery dyes, wood and rust stains.
 - Run fans in the area

affected by water damage. It is important to increase air flow to the damaged area as much as possible during the few hours immediately after a flood.

- Only use a wet/dry vacuum cleaner to remove water.
- Contact your insurance company promptly.

What's covered and what's not:

• Water backing up from an internal drain, like a toilet, would typically be covered under most policies.

Most policies do not cover loss or damage resulting from:

- continuous or repeated seepage
- rising ground waters
- surface waters
- escape of water from a private external drain.

Some home insurance policies offer a broader water coverage endorsement to protect against loss or damage resulting from the escape of water from private external drains.

CLEANING UP: Salt Spring's Tony Hedger deals with a big fir tree that toppled on Devine Drive property due to the flood and sloughing hill-sides that followed the snowstorms last month.

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- ☐ Bottled water should be 2 quarts to 1 gal. per person/day
- ☐ Batteries for lights & radios keep fresh
- ☐ Briquets for cooking (* Not for indoor use)
- ☐ Lamp oil
- ☐ Containers for storing all emergency supplies
- ☐ First Aid kit make one up with essentials (bandages, etc.)

☐ Canned food and can opener

- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Blankets or sleeping bags
- ☐ Food for pets
- ☐ Toiletries (toothpaste to toilet paper)
- ☐ Tools axe, shovel, hammer, screwdriver
- ☐ Plastic trash bags
- ☐ Flashlights
- ☐ First Aid book
- ☐ Essential medication
- ☐ Change of clothing
- ☐ Candles

We can assist you with most of these so please be <u>better</u> prepared!





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Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Feb 2, 2005 to Feb 8, 2005

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6:00 PM

**Ladies Room (1999, Drama) Three actresses are forced to share a dressing roor because theirs are flooded. *Greta Scacchi, Lorraine Bracco* (1h45)

7:00 PM

** * The Delicate Art of Parking

(2003, Comedy) A filmmaker documents the life
of a parking enforcement officer and his co-workers.

**Dov Tiefenbach, Diana Pavlovska (1h30)

**The Company of the Company of 20 See Arnold Run (2005) A biopic of the life of Arnold Schwarzenegger, from muscleman to superstar and politician. Jürgen Prochnow, Mariel Hemingway (2h)

8:00 PM

*** Blue Crush (2002, Adventure) A surfer girl falls for a football player while preparing for an important competition. Kate Bosworth, Matthew Davis (2h)

23 ★ Black Sheep (1996, Comedy) A prospective state governor's only stumbling block is his younger brother. David Spade, Chris Farley

8:30 PM 3 ★ Partners in Action (2002, Thriller)
An ex-cop is framed for murder when he tries to uncover a case of police corruption. Armand Assante, Douglas Smith (1h45) 9:00 PM

4 ** Lake Placid (1999, Action) A local game warden takes on a mutant crocodile terrorizing a small town in Maine. *Bill Pullman, Bridget* Fonda (2h)

Crazy Canucks (2005, True) The inspiring

teenagers travel to California to seek out their idol, Marilyn Monroe. Jason Priestley, Gabriel Olds

The state of the Schwarzenegger, Sharon Stone (2h) 10:00 PM

** Brotherhood of the Wolf (2001, Suspense) In 1765, a scientist and his Iroquois friend are sent to capture a murderous beast. Samuel Le Bihan, Mark Dacascos (2h45) 10:15 PM

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The lives of seven Hollywood people collide in the hours leading up to a birthday party. David Duchovny, Julia Roberts (1h45) 11:00 PM

20 See Arnold Run (2005) A biopic of the life of Arnold Schwarzenegger, from muscleman to superstar and politician. Jürgen Prochnow, Mariel Hemingway (2h)

THURSDAY, FEB 3

★★ The Missing (2003, Suspense) A woman forms an uneasy alliance with her distant father to find her kidnapped daughter. Tommy Lee Jones, Cate Blanchett (2h30)

8:00 PM **23** ★★ Drop Zone (1994, Crime Story) A U.S. Marshal finds himself on the trail of a crack team of stunt skydiving criminals. Wesley Snipes, Gary Busey (2h)

9:00 PM

3 ** The Dreamers (2003, Drama) An merican in Paris during the 1968 riots strikes up a iendship with French siblings. *Michael Pitt, Eva 3reen* (2h).

B * Driven (2001, Action) An aging

acecar driver is forced to mentor a young driver tatisfy his promoter. Sylvester Stallone, Kip

n officer when he falls for his daughter. Sean

Connery, Mark Harmon (1h35)

★★ Race to Freedom: The

Inderground Railroad (1994, Drama) ollow the dangerous flight of four determined laves as they try to get to Canada. Janet Bailey, Michael Riley (2h) 10:00 PM

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Lang Lang Lang a Spider (2001, Fhriller) A detective investigates the kidnapping of wo children by a schizophrenic psychopath. Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter (2h)

11:00 PM ** The Butterfly Effect (2004, Sci-Fi) In an attempt to cure his blackouts, a tudent projects back to childhood traumas. Ashton Kutcher, Melora Walters (2h)

FRIDAY, FEB 4 6:00 PM

[A] ★★★ The Tragedy of Flight 103 1990, Docu-Drama) A look into the events that ad to the downing of an airliner over Scotland in 989. Ned Beatty, Peter Doyle (1h45) 7:00 PM

** Never Die Alone (2004, Crime Story) A stylish kingpin drug dealer returns to his ometown and touches off a turf war. DMX, David Arquette (1h30)



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FRIDAY, FEB 4

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The Cheetah Girls (2003, Musical) An all-girl singing group face the challenges of growing up and getting discovered. Raven, Adrienne Bailon (1h30)

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*** Eat a Bowl of Tea (1989, Romance) A Chinese-American visits his native village in China and returns to New York with a wife.
Cora Miao, Russell Wong (2h)

*** Perry Mason: Case of the Notorious Nun (1986, Crime Story) A lawer now a judge defends a run accused of

lawyer, now a judge, defends a nun accused of murdering her alleged lover, a priest. *Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale* (2h)

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3 *** Spartan (2004, Thriller) A
Secret Service agent and a rookie cop search for a
politician's missing daughter. Val Kilmer, Derek
Luke (2h)

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** She's So Lovely (1997, Drama)

A married woman's first husband reappears after A married woman's lifst inusoland reappears after spending years in a psychiatric institute. Robin Wright Penn, Sean Penn (2h)

(2) ** Mystic Pizza (1988, Comedyl Drama) Three waitresses share their romantic trials while they are working at a pizza parlor. Julia Roberts, Lili Taylor (1h45)

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3 *** That's Entertainment! III

(1994, Documentary) A trip down movie memory lane with some of MGM's stars and their greatest performances. June Allyson, Cyd

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10:30 PM **3** ★★★ Empire (2002, Action) A dealer sees his chance to escape a life of crime when a stockbroker offers him a deal. John Leguizamo, Peter Sarsgaard (1h45)

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The Accidental Tourist (1988, Comedy) After the death of his son, a man retreats into a shell that is opened by a young woman. Geena Davis, William Hurt (2h)

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12 ★ Sex Monster (1999, Comedy) A man sees that his wife's sexual appetite surpasses his own after a menagé-à-trois. Mariel Hemingway, Mike Binder (2h)

SATURDAY, FEB 5

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2 *** Babe (1995, Comedy) The

adventures of an orphaned piglet who dreams of becoming a champion sheep herder. James Cromwell, Magda Szubanski (2h)

■ ★ Barbershop 2 (2004, Comedy)
Greedy urban developers threaten Calvin's
barbershop business. *Ice Cube, Cedric The* Entertainer (2h)

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Action) Un pilote et sa passagère vivent une aventure inattendue sur une île déserte. Anne Heche, Harrison Ford (2h) 8:00 PM

23 ★★ The War (1994, Drama) During the summer of 1970, kids from two different families battle over a huge treehouse. Kevin Costner, Mare Winningham (2h30) 9:00 PM

2 ** Minority Report (2002, Sci-Fi)
An agent in a crime-forecasting unit suddenly finds
himself fingered as a murderer. *Tom Cruise*,

Colin Farrell (3h5)

** * Along Came Polly (2004, Comedy) After his wife leaves him, a repressed man begins a romance with a free-spirited woman.

Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston (1 h30)

*** Salem Witch Trials (2001,

Drama) In 1692, the small Puritan community of Salem, Mass., accuses villagers of being witches. *Kirstie Alley, Alan Bates* (2h)

★★ The Stork Derby (2001, True) A man leaves \$1 million to the woman who has the most babies ten years after his death. Megan

most babies ten years after his death. Megan Follows, Terry Simpson (2h)

12 ★★ The Beach (2000, Suspense)

Three people in Bangkok discover an island beach that may not be as idyllic as it appears. Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel York (2h15)

13 ★★ Devil in a Blue Dress (1996, Mystery) A detective on the trail of a mysterious woman is drawn into a web of corruption. Denzel Washington. Maury Chaykin (2h30)

Washington, Maury Chaykin (2h30)

★ Mr. Jones (1993, Romance) With the help of his psychiatrist, a manic depressive comes to terms with his illness. Richard Gere, Lena Olin (1h35)

10:30 PM 3 ** Ned Kelly (1970, Biography)
The story of the legendary 19th-century Australian outlaw, whose story outgrew his life. *Mick Jagger*, Sue Lloyd (2h) 10:35 PM

** * * Get Shorty (1995, Comedy) A small-time Miami mobster becomes intrigued by the movie business in Los Angeles. *John Travolta,* Rene Russo (1h30)

11:00 PM (1) Meurtre parfait (1998, Drame de suspense) Pour le meutre de sa femme, un commerçant offre de l'argent à l'amant de celle-ci. Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow (7h) 11:15 PM

 ★★★ Swept From the Sea (1997, Romance) A Ukrainian man is washed overboard and is discovered by a shy young English woman. Vincent Perez, Rachel Weisz (2h15)

SUNDAY, FEB 6

T2 ★★★ Groundhog Day (1993, Comedy) A weatherman is trapped in a time warp

7:00 PM ** * 13 Going On 30 (2004, Comedy)
A 13-year-old plays a game on her birthday and wakes up the next morning as a 30-year-old. Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo (2h)

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2 *** Marple: The Body In The

Library (2004, Mystery) Miss Marple is called in when the body of a glamorous blonde is found in a library. Geraldine McEwan, Joanna Lumley

★★ Scrooged (1988, Fantasy) A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts. *Bill Murray, Karen Allen* (2h)

23 ★★ Catch-22 (1970, Comedy) A U.S. bombardier, desperately trying to escape the war, has himself declared insane. Alan Arkin, Bob Newhart (2h30)

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DEMAND MANAGEMENT COULD HELP ADDRESS ISLAND ENERGY NEEDS

NorskeCanada has again offered to be part of a solution to help Vancouver Islanders address energy shortfalls.

BC Hydro's proposed Duke Point power project is up for approval in February, and NorskeCanada, along with dozens of other energy consumers, is calling for a more cost-effective and efficient solution to the capacity shortfall.

"In the review process now underway through the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC), we offered our demand management proposal as part of an alternative to the Duke Point project," says Dennis Fitzgerald, director of energy for NorskeCanada. "We have suggested that the best choice for Vancouver Island is a com-

bination of efficiency improvements, industrial demand side management and new transmission.

"Demand management means taking load off the system by reducing our production during peak electricity demand periods. These are generally during the coldest days of winter, for a few hours or days at a time."

The most power-intensive part of the mill is the TMP (thermome-chanical pulp) plant, where wood chips are steamed under pressure before and during refining.

"We offered to reduce our demand by up to 140 megawatts at Elk Falls Division or by up to 70 megawatts at Crofton Division, by adjusting our TMP refining load," says Dennis. "Because our plan will shed

load, it produces no emissions and offers a lower-cost, more flexible way to address Vancouver Island's power supply. We have consistently suggested it should be considered as part of a long-term strategy for Vancouver Island."

Pending a decision by the BCUC, the proposed Duke Point generation project would mean a rate increase for every customer—big and small.

"We take an active interest in how BC Hydro operates its systems as we're BC Hydro's largest industrial electricity customer," Dennis notes.

The commission is expected to announce its decision on the Duke Point plant on Feb. 17.

REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Based on 2004 performance, Crofton Division has reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 72 per cent, compared with 1990 levels. That's about 387,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents, or equal to the amount of GHGs emitted by more than 78,000 typical cars per year!

"The numbers are clearly impressive, and the entire community benefits from our year-in, year-out improvements," says Graham Kissack, director, environment. "We continue to reduce these important emissions and are also saving energy and reducing operating costs."

The mill has achieved the dramatic reduction by using less intensive greenhouse gas fuels, improving the efficiency and operation of the power boiler, and

improving energy efficiency throughout the mill.

"We've decreased the amount of fossil fuel we burn by using more waste wood which we receive from local sawmills," says Graham. "Use of clean, renewable fuels like waste wood is Canada's second-largest renewable energy source and is carbon-neutral in the greenhouse gas equation."

"We've also been systematically improving the energy efficiency of the en-

tire site by focusing on projects that reduce water usage, steam usage and electricity usage," says Graham. "Since 1990, we reduced the total amount of energy it takes to make a tonne of our products by about 17 per cent. And we're not finished yet, since we've identified a number of other initiatives that will help us conserve even more."

The 72 per cent reduction reaches far beyond the target laid out in the Kyoto Protocol, which Canada, along with more than 160 other countries, agreed to follow. The protocol requires a six per cent reduction in GHG emissions (from 1990 levels) by 2008-2012.

"Certainly we've surpassed the Kyoto target, which is good news for our atmosphere and our children," says Graham. "Reducing greenhouse gas emissions helps us operate responsibly and save money. It makes good business sense as well as being the right thing to do."

The GHG group of compounds includes carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. Those are the gases that prevent heat from escaping into space, making the Earth's atmosphere act like a greenhouse.

Much of that greenhouse effect is the result of actions that can be changed. Humans took 63 billion tonnes of carbon from the Earth's crust during the 1990s, and put it in the air as carbon dioxide ($\rm CO_2$), according to Matthew Bramley, director of climate change at the Pembina Institute.

We are, at least in our little corner of the world, doing our part to change our actions and fix that imbalance.

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NORSKECANADA PUTS \$60,000 TOWARD RIVER PLAN

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is overseeing a process that will ensure long-term, holistic planning for the Cowichan River. It's a process NorskeCanada supports, both with expertise and with funding.

"The river has enormous value to the community, and this initiative will ensure that resources are protected in the long term," says Graham Kissack, director, environment. "So we started the process, then made a plea to the local MLA, who agreed that the CVRD should take it on."

Because of the river's importance to the community, the committee is a broad-based group.

"When you look at everyone sitting around the table, we have industry, regulators, First Nations—those are expected participants. But we also have representatives from

sport fisheries, B.C. Wildlife Federation, the land trust, and some local politicians. It really is a mixed group of people with very different backgrounds, all ultimately intent on protecting the resource."

The process will involve plenty of public consultation, and is expected to be complete in 18 months.

"The CVRD has hired a consultant who will be holding meetings in the community to explain what the river is all about—as a culturally significant area, as wildlife habitat, as a provider of drinking water, sports fishing, commercial fishing, water for



the mill and as a recreational corridor for swimming and kayaking," explains Graham.

As well as delivering information on the recently designated national heritage river, the consultant will encourage a dialogue.

"We want to know what's important about the river to the community," says Graham. "That information will be combined with the technical requirements, such as necessary control of river levels. Then we'll start to design some solutions that will answer the challenges. The entire project will cost about \$280,000."

To fund the initiative, Norske-Canada has contributed \$60,000, the Cowichan Tribes have committed \$30,000, Fisheries and Oceans has chipped in \$25,000 and the CVRD and provincial government are on board with \$50,000 each, leaving only a little more than \$60,000 to raise

NEW EQUIPMENT OFFERS CONTINUOUS AIR QUALITY MONITORING

Crofton Division has spent \$160,000 on upgrading our three ambient air stations, in response to the findings of last year's comprehensive air quality study.

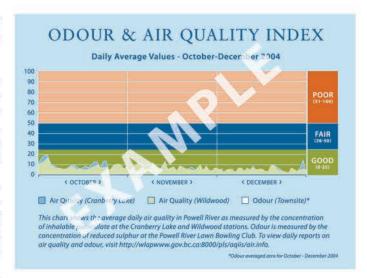
"Our past practice was to test particulate emissions every six days and reduced sulphur odour continuously. The upgrade will enable us to test continuously for six substances, making these air stations the most comprehensive units in all of B.C.," says Graham Kissack, director, environment. "We're expecting that the installation will be complete by the end of January."

Located at the mill fenceline and at five and 10 kilometres south of the mill, the equipment will test for total reduced sulphur compounds (TRS odour), hydrogen chloride (HCl), hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxide (NOX) and fine particulate (PM10).

"These substances were raised as requiring further investigation," says Graham. "But in the big picture, they're not particularly exotic. If you go into any urban centre in the world, the air quality issues they're struggling with are the SOX, NOX and fine particulate. Those are products of combustion, notably internal combustion engines."

After installation and troubleshooting the new equipment, air quality indexes will be created by the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection and shared with the public through their website and in *incontact*.

In addition to upgrading existing air quality monitoring stations, the company placed a temporary station at Crofton Elementary School in August 2004 that tests for two sizes of respirable particulate and odour.



"We've started to look at the preliminary data, and so far, it looks consistent with what we see closer to the mill—that is, that the air quality is not posing a health threat."

The monitor will remain at the school until the end of the summer.

CRUMB PULP PROJECT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

Reinvesting in our mill is an investment in our community. Recently we spent \$2.3 million on a project that features a new screw press. That might not sound very exciting, but it's good news for our Crofton and Port Alberni divisions.

"When Crofton Division's paper operations eliminated kraft pulp from the furnish (ingredients used to make paper), it freed up digester capacity," explains David Flater, manager in the kraft group. "But it also distorted our fibre balance. We were over-using fir and under-using our cheapest fibres—cedar and cypress."

