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Hedger waste service fate in LTC hands

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By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

One of islanders' garbage disposal options will either be altered or eliminated, depending on a decision made by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) at a special meeting next week.

The future of Laurie's Recycling and Waste Service, set up since 1992 on a vacant property owned by Allen Cunningham next to the GVM complex, will be determined at a meeting set for Wednesday, May 7, at 6 p.m. in the Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-pur-

pose room.

If Cunningham receives the development permit amendment he wants, Laurie Hedger's transfer station will be moved to another section of the property as part of an overall development that includes a new 650-square-metre (7,000-square-foot) commercial building.

If Cunningham doesn't get the amendment, Hedger's drop-off operation will be gone.

The issue was scheduled for decision at last Thursday's LTC meeting, but a few factors combined to prompt a postponement.

GARBAGE SERVICE A3

Complaints end ferries meal break

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Showing a level of customer-responsiveness that seems to characterize the new B.C. Ferries Services Inc. (BCFSI), a contentious 10-minute extension to Salt Spring crossings was discontinued Saturday.

Islanders were in an uproar after B.C. Ferries added delays to two sailings in order to save expenses and provide meal breaks for crew members aboard Fulford Harbour runs.

"I've been receiving so many phone calls about that one issue," said Salt Spring

Island Ferry Advisory Council (SSIFAC) chair Doreen Hewitt.

She found herself bombarded by complaints from islanders wherever she went in the community.

"That was the 'biggy.' It was ticking everybody off."

Hewitt shared Salt Spring concerns at a Coastal Council meeting with B.C. Ferries interim president Doug Allan, vice-president of Inter Islands and Northern Services Captain Trafford Taylor, and Southern Gulf Islands acting marine superintendent Captain Ratch

MEAL BREAK A2



PLANT PLEASURE: Vanina Katz-Lahaigue is one of the lucky shoppers at the Salt Spring Garden Club's bi-annual plant sale — always a popular event at the Farmers Institute.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Anti-nuclear activist inspires huge crowd at GISS

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

One of the largest indoor crowds in island memory gathered at the high school gymnasium Saturday night to hear world-renowned anti-nuclear activist Dr. Helen Caldicott.

Organizers of the Caldicott event, which also featured musical guests Tuned Air and

others, estimate more than 600 people attended.

Caldicott's one-hour talk flowed between pools of data, history, funny anecdotes and horrific images of what happens when hydrogen bombs explode.

Her tone ranged from admonishing grandma — which she proudly claimed to be — to helping physician, to

determined, impudent teenager.

"If we don't grow up, we're going to destroy everything," she warned.

"My goal is to abolish nuclear weapons and reactors in five years," she said. "We nearly got there in the '80s, and Clinton let us down."

Disarmament had been occurring, she said, but for-

mer U.S. president Bill Clinton didn't have the courage to take on the military authorities or joint chiefs of staff who are "addicted" to the proliferation of nuclear weapons and war.

People worried about "rogue states" or threats of "weapons of mass destruction" are on the wrong track, she said.

The real problem is that the United States of America and the Soviet Union each still have more than two thousand nuclear weapons aimed at each other on hair-trigger alert.

Despite the death of Russian communism and the Cold War, the U.S. continues

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SSE students help restore Ford Lake fish habitat

By KATHY REIMER
Special to the Driftwood
More than 40 students from Salt Spring Elementary spent Earth Day planting trees and shrubs to help salmon enhancement workers complete a restoration project on the streams and wetlands around Ford Lake.

The planting focussed around a newly created pond on Beaver Creek, a tiny stream that flows from a very large beaver pond into Ford Lake.

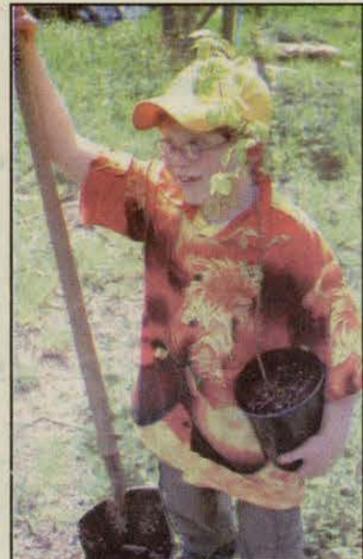
Over 150 plants, including cottonwood trees, willows, ferns, huckleberries, roses and twinberries were planted. As well, the students in Deborah Nostdal's Grade 3 class and the Grade 4-5 students of teacher Wayne Taylor participated in a tour of the beaver dam and the 10-acre pond behind it.

The two-year wetland

restoration project was initiated by the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society (ISSES) and Ducks Unlimited, the property owners. Its purpose was to rehabilitate the three small cutthroat-trout-bearing streams that flow into Ford Lake.

It involved creating more year-round habitat by excavating a new channel for Garner Creek and building many ponds along Fulford and Beaver creeks. Before the project, all the creeks were completely dry in the summer and many trout fry died, but now, even during the recent drought, Garner Creek ran all summer and the trout survived. The new beaver pond will help supplement summer water flows in Beaver Creek.

The students' enthusiastic help and their enjoyment of the site helped make the whole project worthwhile.



HABITAT HELP: Among the students working with Kathy Reimer at Ford lake are, from left: Melissa Roach, Jade Baker, Chelsea Baldwinson and Jonas Duke.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

We hope to involve the schools more in our work on the island and we are planning a future restora-

tion project especially for them.

The Ford Lake project was funded by Environment

Canada, the Pacific Salmon Foundation, the casino fund, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and South Islands

Aquatic Stewardship Society.

The writer is a biologist with ISSES.

Wallace in Nanaimo Thursday.

"Trafford Taylor said he would look into it and Ratch said he had been told to fix it," she said.

But Hewitt was surprised that B.C. Ferries had opted to return to a full schedule of 35-minute sailings because the breaks were more cost-effective.

"[Wallace] thought we wanted it totally eliminated but we wanted flexibility to put the breaks on whichever ferry sailing they would work on."

Hewitt believes that the breaks could still be workable if they were placed on different sailings because they would save \$50,000 annually in overtime expenses for the route.

"B.C. Ferries has been paying that in the past . . . They were trying to be cost effective."

She had initially expressed concern about BCFSI plans to

MEAL BREAK: 10-minute break eliminated

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add 10 minutes to two Fulford sailings when she first heard the idea at a February 26 SSIFAC meeting.

But there was no indication of the delayed-ferry discussion when she finally received a copy of the SSIFAC meeting minutes on April 15.

"When the minutes are so late coming back, you don't have a chance to check."

B.C. Ferries announced that the crossing time of the 10 a.m. sailing from Fulford Harbour and the 7 p.m. sailing from Swartz Bay would be increased from 35 minutes to 45 minutes, as of February 25.

The existing 35-minute crossings do not allow crews a formal meal break during their shifts as required by British Columbia Employment Standards,

reports a BCFSI press release.

But the ferry service has already decided to return to 35-minute crossings due to SSIFAC pressures.

"Through SSIFAC, the Fulford office received a num-

ber of concerns they were able to take to senior management," said BCFSI communications officer Stephen Nussbaum.

"It's an operational problem that B.C. Ferries needs to solve. It shouldn't be

solved by forsaking customer service."

Nussbaum acknowledged that SSIFAC had suggested locating the breaks on different runs but noted that ship masters had already

tried to find times that would cause a minimal disruption to travellers.

"There really isn't an ideal sailing that will work. We arrived at these sailings as the ones that would have the least impact. We will have to find a different way to solve the problem."

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Rentals committee needs volunteers

More people are needed to serve on a "resource subcommittee" dealing with recommendations for the handling of vacation rentals on Salt Spring Island.

Five individuals had volunteered for the committee as of last Thursday, said trustee Kimberly Lineger, but between eight and 10 are desired.

Renting residential dwellings for short-term tourism accommodation is currently not legal under the island's official community plan and land use bylaw, but the prohibition has not been enforced in the past.

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) members Lineger and Eric Booth have initiated a review of the bylaws pertaining to vacation rentals, using the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and a newly-struck resource subcommittee to gather information.

A "community participation meeting" on the whole topic has been set for next Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose room.

Terms of reference for subcommittee operation were put forth at last Thursday's LTC meeting.

Trust regional planning manager John Gauld noted the body is a resource for the APC only, and would not be a voting group.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the committee should contact the Ganges Trust office at 537-9144.

• Also at the April 24 LTC meeting, trustees agreed with a staff recommendation that the latest B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. development proposal be considered, with detailed building and site plans being provided for review and consideration.

The plan includes increasing the Ganges Harbour property through use of fill, development of a water-side building for commercial, marina and residential purposes, and construction of a six-unit multi-family dwelling on the company's property across the road next to Salt Spring Island Middle School. Adjoining shoreline lands would be preserved for public access.

A copy of the detailed staff report is available from the Ganges Trust office.

GARBAGE SERVICE

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So far the bureaucratic odds have been piled high against Hedger and Cunningham, with Trust regional planning manager John Gauld recommending against including the transfer station on the site in two different scenarios.

Last August, when the property was up for a rezoning, Gauld said he was opposed to incorporating the station into Cunningham's development because he thought there would not be enough room for vehicle access.

As Gauld reiterated at the April 24 LTC meeting, he felt the space would be adequate if a smaller building was constructed.

Rather than reduce the building size, Cunningham and architect Curtis Miles came up with an alternate plan that puts the screened garbage collection truck and new recycling building 50 feet south on the lot, closer to Valhalla Drive and lower in elevation, with access from either the north side of the GVM complex parking lot or from Park Drive.

In a lengthy Trust staff report, which Gauld summarized at the meeting, several reasons are given for rejecting the new plan and the proposed transfer station location.

Those range from concerns about increased "neighbour effects" and the traffic flow, and Gauld's opinion the proposed site plan over-develops the property.

Gauld also said the "legal non-conforming status" of the transfer station operation could be jeopardized if it moves to another part of the property.

"It is a right of the current owner [to have the transfer station there] but it needs to be implemented in the project in a manner that is safe and functional," he said.

But as last Thursday's meeting unfolded, it appeared some misunderstanding had occurred between Gauld and the applicant on the access issue and how traffic would move through the area.

While Gauld thought the road around the transfer station site and building was one-way only, it was clarified the traffic could move two ways and with access to the GVM parking lot and Lower Ganges Road.

Cunningham told the meeting the entire proposal was the result of three years

of involvement from the Islands Trust and many professionals, plus direct contact with neighbours. Hedger's operation would cover only a small part of the one-acre property, he said.

Architect Miles said it would be "an attractive, clean, inviting space to come to."

According to the plan, it would also be totally screened through new and existing trees and foliage, and a fence.

The commercial building itself would be "a green building — one of the first on the island," said Cunningham.

And, he said, because the now-vacant land would be vastly improved, area property values would increase.

He noted the transfer station fits with other commercial operations in the same block, including the Salt Spring Freight depot, Island Car Wash and Ganges Auto Marine across Park Drive.

Cunningham also suggested that eliminating Hedger's service would result in a doubling of garbage disposal costs for islanders.

Later in the meeting, competitor representative John Ellacott from Salt Spring Garbage Service said that was an unfair accusation.

Two neighbours, one from Atkins Road, and Robert Van Oeveren, chair of the nine-unit Valhalla strata corporation, spoke against including the transfer station on the site.

Van Oeveren told the Driftwood Monday that residents had generally been in favour of the new building plan, but definitely not the garbage truck.

He said it "stinks" on sunny days, and produces noise when the compactor is turned.

"I frankly am at a total loss to see why [Cunningham] is pushing so hard for it," he said. "We need this thing some place outside of town. Close by would be nice."

He said the road is already busy enough with traffic from the physicians' office on the street and cars parked there.

"Sometimes it's a slalom to try to get in and out of our place," he said.

There are three residences, the townhouse development and the doctors' office on Valhalla Road.

Ellacott, and two people living next to the Hedgers' Lee Road acreage — Tom Pickett and Harry Warner —

also raised issues or had questions about the plan at the LTC meeting.

Pickett said he would like the Trust to deal with Laurie Hedger's operations on both properties at once, but Gauld said "from a land-use planning point of view, there is no link."

At a previous LTC meeting, Gauld advised that Islands Trust lawyers had determined use of the Lee Road property for waste-handling purposes was considered legal non-conforming.

Kim Davidson, a family friend and supporter of Hedger's service, said last Thursday that in just over 24 hours she had gathered 400 signatures in support of the operation remaining on the property.

"There will always be people who show up to meetings and have issues," she said, "but the silent majority are in favour of this. A lot of people thought it was long ago resolved in the Hedgers' favour."

On Tuesday Davidson summarized what she has heard from islanders in the last week.

Convenience is important, she said.

"They want to be able to drive in, drop off their garbage, do their recycling and go to GVM, and bypass the congestion problems downtown.

"I've heard really strongly that people thought this had been resolved, they were really in favour of having the garbage service there, and they wondered why there wasn't more public information about it."

Several people said they use the island's three garbage services for different circumstances and wanted to have those options.

"People want choice because where there's choice there's better benefits for the consumer," she said.

Referring to Davidson's gathering of support, Van Oeveren said, "If you don't live here that's fine . . . but we have to live with it, and that's the part I don't like about it."



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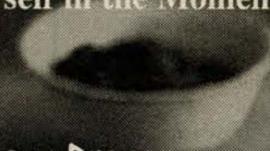
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Trust defers Hedger decision to special meeting

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

One more meeting. That's what should be required to determine if or where Laurie's Recycling and Waste Service in Ganges will continue to exist.

Trustees Eric Booth, Kimberly Lineger and David Essig will field questions and opinions from the public on the topic next Wednesday, May 7, from 6-7 p.m. in the Gulf Islands Secondary School multipurpose room. Another meeting, on the vacation rentals issue, follows at 7.

Siting of the waste transfer station was scheduled for both neighbourhood input and a decision at last Thursday's LTC meeting, but not enough time was available to reach a decision.

Salt Spring's Trust office had given notices to area residents that the issue would be discussed at 3 p.m. that day. However, Essig was previously committed to catching the 4 p.m. ferry from Vesuvius, so only 45 minutes was available for Trust staff and applicant presentations, and discussion from trustees and the public.

Booth said he was ready to make a decision, while Lineger was not.

"This has been going on a long time," said Booth. "I'm prepared to deal with this today."

Lineger said she felt the problems could be resolved, but she had several questions arising from the staff report and day's discussion, so requested a decision deferral to the next public LTC meeting on Saturday, May 24.

But after Thursday's gathering, Booth pressed for a quicker resolution, in response to long delays already experienced by the property owner Allen Cunningham, who would like his commercial building project to proceed.

"I was embarrassed," said Booth, "just in the way things evolved in a situation where through no fault of their own the applicant was left hanging and would have been left hanging for another month if we hadn't convened another special meeting."

Booth also said he and Lineger only received the staff report written by regional planning manager John Gauld the day before the meeting. Even though he spent a couple of hours going through the report the previous evening, the lack of time was still a problem.

He also noted that even though Thursday's LTC meeting was set to begin at 1 p.m., neighbours were advised to come at 3 p.m. and the topic wasn't addressed until that point, which resulted in the time crunch.

The waste transfer station issue has only made peripheral appearances at LTC meetings in the past few years, although numerous private meetings have taken place between Trust staff, trustees, Cunningham, Hedger and architects since that time.

After initial discussions with Trust personnel, Cunningham made a development permit application in May 2001, but a new reg-

ulation in the land use bylaw passed one month later then required the lot be rezoned as well. The public hearing for the rezoning was held in August 2002, the rezoning bylaw adopted last month, and a development permit based on a site plan without the transfer station also approved in March.

"I am disappointed that the Trust approval process has taken almost three years," Cunningham said Monday.

Although the island resident could have proceeded on the project earlier without his tenant Hedger, and was at one point prepared to do so rather than giving up the right to build there, he has pressed for including the service on his site.

Cunningham hopes people wanting continuation of Hedger's drop-off garbage-disposal and recycling service in Ganges will express their support at the May 7 meeting, in advance through writing to the Trust or by signing a petition Kim Davidson has organized.

"It is now up to the public to see if they support a competitive environment for recycling and disposal and whether they wish to retain the current use within a heavily screened area instead of where it has been so exposed for all to see," said Cunningham Monday.

Robert Van Oeveren, chair of the Valhalla Estates strata corporation, said he is also mustering opposition to the plan among his neighbours in the area and hoping they will express their opinions either in person or in writing.

There is no formal legal requirement to consider public input in development permit matters, but both Booth and Gauld stressed it was considered important in this case.

