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## Weather

Sunny skies today (Wednesday) and tomorrow will turn to showers for the weekend. Highs to 10 C on Saturday; overnight lows 2 C Friday.

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## Vacation rental ideas dissected

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

Based on the existing pool of vacation rental opinion, attendees at a Thursday Islands Trust meeting may have been surprised by the civil tea-party atmosphere at the packed high-school multi-purpose room.

"You've been a model audience," commented moderator David Wood.

While people on all sides of the issue threw in their two cents worth, no one's lobs were aimed with an intent to injure.

Speakers included people who live next to short term

vacation rental (STVR) homes and hate them; those who'd choose an STVR any day over having long-term tenants next door; people who rent out their homes and those who market others'; and islanders with concerns about STVR impact on island neighbourhoods and water resources.

Some suggested the matter was long settled through official community plan (OCP) and land use bylaw drafting, while others said last year's local Trust election results had opened it up again.

VACATION RENTALS 3

## Negotiations ongoing as ferry strike looms

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Ferry workers might have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike mandate last week, but B.C. Ferry Services Inc. (BCFSI) and the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union (BCFMWU) are both hopeful they can still negotiate a labour contract.

"We're trying to work out an agreement with our union and that's our first priority," said BCFSI vice president of communications Mark Stefanson during an interview Tuesday.

"We're still before the Labour Relations Board (LRB) to set essential services and those discussions will resume again [Wednesday]."

The BCFMWU reported a record-setting 82 per cent of the fleet's 4,300 workers cast ballots with a vote of 97 per cent in support of a strike mandate on Friday. But the union intends to continue negotiating.

UNION SUPPORTS STRIKE A2

## Seair plucks crashed Cessna pilot from water

By CAREY RUDISILL  
Staff Writer

Pilot Keith Stewart was thinking about the weight of his shoes when the engine of his Cessna 170 airplane died over Porlier Pass near Galiano Island on Monday morning.

Stewart, who lives in Coquitlam, left Pitt Meadows at 10:50 a.m. for Nanaimo. About 20 minutes into his flight, he noticed a

problem.

Stewart said it was an "oh darn" moment.

"The engine ran rough for a few seconds," he said. "Then it was quiet."

He notified traffic controllers at Vancouver International Airport about his situation.

Stewart said he tried not to think about the worst-case scenario.

"You try not to go in the

water, you try to get the engine started," he said.

"I tried not to think 'what if,' and took off my heavy shoes."

He was also comforted by knowing a rescue plane was coming for him.

The Vancouver tower had contacted Seair pilot Evan Davies, who was in the area.

Seair Seaplanes public relations officer Christy

Clark said the company's Cessna 185 was on a scheduled service to the Gulf Islands at the time.

"On the way, the pilot Evan Davies got this radio call and he responded to it," she said.

Davies had a female passenger on board with him who was going to Thetis Island.

The Seair pilot was two miles behind Stewart and

saw him go down.

"From the time I saw him hit the water until the time I flew over it seemed like a long time," he said. "It was no more than three to five minutes. By that time, the airplane had sunk."

Watching Stewart climb aboard the downed plane, Davies said he had hoped the man was alone.

PLANE CRASH 3



**HALLOWE'EN PURR:** Patricia Brown serves patrons at Moby's Pub with feline aptness as she and hordes of others dress the part at a Halloween costume party held at the Ganges pub on Friday night. More costume party photos can be found on Page B3; while additional Halloween photos from across the island are located on Page A23.

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# Quarry opponents turn up legal heat; no meeting date

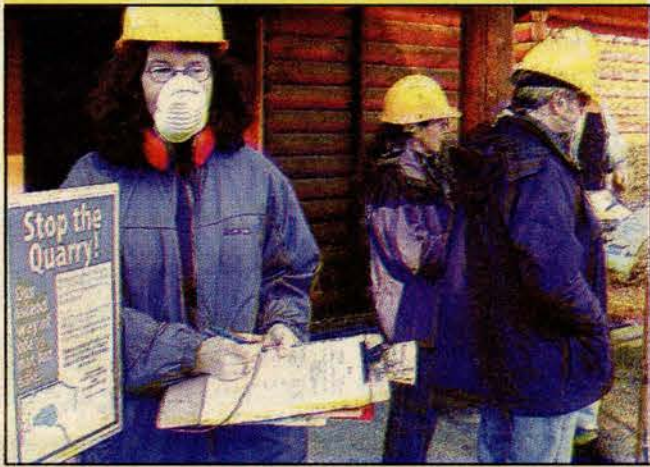
By GAIL SJUBERG and  
MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writers

The Stewart Road Residents' Association (SRRA) has dug up some legal cases and a covenant to bolster its bid to stop the proposed Salt Spring Rock Products Ltd. Jasper Road quarry.

SRRA representative Rosey Brennan told the Thursday Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting that her group had acquired independent legal and technical advice on two points.

Lawyer Murray Rankin informed the SRRA that a July 7 B.C. Court of Appeal Case — Squamish (District) vs. Great Pacific Pumice Inc. — found that storage and processing of pumice at the company's Squamish site contravened local zoning bylaws.

"We'd like the Trust to consider a motion to refer the case



**PROTEST:** Director of Stewart Road Residents Association Rosey Brennan gathered signatures outside Islands Trust meeting last Thursday. Photo by Carey Rudisill

to your lawyers for an opinion," said Brennan.

She also told the meeting that residents' concerns expressed to the Ministry of Energy and Mines had impacted a quarry on Jameson Road

near Nanaimo.

According to information on Regional District of Nanaimo and Jameson Road residents' websites, a proposed quarry site was moved to another property in the area

following local opposition. However, Copan Contracting Ltd. has recently applied to add rock crushing to its permit, causing residents to revive their protest.

At the LTC meeting, Brennan also read the opinion of Adrian Chantler, president of engineering firm Hay and Company Consultants Inc., about impacts of a quarry operation on the area's wetlands.

A title search also revealed that a Section 215 (Land Title Act) covenant is registered to protect the property's wetland.

"Neither the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Mines nor the provincial government would interfere with a 215 covenant," said Brennan, quoting Rankin.

LTC chair David Essig agreed the covenant would be "airtight."