The new screw press handles a grade of pulp that not only uses more ce-

dar, but is ideally suited to the needs of our sister mill at Port Alberni. It's trucked up-island in the form of crumb pulp, which looks just like it sounds—a crumbly bulk product.

"We had an extremely tight schedule to go from approval on Oct. 1 to start-up on Dec. 30," says David. Not only did the project stay on schedule, but the start-up went off without a hitch—the sure sign of success.

Success can also be measured by production.

"We've operated at rates of 120 tonnes per day—100 per cent of Port Alberni's anticipated future requirements," adds David.

The project not only re-balances the fibre supply with the marketplace, it moves us into higher-value grades and reduces costs both at Crofton and Port Alberni divisions.





A VITAMIN-PACKED HOLIDAY TREAT!

One of the ways Crofton Division got into the holiday spirit was by delivering boxes of oranges to some of our neighbours. We gave away 300 boxes of the tasty fruit to students and staff at Crofton Elementary School and to the children of the Halalt First Nation. Giving out vitamin-packed treats was our way of saying, "Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday!"

COMMUNITY ADVISORY FORUM TO MEET IN FEBRUARY

The next community advisory forum (CAF) meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Crofton Community Centre. You'll find the forum's charter and additional information on the company website at www. norskecanada.com.

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double-feature: Japan's Ju- all fours as if every one of her On and the U.S. remake The bones is snapped in two.

power have actually kept both from life. the original setting and director.

a grudge, tied to where it took for any length of time. place. In this case, it's a murderwho screams like a cat and a would last a second, but Ju-On nag you until you die.

Into the house wander various It seems that the new trend in ill-fated people: a family, a Hollywood is remaking Asian careworker, a policeman. The horror films, due in large part grudge-ghosts don't discriminate the jumbledness in the story, but to the justifiably successful and don't even stay within the evil videotape shocker The house. They chase victims to Ring. This time, in repackaging their homes, showing up in their Japanese phenomenon Ju-On showers, their beds and their as The Grudge, those with the mirrors, snatching them away

Ju-On is different from typical The basic story of the two horror fare for two reasons. films is the same. Japanese First, it has a conspicuous lack legend has it that when someone of gore, and second, it follows a dies in a state of rage, the wildly twisting plot that rarely out their hand at Ju-On, as both emotion remains afterward as centres on a particular character are actually quite well crafted

suicide, which turns a suburban any conventional sense. It's think that, while an American house into a ghost central. more debilitating. In a typical There's a pale-faced little boy horror film, the shot of a ghost night, the Japanese grudge will

This week, we have a review woman who crawls about on has them stare right at us for what seems like an eternity. When creepy-wriggly girl flops down the stairs — oh, man. It's a sight you won't soon forget.

Jason Tudor

The Grudge maintains much of sews up many of the ambiguous loose ends. However, it does punch up the fright scenes with the usual jump cuts and Dolbyassisted thuds. As a result, it's probably more "scary."

On the one hand it would be easy to say that traditional horror fans should see The Grudge while the more adventurous try and (for better or worse) terribly As a result, it isn't scary in effective. But it's instructive to grudge might keep you up that

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Entertaining theatre staged by GISS drama students

By ANDREA RABINOVITCH

Driftwood Contributor

How apt that the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Drama 9/10 class should base their play-building process on the theme of fantasy and reality.

On Salt Spring, where most people are running from reality to a fantasy that can become disillusioned. it's sometimes hard to tell the difference.

These young people thought long and hard about it. They wrote, acted, filmed and sang about it. And the product they came up with last Thursday in ArtSpring was all their own work, built after six weeks of creation, where compromise was key and a safe environment to explore. Facilitated by teacher Jason Donaldson, the process enhanced their genuine talents and impassioned thoughts.

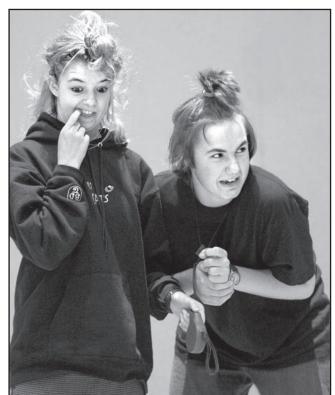
Play building is a process where the student learns the writing, directing, acting and collaborative aspects of theatre through shorter scenes and vignettes rather than having to sustain commitment to a full-length play.

They are able to express their inner world through selfcreated work, which can be an empowering endeavour.

This type of theatre structure in performance, however, has a different mandate. This excellent teaching tool, if performed, needs to acknowledge the history of such a structure.

Starting with the European Dada movement of the '20s that eventually morphed in the happenings of the '60s and performance art of the latter 20th-century, pieces of theatre could be restructured under a theme to create a whole evening.

Look at Samuel Beckett's plays or The Living Theatre starting riots to see how far



ON STAGE: Ellie Johnson and Aaron Poole rehearse for a Thursday performance at ArtSpring as high school drama students entertain with original work.

they could go to create an atmosphere of high theatricality while changing the world.

A choice the Grade 9/10 students could have made which they hinted at when performing a monologue while the memory of scenes was acted out silently behind or where the large group came out talking and then froze was to push that aesthetic until it was quite abstract but the intention was clear.

Robo-Peanutbutter-Conformity came closest to pushing that envelope where action and visual play replace the verbal cues of straight theatre.

The children of the Stepford Wives shuffled out to sit in precise rows, draw their flowers in the air with their right hands and unanimously eat their peanut butter sand-

Their blank expressions juxtaposed one young woman (Stephanie McMahon) who dared to eat soup and be left-handed. The young woman's mother dismissed her concerns and so, without support, she too eventually conformed.

It was entertaining, accessible and creative.

The segments ended with the audience clapping and then the next scene began. What if there were transitions and segues that were as interesting as the scenes? The flow of the finished product could be more cohesive.

More physicality, which could have been put to good use in transitions, would have added a rich dimension. Aimee Giebelhaus-Lamarre's belly dance at the end of her poem was a welcome addition of movement.

There was some fine acting talent, like Patrice Bowler's honest portrayal of a concerned friend or Graydon Bruce as the sweaty-palmed youth asking the school babe out on a date. Excellent writing came from numerous cast members like Kerry Finer, Jordan Robinson and Jakua Jordan.

There was even a short film that showed huge promise created by Joel Eddington with a poem by Alex Corley.

The piece, written and performed by Ruby Black, about society's perception of the female physique, though a familiar argument, was dealt with freshly and delivered with maturity and presence.

Scenes, songs and poems were used to communicate what this generation hopes the world to be and what it actually is. Let's hope they have the strength to grow up and fight for their beliefs.



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SUNDAY, FEB 6

9:00 PM 4 ★★ Holy Man (1998, Comedy) A dishonest salesman makes an inspirational guru famous on a home shopping network. Eddie Murphy, Jeff Goldblum (2h30)

** The Wedding Planner (2001, Romance) A workaholic wedding planner

numance) A workanouic wedding planner falls for the engaged doctor whose wedding she is organizing. Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey (2h)

☐3 ★★★ Boyz 'N the Hood (1991, Drama) A divorced father strives to raise his son with values and steer him away from violence. Laurence Fishburne Cuba Gooding Ir. Laurence Fishburne, Cuba Gooding Jr.

 ★★ School Ties (1992, Drama) A Jewish student attending an exclusive school is victimized because of his faith. *Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon* (1h45)

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3 ** The Human Stain (2003,
Drama) A professor struggles to keep a secret
when his affair with a young janitor is uncovered.
Anthony Hopkins, Nicole Kidman (1h45)

12 ** Where the Buffalo Roam (1980,
Comedy) Journalist Hunter S. Thompson
embarks on a drunken, drug-laden journey across
America. Peter Boyle, Bill Murray (2h)

10:45 PM

10:45 PM The Boyfriend School (AKA Don't Tell Her It's Me) (1990, Comedy) A cancer survivor undergoes a makeover in his attempt to woo a romantic interest. Steve Guttenberg, Jami Gertz (1h30)

11:45 PM

3 ** 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003, Action)
In order to redeem himself, a former officer is recruited to infiltrate a racing circuit. Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson (2h)

MONDAY, FEB 7

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6:00 PM
12 ** That Midnight Kiss (1949,
Romance) An heiress proves to be instrumental in helping a truck driver become a singing star.