Gauld said that because the land had been through a public hearing, rezoned and received a development permit with the expectation the transfer station would not be there, the proposed inclusion of the operation was a difference that justified

neighbourhood notice and input.

Booth said involving the public is part of the LTC's aim to "obtain open government . . . a lot of our deci-

sion-making process is looking at how to take community concerns into account and hear them and do what we think is appropriate."

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to have an in-place plan for how to "win" a nuclear war against the Soviet Union.

"Every second of every day, we live with this threat," she said.

Elimination of nuclear weapons stockpiles, and halting the construction of new bombs and missiles is absolutely critical, she said.

Among the scariest factors are that the Soviets' systems are becoming degraded, boosting the possibility for deadly mistakes.

Caldicott described in detail how one day in 1995 "we were within 10 seconds of nuclear war" because the Soviets erroneously thought a nuclear missile was headed their way.

Soviet president Boris Yeltsin, who Caldicott described as a "hardened alcoholic," had a "three-minute window of opportunity" to decide whether or not to fire off a retaliatory weapon, just as the U.S. president holds the equivalent decision-making power.

With dizzying speed, Caldicott summarized recent political history that has led to the crisis state.

(It's also detailed in her black-covered book called *The New Nuclear Danger: George Bush's Military-Industrial Complex*, an essential tome for anyone wanting that history close at hand.)

She made her audience laugh and shudder at the same time by illustrating the sexual references pervading

CALDICOTT AT GISS

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military terminology, like calling a certain bomb a "robust earth penetrator."

The U.S. government is spending \$400 billion per year on military expenditures benefitting private companies, and wants to hike that to \$500 billion, she said.

She pointed out the absurdity of U.S. taxpayers funding an out-of-control military while not having a public medical system.

"The American people's tax dollars are being stolen from them, but they think capitalism is fantastic."

Companies that benefit from receipt of those tax dollars lobby hard for increased arms and military spending, she said, and 32 in the current U.S. administration come from Loughheed Martin, for example.

Caldicott urged Canadians to stop contributing to the madness.

"It's time to stop enabling [the U.S.] with their addiction and practise 'tough love' like you would with an alcoholic father," she advised.

"You are going to mobilize your nation and protect it like a lioness protecting her cubs."

Caldicott, an Australian who shook the world with anti-nuclear awareness in



Helen Caldicott on Salt Spring

Photo by Derrick Lundy

the 1980s, thanks in part to her Academy Award-winning film *If You Love This Planet*, has "come out of retirement" at age 64 because she feels so strongly about the present danger.

Besides publishing *The New Nuclear Danger* last year, she has established the Nuclear Policy Research Institute, with a newly opened Washington, D.C. office. Its website is www.nuclearpolicy.org.

Part of Caldicott's intention with the institute is to take on the pro-war propa-

ganda machine by gaining high-profile media attention for herself and other experts. To do that she needs money — about \$400,000 to add to the \$400,000 she already has, still some \$28 million less than the Heritage Foundation, an American group "as right-wing as you can imagine" dedicated to the current path of U.S. military spending.

After Caldicott's talk and before the question period, Jan MacPhail gave the visitor the Salt Spring Peace Award, handcrafted by Terry Warbey. She also spoke of the impact Caldicott had on her own life.

"You've shown us how one small person can have a huge influence in the world," said MacPhail.

Caldicott's last words were: "If I spend an hour and a half with you and don't do what I ask, I'm going to be very cross."

People wanting to act on Caldicott's inspiration will soon be able to do so with others on the island. Marion Pape is organizing a follow-up action meeting, so stay tuned.

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Families must register for program

BC's new Fair PharmaCare program starts May 1 and young families with lower incomes will be supported with their prescription drug costs for the first time in the province.

Under the previous PharmaCare system, many BC families with low incomes paid more for their prescription drugs than those with higher incomes, noted a Ministry of Health Services press release.

"The Fair PharmaCare plan will correct this inequity and protect the important benefits PharmaCare provides at a time of rapidly rising drug costs."

Over 1.3 million B.C. families and seniors will pay the same or less for their prescription drugs through the new plan.

Fair PharmaCare, which takes effect May 1, combines the existing universal plan and

seniors' plan into one new plan, with access based on families' ability to pay.

Seniors will see Fair PharmaCare pay 75 per cent of prescription drug costs for families earning less than \$33,000 annually.

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For families other than seniors, the Fair PharmaCare Program pays 70 per cent of prescription drug costs with net income under \$15,000 annually.

Families with an annual income between \$15,000 and \$30,000 pay a deductible equal to two per cent of net income and families earning over

\$30,000 annually pay a deductible equal to three per cent of net income.

To use the new Fair PharmaCare program, B.C. families will need to register to be eligible for financial assistance.

For more information about the program and how to register, visit the provincial government website (www.gov.bc.ca) or call toll-free in B.C. 1-800-387-4977.

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Trust, CRD respond to Working Forests Initiative

Both local and regional governments in the southern Gulf Islands have requested excluding the area's Crown lands in the provincial government's proposed "working forest."

Responses to the government's Working Forest Initiative discussion paper, announced in January, were invited until today (April 30).

The Islands Trust has submitted a formal response to the discussion paper, which outlines the nature of Trust

Area Crown lands and their inappropriateness for logging.

Salt Spring electoral area director Gary Holman said the Capital Regional District (CRD) board has also written to the provincial government opposing the blanket designation of vacant Crown lands and requesting exemption for the CRD area.

"We believe the Working Forest Initiative conflicts with our provincial mandate to preserve and protect the

Trust Area and its unique environment and amenities," said David Essig, chair of Islands Trust Council last week.

"By making forestry the default land use on Crown lands, other values could be easily overlooked. While we support sustainable forestry, our studies indicate that forestry is not particularly significant to island economies. They are highly diversified with a low dependency on primary industry.

"We believe Crown lands contribute to island economies in more important ways," continued Essig. "They are particularly important to the aesthetics of the region, which supports tourism. Crown lands are also significant resources for water supply protection, ecosystem conservation and recreation. For these reasons and others, we are requesting that Crown lands in the Trust Area be excluded from the proposed Working Forest land base."

When it comes to the 47-acre Crown land parcel next to Cusheon Lake, there is also a move afoot to remove it from provincial hands.

Director Holman reported at Monday night's Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission meeting that representatives from CRD Parks and the Islands Trust Fund had visited the site and generally agreed the parcel should be requested from the provincial government.

The lands are the only

undeveloped area around Cusheon Lake, which is the water supply for about eight per cent of the island.

JJM winds up for summer road improvements

Salt Spring's beloved web of gravel roadways will soon be getting a spring grooming as part of JJM Maintenance's annual grading program.

Gravel roads on the island will be re-graded and re-shaped before trucks spray magnesium chloride to keep them intact through the summer, said JJM's southern

Vancouver Island region general manager Richie Harold last week.

The grading project should start around the May long weekend, depending on when suppliers provide the products, Harold said.

During better weather, JJM will also be conducting roadside brush clearing and mowing; maintaining and

installing new culverts; and clearing ditches of debris.

Pothole patching and litter pick-up occurs year-round, he added.

JJM is also discussing pavement overlay and replacement projects with the Ministry of Transportation for August and September.

Both road maintenance

organizations have pavement patching programs and want to coordinate their efforts, Harold said.

"We work out a plan between the two of us."

Though extra cash has been allocated to build new highways in other parts of the province, Harold believes the government budget for local

roadwork has remained relatively unchanged this year.

"There's always money for need when things completely wear out."

JJM maintains roads on the Gulf Islands and southern Vancouver Island between Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan and Port Renfrew.

Ocean incidents keep coast guard hopping

Boating boys, boats aground, a fire, a flare and a tricky buoy kept Canadian Coast Guard crews busy aboard the CCG Skua last week.

Ganges station was tasked to search for two young boys who had disappeared on a nine-foot inflatable raft in Todd Inlet at 9 p.m. Thursday.

"They had last been seen two hours before," said officer in charge Paul Reynolds.

Crews aboard the Skua and various auxiliary vessels discontinued training exercises to search for the two

boys. Reynolds believes they were aged eight and 10.

"They were playing in the water close to Butchart Gardens."

The boys were found and returned by the Brentwood auxiliary unit, he said.

The Skua also found a 20-foot sailboat aground at Village Bay around 8 p.m. Sunday.

"It was up by the trees in the high-tide line."

Crew secured the boat to the beach and found someone on Mayne Island who could notify the owner.

"It didn't look like it sus-

tained any damage."

Another vessel ran aground in Tsehum Harbour near Sidney and reported the channel marker buoy out of position at 2:50 p.m. April 21.

"There must have been some damage because he wanted to sue the coast guard," said Reynolds.

Ganges crew members investigated the site but found the buoy in its proper location.

"It's a really narrow channel. There's not much room for error."

The Skua also attended a

barge fire at the Anacortes Dock in Sidney 9:41 a.m. Thursday.

No one was on board and the fire was brought under control, he said.

A flare sighting at the north end of Trincomali Channel kept several coast guard units engaged in a search Friday starting at 11 p.m.

The Skua, the hovercraft and two auxiliary units triangulated sightings until they discovered that the large, red parachute flare had been discharged over land.

"Another wasted evening."

Alliance gives Lunn go ahead for next election

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn nabbed a big nod of approval from Canadian Alliance members, who voted 96 per cent in favour of re-nominating him to run in the next federal election.

Although Lunn was unchallenged for the nomination, which took place last

Saturday, party rules require a "yes" vote of more than 50 per cent before a candidate can be acclaimed to a position.

Of the 82 people who attended the meeting at Bayside Middle School, 79 voted yes for Lunn's continued Alliance representation.

There were two no votes and two

spoiled ballots.

"I am deeply honoured with the strong endorsement the membership has given me," Lunn said in a prepared statement.

In addressing the crowd, Lunn strongly endorsed party leader Stephen Harper, noting he has "given our party a strong sense of direction."

Volunteers needed for sampling island lake water

Islanders who love their lakes are needed to fill a vital role as volunteer water samplers.

Biologist Deborah Epps of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection has proposed using volunteers to do quarterly sampling and

weekly temperature and secchi disk readings for four island lakes: St. Mary, Weston, Maxwell and Cusheon. As explained by Wayne Hewitt of the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee, secchi disk readings measure clarity in

the water. Because those measurements are usually taken at the deepest spot in the lake, volunteers must have access to a boat.

Training is provided by the B.C. Lake Stewardship Society and will take place on Thursday, May 8.

Anyone interested in being a water sample volunteer should contact Hewitt of the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee at 537-1518 or loghouse@saltspring.com.



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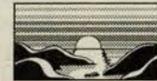
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While a professional background or work experience in a related field would be an asset, the LTC is interested in hearing from anyone who can contribute a broad understanding of the island and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character.

Those interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Agricultural Committee, or in finding out more about its mandate, are asked to write before May 9, 2003 to:

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'Face of SPCA' honoured with BC award

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever had anything to do with the Salt Spring SPCA — from volunteering at the shelter to buying a treat at the annual goods and services auction fundraiser — knows Cathie Newman.

She's been a dedicated volunteer, served on the board and as its president, inspired other SPCA members and brought animal welfare to the forefront of islanders' hearts and minds.

As one colleague said: "She is the face' of the SPCA on Salt Spring Island."

And on Friday night in Vancouver, Newman was honoured as B.C. SPCA Volunteer of the Year for 2003, receiving an award from provincial SPCA president Michael Steven.

Nominated by the Salt Spring SPCA board and staff, the group submitted an impressive application, outlining Newman's voluminous contributions to animal welfare, public education and the Salt Spring SPCA since joining in the mid-1990s.

As described in her nomination package, Newman began serving on the board in 1995 and was elected president in 1997. The following year she put aside her banking job "in order to devote all of her time and energy to the SPCA."

Under Newman's tenure, the SPCA shelter went from being a one-room shed in former president Pat Jacquest's backyard to the present three-room Sharp Road facility, and adopted a business-like approach.

As explained by shelter manager Vivian Murrill, "[Newman] researched and implemented policies and protocols surrounding admissions, vaccinations, care of animals in the shelter and the spaying/neutering of all adoptable animals. The results of these efforts have been a marked improvement in the health of the animals, a more favourable profile of the society in the community, and an increase in the number of animals adopted from the shelter."

That view is reinforced in letters of recommendation forming part of the volunteer award nomination.

Dr. Derrick Milton, a Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic vet for the past 12 years, said the changes implemented while Newman chaired the board, especially admission protocols, had a huge impact on animal health.

"These admission proto-



SPCA HONOURS: Salt Spring's Cathie Newman is seen with some of her four-legged friends and a B.C. award, honouring her volunteerism with the SPCA.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

also described as "legendary."

She is involved with animals and individuals outside of the shelter, like the cat named Cinema who resides at Central Hall, and she helps senior citizens take their animals to veterinary appointments.

"She is routinely pet-sitting for people who must enter the hospital or must temporarily leave the island for other reasons," writes Plaxton. "She asks no money for her services, but is quick to point out that 'a donation to the SPCA would be valued!'"

"Cathie is at ease with all people, but she has a particularly wonderful way with children and individuals facing mental and physical challenges."

Gordon McCrea, who worked with Newman on the board while he was the branch's treasurer and financial advisor, also submitted a letter.

"Cathie has an uncanny sense of clarity and has the ability to get to the heart of an issue in a very short time. She is a wonderful facilitator and is able to accomplish tasks efficiently, while allowing all concerned to be heard and to feel that their input is valuable."

"She possesses a rare combination of excellent business acumen and a huge degree of compassion and understanding for the foibles of others. She leads by example, and as a result, solicits the best possible efforts from everyone she meets."

Murrill also observed how Newman inspires volunteers.

"She mentors our volunteers, and gives them all a sense that they are valuable. She works alongside others to raise funds, to deliver humane education presentations, to advocate for animal rights, to promote adoptions, to ensure proper care of animals, and to maintain our shelter. There is never any air of superiority; Cathie sees herself as just 'one of the many helpers.'"

All parties also praised Newman's skills with organizational and fiscal matters.

Veterinarian Milton also said she has been "a driving force behind many new programs. School and community education programs, open houses, Rabbit Sundays and other special events have helped educate the community about important animal welfare issues. Obviously, not all of these ideas were Cathie's but it is a sign of great leadership to seek and nurture the great ideas of others from within an organization."

Milton suggested it might be more appropriate to nominate Newman for a "volunteer of the decade award."

How is Newman handling the attention that goes along with her provincial award?

With characteristic modesty, of course. While she feels "extremely honoured," the rewards of working with the animals and SPCA are more than enough for her.

"People who work for the SPCA do it for the love of the animals and not for the love of the accolades," she said.

cols include provisions for quarantine, systematic examination by veterinary and non-veterinary staff, and standardized and inexpensive treatments for nematodes, fleas and mites. A few years later the shelter adopted a policy of vaccinating all animals with a five-way vaccine; I have consequently seen leukemia virus mortality drop from 50 deaths per year to near zero."

Even though Newman retired from her president's position in 2002, she still visits the shelter animals every day, reports Murrill.

In her letter of recommendation, Brenda Plaxton, past chair of the local group, said, "She continues to recruit volunteers and to provide training and mentoring. She is active in all fundraising and education events, and is usually the first person to volunteer to participate."

