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100s march, light candles for peace

By SUSAN LUNDY Staff Writer

A demographically-diverse crowd of about 500 people walked through Ganges Saturday and gathered in Centennial Park to add their voices to a worldwide peace movement.

"We are living through amazing times," noted speaker Bob Wild. "People throughout the world are making known their demands for peace . . . There is a new kind of 'people power."

The Salt Spring rally coincided with peace events around the world and was followed up Sunday evening by a candlelight vigil, also in Centennial Park.

Part of a international

peace movement, candlelight vigils occurred in close to 7,000 communities in 140 different countries, beginning in New Zealand last week-

More than 200 people lit candles at Salt Spring's Sunday night vigil, before singing, praying and listening to speakers.

"It was really quite a wonderful evening," said participant Nancy Powell, "with the moon and the songs and the quiet . . . and then the candlelight."

On Saturday, marchers who ranged in age from the very young to the elderly fell into pace behind a huge ban-

PEACE EVENTS 3

Fundraisers benefit brain surgery youth

Islanders are rallying around the family of a Salt Spring boy, who has just returned to the island after brain surgery.

Although he is recovering well as he struggles with a rare genetic disorder, 11-year-old David Piperno will have to return to the hospital for additional kidney surgery.

The Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) student has neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder affecting nerve tissues.

"He's doing not too bad," said David's mother, Mary He plans to return to school for half days next week but

won't be able to pursue his favourite activities - karate, football, baseball and bike riding — because his medications

ERIN GO BRAGH: An enthusaistic lvy Waltho celebrates the First Annual Greenwoods Green Day — a St. Patrick's Day event — with approximately 60 other residents, staff, friends and family members. The party included St. Patrick's trivia, treats and Blarney stone kissing.

Higher motorist premiums build ICBC profits

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. (ICBC) is riding high after recently reporting net income of \$45 million from 2002, but local drivers have been feeling the impact of auto insurance rate hikes that helped pave the revenue surplus.

"Most people who come in to get insurance are facing rate changes," said islander Brian Little. "If I'd been forewarned, I wouldn't have he learned that rate groups been so shocked."

In November 2002, ICBC announced a basic rate increase of 1.4 per cent (with additional increases to optional coverage), to take effect in January. Based on that announcement, Little had expected to pay about \$50 more for insurance when he traded his truck for a newer vehicle last month.

But Little found a hefty dent in his pocketbook after had been completely restruc-

"What's happened is they've changed the rate groups based on the vehicle make. They said the rates were frozen but in the end you end up paying more . . . This has been happening to everyone.'

Consequently, trading a four-year-old pickup for a newer truck of the same model meant Little paid

\$310 more for identical ICBC coverage.

"Car insurance has become very competitive," said ICBC regional claims office manager Paul McNicholls last week.

Rates have become far more specific based on the type of use, type of vehicle, year of vehicle, the client's claim record and the region where the client drives, McNicholls said.

"Most people should be

happy seeing a slight decrease in this area."

The region encompassing Salt Spring, Duncan and the Cowichan Valley saw a 1.5 per cent rate drop, while areas with higher accident rates, such as Kamloops and the Lower Mainland, received significant increases, he said.

But insurance customers will pay substantially more for newer vehicles, which

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this will be," she said.

While not seated at the table in any First Nations treaty negotiations, Islands Trust Council hopes to have more influence in the future with a radically updated policy position

Even though the previous document was completed only two and a half years ago, it was considered "no longer reflective of reality," the March 8 Trust Council meeting held at ArtSpring heard.

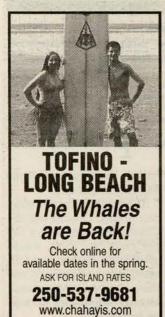
Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh said the new position paper "adopts a more conciliatory position by providing guidelines which reflect reasonable expectations of the Islands Trust during treaty negotiations."

Those expectations include considering the interests and concerns of local communities and local Trust committees (LTCs) early in the process; respecting LTCs and island municipalities "as respected advisors" and "independent, responsible and accountable orders of government" rather than "third party interests;" and to "recognize the values, heritage and culture of First Nations and island communities.'

In addition to authorizing further consultation with LTCs and the Trust Fund Board about the document, trustees directed their executive committee "to advance a position to the province that First Nation agreements in principle (AIPs) recognize the provincial mandate as it applies to the Islands Trust

Gabriola trustee Sheila Malcolmson praised the new document and direction the Trust is taking.

"The more we work on this and consult with our



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ICBC RATES

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produce a higher incidence of claims, McNicholls

"I have two vehicles. If my eight-year-old vehicle gets a ding, I'm not going to be too concerned about it. But if my new car gets a scratch, there's a much higher chance I'm going to make a claim.'

Optional coverages increased by an average of 7.6 per cent for private passenger vehicles while the average increase for commercial vehicles was 11.9 per cent.

People who live in areas of high theft and owners of vehicles desirable by auto thieves will see particularly high premiums, McNicholls noted.

"If you live in Surrey where vehicle thefts are high, you are going to pay more for comprehensive coverage."

The largest premium increases will be for inexperienced drivers of sports cars and high-end luxury vehicles, while experienced drivers of 1980s and early 1990s family vehicles will see the largest decreases.

An ICBC press release reports that vehicle theft rose by 10 per cent last year and that 2002 claims against the corporation increased by \$181 million over 2001.

But ICBC reduced its workforce by 1,300 and lowered controllable costs by 26 per cent, said ICBC president and CEO Nick

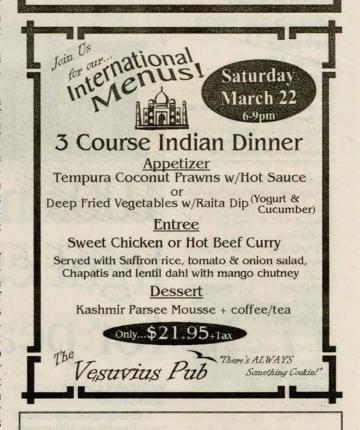
The insurance company also saw a \$327 million return on its investment portfolio (5.7 per cent).

'The financial turnaround at ICBC reflects fundamental changes," said Geer. "ICBC will be run like a business for the benefit of our customers, providing the lowest rates possible."

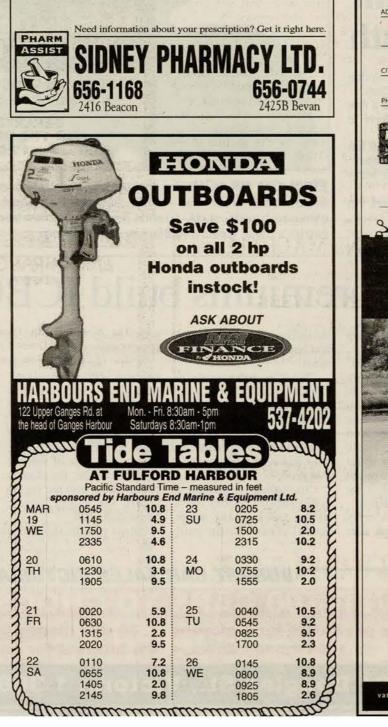
Insurance premiums in 2002 increased to \$2.63 billion (a 7.4 per cent increase over 2001), while claims costs climbed to \$2.19 billion (a 3.2 per cent increase).

"Much of the credit for the modest increase in current year claims costs is due to effective management of claims costs and our loss management and road safety programs," Geer said. We were also fortunate to have had unseasonably good weather in the last quarter of 2002, which helped offset the unusually high number of claims reported in the first quarter due to poor weather condi-

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Hearings winding down

National Energy Board (NEB) Joint Review Panel hearings into the GSX natural gas pipeline project are nearing completion in Sidney.

Some of the topics covered to date are the purported need for natural gas-fired energy on Vancouver Island, technical specifications and safety, and the pipeline's effect on marine life in the Strait of Georgia.

Trust chair David Essig was scheduled to address the panel on Tuesday on behalf of Islands Trust Council, which last year adopted a resolution opposing the project for environmental reasons.

Essig and and Linda Adams, the director of Trust area services, have also been monitoring the hearings since they began February 24.

"It looks like a court in every respect except there's no defendant," observed Essig.

In addition to the Islands Trust, environmental agencies, pipeline industry representatives, First Nations and residential groups have been participating in the hearings as registered intervenors.

Daily transcripts and webcasts of proceedings are available through the NEB website at www.nebone.gc.ca.

According to those transcripts, one of the topics raised last week was whether or not the boundaries of Ecological Reserve #67, located in the marine waters off Cape Keppel at the south end of Salt Spring, would be changed to accommodate the pipeline. GSX representatives said changing the boundaries would be preferred but the decision was up to the provincial government and required input from the Cowichan Tribes group.

GSX and U.S. company Williams Inc. is applying for federal government approval to construct a \$340-million pipeline between Washington State and Vancouver Island, just south of Duncan. Burning of the gas in co-generation plants would create electricity for Vancouver

The pipeline would run through Islands Trust area waters close to Salt Spring, Saturna and Pender Islands.

The NEB panel is not expected to render its recommendations until the fall, and then the final decision rests with the federal cabinet.



PEACE EVENTS: Worldwide

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ner that said "Salt Spring Voices for Peace."

Towering above the crowd was a huge George Bush effigy, created by various islanders over the past two

Other banners were made at a special pre-rally event held at the United Church.

"Despite great difficulty in walking, using his cane, the former Anglican Bishop Ron Shepherd covered the entire distance of the march," noted Lorraine Morton, who coauthored an "In-depth" article promoting the peace rally in last week's Driftwood.

'Another islander in his 80s - also walking with a cane - was joined by his daughter who journeyed spe-

"There's no cure for it," she said. "They just

remove tumours . . . and

they can just keep popping

Mary Piperno also has

neurofibromatosis. The

disorder can cause skin

freckling, tumours, high

blood pressure, neurofibro-

mas (bumps and lumps),

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difficulties.

make him dizzy.

walk with her father."

Wild took the podium in the park bandstand enthused about the gaining momentum of a worldwide peace move-

"Millions of people are saying 'no' to destructive polarization among different points of view, and 'yes' to listening to others' voices," he said, before recommending the Salt Spring gathering make four affirmations for peace. They included:

- · we no longer accept war anywhere as something inevitable;
- · war must cease because all wars have become wars against nature;
- · armoury industries of the world must be consigned to cially from Vancouver to the dust-bins of history; and

DAVID PIPERNO: Recovering

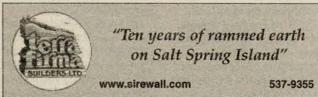
· the way forward for humanity is to create international friendships.

We are not at war," Wild said. "The world community is waging peace."

The gathering in the park also agreed to send a fax to Prime Minister Chrétien, urging the government to "decline to commit any Canadian military personnel or equipment to any zone of active warfare, and that Canada continue to be ready to commit military personnel and equipment for peacekeeping duties under the United Nations."

"The day is coming," noted Wild, "when the people of the earth want peace so badly, our governments will have to give it to us.'

CANDLES OF PEACE: United Church minister Rev. Rohanna Laing is surrounded by other participants at a candlelight vigil held Sunday night in Centennial Park. Laing said a prayer at the vigil, which coincided with other similar events around









scoliosis (curvature of the Marianne Benwood, are spine) and other serious

"The tumours go on the nerves. They clamp down on them and cut off blood circulation," she said.

The 11-year-old Grade 6 student went to Vancouver Children's Hospital on March 7 to have tumours removed from his brain and returned home last Thursday.

While Medical Services Plan covers operations, the plan won't accommodate the cost of Mary's stays at the hospital with her son.

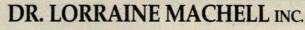
A bed costs \$40-45 per night and she stayed at Children's Hospital for a week during David's last operation.

"This family needs our help," noted Peter Bardon, one of the people organizing fundraising activities.

Fellow concerned islanders, Pam Miskey and also working on events to help the Piperno family stay with their son during his next surgery.

A dance and auction runs at SIMS from 7-10 p.m. March 28, and a loonie drive will also be established at the middle school following spring break.

Miskey will gladly accept community donations for the auction (537-2186). And there is also a trust account in David Piperno's name at Island Savings Credit Union.



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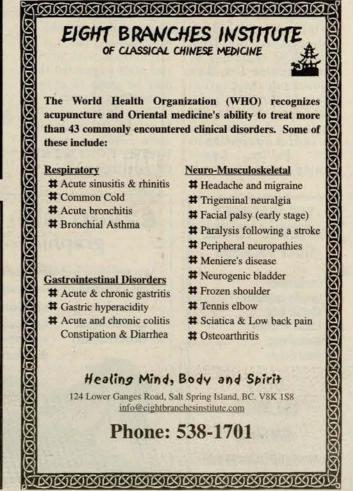
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School district approves 'tight' budget

Now that funding figures have been ironed out for the year, Gulf Islands School District passed a final 2002-2003 budget with no surprise increases at a school board meeting March 12.

"It's a very tight budget," said district secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold.

Operating expenditures grew by almost \$1 million to \$15,470,000 this year (from \$14,475,000 in 2001/2002) while provincial grants only grew by \$400,000 between the two

years.
"The major issues are that we had changes to collective agreements that the Ministry [of Education] put in place. They funded a

portion of those agreements but we basically ended up funding the deal. These are really significant numbers given that we are in a period of declining enrollment," Scotvold said.

Increased district costs came primarily from \$300,000 for two unfunded 2.5 per cent lifts to teachers' salaries, \$70,000 in higher support-staff salaries and \$100,000 in added costs to benefit packages, Scotvold said.

"The cost of benefits has gone right off the map."

Staffing reductions and attrition cut expenditures by \$350,000 to help offset a deficit in the Gulf Islands

But the largest boons to maintain a balanced budget came from approximately \$1.8 million in revenue generation projects such as adult education, international students, secondary learning centres on the Outer Islands, and the Learners District Partnership Program for homeschoolers.

The district ran at a deficit prior to the initiation of those revenue generation projects, Scotvold noted.

"That's the value of those programs that were built up over the past three years . . . That's been a big part of turning this district around."

Consequently, the district should even be able to stash a modest \$150,000 surplus after expenditures this year.

But that fund could barely withstand increased staffing costs related to something like a bad flu season, Scotvold said.

"There's less than one per cent of the budget in contingency funds.'

At the board meeting, Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel inquired whether the district could apply for an exemption from provincial sales tax (PST) on utilities, services and supplies for the year.

How much do we give back to the government?" Boel asked.

The district currently receives a PST exemption on \$480,000 in school supplies, Scotvold said.

And the education ministry would need to create a mechanism to rebate PST or increase funding to reflect other exemptions, he noted.

Since the Gulf Islands School District is expecting an even tighter budget due to declining enrollment, additional unfunded salary increases and the loss of a buffer grant next year, they will need to pinch every

"It is challenging, and the challenge results from decreased enrollment. We don't have a lot of room to manoeuver."



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Police car damaged

A Salt Spring RCMP vehicle was damaged when police met with a group of young adults on Sunset Drive Monday night.

Upon receiving reports of vehicles impeding traffic at 9:43 p.m., RCMP attended the scene to find a large gathering of youths in the

Police believe that subsequent damage to a tire on the vehicle was caused inten-

"For a time, the damage rendered the vehicle useless to respond to any other

RCMP REPORT

emergency on the island and could have resulted in serious damage to the public or to the responding member," stated an RCMP press

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call Crimestoppers or the Salt Spring detachment (537-

Enrollment recount spells funding dive

An unprecedented enrollment recount will result in a loss of funding for the Gulf Islands School District next

"This is the first time they've asked us to do a recount," said Scotvold.

The February 1 enrollment count found a reduction of 18.625 full-time-equivalent students, he said. Eleven of the students were from Grade 11, he noted.

In other school district news:

• Trustees will write to the B.C. Ferries Corporation celebrating their partnership in the new "Band to Go" music program that provides Outer Islands students with band instruction on ferry vessels.

The ferry-based music classes set sail between Galiano, Mayne, Saturna and the Pender Islands March 7.

Saturna Island trustee Susanne Middleditch was even asked to loan her saxophone to one enthusiastic Saturna

 School halls were exceptionally quiet at Gulf Islands Secondary School last week since 125 students were out gaining work experience, said principal Nancy Macdonald.

Trust wants islands out of BC forest plan

Islands Trust Council will ask the provincial government to exempt the Trust area from its Working Forest Initiative.

Using a draft response outline done by Linda Adams, the director of Trust area services, trustees voted at their March 8 council meeting to respond to the provincial plan to open up B.C. Crown lands for more logging activity.

The proposal was floated January 22 and public input requested.

Both Adams' draft response and the Trust position as explained by Hornby trustee Tony Law pointed out the conflict between the provincial Trust area mandate and logging, and the fact that the Trust is completing its own Public Lands Strategy study to deter-

mine the best use of island Crown lands.

The lands are also more integrated with settlement areas on Trust islands than in other parts of the province, observed Law and Adams.

Treed Crown land in the Trust area also "contains many of the sensitive ecosystems identified by the Conservation Data Centre," states Adams' report. "Less than 35 per cent of these areas have been protected."

Adams said she didn't want anyone to hold out expectations, but that her discussions with provincial staff suggested there may be some receptivity to the Trust proposal.

The Union of B.C. Municipalities also has some concerns about the Working Forest Initiative, the meeting heard.

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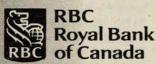
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Parents and their babies participate in this program by visiting a classroom for 40 minutes a month for 10 months along with a trained instructor. The result: more empathic classrooms.



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WORK SPILL: Above, Salt Spring firefighters contain 20 litres of diesel spilled at the Petrocan station in Ganges, while below, they attend a single vehicle accident on Vesuvius Bay Road. Response crews attended three incidents between 10:45 a.m. and 11:44 a.m. Thursday. The third emergency involved a Maliview shed engulfed by an incinerator fire.

Photos by Mitchell Sherrin and Derrick Lundy



Energy strategy sought

Salt Spring and the world could benefit from efforts of a non-profit society looking to create a "community energy strategy" for the island.

The Earth Festival Society, a B.C.-based non-profit group whose directors include islanders Elizabeth White and Marion Pape, is applying for federal funding available through the public education and outreach program of the Climate Change Action Fund.