Mario Lanza, Kathryn Grayson (2h)
6:15 PM
3 ** The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra (2001, Comedy) A scientist and his clueless wife battle various creatures from 1950s B movies. Fay Masterson, Brian Howe (1h30)
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3 ** Eight Crazy Nights (2002,
Animated) A party animal gets a chance for redemption when he works with a youth basketball league. Voices of Adam Sandler. Jackie Titone (1h15)

8:00 PM

** Picture Perfect (1997, Romance) A young advertising executive pretends she's engaged in an attempt to get a promotion. Jennifer Aniston, Jay Mohr (2h) 9:00 PM

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3 ** Anger Management (2003, Comedy) A mild-mannered man is ordered to see an unusual anger management specialist. Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson (2h)

19 *** F/X (1986, Action) A movie

special effects man is hired to fake a real-life killing for a witness protection plan. *Bryan Brown, Brian Dennehy* (1h30)

11:00 PM

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*** Punch-Drunk Love (2002, Comedy/Drama) A beleaguered small-business owner embarks on a romantic journey with a mysterious woman. Adam Sandler, Emily Watson (1h35)

> **TUESDAY, FEB 8** 6:00 PM

** Radio (2003, Drama) A high school coach takes a developmentally challenged man under his wing. Ed Harris, Cuba Gooding

Jr. (2h)

★★ Still Crazy (1998, Comedy) After two decades, middle-aged rockers Strange Fruit reunite and go back on the road. Stephen Rea, Billy Connolly (2h)

8:00 PM

23 *** Mr. Rice's Secret (2000, Drama) An eccentric neighbour sends a terminally ill boy on an unusual treasure hunt. David Bowie, Bill Switzer (2h)

2:00 PM
21 ★★ Double Jeopardy (1999,
Suspense) A parole officer has his hands full
when an ex-con seeks revenge on those who
set-her-up. Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd

(3) ★ Down to Earth (2000, Comedy)
An obnoxious comic is given a second chance at life in the body of a despised businessman. Chris

Ille in the body of a despised businessman. Chri. Rock, Eugene Levy (2h)

** * Weekend at Bernie's II (1993, Comedy) Two men use a corpse to frantically track down hidden money in order to clear their names. Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman (1130)

(1967, Crime Story) A homicide detective, who was wrongly accused of murder, must work with a racist sheriff. Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger (2h)

10:00 PM 3 ** Once Upon A Time In Mexico (2003, Action) A hitman gets involved in espionage involving an unusual CIA agent and a corrupt general. Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp (1h45)

(1) *One From the Heart (1982, Romance) An unhappy couple sets off on separate journeys to find love in Las Vegas. *Teri* Garr, Frederick Forrest (2h)

11:45 PM * Paid In Full (2002, Crime Story) A young man from Harlem becomes a drug kingpin, only to have a crisis of conscience. Wood Harris, Mékhi Phifer (1h45)

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- Gene Grooms has portraits showing at Barb's Buns
- Karen Muntean from Gallery Rosa Encaustic is the Island Savings artist.
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Mobile computer boots up fire and rescue plans

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Local fire fighters took a leap into the information-age when they installed a mobile computer system Friday.

"It will make our lives so much simpler," said Salt Spring Fire Department chief Dave Enfield.

With a new touch-screen computer onboard the command vehicle, fire officers will arrive on scene with much more information than ever before, he said.

"The less information we have to try to gather while we are there, the smoother the whole call will be," said assistant chief Arjuna George.

The computer includes a detailed map of the island, a guide for hazardous materials, information about autoextrication rescues and preincident plans for residences, services and commercial buildings in the event of a

Pre-incident fire plans are the biggest asset of the computer system, George said.

"Just to be able to punch in an address and the cross street will come up; hydrant locations, water sources will be there — boom— right away."

The onboard map could even be handy for finding addresses, since many islanders still haven't posted adequate signage, he noted.

"It will narrow it down but it won't pinpoint it . . .



INFORMATION AGE: Assistant fire chief Arjuna George displays a new mobile computer recently installed in the island's fire-fighting command vehi-

posting your address is still crucial."

Computer plans will also locate potential hazards, sprinkler locations, access points and contact information about buildings, he said.

"It's got everything you need to know."

While on route to a call, a firefighter can input an address and receive a map location, digital photos, blueprints and three to four pages of information about a structure.

The department has already completed approximately 100 pre-incident plans for high-risk structures such as Greenwoods, Art-Spring, Lady Minto Hospital, schools and many commercial buildings.

The computer also features a wireless connection so it will be automatically updated with the latest information as firefighters complete more residential plans each week.

To aid in incidents with hazardous materials, the computer also has a program that provides all relevant information for things such as: evacuations, explosive limits and first-aid treat-

Rescuers will also receive detailed safety information about vehicles with an autoextrication program.

"With the higher-end models of cars we see these days, there are things to protect the driver and passengers that actually pose a hazard to rescuers," he said.

The program will identify the location of battery connections, airbags, seatbelt pretensioners and other restraint or security systems for any vehicle made between 1985 to the pres-

A wild-land interface fire plan on the computer also identifies important features for fighting brush fires and

Several departments in the region have already adopted similar systems. The new Salt Spring system cost over \$6,000, George said.

"The touch-screen technology is where the dollars come in, but it would be useless if you had to use a mouse."

Down the road, the department might install a printer so hard copies of plans can be made for attack teams.

"Right now we're testing it in the command vehicle. We'll see how it works for us and we might add it to our front-line pumpers."



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All homes should be equipped with basic safety equipment, a three-day supply of food and water, personal hygiene supplies, first aid kit and an evacuation bag.

Everyone should set aside a day to compile the needed kits. The following items are suggested by the Provincial Emergency Program and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction.

Kits should include:

Basic safety equipment

- · flashlight with spare bat-
- radio with spare batteries

or crank radio

- · emergency candles and waterproof matches
 - first aid kit
 - first aid book
- pocket knife

Food and water supplies

- · three-day supply of bottled water (4 litres per per-
- water purification tablets
- three-day supply of nonperishable food (per person)
- manual can opener
- disposable plates, cutlery, cups

Personal hygiene kit · toothbrush and tooth-

paste (per person)

- shampoo and hairbrush
- sanitary napkins
- towel and facecloth (per person)
- medication and prescrip-

First aid kit

- one box of bandages
- 2 elastic bandages (7.5 cm X 4.6 cm)
- 2 elastic bandages (10 cm X 4.6 cm)
- 2 abdominal pads
- 6 sterile gauze pads, 5 cm X 5 cm, 10 cm X 10 cm
- one roll of adhesive tape, 7.5 cm X 4.6 cm
- one roll bandage gauze (cling strip 7.5 cm)

- six triangular bandages
- one thermometer
- current first aid manual
- heavy-duty clothes cutting scissors
 - splint forceps • pain tablets
 - anti-nausea tablets
- · bottle of hydrogen per-
- · antibiotic skin ointment

Other essential items

- blankets for each person
- photocopies of personal documents, including insurance policy
- · recent photos of each person
- · activity books and/or playing cards

- toys for children
- three-day supply of food and water for pets
 - safety pins
 - whistle
- cash (since ATMs may not be working)
- tools such as axe, shovel, screwdriver, hammer, crescent wrench and pliers
- large plastic trash bags for wastes

Items should be stored in a waterproof container which is placed in an accessible location.

Kits should be checked every six months and food and water supplies updated at that time. Make sure batteries are in working order and that medication expiry dates have not been passed.

An evacuation bag could also be packed and ready to go, in case you need to leave your home.

It should contain:

- one change of clothes for each person
- · special items for infants, elderly or disabled
- gloves, toques and warm socks
- rain gear
- extra keys for the car or building and some cash
- personal medication and prescriptions for medication/ eyeglasses
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- · Power can be restored more easily by reducing the load on the electric system.

• If you leave your home during the outage, make sure your range is turned off and all other heat-producing appliances, such as your iron, are unplugged. This will minimize the risk of fire if power is restored.

Other tips

- Only open your freezer or fridge when absolutely necessary. A full freezer will keep food frozen for 24 to 48 hours if the door remains closed.
- Don't use barbecues, portable generators, or propane or kerosene heaters indoors. They are a fire and safety hazard, can give off deadly carbon monoxide and are for outdoor use only.
- · Use proper candle holders. Never leave lit candles unattended. · Home generators can be

very dangerous if they are not used properly.

When power is restored

- · Check to make sure your refrigerator and freezer are back on. Check your freezer guide to determine whether food can be safely re-frozen.
- · Give the electrical system a chance to stabilize. Turn on the most essential appliances first, and wait 10 to 15 minutes before reconnecting the others.
- Restock your emergency cupboard so the supplies will be there when they are needed again.





BERNARD'S BEAT: Salt Spring Island Middle School musicians learned a thing or two from the inspirational Bernard Primeau (centre), world-class drummer whose Montreal Jazz Ensemble gave a special presentation to the kids before a sold-out ArtSwings! series show at ArtSpring last Wednesday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Contest calls for library tales

Adults with stories to share that involve B.C. libraries have the opportunity to win cash in a province-wide competition.

Beyond Words is an essay contest that aims to celebrate and highlight the impact of B.C. libraries on people and communities. Those with personal stories about libraries are invited to enter the contest, which runs between February 1 and 28.

The top three winning essays will be awarded cash prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100, and will be featured on

CBC Radio One's North by Northwest. As well, the top 20 entries will be published.

The competition is open to all B.C. residents aged 19 or older. Essays should be no longer than 1,200 words and can be submitted online at www.beyondwords.ca or faxed to 604-609-0707.

"These wonderful anecdotes not only allow people to share a meaningful experience at the library, but they also reveal the important work that libraries across the province are doing to help change lives," said contest

coordinator Sandra Singh (of the Vancouver Public Library) in a press release.