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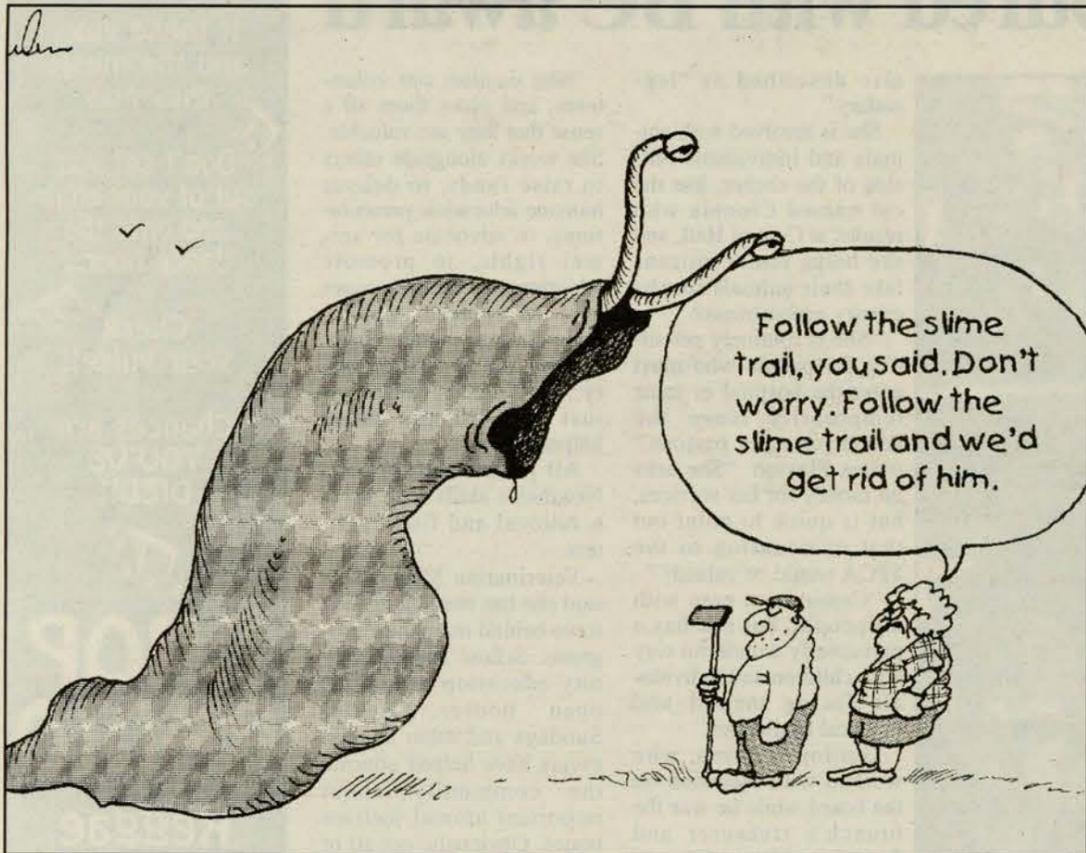
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But the institute and the school district were unable to reach an agreement on a long-term lease. Observers wondered if the hall, sorely in need of repair, would last long enough to see a resolution of the custody issue.

As it turns out, their fears were groundless. A cherished piece of Salt Spring heritage is now in good hands.

The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council stepped in after the Farmers Institute pulled out and negotiated a 30-year lease with the school district. Since the lease was signed the council has struck a committee charged with operating the hall. The committee in turn has engaged the services of a manager and invited proposals for the hall's renewal.

On Sunday, committee chairman Ken Mackenzie outlined some of the plans now under consideration when a group of volunteers gathered to give the hall a spring spruce-up. The renovation project would bring Mahon Hall up to the standards already apparent in the island's other community halls, all of which have enjoyed the attention of community groups dedicated to their upkeep.

There are many indicators by which one may judge the health of a community. But two important ones would surely be the existence of facilities that bring people together and acknowledgment of the importance of our history.

Securing the future of Mahon Hall gives us both.

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Tourism myths will be revealed in rentals review

By DAVID BORROWMAN

Once during my term as trustee I used the pages of the Driftwood to complain about local myths which supplant facts.

I think the example I used was the prohibition on blue roofs in the official community plan, which, for many, had become the archetype of official foolishness. Trouble was, no such prohibition ever existed, but it served as a useful flashpoint for vague discontents.

Now the Driftwood has gone into the business of manufacturing reality. In its two most recent editorials, the paper announces solemnly, and with utter inaccuracy, that tourism is the mainstay of Salt Spring's economy.

VIEW POINT

This is nonsense. Several facets of the local economy — construction, the professional sector, retail and services, and resident home ownership outstrip tourism as local economic generators.

The resident economy also provides one priceless factor which tourists do not: the volunteer sector which makes everything from the fire department to the Farmers Institute work, and which contributes immeasurably to the quality of our community, for resident and visitor alike.

Given its somewhat commercial bent, and given that a review of vacation rentals is about to begin, the Driftwood may be reflecting the received opinions of the Chamber of Commerce and ASTAR, which tend, perhaps understandably, toward the view that tourism is our most important sector.

But I suspect that the upcoming review will show that commercial vacation rentals undermine our truly important economic sectors and the volunteer sector, rather than supporting them.

Where tourist destinations have become servants of the tourists, schools close, professionals are driven away, and, after an initial spurt, the commercial sector col-

lapses. The phenomenon of summer population glut and winter drought is reinforced, to the detriment of all, especially business.

Given that the last census shows Salt Spring grew by 50 people in five years, at the same time that the summer overpopulation is more apparent, the early warning signs are there.

I expect the review will also yield a justifiable attempt to support vacation rentals as a benefit for owners who are full time residents in their own homes.

The second Driftwood editorial closes sensibly enough with a hope for a healthy tourist sector, compatible with island values. The OCP says, "... residents wish to live in a functional com-

munity that tourists like to visit, rather than living in a tourist destination where community needs are secondary."

In its professed wish for unity on tourism, the Driftwood should not start with mythmaking.

I can certainly join the Driftwood, however, in seeking a fresh review of tourism, especially given the major park acquisitions by the federal and provincial governments in the southern gulf and on Salt Spring, and the need to resist commercial pressure on our neighbourhoods and volunteer sector.

The writer was a local trustee from 1996 to 2002.

I used to be an air traffic controller. As you may have seen in a Hollywood movie, air traffic controllers spend their days sitting in front of radar screens, wearing headsets and talking to airplanes.

The most common type of headset has a small flexible tube running from the headpiece down to the ear. At the end of the tube is a nipple that fits into your ear.

What may not be apparent to people who've never had to stick something like that in their ear is that we all have different sized ear holes.

So these headsets come with a variety of nipple sizes. You simply experiment — pushing different sizes of these things into your ear until you find the one that fits most comfortably.

The air traffic control cen-

huge, dark room. At any given time, 30 or 40 controllers could be seen hunched over radar screens. Normally, the room was surprisingly quiet, with a constant low background murmur of voices, as each controller conversed on a radio frequency with a gaggle of airplanes. (As you can imagine, it was somewhat noisier when I was in the room, which may explain why I'm not there anymore.)

Along one wall, dozens of headsets hung from a pegboard. Each controller's headset was marked with his or her initials, or nickname

or some other identifying feature. Because of those earpieces, each person's headset was a very personal and private piece of equipment. Wearing someone else's headset — even by accident — was as big a no-no as eating someone else's lunch.

One day I wandered into the control room to start my shift, took my headset from its resting place, and sat down to begin work.

I grasped the little tube and went to stick the earpiece in my ear. The end of it — the nipple part that fits

in the earhole — was missing.

I was livid; I knew that somebody had come along on my day off and swiped the damn thing, which people sometimes did when they lost their own.

The supervisor's desk had a drawer in which sundry extra pieces of equipment could be found, so I rummaged through it, looking for a spare earpiece. I found one and took it to the washroom, where I washed it and rinsed it a couple of dozen times.

If you knew air traffic controllers like I do, you'd be worried that it had been places earpieces were never intended to go.

I fitted in onto my headset, pushed it into my ear, and

the day I was more angry than ever — the earpiece didn't fit exactly right, so it had irritated my ear all day. When I went to bed that night, my ear was still sore.

The next day I went to work again and by the time my shift ended my ear was not only painful but swollen.

I wrote a nasty memo to the thief who'd stolen my earpiece and posted it on the bulletin board.

The next morning my ear was so sore I knew it had become infected from wearing a filthy, ill-fitting earpiece.

I called to say I wouldn't be in to work and made an appointment with my family doctor.

A few hours later I sat in his examining room —

peered and poked things in my ear. After about 10 minutes, I felt a "pop" as the doctor exclaimed, "I've got it!"

He reached around and held a small pair of tweezers in front of my face. The tweezers held an earpiece like mine.

The doc said it must have come off in my ear and I hadn't noticed it.

So when I put another earpiece on my headset and stuck it in my earhole, the other one got shoved further into my ear.

No wonder my ear swelled up. No wonder I couldn't hear very well for the last few days.

Before I sat down to work the next day I walked past the notice board and removed my memo.

After all, I had my earpiece back. No need to bore everyone with the details.

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Have the NHL hockey playoffs had an impact on your life this year?



Laura Moore

They're having an impact to some extent; I'm enjoying watching it. I think it's great to support the team, especially when they are playing at this level. I've always been involved in sports, though not necessarily hockey.



Nicole Pal

No, not really; because we don't get to see it on TV. But we're going to a friend's house tonight to watch a game.



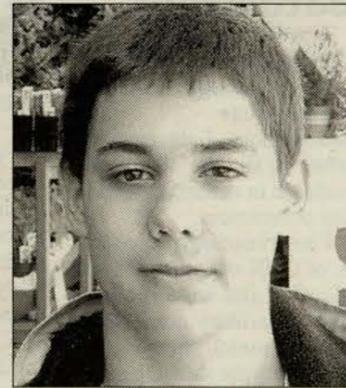
Brian Hill

I actually saw that seventh game with the St. Louis Blues. It's the first game I've seen this season. It was a great game.



Hilary Clemente

No, my husband doesn't even watch hockey.



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It's something to watch on TV. I haven't seen them in the playoffs before. It's cool.

Letters to the Editor

Quest

Regarding Craig Anello's letter to the editor last week, I know that this country is still promoting free speech unlike his, but it still surprises me that someone who has enough education to pen a letter to a newspaper can still believe the garbage that the U.S. propaganda machine pukes out so readily.

If indeed Mr. Anello is a resident or even a visitor to this largely peace-loving community, then I suggest he adopt a different source of information or simply go back and volunteer himself to the U.S. military where he obviously belongs and where he can spend the rest of his ill-informed life fighting and killing innocent people in the name of greed.

I wish him well on his quest for ultimate ignorance.
DEREK DUFFY,
Salt Spring

Excited

I would like to sincerely thank Mitchell Sherrin for writing such a wonderful article in the April 16

Driftwood about the Roots of Empathy Program and for including what is honestly the best picture ever taken of me.

There is just one detail that I would like to correct. Mary Gordon was born in Newfoundland and started her teaching career in Toronto.

Roots of Empathy is a Canadian program that is currently not available in the United States.

I am very excited about implementing this program in the Gulf Islands and look forward to hearing from prospective parents who would like to participate starting in the fall of 2003.

JUDI WILSON,
Mayne Island

Park reports

Recently a gentleman visiting the library asked if anyone knew how to go about reporting destructive behaviour occurring in B.C. Parks, especially Goldstream.

As I was meeting with Parks staff the following day, I passed along the query.

According to the senior

ranger of the Malahat district, any troublesome events should be reported to the park facility operator. In the case of Goldstream, it would be RLC Enterprises, whose phone number is posted on the information shelter (250) 474-1336.

Similar directions would apply to other B.C. parks in the system managed by different contractors.

ELIZABETH KIRK,
B.C. Parks-Trail & Nature Club Stewardship Committee

Special number

All of us from time to time have experienced the effect of strange forces that influence our lives.

Some cultures believe in fairies who live nearby, the Irish have leprechauns full of mischievous tricks.

Last Friday was a special day for my wife Elizabeth and me, as it was our 61st wedding anniversary. On Friday night we went to the Salt Spring Legion dinner when each week a draw is made for a door prize of two free dinners. I held the win-

ning number and won the prize with number 747.

Then my daughter, who was with us, remembered how on our 25th wedding anniversary we had celebrated by taking the family to a special Montréal restaurant, and its name was 747.

I had not only won the door prize on a special day but with a special number 747.

This all had to be organized by a leprechaun, for I have many Irish ancestors, some of whom undoubtedly helped organize this happy occasion. I had to share this extraordinary experience.

BRUCE KIRWIN,
Salt Spring

Criminal

Jack, my beloved terrier, has been my loyal companion for some years now. He is renowned in our community for his charm and compassion.

As a frequent visitor to Greenwoods he buoys the spirits of residents and staff alike.

Jack was viciously attacked on Saturday, April 26 by a dog whose owner "visits" our neighborhood

on weekends. My 10-year-old daughter witnessed the attack and brought him home bleeding and shaking uncontrollably.

When I took him to the vet he was found to have two puncture wounds in his neck — the upper one is one and a half-inches deep and the lower one is three inches deep (narrowly missing his jugular vein). He could have easily been killed.

The wounds are too deep to stitch so he remains on antibiotics to avoid inevitable infection.

The vet maintained that the attack dog was very likely becoming (as a young female) an "alpha female" and was consequently very dangerous. She is large and rambunctious.

When I tried to contact the owner of the dog to describe my dog's injuries and to warn her of the very real danger her pet was becoming, the phone was hung up and I've heard nothing further.

Why is it that this behaviour is considered criminal in the human community and yet acceptable in

the animal kingdom by so-called "responsible" dog owners?

KATE PETER,
Victoria Street

MORE LETTERS A10

Your letters are welcome

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

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Single-earner families should lobby for tax changes

Income tax filing season is just over. Each of us has a clear snapshot, down to the penny, of the financial fruits of our labours for the past year.

It can be a sobering exercise, especially for households with children. The deductions and credits aren't anywhere near the real price of raising the next crop of citizens and taxpayers.

This is particularly galling when businesses can deduct 100 per cent of all sorts of questionable costs and acquisitions — discretionary equipment, exotic travel, sporty vehicles, entertainment, etc. — as investments that matter to the individual company and to our collective well-being, present and future.

Two-parent families who mind their own kids are hit

significantly harder than double-income households who put their kids in daycare. They're denied deductions totalling thousands of dollars every year, adding up to tens of thousands over their childrearing decades.

Lorna Turnbull, in her 2001 book, *Double Jeopardy: Motherwork and the Law*, writes that, "One of the justifications made for the differential treatment of families where both parents are employed and of families where one parent is at home to take care of the children is that it is appropriate that a single-earner family pay more

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in tax because that family has the benefit of the imputed income of the parent at home."

"Imputed income" — what a dynamite phrase. It means all those dollars saved because the household doesn't have to pay for childcare, cleaning, cooking, etc. They're even richer because the one doing this valuable work is assumed to schlep around close to home, nixing the need for nice clothes, meals out and daily transportation.

As Turnbull says, "While it is certainly true that imputed income benefits

the family as a whole, it is the individual woman herself who pays the cost of providing these benefits through her own lost income and economic stability." Not to mention self-esteem and pension benefits. It's a double whammy, or double jeopardy, because the at-home parent has given up a pay cheque, then the household is penalized further through a tax system that recognizes the benefits of this unpaid childcare, while denying the real costs to the person providing it.

Why does government give such stingy deductions to all parents, wherever they work, for childcare, and why is it particularly hard on two-parent, single-income households who raise their own kids?

The answers are many,

but they're all polemics. Rather than get mired in endless arguments with those who support the current system, I think it's time for all families, and particularly millions of Canadian single-income, two-parent families, to say that the tax system is grossly unfair and must be changed.

I'd like to see every at-home childrearing parent keep track of her/his core hours tending the kids — the hours they'd have to pay others if they were out working — and tally them up at minimum wage. Present this as a bill against the family income, and declare it as paid wages. This would allow single-earner families the same childcare deductions accorded double-income households.

It's not legal, so such families would best send in this protest accounting along with their regular income tax reporting. Revenue Canada will likely throw out the extra pages, so copies should go to their MP and the Minister of Human Resources Development Canada too.

If households losing tens of thousands of dollars in childcare deductions over their parenting years don't get furious about being penalized for their beliefs about what's best for their kids, no one else will. It's well past time, I believe, for a nation of childrearsers, especially those doing the job at home, to show the government that they mean business.

b_gualed@yahoo.ca

More letters

Battlefront

I was moved by Tom Cmaidalka: he has a point.

Having fought in Chad, Madagascar and Mozambique, I can certainly relate to the use of military parlance in describing everyday occurrences.

I have been an avid watcher of CNN over the past few months, and soon realized that its military conjectures did not match the pictures that they were showing us.

Like all news, CNN has sanitized its coverage so that it would be watchable.

As a French Green Beret, I saw things in combat which would NEVER be shown on TV, or in the press.

I am attracted to military things. I'll admit so much. But I abhor war.

Getting killed in action is no big deal. You die, you are at peace. Period.

It's the maiming that gets to me: the loss of a leg, both eyes, either arm, that's what gets to me.

And then, when we are talking about pregnant mothers, children, fathers of a brood, the story gets uglier, if it possibly could.

After 30 years of information black-out, I finally received my medal of "Blessed in Combat."

How does that make me feel, when I realize that my wound was relatively minor (a shattered collar bone), and that others of my comrades will never see again, let alone be able to brush their teeth.

Even though all our operations were covert — except for our manoeuvres with the French Foreign Legion in Corsica, I have to defy the French government for the veracity of these operations.

I also got my wings of airborne tradition.

I refused to jump at night (for which I served two and a half weeks in the damp, dark, rat-infested stockade of the "French commandos marines.")