The proposal would involve compiling baseline energy consumption data for Salt Spring, engaging the community in establishing energy and greenhouse gas reduction targets and determining how to achieve them.

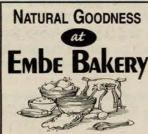
Seventy per cent of the estimated \$30,000 in funding would be provided by the federal program.

At the last Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, trustees agreed to participate on a project steering committee, as requested by White and Pape, and to provide a letter of support for the application.

Pape explained that the project would have a five-to-10-year vision and could feed into future official community plan updating.

The federal government has budgetted \$50 million for the Climate Change Action Fund in 2003-04.





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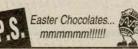
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To The Islands Trust March 7, 2003

I have come to talk to you today to correct some of the misinformation that is circulating throughout the community, and to point out some of the ironies in my present situation. I hope that you will extend to me the courtesy of quiet attentiveness, as I have extended it to you as you have dragged my name through the focus of the popular media.

It is my intention to stay within broad philosophies, with a few specifics to illustrate the ironies. If there are gross inaccuracies in numbers and dates, I'm sure someone can correct me later. No one told me that there would be questions near the end of my tenure.

However, philosophically, to all of you who would like to freeze Salt Spring to that day that you came here, I have to say that it is not possible, or desirable. What you saw on your day was what my family saw in the early 1880's. We all saw a community large enough to support us, but small enough to embrace us. We saw a community that was vibrant in its diversity. It would accept Blacks, First Nations, Orientals, and Europeans. It took them all, refugees, the soldiers who fought them, the draft dodgers who wouldn't, and the academics who thought about it. Their values and work ethics evolved into a community that, after 124 years was so desirable that in the early seventies, someone said, "Let's kill it and stuff it". Sort of like Roy Rogers horse. When an organism ceases growing and developing it has started to die. Special interest groups are the undertakers.

My father was on the wharf when the first vehicle came to the island. There was huge pressure to ban it because it might spook the horses. I realize that there is a group who, 90 years later, still hold to that philosophy, but they are often the ones who park closest to the hall.

Goods were brought to the Island by individual resources. Small private boats rowed to Vancouver Island with animals tied among the seats, returning carrying food and towing lumber. When the steamers came, they were welcome, but when a car ferry was proposed, it sounded like someone had proposed a bridge. You've heard about runaway development and access by riff-raff, which is another name for fellow Canadians who don't live on Salt Spring.

Now, 70 years later with around 25 sailings a day off Salt Spring, do you cherish the few minutes to enjoy the best inland waters in the world, or do you curse it for being a few minutes late?

I expect most of you don't want to be asked if you live on land subdivided since the great ferry debate of 1932.

The island was built largely by folk who lived in their basements while they framed the upstairs, often never finishing until it was time to sell and move for economic reasons. This culturally diverse group could not come here now that occupancy permits can be withheld for a misplaced switch plate.

Enough generalities, I suppose. I own a large piece of land on North Salt Spring, as you have read. This has been held in our family for 120 years. To short circuit the "you're so lucky to inherit" routine, when I returned to Salt Spring in 1967 with a fresh engineering degree, and a wife who is a medical professional, a waterfront property on Menhennic Drive, bigger than mine was available for \$12,000. That was about one year's wages for us. We have worked full time on our place ever since. No gift – consider it bought and paid for, and my investment portfolio. I wasn't lucky enough to hold Bre-ex, Nortel and Ballard.

When our land was singled out in the Official Community Plan, I made no objections. When it was further encumbered by Bylaw 355, we complied and accepted, amazed as I was that the unstable soil followed our property lines. The furnishings of my vacation rental are in storage, because it's now illegal.

However, when I found an aquaculture use that the Trust said was legal and conforming, I applied. I was assured by the Trust that these were office procedures and the hoops to jump through were minimal. Somehow after I was in the air, someone moved the hoop. I take umbrage.

We had the right until about 1972 to subdivide to any density, clear-cut, mine, remove building materials and destroy our place. We did not – we will not.

Why the hoop was moved gets into the ironical part. If some of you find the next part embarrassing, I also have been embarrassed.

Many of you are here because of the organizational skills of Chris Acheson. We understand that he, or his organization, is paying gophers and lawyers to oppose the project. I hope that he has explained how the Blackcod Association works? Otherwise you are being manipulated. It appears that about two-dozen boats share a resource worth about 30 million per year – not equally. Since these fish are quota, this is a right that they have every year. No boat has to fish his quota – he can rent it to another boat. Since this right is transferable, they may sell a combined quota value of about \$100,000,000, but there is none for sale. This group hires a manager and a biologist to lobby for a larger quota. These fish are a federal resource upon which no royalty is paid.

You say, "no big deal, they're using their ample resources to protect the ecology of the coast." Their logbooks attest that the wild stock is in decline, and federal fisheries seem to agree.

Now, take the association manager, Chris, and two other large quota holders, one of whom owns a processing plant. They form a small group. They enter into negotiations to ensure that Dr. Gidon Minkoff has the right to hatch Blackcod free of all encumbrances and to build a hatchery for them. They further start a negotiation with Gus Angus at Jarvis Inlet, Sunshine Coast, to enter into a 2.5 million dollar joint venture to change his ocean net pens to raise Blackcod. They would now control the hatchery, rearing and processing facilities to a \$7.50/lb wholesale fish. Sockeye salmon \$1.25, and pink salmon with or without sea-lice .15 cents. Here's where it gets fuzzy. If Chris thinks quickly he will say, "But when I realized how much damage it could do, I quit, regardless of the economic loss." I've been told that the small quota holders said, "No farmed Blackcod, we can't have most of the wild quota, plus all of the hatchery fish in the hands of three boat owners and the manager that we are paying to protect us." Since Chris is on the executive of the association, he can easily produce minutes to refute my source, if it is flawed. I would like that, since Chris and I are friends who have come down on opposite sides of an issue.

If you're feeling used, take heart, I'm sure that there is a logical explanation. Then ask why it is our understanding that he was trying to obtain brood stock quite recently from Dr. Minkoff's associates. I'll answer it for him. He wanted to eat them to protect the planet.

When McMillan Bloedel left Salt Spring, they said, "allow us a large subdivision on Stewart Road and we will give the balance of our land, 3 or 4 square miles to the community. They were told no. The land was sold piece meal, individually logged, and then Chris makes us the large subdivision on Stewart Road. Co-incidence?

Tell me again, Martha, why did they move the hoop while I was in the air?

As you can tell, I could go on. I hope that this won't be necessary, but I assure you as each of you is researching me, I am researching you.

Thank you for your respect. There is not much of it left in the world today.

Court sends car-torching youth to counselling

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Torching a car with gasline anti-freeze and a Burn-omatic barbecue lighter sent a Salt Spring teenager into counselling and probation after his March 11 Ganges Provincial Court appearance.

"It was an ill-conceived experiment with juvenile excitement thrown in," said defence counsel Tybring Hemphill.

Court heard that the owner of a white Chevy Sprint observed two boys behaving suspiciously before a fire damaged the front end and driver's-side tire of his vehi-

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cle parked at Ganges United Church on October 16.

A subsequent RCMP investigation found the 13year-old defendant (name withheld as required by the Youth Criminal Justice Act) and his younger brother in possession of the tell-tale barbeque lighter, when the defendant admitted to police he had started the fire.

"The officer described him as, 'A very nice boy who has some emotional issues that

need to be dealt with," said Crown prosecutor Barbara Penty. "He needs to have some structure in his life and someone watching over him."

Hemphill noted that the teen has made a connection with local counsellors, plans to return to Cadets and may move to North Vancouver to live with an uncle who has a military background.

"This is a very serious matter that could have had very serious consequences," said Judge Keith Bracken.

Once the boy completes 12 months of probation and counselling, he will receive a conditional discharge without a criminal record. In other court news:

· A local woman will proceed to trial for impaired driving after Judge Bracken quashed her guilty plea.

"I can't accept a guilty plea ... I don't believe you will get to the point where you can accept responsibility for your actions in this matter," Bracken said.

The woman, whose name is withheld since the matter is still before court, had previously admitted to impaired driving after she was stopped by police on May 14, 2002.

'I was very impaired . . . I had to be hospitalized. It wasn't just alcohol, it was psychiatric drugs," she said.

Crown counsel noted that police had not administered a breathalyzer test because the woman had vomited during arrest.

"The big issue I'm concerned with was whether there was enough alcohol to be impaired . . . We may need to have a trial to prove the case," said Bracken.

The defendant said she was not eligible for Legal Aid nor able to afford a lawyer. But Bracken urged her to seek legal counsel.

"If you take medication without knowledge of the effects, it provides a possible defence," he advised.

Consequently, the judge entered a not-guilty plea on her behalf and directed Crown counsel to proceed for trial on April 8.

· Bracken ordered the destruction of weapons and ammunition seized by police from Robert Brown in 1996.

Court heard that Brown had moved to the United States in 1997 and laid no claim to the weapons.

The 14 items destroyed included: two shotguns, two rifles, pellet guns, ammunition and carbon-dioxide cartridges.

Puffing vandal ducks legal bullets

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

A graffiti-spraying islander "dodged another bullet" after he declined offers to divert a case from court and instead pleaded guilty to mischief and a marijuana-possession charge.

Ganges Provincial Court heard that Russell Brown was observed spray-painting an exterior wall of Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) just after midnight June 2.

Arresting officers found Brown with a backpack containing four cans of spray paint matching the colours used on the SIMS wall.

The Crown made several

Sandie Ferguson is rid-

ing high following a

court decision that she

hopes will stall the sale

of her Robinson Road

chambers at the Victoria

courthouse last week, the

Salt Spring woman's case

was given a three-week

adjournment allowing her to get an appraiser of her

Ferguson appeared in

court earlier this month

to fight what she called

"ridiculously low" bids

on her island home,

which has been used as a

She said the court

Also in court last

week, Ferguson filed a notice of motion to rede-

opened the sealed bids on

her house and did not

accept the offers.

refuge for street youth.

choice.

Appearing in masters

Ferguson sale slowed

attempts to divert Brown's case to the Community Justice Program, but each offer was ignored by Brown, said prosecutor Barbara Penty.

"Mr. Brown did nothing about it," she reported.

Consequently, Judge Keith Bracken ordered Brown to pay half the cost of repairs for the SIMS wall, serve six months probation and complete 35 hours of community service.

Brown also pleaded guilty to a marijuana-possession charge that grew out of the initial mischief charge.

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the parties involved.

During a booking search, police found a small amount of marijuana on Brown.

Bracken added a \$100 fine to Brown's probation as part of a conditional discharge.

The judge heard that the 20-year-old islander had a previous conviction in 2001 for marijuana possession for purposes of trafficking.

Brown served six months' probation and 20 hours of community service as part of a conditional discharge for the 2001 possession convic-

During the 2001 sentencing, Judge Brian Neal said, "You really dodged the bullet this time . . . Next time it will not be so easy.'





CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTICE FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SALT SPRING ISLAND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 1999, the CRD Board approved establishment of the Salt Spring Island Transfer Station Regulation committee (SSITS) to develop and implement Bylaw 2810 to regulate the operation of solid waste transfer stations on Salt Spring Island. The bylaw was developed in response to environmental concerns from the island community and elected officials.

The bylaw came into effect 09 November 2002. The mandate of SSITS is now completed, and the committee has been disbanded.

SSITS members, at the final meeting in November 2002, unanimously agreed that the committee should continue with an expanded scope to encompass all solid waste issues on Salt Spring Island, such as, recycling, household hazardous waste, burning, etc. To more accurately reflect the wider spectrum of solid waste issues, the new committee will be named the Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory committee (SSISWAC).

SSISWAC will be comprised of elected officials, individual residents, representatives from the business community and community groups from Salt Spring Island. CRD Director Gary Holman has been appointed chair and will appoint committee members.

SSISWAC will make recommendations to the CRD based on upholding the public interest and furthering the goal of recycling and waste reduction, and the environmentally responsible disposal of

Applications are invited from individual residents, business and community groups who would like to serve without remuneration and can make a commitment to attend a minimum of six meetings in 2003. Dates and times will be set at the first meeting, and are expected to be once per month in Ganges for two hours. A willingness to work toward consensus with people who may hold different views is

A draft copy of the terms of reference for the committee is available online at http://www.crd.bc.ca/es/sw or by calling John Craveiro of the CRD at 1-800-663-4425.

The deadline for submissions has been extended to 02 April 2003. If you are interested in applying please forward your resume by mail, fax or email to:

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PEOPLE POWER:

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Salt Spring's tax burden inequitable

By ERIC BOOTH Islands Trustee

What's the Mark Twain saying about lies, damned lies and statistics? The headline last week that read Trust Approves 5% Increase could have easily read either Trust Approves Additional 12% in Excess Taxes for Salt Spring, or Salt Spring picks up 60% of Trust Tax Increase.

All three are technically correct, however, the latter two more clearly reflect what happened to Salt Spring taxpayers at Trust Council.

Over the past two months I have been busy analyzing two Trust renewal studies commissioned for the Trust, the local government restructuring study completed last year, and data from the B.C. Assessment Authority and Census Canada.

The purpose of the exercise was to put together a strong and reasonable case for changing the current tax formula used to acquire the base budget for the Islands Trust. That case was put before Trust Council March 6-8 with the hope that the "fairness principle" would finally be formally acknowledged and acted upon.

Saturday morning, minutes after rejecting both my proposal for implementing a tax equity formula for this year and a move to a system of taxation by representation on strictly financial matters in the Trust area, Trust Council (less Salt Spring) voted to increase Salt Spring's tax burden by an additional \$140,000 per year.

Citing concerns that ranged from beliefs it would erode the Trust, suggestions that larger islands would conspire to cut smaller islands out of financial considerations, charges that it could lead to the undermining of the "confederation principles of the Trust," to "we haven't had enough time to consider this idea," island after island spoke against my motions. I was left with the feeling that I had just suggested something akin to replacing the monarchy with democracy to Loyalists in 1776 America. Taxation without representation, or even accountability, appears to be alive and well in the 21st century in the Gulf Islands.

Here are a few more statistics:

TRUSTEE **REPORT**

(1) Salt Spring will be paying over 60 per cent of the entire Trust budget tax increase this year (\$236,500 x .6 = \$140,000+).

(2) The \$140,000 represents an overall increase in Trust taxes to Salt Spring of not five per cent, but about 12 per cent over last year.

(3) Total tax paid to Trust this year will be in the neighbourhood of \$1.3 million or 42 per cent of all Trust taxes.

(4) Salt Spring has only about 28 per cent of all the folios in the Trust area.

(5) Current projections now show that the difference between what Salt Spring would have paid for planning costs under incorporation vs. what we currently pay for planning under Trust taxation will rise from \$600,000-\$700,000 this year to well in excess of \$900,000 each and every year by 2006.

Part of the increase is due to provincial government downloading of Trust costs over the next three years (\$58,000/year), while the rest is increases in Trust costs and higher assessed values on Salt Spring.

(6) Thirteen of the 26 trustees who voted against my proposals are incumbents who have been well aware of the equity question for years, have recognized it in formal documents and studies, and yet claim they need more time to think about it. Eight of those 13 sit on the financial planning committee.

(7) While our taxes go up, Denman Island taxpayers appear set to see a tax decrease this year. (Don't expect any thank-you cards.)
(8) \$140,000 represents
\$20,000 more than the entire
Trust taxes (not just increases) of South Pender and
Saturna combined.

The question arises — What could Salt Spring do with the extra \$900,000 each year? Pay for a recreation centre in three or four years, build some ball fields, secure parkland, fund a transit system, address affordable housing in a meaningful way — you name it.

Over the next few months, I will be making my full presentation available to any and all island groups that wish to get a better understanding of how we have arrived at the current level of inequity.

If your group would like to see the presentation, please call me.

Will the majority of smaller islands eventually agree to increase their taxes by 25 to 45 per cent to bring fair taxation to Salt Spring? At the moment, having sat around the table, I cannot believe that a fair taxation formula will be passed, due to what I call the "qui bono effect" — who would profit?

Once in a while for fun I read my horoscope by Sally Brompton in the Times Colonist.

Call it coincidence, or a sign from the stars, but this is what Sally said for my sign, Capricorn, for the Saturday budget day: "If you agree to get involved in something of a business nature this weekend, make sure you leave yourself an escape route, because the planets warn it could go belly up rather quicker than anyone expected.

Also, don't accept a smaller piece of the pie now on the strength of promises that you will get a bigger share tomorrow. Tomorrow may never come."

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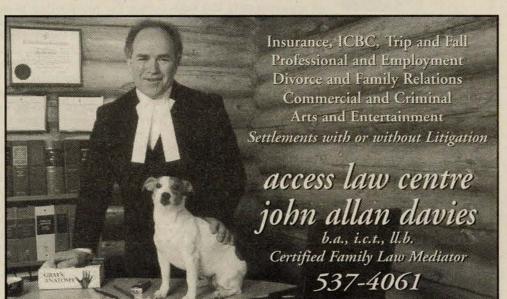
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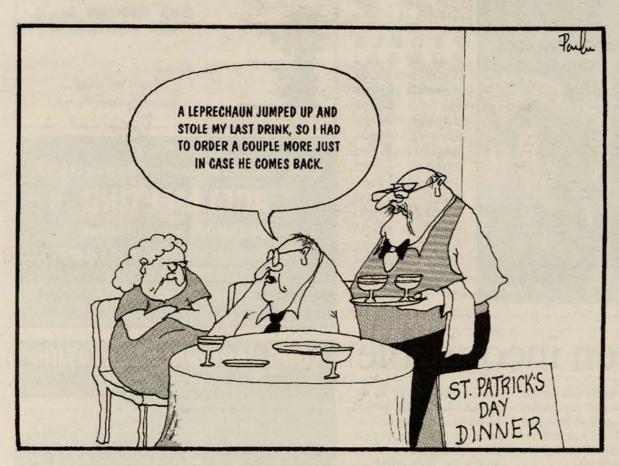
Annual General Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday March 25, 2003 Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club

All interested parties and the general public are invited to attend. A new board of directors will be elected and new business will be discussed.