He also said he would take the Rankin information to an Islands Trust executive com-

mittee meeting this week to see if further legal advice would be sought by the Trust.

Trustee Kimberly Lineer suggested the LTC write to the property owner to advise that the Trust has the authority to enforce the Section 215 covenant.

A contingent of residents illustrated their concern about the quarry by wearing protective gear, including dust masks, earmuffs and hardhats, to the meeting.

Larry Bader, representing quarry applicant Salt Spring Rock Products Ltd., said Tuesday a date for a public meeting on the proposal has not been set.

"I have no idea at this point in time," he said. "I guess if we're going ahead with it, there will be; if we're not, there won't be."

He also expressed frustration with the application being written about in the Driftwood.

"I don't believe in resolving issues in newspapers," he said. "I don't think there is any resolution there. If there is going to be a public meeting required by [the Ministry of Mines] then there will be a public meeting. When that date is, I don't know."

Bader did not return messages left for him by the Driftwood on August 28, September 4, September 5, September 23 and October 27.

Regarding the Squamish court case, The Aggregate Producers' Association of British Columbia expressed alarm in a press release issued at the time.

Association president Brian Weeks commented, "This opens the door to any number of intrusive local regulations which might be created by a council which wants to shut down or prevent the start up of a legitimate aggregate operation."

## UNION SUPPORTS STRIKE

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"We tabled counter proposals to the company yesterday and we have working groups that are looking at some of the main issues and things are quite stable right now," said BCFMWU president Jackie Miller from Victoria Tuesday.

This week will be critical for negotiations while the LRB discusses service levels, she said.

"We're hoping we won't have too many problems there and that we'll know what the levels are by Friday."

The LRB will need to determine essential service levels before the union can strike, she said.

"We can't take any job action whatsoever until we have the essential service levels and we have to give a 72-hour strike notice."

But Miller hopes the labour agreement can be resolved on the bargaining table.

"We think we've got some good material to work with now on both sides and talks are continuing."

Though negotiations are proceeding, Miller has been displeased about comments made by Premier Gordon Campbell in respect to the bargaining process.

"The Coastal Ferry Act mandate was specifically to change the governance structure of B.C. Ferry Corporation so there would be no government interference in the business of B.C. Ferries."

And Stefanson of B.C. Ferries was in agreement with Miller regarding the purpose of the legislation.

"One of the functions of the new independent commercial entity is to prevent political interference."

But during a press conference last week, the premier said he would "not let Vancouver Island or the coastal communities be held hostage to a labour dispute."

"The very first opportunity that Gordon Campbell had, he interfered in a very significant way because he raised alarm bells with the travelling public that were unne-

cessary," Miller said.

And she was concerned that Campbell had indicated the government might have to step in if the essential service level is set at 50 per cent.

"With Gordon Campbell saying that he would actually go to the extent of intervening in the essential service levels was even more disturbing in that he was interfering with the LRB and its jurisdiction."

But Stefanson said he has not seen evidence of political interference by the provincial government since BCFSI was created in April.

"Either we have a demo-

cratic society with free collective bargaining and an LRB that oversees all of that, or we have a dictatorship in Victoria where they determine everything," Miller said.

She was comforted when Labour Minister Graham Bruce made a statement Saturday that the government would not interfere in B.C. Ferries negotiations.

"We are hoping that will remain that way and we'll be allowed to continue our bargaining just as any other private-sector union and private company are able to do without the interference of the government."

Miller believes small communities will be pleased with the union service-level proposal to the LRB.

"It will be very interesting to see how the company responds to our proposals to the LRB, with respect to smaller communities."

Since small routes lose money, the company could advocate more heavily for the money-making major routes, she noted.

"That's the entire focus of this company now, to generate revenue and profit. They're not particularly concerned with public service anymore. And we're still absolutely 100 per cent focussed on the public service aspect of a public transportation infrastructure."

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## VACATION RENTALS: Options still open

From Page A1

Wood has chaired the Vacation Rentals Resource Subcommittee, which met weekly since June to gather information about the impacts of STVRs and how the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) might deal with the situation.

He summarized the group's report, which lists potential STVR impacts and related issues — largely in a pro and con list format — without making "recommendations."

A number of speakers thanked committee members for all the work they put into the volunteer task.

Several people speaking in favour of legalizing STVRs either operated such an operation now or in the past, or were involved in the business.

Three residents groups opposed to full legalization of STVRs were represented at the meeting. They were the Channel Ridge Owners Association, Eagle Hill Residents and the Beddis and

Cusheon Area Residents' Association.

Pat Fraser, who operates Island Explorer Property Management, said an estimated 108 of the 154 STVRs are owned by islanders, with another 31 in the hands of part-timers.

"These are your neighbours," she said. "They are the people you share your volunteer duties with... Think about who you are really hurting."

Duart Campbell said if 1,000 rather than 154 STVRs were in operation, "we would be paranoid."

As it is, he suggested doling out 150 licences "and be done with it, and move onto the big problem, which is the lack of affordable housing."

Charles Breth described his problems living near two STVRs, and stressed zoning offered the only protection for neighbours and the island as a whole.

"STVR siting is just what's convenient to owners, not what is the best for the community."

"Zoning is the only tool the Trust has to control development on the island."

Former trustees Grace Byrne (who was in office when the OCP was drafted) and David Borrowman were among those speaking against legalization of vacation rental homes.

"We will be revising our report based on things we hear here tonight," said Wood.

Copies of the subcommittee's report are available at the Ganges Trust office.

Trustee Eric Booth said he was "very impressed with the way the process went."

His colleague Kimberly Lineger stressed the Trust was still in the "first part" of the STVR policy review.

The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) will now consider the subcommittee's report and make recommendations to the LTC.

APC meetings are open to the public, added Lineger.

## Firefighters respond to rash of grass fires

Following three grass fires during the last week of October, fire chief Dave Enfield wants people to stay alert when using incinerators or open burn piles.

On October 29, a grass fire occurred near a home on Sandpiper Place on Channel Ridge.

"It was extinguished by the owner on our arrival,"

said Enfield.

The following day, a second grass fire started from a burn pile near a Quebec Drive home.

"It was a good-sized fire," he said. "It wasn't anywhere near the house."