Eventually, I served France as a radio operator, in the countries I mentioned before, and I knew the injuries that my fellow comrades were sustaining, simply because I had to report every one of them to central command.

War is not pretty, and a tibia through a boot is serious business to me.

Have we seen any of that on TV or in the papers? No way.

So long from the battlefield in my mind's eye!
FRANCOIS JAUBERT,
Croftonbrook

Local action

Peace supporters and activists crammed the GISS gymnasium last Saturday to hear Helen Caldicott's riveting presentation.

Dr. Caldicott urged us to pull together to stop the American warmongers before they destroy our planet.

I would like to see us pull together to hit these American opportunists where it hurts the most — in their pocket books. Is anybody interested in forming a campaign to boycott the U.S. as a means of protecting life on planet Earth? I'm thinking with a view of global effect through local action.

India was once subjugated and oppressed by Great Britain but Gandhi's tactics of peaceful resistance resulted in the restoration of local government in a country much less powerful than our own.

We have some great minds and powerful writers right here on Salt Spring. Anybody out there got any ideas? Call me at 537-8979.

HELANI DAVISON,
Salt Spring

No whining

We have special days — "holidays" — to celebrate people and events. I propose that we act locally and perhaps institute globally another holiday or "special" day.

"NO WHINE DAY."

Wouldn't you like to have (at least) an entire day where you do not whine and where you do not have to be subjected to whining?

I don't care what day we pick, use your birthday, but do your best not to whine all day!

Our wonderful little island could use such a significant day.

I'm not going to whine today — April 24. Maybe I'll like it?

DON MADSEN,
Brinkworthy Road

Greed before need

Thanks to cannibal Campbell and his raving loony Liberals, we now have a ferry system which is cloaked in total secrecy. It is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act and the commissioner may not be "questioned, reviewed, or restrained by any process or proceedings of any court."

He does not need to publish a budget or hold public hearings. This means that if your property is expropriated, your route cut or your fares raised, you have no way of finding out if any of it was actually necessary.

Speaking of raises, guess who pays the commissioner's wages? The ferry operators. Now how would that scenario work?

If the fares go up, do the commissioner's wages go

up? If the commissioner's wages go up, do the fares go up? What a sweet deal!

Of course if the employees' wages go up, the fares don't go up, and if the fares go up, the employees' wages don't go up. What a surprise.

What cannibal Campbell and his raving loonies have done goes way past privatization and is more akin to Stalinization. Campbell is acting like a fourth-rate Third World dictator whose priority is to sell off the province's assets to the highest offshore bidder and provide the buyer with a cheap source of slave labour.

May I suggest a slogan for the Liberals: "Greed before need."

K. BUTLER,
Salt Spring

Check helmets

I am disappointed.

As many of you know, I was involved in a car/bike accident. I was on my bike and a car hit me. If my helmet had not been on my head properly, there would have been serious head injuries.

Since the accident I have become a bit obsessed by checking people as they go by on their bikes to see whether they are wearing helmets or not and if they are — that the helmets are on properly.

I went to our local RCMP attachment and had a lengthy talk to Sergeant Mike Giles about my helmet concerns. By law, anyone who rides a bike is required to wear a helmet. It's the same as how anyone travelling in a motor vehicle is supposed to wear a seatbelt.

It is up to the law officers — RCMP — to enforce that law. When our police officers are out to enforce the law on seatbelts they could at the same time stop anyone riding a bike without a helmet. Give them a ticket for not wearing a helmet and make them aware of the helmet law.

This is where my disappointment comes in. In last week's Driftwood RCMP report, it stated, "Police promoting road safety. Police officers will be out day or night checking for seatbelts."

What happened to my

lengthy talk to Sergeant Giles about doing the helmet checking at the same time?

It is the law and the law is to be enforced by our law officers. Helmets save lives.

MARGARETHA NORDINE,
Fernwood

Cuddle kids

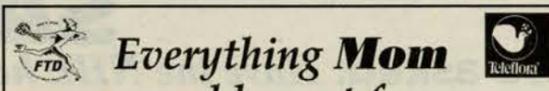
I just wanted to say thank you for publishing your article on Hospital Hermano Pedro, here in Antigua, in last week's Driftwood.

I read it on your website, and would like to add that if anyone is interested in visiting the hospital or volunteering, we would love to have them. There is always a need for more people to cuddle kids and give them the stimulation that is severely lacking in the hospital environment.

To contact me about visiting or volunteering in the hospital or other organizations in the area, please e-mail:

hermanopedrokids@hotmail.com.

Thanks for your interest.
GENESIS DAVIES,
Antigua, Guatemala



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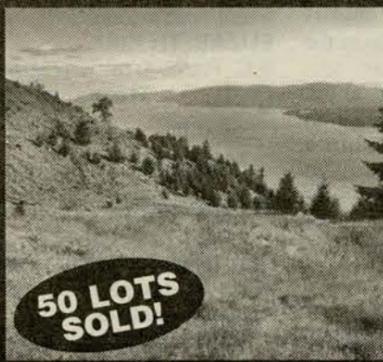
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Favourite read: Genesis in the Bible.
Best thing about SSI: The pastoral views on the roadways.
Worst thing about SSI: I'm too old to walk to and shop at all the stores and I have to be lugged around by others.
Best place to kiss on SSI?: The Blarney Stone on St. Patrick's Day at Greenwoods..



DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Welcome to spring on the island. Another new owner, another new clear-cut. The birds, the wildlife, and residents will miss the many beautiful trees which were butchered on a Trincomali Heights property April 24. Maybe tears are more appropriate.

Why is that people (especially men) think it is quite all right to wear sweat pants in public? C'mon folks, you are only showing how lazy you are!

Rant to students (under-age drinkers) having a "school's over for the week" party in ArtSpring's parking lot and throwing their empties in the grass. This litter is not only ugly, but a hazard to all, especially after being inadvertently shredded by the mower. WLN.

Rant to social services which offered \$20 to the senior who had her wallet stolen containing her \$300 assistance money for May.

ROSES

To Kevin Wilkie, Jackie Ruffell, Laura McGrath and Paul Godin for all their help in preparing for Marjorie McKay's art show at Barb's Buns.

A rose to the person who returns my wallet, lost in Ganges containing \$300, drivers' licence and other personal belongings, c/o the

Driftwood. No questions asked.

Roses to Linda Hilyer at B.C. Ferries who gave such great care and attention to a young, first-time traveller on the Queen of Nanaimo. Thanks a lot! SL

Roses to Ron Sayer for all the work put into the beautiful house sign on Rainbow Road. SK

A rose to the local businesses who supported the Earth Day celebration at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS). The Growing Circle Food Coop, Natureworks, Thrifty Foods and Island Escapades contributed generously to our prize basket. S.M.

To Dave Morgan who has been a great soccer coach, well loved by his U12 girls.

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Mixed reactions to Caldicott's new nuclear threat

By KIM HENDESS and SARAH MYERS

Having both attended Dr. Helen Caldicott's talk, we realized that we had very different experiences. Because we thought that others may have had similarly diverse reactions, we have decided to share a "snippet" of our different thoughts.

Wow! I feel so inspired by Helen Caldicott's talk. She kicks ass! While I may take issue with some of the things she said, she is a strong woman who has found her power and is using it to make change in the world. She is taking on

the "Big Important White Men Who Control The World." If Helen Caldicott is one of the leaders of this movement, sign me up!

I feel completely paralyzed. As if there wasn't enough to think about already! This "New Nuclear Threat" seems too big — it's too much, and I find myself asking, "what's the point? There's no way to win."

I didn't really feel affected by her apocalyptic description of the nuclear disaster that could occur because I think it's beyond my ability to comprehend



the vastness of what she was describing. Instead, I feel inspired by Helen's passion and commitment to change government policies that make nuclear disaster possible.

I consider myself an activist and am well aware that despair is a difficult place to work from. I still, however, find my chest and heart heavy with tears that need to be released and an overwhelming sense that

George Dubya and the "American (being defined by mentality, not by nationality) mentality" that he represents — greed, arrogance, ignorance, and self-righteousness — is far bigger than anything I could ever take on.

But I'm definitely angry. Oh yeah, I'm pissed off at the audacity of those Men in Suits who create and perpetuate military and economic threats to life on this planet. Things that are sacred to life are so easily pawned off in their ridiculous games of world domination, but I'm learning that anger is a source of power... if we acknowledge

it, let it surface, and turn it into action.

I wish that there had been more of a focus on solutions beyond taking on governments and their policies. I left with a feeling that there is very little that the average person can do on a daily basis. What if I'm the person that would gladly join a protest, but probably wouldn't initiate such a demonstration? How can I contribute to this cause if I don't feel confident that I have enough information to challenge the people that are making the decisions?

I often wonder what I can do to oppose violence in the

world. I feel I've been given a hint: a key way to change government policy is by educating and mobilizing people, and by changing public opinion. The Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) was defeated because of grassroots mobilization, so we know it can be done — even in this day of corporate and military power. As a result, I feel activated with a new motivation and focus on where to direct my energy. I, in the words of Mary Oliver, am "waging peace" and I need to become more actively involved in spreading that message.

IN-DEPTH A13

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- **New Island Medical School** – A new medical program at the University of Victoria will help increase the number of Island doctors, as part of the province's \$134 million plan to almost double medical school spaces in BC.
- **Modernized Equipment** – New CT scanners have been installed at Cowichan District, Saanich Peninsula and Royal Jubilee hospitals, as well as new MRI machines at Royal Jubilee and Nanaimo Regional General hospitals, to help reduce patient waits.
- **New Surgical Services** – Victoria will house one of four Centres of Excellence in Thoracic Surgery, providing improved care for patients requiring surgery or a lung transplant.
- **Improved Mental Health** – An expanded psychiatric unit in Comox, plus 59 new beds in Nanaimo and the new Seven Oaks Psychiatric Rehabilitation Facility in Victoria.

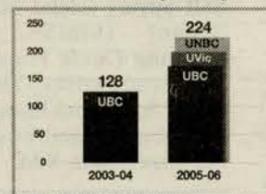
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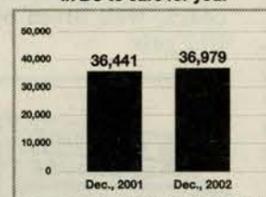
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I suppose this is as good a place as any to make a shocking confession: I am a huge sports fan.

But not the usual kind of sports fan. I couldn't tell you who won the Grey Cup last year or who plays goal for the Oilers these days. For all I know, the Toronto Raptors are a Bay Street law firm and Tiger Woods is the name of a state park in India.

I don't follow the performances of hockey, baseball and basketball marquee maestros on ice, diamond or court. It's the off-field verbal antics of these clay-footed idols I prize.

I'm talking about Jock Talk. The Grievous Gaffes and Monstrous Misspeakings that often ensue when a megastar mistakenly puts his tongue in gear before his brain has left the starting gate.

The Gretzkys, Griffey's and McGrady's may be magicians with hockey sticks, baseball bats and basketballs but if they were getting paid for what happens when they open their mouths, most of these superstars would be riding the nether end of a bench in the bush leagues.

Don't get me wrong — they're great entertainers. They should just be discouraged from moving their lips near an open microphone, is all.

Shaquille O'Neal is a case in point. On returning from a European tour with the U.S. Olympic Basketball Club, a reporter asked him if he'd been to the Coliseum when he passed through Rome.

"I don't know, man" drawled Shaq, "I can't

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remember all the nightclubs we went to."

There was a time when such pronouncements were just innocently funny. A chap by the name of Lawrence Peter Berra — better known as Yogi — used to play backstop for the New York Yankees. He also used to delight sports writers with hilarious malapropisms, such as: "If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's gonna stop them".

"You can observe a lot by just watching." And my favourite: "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

But Yogi Berra was a roly-poly, lovable guy from another era who laughed at himself with ease. Everybody adored him — partly because they knew he made only a little bit more than the average working stiff down at the Ford Plant.

Today's one-dimensional, multi-millionaire sporting types are . . . less lovable. And that's why there's something delicious in watching our modern sports demi-gods launch themselves on a vanity rant, only to trip over their own subsidized shoelaces.

Such as? Well, how about golfer Greg Norman, responding to a query as to where his great physical gifts come from:

"I owe a lot to my parents," intoned Greg. "Especially my mother and father."

And who can forget former Montreal Expos outfielder Andre Dawson explaining to a reporter his "higher calling" as a role model for youth:

"I want all the kids to look up to me," said Dawson.

"I want those kids to copulate me."

Where do our jocks get THEIR role models for such unintentional hilarity?

Sadly, from the people who write their cheques. When they open their mouths, owners and team managers can be just as lame-brained as their well-paid vassals. Consider Bobby Clarke, ex-Team Canada assassin turned GM of the Philadelphia Flyers. When his head coach, Roger Neilson asked for time off for medical problems, Clarke said, sure, promising to bring him back when he felt better. Alas for Neilson, the diagnosis was cancer.

Clarke had been hoping for a head cold. Explaining to reporters why he reneged on his promise, Clarke explained, "We never asked Roger to get cancer."

He added helpfully that the medication Neilson was forced to take for the disease made him "goofy."

Marge Schotte, who used to own the Cincinnati Reds baseball franchise, was also famous for her sensitivity. When an umpire at an opening day Reds game suffered a massive heart attack and died on the field, forcing a postponement, Marge wailed, "Snow this morning and now this. I don't believe it. This isn't supposed to happen to us. Not in Cincinnati."

Oh, well. Nobody ever said sports people had to be mental giants. Even the pros recognize that. Someone once described quarterback Joe Theisman as "a genius" but he demurred.

"Football players aren't geniuses," said Theisman, "A genius is somebody like Norman Einstein."

INDEPTH: Caldicott views

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I'm tired of always having to resist. I don't think that it's healthy to constantly feel the burden of voicing opposition — to never feel a rest from "swimming upstream."

Because I see myself as someone who believes in social justice, it seems irresponsible (and contrary to my nature!) to have something of this magnitude land in my lap and then consciously turn a blind eye. On the flip side, I feel defeated before I begin because of the complex picture Helen Caldicott painted of America's "Master Plan" that is dictating current international policy.

I think my way of coping with "doom and gloom" is to believe that the overall goal of social change isn't to eradicate all injustices, but to foster and be a community that is actively working (and playing!) towards that goal. We succeed when we recognize and fight injustice.

Success isn't achieving utopia, but constantly

engaging with the world to make it better. Democracy is a verb. As long as we are engaging in it, we're part of building a better world.

I found it hard to listen to aggression being met with aggression. While I recognize the importance of saying "enough is enough," I felt that, at times, Caldicott's tone was unnecessarily adversarial and condescending.

I asked myself, what did it feel like to be a student in that audience? A man? A Christian? A person of colour? I felt that her anger, however passionate and purposeful, alienated me and made it more difficult for me to trust what she was saying.

My anger is like a kick in the pants to get involved. And while I felt that Caldicott sometimes let her anger weaken her argument with insults, her rage against nuclear power is fueling her to use her skills and her influence to take action. Those of us who aren't as well known or

expert in the matter must choose other ways to make a difference, and tap into our own skills and passions to find out how we can best contribute. She's taking on the U.S. government, military and corporate media empire; some of us might take on raising awareness among our family or friends. Both are equally important.

After Helen Caldicott's talk, we realize more concretely that the peace movement is not just a thing of the past. Today's reality is different, yes, and we have a strong anti-globalization movement that has more edge than the hippie era did.

But these two movements are in fact one and the same. We are part of a global peace movement that has always existed.

And our purpose is to be part of it, to learn and to contribute, so that it will continue to exist.

There is much to despair, but there is also much to inspire us.

The writers are Salt Spring residents.

"Salt Spring Cares"

On behalf of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, we would like to thank the community for supporting our first capital campaign for the expansion of the operating room and a dedicated palliative care suite.

We asked our community if you cared — and you demonstrated that you do indeed, as we reached our goal of \$650,000 in less than four months. You may recall that our annual equipment drive in the fall of 2001 was for operating room equipment in anticipation of the expansion. The community donated \$131,560 for that campaign, leaving us with \$518,440 to raise to achieve our goal. The names of all those who donated to both campaigns are listed on the following pages.

Thanks to your generosity, our dedicated palliative care team will be able to provide enhanced palliative care in the new suite which will provide a private space for the individual and their families. The suite will feature a private garden entrance, ensuite bathroom, home-like décor and furnishings, overnight accommodation for family members and a galley kitchen for patient and visitor use.