Once received, the essays will be short-listed and reviewed by a panel of judges. They will be evaluated on content (clarity, expressiveness and emotional response evoked by the essay) with a lesser focus on technical quality (spelling, grammar and punctuation).

Winning entries will be announced mid-April.

Further information is available at the website and all B.C. libraries.

New Friday arts classes at ArtSpring

ArtSpring is breaking into spring early this year.

For the past three years ArtSpring has offered arts and craft classes during the school break. Getting a head start this year, ArtSpring kicks off a three-month series of activities in February.

"We always have so much fun when the kids are in the building during spring break," said Paul Gravett, executive director of Art-Spring. "So we thought, why wait? Let's start early!"

The series of 11 classes begins Friday, February 11 and is followed by a different class approximately every two weeks. Many of the most popular instructors return this year, including printmaking with Johanna

Hoskins (February 11), creative clay with Geraldine Charlton (February 18), cartooning with Donald Gunn (March 11) and songwriting with Jim Raddysh (April 8).

This year's programming also includes an amazing line-up of new and exciting classes. Students get to create their own colourful bird's nest and shelter (February 25), have fun with stage make-up (April 8) and weave their own scarf (April 22 and 29).

All classes are offered free of charge and materials are included. Space is limited for all classes so early registration is advised.

Parents can find further information for the classes by looking for "Creative

Kids" under the calendar tab on ArtSpring's website.

Visit ArtSpring's website (artspring.ca) for event details or call the Ticket Centre at 537-2102. ArtSpring gratefully acknowledges the support of the Province of British Columbia.

Comedy 'icon' returns

Lorne Elliott returns to Salt Spring Island next week with his "side-splitting" oneman show, The Collected Mistakes IV.

Appearing at ArtSpring for the third time, after two previously sold-out performances, Elliott is set to present a fast-paced evening of hilarity on Wednesday, February 9 at 8 p.m.

According to press material, this "quirky Canadian icon of comedy" needs little introduction.

"As host of CBC Radio's Madly Off In All Directions, and national treasure of comedy and musical theatre, Lorne Elliott is loved for his madcap, crazy, intellectual and foolish satire."

Renowned for his "uplifting brand of original entertainment that goes straight for the funny bone," Elliott's work first caught the attention of CBC Radio, which aired one of his concert performances on the Definitely Not The Opera show.

It was greeted with such enthusiasm across Canada that it was rebroadcast on "Sunday Showcase" and "Morningside."

In 1996, he starred in his own CBC Radio comedy series titled "Madly Off in all Directions."

After eight seasons as the host, Lorne decided in 2003 to take a leave from the radio show.

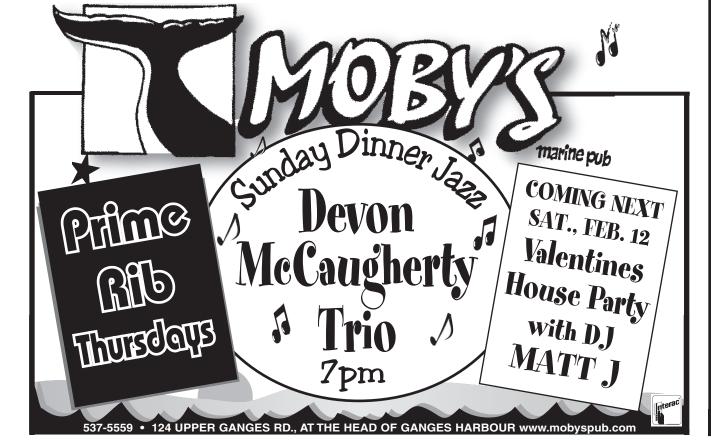
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Thursday Feb 10 Karaoke with Hosts Tom & Matt 8pm Friday Feb 11 Interchill Records DJ's 8pm

Stirred not Shaken: Sophisticated Lounge Music
Saturday Feb 12 Live with Kris Hansen 8 pm

Sunday Feb 13 Vintage Lounge with DJ Matt J 7 pm Rare & Classic Jazz, Soul, and R&B

Thursday Feb 17 Karaoke with Hosts Tom & Matt 8pm Friday Feb 18 Interchill Records DJ's 8pm

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Saturday Feb 19 Live with Gene Grooms 8 pm
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Sunday Feb 20 Vintage Lounge with DJ Matt J Rare & Classic Jazz, Soul, and R&B

Thursday Feb 24 Karaoke with Hosts Tom & Matt 8pm

Friday Feb 25 Interchill Records DJ's 8pm Stirred not Shaken: Sophisticated Lounge Music

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Artist Wright dies at 80

A long-time Salt Spring resident active in the arts community died on Saturday in Duncan at the age of 80.

Renowned wildlife painter Patricia Francis Wright ran the Fieldmouse Gallery on Salt Spring, following a lifelong career in art.

According to her nephew Adrian Raeside, former island resident and political cartoonist, Wright served with the Women's Royal Naval Service during World

After the war, she enrolled at the Heatherly School of Art in London and the Frobisher School of Painting in Hertford.

Immigrating to British Columbia in 1948, Wright was employed as an artist by the Victoria Public Library, the B.C. Provincial Library and the B.C. Department of Education.

She also spent some time in the United States, working at the Scripts Institute of Oceanography in California and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Wright travelled to Africa in 1950, where she spent months sketching and painting African wildlife. Her African experiences led to her illustrating several books on Africa.

Returning to Canada, she settled on Salt Spring and continued to paint. Besides successful shows throughout the country, Wright's detailed wildlife illustrations

were regular features in the B.C. Wildlife Review, B.C. Outdoors, Pacific Discovery, Rod and Gun, and Beautiful British Columbia maga-

Wright's last project was to illustrate the Antarctic diary of her father, the late Sir Charles Wright, a member of Scott's 1910-1913 Antarctic expedition.

The illustrated diaries were published under the title "Silas."

Raeside said that as Fieldmouse Gallery proprietor, "She tirelessly promoted new artists."

No memorial service will be held, said Raeside, "but due to Pat's everlasting love for animals, in lieu of flowers, a donation to a local animal shelter would be gratefully appreciated."

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An auction, dance and cabaret at Beaver Point Hall raised some \$2,500 for tsunami relief on Saturday.

"I wanted to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who came, everyone who donated and everyone who contributed." said event organizer Andrea Russell.

"It was a brilliant success."

Attendance was higher than expected and Russell was pleased to see a mixed-generation crowd at the all-ages event that featured multiple performers.

She offered particular thanks to Interchill DJs Sean Hill and Andrew Ross Collins.

And Russell noted that Play Poi fire spinners from Vancouver were well received by the audience.

Russell will leave in mid-February for a month-long trip to distribute aid directly to tsunami survivors in Thailand, she said.

"I want to work on the ground level to find what's been missed by CARE and Red Cross to fill in those gaps.'

As a fluent Thai speaker following a Rotaryexchange program when she was a high-school student, Russell plans to interview locals and collect data to find what will be needed for future assistance. She will also look into arranging a long-term partnership between islanders and a Thai village.

Photographs By Mike Gluss

Coming to ArtSpring

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95th CELEBRATION: Lorraine Bell pins a corsage on Effie Odlum as friends and family gather at the Legion to celebrate the longtime islander's 95th birthday.

Comfort quilts say 'home' for Salt Springers in hospital

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

Heather Howard knows a quilt is much more than an aesthetically pleasing way to cover a bed.

When her late daughter Nichola Howard was being treated for cancer a few years ago, she received two quilts: a large one from her friends and staff at Salt Spring Island Middle School, and a smaller one from a group specializing in quilts for children with terminal illnesses.

Nichola used the large one to wrap around herself for warmth and comfort, and the other for her hospital bed.

"No matter where your room."

Not only that, but since each quilt has its own story, they are a useful conversation starter.

Her SIMS quilt enabled Nichola to tell people about her friends from home.

The other quilt was custom made after Nichola filled out a form describing her favourite colour, pets and special interests.

"It's very difficult to visit a terminally ill person," said Heather. "A quilt gives you something to talk about that is positive and interesting for both of you.

"You don't really realize the value of them, the quality of home and the communication with visitors, until you are actually there.'

Island Comfort Quilts, a new group on Salt Spring, intends to prompt similar conversations and good feelings for other children and adults battling a life-threatening illness or injury.

Lynn Brand received the first official Island Comfort Quilt. Ironically, she was also one of the group's initiators, after her sister Carol Simpson received a quilt from a



GIFT OF LOVE: Lynn Brand (left) of Island Comfort Quilts (ICQ) receives the first ICQ-made quilt from group "No matter where you are, it's home," said Heather. "It makes it your room." the make of the name of the who receives the suffering a life-threatening illness or injury. The name of the who receives the name of the name

different group last year.

"I went to the first meeting and then by the next meeting I was diagnosed with a very rare melanoma and the group gave me a quilt. I got the first Island Comfort Quilt."

The group has now given five quilts to islanders in need, but that's just the start. A community-wide quilting bee is set for March 12 at Community Gospel Chapel.