On October 31, the third grass fire was caused by an incinerator in use on Bayview Road off Vesuvius

Bay Road.

Enfield said the incidents highlight the need for people to watch the fires they start.

"We've had three that way from people not watching their incinerators," he said. "Maybe [people are] a little complacent from the amount of rain we've had."

"People have got to still watch. It's still dry out there. You've got to be responsible and have some sort of extinguishing agent — a shovel, water, rake."

The fire department also responded to a report of youths setting fire to a tree behind Salt Spring Roasting Company using a marine flare.

## PLANE CRASH

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"There was nothing we could have done if there was still someone on board," he said.

Davies noticed Stewart was shaking after he got inside the Sear floatplane.

"I don't know what's going through your head when that sort of thing happens," he said.

Stewart recognized all the variables of a potentially bad situation worked out to his advantage.

"Everything that could go right did. Good weather, calm skies. Other air traffic in the area. It was perfect," he said. "Once it was determined it was going to be an accident, everything was well lined up."

"[The Sear pilot] was on the spot within two minutes of me touching down. I was not in the water for very long. My airplane sank and I swam over to his airplane and we took

off. It was very easy."

Ganges Coast Guard leading seaman Marco Khalil said the pilot was lucky he crashed this week when weather conditions were ideal.

Khalil said the Rescue Co-ordinator Centre alerted the coast guard at 11:26 a.m.

He said the pilot was also lucky the Sear plane was nearby.

"We were the closest vessel at 30 to 35 minutes away," he said.

When the coast guard crew arrived, no wreckage or flotsam was visible.

Other vessels, including the coast guard hovercraft Siyay and B.C. Ferries ship Queen of Oak Bay offered assistance but were later stood down.

Clark said this was the first time Davies had landed his plane to pick up an accident victim.

She said she wasn't surprised by his actions on Monday.

"Pilots like to help other pilots out," she said. "He was just there at the right place, at the right time and able to help the pilot."

Davies called back to the Sear office to arrange for an ambulance to meet the plane.

"The pilot in the water was in shock and had slight hypothermia," said Clark.

Davies, along with the Sear passenger and Stewart, returned to Vancouver airport.

Stewart said he had owned the Cessna for more than a decade and has been flying for 26 years.

The accident won't keep him out of a cockpit, he said.

A friend has already offered his plane for use.

"A buddy of mine told me, 'let's go,'" he said.

## FOR THE RECORD

Seth Burton was unfortunately destined to take on another identity last week.



Burton

He came out as "Seth Burdon" in Derrick's Island Pics last week, but not before being caught labelled "Rita Dods" because of that feature's template, and then being plucked from above Bud Bowes' name in Salt Spring Says. Sorry, Seth. We do know who you are!



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# Fulton loses sister in tragic accident

By CAREY RUDISILL  
Staff Writer

Friends of local educator and activist Margaret Fulton want islanders to know that she's now doing well after being struck by a car in a Victoria sidewalk last month.

Fulton, 81, is still recovering in Victoria General Hospital after the October 16 accident that claimed the life of her 83-year-old sister Mary.

Patricia Houston, one of Margaret's friends, said the event was tragic.

"They were going to the opera on that fateful day," she said. "It was teeming rain that week."

Houston said both women were knocked down by the vehicle's impact.

"The person driving the car was a medical doctor. That must be hard on him," she said.

Mary Fulton was knocked unconscious at the scene and later placed on life support.

Houston said the family decided to take her off life support after five days.

"She and Mary were close. They're from a remarkable

family with seven children and four of them have the Order of Canada."

Fulton and other family members are dealing with the emotional consequences of that day.

"She is in deep grief over losing her friend, her sister," she said.

The two sisters had gone on an Alaskan cruise six weeks prior to the accident.

"They just decided 'we should go do this,'" said Houston. "You just never know how things are going to be at their age. That will be a memory Margaret will cherish."

While dealing with the emotional loss, Margaret has also undergone three operations.

"She had several fractures and her right foot was badly mangled," said Houston.

Fulton displayed her spirit when doctors warned at one point that her foot might have to be amputated.

"She told me and the doctor that 'if you take off my foot you might as well cut off my head,'" Houston said.

That's what Margaret is like, she said.

"Margaret is a strong woman."

Fulton underwent surgery at the Royal Jubilee Hospital but returned to the Victoria General Hospital.

The procedure reportedly went well.

Houston said Fulton will need the support of the community when she comes back to the island.

"She'll be in recovery for a while," she said. "I know there will be a time when she gets home that dropping off a dinner will be appreciated."

Houston said Margaret doesn't want flowers brought to the hospital but appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Fulton moved to Salt Spring in the mid-1990s and quickly became a part of the community.

Marion Pape first met Fulton through Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, a group they both belonged to.

"Margaret is a living legend," said Pape. "Margaret is a mentor to so many people, especially women."

She said Margaret is also

known for her work in the Millionth Circle movement that started two years ago in San Francisco.

"It's based on the whole idea of women coming together in a circle to create many circles."

She said the circles create a "critical mass" and a "transformative energy field."

Houston said Fulton has done wonderful things for women.

"She's taught in several universities in Canada and developed a program on consensus leadership instead of top-down leadership," she said.

Fulton was awarded the Order of Canada in April 1985 for her work in the advancement of women, justice and world peace. She has worked with organizations such as the Institute for the Advancement of Women and the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education. She earned a Ph.D. in English Literature, served as Dean of Women at the University of British Columbia and was president at Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax.

## Eagle tree decision temporarily up in the air

More expertise is being sought before trustees decide whether or not to relax the land use bylaw buffer zone around an active eagle tree on an Alders Road property.

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) voted Thursday to refer an application that would reduce the 100-metre no-activity zone around the tree to 45 metres from July 1 to January 29 — deemed outside the eagles' nesting period — to its Advisory Planning Commission. Trustee Kimberly Lineger suggested the commission's pool of expertise, which includes biologists, should be dipped into for advice before an LTC decision is made.

A Trust staff report outlines how property owner Chris

Hooper plans to consolidate two existing lots and then subdivide the parcel into three lots.

Trust planner Leslie Clarke explains that a nesting-period buffer covenant could only be registered on the property because a subdivision is being proposed. As it stands, a house could be built on the subject property, which already has one existing dwelling, at any time of the year.