A great team! A few members from our community of volunteers and professionals that make the Palliative Care Program a success. From top left: Mhora Hepburn, Karen Shklanka, Jessie Dodsworth, Pat Desbottes, Anne Byrne, Nancy Wood, Karen Davies, Dina Ridenour, Gaynor Jones and Doreen Davidson.

We are also pleased to introduce our new surgical team. Dr. Roy Preshaw, who has been at Lady Minto since November, is now joined by our new Operating Room Nurse Supervisor, Anca Schenck, formerly of Vancouver General Hospital. The operating room team is looking forward to working in the newly-expanded area. Thanks to all of you, they will soon have a larger operating room with an endoscopy suite and a separate four-bed, post-anaesthetic recovery room.



Back row: Dr. Roy Preshaw, Surgeon; Anca Schenck, O.R. Nurse Supervisor; Veronica Hylands, O.R. Nurse; Audrey Mountain, O.R. Nurse; Dr. Jan Malherbe, G.P./Anaesthetist; Dr. David Woodley, G.P./Anaesthetist.
Front row: Sharon MacKinnon, Recovery Room Nurse; Vee Innes, O.R. Nurse; Connie Wray, Recovery Room Nurse. Missing: Jan Brosseau, O.R. Nurse; Kati Campbell, O.R. Nurse; Alane LaLonde, CSR-LPN

We look forward to the construction of this project which will start in the very near future. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping us build a healthy community and protect our island way of life.

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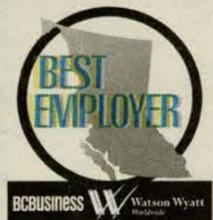
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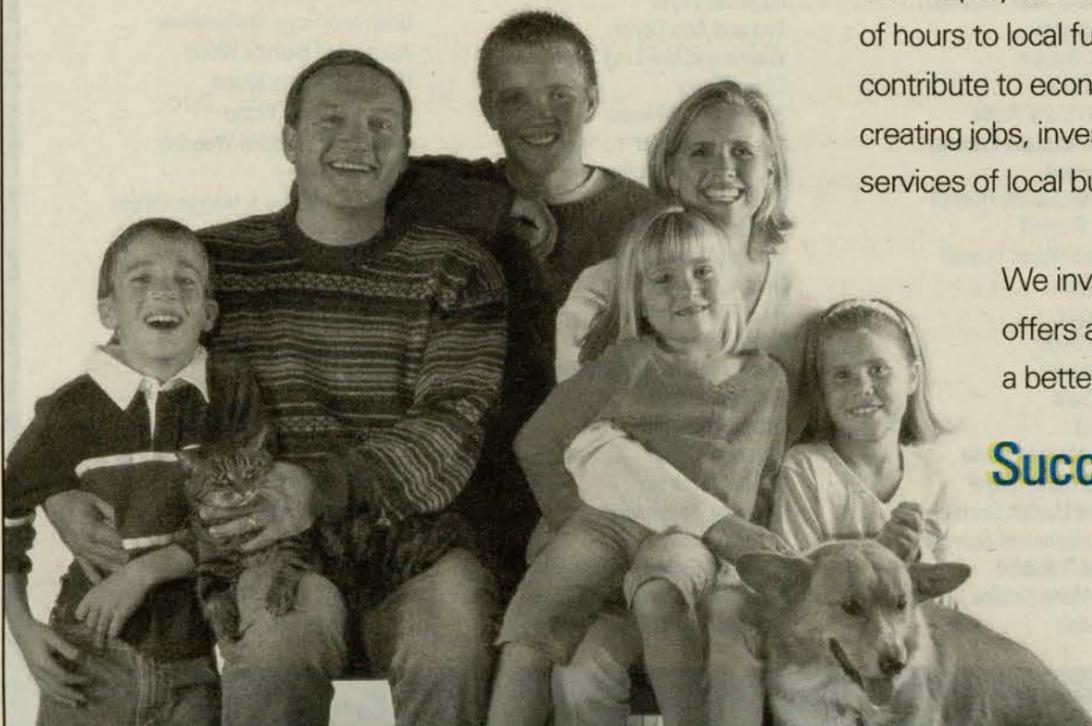
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Grade 5 leadership students meet at jamboree

Kids from all over the island play on sports teams together, or meet to pursue their mutual interests.

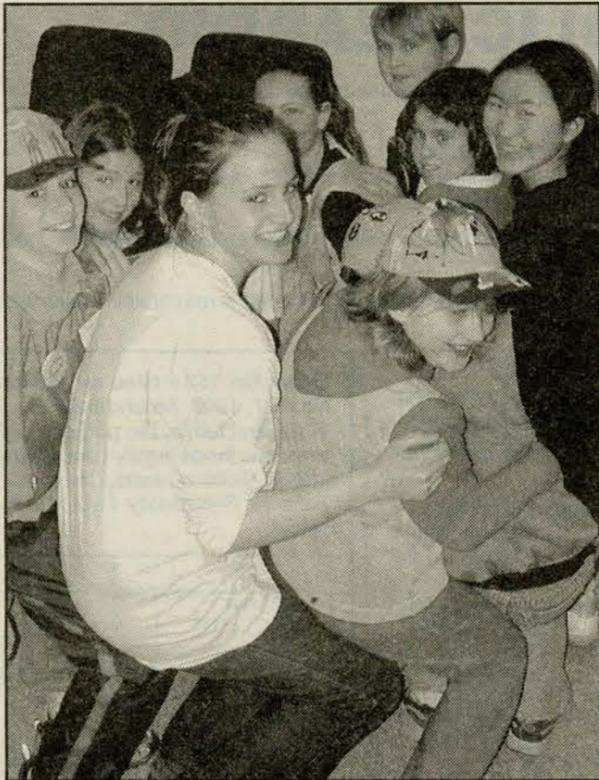
Why wouldn't those with a penchant for helping others and leadership want to work together for a day?

That's exactly what happened last Thursday when the first ever Leadership Jamboree for Salt Spring's Grade 5 students took place at Community Gospel Chapel.

From fun ice-breaking games to workshops in communication, peer pressure and bullying, role plays and creative group presentations, more than 100 children from Fulford, Fernwood, Salt Spring, Phoenix elementary schools and Salt Spring Centre School enjoyed a special gathering for the day.

They were joined by a smaller number of leadership students from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) and Gulf Islands Secondary, with the senior students facilitating the workshops.

Students were divided into 10 groups made up of a



ONE BIG CHAIR: Grade 5 students in a group led by high school students Emily McDougall and Yuko Okamura at a school district Leadership Jamboree succeed at sitting on each other during an "ice-breaker" activity.

few representatives from the different schools, and stayed with those kids for the day's main activities.

Since part of the jamboree's rationale was to give Grade 5 students a chance to meet before they move on to SIMS in the fall, the group format provided a chance for the kids to really get to know each other.

Since teachers Cathy Takagaki and Pat Gordon started the island's first peer-helping leadership program for Grade 5 students — the Fernwood Firebirds — three years ago, other schools have adopted the same scheme.

Members of the leadership group are playground monitors, lead fun activities for younger children and receive special social-skills training in topics like conflict resolution and peer pressure.

"If you have 125 kids who have these social skills, it's like ripples," Takagaki said. "If you have this many kids thinking about going out there and doing good things, it's very powerful."

The Grade 5 students also respond well to the workshops being led by the teens, she added.

Community Gospel was an ideal location, she noted, with several different rooms

available for the groups to hold concurrent workshops.

Children were also well-nourished through the day, with mountains of fruit, vegetables, muffins and pizza organized by parents.

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Salt to taste

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The ILO recommends that the B.C. government repeal one bill and amend the others to comply with UN conventions Canada has signed. Teachers agree.

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For more information on the UN ruling, go to bctf.ca.



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ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on the following proposed bylaws:

- Bylaw No. 157 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 2, 2003”;
- Bylaw No. 135 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 5, 2000”;
- Bylaw No. 154 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2003”; and,
- Bylaw No. 155 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2003”.

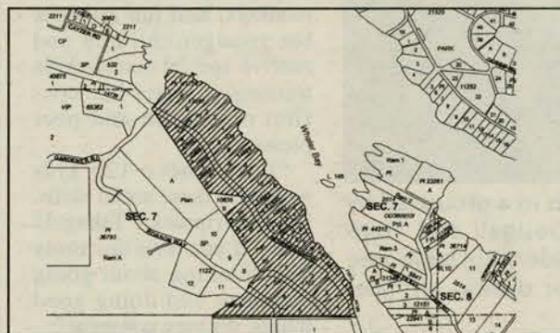
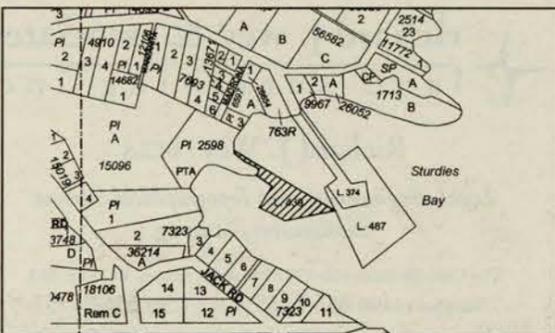
for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

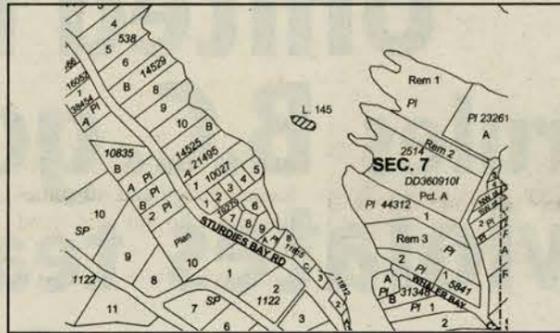
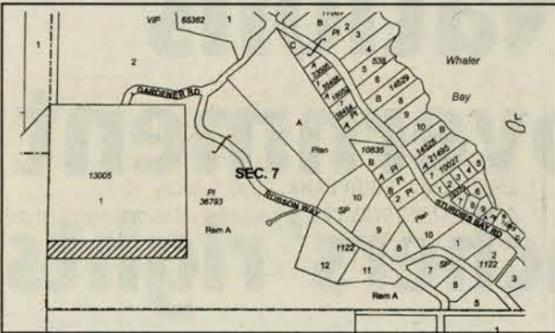
Bylaw No. 135 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 5, 2000”

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 135 is to amend Schedule B of the Land Use Bylaw (the zoning maps) by including legal descriptions on the maps and updating the style and format of the maps to include for example, road names, major right-of-ways, etc. . Bylaw No. 135 will also address the zoning of specific properties as follows:

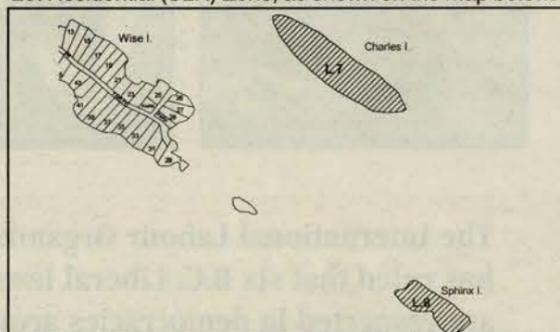
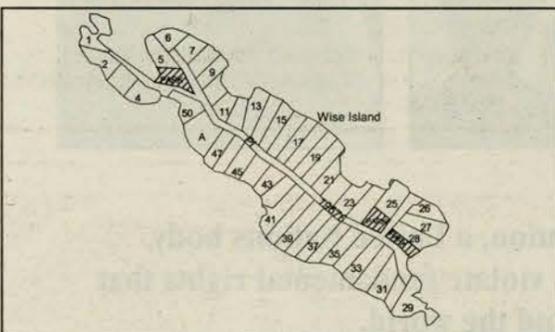
- a) By changing the zoning of the water lease area legally described as Water Lot 439, Galiano Island, Cowichan District to Marine Commercial Water (MCW) Zone, as shown on the map below:
- b) By changing the zoning of the lands described as a portion of Section 7, Galiano Island, Cowichan District to Village Residential 2 (VR2) Zone, as shown on the map below:



- c) By changing the zoning of the lands legally described as a portion of Rem. A, Plan 36793, Section 7, Galiano Island, Cowichan District from Agriculture (AG) Zone to Rural Residential (RR) Zone, as shown on the map below:
- d) By changing the zoning of the lands legally described as District Lot 145, Galiano Island, Cowichan District to Small Lot Residential (SLR) Zone, as shown on the map below:

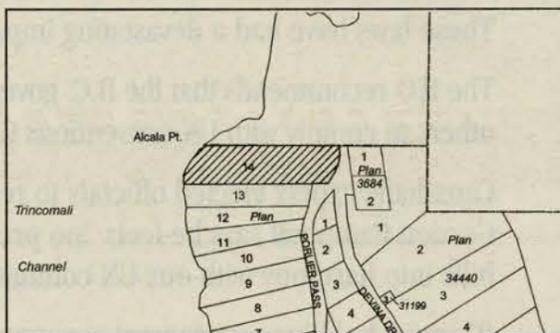


- e) By changing the zoning of the lands indicated below from Small Lot Residential (SLR) Zone to Park (P) Zone, as shown on the map below:
- f) By changing the zoning of the lands legally described as District Lot 7, Charles Island, Cowichan District and District Lot 8, Sphinx Island, Cowichan District to Small Lot Residential (SLR) Zone, as shown on the map below:



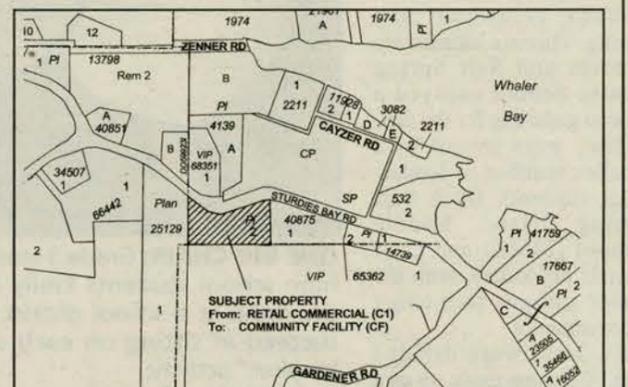
- g) By changing the place name indicated on the map from Helen Point to Collison Point.

- h) By changing the zoning of the lands legally described as Lot 14, District Lot 96, Plan 18863, Galiano Island, Cowichan District from Small Lot Residential (SLR) Zone to Visitor Accommodation (Resort) (C4) Zone, as shown on the map right:



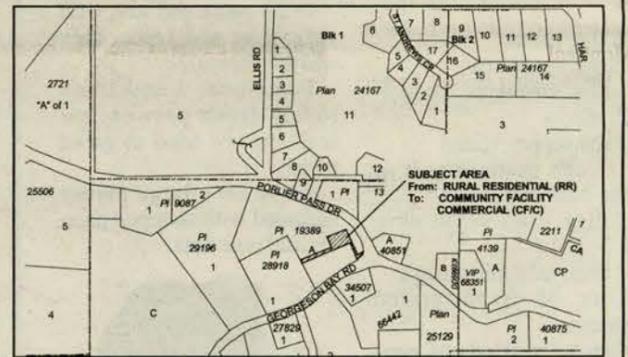
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In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 157 is to rezone lands legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 6, Plan 40875, Galiano Island, Cowichan District from Commercial 1 Zone to Community Facility Zone, as shown on the map below:



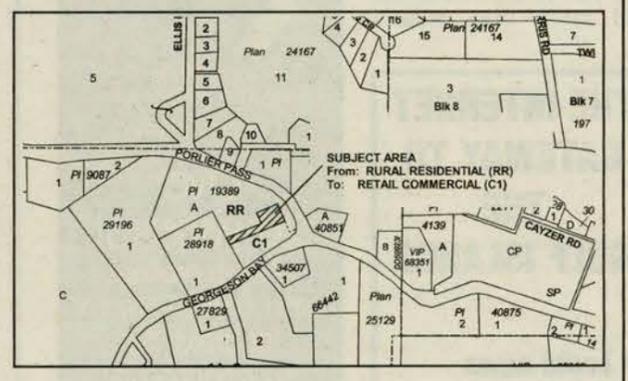
Bylaw No. 154 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2003”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 154 is to re-designate lands legally described as Lot A, District Lot 3, Plan 19389, Galiano Island, Cowichan District by amending Schedule A of the OCP from Rural Residential (RR) designation to Community Facility/Commercial (CF/C) designation, as shown on the map below:



Bylaw No. 155 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2003”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 155 is to rezone lands legally described as Lot A, District Lot 3, Plan 19389, Galiano Island, Cowichan District from Rural Residential Zone (RR) to Retail Commercial Zone (C1), as shown on the map below:



A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, April 30, 2003.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing Wednesday, April 30, 2003 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting Galiano Island / Bylaws / Proposed

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2003;**
2. after **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2003** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003.**

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5158 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

Islander pedals for water in cross-Canada journey

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

An island-raised university student plans to ride a bicycle 8,000 kilometres across Canada as a fundraiser to provide clean water for people in Uganda.