"That day we plan to make 50 quilts," said Brand.

Donations of 100 per cent cotton and flannelette cotton material can be made at Stitches and Curves, and cash donations are also needed to purchase quilting bee supplies like thread, needles, embroidery thread and batting.

ICQ suggests an ideal Valentine's Day gift of love is a card supplied by ICQ to people who make a donation to the group. The gift can be made in the name of the person who receives the Valen-

People should call Carol Simpson at 653-2000 or Marguerite Lee

at 537-5302, or they can pick up the cards at Stitches.

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"Birds are amazing creatures," notes press material. "Each species has adapted to its environment, and (the birds') physical development reflects their place in nature."

Fulford in February is full of bird species, notes the material. "The eagles return to Fulford Harbour, the swans are still living at Fulford estuary, there are abundant species of ducks to study and smaller seed eaters are foraging throughout our area."

Workshop participants will learn about bird adaptations, build nesting houses, observe and identify many species of birds and enjoy a peaceful winter day at Fulford Harbour with avid birders Michael Dunn and Molly Lynes Ford.

The program starts at Fulford Community Nature School. Participants will walk to the Fulford estuary midday and finish the program at Drummond Park.

Registration is by email (fulford@sd64.bc.ca) or by phone: Judy Raddysh at 653-0025 or Fulford school at 653-9223. Payment can be mailed to GICEL at Fulford Community Nature School, 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring, V8K 2K3, or dropped off at the school or school board office, with a note that funds should be sent to Fulford.



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Women's circle set

When women sit together in circle, with focus and intention, something alchemical can happen, say two women's group facilitators.

Oni Freeman and Sharon Bronstein are offering a new Salt Spring women's group called Support and Strength, sponsored by Community Education and beginning February 9. Freeman and Bronstein have a strong belief that women's groups can be a powerful force for change, be it personal, spiritual or political. As the facilitators are psychotherapists who use expressive arts, this group is oriented to looking inward utilizing right-brained and playful activities.

"The freedom to play allows serious work to occur and creative solutions will often present themselves in effortless ways," states a press release. The group will run for six weeks. Register with Community Education at 537-0037.



DRAGON WINNER: Sam Chan had the winning bid in the silent auction for a beautiful green dragon candle at the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop. The item, presented to Chan by Betty-Ann Caldwell, drew lots of interest at the Thrift Shop last week.

Photo contributed

Tsunami slide show set

A Vancouver nurse who was part of a small medical team treating tsunami victims in Sri Lanka will talk about her experiences and show slides at All Saints on Friday night.

Mary Spencer, daughter of Salt Spring resident Margaret Spencer, is a B.C. Children's Hospital critical care nurse who spent approximately two weeks in Sri Lanka through an Association of Medical Doctors of Asia program in January. The event begins at 7 p.m.

New First Nations research at talk

On Wednesday, February 9, the Salt Spring Historical Society will feature a progress report by Barb Lyngard and Chris Arnett on their work with First Nations elders with historical connections to Salt Spring Island.

"There is a persistent assumption by many islanders that First Nations people never lived on Salt Spring Island and only used it on a casual basis," Arnett said. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

Under the auspices of the Salt Spring Island Archives, which is administering the Memory Fund Project to gather and preserve information regarding ethnic minori-

ties on Salt Spring and Galiano islands, the two volunteers have recently interviewed knowledgeable elders from First Nations communities on Kuper Island and Vancouver Island.

"We have sought out people who have ancient connections to the island," said Arnett. "What they have generously shared with us is incredibly valuable and will go a long way to dispel any notion that First Nations had only tenuous connections to the island."

The two volunteers have been privileged to hear firsthand accounts of ancient Creation stories, traditional food gathering activities, spiritual practices and family histories specific to Salt Spring.

In addition to recording oral histories, Lyngard and Arnett, with the assistance of Frank Neumann, are documenting and photographing archaeological material collected from various island localities over the years and preserved in private and public collections.

They have also located a number of rare photographs of native settlements and persons which will be featured in Wednesday's presentation.

Next week's presentation begins at 2 p.m. in Central Hall. Coffee, tea and delectable baked treats always follow.

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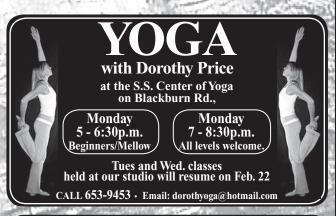
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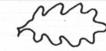
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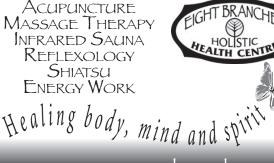
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Snow beckons slope-hounds to Banff

By CHRIS RUDDEN

t is January 20th. Vancouver is flooding, it's raining in Whistler and most everywhere in B.C., and yet, it's still snowing in the alpine at Sunshine Village and Lake Louise.

Lake Louise is reporting around 60 cms in three days. Sitting at home is not an option.

I am driving east of Banff on the Trans-Canada Highway, trying to make my way in what is referred to as "freezing rain." I had heard of it before, but this was insane. The highway has quite literally become a skating rink, with an eight-cm-thick sheet of ice covering everything. The highway crews had laid down a decent layer of sand on top, but still, this is no Salt Spring Island picnic.

Challenging driving conditions for sure: extreme ice, ice potholes, other drivers. Is 45 more minutes of this really worth it?

I have seen Lake Louise (www.ski-louise.com) boast that it has the most "skiable" acreage in Canada. I guess their marketing department thinks Whistler-Blackcomb is in Alaska or something. But one thing is for sure, as I float on 60 cms of powder down Paradise Chair — this is paradise! This is the best place to be skiing in Canada right now, since coastal mountains are having horrendous seasons thus far. While much of the area was closed due to extreme avalanche conditions, with 113 marked trails, 3,250 feet of vertical rise and 4,200 overall skiable acres, chances are I would not be getting bored any time soon. Was the drive worth it? Most equivocally, yes.

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> for a quick buck. Sunshine Village (www. skibanff.com) is only a 25minute drive from Banff. I have seen Sunshine Village boast "the best snow in Canada." Being away from the Pacific coast, moisture content in the snow here is non-existent at times. While less moisture often means less snow, the snow here generally stays quite consistent.

tain gives you quick bang

Dry snow does make

for great skiing, but also means you will hit rocks as you drop further down into

the snow. But, in all, I would say Sunshine's claim is not unfounded. Big White's snow quality in B.C. would be the most obvious comparison for

Sunshine offers short bursts of accessible, technical terrain which provide a quick dose of adrenaline. This is not

to say that the mountain is difficult in any way.

ut, with three mountains, 3,358 acres of terrain, including 107 runs to choose from, chances are you will find something you like. And, if you are lucky enough to be there on a true "powder day," when all the lifts are open, runs down Teepee Town Chair, the glades off Goat's Eye Chair or Delerium Dive will change your lives; possibly for the negative if you are not good enough to be there, so take care.

After another harrowing drive, I arrive back in Banff. My day of snowboarding has given me quite the appetite.

As I get back into town, I see yet another bumper sticker reading "I love Alberta beef." I am not really much of a meat eater, but there is certainly no shortage of beef in Banff. I drop my equipment off at

home and run to meet my girlfriend for dinner.

I admit up front, we have not been to that many places in Banff as our budget is limited at best, but I will say that we have found it hard so far to find great food. The last time I ate out, my critique would be: the lettuce is sad, the rice is too cold, and, no, that is not seafood chowder, it is mystery gravy. Wow, I sound bitter. Maybe it is just that there is not the overabundance of quality, vegetarian-tendency and sushi options that I am used

Finally, we decide on the Sunfood Café, listed as a vegetarian cafe (the only one in town). It was quiet and delicious. Perfect.

After the meal, we decide to walk it off. The great thing about Banff is, while having a car is almost a necessity, you still do not really use that much gas. While in town, walking is usually just as fast, and easier, making for a healthy amount of pedestrian traffic at all times of the day.

The main streets are lined with stores, most taking on a primarily "tourist" notion, making the place feel, at times, like Gastown in Vancouver. And, yes, Banff even has an Old Spaghetti Factory. But there are plenty of places to find your inner consumer, from hempware to fur coats, fresh chocolate fudge, "Banff Avenue" street signs,

antifreeze and everything in between. And in tourist town style, you will pay more everywhere; even at the grocery store, where the quality of the vegetables is often suspect at best.

Yes, in no uncertain terms, this is a tourist town, with 5 million visitors annually, but only about a million of those in the winter.

Even on the busiest Saturday, you can still find yourself alone on a ski run at times. That never happens in Whistler or most anywhere else I have ever been.

aybe it is the occasional elk that stands in the way as you walk up your back driveway. Maybe it is that there are endless things to do, away from the purely tourist hype. Maybe it is that you can bring your ice skates and go play pond hockey right on the outskirts of town, starting a game of shinny with people you have never met before.

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Pre-election forum features environment, political debate

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The February 8 event at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) begins at 7 p.m. and will feature a panel debating and discussing the environmental directions and contributions of the major B.C. political parties.