Several community groups have shown an interest in the society as a coordinating body for island transportation initiatives. The Society has been inactive for several years but is a duly registered non-profit society under the Companies Act with Federal Charitable Tax status.

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It's too early to celebrate

Members of Islands Trust Council might benefit from remembering some famous lines of former United States president John F. Kennedy when conducting deliberations over matters of governance. They would then ask not what the council does for them, but what it does for those of us who live under its authority.

It was during a discussion on governance at the recent Trust Council meeting on Salt Spring that at least one trustee commented on how well the organization functions at council level. It is important that it functions well, but more important is the job it does for the governed. And residents of the larger islands are well aware of some shortcomings.

Efforts are under way, thanks to the initiative of a Salt Spring trustee, to make much-needed changes in how the different islands pay for Trust services. Further examinations of the Trust's role in local government will also take place through an analysis of the options available. This is heartening news, but caution is called for among those who might wish to celebrate.

It all sounds suspiciously like an exercise in self-preservation.

It was suspicious enough when the Trust floated new ideas on governance shortly before Salt Spring Islanders voted on incorporation. Suspicion has since been solidified with the recent revelation that the provincial government will not look at any significant or legislative changes to the Trust's structure in the near

This is certainly nothing to celebrate for those residents of Salt Spring who would prefer something better than the status quo, regardless of how it might look.

Tax equity among islands is only one issue.

Effective representation is another. Two local residents, in the company of a third with no local electoral authority, cannot possibly serve a population of 10,000 or more.

It is those citizens who deserve a better form of local government, along with full recognition by members of Islands Trust Council that their interests are paramount.

U.S. fails to make credible Al-Qaeda-Iraq link

By MURRAY RITCHIE

Fifteen Americans, one Mexican and two Russians hijack four Iraqi jetliners and fly them into a Baghdad

Two years later, Baghdad retaliates by sending 200,000 Iraqi troops to Canada. Canada is pulverized by thousands of bombs and tens of thousands of Canadian civilians are killed. Iraq expects no retaliation from the United States or its allies.

Sound familiar? Sound ridiculous? I read a poll on AOL last night about the connection between Iraq and Al-Qaeda. Apparently 65 per cent of Americans believe that there is a link. Then again I am sure that more than 65 per cent of Americans couldn't point out Iraq or

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Afghanistan on a world map. Sure, why shouldn't most people believe that? The president says there's a link. The TV news says there's a link. There must be one. Okay, let's start over.

Now, we can all agree on a couple things. Saddam is a monstrous dictator who murders his own people. Supposedly elected by 100 per cent of the population. This is a fact. Al-Qaeda is a monstrous group of fundamentalist religious freaks that murder innocent people. This is also

WITH JOHN POTTINGER

a fact. Both have done this in the past with the direction, support and weapons provided by the U.S.A.

How about this bit of history: George W. Bush, like Saddam, also seems to have won office by questionable democratic practices. The CIA and the U.S. government have also killed their own to silence their freedom of speech (Ohio) and have a track record of murdering innocent people around the world with no regard to the UN or its allies (Cambodia).

Yes they could be characterized as a "monstrous group of fundamentalist religious freaks" (one country under god). The federal government building in Oklahoma City was bombed by a group of right-wing American Christians. Perhaps we should first take out the Vatican and Oral Roberts' house in retaliation for that monstrous act.

Here's a couple of facts that no one seems to mention: none of the September 11 hijackers were Iraqi. Al-Qaeda hates Saddam, and Saddam hates Al-Qaeda.

Iraq fought religious fundamentalists in Iran for eight years and Hussein used chemical weapons against his own people who were fundamentalists. (Weapons furnished by the U.S.)

Al-Qaeda considers Saddam Hussein to be the devil. These people hate each other, and there has never been a single known meeting between them. Still, 65 per cent of

Americans believe there is a link.

Well, I believe there is a link between American foreign policy and reality, but evidently that link was severed a couple years ago. Even the CIA and FBI say there's no link between Al-Qaeda and Iraq; and the New York Times reported on it

www.nytimes.com/2003/02/02/int ernational/middleeast/02INTE.html

Check it out and send it to all your American cousins, brothers, sisters and friends. Perhaps we should also send a copy to George Dubya. It appears he was away the day the report was presented in Washington. Stars and Stripes what ever?

Current world logic is confounding the Salt Spring resident writer.

morning, "Saturday although recurring at regular and well-foreseen intervals, always seems to take this railway by surprise." W. S. Gilbert

I've had it with BC Ferries. And I'm convinced things aren't going to get any better with the new corpora-

I tried to take the 6:30 a.m. sailing from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen on Monday. I had a doctor's appointment in Vancouver at 10:30, followed by other business in the city, so there I was, drinking my first coffee by 4:45, on the road by 5:45, at the ticket booth by 6:05. Just in time to be told, "Sorry, it's

"Huh?" says I, looking at the holding area. There's one line with maybe 20 cars in it. The other lines each have two or three cars.

"We're operating at reduced capacity," she says. "With spring break and all, we're full. You're the fifth

No sunshine breakfast with BC Ferries

car I've turned around so far."

By the time pulled through the park-

ing lot and headed back along Long Harbour Road, there were another 10 or 12 cars lined up at the booth.

When I got home I worked out on the punching bag until I thought I could talk without screaming, then made the calls to cancel my appointments. I felt better after strangling Giggles, my teddy bear (he's used to it), so I figured I'd check with some of my "reliable sources" at the Ferry Corpse. Sure enough there's more to

Both vessels that operate on the Long Harbour run

(the Queen of Tsawwassen and the Queen of Nanaimo) are, of course, licenced by the coast guard. The number of passengers they're allowed to carry on a given trip depends on the number

of crew on board. If the ship (Queen of Tsawwassen in this case) has only the minimum number of crew required, then she's operating under what's called a "D" licence. If she has the maximum crew onboard, she's operating on an "A" licence. What's the difference? About 450 passengers, that's what.

Here's what happens to

the valued customers from the Gulf Islands. The Ferry Corpse schedules the minimum number of crew required by law to operate the vessel. Which means that she sails half empty. Instead of approximately 120 vehicles and 900 passengers, she can only take around 60 vehicles and 450 passengers. So she wasn't "full:" she was at capacity, because BC Ferries didn't want to pay a few more workers.

Many passengers were also turned away on both Saturday and Sunday, according to my sources. On Sunday, foot passengers were told an hour before the scheduled sailing that the boat was full. That's an hour in which extra (on-call) staff could have been called in to upgrade the licence.

Whether this policy is a result of incompetence,

strategic planning (close Long Harbour), or a manager being afraid to go "over budget," it's discriminatory. It shows that the corporation doesn't give a damn about the people who use the service far more often than most Vancouver/Victoria travellers. Did I mention that the major runs had extra sailings on those same days because of spring break?

As regular ferry users know, if you need to be in Vancouver by 10:30 or 11 a.m., which ferry you take depends on whether you can accomplish all your tasks by bus and foot. If so, you need to take the 6:20 a.m. sailing from Fulford and walk on the 7a.m. sailing from Swartz Bay. You can then buy a ticket on the PCL bus into Vancouver or take BC Transit. What you can't do is go via Long Harbour. Why?

Because the Long Harbour sailing doesn't get to Tsawwassen in time for you to catch a bus to Vancouver.

Here's the rub. If you need a car to complete your errands in Vancouver, the opposite is true. You must go via Long Harbour. If you take the 6:20 sailing from Fulford, you can't connect to the 7 a.m. sailing from Swartz Bay. You sit at Swartz for two hours and then take the 9 a.m. sailing which gets you into central Vancouver by about 11:30. Because the ferry corporation doesn't permit you to make reservations unless you arrive at the terminal 30 minutes prior to sailing time, you can never reserve a thrufare from Fulford to Tsawwassen.

If this is how the new corporation is going to operate, I have a suggestion for a motto: "We're not happy 'til you're not happy."

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SALT SPRING SAYS We asked: What is one of your favourite books?



Jen Holmes

Green Eggs and Ham . . . I just loved the sense of humour in it. I wish the world was a more simple place like in Green Eggs and Ham.



Karen Schild

I'd have to say that even though I'm an adult, Treasure Island has to be one of my favourites. It's an adventure and it espouses high ideals and



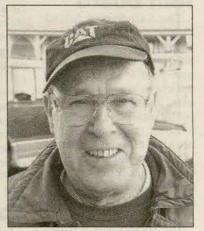
Ehren McPhee

Captain Underpants series. They're fun to read and they're funny.



Peggy Nixon

The Biography of Peter the Great . . . I guess because you feel like you can be part of his ideas. He was behind the development of many different things [in Russia].



Robert Wright

Technical magazines and books. If I was going to buy a book, it would be on how to take apart a Harley Davidson and put it back together again; even though I don't have one.

Letters to the Editor

Responsible

In response to the March 12 article entitled Trust Presses For Aquaculture Changes, I would like to provide some clarification regarding assertions made by Henry Caldwell at the Islands Trust Council meeting on March 7.

The facts are the following: Gidon Minkoff approached the Canadian Sablefish Association (CSA) in October 2000 with a proposal for our association to invest in his planned sablefish hatchery.

At the urging of the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the CSA met with Mr. Minkoff to hear his presentation. In my role as president of the association, the matter was taken to our membership for input and discussion. After careful consideration, the CSA advised Mr. Minkoff that the CSA would not support his venture.

The CSA is heavily involved in the stewardship of the wild sablefish resource, spending more than a million dollars annually on research surveys, biological sampling, data collection, catch monitoring, stock assessment and

management of wild sablefish. The association believes that aquaculture, including sablefish aquaculture, poses considerable environmental risk to wild fish and shellfish and a threat to the cultural identity and existence of many coastal communities.

To date, neither the federal nor provincial governments have ever conducted an environmental impact assessment on aquaculture.

Supporting aquaculture of this nature would not have been consistent with work to protect wild stocks and the ecosystem they rely

But this is not about the CSA or myself. The matter of importance brought to the attention of Islands Trust Council is the protection of the unique and envisensitive ronmentally Walker Hook area as a future park; whether Salt Spring Island residents want large industrial aquaculture on agricultural land; and whether the island's residents have the right to expect government to undertake the necessary research and studies to ensure that informed and responsible decisions are made that will affect us and

our children and grandchil-

CHRIS ACHESON, Salt Spring

Boycott U.S.

Since the government of the U.S. seems to understand only when money talks, let us pressure them with money.

I am talking about one of the oldest personal protests known: boycott.

As a consumer I am faced daily with choices: U.S. carrots or more expensive Canadian ones? U.S. corn chips or Canadian ones? U.S. or Canadian lettuce? I have been making the choice of buying Canadian wherever I can for at least a

I really feel that if everyone of us in Canada made the choice of not buying U.S. products as much as possible, the U.S. would eventually notice. That means not going to Wal-Mart, that means going without some of our favourites treats, that means discovering that Canadians are producing a lot more than we think, that means reading the labels of the things we buy more scrupulously and that means pressuring the management of

our local stores to find Canadian alternatives we don't even know exist.

This might seem silly to some, but throughout the past century, many consumer battles have been won with boycotts, and many companies have had to change because of the pressure put on them by boycotts.

Naomi Klein's book "No Logo" is full of stories of successful boycotts all over the world.

MARIE BEAUDOIN, Salt Spring

Most brutal

Don't you find it interesting that we all want to come together to prevent a potential war, but the very regime that the war is against is the among the most brutal know to mankind?

Iraqis in Canada and elsewhere say that given the opportunity they would themselves kill Saddam Hussein.

We tolerate the ongoing state-sanctioned brutality that takes the lives of thousands of everyday people in the most brutal and indiscriminate manners known to mankind in favour of saying enough is enough.

Why are we, the people

of the free world, not standing up as one for the rights of all people to live in a free and democratic society?

Why do we not stand as one to defend democracy around the globe and to defeat the tyranny and state brutality that dominates most of the world's people?

Because that requires us to say "no" and to take a stand that may result in struggle and deaths. We are so concerned about having blood on our own hands that we are willing to let the Saddam Husseins of the world carry on and take the lives of as many people as suits their purpose as long as we are not party to the direct killings. Make no mistake, hundreds of thousands of lives are taken every year because we of the free world are not prepared to take a global stand on democracy and human

Taking control away from the likes Saddam Hussein, who gas their own people, cut the limbs off their own people, and kill their political opponents, requires absolute resolve on a global scale. When we are prepared to say "no more" to the Saddam Husseins as a race and are no longer tolerant of such state brutality, the world will come closer to evolving into a global

Please choose your battles with a global perspective. Children the world over will thank you. WAYNE FRASER,

Salt Spring

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Your letters are welcome

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Kids accept, accommodate and appreciate others

It's officially spring they tomorrow, a time of new life and new hopes. My thoughts turn to children, the spring of human life.

I think especially of the island kids I've seen and gotten to know since moving here last year.

They're impressive people, I'm most happy to

I confess that I like youngsters a lot, from newborns to newlylaunched in the big world. They don't appeal to me in a mother hen way. My own two kids, now 19 and 20, didn't know that cookies could come from an oven until they were half grown. They were so agog when I whipped up a batch to get rid of some extra peanut butter that

all their friends over to witness the mir-

The cookies disappeared in minutes, and this marvel never happened again, although I ran the neighbourhood drop-in house for too many years and too many kids to

BY BRENDA GUILED

I like kids because it's a privilege to be around people who are so alive and on such an impressive learning curve. They make more new brain connections in a day than many adults make in a year. When they look at you, they really look. When

they challenge you, they're invariably onto something that needs explaining, if not reworking. Everything they tune into, they take to heart. Even when they withdraw, it's because they're firing on so many cylinders that they can't express themselves while taking (and sometimes holding) in so

Parents who raise children on small islands know they're doing something unusual in an increasingly urbanized world. They know their

kids will be different, but their boundaries overlap in all life around them. when in the thick of childrearing, there's little opportunity to stand back and appraise the results.

I'm not talking about parents knowing whether their kids are healthy and, in general, well behaved. In every community, the good in kids come shining through. I'm talking about the way island children approach the world, how they connect with others, and what they expect in various situations.

Of those I've met and am getting to know - and my sampling only runs to a few dozen, mainly through teaching karate -I'm increasingly aware of how well these kids accept, accommodate and appreciate others. Where

a group, and even where they rub, they seem to glance and dance off each other for the most part. Oh sure, bodies get bumped and feelings can get hurt in lively play, but they keep their personal responses in balance with the group dynamic. By that I mean that they

don't seem to see themselves in isolation the way most city kids do. In my experience, even urban kids who know each other well have trouble keeping any sort of give and take going. Activities fracture; this kid and then that one disconnects. Island kids have better relationships overall, I'd say - a lovely continuity that reaches to people of all ages and to

I worry a bit about now they'll fare as adults in big cities, where most residents wouldn't know a sensitive neighbour from a sociopath. Most islandraised teens yearn for the bright lights, and many will give cities a good whirl, making the best of them for as long as it takes to get what they need, or they think they want. I predict, however, that many will eventually return to smaller places where they can live out their founding values.

Children everywhere make the world a better place. If all were raised the way island kids are, I believe the world would be a better place for all.

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More letters

Join board

The Salt Spring Island Public Transportation Society was originally created and registered as a non-profit Society as a vehicle to organize, coordinate, and find funding for public transportation initiatives on the island. It has been inactive for several years now but the society is still incorporated with the Registrar of Companies and the federal Societies

The society has a backlog of filing of annual reports to do but that must wait for a new board of directors and will be the first order of business.

On Tuesday, March 25, the Salt Spring Island Public Transportation Society will hold its annual general meeting at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club at 7 p.m. The main purpose of this AGM is to install eight directors to the board. The new board will then open the floor to the attending public for discussion of general transportation needs and comments. Interested parties can then become society members. In the past the transportation society charged \$10 for a membership. If you would like to purchase a membership, receipts will be issued at that time.

A group of people representing several organizations, such as Greenwoods, Go Saltspring, the Lions Club and the CRD, has been meeting for several months now. It was decided at one of these meetings that the transportation society was probably the best vehicle to oversee any potential plans. I am inviting anyone who would like to put their name forward for one of the directors positions to contact me at 537-1866, or you can put

your name in for nomination at the meeting. Because all the previous board members have resigned, or no longer live on the island, no business can be conducted until a new board is installed.

Please attend, as public input is the most important factor in determining the direction the transportation society takes.

JOHN CADE, Salt Spring

Community

Peter enjoyed Robinson's Viewpoint article and share his concerns.

I have recently moved to Salt Spring Island and consider myself "moderately wealthy."

Having come from a family that has and had "wealth," I however consider community a major part of "wealth." Without a "sense of community" and friends and neighbours, wealth means little.

I have lived in a number of "so-called islands of paradise," Rockliffe Park Village, (in Ottawa), Kingston, Ontario, Banff and Jasper. All the wealth of those communities cannot compare to the sense of community and justice that I sense in Salt Spring Island.

The best communities "stand up" and "secure their future" by exercising their democratic right to determine "what kind of community they want" and exercise, with intelligence and compassion, a growth plan that embraces the future yet respects the past. PETER HERN, Salt Spring

Good example

It seems as though I may be a rare person on the island as I am not opposed to the sablefish hatchery on

Walker's Hook Road.

From what I can understand the owners have done their due diligence environmentally. The effluent from the fish will be used as a bi-product for fertilizer and the only product that will go to the ocean is sea

I drive by the site every day and the building which will house the operation is behind the trees, almost out of sight, and not harming the aesthetics of the area.

My general feeling is that this could well be an example of good stewardship which could provide some much-needed steady employment for islanders. It could also add some diversity to a place that is rapidly becoming only affordable to the well established and wealthy.

ALAN MOBERG, Walker Hook

Controversy

There are those who say chemtrails exist and have observed them for years then there are some who deny their existence.

Then what are they? Will Thomas, a chemtrail researcher and investigative reporter, came to Salt Spring the weekend of March 8. In my view he was most convincing

Perhaps the matter could be solved once and for all. How about an evidence evening. We could invite an assortment of people - perhaps some military, some pilots and chemtrail researchers and those who say the whole thing is bunkum. There could be explanations. We could look into the skies and use our innate perception to see who is telling the truth and who is lying. Like we do when called for jury duty.