"My desire to do this shows my commitment to the project. I feel that my bike ride acts as an inspiration for other people to donate," said Oscar Venter, who plans to cycle from Fairbanks, Alaska to Prince Edward Island.

The second-year environmental sciences student at Concordia University in Montréal will soon be pedalling around Salt Spring in hopes of raising \$10,000 for World Vision International, a Christian relief and development organization that is building wells in Uganda.

"I first learned about World Vision when I was a student at GISS [Gulf Islands Secondary School] and we did the 30-Hour Famine fundraiser. I got quite involved with that," Venter said from his home in Montréal.

He is flying to Salt Spring on May 10 for a brief fundraising stint and visit with his family before he starts the three-month ride from Alaska on May 25.

"People are extremely generous on the island," he noted, adding that fundraising in Montréal is much more challenging.

"The locals are skeptical and there's a tough economy here."

But the fundraising cyclist is recognized on Salt Spring as the son of artists Kathy and Deon Venter, and World Vision is a credible organization with a good track record, he said.

"I did some research and they have a great reputation."

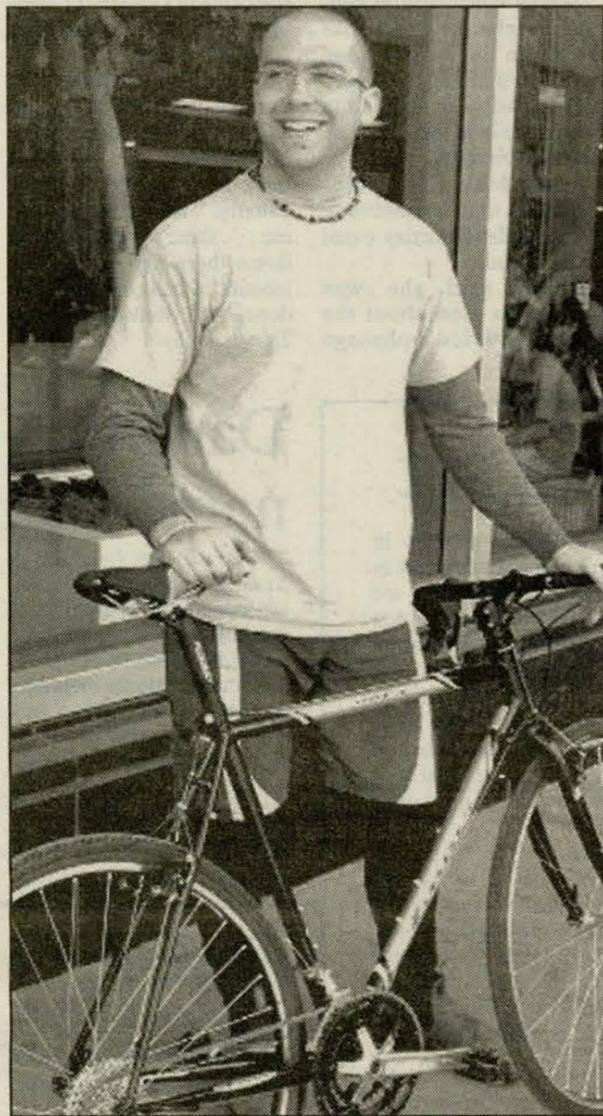
He's supporting the well-creation project in Uganda because people in the African nation have suffered from some of the harshest conditions on the planet. Venter was also born in South Africa himself, giving him another link to the continent.

"Sub-Saharan Africa has been pretty hard-hit as far as poverty and mortality lines go."

While his education at Concordia added to an interest in global social needs and ecology, it was extensive travelling after he graduated from high school in 1999 that gave him a solid direction in life, he said.

"I came out of high school not that focussed. I had a craft business and I did a lot of travelling. Travelling put things into perspective for me. . . The long-term survival of the human race stands out as a big problem we're going to have to face."

Venter also developed a



SOLO CYCLIST: Oscar Venter will soon visit Salt Spring with his new cyclo-cross bicycle before he rides from Fairbanks, Alaska to P.E.I. as a fundraiser to help a clean-water project with World Vision in Uganda.

Photo contributed

passion for long-distance cycling while he was visiting Australia.

"I'd been hanging around surfing and fruit-picking and I wanted to do something substantial."

He picked up a rickety \$40 bike at a garage sale and rode more than 2,000 kilometres between Cairns and Sydney.

"It's the most amazing thing I've ever done."

He saw the east coast of Australia much more intimately than he could have by any other form of transportation.

"You see everything along the way."

So he decided to do another long-distance cycling trip and figured he might as well help a good cause in the process.

His first leg, a 2,500-kilometre stretch from Fairbanks to Dawson Creek via Whitehorse, will likely be the most challenging part of the trip, he said.

"I should always have some snow-covered peaks to keep me company and prevailing winds in my face."

He'll also be loaded down with camping gear and warm clothing for the sub-zero temperatures. But

"The long-term survival of the human race stands out as a big problem we're going to have to face."

Venter plans to take a relaxed pace through Alaska, the Yukon and northern B.C.

"I'll rip it across the Prairies," he grinned.

Cycling over the Canadian Shield and Atlantic provinces will offer lots of good swimming locations, he said.

Venter has been biking his whole life and it's his only form of transportation, so he doesn't feel uneasy about the circuitous cross-country journey with its extra stretch of northern Canada and the U.S.

"One guy from the States did the same route. He looked pudgy and 40-something and he did it in good time."

But he's found many people who are incredulous about cross-country cycling.

"It's difficult for people to fathom that you're going that distance on a bike. They think that a bike is for getting groceries down the block, not going to the other ocean."

Venter can be reached by e-mail at:
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May 3 Fables event aids more Guatemalan children

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Another Salt Spring family with Guatemalan connections is drawing the two communities together with helping hands.

During the year and a half process of adopting their son Tajo from Guatemala last year, Erin Porter and Jesse Fisher were touched by the huge needs of poor Guatemalan families and one hope-giving project in particular.

As Porter explains, the garbage dump in Guatemala City is home to hundreds of families who live off the refuse and raise their children there.

But some children have been able to attend school instead, thanks to a program called Safe Passage.

"The project helps more



Tajo Fisher

than 300 children afford to go to school, supports them to stay in school and provides their families with the

resources to keep the kids out of the dump-digging duties," said Porter.

This year they have built their own school and have just seen the first graduates leave the dump to pursue higher education opportunities.

"The project is important because it breaks the cycle for the kids so they can do something else [with their lives]."

Through Fables Cottage — the Ganges family book and art supplies store Porter co-owns with Mary Applegate — she hopes to collect a big box of school supplies or quality used books that could be sent to the Guatemalan families. Donated funds would also be welcome to supplement the supplies and cover shipping costs.

As a focus for the fundraiser, on Saturday, May 3, from 1-3 p.m., Fables Cottage will hold a free Cinco de Mayo celebration, with a pinata, crafts for kids and food.

Porter notes that Cinco de Mayo is primarily a Mexican event, but she thought the Latino connection would be a good reason to throw a party at this time.

School items such as pencils, notebooks and books are all on the Safe Passage wish list, said Porter, so people can easily buy them from Fables while at the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Since May 1 is Fables Cottages' third anniversary, it makes the Saturday event extra special.

Porter said she was thrilled to read about the Genesis Davies orphanage

project in the Driftwood last week, adding that the handmade dolls mentioned in that story are for sale at Fables.

All proceeds go towards purchasing more yarn so even more dollars can be sent to the Hospital Hermano Pedro orphanage in Antigua, which Porter is familiar with from her visits to the region.

Porter said her desire to help kids in Guatemala obviously revolves around the adoption of Tajo.

"I want to continue that connection to Guatemala and the kids so he can grow up knowing we did a lot more for the children in his country. That's important to me... there's so much need down there and an endless amount of help that could be done, but I wanted to honour Tajo that way."

Fisher and Porter were first matched up with Tajo when he was two months old, but the "paperwork" took a year and a half to complete.

Porter spent a lot of time in Guatemala during that period, visiting Tajo in his foster home every three months.

That's when she became familiar with the Guatemala City dump community and the Safe Passage program, and resolved to do what she could to help.

For more information about the school supplies/fundraising effort, Porter can be reached at 537-9718 or 537-0028.

The Safe Passage project has a website at www.odrnews.com/Kurt/Safepassage.html.

Powerful non-violence films set

Non-violence sounds good. But is it naive and unrealistic?

Can it really work, even against something as powerful as Hitler's Nazism?

Catherine Morris of the Victoria-based Peacemakers Trust has offered to facilitate two Salt Spring showings of films that address those questions.

The films are from the acclaimed series called A Force More Powerful: A Century of Non-violent Conflict.

They will be shown at

the United Church on Hereford Avenue.

Bringing Down a Dictator, on how Milosevic was ousted from power using non-violence, will be shown on Monday, May 5, from 7-9 p.m.

Two shorter films will be shown on Tuesday, May 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

They are: Nashville — We Were the Warriors, which is about the civil rights campaign in the U.S.; and Denmark — Living with the Enemy, about how the Danish

people resisted Nazism during WW II.

Viewing time will be approximately one hour, leaving one hour for discussion.

Islander Jan Slakov, who has organized the events, saw one of the other films in the series and found it informative, inspiring and moving.

In describing the films' importance, Slakov points out, "How we see history affects our perception of the world we live in today. We know that the roles of 'important men' and

war are given priority in many history texts and in the mass media. If we are to become less dependent on violence — military action — for our security, we need to learn more about how nonviolence has worked and how we could use this force in our own lives."

Admission for the films will be by donation. While reservations are not required, people can guarantee a good seat by calling Jan Slakov at 537-5251 or js@saltspring.com.

Daughters of the Nile name island officers

New officers for the Salt Spring branch of the Madrona Club Daughters of the Nile were installed at a recent luncheon meeting.

Some 40 guests, including people from Duncan and Victoria, attended the event at the Harbour House Hotel.

Following the lunch, Queen Glenda Hennis of Miriam Temple No. 2 in Victoria installed the 2003-04 officers of the local club.

They are: Myrtle FitzPatrick, president; Dee Roberts, vice president; Nancy Holcroft, secretary; and Marion MacKenzie, treasurer.

Appointed officers include Muriel Leask, chaplain;

Holcroft, publicity; Theresa Clark, historian; Roberts, co-ordinator of GVM tapes; and Pearl Newstead, co-ordinator of Campbell's labels.

Daughters of the Nile, founded in 1913, is an international benevolent fraternal organization for women related by birth or marriage to a Shriner.

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'Encounters with Shamans' at Friday slide presentation

When Marilyn Walker isn't enjoying her home on Salt Spring, or working as an associate professor at Mount Allison University, she's learning more about shamanic traditions around the world.

Walker has worked with traditional healers and shamans among the hill tribes of Southeast Asia, Siberians, Tibetans, Inuit, Mik'mak and Tlingit, and will share some of her experiences in a Friday, May 2 event called Encounters With Shamans.

It runs at Lions Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Walker will give a slide presentation and talk, answer questions, and do a traditional smoke cleansing or smudging. A "sky calling" drumming ceremony using a special Siberian drum will follow for those who want to stay.

Walker is the author of *Harvesting the Northern Wild*, an acclaimed book on traditional and contemporary uses of wild plants in the Northwest Territories.

She has been working with plants for 40 years, she said, and then expanded her initial passion to include shamanic traditions worldwide.

She was a field associate for Michael Harner of the Foundation for Shamanic Studies and took his three-year course in "core shaman-

ism." That explored practices common to shamans all over the world "regardless of place and time, so we don't need to appropriate other people's cultures."

Shamanism has been suppressed in many societies, including Canada, said Walker. A rich tradition has been reborn in the Soviet Union since the fall of communism and lifting of repression there.

"It's really wonderful to see people can talk about it more openly," she said.

Walker has been to a Tibetan Bon monastery in northern India with a group of Squamish First Nations people, worked in Thailand for the last 12 years and the Arctic since the 1960s.

For the last three years she has spent time in Siberia, and is scheduled to give a paper at an international scholarly conference in Beijing later this year.

Walker notes that many shamanic traditions are used by people in other fields, such as psychology and physics. Pre-cognition, journeying, shape-shifting, dreaming and balancing of left and right sides of the brain are a few examples.

"These are all techniques that shamans have used for generations," she said.

They can also "reharmoni-

nize" individuals so that their mind, body, spirit and emotions work together.

"An understanding of these things can really change your life whether you're an artist or a practitioner or an ordinary person walking down the street who wants to see behind the facade of what we see."

Walker will also have some artifacts from around the world on display at the Lions Hall evening, and for the burning will use plants given to her by a woman in Siberia.

Admission is by donation (\$5 suggested) to offset costs of putting on the evening. Any excess funds will benefit groups trying to restore their shamanic and healing traditions.

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SPRING CLEANING: Mahon Hall got its annual scrubbing at a "spruce up day" held Sunday. Seen here (top), Tom Wright and Simon Henson trim the shrubbery, while (below) April Curtis offers up a fresh coat of paint.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Series for kids, parents

Children and their parents will meet separately in a free workshop series which begins tomorrow at Family Place.

"Caught In The Middle" is a child-centred support group to assist parents and children adjust to family reorganization.

Small groups (with a maximum of eight) will meet weekly to discuss and assist each other through the transitions and challenges presented when families change or separate.

Parents will discuss issues surrounding separation such as loss, grief, effective and fair co-parenting, and look at the best interests of the children during and after the change.

At last year's workshop series, participating children worked on basic food preparation activities while they discussed issues common to changing families.

"This served to enhance self-esteem, provide a venue to talk about the feelings around separation and to empower the children through new coping and communication skills," notes press material.

Ragnhild Flakstad and Marianne Benwood will co-facilitate the program and the children's group will be professionally led according to the needs and ages of the children.

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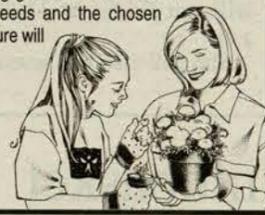
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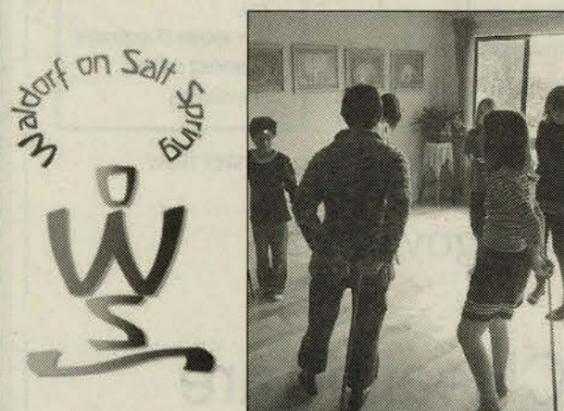
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Controversial columnist hits high point in career

Okay. So she's talented, worldly, her columns having appeared in countless prestigious publications. No reason to be intimidated.

I went over her journalistic bio in my mind, enroute to our interview. Elizabeth Nickson: Six years in London reporting for Time magazine and as European bureau chief, Time-Life. Travelled extensively; interviewed famous people, wrote for the London Sunday Times, The Guardian, The Observer, The Independent, Tatler, Wall St. Journal, Vogue, Saturday Night, Chatelaine, Reader's Digest, Harper's, published a novel. Currently columnist for the National Post.

Intimidated? Me? Yes.

Elizabeth was waiting in the driveway as I drove in, accompanied by two manic Jack Russell terriers whose attentions I fended off as best I could — having forgotten about the aromatic doggie treats in my pocket.

Order restored, I followed her into the house. "Post-hippie tasteful," sprung to mind as I looked around the inviting interior. Fat chairs, cozy sofas, lots

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of colourful cushions, eclectic "things," books, books, books. I had expected something very different from this quintessential conservative who makes Barbara Amiel look like a socialist. I also expected a very different appearance.

Decidedly photogenic, she is unlike the generic drawing that accompanies her columns. The "no photo" stipulation was, she explained, because of over-enthusiastic readers who can sometimes pose problems — harassing and even stalking. This creates a certain wariness.