Joining representatives of the parties will be guest environmental experts offering their insight on trends in environmental legislation, policies and

"Essentially, the province has changed a huge range of laws that we rely on to protect our environment and to protect the health of British Columbians," said Chris Rolfe, the executive director of

West Coast Environmental Law.

The driving force for these changes, according to Rolfe, is not a single rationale on the part of government, but a blend of direct and indirect policy decision-making.

"Much has been driven by cutbacks and the need to change laws because there was no longer the staff to support them," he said. "Some has been driven by an ideological desire to show that B.C. is open for business and some of it has been driven by the assumption that business in B.C. was being strangled by red

tape.
"The changes have consistently reduced the role of the public in terms of environmental protection, environmental standards have been reduced, and there's been a reduction in the ability of the province to monitor and enforce."

The problem's politi-

of Dr. Michael McGonigle. Holder of the Eco-Research Chair at the University of Victoria, the lawyer, political economist and author was cofounder of Greenpeace International, founding director of the Sierra Legal Defense Fund, and cofounder of Smart Growth B.C., Forest Futures and the International Network of Forests and Communi-

"I will be discussing that awkward situation that environmentalists are in politically," he said.

"The environment is a systemic issue and that's very difficult to address. It's a pervasive problem that touches all aspects of life, so how do we address that?"

The forum follows a series of CCC events on education, poverty, health and BC Hydro privatiza-

BRIDGE **RICKS**

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Due to the sudden, save (but mercifully short) series of snow-storms that assaulted us in most un-Salt Spring-like style, in mid-January, causing power outages (only 3.5 days for us) and downed phone lines (for five days here) we began to exhibit classic symptoms of bridge with-drawal. (If you play bridge, no explanation is needed, and if you don't, I pity you.)

On January 3, George and Flo Laundry were first, followed by Ron Hall and Bob Morrisette. Third were Joan Conlan and Blanche Poborsa. On January 24, Ima Krayenhoff and Patricia MacFarlane came in first. Then it was Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt, and close behind were Hall and Morrisette. On reflection, we should count our blessings and be thankful that we do not live in the Maritimes or the north east of the "Excited States," where they are still facing much worse problems.

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Junior girls dunk Kelsey scrappers

Junior girls Scorpions rose above scraps and missed calls to beat Frances Kelsey 47-31 in basketball action on January 25.

"The greatest learning experience for the girls in this game was discovering the power of positive attitude and focus. When they were on, they were really on," said Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) coach Elly McKeague.

"Megan Cameron showed

us just how 'on' she can be by sinking an amazing shot from just inside the three-point line as the buzzer went off to end the first half."

With only one referee calling the game instead of the regulation two, many calls were missed, which made for a frustrating situation, McKeague said.

"The girls are to be congratulated for keeping their cool in the face of some very physical, scrappy opposition."

After dropping behind in the first few minutes of play, the GISS girls took control of the game, played headsup ball, passed to the open player and dominated the boards, she said.

Ayla Lundy was top scorer with 17 points, followed by Sam Bird and Jennifer Akerman with eight points each.

"Lundy and teammates Caitlin Hilyer and Kristi Lee worked well as a low-post team and brought down the most offensive rebounds,' McKeague said.

Wing players Megan Cameron, Daniella Benloulou, Cassandra Storey and Dorothy Lo also showed good ball control and initiated great passing plays from the top of the key, the coach said.

The junior girls hosted another game on Tuesday, but results were unavailable

Scorpion boys scuttle into 56-47 loss

Feisty Scorpions senior boys couldn't topple Brentwood giants during a tough basketball game on January 25.

Set to equalize after a loss to Brentwood the previous week, Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys fell 56-47 during a home rematch.

"We played right into Brentwood's hands," said GISS coach Lyall Rue-

Left without fast-break weapons Marlow Hart and Kirby Garside due to the flu, GISS moved at Brentwood's tempo, Ruehlen said.

"We played their game — a slow pace walking the ball up the court."

Brentwood features one player who stands 6' 10" and another who is 6' 6", he noted.

Ruehlen was pleased with GISS defence that shut down outside shooting but his players just weren't hitting their shots, he said.

GISS point leaders were Jesse Hranchuk (18) and Jordan Borth (14).

Earlier in the week, GISS junior boys

beat Shawnigan Lake on January 24 to add to their winning streak, Ruehlen said.

The game started close, but the Scorpions took control after the third quarter, he said.

Junior boys only had one loss to a AAA-team early in the season, and Ruehlen is looking forward to seeing the boys advance to the senior squad.

"For me, being the senior boys coach, it makes me excited for the next few

HIGH ROLLERS

January 18 Seniors: Roger Brunt, 213; Margie Farup, 219. On December 7, 2004, high Seniors scores were Jim Glenn, 200; Rita Dods, 224; Carol Kaye, 231, 217, 223-

January 25 Seniors: Roger Brunt, 217; Rita Dods, 213; Jim Glenn, 238; Carol Kaye, 200, 301-668.

January 24 Circus League: Doreen Hewitt, 214; Margaret Baker, 221.

January 27 Legion League: Myles W., 211; Brenda I., 216; Brenda A., 207, 225; Ken A., 213; Dan B., 220, 237, 619; Ken D., 236; Harold R., 208; Bruce W., 241, 203-623; Jeff, 93 (best); Jake, 96 (low).

January 26 Special Olympics: Mahjor Bains, 140; Dominic George, 140; Jason Newport, 166; Sharon Way, 170.

Best-laid plans end in moral victory Salt Spring Old Boys coach half and finally break out in Fraser Hope had serious the last five minutes of the game to snatch a dramatic win, leaving Vic West with

plans for achieving a victory against Victoria West in Tony Grover Memorial Cup play Sunday. Mid-week analysis around the water cooler emphasized the need for the Old Boys to bring their "A" game to the field when meeting a Vic West team fighting for leadership of the Masters "A" Division, which is two full divisions above Salt Spring's over-35 team.

"Sunday morning in a Thrifty's parking lot swirling with mist, I decided that the best plan of success was to employ the famous 'catenaccio' defence," said Hope, "not to be confused with the 'Sicilian Defence."

The plan became more imperative when only 10 members turned up to play, said Hope.

He said the plan was "to hold them to a scoreless first no time for a comeback."

But, he said, quoting Scotland's national poet "and 18th-century part-time Scottish Premier League sports reporter Robbie Burns: 'The best laid plans o' mice and men gang aft aglay."

For some reason, the game plan "was in tatters with Salt Spring FC Old Boys quickly falling behind to two lethal strikes, which added to two further goals and left us gasping for breath at the interval."

Salt Spring Old Boys then rose to the challenge led by Chris Cottrell's battle cry of "Let's hold them to nine goals!" and kept Vic West to a further solitary disputed goal to end up honourable 5-0 losers.

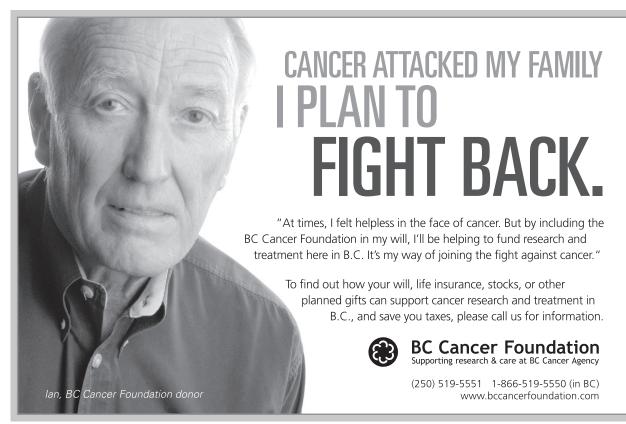
As Graham Tweddle

remarked: "We had them where we wanted — they, Vic West, were hanging for dear life at the end trying desperately to save their 5-0 shut-out."

In the end, said Hope, it became apparent the Old Boys "would always find it difficult to conjure a victory against a faster, younger and fitter team. All 10 players played until the final whistle, secure in the fact that nothing more could have been asked of them in terms of effort and commitment."

Post-game analysis around the team cooler was emphasized by Jack Braak's comment: "With a few more politicians on the team, Salt Spring would have won!"

Hope said that by the time the team unloaded at Thrifty's after the journey back home, it was obvious "that a splendid victory was achieved, if only a moral one."







SOCCER DANCES: Above left, members of the U12 Stingers celebrate their equalizing goal, while above right, Tilly Morgan shuts downs a Noah Van Hullebush breakaway as the girls played the U12 boys to a 1-1 tie in an exhibition match Saturday.

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U10s, U12s back on the soccer field

· Still feeling a little sluggish after the thaw, Mouat's U10 girls Salamanders suffered a 6-0 loss against Peninsula Saturday.

A seven-week break left the Salamanders appearing disorganized when they were hemmed in their own end for five goals in the first half.

But the islanders got their blood pumping in the second with more even play and several chances.

Kudos go to Salt Spring netminders Kayla Pultke, who made numerous dazzling saves in the first half, and Nima McDuff, who held Peninsula to one more goal in the second.