However, without the buffer relaxation for part of the year, the subdivided lots could not practically be built on.

"You would have approximately an average of a 10-metre strip along the west side or uppermost part of the property and that would be about it. It would be pretty much

unbuildable," said Clarke.

Strick Aust of Gulf Islands Property Management Ltd. is representing Hooper on the application. In an October 20 letter to the Trust Aust states: "As you can see from the diagram of the subdivision area, if the existing bylaw were to be enforced, there would be no reason to do the subdivision, as there would be no building sites on any of the proposed lots. If the subdivision is not completed, there will be no covenant protecting the eagle nest tree, and although there are regulations currently in place regarding the protection of eagle nest trees, they would not restrict the use of the land surrounding the tree as well as the proposed covenant will."

But several islanders spoke

against the application at the October 30 LTC meeting or wrote letters protesting the proposal.

"Please give the tree, the nest, and the eagles a chance to continue their lives in peace, especially in downtown Ganges where to behold such a natural wonder is indeed very special," wrote Peter Prince. "As a bird and wildlife enthusiast I believe it is important to halt the provocation of unrelenting human development upon the disappearing habitat of our winged neighbours."

Bristol Foster of the Friends of Ecological Reserves asked that the permit be denied "as otherwise there will be no end to exceptions and the bylaw will be meaningless."

Jack Rosen, who operates nearby Island Escapades, said he had observed young eagles leaving the nest as late as July 28, four weeks after the proposed buffer period end date.

## Pool survey mailed out Friday

The Salt Spring Aquatic Centre Survey will be sent out to 1,000 island mailboxes this Friday.

Created by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC), SSPLASH indoor pool society and Vancouver consulting firm PERC, the survey aims to gauge public support for a pool facility to replace Shelby Pool, which is nearing the end of its life.

It asks what type of facility and features

are desired and how much respondents would be willing to pay in property taxes.

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PARC had hoped the survey might have been ready for mailing last week.

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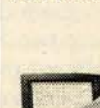


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## Unclaimed boat sinks off Pender

By CAREY RUDISILL  
Staff Writer

Ganges Coast Guard members responded to a Thursday call of a 26-foot sailing vessel sunk in Hope Bay off North Pender Island.

Leading seaman Marco Khalil said navy boat HMCS Yellowknife was in the area and dispatched a rigid hull inflatable, while Gulf Islands Water Taxi boat The Graduate also responded to the call.

"[Coast guard] hovercraft Siyay from Sea Island was also dispatched and had their divers on board," said Khalil. "Nobody was on board. Nothing was found."

Khalil said the coast guard believes bad weather was a contributing factor in the incident.

"The suspicion is that it broke away during the bad weather and made its way over to Hope Bay and came ashore, broke a hole in the hull and sank," he said.

Hope Bay wharfinger Peter Binner believes the vessel called Constance may have come from Saturna Island.

"That was the direction that the wind would've been coming," he said.

The boat was found tied up to the Hope Bay dock by its mast.

"That's how the boat was first noticed," said Binner. "It washed up against the dock and knocked against the rail. Somebody had tied the mast to the dock just to hold the boat there. That wasn't that great of an idea."

He said he's curious to learn how this boat got free from its original location.

"It's odd. It looks like it was well secured. It'd be interesting to see where it came from and how it broke," he said.



**PUMPKIN ART:** Talon Campbell works intently on carving his pumpkin during a Halloween carving contest held last week at Tree House South.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Ink dries on Channel Ridge watershed transfer documents

Documents needed to finalize transfer of 272 acres of Channel Ridge watershed property to the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society (WPS) were signed last Wednesday.

"We are delighted to transfer ownership of this final installment, which completes our commitment of 272 acres in total," said Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. board chair Kevin Thompson.

According to a Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. press release, documents include a conservation covenant required by the Islands Trust before the parcel can be sub-

divided and transferred to WPS.

Also present for the signing ceremony that took place at the Islands Trust's Ganges office were WPS representatives Bob Twaites, Tom Gossett and Bob Brawn, and trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth.

Linda Adams, director of Trust Area Services, witnessed signatures.

"Handing over the final acreage of the total parcel honours a commitment made 17 years ago," said Twaites. "Its conclusion means the land will be protected in the watershed in perpetuity and this benefits

all residents of Salt Spring Island."

Gossett noted that trails are among the permitted uses for the watershed lands, "so we can assure everyone of access to these protected lands."

Final subdivision approval must be granted by the Ministry of Transportation.

"Channel Ridge Properties Ltd., a consortium of 304 investors from across Canada, owns 851 acres on Channel Ridge which it plans to develop as an environmentally superior, economically viable and socially integrated community," explained the release.

## Fulford water okayed

A boil water order for the Fulford Waterworks District has been lifted.

Trevor Hutton, manager of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, said the last water samples found no coliform bacteria in the water.

"Samples taken on October 22-23 gave a value of zero for the total coliform count, so Michael Reifman's [Vancouver Island Health Authority] office was happy to lift the order."

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## Greens sprout action

A founding meeting of the Green Party Electoral District Association (EDA) for Saanich-Gulf Islands took place Saturday on Salt Spring.

According to a press release, the association was formed in anticipation of Bill C-24, the Electoral Reform and Political Financing Act, which comes into effect across the country on January 1.

Green Party of Canada (GPC) leader Jim Harris said in a message of support, "Congratulations to the fantastic team in Saanich! I predict your riding and candidate will have one of the highest votes in all of Canada in the next general election. As you know, any party that gets more than two per cent of the vote across Canada will get \$1.75 per vote per year between elections. This will represent over \$500,000 to the GPC, which will enable us to professionalize and build the Green movement across Canada."

Also announced at the meeting is the start of the official campaign period for prospective Green Party candidates. So far, two members have indicated their intention to run for the nomination — Ken Rouleau of Salt Spring and Phil Spidle from Saanich.

Nominations will close 14 days before the nomination meeting, which is scheduled for February 7, 2004.

A recent Ipsos-Reid/CTV/Globe and Mail poll puts the GPC at four per cent across Canada, and eight per cent in B.C.