What would be wrong with that? LEROY JENSEN,

Vesuvius Bay Road **MORE LETTERS 10**

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 25th, 2003 at 08:00 pm #1 Fire Hall 105 Lower Ganges Rd.

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes from last A.G.M.
- 2. Financial Report
- 3. Chairman's Report
- 5. Volunteer Fire Fighters Report
- 6. Election of Trustees
- Three (3) for three (3) years
- 7. New Business 4. Fire Chief's Report

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- BEN MARTENS, Chairman

CRD Environmental Update

Regional composting bylaw nears adoption

fter several years of development, the CRD's regional Composting Bylaw was given approval last week to Aproceed with the final review process. On February 5th, the CRD Environment Committee approved an implementation schedule for the bylaw, laying out how the process will take place before tentative Board adoption in October.

For some time now, the CRD has been developing a bylaw to regulate composting facilities in the Capital Region. The purpose of the bylaw is to ensure that composting operations do not contaminate ground or surface water, or generate unacceptable levels of odour or other nuisances. The CRD's Solid Waste Advisory committee (SWAC) in consultation with municipal representatives, the public and industry stakeholders, has now completed the final draft of CRD Composting Bylaw 2736. The bylaw regulates the licensing of facilities, operating requirements, enforcement, fees and charges, offences and penalties. It also provides an appeal process.

Implementation of the bylaw was delayed, pending revisions to provincial legislation governing the composting of organic waste throughout the province. The province's Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR) was enacted a year ago and governs the production, quality and land application of certain types of organic matter in British Columbia. Since that time, the CRD has worked to revise their bylaw to work in concert with the provincial regulation.

The main advantages of the revised CRD bylaw are that it clarifies issues of duplication and enforcement between the two sets of laws. Initially, the CRD bylaw duplicated some of OMRR's requirements. It was agreed that the CRD bylaw should regulate only those items not included in OMRR; however, there were concerns that having to deal with two regulatory agencies would be confusing for operators. To mitigate these concerns, CRD is working with the province to have the CRD act as the enforcement agency for all licensing requirements to operate a composting facility in the capital

Between now and October, a series of public and stakeholder involvement opportunities will take place. These include final review of the bylaw by area Mayors and Councils, SWAC, and the public at large. A public meeting to present the bylaw and receive feedback is scheduled for April.

Once all of the remaining feedback has been received, the final bylaw will be presented to the CRD Environment committee and Board for approval this summer. Pending Board approval, the bylaw and an amendment to the CRD's solid waste management plan will be submitted to the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection. Assuming the Minister approves the amendment, the CRD Board will give final reading and adoption in the fall of 2003.

If you would like more information on the CRD's composting bylaw or how to get involved in the final review process, please contact Anke Bergner toll free at 1-800-663-4425, ext. 3218 or E-Mail abergner@crd.bc.ca

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More letters

Insensitive

I wonder if the young chess champ, Farley Cannon, was aware he was participating in a war and not just a friendly Grade 2 board-game challenge?

The delightful photo of a smiling Farley on Page 3 of the March 12 Driftwood is alarmingly headed "Top Gun."

Mitchell Sherrin's report described the "battles" Farley fought, how he "crushed" his opponents, "knocking out" Connor Gann in a "blitz" (a World War II reference), with his "precise attacks." Farley "walked over" his female opponent, Alexandra Botez, and the next "battle" between Botez and Cannon will be a "clash" of junior chess "titans."

Perhaps the omnipresence of the word "war" these days inspired this sickening, mediatrendy language and pathetic attempt at humour. Or perhaps Farley's last name produced these linguistic fun and games and nasty little horror show. Farley doesn't scare me but Mr. Sherrin does, with his insensitivity to the current tragic state of world affairs.

Teachers of composition could set an interesting exercise by asking students to rewrite the Driftwood report of the chess game without resorting to battlefield imagery. Or take a look at any sports reporting in major media for other examples of deadly metaphors.

PHYLLIS WEBB, Menhinick Drive

Mush media

Saddam the Satan challenged George the Sage to a world-wide televised debate. George said "no."

It was all reported in our free "mush" media: 88.4 per cent of the article devoted to Bush's "no," and 1.6 per cent of it to Saddam's proposal for a dialogue.

Saddam is selfish. He sought debate only because he could motivate the world to thwart George's plan to massacre Iraqis. He sought to tell the world wide court of public opinion that killing people who cannot defend themselves is an abhorrent act of barbarism. George is no moron, guessed that much and would not have any of that. He detests judges and juries; he only trusts spin doctors.

Should saints let devils have their say? Civilized societies do not execute people without hearing their side of the story, indeed, civilized societies do not carry out executions, never mind mass massacres.

George has guns, many guns, all sorts of guns, so he can shoot dead defenceless people like the Iraqis. George knows he cannot convince the world that it is OK to massacre Iraqis. George the "Sage" would not let Saddam the "Devil" tell his side of the story to the world.

TOM VARZELIOTIS, Salt Spring

Service

Well, there we were . . . the 8 o'clock ferry was on time. Whoopee! Off to Vancouver for a meeting at midday. Nice crossing too. Catching the 9 a.m. to "S'wassn" was no bother — well that was the plan!

But after floating around a bit, waiting for a berth, we

arrive at Swartz Bay at about 8:45 a.m.

As we drive off, there is Mr. Big Stripey Jacket Ferryman stopping our advance to do the quick "wheech" around and into the Vancouver line.

No, no, no. The Vancouver ferry is offloading. Salt Springers are verboten. Go to Wain Road. Come back. Do not pass go. Do not collect \$200 — and hee hee — you'll miss the Vancouver connection as well. And that's what happened.

When you are the first in line, it is excruciating to not get onto the ferry, particularly when some idiot has decreed you have to do an extra 4.1 kilometres around the bloody houses in order to get into line for a connection.

Surely it is not beyond the realm of reasonableness to think the ferry corporation people might anticipate that some travellers rolling off the ferry from Salt Spring would be panicking and wondering if they'd make the 9 o'clock?

Maybe they could even have thought of the easiest way to help allay their fears. It wouldn't be hard. For example, a sign that said "Vancouver" could be stuck in the windshield in full view. If the spirit was willing, this could result in a cheery smile, a quick flick of the hand, a momentary lull in Vancouver traffic and the ability for us lowly island peasants to avoid a "round Saanich tour."

Mr. B.C. Ferry Supervisor, (who was in fact quite apologetic and reasonable), wagged a finger. "If you did that, everyone from Salt Spring would have a sign in the front of their car that said 'Vancouver.' And anyway, how could we distribute signs?" Like phone directories? Or even a little box at Fulford? Duh?

I responded by suggesting
— to get really hi-tech — a
computer link at Fulford
showing the number of cars
going to Vancouver, whereby
a few spaces might be kept for
us onward-bound travellers?

Sorry. Stupid suggestion. B.C. Ferries' motto never said anything about service, did it now?

Really, it is not brain surgery. The ferries could just try to get it together a bit more. It's better than it used to be.

But a word in your ear. Always remember what happened to the liquor store employees. It might just happen to you!

Service is all we ask.

ANDREW GARDNER,
Salt Spring

'Conspiracy'

Last week's article by John Pottinger would be more properly titled, Ignorance is Bliss.

As he so eloquently pulls the old "conspiracy theory" card, a term that somehow consistently assures so many people that everything is still as we might dream it to be. Go back to sleep everyone.

Pottinger would have the

reader believe that air traffic controllers actually regulate the military and its operations, and that by having been an ATC himself, he's the authoritative voice. So, in his investigation and "expose" of Will Thomas, rather than attend the discussions where Thomas was sharing his rather interesting info, Pottinger called up his old buddies at ATC and had a laugh about aliens abducting peoples' bicycles. Then he wrote an article about it, linked up the words Will Thomas and "conspiracy theory" and sent it off to the press.

Unfortunately, people read his article, and now consider themselves "informed" about the trails they regularly see lingering in the sky all afternoon, coined "chemtrails" by some, and dismissed as contrails by others.

Thankfully, there are people who have been spending more than just a weekend (as Pottinger boasts) inquiring about the difference. In fact there are whole books written about the subject, the product of years of research and persistence, one of which is written by Thomas, and available here in Ganges at StarBooks.

What Pottinger may have learned if he had attended Thomas' discussions is that chemtrails are very well documented and that the Canadian government and U.S. military have acknowledged their participation and involvement in these classified "tests." He also may have learned that contrails aren't visible for over 30 seconds, whereas chemtrails are visible for over four hours.

The problem nowadays is that journalists can just as easily spout out conspiracy theory to get out of having to do proper research, and then think they're doing society a favour by effectively thwarting any curiosity that the public may have had.

Read the book? Nah. Attend the discussion? I don't want to. Watch the documentary film? Why bother. Look up in the sky? Um, I can't, because my head is fixed ahead in this forward position, and it hurts my neck to turn it. IOLA MARIS, Long Harbour

Guniaw

Guujaw

Here's an invitation to everyone who wants to learn to live without destroying the earth: Come hear Haida historian, medical practitioner, performer and teacher, Guujaaw, speak on Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Guujaaw's experience, both as an activist who took part in blockades of logging operations at Lyell Island and as a member of the Archipelago Management Board which co-manages Gwaii Haanas (South Moresby) with the Government of Canada, will be of interest to residents of the Gulf Islands.

JAN SLAKOV, Deer Park Road



YOUNG PROTESTER: Marly Shaak, one of the younger participants in a Saturday peace rally, gives a close look at a banner. More than people took part in rally, the which took place Centennial Park.

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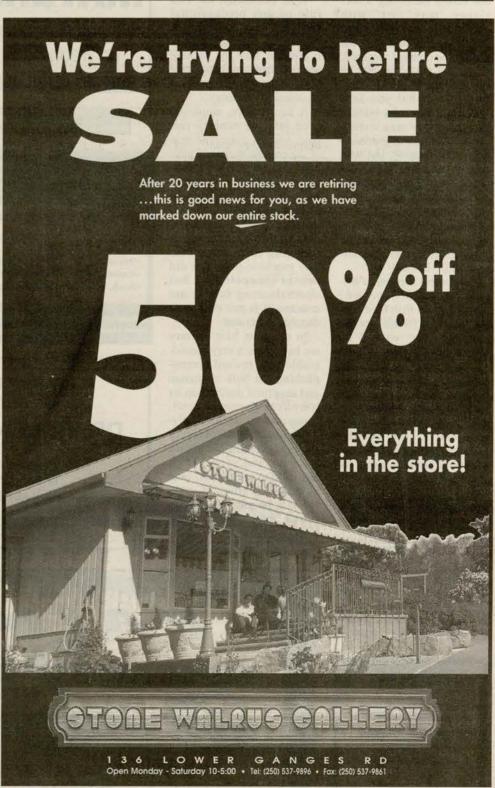
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Media hype versus military heroism

By RODGER BEEHLER

As the likelihood of an American-British invasion of Iraq approaches actuality, we may expect the media's recent bull market in tragic heroism to be replaced by a yard sale in military courage and hero-

In order critically to sift the expected images and expressions, it is necessary first to reflect on the nature of courage, which is not confined to war in human life, and about which at least six basic questions may be as primary. (Throughout I treat "bravery" and "courage" as synonymous.)

1. Must you experience fear to be described as acting courageously? The answer would seem to be, yes. If there is nothing in the performance of the act that is fearful to you, how can it be said to "take courage" on your part to perform it?

2. Must what you fear be death? (Must that be the risk?) No. What is feared might be humiliation, or ostracism, for example. (A man intervening to stop his bar mates harassing a foreigner may act with courage.) However, the greater the harm at risk, the greater the courage required.

3. Must what you fear be some consequence to yourself? No. What you fear may be some consequence to others. (A man caring nothing about any consequence to himself, but who rightly fears that if he fails the result will be increased probability of harm to his children, may be said to act courageously in overpowering an intruder. Whether he acts wisely is another matter. See (5) below.)

4. If others see you as acting courageously, are you? No. Anymore than their seeing you as a faithful spouse makes you such. If, unknown to others, I have terminal cancer, and would welcome dying quickly sooner, rather than slowly later, and I successfully get myself accepted as hostage in place of the healthy younger person the bank robber is holding a gun to, do I act courageously? Others may praise my act as courageous, but it isn't. (Though it does bring about a good result.)

5. Are all courageous acts good or wise? No. A serial killer may have courage but employ it to evil ends. (In stalking and killing; and in escaping a seemingly inescapable police cordon,

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say.) Nor does courage guarantee wisdom. One may be led by one's ample courage (or fearlessness, in the sense of being without fear which may proceed from stupidity), to do what greater prudence and patience would disclose as unwise. Possession of courage is no proof against ignorance or error.

6. Are all courageous acts heroic? No. All heroism requires courage, but not all courageous acts are heroic. Some degree of courage can be required to meet situations arising even in family life; let alone occupations such as mining, marine rescue and fire-fighting (more which later). Announcement to the family of child abuse almost certainly may. But none of these may reach to heroism.

If these preliminaries are correct, what about military courage?

Well, obviously, the first rule of any professional army has long been: reduce reliance on courage to zero, if possible. First, by training and constant simulated practice. Second, by production of superior weaponry.

A third device, employed even into the century just past, was to overcome fear of the enemy by fear of your own army's wrath. One of earliest (rarely announced) advantages of cavalry was that it provided horsemen who could and did cut down any foot-soldier who turned and ran. The machine-gun later did this as competently. But overbalancing fear is not courage. It is just more predictably generated.

In our own 21st century we have gone a very considerable way toward accomplishing the bulk of human and structural destruction by robotics (drone aircraft, computerized electronicallyguided weapons-delivery systems, stealth avoidance systems, and so on). This has had the unexpected (and unintended) effect of making U.S. populations, in particular, intolerant of casualties (e.g., the U.S. hasty withdrawal from Rwanda),

even as appetite-and-comfort-driven economies have made North Americans intolerant of death generally (and, increasingly, even of its harbinger, aging).

Nevertheless, to the extent that ground forces and helicopters are deployed, circumstances requiring courage can regularly arise. But what needs to be remembered is that what you or I would find fearful, a professional soldier (or cop or fireman, also professionally trained and practiced to reduce risk and fear to negligible proportions) may not. This is because he or she has been trained fiercely and repetitively, and indoctrinated constantly, to act (1) unquestioningly and (2) with every confidence in the comparative invincibility of their own forces.

Such persons may, or may not, be thinking intelligently in not being fearful; depending upon the training, weaponry and professionalism of the other side. In any case, thinking intelligently which requires, always, thinking independently - is not (as any former armed forces member knows) what military training seeks to inculcate.

The upshot? Not all military casualties bear "the red badge of courage"; anymore than military victory is, eo ipso, guiltless of wrongdoing. One has to look and judge in every case.

A second upshot? Our own young are everywhere encouraged to think stupidly about these matters, being invited from the time they are toddlers to subscribe to "super-heroes" with "superhuman" powers. Which creatures (if my analysis is correct) are no heroes to any human community, real or imagined, at all.

The writer is emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Victoria and now resides on Salt



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Take Notice that the Capital Regional District Board intends to adopt Bylaw No. 3059, Community Parks Regulations (Salt Spring Island) Bylaw No. 1, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2003, at its meeting on Wed., March 26, 2003 to be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at 524 Yates Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6.

Bylaw No. 3059 amends Bylaw No. 2930, Community Parks Regulations (Salt Spring Island) Bylaw No. 1, 2001, which sets out regulations for the operation of community parks and facilities within the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island, including the Farmers' Market, playgrounds and tennis courts, and provides enforcement powers to authorized personnel. Bylaw No. 3059 amends Bylaw No. 2930 by:

1) changing section 3.4(b) to allow the Farmers' Market to open earlier than the Saturday of the Easter weekend if favourable weather conditions

2) making other housekeeping changes to sections 3.1, 3.6, 3.7, 6.2 to improve the accuracy and consistency in the bylaw.

For more specific details, a complete copy of Bylaw No. 3059 may be inspected at the Capital Regional District offices listed below, from March 19 to March

· Salt Spring Island Parks, Arts & Recreation office, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC (Mon.-Wed., 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Thurs., 8:30 am-1:00 pm; 2:00-4:30 pm)

Building Inspection office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC (Mon.- Fri., 8:30-10:00 am, 10:30 am-Noon, 1:00-4:00 pm)

Administration Department, 3rd Floor, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, BC (Mon.- Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm)

Bylaw No. 3059 may also be viewed on the Internet @ http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/parks_/index.htm. Select Bylaw No. 3059 from the list of bylaws.