Linda Herbert also attract-

SOCCER **KICKS**

ed attention when she tenaciously fought for chances as a striker in her first game. Pultke, McDuff, Hariana Brooks and Ruby Barnard also had chances on net.

Solid defence was notable by islanders Kimberly Rothwell, Melissa Roach and Maegen Cameron.

The U10 girls next play Prospect Lake off island.

 Salt Spring's U12 Stingers girls team tested their cup play mettle in an exhibition match against the island's U12 boys Saturday, and came up with a 1-1 tie.

Both teams are moving from eight-aside play to 11-aside action for upcoming Coastal Cup games, and needed to test out the larger field, nets and spread-out play.

The boys were first on the scoreboard, making it 1-0 at the half, but the girls rallied back with a passing play between Kai Fishleigh and Sierra Lundy, who put the ball in the net.

Coach Dave Morgan was thrilled with the tenacity shown by his entire team, which worked well in their positions with no subs.

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Christine Villadsen joined Lundy and Fishleigh on the forward line, getting through the boys' defence with several scoring opportunities.

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Among islanders' highlights, Colin McDougall nabbed a hat trick and Tom Berry buried a penalty shot, said player coach Chris Griffiths.

The coach also commended Joe Akerman for strong play in the midfield, despite the fact Akerman had a cast on one arm.

But Griffiths was appalled by the state of the Vic West field that even included a gravel baseball diamond

"It was wet and soggy on a very poor field. Vic West is built on a dramatic hill with about an eight-foot drop and the whole thing is on a camber."

The first of McDougall's goals came at 25 minutes with a strong shot outside 18 vards.

He scored again five minutes into the second half when he tapped in a cross from Zoltan Kodaly.

Pacific answered with a penalty shot to bring the score to 2-1 for Salt

But Jude Shugar was taken down in

the box and Berry fired an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

McDougall then earned his hat when he finished a ball that was bobbled by the Pacific keeper.

Pacific managed one more goal when a cross was chipped into the net.

Unfortunately, the game ended a few minutes early when a Pacific player took down Berry from behind.

The offending player received a red card and Berry went to the hospital to get checked out, Griffiths said.

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by Michael O'Connor

This week's New Moon in Aguarius marks the Chinese New Year. This is the year of the Wood rooster, otherwise known as the Singing Rooster. The Wood Monkey last year sure was full of tricks and audacious surprises and many are still trying to recover. The Wood Rooster will also prove to be a year full of growth and change Ambitions will remain high and new voices and personalities will make their appearance upon the world stage. These will be emphasising ethical, social and political change. However, the tone of the year will be decidedly more peaceful and people will be more willing to listen, yield and

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Interest groups, inventiveness inspiration and illumination are all possible aspects of your current reality. Your mind and heart are open and you are able to perceive yourself and others in a new light. At worst you feel aloof and indifferent about others peoples realities due to being too much in your mind. Your feet will hit the ground more solidly this week and you will feel much more assertive. Get ready to face fears with attitude.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) Changes in your public and social life continue to rumble. Whether in mind or deed you are eager to break free. Seeing through and beyond your situation requires imagination. You are on a soul searching journey to decipher your deeper needs and motives. By opening yourself to new perspectives and possibilities you demonstrate personal power. There is always another way and finding alternatives will happen as soon as you shift your point of view.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Some say that freedom lies in being bold. The stars are impelling you to spread your wings and take a leap of faith into the unknown. A bold adventure awaits the adventurous spirit within you. The secret to security is to ride the waves of change; resistance is futile. Learning how to feel secure with your personal power involves making choices. Like a muscle, your ability to choose must be exercised. See the bigger picture with an open

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Peeling away old layers in mind and body is setting you free. Hopefully, you are working with the process rather than childishly resisting. Might may feel right but it is seldom truly happy. Clutching onto the past is an understandable instinct, however as a human being with reason and intuition, why yield to instinct. Security is a state of mind, not a position or possession. If you feel nervous or afraid, face your fear and shine your light on it faithfully.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Taking a lead in creating cultural, artistic and/or religious experiences is keeping you busy and happy these days. Hopefully, you are not taking on too much, however. Be aware of a tendency to scatter your energies. This trend will continue throughout the year. Improved communications will lead to improved relationships now and vice versa. This implies grace, empathy and diplomacy. Let go of control and roll with the flow... diligently.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21) Yours is the sign of health and that is a main focus now. The healing revolution is awakening humanity to the fact that truly

good health requires a clear connection and flow between the body, mind and emotions. Ironically, modern mainstream medicine seems reluctant to acknowledge this. Alternative health is moving towards drug-free wisdom, yet we each must do our part. Take a creative approach to the quality of your lifestyle.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 21)

A fun, playful, creative and crazy momentum is keeping you on the go. Many new inspirations are leading you to explore new leads. You are committed to taking initiatives that you may have been reluctant to before. Cooperative efforts will prove effective now. You are entering a very dynamic period during which you will push the limits even further. This is a good time to initiate projects, especially ones that renovate in some way.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) Getting in touch with your unique individuality is an opportunity to invent. Creative inspirations are available to you now in one form or another. The key is to tune in and acknowledge them gratefully. Scepticism and cynicism may seem intelligent, but they can be reflections of a closed heart and mind. Your willingness to learn patiently and steadily remains the key to your success Have faith in eternal renewal and allow for rebirth.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Opening your mind to new perspectives is the call now. This is a pioneering time for you. Your willingness to learn new skills is the key. Fortunately, a big wave of ambition is coming in fast now. Acknowledge your special qualities and your ability and willingness to learn. Diligent focus and follow through are prerequisites for success. Options are good yet too many can be distracting and scattering. Outline your priorities and focus!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) You are building upon a whole new platform of relations. Finances, ambitions and investments are helping to motivate you. You have some big plans brewing and you are willing to take a few calculated risks You are on the verge of making some bold new assertions and advances. The key is to simply do your thing and do not look for an audience. However, some cooperative efforts are likely. Let your intuition guide!

Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 19)

With a host of planets in your sign you are in the mood to initiate new intentions and projects. The time has come to bring your visions more fully into reality. As is your nature, you feel rebellious about the injustices you see in the world and want to do something about it. Collaborative efforts are calling. Merging your visions and energies with those of others is ideal; however, you may have to be the one to take

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Making diligent efforts behind the scenes is keeping you busy now. This may imply simply being receptive to intuitive leads emerging from within. This is a good time to take note of the flow of inspiration that is trying to come through to consciousness. Your dreams may be especially vivid and/or prophetic. In any case, build upon the future without looking back. Energy goes where attention goes and back is not where you want to go. Forward!

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PROFESSIONAL COUPLE with well behaved medium dog wish to lease long term house on Salt Spring Island. 2-3 bedrooms and two baths preferred, garage, and view of water or harbour. Furnished O.K. or we can furnish. Satellite TV and Internet access a plus. We are boaters so near water preferred. Please respond to: kandwrichards@earthlink.net

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1985 HONDA ACCORD, 4 dr., auto.. sunroof, power windows/locks, runs great. Needs ball joint, tie rod, brakes. \$500 firm. 1976 Volvo Sedan, 4 sp. standard, runs good, \$400. 537-

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ENVIRONMENTAL FARM Planning Workshop, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 10 am - 1:30 pm, SSI Farmers Institute meeting room. No charge - coffee & lunch incl. Presented by the Island Farmers' Alliance. To register, contact Sheri Nielson, 537-1883. See our ad in "Coming Function"

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This week's winners of the LED Flashers in the Driftwood's Be Safe, Be Seen Campaign are: Bev Kay, Deb Hagarty, Jeremy Hollingsworth, David Simmonds and Hamish Walde. Drop by Sports Traders or Home Hardware and enter to win a LED Flasher. You can also get your safety gear at Island Escapades.

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Recycling investigation gets going

Consultants hired by the Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SSISWAC) have begun their review of possible recycling options for Salt Spring.

Earth Tech consultants attended the regular SSISWAC meeting on Friday to get feedback on review methods and direction, demonstrating their approach in

reaching recommendations for the best recycling plan for the island.

Currently, Community Services is on contract with the Capital Regional District (CRD) to operate the Salt Spring Recycling Depot on Rainbow Road.

The review will conduct a survey at the depot to determine the level of commer-

cial use and will compare the cost of the Blue Box program in the CRD area to a similar level of service on Salt Spring.

It will also develop a comparison of costs for alternate depot management, including other private contractors.

Costs and performance are key issues for the CRD, according to Gary Holman,

CRD director for Salt Spring and SSISWAC chairperson.

The cost per tonne of diverted waste on Salt Spring is higher than in the core CRD area, although Salt Spring is the least expensive of the Gulf Islands.

Salt Spring figures are notoriously inconsistent, noted local depot manager Peter Grant.



SPINNAKER FINISH: Kevin Vine sails his boat through the finish line as the Salt Spring Sailing Club holds a "washed out" race on Sunday. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Walkers off to Christie Falls

One day of the February Walkers schedule for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club was missed in last week's Driftwood.

On February 15, Lynn

Thompson will lead an offisland trip to Christie Falls near Ladysmith. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.



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