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# Parent complains to Scholastic over toy sales

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

A Salt Spring parent has drawn the line over marketing of toys and video games in book club catalogues distributed to school children by publishing giant Scholastic Canada.

"I want more and more parents to voice their disapproval to Scholastic. We constantly hear parents complaining about these catalogues, and I think it's time to do something about them," said islander Suzanne Little.

"If they won't change their practices in a way that makes parents want to continue supporting them, I will actively campaign for their boycott in school districts across Canada."

Little serves as school board chair for the independent Salt Spring Centre School and she's heard many local parents express disapproval over items offered in Scholastic's Book Club (SBC) catalogues.

"I don't want the thrill of reading to be lost on children because of all of the other options kids have for entertainment these days, including computer and video games and round-the-clock cartoon networks."

And when Scholastic started promoting a GameBoy video game in their September catalogue, Little believes the company stepped over the line.

"I thought, 'This is absolutely ridiculous.' These people have the most incredible marketing vehicle there is because every single school-aged child in Canada is getting these catalogues."

She would like to see SBC catalogues sell just books instead of toys and video games.

"If we can get them to start promoting books only, and then even move further by choosing less commercially-based titles, that would be great," Little said.

In a letter she asked the company about their marketing intentions.

"These book club catalogues are perceived as being sanctioned by teachers and educators when they come to our children in the classroom. I do not know of any educators who would support this kind of advertising to our children through their schools," she wrote.

Scholastic responded that it offers non-book items in the book club flyers to make them more attractive to children.

"We have learned through our many years of providing this service to students across Canada that some children need this extra incentive," wrote SBC administrator Michelle Cardozo.

Little was appalled by Cardozo's "blanket customer service" response and she encouraged other Centre School parents to share their concerns with the publisher. Consequently, she received a phone call from SBC's division director, Nancy Pearson.

"We're not looking to alienate anybody — teachers, parents or children — they are all important to us. We will be mindful of how book clubs are perceived and supported," Pearson told the Driftwood.

She took Little's concerns to the company president and Scholastic Canada decided to discontinue sales of GameBoy video games once the current marketing promotion is completed in the next three catalogues.

"Based on her concerns and her complaint, we decided to cease selling them . . . We will not be selling any more GameBoys," Pearson said.

But she believes there is a

place for toys and other non-book items in SBC catalogues.

"For some children who are more reluctant readers, sometimes they need a little enticement into a book or into the book clubs overall."

Pearson gave an example of how Scholastic marketed the popular Beyblade-brand spin tops along with a book on forces and motion that was very popular with teachers.

"It brought something completely relevant from the playground into the classroom and into part of a more science [oriented] curriculum. We're always looking for opportunities like that to help teachers, parents and kids by giving them items that are appealing to them."

But Little doesn't subscribe to Scholastic's "spin" on product marketing to children and she plans to promote an alternative — a quality local book club.

"If our kids were handed a little catalogue that had just books in it, all books, they'd be excited if they could pick one of those books. I don't think they need toys to draw them into it."

She approached Erin Porter at Fables Cottage about starting a local book

club with incentives for schools similar to those offered by Scholastic, which gives schools free books based on the amount bought by students.

"I have similar concerns about the commercial aspect of their catalogues," said Porter. "Even most of the books seem more and more TV-oriented and commercially oriented. I haven't supported that since I was a teacher."

But it would be difficult for the local bookstore to compete with the U.S.-based mega-marketer if parents are looking for budget books, she said.

She's been working with parents at the Centre School and Fulford Elementary to produce a local catalogue for parents and kids that could offer help for schools.

"We can't compete with their pricing. That's the tricky part. They have a huge volume of sales and print their own books on lesser-quality materials."

Porter would like to provide a discount or book-

reward system to schools, similar to that offered by Scholastic, but would not be able to provide discounts for both parents and schools, she said.

Fulford Elementary principal Judy Raddysh is supportive of the Fables catalogue plan but she is also doubtful the island-based alternative can compete with Scholastic.

"While Scholastic does have a lot of fluff marketed, it does offer some decent literature, and the classroom rewards are really good," Raddysh said.

"We haven't really found a way to do that with Fables and meet all the needs; it's a small business on a small island."

Fulford Elementary hosted a book fair with Fables Cottage as another option for exposing children and parents to quality literature, she said.

"The positive spin-off [with Scholastic] is that teachers are able to buy lots of good books for their classrooms — even if families opt to buy junk."

## Marina gets one more week to comply

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

With Ganges Marina regulatory issues so close to being resolved, the local Trust committee (LTC) gave resident Michael Wheaton special decision-making influence last week.

Trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger voted to give marina owner Rick Barbieri until November 6 to provide a \$16,506.87 letter of credit to the Islands Trust, but only after asking Wheaton what he thought should be done.

As Lineger noted at the October 30 LTC meeting, Wheaton had "watch-dogged" marina proceedings for almost two years.

"I want to hear Mr. Wheaton's opinion," said Lineger before making up her mind.

Wheaton said he was persuaded by Booth's argument that waiting another week was not a problem.

"We know they're not going to do it. But let's give them one more week," said Wheaton.

Provision of the bond to cover costs of removing and storing the float camp structure, which contravenes the land use bylaw and official community plan, was one of the conditions required for granting a temporary use

permit. That document would allow use of the float camp for construction-related activities while the marina is redeveloped in the next few years.

Trustee Booth said he had no problem giving the marina seven more days to complete its requirements for the permit.

"This, I believe, gives the LTC the ability to say there has been every attempt on our part [to facilitate the permit] . . . I want to be able to say that at the end of the day they had every possible chance at this . . ."

He stressed that it would be unfortunate if marina development was held up because of a "couple of hundred bucks."

"If the letter of credit is not forthcoming [by November 6], then I think it shows Ganges Marina is not interested in proceeding with this and at that time I'd be prepared to consider bylaw enforcement through a resolution without meeting."

Before hearing Booth and soliciting Wheaton's opinion, Lineger expressed concerns that the community had expected the Trust to not wait past the end of October before commencing bylaw enforcement proceedings.

In an October 23 letter to trustees and staff signed by Jim Robertson of Ganges Marina, he said the company's estimate to relocate the float home outside of the Trust area "may appear low . . . [but] it is because we will be using our own resources to prepare for relocation when the time comes."