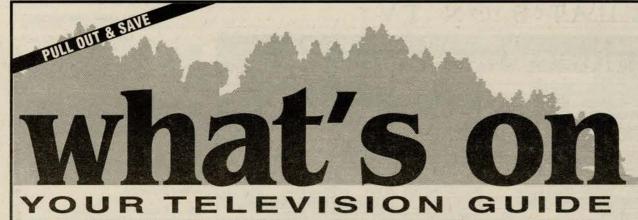
Questions regarding the bylaw may be directed to Dave Gibbon, Manager, Salt Spring Island Parks, Arts and Recreation, tel. 537-4448.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2003

Carmen I. Thiel Corporate Secretary







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7:00 PM

* The Mangler 2 (2001, Horror) A student loads a deadly virus into a computer systhat turns machines into weapons. Chelse Swain, Lance Henriksen (2h)

8:00 PM
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23 * Thunder Point (1996,Thriller) An Irish terrorist is hired by the British to protect the daughter of murdered man. Pascale Bussières, Alan Thicke (1h30)

9:00 PM

3 ** The Law of Enclosures

(2000, Drama) A cashier falls for an angry young man who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Sarah Polley, Brendan Fletcher

A boy befriends a family of miniature people living under the floorboards in his home. John Goodman, Jim Broadbent (1h30) 10:00 PM

The Kingdom (1994, Suspense) A terrible secret causes a restless spirit to roam the halls of The Kingdom Hospital. *Kirsten Rollfles*, *Ghita Norby* (2h30) 11:00 PM

11:00 PM

John Carpenter's Ghosts of
Mars (2001, Thriller) An officer on Mars must
rely on a prisoner's help to defeat vengeful Martian
ghosts. Natasha Henstridge, Ice Cube (2h)

THURSDAY, MAR 20

No Such Thing (2001, Thriller) A young journalist travels to localend where she encounters a murderous monster. Sarah Polley, Robert John Burke (2h)

**** Deliverance
(1972,Adventure) While camping, four Atlanta businessmen are hunted by a pair of degenerate mountain men. Burt Reynolds, Jon Voight

Columbo: Undercover
(1994, Mystery) Missing pieces of a photographlead Columbo down a trail of murder in the underworld. Peter Falk, Tyne Daly (2h)

*** * Guess Who's Coming to

Dinner (1967,Romance) Parents examine their belief systems as an interracial couple announce their engagement. Sidney Poitier, Katharine Hepburn (2h)

23 * * We're No Angels (1989, Comedy) Two dense convicts inadvertently escape from prison and find refuge hiding out as priests. Robert De Niro, Sean Penn (2h)

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43 ** Mr. Nice Guy (1986,Comedy) A security guard turned mercenary confronts a loc gang, eager to exact revenge. *Michael MacDonald, Jan Smithers* (2h) ♠ ★★ Free Willy (1993, Family) A way-

ward twelve-year old befriends an Orca whale this later exploited by its owner. Jason James Richter, Lori Petty (1h35)

Amos and Andrew (1993, Comedy) A black man in a new neighbourhood is harassed by white people assuming is a prowler. Nicolas Cage, Samuel L.

their belief systems as an interracial couple announce their engagement. Sidney Poitier, Katharine Hepburn (2h)

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** At Play in the Fields of the Lord (1991,Adventure) Two protestant m sionaries travel to the Amazonian jungle to prot an Indian tribe. Tom Berenger, John Lithg

(1994, Mystery) Missing pieces of a photograph lead Columbo down a trail of murder in the underworld. Peter Falk, Tyne Daly (2h)

** * Joy Ride (2001, Thriller) Two

brothers are in danger when the victim of a practical joke is a homicidal trucker. Paul Walker, Steve Zahn (1h45)

 ★★★ The Miracle of the Cards (2001, Drama) A mother launches a worldwide campaign of get well cards for her sick 8-year-old son. Catherine Oxenberg, Peter Wingfield

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6:00 PM

★★ The Cup (2000, Drama) Teenaged monks in Bhutan arrange to have a satellite dish to watch the World Cup. Jamyang Lodro, Neten

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

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** Ferris Bueller's Day Off ★★★ Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986,Comedy) Ferris Bueller feigns illness "borrows" a Ferrari, and skips school with his buddies. Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck

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(1991,Crime Story) The story of two police officers who set out to stop a ring of crack cocaine smugglers. Brandon Lee, Dolph Lundgren (2h)

Perry Mason: Case of the Grimacing Governor (Crime Story) A gubernatorial candidate alleged suicide triggers a series of mysterious deaths. Tony Curtis, James Brolin (2h)

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3 ★ Deuces Wild (2002, Drama) Two gang leaders vow to keep drugs off their block when their brother dies of an overdose.

Stephen Dorff, Brad Renfro (3h30)

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P ** Airplane! (1980,Comedy)
A plane must be landed by a shell-shocked veteran when the crew are poisoned at dinner.
Robert Hays, Lloyd Bridges (1h30)

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Up! (1976,Erotica) Russ Meyer's
thriller about a brood of babes who inspire all
sorts of violent nastiness. Edward Schaaf, Mary Gavin (1h45)

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This touching film is an innovative mix of fact and dramatic reconstruction. Anton Lesser, Timothy West (1h) 10:40 PM

₩ ★ School Ties (1992,Drama)
When a Jewish student attends an exclusive school, he is victimized because of his faith. Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon (1h45) 11:30 PM

The Beach Girls (1982, Drama)
Some wild beach girls throw a super party to help a nerdy guy and an up-tight girl. Debra Blee, Val Kline (1145)
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Normal (2003, Drama) A middleaged man tells his family that he wants to have
a sex-change operation. Jessica Lange, Tom Wilkinson (2h)

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(2000, Children) The story of the life of Jesus Christ from the New Testament to the resurrection. Voices of Raiph Fiennes,

resurrection. Voices of Ralph Fiennes,
Julie Christie (1h)

23 ** Little Odessa
(1994,Drama) A hit man returns to his roots
in Brooklyn, only to contend with his family and
rivals. Tim Roth, Edward Furlong (2h)

23 ** The Fall of the Roman
Empire (1964,History) An emperor planning to give his crown to his adopted son is poisoned by a greedy subject. Alec Guinness,
Sophia Loren (3h)

23 ** ** Good Will Hunting
(1997,Drama) A genius is blocked from realizing his potential because of the problems in
his past. Matt Damon, Ben Affleck (3h)

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** * The Queen of the Damned
(2002,Horror) A vampire's music awakens
an ancient queen who threatens humans and
vampires alike. Stuart Townsend, Aaliyah

(2h)

A * You Belong to Me

(2001,Suspense) A radio host, psychologist and millionaire search for a killer who targets lonely women. Lesley-Anne Down, Barclay Hope (2h)

**A * The Art of War

(2000,Action) When a secret agent is framed for murder, he embarks on a mission to clear his name. Wesley Snipes, Anne Archer (2h30)

**A * * Crocodile Dundee

(1986,Adventure) An Australian who hunts crocodiles is brought to the attention of an American reporter. Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski (1h35)

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★ Fear and Loathing in Las

Vegas (1998,Adventure) A journalist
experiences a motorcycle event in Las Vegas—
under the influence of drugs. Johnny Depp,
Benicio Del Toro (2h15) 10:50 PM

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(1981, Drama) A reporter is manipulated into writing a damaging story about an innocent man. Sally Field, Paul Newman (3h)

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3 * John Carpenter's Ghosts of
Mars (2001, Thriller) An officer on Mars
must rely on a prisoner's help to defeat venge
ful Martian ghosts. Natasha Henstridge, Ice Cube (2h)

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Tiawless (1999,Comedy) A homophobic security guard takes singing lessons from his drag queen neighbour.

Robert De Niro, Philip Seymour

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1981, Comédie) Les tribulations sentimentales d'un médecin qui vient d'être plaqué par sa femme. Michel Blanc, Anémone

Saint-Macary (1h35) SUNDAY, MAR 23

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*** * * * * * 101 Dalmatians

(1997,Family) Cruella DeVII and her henchmen kidnap a litter of Dalmatian pups to make a fur coat. Glenn Close, Jeff Daniels (2h)

**Tull Metal Jacket (1987,War)

Chronicles the experiences of a small group of Marine volunteers during the Vietnam War. Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin (2h15)

Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin (2h15)

15 ★ The Natural (1984,Sport) A
39-year-old man with a talent for baseball travels to New York to play with the Knights.
Robert Redford, Robert Duvall (3h)

23 At Home with the Webbers
(1994,Drama) A modern American family agrees to be the subject of a 'real-life' cable television show. Jennifer Tilly, David Arquette (2h) Arquette (2h)

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Columbo: Columbo Goes to College (1990, Mystery) Columbo squares off against two criminology students after their professor is killed. Peter Falk,

Stephen Caffrey (1h)

** * True Lies (1994, Action) Secret agent Henry Tasker contends with ter-rorists and his wife's trysts with another man. Jamie Lee Curtis, Arnold

Swarzenegger (3h)

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

7:30 PM Tigre et Dragon (2000, Action)
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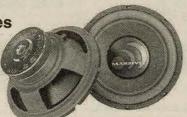
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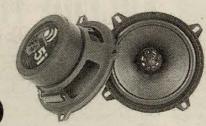
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PLACARDS FOR PEACE: Beth Cherry, centre, holds a handmade placard as she and others gather at the United Church Saturday to participate in a prepeace rally event.

Islanders pick favourites

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer First in a Series

Salt Spring readers can snuggle up with a couple of books recommended by fellow islanders as part of a new school-based literacy project starting this week.

Gulf Islands School District superintendent Wendy Herbert gets the ball rolling with her fiction suggestion: Girl With a Pearl Earring, by Tracey Chevalier.

As a nonfiction alternative, self-employed businessman Norman Twa promotes the financial advice of Rich Dad, Poor Dad: What the Rich Teach Their Kids, by Robert Kiyosaki.

"Girl With a Pearl Earring is a lovely story on many levels," Herbert said. "It's set in the time of the 'Dutch mas-

This historical fiction novel follows the story of a servant who takes a job for the famous painter Johann Vermeer, she said.

Chevalier explores the servant's relationship with the Vermeer family, describes the hardships of life in the 17th century, discusses the patronage required by artists in that era and provides a beautiful description of painting techniques as the girl becomes the subject of an actual Vermeer masterpiece.

"She has certainly done her research," Herbert said of the author.

Herbert found the book to be a captivating and very pleasant surprise.

As a working man with an excavator business, Twa doesn't read a lot of fiction and prefers factual writing, he

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"Rich Dad, Poor Dad had a lot of good information in it."

Kiyosaki's book outlines how some people overspend and suffer a reduced quality of life compared to others who live within their financial ability, Twa said.

The book is written in a story-telling fashion that makes the financial information quite palatable, he said.

"He basically tells the story of his life as a kid."

Two neighbouring fathers

live a different standard of life. The "poor dad" works hard but spends beyond his means and lives poorly; while the "rich dad" lives well and

'This book jabs you a bit," he said. "None of us live by how we think we should live."

Twa ended up giving a copy of the book to his three kids and hopes they learn from Kiyosaki's wisdom.

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Reading project launched

The Driftwood is jumping on a local school district bandwagon and promoting literacy in the Gulf Islands.

During the next four weeks, the Driftwood will highlight six islanders and their favourite books, turn the Salt Spring Says section into a Salt Spring Reads section, and publish special literacy pages on April 9.

School district organizers of the literacy project, Eleanor Cocker and Keiko Taylor, met with the Driftwood last week to draw up a list of potential readers who they felt represented a cross-section of Salt

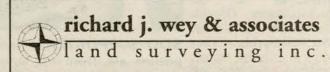
Six people agreed to name their favourite books and talk to the Driftwood about them in a series of three articles.

The islanders and their selected books are:

- Norman Twa Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki;
- Mark Proctor To Kill A Mocking Bird by Harper Lee;
- Patricia Brown The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver;
- Wendy Herbert The

Girl With the Pearl Earrings by Kate Hudson;

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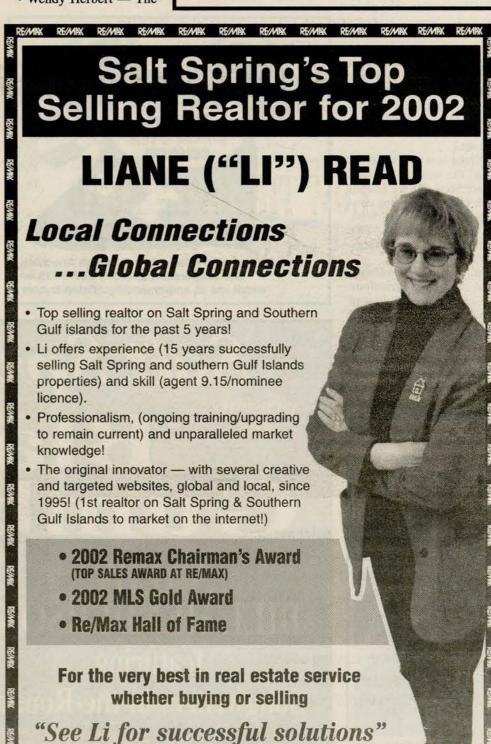
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Saskatchewan man gives GE update

Salt Spring hosted a March 7 visit by a Saskatchewan farmer kneedeep in the struggle to stop contamination of crops by genetically engineered (GE) organisms.

Doug Bone is a member of the Organic Agriculture Protection Fund (OAPF) committee of the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate (SOD). Bone met Salt Spring's Anne Macy at a Guelph organic conference last year, and then added an island stop to his family's recent B.C. holiday schedule.

Bone updated a group at a potluck dinner co-organized by Salt Springers for Safe Food and Island Natural Growers held at Michelle and Jonathan Grant's Quail Hollow home.

Fourteen months ago the OAPF committee filed a statement of claim against Monsanto and Aventis, and in December 2002 applied for certification as a class action suit.

The group seeks compensation for loss of farmers' crops caused by genetically engineered canola and wants to halt the introduction of GE wheat.

Timing is critical, since Monsanto recently applied for an unconfined field trial for GE wheat to take place this year.

SOD estimates Saskatchewan's organic farmers have lost \$14 million because they can no longer cultivate organic canola. Destruction of the organic wheat market would cost well over 10 times that amount.

Wheat is a "cornerstone crop" for western farmers, noted Bone. "If we end up with GE wheat crops contaminating our wheat crops, it's the same as canola — it's going to ruin organic farming."

All eyes in the worldwide field of organic agriculture are on the Saskatchewan group's legal fight, said Bone,

"If we can win this case," he said, "it could put the brakes on GE crops all over the world."



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met Salt Spring's Anne Macy at a Guelph organic conference last year, and then added an inlend street.

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Bone said that while a specific legal victory would be important in itself, the bigger issue is that democracy has been eroded because governments are not heeding people's wishes over those of multinational companies such as Monsanto and Aventis (recently bought by Bayer).

"It could set a precedent to use the legal system to put a halt to this stuff and maybe force a legislative change to make governments pay attention to the wishes of the people."

Consumers must also continue to "make noise" and tell governments they do not want their food choices eliminated or to be forced to eat GE products.

Besides winning the court

case at some point, Bone hopes for an even sweeter, broader victory.

"In my more optimistic moments I see an international community rising up and saying 'enough of this bull-shit and corporate agenda.""

Committee members have spoken in several European countries, Britain and Australia, and made connections around the world.

Combatting the biotech companies is an expensive business, though, which is why a fundraising element was included in Bone's visit. Some \$400 was contributed at the Salt Spring potluck din-

Bone said the committee has budgetted \$150,000 per year in legal and operating costs, for a suit that isn't expected to see a quick resolution. Saskatchewan's organic farmers are already asked to contribute at least 25 cents an acre annually to the cause.

Anyone wanting more information about the fund or lawsuit, or to contribute, can check out the website at www.saskorganic.com, or write to the SOD OAPF at Box 310, Rockglen, SK, SOH 3R0. Contributions can be mailed to the Rockglen address.

Information brochures are also available at some Salt Spring stores.

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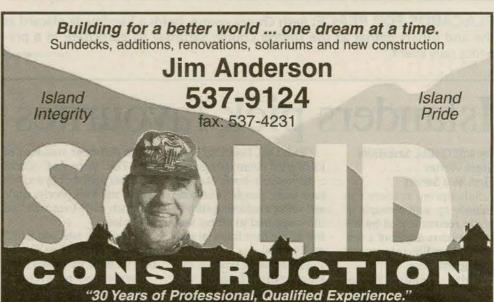


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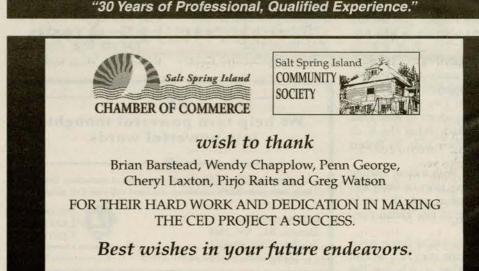
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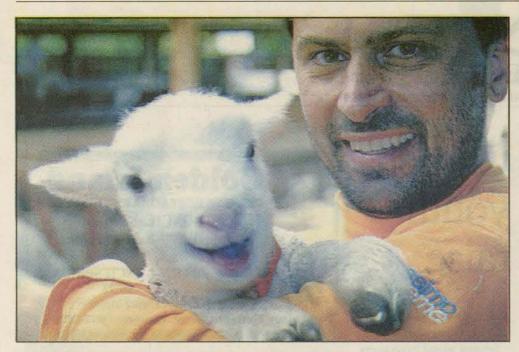




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LAUGHING LAMB: Blossom the lamb and Tony Spina, farm manager of David Wood's Reynolds Road cheese farm, appear to be sharing a joke at Sunday's "Market at the Cheese Farm," held last weekend.

classes

Free CPR training sessions are being offered to the public on Salt Spring March 30.

The Lady Minto Hospital education committee and the CPR Society of Victoria are presenting the training for certification or recertification of Level A, basic adult CPR, and Level C for infant, child and adult. The Level A class is open to all community members, while the Level C class will give priority to health professional.

Space is limited to 50 people per class. To register, people should call 537-4463 and leave a message, including their name, phone number and class level desired.



Grant aids nurses' education

Education Fund has been approved by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

An \$11,000 grant will ensure local nurses have access to a variety of education sessions in 2003.

Those include advanced cardiac life support, palliative care, trauma nursing core course, and the emergency nursing pediatric course.

"Rural nursing is considered by some to be a specialty area," notes a Lady Minto Hospital Foundation press

"Nurses require a sound knowledge base and skills to deal with a wide variety of medical conditions that occur in all age ranges. Nurses in the rural setting are often the first responders in medical emergencies; therefore a great need to acquire and maintain these skills exists. With the present nursing shortage, it is increasingly difficult to attract and retain nurses with the necessary skills to practice in the rural setting.

An education committee has also been established to work with staff, clinical coordinator Gaynor Jones and hospital administration to establish and achieve nursing educational goals for the hospital. It will coordinate three yearly workshops and choose applicants to attend off-island workshops.

oss yoga retreat runs in April

A fourth annual Salt Spring yoga retreat with Monica Voss is set to run April 4-6 at The Barn.

Voss has been a senior teacher in the Esther Myers Studio in Toronto for the past 20-plus years.

According to a press release, Voss teaches a wide variety of classes and offers workshops and retreats in the U.S., Great Britain, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Voss bases her teachings

on Vanda Scaravelli-developed principles that encourage listening to the body and doing yoga movements without force.

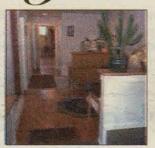
"Monica works from a place where the students begin by grounding, awareness of breath and the elongation of the spine that follows. Through the process of relaxation, tension is released, creating a heightened awareness of breath, its effects on the body and how

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Comedy geezers back on stage

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

Last March Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers celebrated the month of eros with lots of lively company from erotic dancers to costumed goddesses, salacious poets and the sensual art of the Blush Strokes exhibit.