She grew up in rural Quebec, a typical teenager except perhaps for an early determination to make her mark in the world, to "be somebody" — whatever that might mean — that stayed with her throughout her formative years.

McGill University was her first foray into higher

learning, then Vancouver City College, followed by U.B.C. for a degree in theatre. Not content with that, she went on to earn an MBA at York University.

She managed a feminist theatre group out of Toronto, overseeing productions, arranging tours, then set her sights higher. Through a friend she got an introduction to Arthur Penn, the renowned director. Elizabeth was off to New York where, for six celebrity-filled years, she was assistant to one of filmmaking's giants. Ah — there's no business like show business — especially when you've got the likes of Warren Beatty and Robert Redford sashaying through your office. Fortuitously during this period, Penn was often off directing a movie. So with time on her hands, our intrepid future reporter/columnist taught

herself to write. She was hooked, determined to become a writer even if it meant composing the blurbs on the backs of cereal boxes.

She sent out letters to Time-Life in London. (How's that for chutzpah!)

"I was young," she said, dismissively. "The young can do anything." And the "hip cult," which she exuded, was just becoming popular. Mainstream publications began to think about a fresh approach, which she offered. Time gave her a job.

For the next eight years, life was a giddy roller-coaster ride — visits to foreign lands and interviews with the headline-makers of the day: Margaret Thatcher, who was "charming, especially to the men who constantly surrounded her;" Nelson Mandela, upon his release from prison, where she spent two weeks in South Africa gathering material and interviewing this "courtly and gracious man." (She remarks with a touch of irony that notwithstanding the vision of the charismatic Mandela, "South Africa today is in an even worse condition than

it was before his release.")

The Dalai Lama, visiting London, granted her an interview, and she was there to report on the infamous Birmingham Six, falsely accused and imprisoned as being IRA members, when they were released.

There were many such high points.

"I felt like a duchess," she said. "Doors were opened; I could invite anyone I wanted to lunch — anywhere — as long as there was a story involved." But even duchesses become jaded.

After 12 years of New York and London, she wanted to move on. "Been there, done that." She opted for the slow pace and tranquillity of Bermuda where she lived in a small waterfront cottage and began working on a novel, The Monkey Puzzle Tree, published (of course) by Knopf. Five years later she returned to Canada to be near her then ailing father in Victoria.

Elizabeth owned property on Salt Spring, purchased some years ago for "some day." That some day

arrived. It was time to settle, to return to the small-town life she had lived as a girl. She rented a tiny house in Brinkworthy, where, she said, she was overwhelmed by the kindness of her neighbours, and got on with building her future home.

"I hope you won't portray me as an uptight right-winger" was the message on my answering machine. "My party-going friends wouldn't recognize me."

Uptight she isn't. Right-winger she is — a lady who puts her money where her mouth is. I like that.

"What was the high point in your career?" I asked.

She didn't hesitate. "Now. This is the high point. I'm having more fun being a columnist for the National Post than I ever had anywhere. I think my columns make a difference in peoples lives and there's no way you can match that. Besides — this is my country." Elizabeth says it in capitals.

Like her columns, hate her columns, she thrives on controversy. For every hate letter in her mail, she "gets 10 more saying 'right on.'" Jealous? Me? Oh yes.

New-to-island Pilates coach sets up introductory classes

Islanders are invited to meet certified Pilates instructor Rheona Severson of Vancouver's Full Circle Coaching in three introductory classes set for Salt Spring next week.

Severson will offer classes at North End Fitness on Thursday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m., and then again on Friday at 8 a.m.

At Cats Pajamas Studio on the corner of North End and Lungs Road, the class will run Friday at 11:30 a.m.

She will also run seven-

week introductory mat classes beginning May 15 and 16 at both locations.

As explained in a press release, the Pilates method follows carefully laid-out principles based on a philosophical and theoretical foundation. The term "Pilates" is taken from the man who invented the exercise system over 70 years ago with the belief that "the body must be actively conditioned and controlled through the discipline of the mind."

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Severson has worked for more than 15 years in the health and fitness industry as a fitness leader, co-ordinator, cardiac rehab instructor, personal trainer and facilitator.

For more information on the classes or Pilates, Severson can be reached at 537-6232 or via e-mail at: rheona@dowco.com

Infobasket highlighted

A discussion on Infobasket next week will benefit farmers of all types.

Basil Bactowar, the Provincial Sheep Specialist, will be at the Farmers Institute on Tuesday, May 6 to introduce a new computer-accessed information source.

The talk, which begins at 7 p.m., will demonstrate how Infobasket can help users find up-to-date information on subjects such as plant and animal nutrition, agroforestry and plans for farm buildings.

Bactowar's talk will not only benefit sheepbreeders, but be of importance to farmers with cattle, horses or goats, particularly those whose businesses are in the planning stages.

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SALT SPRING SNIPPETS

• The Driftwood's historic curse with the late Mary Williamson continued last week when editorial staff managed to get the date wrong in an article (and headline!) about the fourth annual Mary's Matinee scholarship fundraising event.

Featuring fantastic student performers, such as YJP, Amitai Marmorstein, Jekka Mack, Aubrey Zacharies and Megan Laparie, and past scholarship winner Caitlin Brownrigg, the event runs at Mahon Hall on Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. We're sure of it.

Since almost every article, ad and letter to the editor related to or written by Mary Williamson over the years suffered some kind of gremlin attack, despite stellar preventative efforts, Driftwood staff became convinced a paranormal phenomenon was at work.

A few other people on the island seem to fall into the same Williamson category.

In any event, Saturday's evening of entertainment should be great fun.

• The Piperno family on Salt Spring has an extra \$450 to help offset medical costs thanks to the Saturday efforts of Ganges Village Market.

The grocery store helped raise the money through hot-dog sales.

Mary Piperno and her 11-year-old son David were on hand Saturday afternoon to collect the money which will help pay for costs associated with David's rare genetic disorder called neurofibromatosis.

The youth, who has already undergone brain surgery, also needs a kidney operation.

• Island volleyball enthusiasts can catch some topnotch play this week at the University of British Columbia.

Nairn Howe on Salt Spring is the contact for islanders wanting more information on the men's and women's junior (under 20) volleyball championships taking place May 2-4.

The tournament runs at UBC's War Memorial Gym, and will feature the top teams from all across Canada.

Many of these players are already representing Canada at the junior national level, and some are sure to be there in the future.

"It's not often that a competition of this level comes so close to us," note local promoters.

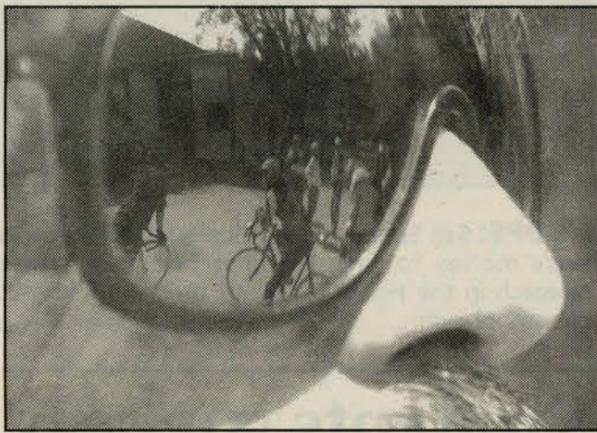
Further information can be obtained from Howe at 653-4542.

• Fiddle music and flowers will be the theme at a May Day celebration at Salt Spring's Waldorf Kindergarten this Friday evening.

A family dance is set for A Child's Garden — 180 Head Street — this Friday from 6-8 p.m.

The event will feature fiddle music by Jaime Rokeby-Thomas and Derek Duffy, as well as maypole dancing.

Further information can be obtained by calling 538-0246.



BICYCLE BOB'S FRIENDS: A horde of cycling enthusiasts gathers outside of Central Hall for a memorial ride around the north end of Salt Spring. The ride is held annually in memory of Bob Simons, who died in 1999.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Trail, nature club releases May schedule of activities

Following is the Trail and Nature Club schedule for May. Note this is the "last call" for the May 27 Hope trip. Call John Myers at 537-1933.

Walkers

May 6: We travel off-island today with Janet Andersen and Dorothy Kyle to the Cowichan River. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool at 8:30 to the Vesuvius ferry, leaving at 9 a.m. Janet will direct us from the boat on where to drive beyond Duncan. This is a scenic walk of moderate challenge lasting around three and a half hours.

May 13: Again we go off-island but just a short run over to Prevost Island with Martyn Day leading a joint Rambler/Walker outing to this interesting setting. Most or all travellers have paid their \$10 water taxi fee in advance. Meet at the water taxi at 8:45 behind Thrifty Foods for a 9 a.m. departure. Return at 2:45 p.m.

May 20: Harry Burton and Bud Williams are the team leaders for this wander down King Road and Eagle Way

to the beach. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10 a.m. to Beaver Point Hall or meet at the latter as it is the starting point for the walk around 10:30 a.m. This will be a very reasonable walk.

May 27: Ron Hall will take the group from Quarry Drive down to the water on Stuart Channel and along to Baker Road on an easy walk. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Hikers

May 6: Rescheduled from April, a fairly rigorous hike led by Martyn Day, from Cape Keppel up and over Mount Tuam. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 to meet up with southenders at Drummond Park at 10.

May 13: Prevost Island. Only for those hikers and walkers who have reserved and paid for the water taxi. Please meet at the dockside at 8:45.

May 20: With Fred Powell in charge, look forward to a strenuous hike in the Burgoyne Bay area. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to meet up with southenders at Burgoyne

Triangle at 10 a.m.

May 27: For those not travelling to Hope, Andrea and Willie will lead us on a circumnavigation of Mount Maxwell. Some scrambling with loose sections underfoot. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 p.m.

Ramblers

May 6: Donna Way leads a ramble on the Fern Valley Trail followed by a short beach ramble and lunch on the beach. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:15.

May 13: Paul and Beth Ranney have arranged for us to visit the horticulture centre of the Pacific Gardens in Saanich.

May 20: Mary Morden takes us on the trail off Menhinick Drive followed by lunch on the beach. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. at the end of Menhinick Drive.

May 27: For those Ramblers not going to Hope, meet Anne Gosse at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park for a ramble on Channel Ridge followed by lunch at the Vesuvius Pub.

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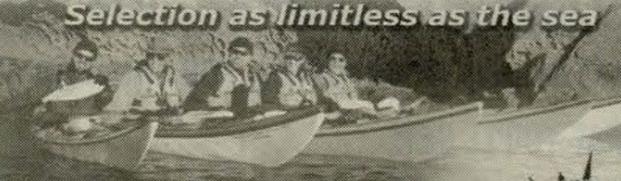
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Islanders shoot for the top

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

An unprecedented number of young island hoopsters were snapped up by elite off-island teams this week to show that Salt Spring has really come of age as a training ground for top-calibre basketball.

At least 15 students from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) and Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) attended tryouts in Nanaimo and Victoria to join three different basketball organizations.

"We haven't done anything like this before. It's a big boost for Salt Spring basketball for sure," said GISS coach Lyall Ruehlen.

Islanders first took a shot at elite teams four years ago, but this is the first year there has been more than a handful of top-level Salt Spring players to attend try-out camps, Ruehlen said.

Of those competitors, three SIMS boys made the "cut" out of 12 spots when they tried out for the U14 Basketball BC Central Island Regional Team on the weekend.

Islanders Kirby Garside, Jordan Borth and Eland Bronstein were hunting for spots on the regional development team along with approximately 40 boys from an area encompassing Shawnigan Lake to Port Alberni.

"One thing that was kind of neat is I had been training them and Saturday night at 9 p.m., I was watching hockey and I got a call from their hotel room. Eland, Kirby and Jordan all called me to tell me they got in and thanked me," Ruehlen said.

He had been running four practice sessions per week at GISS to help the young athletes prepare for the try-outs, he said.

"We had up to 25 kids at some points."

The three boys will receive training in preparation for the Provincial Jamboree tournament June 6-8.

A smaller group of players will then be selected from the 32 teams at the provincial tournament to attend a high-performance camp for potential future involvement with national teams.

"All three boys from Salt Spring were congratulated on their very strong work ethics and compatibility, as well as individual praise for specific skills," said parent Susan Garside.

Coach Todd Warnick commended Bronstein's strong rebounding ability, Borth's accurate shooting from "anywhere around the court" and Kirby Garside's excellent ball handling skills and speed, she said.

As head coach for the Malaspina University-College Men's Mariners Team, Warnick hand-picked the boys for the development team based on their talent, skill, compatibility, work ethic and special leadership or spirit contributions, she added.

"When I commented to Coach Warnick how thrilled I was that all three boys from Salt Spring made the team, he

told me that he chose them because they have promise and he sees the potential for them to go onto a university basketball program," Garside said.

Among female players, Becky Acheson and Molly Hosie re-joined Victoria elite teams in the Southern Vancouver Island Basketball Association (SVIBA) after they made the cut at the invitation-only Fab 50 Selects High-Performance Camp.

Acheson set a precedent for Salt Spring by joining an elite-level team four years ago, along with Brittany O'Donnell, to be the first islanders in the SVIBA.

Acheson, Hosie and Nicola Temmel also played with the SVIBA last year.

Now in Grade 11, Acheson has joined the association's senior team, while the Grade 8 student Hosie nabbed a spot on the younger development team last weekend.

"Pretty much half of the camp was competing for the younger two teams," Hosie said.

During the Fab 50 camp, a total of 132 girls in Grades 6-11 sought 70 spots on the five age-level teams over the three-day event, she noted.

"You would look at their name tags and think, 'this kid is good.' And you'd just hope they're older than you."

Hosie had the additional challenge of recovering from the flu while competing for an SVIBA spot.

"I was definitely excited to get in but it takes something out of you when some of your friends that you met there don't make it."

But Hosie will now benefit under the coaching of Brett Wescott, who has prepared a number of young women for top-level basketball.

Three of the girls on the UVic Vikes team that just won the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Women's Basketball Championship went through the SVIBA program, Hosie noted.

"Everyone [in the SVIBA] has been picked by coaches or by someone in the community. It's an honour to be recommended."

A third squad of island girls was also accepted by the newer Central Vancouver Island Basketball Association (CVISA) in Nanaimo, Ruehlen said.

Grade 11 GISS student Kim Cormack made the senior team, while Grade 7 SIMS player Kayla Gromme will play up on the junior squad predominantly manned by students from Grades 8-10, he said.

"Kayla is a very well-developed player with lots of potential."

Grade 8 SIMS students Emma Rimmer, Avery Brown and Jenny Akerman also joined the CVISA development team, which is coached by Craig Lindsay.

Almost all the students who attended weekly training sessions made their try-outs, Ruehlen noted.

"This was the bulk of the group that have been training."

Ruehlen would like to invite GISS Scorpions alumni to senior boys scrimmages that will continue 6-8 p.m. Thursday nights.

"It will be open to past senior boys from the last couple of years. They will be teamed up with the present senior boys for open scrimmages."

Ruehlen, who has coached teams at the provincial level, had help from fellow island coaches Lee-Anne Gordon, Karen Hosie, Susan Garside and Judy Raddysh during the scrimmages, shooting practice and skill and drill sessions.

"It was a whole development thing for them too," he said.

Parent, GISS junior girls team manager and youth basketball supporter Naim Howe has been impressed by the local turn-out and level of accomplishment by island players.

"At least half the kids, if not more, made the team," Howe said.

She believes that many Salt Spring players will go on to play for provincial teams and earn athletic scholarships. And the credit for their accomplishment can be traced back to a large support network in the community.

"It's a combination of lots of dedication and encouragement from parents and coaches," she said.

And the pay-off for the effort is a lot more than a shot to practice with an elite off-island team or play for a provincial title.

"When a kid gets the 'fire in their eyes,' it transfers over to personal and future success. I know it did for me."



HOOPS: Salt Spring Island Middle School students raise money for heart and stroke foundation research in the Hoops for Heart program Friday in the school gym.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Students surpass '02 Hoops funds

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) students out-did themselves last Friday, raising close to \$6,000 in the B.C. Heart and Stroke Foundation's Hoops for Heart fundraising and education program.

Coordinated by Gulf Islands Secondary School leadership students, some 200 SIMS youths collected pledges and then spent two hours in the gym throwing baskets last Friday afternoon.

The total money raised — \$5,670 — surpassed last year's total by \$1,500.

And the \$4,000 collected last year marked the second highest amount raised in the province outside of the Lower Mainland.

According to a high school press release, "Hoops for Heart reinforces the importance of heart health and fitness among youth, encouraging students to keep active and adopt healthy behaviours."