"I ask you to relax the urgency to resolve the final issue, the amount of the irrev-

ocable letter of credit, and invite each of you to join together to move forward with open minds and refocused direction to minimize the potential of other significant initiatives from being derailed."

Proof of approved water and sewer hook-ups for the float camp structure — two other conditions for the TUP being issued — was received by the Trust.

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# Budget and taxes picture outlined

By GARY HOLMAN  
CRD Director

As I indicated in my September 17 report, the CRD's budget process for 2004 is underway.

CRD's provisional budget is approved in December, but not finalized until the end of March to take into account changes in property values and other factors.

Probably the biggest tax news in 2004 is what won't happen — the downloading of policing costs to rural areas and small municipalities, which the provincial government has now deferred until 2007. The latest provincial proposal was to recover 50 per cent of such costs.

CRD electoral area directors met with several of our local MLAs to present data showing that electoral areas already cover more than 50 per cent of policing and road costs. Such meetings occurred across B.C., resulting in the welcome announcement at the Union of B.C. Municipalities conference on September 25.

With policing costs deferred, the most significant CRD tax issue for 2004 will be possible increases in PARC's budget for developing the Rainbow Road recreation site. As I indicated in my previous report, I will support a requisition increase of about \$92,000 to PARC's legal limit, if it is earmarked for the recreation project, and if supported in a forthcoming survey developed by a joint PARC/SSPLASH committee.

Public support for these requisitions, and extension of PARC's existing loan to its legal limit of 2010 (payments on the loan are already included in current tax levels), will be sufficient to complete servicing of the Rainbow Road property for all recreation facilities on the site.

Contrary to previous predictions, additional funding will be necessary to construct recreation facilities, therefore requiring a referendum.

A counterpetition process to establish a new arts service for Salt Spring will begin in late November and end January 5, 2004. If approved, the new arts bylaw will allow for a maximum annual requisition of \$38,000 or \$.025 per

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\$1,000 of assessed property value.

However, the initial requisition will be based on existing tax support that ArtSpring and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (CAC) already receive through PARC — \$18,000 for ArtSpring and \$3,300 for the CAC. Any approved future increases would be distributed 85 per cent to the Island Arts Centre Society (for ArtSpring) and 15 per cent to the CAC.

All of these organizations have agreed that aside from recovering the cost of the counterpetition, the new arts service will be implemented so it will not result in any tax increase for 2004.

I have proposed the establishment of CRD's stormwater quality program on Salt Spring focussed on drinking water lakes. The CRD/Trust Water Council has supported a tax requisition for this service of \$15,000 for 2004. This will allow CRD staff to help coordinate the efforts of local and provincial agencies, design water quality improvement programs, and share their expertise in watershed planning processes, such as the one now underway for Cusheon Lake.

I will be supporting the request for a tax increase for the library of approximately \$10,000 up to the legal limit approved by referendum in 1999, to cover increasing costs and expansion of its book replacement program.

The liquid waste tax requisition will stay the same as for 2003, although tipping fees will be increased by three cents per gallon from 19.5 to 22.5 cents, in keeping with proposed fee increases at regional septage facilities on the Saanich peninsula. Existing budget and fee increases will cover facility upgrades. Planning will also begin for composting of sewage and septage.

The Emergency Services budget will be increased by \$5,000 to ensure sufficient funding

for re-organization of Emergency Social Services and updating emergency response plans.

I will be freezing my administration and grant-in-aid requisitions at current levels (\$30,000 and \$35,000, respectively) for 2004. My current salary of roughly \$14,000, which is included in the administration budget, will rise slightly with a cost of living increase, as for other CRD board members.

Last year, the overall increase in CRD tax requisition was about \$85,000, or about 3.8 per cent over 2002 levels. The increase for locally-based CRD services in 2004 will be about \$40,000. These are preliminary figures, based on 2003 assessed values, and do not include possible tax

increases for development of the Rainbow Road recreation site.

As explained earlier in my column, those will not occur unless supported by survey and referendum.

These estimates also do not include CRD services that are cost-shared with other areas in the region (e.g., building inspection, hospital facilities, regional parks, 911 communications and administrative overheads). The estimates for these regional services are still incomplete, but will likely result in some additional tax increases in 2004.

I hope to have more information on these budget components at the CRD/Islands Trust town hall meeting on Saturday, November 8, starting at 12:30 p.m. at Lions Hall.



**TOOTH-FERRY WORKER:** Islander Cathy Ward was dressed up as a B.C. Ferries employee without benefits for a politically-edged Halloween costume on Friday.