But this year the island's premier comedians were left carrying the torch (or holding the bag) alone.

Traipsing on as the sole remaining act isn't so inappropriate, however, since being "single on Salt Spring" is one slightly cosmic reality explored in the duo's new show called Death: The Musical - An Erotic Comedy.

It runs at ArtSpring on Saturday night, March 22, beginning at 8 p.m.

While the Salt Spring Hysterical Society veterans have in recent years been exploiting their Geezers characters to the hilt in the constantly evolving Topic of Cancer and last year's hit Scrotum Dialogues, they've kept the old coots at home for the 2003 erotic outing.

isn't too clear, especially since, as Filkow observed, they seem to be transforming into the Geezer characters they've invented.)

"The erotic nature of death is what we're trying to deal with," explained Chalmers, noting the French have dubbed orgasm "le petit mort."

Internet dating; death through meditation; how to get into and out of depression; current affairs; and the elixir of life (also possibly on sale during intermission) are some of the highlights actually conceived as of last

"We also believe there are musical numbers in it," suggested Filkow, remembering the show's title.

Maggie the Scottish lass and the scantily clad spiritual keener Swami will definitely be cavorting on stage, along with at least four other characters.

"We've been having so much fun with Maggie and Swami,' confessed Chalmers.

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March 22

Church youth raise money

Several island fundraisers will help send "clear-eyed smiling youths and young adults" to an upcoming youth convention in Kamloops.

First up is a spaghetti dinner, set for March 28, at the Community Gospel Chapel, followed by a silent auction, youth slave auction and dessert night on April 25 at the Pentecostal Church.

A car wash is also planned.

Last year 50 teens from Salt Spring attended the History Maker Youth Convention in Kamloops, and local organizers hope to send 100 youths this year.

The theme for the May event is "Dreams."

"This is two days of solid fun for about 8,000 youth," notes islander John Foley. "This event features some great rock bands, workshops, 'Dream Hubs' on skateboarding, art, poetry, disc jockeying, drama and much more."

Tickets for next week's spaghetti dinner are \$9 and available through Debbie Cairns at 537-4374 or Travis Guedes at 537-7396. Donations can also be made by calling these numbers.





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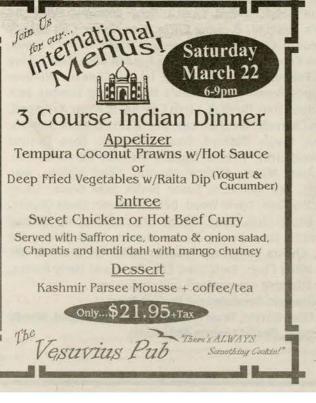
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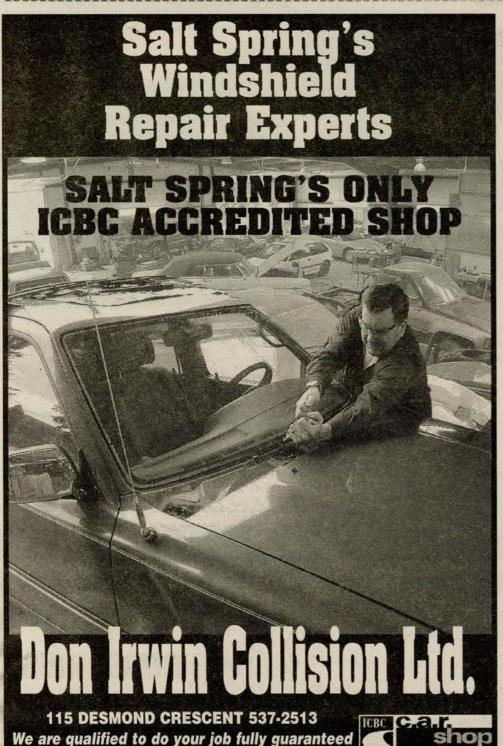
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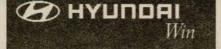
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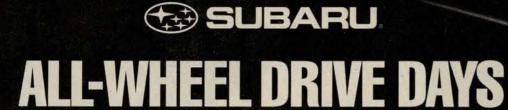
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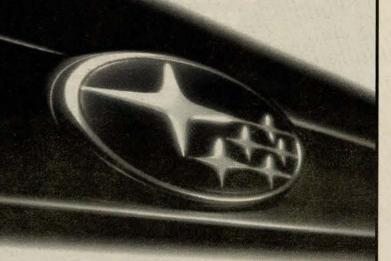
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(1998, Drama) A college student must look out for her young cousin when they find work at a strip club. Lisa Raye, Bernie Mac (2h)
(1973, Mystery) A greiving couple meets an old woman that insists she sees spirit of their dead daughter. Julie Christie, Donald Sutherland (2h30)

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Wetal F.A.K.K.2) (2000,Sci-Fi) A buxom warrior vows revenge on a psychopath searching for the key to immortality. Voices of Michael Ironside, Julie Strain (1h45)

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(1998,Action) An ambitious MSNBC reporter discovers a meteor on a fatal collision course with Earth. Elijah Wood, Morgan Freeman (2h30)

9:00 PM

4 5 * Billy Madison
(1995,Comedy) A 27-year-old spoiled rich kid must complete school to take over his father's business. Bradley Whitford, Adam Spording (19) Sandler (2h)

★ The Natural (1984,Sport) A

39-year-old man with a talent for baseball els to New York to play with the Knights. Robert Redford, Robert Duvall (3h)

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By ** Top Gun (1986,Action)

Personal tragedy leads a cocky, undisciplined

Navy pilot to reassess his abilities. Tom

Cruise, Kelly McGillis (1h45)

Columbo: A Trace of Murder

(1997,Mystery) Columbo is stalking a murderer who may be someone on his own investigating team. Peter Falk, Barry Corbin (1h)

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Sight (2000, Drama) An amusement park employee suffers a blow to the head, and awakens in the 14th century. Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason

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13 * * 8 Million Ways to Die
(1985, Crime Story) When a prostitute
ends up dead, an ex-cop involved with her
seeks revenge on the killers. Jeff Bridges,
Rosanna Arquette (2h15) 10:45 PM

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* Exit Wounds (2001, Action) A tough cop in an inner-city precinct discovers a web of dirty cops and corruption. Steven Seagal, Isaiah Washington (1h45)

** Columbo: Columbo Goes to College (1990, Mystery) Columbo squares off against two criminology students after their professor is killed. Peter Falk, Stephen Caffrey (1h)

11:30 PM Nocturne Indien (1989, Drame psychologique) Un homme se rend en Inde à la recherche d'un ami disparu. Jean-Hugues Anglade, Clémentine Célarié (1h50)

MONDAY, MAR 24

Nightwaves (2002, Thriller) A young reporter stumbles upon a murder while listening to her neighbour's phone calls. 8:00 PM

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The story of a young Afghan refugee who receives a heartbreaking letter from her sister. Niloufar Pazira, Hassan Tantai (1h)

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The pitcher on a baseball team discovers that the catcher has a fatal disease. Michael Moriarty, Robert De Niro (2h)

8:30 PM Ripper: Letter From Hell
(2001, Horror) A student is haunted by her
past when she comes face-to-face with her
former stalker. Kelly Brook, Jürgen
Prochow (2) Prochnow (2h)

9:00 PM 9:00 PM (1998, Action) An escaped bank robber falls for the US Marshall who is trying to bring him in. George Clooney, Jennifer Lopez

(27.30)

(1986, Drama) An pool shark attempts another shot at the big time when he finds a talented young player. Paul Newman, Tom Cruise (1855)

10:00 PM

** Roseland (1977,Dance)
Senior citizens gather at New York's
Roseland ballroom to relive the good old
days. Teresa Wright, Lou Jacobi (2h)

10:30 PM

The Sweetest Thing

(2002,Comedy) A single woman and her friends set out on a road trip to find a man she met in a club. Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate (1h30)
TUESDAY, MAR 25

6:00 PM

* * Purple Rain
(1984, Musical) A black musician reaches the pinnacle of stardom and str with his own psyche. Prince, Apollonia

Kotero (2h)

** * On the Waterfront 29 * * * * On the Waterfront (1954, Drama) An ex-fighter is torn between standing up against a union boss or supporting his brother. Marlon Brando, Karl Malden (2h)

8:00 PM
The Churchill Files (1998, Mystery) A private eye searches for his client's missing father and finds him held captive. John Schneider, Robin

9:00 PM

(2000, Action) A fisherman and his crew fight to stay alive when they are caught in a hurricane at sea. George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg (2h30)

(1954, Drama) An ex-fighter is torn between standing up against a union boss or supporting his brother. Marlon Brando. Karl Malden (2h)

Brando, Karl Malden (2h)
10:00 PM

** * * Smash-Up, The Story
of a Woman (1947, Drama) A singer is mired in alcoholism after giving up her career to benefit her husband. Susan Hayward, Lee Bowman (2h)
The Risen (2002, Drama) A

woman suffers from complete amnesia after undergoing emergency surgery. Alberta Watson, Eugene Lipinski

Terminal Invasion (aka Devil's Pass) (2002,Drama) A convict must save the day when aliens disguised as humans take over an airport. Bruce Campbell, Chase Masterson (1h30)





WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

WED.

March 19

Meetings

Public Library Association, AGM at SS United Church, lower hall, tea at 3:30 p.m.; meeting at

SS Community Services. Special meeting on bylaw amendments. Community Gospel Chapel, 6 p.m.

Music

'Simply Organic.' Organ recital, muffin & coffee. Al Saints 10:10 a m Wednesday Night LIVE Open stage at Moby's, 9

Family

Brio Playday. Free fun at West of the Moon, 10-2. Needle Felting - Butterfly Fables Cottage workshop 11-noon

Fairy Mobile, Fables Cottage workshop, 1-2

Workshops

Card Art. With Ulrieke Benner, 10-5, 537-1723.

THURS.

March 20

Special Events

Bingo. Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games 6:30 Just Dance. Lions Hall, 7-

9-Ball & 3-Ball Tourney. Vesuvius Pub.

Meetings

SS Local Trust Committee. Meets at Lions Hall, 2 p.m. Peace Through Justice. Public discussion at StarBooks, 6-8 p.m.

Family

Mouat Park Walk/Family Art. Meet at park 10 a.m., then to Family Place for art with toddlers, 11-1

Build a Solar Car. Fables Cottage workshop for 8+.

Build a Helicopter. Fables Cottage workshop, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Activities

Watercolour Classes. Sixweek series with Libby Jutras. 537-1952 Life Drawing. Thursdays, Beaver Point Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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March 21

Special Events

HOPE Benefit Wassabi Collective. Family dance to raise money for Cambodian water project. Lions Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Wim Krayenhoff Memorial Bridge Tournament. Fulford Hall, noon, Includes lunch. 537-0897

Meetings

SSI Amateur Radio Club Meeting. Government building, 10 a.m.

Music

Musicians Jam Nite. Fridays at Anise Restaurant,

Workshops

Living With Chronic Illness or Pain. With Dr. Brian Grady, 653-0081.

Activites

Rugghuggers. Family Place, 11-1. Lunch provid-

Life Drawing. United Church, Fridays, 1-3 p.m. Roller-blading to Music. Fridays at Fulford Hall,

SAT.

March 22

Special Events

Antique Appraisal Event Ticket Sales. Outside GVM,

Nights Alive. Youth Recreation Night for middle and high-school youth. SS Activity Centre, 7-10 p.m. Info, Norma: 537-0036.

Protecting Haida Gwaii: An Evening with Guujaw. GISS multi-purpose room, 7 p.m.

Death: The Musical. An erotic comedy with Sid Filkow & Arvid Chalmers. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.

Music

Zimbabalicious. Zimbabwean music dance. Mahon Hall, 7:30 p.m. House Party. With DJ Matt Johnson at Moby's, 10 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Workshops

Chemtrail Solutions. Practical action workshop with Chester. StarBooks, 5-

SUN.

March 23

Special Events

SSI Philosophers' Cafe. Message Versus Meaning. Core Inn, Reserve: 653-4788. Island Star Video Oscar Night. Harbour House Hotel, doors at 4, broadcast at 5.

Music

Sunday Dinner Jazz. Pat Coleman Trio at Moby's, 7

Activites

Newcomers Walk. Meet at Centennial Park buoy every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11

Chemirail Solutions. StarBooks, 11-3 Spoken Word Open Mic. Anise Restaurant, 8 p.m.

Sundays, Call 537-1097 to sign-up for a spot.

Da Mo Tai Chi. Free at Beaver Point Hall Sundays,

Reiki One. Call Joy, 537-

MON.

March 24

Meeting

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society. AGM at Lions Hall. Lunch at noon, followed by meeting and election of officers.

Activites

Partnership Dancing With Mike Young. Mahon Hall. Swing, 7 p.m.; ballroom, 8 p.m.

TUES.

March 25

Special Events

Antique Appraisal Event Ticket Sales. Outside GVM, 10-3.

Meetings

Ladies Spring Luncheon. SS Golf and Country Club. Golf at 10 a.m.; lunch fol-

SS Transportation Society. AGM, SS Golf Club, 7 p.m. SS Fire Protection District. AGM, Ganges fire hall, 8

Activites

Yoga By Donation. With SS Centre teachers in training. 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Watercolour Classes. Sixweek series with Libby Jutras. 537-1952 Floor Hockey. Tuesdays at Fulford Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Partnership Dancing With Mike Young, Mahon Hall, Latin, 6:30 p.m.; beginning tango, 7:30.

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Cinema

Chicago — The Fred Ebb Broadway musical about a gal who would kill to be a big vaudeville star gets the big screen treatment from director Rob Marshall. Starring Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Richard Gere.

Kangaroo Jack — Two failed criminals fly to Australia in an attempt to redeem themselves, only to have a kangaroo steal \$50,000 of mob money. Family fun!

Cable T\

Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 — SSTV resumes its 24-hour community broadcasts every Friday and Saturday. Tune in from 3:30 p.m. March 21 to 3:30 p.m. on March 22. Oldtimers reunion 2002: Oldtimers and their families got together at the Farmers Institute last summer to celebrate, reconnect with old friends and reflect on Salt Spring times

David Orchard: Campaign for Canada features a talk at ArtSpring by Saskatchewan organic farmer, author of The Fight for Canada, and Progressive Conservative leadership candidate.

Exhibitions

Andrea Palframan's Tarot-inspired images in vivid oils, with written affirmations to inspire and guide the viewer, are hanging at Barb's

Colour: the bridge — work by Laura Hughes McGrath is hanging at Moby's this month Donna Hall and Karen Reiss are showing sculpture pieces at Island

Xuhong Mao is exhibiting work in the ArtSpring lobby. Johanna Hoskins shows Affairs of Life mixed-media pieces at Salt

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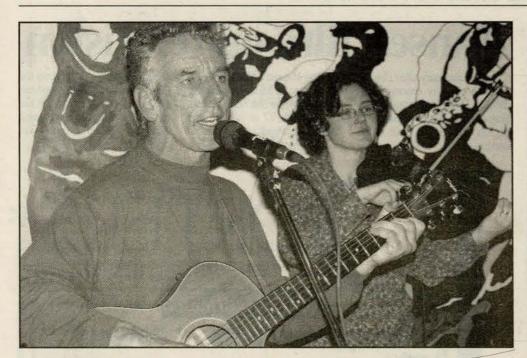
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ST. PAT'S DAY: Salt Spring musicians Derek Duffy and Jaime Rokeby-Thomas of Kettle of Fish help put an Irish spin to the evening at Moby's Pub during a St. Patrick's Day bash.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Art of Living on stage Tuesday

An exciting evening of interdisciplinary improvisation is heading Salt Spring's way as Onionoak presents The Art of Living on Tuesday, March 25.

Nineteen artists from Canada, U.S., Germany, Israel and England have spent three months in the Lasqueti Winter Intensive, the third of its kind hosted by Onionoak of Lasqueti Island.

Having recently emerged, the group is now touring some Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands communities.

The Salt Spring show runs at ArtSpring beginning at 8

Described in press marterial as "truly interdisciplinary both in terms of crossing artistic disciplines and in its integration of politics, living and body-based creative practices," the work is difficult to categorize in a single genre.

"It is supported by a foundation in the movement practice of contact improvisation and ventures from there into an organic mix of athletic and acrobatic contemporary dance, percussion, voice and music, physical theatre, and spoken word."

The 19 artists have lived and worked together off the power grid on Lasqueti Island, dealing with "the realities of rural life" while creating and discussing their art together.

"The Winter Intensive is a truly unique event, with very little to compare it to around the world."

As a collective, Onionoak is devoted to the integration of body-based creative process and the art of sustainable, simple living, close to the land.

"Life is seen as art, and immediate experience is seen as the first step to the enjoyment of a non-materialistic lifestyle."

Onionoak's work has been showcased in theatres and festivals across the western part of North America, and in Europe and Israel.

Karl Frost is director of

the winter intensive and one of its instructors.

Frost has been practising and performing contact improvisation and interdisciplinary dance-based performance since the mid-80s. His physical work is influenced by modern release technique and Alexander work, and by his study of martial arts.

"His performance takes the body and the emotionally and physically felt experience as its reference point," states the press material.

Frost's work has been showcased across North and South America, in Europe, Australia and Israel. He is also the director of the Dancing Wilderness Project, an ongoing investigation into the interrelationships amongst wilderness experience, body-based creative process, and how people live their lives.

Tickets for The Art of Living are \$10 and available through ArtSpring (537-2102).

Zimba beats on tap

Fans of ecstatic Zimbabwean rhythms can indulge themselves and celebrate the arrival of spring with a Saturday night dance at Mahon Hall.

Zimbabalicious will present an evening of traditional Zimbabwean music, drumming and dance, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Garadziva Chigamba, Kokanai Mzite — both from Zimbabwe but presently living in Canada — are band members along with Melissa Chigamba and Dalton Wilcox.

They've played in Victoria, Vancouver and throughout B.C., and Garadziva Chigamba and Mzite have also performed internationally.

Described in a press release as "mesmerizing, energizing and joyous," the marimba music will feature Garadziva's original arrangements of traditional songs.