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Gymnasts sweep floor at Nanaimo

Beaming island gymnasts vaulted home with medals and honours from the Nanaimo Gymnastics School Invitational meet Sunday.

Five girls from Salt Spring Gymnastics competed in a Tyro-level team and won the second-place team award.

The Tyro girls also had the following individual results: Rachel Fraser, first on floor, ninth on bars and personal bests on vault and beam; Jessica Fettis at her first competition this year placed third on vault, sixth on bars, seventh on floor and tenth on beam; Kaitlin Brunt placed third on beam, fifth on bars, eighth on floor, and tenth on vault; Tess Eddington placed sixth on beam, sixth on floor, eighth on bars and had a personal best on vault.

At the Argo level, Rachel Drummond placed fifth on vault, seventh on bars and eighth on beam.

Samantha Brunt competed in the KIP (Kids In Progress) division and took gold on both vault and beam, plus silvers on bars



YOUNG GYMNASTS: Among those participating in Nanaimo gymnastics meet were, from left: Tess Eddington, Jessica Fettis and Kaitlin Brunt. Photo by Meghan Drummond

and floor.

Two older island girls who practise with Victoria Gymnastics were also at the tourney.

Competing in level-one open division, 16-year-old Kristin Tuttle received a bronze on floor, fourth on

bars, seventh on vault and seventh on beam.

Kyla Tuttle, aged 13, competed in the level-one novice category and collected a sixth on bar, but she hyper-extended her knee to aggravate a pre-existing injury and had to withdraw from the

competition.

Kyla expects to ease back into training after a week of recovery.

All nine of the local girls are training hard for their next competition, which is set for the May long weekend in Victoria.

Separated shoulder pulls off second in monthly disc event

Stellar scores among division leaders set new benchmarks for the Locals Monthly Disc Golf Tournament at Mouat Park on Sunday.

Ted Hickford shot a remarkable 91 (17 under par) to win the open pro division. Scott Chapman, who is still recovering from a separated-shoulder injury, placed second with an impressive 92. Open division newcomer Jason Dyck also notched a spot in third place with a 102.

Jerome Gagne will be moving on to the open-pro

division after he beat Andrew Ross-Collins in a playoff when they tied at 95 for the advanced division title. Dustin Chamberlin was also a close third with a 96.

Open-pro candidate Paul Linton won the masters division once again with a 96, while Fritz Arnold placed second with a 104 and Gary Railer shot a 113 for third. Linton also hit aces on holes 8 and 17.

Two other aces were pegged in the tourney by Dennis Murray and Brian B. (last name unrecorded).

Brook Holdack won a combined amateur-women's division group with a 104, followed by Mike King hitting a 106 and Tanya Van Ginkel who played par (108).

The next local disc-golf event will be the biggest island tourney of the year. The Hart Memorial Disc Golf Tournament is set for May 10 at Mouat Park. Tourney organizer Dean Crouse is also planning a "mammoth doubles match" at the private course on Mansell Farm for May 11.

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Island's ultimate club makes time changes

The Salt Spring Ultimate Club (SUC) is changing its drop-in-game schedule after an impromptu practice in glorious spring weather saw near record-level attendance Sunday.

Approximately 20 players joined in Sunday's game of the Frisbee team-sport under sunny skies at the "Hydro field" beside Windsor Plywood.

Anyone willing to chase and throw Frisbees is welcome to join scrimmage-game practices 4 p.m. Wednesdays and 3 p.m. Sundays at Salt Spring Elementary School fields. Cleats, sun screen and water are recommended but not required.

After recent successes at Udder Bowl in Nanaimo (April 12-13), the SUC team plans to attend two more beginner-level tournaments: C-Fest in Vancouver (June 7-8) and Charity in Courtenay (June 28-29).

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Tee-off time for gala golf event

It's time to dust off your black tie, golf shoes and vintage clubs because the 75th diamond-anniversary weekend celebration of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club (SSIGCC) is less than a month away.

"There will be lots to do and see starting on Friday, May 23 with a president's reception from 5-6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. This reception is open to everyone who would like to visit with invited guests, including past presidents, captains, board members, caterers and honorary members," notes an SSIGCC press release.

Hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar will be available for the public.

SSIGCC members and guests are also invited to share written comments on a club journal that will mark the gala year.

"Keep an eye out for the anniversary journal. It will be circulating throughout the season and we hope members and guests will take the time to include their memories of the golf club in the book for posterity."

Members should plan on spending a lot of time at the club on May 24 for Members' Day, the release said.

There will be two nine-hole scrambles, including ongoing skills and novelty contests. Activities will conclude with a buffet barbecue in the evening, where the gathered crowd will be entertained by the Legion Pipe Band and Salt Spring Community Band members.

The SSIGCC is also asking members to dress up in honour of the 75th diamond anniversary. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

"There will also be prizes for the best decorated golf cart, so get your bunting and flags ready for the parade. It is hoped that the 'golf cart' parade will be a practice run for the Sea Capers parade."

On Sunday, May 25, members will be holding an open house for community golfers. The club will be offering special rates on green fees of \$7.50 for nine holes and range balls for 75¢ per small bucket.

There will be a special barbecue lunch available at the 19th Hole Restaurant that day. But the restaurant is normally open for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day, the press release noted.

"We're hoping there will be something to attract you during the weekend, but any time is a good time to visit the golf club."

For more information, contact club pro/manager Steve Marleau at 537-2121.



TWIST OF TENNIS: David Philpott stretches his racket out to reach the ball as sunny, spring weather brings out the tennis players to an event at Portlock Park last weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Hills make for upbeat running

By BEN COOPER
Driftwood Contributor

We live on a wonderful island for running and there are even people escaping the winter conditions of Alberta to join in the SSPLASH (Salt Spring Indoor Pool Association) road race set for May 25.

One surprise that Albertans will be in for is the amount and steepness of local hills. This is an advantage for us since we are used to training on these hills.

As a race can really work your muscles, they can recover faster with stretching. And muscle-recovery can also benefit from a massage.

Michelle Nadon of Salt Spring Physioworks will be on site following the race to give massages to the runners and some stressed-out volunteers (not to mention any names). It can really help those sore muscles to recover after a harder training session than we are now doing.

Our training session for the beginners' week 12 is as follows:

Session 1: run 25 minutes, walk one minute and run 25

minutes (51 minutes total).

Session 2: run 30 minutes, walk one minute and run 25 minutes (56 mins. total)

Session 3: run 40 minutes, walk one minute and run 10 minutes (51 mins. total).

The training schedule for the week 12 advanced group is as follows:

Session 1: run slow and easy for 10 minutes, then begin interval training — run two minutes at medium-fast tempo and recover for two minutes. Repeat interval training eight times then run slow and easy for 10 minutes. (52 mins. total).

Session 2: run 40 minutes.

Session 3: run slow and easy for 10 minutes, then begin hill training — run uphill for 30 seconds, turn around and jog slowly back down. Repeat hill training 12 times, then run slow and easy for 10 minutes (approximately 56 mins.).

Note that hill sessions help to build endurance and give us natural resistance training.

Remember to have a rest day between each training session and maintain a pace that enables you to talk but not sing!

Butler takes low net, low gross in wet game

Wet and heavy grass meant golfers in the Tuesday ladies league could only play nine holes at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on April 22.

Janet Butler won low gross with a 54, while Connie Hardy and Grace Murchie tied at 56 for runner-up low gross.

Butler also carded runner-up low net with a (40.5) and low net winner was Chris Locke (39). Locke also took the putt pot.

Men's day results for a four-ball best ball event Thursday saw a team of Tim McBride, Geordie Webster, Larry Davies and Alan Wooldridge win with a 61.

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Second place went to a team of Colin Lawler, Gus Mitchell, Tom Locke and John Campbell (63).

Third place went to another team who scored 63: Hamish Simpson, Lee Hurd, Glen Woodley and their ghost partner.

Simpson also won the low-handicap closest-to-the-pin (KP) shot on holes six and 15. Gary Coulter won low-handicap KP on holes two and 11. And Richard Dalton won high handicap KP on holes two and 11.

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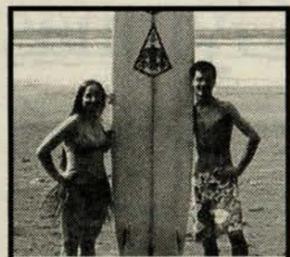
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Youths learning social skills with a slap shot

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

While some island hockey fans watch the playoff games on TV, others are living out their Stanley Cup dreams by "crashing" a local net and clutching a wooden stick.

And one group of Salt Spring youths playing ball-hockey at the Core Inn is learning about compassion, team-work and social responsibility while practising cross-checks, slap-shots and battles along the boards.

"Getting them to play compassionately is a challenge," laughed coach Jamin Stocks.

He chatted about the youth ball-hockey club while a group of players practised three-on-three against a lone goalie at an improvised rink behind the youth drop-in centre.

"When I first came out here, they didn't play; they trash-talked," said coaching consultant Paul Marcus. "If they scored, they trash-talked. If they didn't score, they trash-talked."

Marcus couldn't even compliment players or make pointers to help them improve when he first started coaching the group.

"They would swear at you over a 'good goal.' And they would swear at you if you made comments on how to improve. Now they don't do that anymore."

The hockey group has developed into a supportive and respectful club, the two coaches agreed. And the players have developed skills with an equally steep curve.

"When they started it was like deer in the headlights . . . They would all run after the ball in a pack. Even the goalie would follow the ball."

Recently, Stocks has seen passing plays and team-work replace solo efforts.

"These guys have come leaps and bounds and they are still only 10 per cent there," he laughed.

Almost on cue, one of the more experienced players came over to express appreciative frustration over the high quality of goaltending from butterfly-style netminder Koby Anderson, who even looks a bit like Vancouver Canucks goalie Dan Cloutier.

"I shoot high, he's got that. I put it low, he's there. I can't get anything past him," said Noah Copping breathlessly.

Marcus notes that Copping plays on a league hockey team and once scoffed at the Core Inn players.

"When he saw these guys, he said he didn't want to play with them. 'These guys have no skill,' he'd say. But now, the skill is coming up and he plays with us."

The group initially started playing with a saw-horse as a goal and used hand-made-down plastic sticks from an elementary school. Eventually a few players bought their own wooden sticks, Stocks provided a few more sticks and the Core Inn bought some too.

"Slowly it builds, every day," Stocks said.

Suddenly, the concrete



STREET COMPASSION: Ball-hockey players stage a photo face-off at the Core Inn. Seen from left to right are: Corey Ives, Nathen Valcourt, Koby Anderson, Chad Richards, Tom Clements, Jarret Pierce and Noah Copping.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

pad cleared in front of the net as one of the players lined up for a slapshot from the point. The shot whizzed over "Cloutier," like one of Al McGinnis' rockets, narrowly missing its target.

"Nice shot," Stocks calls out. The club has a special slapshot rule, Marcus said.

Because "it hurts when you get hit," players can only make a slapshot if they warn the other participants and make sure the shooting-lane is clear.

"See how they all spread out when somebody tees-up," Stocks noted.

The safety rule has helped to teach players to be more considerate of each other, Marcus said.

"By teaching them the slapshot rule, people are more alert in front of the net too," Stocks added wryly.

Players also receive penalties for rough play. And since there's a shortage of sticks for practices, a two-minute absence from the game looks like a tough wait

when you might have to wait another 10 minutes to get back in the game after the penalty expires.

But ball-hockey still looks pretty brutal to anyone unused to the regular nudging of "cycling" along the boards. Little hooks, slashes and cross-checks are the currency of the game.

"[One player] used to come out here and cry every day. He'd hurt his hand or somebody would intimidate him," Stocks said.

The young player stuck with it and gained respect from his older peers; they even offered words of encouragement during games when they saw him enter a struggling battle for the ball along the makeshift side boards.

"It's tough to go into the boards with someone. You don't know who's going to come out with the ball."

And respect earned in the ball-hockey games has spread into the community as the club members run into

each other on the street, Stocks said.

"They all come from different cliques of 'cool kids,' 'skaters' and 'jocks.' But they all blend together when they play. You see them in town now and they talk about the game. Before, even guys in the same group wouldn't talk to each other . . . Now, they're not so afraid to be friendly to someone."

He estimated that 40 to 50 different kids have dropped in on games over the last couple of months but there is a regular group of a dozen hard-core players.

"Everyone is welcome to join in the games," Marcus said.

And the youths have become increasingly more involved in helping the club function, he noted.

Players cleaned up an area behind the Core Inn and helped set up plywood boards from a converted stage floor to enclose the practice rink, Marcus said.

"There's no way they would come and help work before."

The players even pulled broom from a Beaver Point strata property to raise \$1,000 for new equipment, noted Stocks.

A matching grant from the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association (SSCPA) doubled their earnings.

"We saw it was a win-win situation," said SSCP member Mel Sumner, who was on hand to watch the practice.

The group learned through personal experience that places like the Core Inn exist because of other people's efforts, Marcus said.

"The community isn't just handing money out, they're giving back, too."

The coaches had hoped to

get equipment with their proceeds last week but were delayed from going off-island to get new sticks, jerseys, goalie gear and another net.

Stocks' long-term dream is to get roller blades and form a team that can play in an off-island league.

"I hope to get them playing well enough on blades to just squeak into a league on Vancouver Island."

Fundraising among participant youth and parents in the interim period collected approximately another \$500, he said.

Slegg Lumber also donated blue decking paint so the club could paint creases and a blue line on their rink.

"If we keep waiting, we might get even better gear," Stocks laughed.

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Wine lover swindled, this time at restaurant

By TONY RICHARDS

My adventures with wine are ongoing.

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purchase via an Internet wine auction site several weeks ago, through which I learned the hazards of importing products subject to taxation by greedy governments, and other lessons.

Fortunately, the adventure had a happy ending as the wine I'd bought proved to be of excellent quality.

Two weeks ago in Victoria I learned another lesson.

We were in the city for a one-night getaway and were having dinner at a favourite restaurant.

Nothing fancy, but a good Italian meal and a good Italian wine.

We splurged on the latter, deciding to spring for a \$45 bottle which, in relative terms, was cheap on this particular restaurant's wine list.

Along comes our waiter with the chosen wine and — what's this? — a second bot-

tle. Here's the wine you ordered, he confided, but this other one is equally good and sells for the same price.

His tone of quiet confidence, uttered with a slight Italian accent, was persuasive.

Sure, I replied, we'll try it. Like the one we had ordered, it was a Sangiovese, and also happened to be from our waiter's home town.

He even brought out a map to show us the precise location.

I took a drink and pronounced it delightful.

So we finished our meals, drank the last of the wine and inquired of our thoughtful Italian friend as to the availability of such a fine wine.

He solemnly assured us we could not purchase such an excellent vintage in the liquor store. It was a special order, direct from his home town, and proceeded to tell us of his forthcoming visit home.

We resigned ourselves to living the rest of our lives without ever sampling such a lovely wine again and retired to our hotel.

If you're at all fond of

wine, a trip to Victoria is only complete if you stop in at the Fort-and-Foul-Bay liquor store, a wine-lover's delight. And we did, the following day.

We were perusing our favourite section, the Italian one, and I spied a familiar label. I pointed it out to Alice. She agreed: it was the very same wine we had enjoyed the night before at dinner.

The same wine, the same vintage, the same label — but not quite the same price.

It was obviously a special product because it was featured in a large display, with several cases ready to be spirited away by discerning customers who could recognize a good investment in wine.

And a very good investment it was. Our \$45 "special order" was priced at a mere \$7.95.

I swore several times as we drove to the ferry. I swore some more over the next several hours. I didn't stop swearing until I popped the cork on a newly-purchased bottle of Sangiovese, happy in the knowledge that I had another 11 bottles to go.



Magnolias spotted last week on Hereford Avenue

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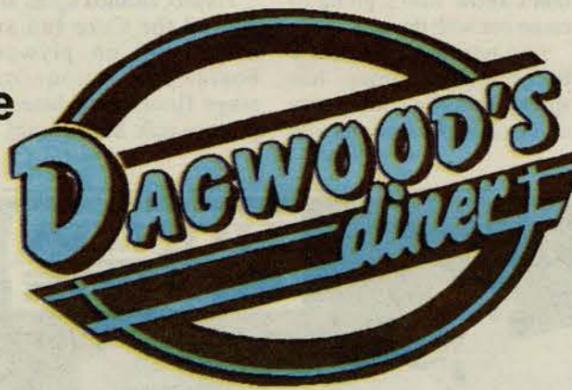
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