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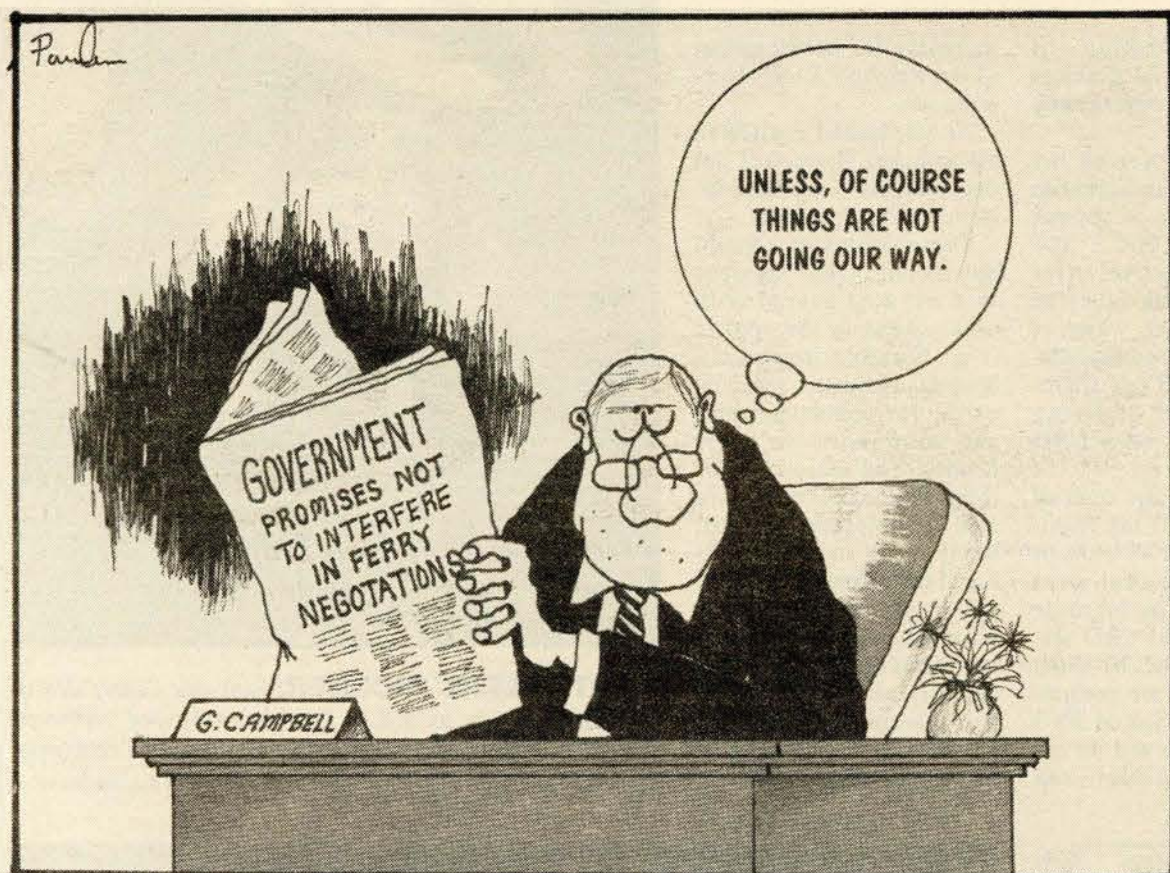
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## It's all we have

When Premier Gordon Campbell's fall travel plans were revealed several weeks ago, media outlets that profess to cover provincial affairs quickly drew attention to the amount of time the premier would be away while the legislature was sitting.

Most British Columbians probably didn't give a hoot. What would the premier be missing anyway? Sage advice from the leader of the unofficial opposition? Constructive criticism of the government's legislative agenda from her colleague? Scintillating debate from all members of the House?

We could go on this vein, our cynicism for politics being no less strong than anyone else's. Campbell will be away promoting trading with British Columbia for a full quarter of the legislature's sitting days this fall. It's only six days in total, but it's still 25 per cent of the time that our legislators will be charting the course of British Columbia.

Or will they?

There are good reasons for our collective cynicism. In the provincial capitals, as in Ottawa, the many powers of government are closely controlled in the hands of a few. Yet parliamentary democracy once meant that the business of governing be carried out in the open chamber of a house of commons or a provincial legislature.

What goes on in those chambers today is really not much more than window dressing.

It could also be said that Canadians are ill-served by those whose job it is to report on the doings of government. But the counter argument would be that Canadians are quite disinterested in the boring details of government legislation, and the dearth of those details in the press is merely a reflection of that sentiment.

Just how far we have drifted from true parliamentary democracy was clearly demonstrated earlier this year when the Ontario government chose to deliver its budget in the premises of a large corporation rather than within the legislative chamber.

As citizens of a democracy we should care about the steady erosion of the democratic process. As inadequate as it is, no one has yet come along with anything better.

In the absence of public engagement in the business of governing, our political leaders cannot be faulted for doing what is only natural: gathering more and more power in the interest of doing what they believe is right, and assigning a low priority to seemingly meaningless parliamentary procedures.

Premier Campbell's trade missions are important. But so are proceedings of the legislature. The premier should set an example by showing more respect for legislative traditions. Provincial media should provide more information about legislative activities. And our education system should instill in our children a keen understanding of the importance of parliamentary democracy.

## Festival proved peace can possess the collective imagination

By SHEILA REID and  
JAN SLAKOV

As the article and wonderful souvenir photos on Salt Spring's first annual Peace Festival in last week's Driftwood emphasized, a main aim of the festival was to make peace real by visualizing peace and working to bring it about.

This is not just an exercise in giving ourselves "warm fuzzies." The media and even our minds focus much more readily on images of war than on peace. And yet, as Peter Levitt, who participated thanks to a reading by Murray Reiss, said: "We cannot have peace until peace has first possessed our imagination."

The Peace Festival provided a great opportunity for just this kind of "possession."

In a world where about 35,000 children die each day because of

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poverty, while a wealthy few have incomes higher than those of many countries, where problems of war, environmental destruction and injustice seem insurmountable, we need a vision of how to work towards a healthy, peaceful world.

Salt Spring resident Margaret Fulton (who was with us in spirit despite injuries suffered from a serious accident a couple weeks earlier) is helping to provide that vision. She and others promote the "Millionth Circle" concept. This movement helps people learn to make decisions and work in non-hierarchical circles. It is hoped that

we, humanity, can reach a kind of "critical mass" of circle organizing that will contribute to what Joanna Macy has called "the Great Turning" — a monumental turn towards a sustainable, peaceful future for all.

"Visualizing peace" means allowing the concept of peace to develop within ourselves so that we will have the courage to overcome the power of the profit motive for the few, which is taking such a toll on all that we value in our world. An example of finding such courage can be found in another project Margaret Fulton is involved in, the Women's World Summit Foundation. This foundation offers recognition and support to "Third World" women who, against incredible odds, have taken leadership in rural development such as agricultural, health and

educational projects.

These are women whose vision of the possible has been strong enough to make them stand up against incredible odds to achieve their goals.

Another aspect of the Peace Works! festival that deserves mention is the coming together of the community that it enabled. It was attended by up to 300 people a day and had the support of no less than 50 local businesses!

The art on the walls was the work of up to 100 Salt Spring artists, young and old, and the choirs were yet another manifestation of the immense amount of talent found in this community. Some of the performers were as young as two or three years old while one choir boasted that its average age was 80!

The presence of six Pearson

College students (from six different countries) both at the event and subsequently in the middle school where they taught lessons on the United Nations' role in peace building, added an important international dimension to the conference.

One of the festival's organizers, Cherie Geauvreau, deserves special recognition, for the festival could not have been as successful as it was without her commitment and vision. Maybe the best way to thank Cherie would be to continue to participate in and support future Peace Works! events, the upcoming World AIDS Day event and other projects that promote peace, justice and sustainability at this critical time in the earth's history.