Some pieces will also be played on mbira — hand-held metal keyed instruments played in gourds for amplification — to the accompaniment of the driving beat of the hosho and gourd shakers.

"This traditional music is uplifting and has been appreciated for its capacity to transform and heal," notes the press release.

Garadziva Chigamba and Mzite will also dress in full traditional costume for the show.

The March 22 evening is an all-ages event.

Tickets are \$10 in advance at Acoustic Planet, or \$12 at the door.

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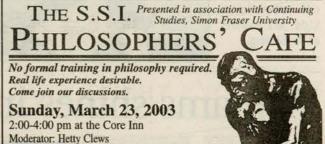
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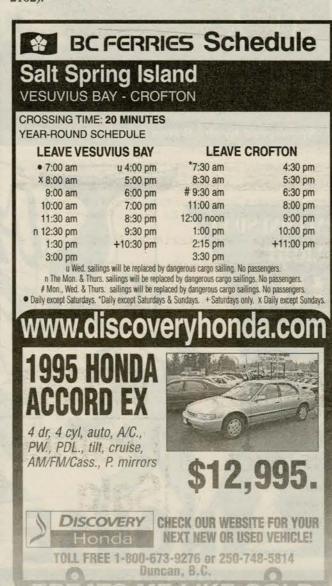
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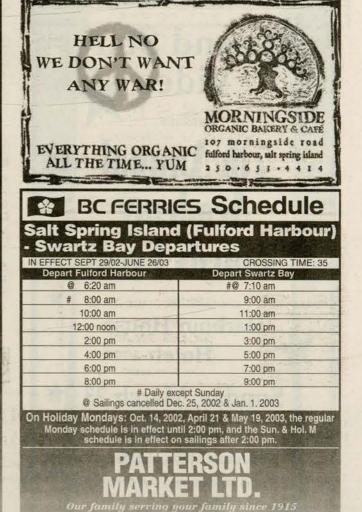
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CLOWNING AROUND: Meeks the Clown gets his hat back from two enthusiastic audience members at ArtSpring Saturday. The show, which included local childrens' entertainer Jim Raddysh, kicked off week-long kids' art events



for this long, but you get the feeling Williams could

keep going for another

couple of hours. I'd call

him the "Energizer Bunny"

of comedy, and he's cer-

tainly furry enough for the

In the case of Live on

Broadway, he'd more like-

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job, but that's just so '80s.

Williams shines in stand-up

Before seeing Robin Williams' latest s o l o stand-up effort Live

at ArtSpring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

WITH JASON TUDOR

on Broadway, I was convinced he was way past his Like many other comedi-

ans, he seemed to go on a "family friendly" track as he hit his 40s. Sure, I laughed at Mrs.

Doubtfire like everyone else, but was this really the same guy who threw us all into convulsive fits with this raunchy energy back in the '80s?

A few months ago it seemed like Williams was on TV every 15 minutes.

He was promoting Live on Broadway, but the snippets of jokes he was using as fodder on the various talk shows jut didn't seem very funny. But, after constant pressure from some very reliable sources, I figured it was time to take another chance on the guy.

And boy am I ever grateful: it was maybe the funniest stand-up show I've ever seen, maybe even as good Eddie Murphy's "Delirious." (This is a major compliment, as I've pretty

much memorized the latter.)

Unlike his tempered network TV performances, this HBO show allows Williams to let rip with all he's got. The four-letter words and the bodily-function references can't be repeated here, of course, but trust me, it's a revelation seeing him finally burst out of that Disneyish shell.

Williams seems to up the controversy-ante as the performance goes along, often referring to the HBO officials who are presumably having panic attacks backstage. He starts the show with what seems like two-dozen bottles of water behind him. You think there's no way he could possibly sweat that much, but he does, and just wait until he starts using them

It's all over far too fast, though. By the time the final, audaciously naughty bit hits its peak, he's off the stage.

Most stand-up comedians can't hold an audience

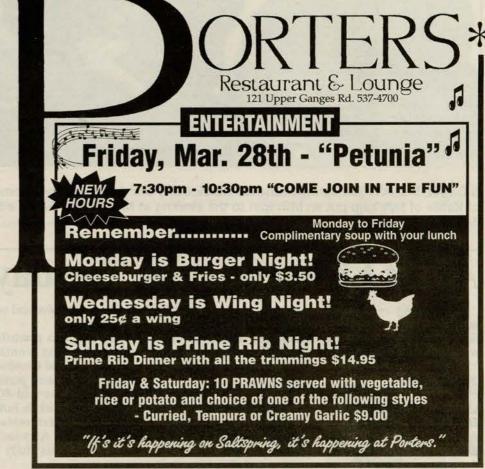
Ransen film on television

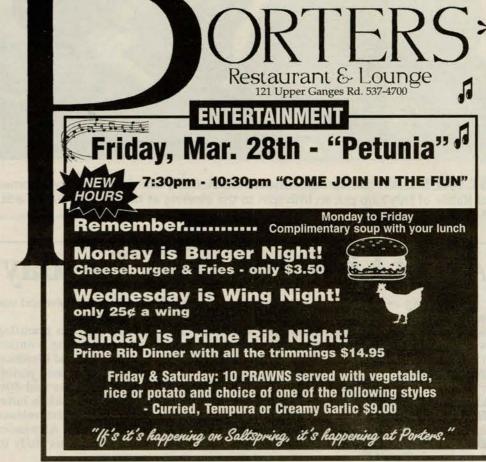
A documentary film chronicling community action against Texada Land Corporation logging of Salt Spring will be shown on Knowledge Network in the coming weeks.

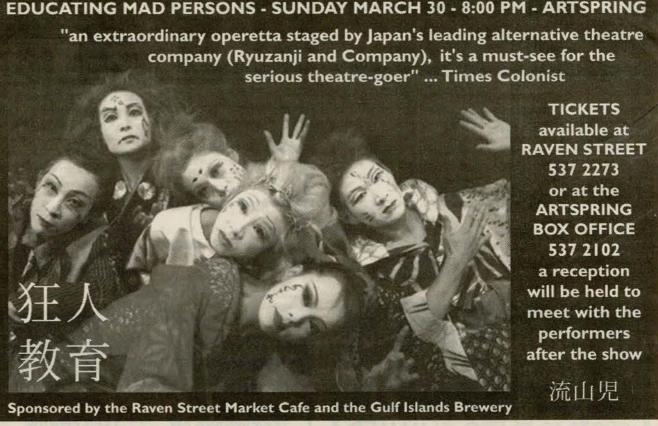
Mort Ransen's film called Ah the Money, the Money, the Money ... the Battle for Salt Spring Island, runs March 27 at 9 p.m., and Wednesday, April 2 at 11 p.m.

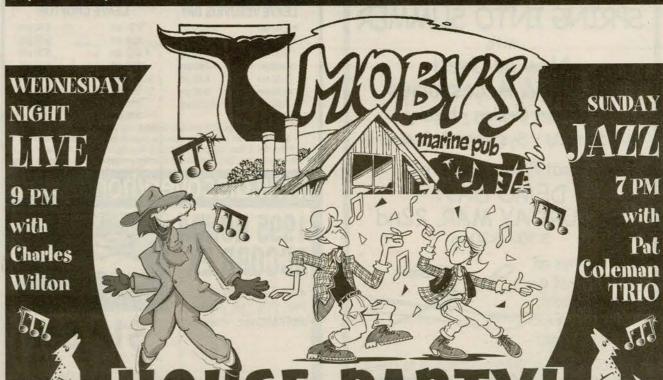
Ransen's 2001 piece was first

shown at ArtSpring and on the CBC's Nature of Things and has also been seen at film festivals. For more information on Knowledge Network, people can visit www.knowledgenetwork.ca.









D.I Matt Johnson

Saturday March 22 • 10pm - 1am

Island Star presents 7th Annua Academy lwards Event * at the Harbour House Hotel Sunday, March 23 Doors open 4:00pm Broadcast starts at 5:00pm Food prizes and surprises. No host bar. Tickets \$10 advance at Island Star.

THESPIANS:

Students in Jim Lightfoot's Grades 4/5 class Fulford Elementary School entertained parents and fellow students from across the district last week with some Shakspearian scenes.









Jutras course offered

A new painting course aims to inspire island watercolour artists and set them on a "life-long dream."

According to a press release, local artist and teacher Libby Jutras will amaze participants with their ability to be creative in a series of classes beginning April 1.

Presented by the Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild, the classes will run from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday nights at ArtSpring.

Those wanting to register or obtain further information should contact Heather Pottinger at 653-9503 or eheather@saltspring.com.

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Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Trevor Hutton, Manager

'Beautifully bizzare' show offers a unique experience

most islanders have ever seen will turn the ArtSpring stage into a crazed mix of music, dance and human puppetry next Sunday night.

Described as a "beautifully bizarre meditation on societal strictures," Educating Mad Persons will be performed by Ryuzanji & Company from Japan, under the direction of Show Ryuzanji.

Written in 1962 by Shuji Terayama — a renowned playwright, poet and stage and film director — the story focusses on a family's reaction to learning that one of its members is mad.

After the diagnosis, everyone in the family starts acting exactly like everyone else, attempting to hide his or her physical handicap or mental

A show unlike any other complex to avoid being identified as the mad person.

"From the outset," notes press material, "it would appear that all of them are prime candidates."

Creators of the stage performance have attempted to revive the playwright's spirit in the form of a modern comic

Featuring six human puppets and six kurokos (blackmasked puppeteers), the production also includes five original songs, live music with Japanese drums and cymbals, as well as modern dances rooted in the techniques of traditional Japanese Noh and Kabuki theatre.

Originally created for puppets, Educating Mad Persons has been adapted by Ryuzanji into a "physical tour de force."

According to press material, it achieves its "profundity through an exquisite blend of

performance genres."

It adds: "The theme of a family witch hunt has been told before, but the manipulation of theatre conventions by Ryuzanji & Company incorporates social commentary and involves the audience at a higher level.

"The surreal artifice of a human puppet show accentuates the absurdity of the mad

Educating Mad Persons begins at 8:30 p.m. on March

Presented by The Raven Street Market Cafe and Gulf Islands Brewery, the event will feature a "meet and greet" event with the cast following the play.

Take a train,



GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD ▲ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003 ▲ PAGE 28

Div. 6 survives shark attack

The Lakehill Whitecaps built up a "shark mentality" while gouging a handful of Salt Spring Division 6 players in a 6-0 grinder Sunday. But Lakehill's own aggression prevented them from scoring more goals against the spirited defenders.

"They were getting greedy and getting frustrated," said Div. 6's coachplayer-captain Mike Brown. "They went for the keeper and that led to their own demise."

Once the injured island netminder was taken from the field, Div. 6 was not allowed to continue play because it had only six players remaining.

"They were in a feeding frenzy," Brown said.

Vacations, disciplinary cards, work and family commitments prevented more islanders from attending the Braefoot Park game, he noted.

"Thank goodness we're a spirited group of individuals."

Salt Spring worked a beautiful offside trap that caught the Whitecaps ahead of defenders a dozen times, he said.

"Our play in the second half even gave them a run for their money.'

Colin McDougall and Tom Berry managed a few scoring opportunities while defenders Brown and Colin Walde challenged the Lakehill keeper with several blasting free kicks

"It was tough when there always seemed to be threeto-one on us," Brown said.

Gritty Salt Spring defence even held the feisty Whitecaps to one goal in the second half.

"I'd like to commend Lakehill for not getting a yellow card in this game," grinned Brown.

The Whitecaps lead the league with 22 yellow cards and maintained their rough play even though they led the outnumbered Salt Spring team 6-0 in the final min-

"They're a cheap dirty team, young and undisci-plined," said Brown.

After withstanding a withering barrage of attacks throughout the game, island keeper Chris Healey had to leave the field with 10 minutes remaining when he took a cleated kick above the shin pads.

Onlooking fans from the Dragons women's team and Salt Spring FC (playing another Lakehill team on the adjacent pitch) applauded the departing Div. 6 cadre.

"We left with our heads held high. Every one of us gave it all we had."

Boys take on older players

Grade 8 soccer players from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) weren't able to find any opponents in their age group but they found a creative solution to get into the school-based soccer season.

boys decided to chalonly in Grade 7.

islanders could be four

their opponents.

The SIMS Tsunami lenge Grade 9 and 10 teams in the midisland junior high school league but a few SIMS athletes are

Consequently, some

years younger than or Victoria metro-league

However, what they lack in size could be equalized by skill and experience.

Many of the Tsunami players come from the top-rate U14 gold Strikers teams, said SIMS teacher Ken Cameron.

"The last time we did this was six years ago and we finished third on Vancouver Island."

The school soccer season starts in April.



RISP Registry Changes

The Ministry of Transportation is encouraging consultants and consulting firms experienced in road and highway engineering to ensure they are registered in the ministry's revised Registration, Information, Selection and Performance Evaluation, or R.I.S.P., registry.

The R.I.S.P. computer-based registry was created to assist in the fair and equitable selection of professional and technical consultants for the Ministry of Transportation for assignments estimated at less that \$1

The Ministry of Transportation recently revised its R.I.S.P. system and is inviting consultants and consulting firms to submit registration information for this revised system, regardless of whether they are registered for the current R.I.S.P. system.

Registrations received by March 28, 2003 will be processed in April, and responses will be sent to consultants and firms by the end of April.

To get more information about R.I.S.P. and obtain application forms, visit the Internet site of the Ministry of Transportation or contact the R.I.S.P. administrator.

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Week's top bowlers named

PEACEFUL PADDLE: Sunny weather last week-

end brought out the boaters on St. Mary Lake.

By PAULA BEDFORD

Once again I had to go to Ron Cunningham for the answer to last week's question.

It was February of 1975 while bowling in the still-existing Circus League that the 70+ Walter Blatter calmly rolled the 12 strikes to get the first and only perfect game on Salt Spring.

Connie Hardy was there to witness it, as well.

So it is no excuse to say, "I'm too old" to get a great score.

Look at this week's. Circus: Don McMahon, 202, 236/607; Tony Farr,

Tuesday a.m. Seniors: Marg Baker, 200, 219; Elizabeth Socher, 205; Stan Sage, 228; Jim Glenn, 281/651; Ken Robinson, 206.

Tuesday p.m. Seniors: Ken Robinson, 207; Clara Hicks, 203.

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Wednesday Special Olympics: Mahjor Bains, 155; Jason Newport, 155; Sharon Way, 165; Brad Magnus, 177; Terry Swing, 196.

Legion: The Machine

was in perfect running order with his scores of 254, 221 and 357, giving us our first 832 triple this year!

Ron Cunningham, 211; Bruce Watkins, 213, 266/621; the Boss, 238; Birdman, 230, 234/639; Brenda Lee, and Tanja Akerman's first 201 game. Congratulations.



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The Slugs jumped on the team bus for Lake Cowichan Saturday and returned with a 10-9 win over the Mill Bay Saints.

With less than a minute left on the clock, Bob Akerman scored the winning goal.

Slugs thrill with last-minute goal "It was nothing but a goal-tenders' battle out there," said

Derek Topping. "Neither of the two goalies had their best games. The team with the last shot basically won. We were down 6-1 at one point but managed to battle back."

Slugs goals were scored by: Blaine Johnson (3), Bob Akerman (2), Joe Akerman (2), while Topping, Paul Sinclair and Todd McIntyre each had singles.

The Slugs' game at Lake

Cowichan set a milestone when they managed to match a record for most fans in attendance through a season six in total for the

2002/2003 season. This year's total was contributed by one person, Mandy Vanderkloof.

"It's good to have a fan along," said Topping. "And thankfully most of the time she takes veteran defenceman Chad Kinnear with her."

Old Boys take another shot at cup

Injured and weary, the Salt Spring Old Boys brought their cleats out of retirement to challenge the Cowichan A-Sides for a 4-0 loss Sunday.

But the islanders were surprised to get another kick at the Tony Grover Cup after they'd already been knocked out of the playoffs.

"It felt funny to be bringing my boots down off the wall," said David Norget. "We were a labouring lot carrying our injuries."

The Old Boys were all but eliminated from cup play after a 3-2 loss against Vic West March 2. But a 0-0 tie between Gordon Head and the Victoria Athletics last week allowed the islanders to hobble back into action.

played Certainly we were defensive-minded but we did get some chances.'

Solid team effort held the A-Sides to one goal midway through the second half, Norget said.

"But we ran out of steam. They took off at a certain point in the second half."

John Oblati did a great job in net but the top-skilled Adivision team made an overwhelming series of attacks, he said.

"The back line (Don Mike Davis, Brown, Campbell Scott, Dennis Shaw, Phil Ritson and Graham Tweddle) did a good job in particular because everything was thrown at them."

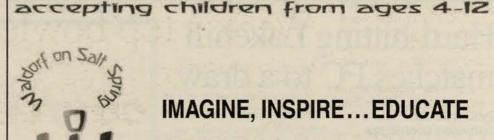
Unfortunately, striker Alvaro Sanchez was injured early in the game with a pulled muscle, but the Old Boys maintained a full-crew.

"It was fun playing against a good team," Norget said. "They force you to play a flow game. It's like dancing with a good partner."

The islanders learned a great deal from the highlyrated team to help them prepare for the annual Old Boys May tournament on Salt Spring. But Norget will be happy to give his body a chance to mend before then.

"It was just a ghost of me out there . . . Now I can hang up my boots again."





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Gymnasts earn personal bests

The Salt Spring Gymnastics Association came home with a good showing at the Mount Arrowsmith Invitational in Port Alberni on March 15.

Contending in the K.I.P (Kids in Progress) division: Samantha Brunt placed gold on vault, gold on floor, silver on beam and silver on bars; while Jenna McRobb placed gold on beam, gold on floor, silver on vault and silver on bars.

Rachel Drummond had a personal best on floor and bars, placed second on beam, third on vault and ranked fourth overall in the Argo divi-

The Tyro team, made up of Kaitlin Brunt, Rachel Fraser, Tess Eddington and Katrina Villadsen, took second place.

Kaitlin Brunt also took seventh on floor, 10th on bars, had a personal best on vault and ranked

Fraser took sixth on floor, ninth on bars, had a personal best on vault and ranked 11th overall.

Eddington took sixth on vault, seventh on beam, seventh on floor, and ranked eighth overall, while Villadsen took 10th on floor, had a personal best on beam and ranked 12th

Running on the quiet roads brings rewards

By BEN COOPER **Driftwood Contributor**

The difference between a jogger and a runner is a race entry blank."

(Dr. George Sheehan) Remember to get registered for the upcoming May 25 Salt Spring Pool

Association (SPLASH) running event. Inclement weather during the past week gave our training further challenges. Although it can be very difficult to get out there

and train, it really feels

great to do it. The benefits for that little bit of time spent exercising are tremendous. Your energy level feels better, and you get time on your own to wind down from the day or to prepare you for the upcoming one. It makes you feel good! Keep at it and be prepared

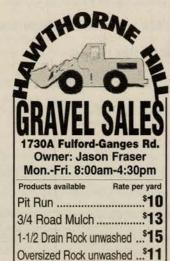
for the running race. In this sixth week of training we get into some of the longer sessions and get to see more of spring coming as we run the quiet roads.

In each of the next three sessions beginners can run for three minutes and walk for two minutes; repeat 13 times for session one (65 minutes), 10 times for session two (50 min.) and 11 times for session three (55

The faster training

schedule provides some nice, easy, long runs to enjoy for experienced runners; 50 minutes in session one, and 45 minutes in sessions two and three.

SPLASH run entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce, North End Fitness and online (www.ssplash.org). Volunteers are also needed. Please call Ben (537-1951).



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Contenders step up local disc play

Sweeping through three titles in three consecutive tournaments, Jason Dyck won the open-pro division of the Monthly Disc Golf Tourney at Mouat Park

Sunday.

Dyck shot a 47 (seven under par 54) and a 42 (12 under) over two rounds of play. In fact, Dyck even had a bogie in his second round.

But the advanced division's Brian Bleskie managed to top Dyck's play with a 47 and a remarkable 41.

Tourney organizer Dean Crouse was happy to see high-calibre play that will challenge other island players to move up a notch.
"It's good. When those

guys from Vancouver come over, we'll be able to compete with them.'

Gary Railer eked a masters division win after a playoff with Fritz Arnold

when they tied at 103.

Greg (last unknown) won the amateur division with a 105 and brought calimari coupons from the Oystercatcher Restaurant for all the partic-

The big cash winner was Mike Boughton, who skipped a "tomahawk" drive into the second pin to win the \$40 ace pot.

The next locals tourney

Duck Golf tournament hounds can also hit the Jericho Hill course in Vancouver March 29 and Bowen Park in Nanaimo on

Crouse reminds players there will be a work bee this Sunday to rake wood chips around tree roots and foot paths. It will be handy to bring rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows, he said.



agons detenders dig for cup

The Salt Spring Dragons women's soccer team tested the Prospect Lake Lakers with deep-digging defense in a 3-0 loss for cup play at Beckwith Field Sunday.

"They didn't have an easy time of it. We worked their butts off," said defender Gail Bryn-Jones. "It was head's-down intensity the whole time.'

Though Salt Spring advanced out of the third division this season, the Lakers topped division one to hit the premier league.

The Lakers also scored 20 goals in their last three games, so holding them to three felt like a modest victory, Bryn-Jones said.

We tied them scoreless through the second half."

Unfortunately, keeper Carol Adams and midfielder Sue King were both injured in the game but the Lakers played clean, Bryn-Jones

"It was such a learning opportunity to play a team like that."



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Hard-hitting Lakehill matches FC to a draw

By KEN MARR

Driftwood Contributor Salt Spring FC dominated

Division 2 but finished their regular season with a disappointing null draw at Braefoot Park Sunday.

As this was a mean-nothing game, FC was not expecting a hard-hitting physical battle, but their competition had other ideas.

Lakehill came out very strong and hard, and Salt Spring took a few minutes to adjust. The islanders were also fortunate to have two offside goals called back.

But FC broke into stride with 20 minutes left in the first half and pressured Lakehill for the remainder of the match.

Keeper Jono McDonald shone when needed to come out with his 13th shutout in 18 games, and only five goals against (0.28 goals against average).

Jono played in all games but one this year. The only game he did not play was FC's only loss in over two

Opportunities were abundant in the second half as Lakehill collapsed into a defensive shell, allowing FC complete control well into their half.

Salt Spring juggled players on the back line since Kevin Luke was injured, Rhys Beasley was skiing and Chris Jason was suspended with three yellow cards.

Consequently, Harrison Jason was forced to take on centre defence with Jeremy Morrison sweeping. But some very nice build-up from Jason, Morrison, David McColl and Jordan Haenen led to great opportunities up front.

Jesse McEachern and Tom McColm also combined with centre midfielders Chris Langdon and Jesse Fisher for some pretty one-touch play up

The "Achilles heal" for FC was "finishing" once again. The opportunities were there, the shots were not; the buildup was great, the crosses were

Last weekend's draw ended Salt Spring's eight-game winning streak in league play. But they still wrapped up the season 10 points clear of second place and 18 points clear of

FC fans who want more second-division season details can check out websites at Salt Spring Soccer (www.saltspringsoccer.com) or the Vancouver Island Soccer League (www.visl.bc.ca).

Local soccer enthusiasts will also want to catch FC's "friendly" match against first division champions Nanaimo United at Portlock Park 2:15 p.m. on Sunday.

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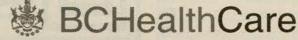
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will be no memorial service. Harvey: Doris, After a long blessed life, Doris (Ester) born June 15th, 1930 passed away peacefully in the family home on Salt Spring Island March 16th,2003. Doris will be lovingly remembered by her children, seven grandchildren, great grandchildren and numerous very close friends. The celebration of Doris's life will be held Saturday March 22 at 11 am in the United Church. A MEMORIAL CELEBRATION for Audrey Pearson will be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Fulford on March 21, 12:30.

SODER, MAX Paul, born in Winterthur Switzerland on June 30, 1928 died in Qualicum Beach, British Columbia on March 11, 2003 at age 74 after a short illness. It is with great sadness and regret that our family shares the news of Max's death with his many friends and acquaintances on Saltspring Island. Max is survived by his wife Elda of Qualicum Beach, his son Christian Max of Halifax Nova Scotia, his daughter Eve Andrea Soder-Duncan of Edmonton Alberta, his sister Heidy Zwicky of Winterthur Switzerland, and by his eight wonderful grandchildren: Jessica, Emily, Christopher, Bryan, Iain, Brendan, Kathleen, and Hannah. Max was a thinker, a humanist, a lover of nature, and most of all a wonderful husband and father. In that Max would ask for any donations in his name to be made to a worthwhile charitable cause, perhaps in his main area of concern: our human and natural environment.



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10 CELEBRATIONS

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Helmut and Gisela Losch are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 20th. The Losch family wishes them much love and happiness, as they celebrate this special occasion.

20 COMING EVENTS

WIM KRAYENHOFF Memorial Bridge Tournament. Friday, March 21 at noon. Fulford Community Hall. \$20 (includes lunch). All profits to Planned Parenthood, 537-0897

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

FABULOUS FLEAMARKET Saturday, March 22. 11 am to 3 p.m. at Fulford Hall, entrance free. Food available. Table rental \$18 prepaid. Info. 537-5482.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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Joanne Elizabeth Solicitor for the Estate of Mabel Irene Moore

32 MEETINGS

Lady Minto Hospital **Auxiliary Society Annual General Meeting**

March 24 - 12 p.m.

Lions Hall 103 Bonnet Avenue 12 pm - Lunch

Election of Officers All members urged to attend.

1:30 pm Meeting and

34 NOTICES

CANADIAN FIREARMS Safety Courses. Core Hunting Program. Information 537-1243.

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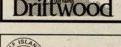
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Applications are invited for substitute/casual work as School Secretary in all district schools

Applications should be accompanied by evidence of successful demonstration of the following:

Complete confidentiality
Excellent time management and

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Ability and desire to work collaboratively Excellent language skills: reading, writing, spelling, speaking, listening Excellent interpersonal and communication

skills

 Two year diploma in Office Administration and Business Accounting

The school district is also looking for successful evidence of two to five years work experience as a school secretary resulting in documented skills, abilities and working knowledge of:

- · Office administration software including:
- Word processing (80 wpm)
- Desktop publishing Student administration systems
- Accounting software and spreadsheets Networking, internet and email
- Education terminology

Please include work references with your application. Applications with supporting documents should be forwarded by **Sunday**, **March 23** at midnight to:

Rod Scotvold, Secretary Treasurer School District #64 (Gulf Islands) 112 Rainbow Road Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K3

Fax: 250-537-4200 Email: dfennell@sd64.bc.ca

External Posting #06

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 Ability and desire to work collaboratively
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- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills Two year diploma in Office Administration
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- Data base
- Desktop publishing Student administration systems
- Accounting software and spreadsheets Networking, internet and email
- Education terminology

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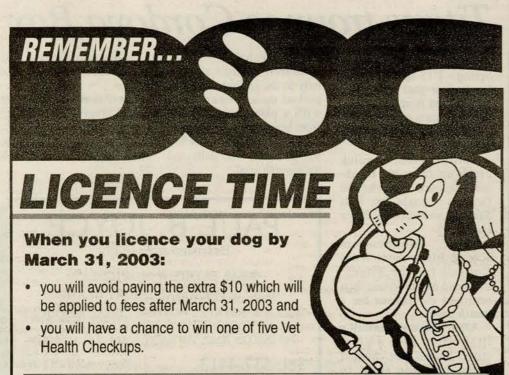
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Rebecca Price with chick at David Wood's cheese farm

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



For the week of March 23

When a planet enters a new sign Astrologers cast a chart to determine the quality of that moment in

time. The chart helps to indicate what the inception of the event holds for the duration of the cycle. In the case of Uranus in Pisces the duration is seven years, two months and nineteen days. Anyway, the "Ingress Chart for Uranus in Pisces" is beautiful and promising, though somewhat challenging. Overall, it suggests that humanity as a whole stands to go through a significant shift in consciousness. The core challenge is to realize that we actually do co-create reality. This creation process begins with thoughts and words and then moves to actions. Thus, it is important that we are conscious of the quality of our thoughts. Beyond ethics, this transit cycle suggests that we all will have the opportunity to experience this perrennial truth first hand as our thoughts create our reality much more quickly than ever before. The wise know that there are only two basic emotions: love and fear. In as much as any person or group is centered in the heart then love is the result and in as much as the point of center is in the intellect then fear is the result. May we quickly learn that

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) With spring comes a fresh feeling of possibility. You are poised to take some significant leaps of faith this summer and this is the time to prepare inwardly. You are in the mood to learn new skills on top of current ones. Clarify your intentions as much as you can, visualize dynamically and constructively, make a wish or three. Clealy defined seed intentions planted now will bear lusclous fruit. Let go of the past and only give this type of time to the future. Do it here and now!

love and unity is the way.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) An exploration of who you are beyond status and appearances is now underway. This process is there to serve your authenticc self. All too often we are pressurd to fit in at the expense of the person we intuit ourselves to be. Don't waste too much time trying to push others. Take the reins and lead by example. The needs of the many are becoming increasingly obvious. The priveleges of the few have gone on for too long now. Disruptive ambitions must be curbed. Contemplation!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) You are poised to take some initiatives that will help you to get more involved. You are eager to establish a more reliable foundation and to express the fullness of your creative powers in the world. You are changing for the

better overall, and others are noticing. Recent shifts in your life probably still require adjustments. Remember that every person is responsible for his or her part. Avoid blame or judgment and to cooperate with what is. Acceptance is key.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) An extra boost of power is now available to you to make key moves in your public and professional life. Like a good lawyer, you do well to know your own case well before you enter into important negotiations. Authority figures will hear you now and the possibilities of getting what you want are good. Consider that you are poised to assert a much more independent style. If you must sign contracts you may want to keep them more short term than long for now. Vision!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) You feel inspired and determined to make some key moves and efforts. This may well include summoning the courage to clearly state what you do and do not want any longer. Meanwhile, you feel called to merge more deeply with certain people and/or movements. You are awakening to the essential unity of all life. While it remains important that you remain aware of deceptions from others, your heart is opening and you know that love prevails above all. Keep your senses alert as your heart opens.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) Letting go of the old to make for the new is acentral theme now. This could include spring-cleaning of the house and/or body. Clear the clutter so that the past is not snagging the present moments. Unfinished projects that stand to stay that way should be targeted. Changes on all relationship fronts are likely. This is a call to transcend petty issues and to focus on what is truly important. Health is ever a key word for you and especially so now. Quality time in nature will soothe and heal.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) New initiatives on relationship fronts are gaining your attention now. The actions of certain key players are creating waves. Old structures, attitudes and styles are being renovated. Like a moving locomotive the momentum will not be easily stopped. Either you are being pushed out or you must decide whether the changes work for you. If not, you will probably choose to move on soon. In any case, trust that whatever is happenning it is all in divine order. Peace.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) Taking new strides towards creating a healthier self-image is a central theme now. This includes claiming full responsibility for your current state of health. Also, reaching out to learn about health in general and that of your own in particular is important.

Unlearning certain old bad habits and replacing them with better ones is the basic goal. Moderation is a good guide and this includes exercise and positive thinking at least as much as it implies curbing the excesses of any vices. Balance.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Freedom is an important word for you and the implications are especially strong now. Opportunities and abilities to express your creative potential is the main theme. In order to do so significant changes must occur close to home. This could literally imply a move and/or significant key shifts in your habitual mode of perception. Yours is a pioneering and philosophical kind of creativity. Providing practical services is where you shine bright-est. Share your wisdom!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) You are in a firey and determined mood. The warrior within has awakened and you mean business. Certain imbalances and/or injustices have gone on for far too long and the time has come to do something about it. More than ever you are awakening to the fact that together we stand and divided we fall. Excess orientation to linear thinking as oppsed to heart felt intuition is the cause of "the fall". Yet, leaders must come to the fore. Anchor in the truth of unity and answer the call.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) We are in an information age and you are eager to engage. Your values are changing and it might be said that you are being awakened to a higher level of spiritual appreciation. While everything always changes nothing ever completely dies. The fact is that matter is actually energy and while energy does change its form it cannot die. That is what the Water Bearer of Aquarius symbolizes. Meanwhile, tear of change and death is at the root of all evil. Awaken yourself and others too!

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) The time has come to lay a whole new foundation in your life. This involves breaking free of old limiting codes, perceptions and habits. However, rather than focus too much on elimination, give due energy to activation. In other words, get going with those new intentions that have been brewing. Just take the first step, now. Are you still reading this? Take that step now! The sooner you do the sooner you will realize how pitiful fear is and how creative you are now.

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) student Lowell Rockliffe took a sliding stomach dive over the finish line to win the Vancouver Islands Cross-Country Championships at Shawnigan Lake March 12.

"I was going to do a "fishy" [belly-flopping like a fish] but the second place guy was too close behind. So I had to do something that would move me forward and be silly at the same time," Rockliffe said.

Running through heavy rain and mud, he topped 80 Grade 8 students in the three-kilome-

Rockliffe figures that constant training, a drive for professional triathalon competition and living on a hill have factored most in his winning performance.

"Contrary to most people, I like big hills."

Every day, the 14-year-old runs for 40 minutes and cycles 10 km to school and back (including the Trincomali Heights hill). He also swims in Duncan twice a week and trains in sprinting once a week. In the fall, he plays junior bantam football; he competes in track and field in the spring and he races with the Stingrays swim team in the summer.

Rockliffe started reading about triathalons when he was 12 and got hooked on that sport, as well.

"Now I want to be an 'Iron Man."

He attended two triathalon events last year but didn't hit a podium.

"I thought I'd be good at the running part but my legs felt like Jello after the swimming and cycling."

Triathalons include 300 metres of swimming, 12 km of cycling and a 3.5 km run-

Salt Spring is a perfect place for triathalon training, Rockliffe said.

"It's so sweet in the summertime when you can bike

Slackers swamp Lakehill

The U18 silver Salt Spring Slackers girls rebounded from an early goal to overwhelm Lakehill 6-3 in District Cup play Sunday.

Both teams were shorthanded due to spring break and there had been a long layoff since the Slackers' last game, said coach Brian Little.

"We started off slow and gave up a goal early, which was good as we came back with five unanswered goals before half-time," he said.

Lakehill pressured to get two more goals in the second half but the islanders buried another ball to seal the match.

Valri Cunningham had a particularly strong game and scored two goals, Little said.

Jocelyn Langdon also scored two goals from corner kicks, Jordyn Davignon scored a goal and Nina Brandt scored the sixth.

As result of Sunday's match, the Slackers will advance to the second round of cup play. Their next game had not been scheduled at press time.

from lake to lake. Most kids say it's boring here but it's quite the opposite. It's like an iceberg. You only see the top 10 per cent. But underneath the water you see so much

Currently he's alternating his free time between triathalon training and bladesmithing.

"I'm trying to learn how to put different grades of steel together to make a real Samurai sword . . . On days off from school I decide to do one, or the other, or half of each.'

And like a finely crafted blade, Rockliffe is ready to cut a swath through Salt Spring's lakes, hills and trails in preparation for the new triathalon



Lowell Rockliffe

Runner slices through the pack Titans trounce Cordova Bay

Chad Cottrell brought Salt Spring's U15 silver Titans a lovely four-goal treat when he returned from Hawaii to help his team orchestrate a 7-0 rout over Cordova Bay Sunday.

Cottrell made a quick catch-up from his threegame absence by scoring the first two goals for Salt Spring, said coach Peter Haase.

Marmorstein Yoni scored off a cross from Cottrell for the Titans' third and Marmorstein then returned the favour for a fourth goal.

After assisting Cottrell's first effort with a great cross, Shawn Lee charged down half the field to score unassisted to round out the first half 5-0.

Cottrell notched another tally in the second. And Lee picked up a further assist with a phenomenal drive from his own 18-yard line to make a sweet pass to Marmorstein, who delivered the seventh goal.

"It was an offensive blitz in the second half," said Haase.

The Titans won their last game March 4 by a 9-0 score to push them to second place in their league. They begin cup play March

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