*The writers are involved in social justice issues on Salt Spring.*

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The original version of this column first ran in the Barnacle Island Journal in November 1999 and has appeared in many places since then. I was asked again this year if I would reprint it for Remembrance Day 2003.

My father was a peaceful man. But, from the time he was 19 until he was 24, he lived in the cold black belly of war. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, year after dismal year, he was slammed and tossed around the bleak bitter North Atlantic Ocean.

His world would only change from a dark, damp grey to a warm glow when the sea became a roaring blaze — where a ship had been.

Through the flames, tor-

tured sounds and cruel images were unwillingly seared forever into his young brain.

Dad enlisted knowing full well what the consequences could be. His only memories of his own father were of a sickly man who lay in bed coughing and choking, passing away when my dad was five.

He'd breathed in a few lungfuls of poison gas in some freezing and muddy, screaming and bloody trench, dug into what are

now poppy-covered rolling green hills in the French countryside.

Short years later I grew up doing things with my dad that he hadn't been able to do as a child.

We camped and picnicked; we enjoyed family birthdays and Christmases; we played.

When I became a teenager, Dad and I grew apart. I thought he was out of touch with the real world when it

was I, of course, who had no bloody idea.

In my late teens and early 20s I travelled, worked at a dozen different jobs and laughed with my friends. For me, the lessons of war were scarce heard amid the sounds of fun.

I didn't understand what he — and millions of others — had been through.

Worse still, I didn't much care. Those were the sparkling spring days of my life and the sounds and images lodging in my young brain were of parties and dances, rock & roll music and pretty girls in flowered dresses, row on row.

A few years and a few mistakes later, I stumbled

onto the obscene truth, the horror, the moaning sobbing Hell that is war. By that time Dad was gone.

So I never got to thank him for giving up those precious young years of his life, for placing himself in harm's way, for truly putting it all on the line so that a woman he had yet to meet, and their children yet unborn, could live their lives in peace.

A cruel toss of some devil's coin decides whether a particular generation sees the face of war; another toss to see who gets burned, blinded, maimed or merely killed.

Those still with us who served in the Second World

War are now in their 80s or 90s, many unable to attend Remembrance Day services. So it is to you and me, from those failing hands, they throw the torch. We must catch it.

In the swirling confusion of our too busy lives, we must stop for a few moments to contemplate war, and pray for peace.

For most of us, the agony of war consists of tortured TV images from faraway places. But the new century has quickly shown us how fragile peace can be, anywhere on our earth. Those anguished faces are closer than we know. They are mothers and fathers and sons and daughters. Lest we forget.

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# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What can be done locally to prevent crime?*



**Don Berni**

*Crime is not bad here compared to elsewhere.*



**Sarah Binab**

*Maybe working with younger kids and teaching cause and effect to children.*



**Susan Prendergast**

*I would like more unstructured areas where kids can meet, like a skateboard park and drop-in areas.*



**Kevin Burgess**

*Security cameras on every corner, cattle prods, pepper spray and security monkeys.*



**Rosalie Sorrell**

*More activities for the kids. Keep them busy.*

## Letters to the Editor

### No pets

My wife and I lived on Salt Spring for 13 years. We would like to live there again but it looks as if the people who live there now don't like pets anymore as all rental accommodation ads say "no pets."

Property owners get a damage deposit, so if anything is damaged they can keep it.

Your dog is licensed and spayed, you have obeyed all the rules and yet you're told you're not allowed to have a pet to love.

We are elderly persons and our little dog is company to us, as dogs are for most old-age people!

You pay for a licence like you do for a car; you're allowed to drive your car and you're not allowed to have your pet because of the people on Salt Spring.

**JOHN H. POLLARD,**  
Lake Cowichan

### Come to meetings

Last week the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association held its annual general meeting.

In spite of being advertised it was not too well

attended. I would like to believe that this was due to lack of knowledge of this valuable group rather than an overall disinterest in crime prevention activities on this island.

This group was formed back in the early 1990s and has become a successful umbrella group under which any community organizations that have concerns in the area of crime can come together. A few of its successes are the Community Justice (Diversion) Program, Citizens On Patrol, Victims Assistance, Youths Nights Alive, etc.

It is registered under the Societies Act with its purpose being to identify community concerns in this area, and develop and promote activities to reduce crime in the community, and to provide community-based feedback and consultation to the RCMP.

Members also engage in education, research and community development toward building a safer community.

Meetings are held monthly in the CRD boardroom on the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. These are open to the individual citizen

as well as any organization that wishes to send a representative.

I urge you to mark your calendars and plan to attend this month's meeting on November 25, with a view to helping prevent crime in our community. Information can be obtained from Meredith Knox, chairperson, 537-9971, or Kimberly Lineger, secretary, 537-5555.

**MEL SUMNER,**  
Cudmore Heights

### Choice

On behalf of the library's long-term planning committee, I would like to comment on the Driftwood editorial of October 22, titled It's Our Government.

The editorial suggests that the location for a new library facility should be dictated by the cost saving gained by utilizing the CRD's Rainbow Road recreation lands.

Unfortunately, the question of location is not quite as simple as the editorial would suggest. First of all, the committee questioned the community's acceptance of the proposition that it generate almost 3.5 million dollars to build a new library, only to turn the building over to the CRD, which would

lease back to the library association for a maximum of five years with no provision for automatic renewal.

Second, research suggests, and the committee agrees, that libraries located in the "village core" maximize accessibility, visibility of services and serve as a focus for community culture.

Third, there are many unknowns with respect to the impact on the library's operational budget under the CRD recreational lands option. There are concerns that higher annual service costs related to a multi-purpose complex will reduce the dollars currently available for the acquisition of books and other material.

This report is not a conclusion. Although the report suggests that the preferred location is in the village core, this is only the first step in the decision-making process.

The next step includes a public survey, conducted from October 27 to November 3, and public meetings on the Sundays of Nov 9th, 16th and 23rd, both of which are designed to receive input on the report.

The library board will then appoint a feasibility commit-

tee to examine the options in much greater detail. The committee will study site and design issues, all aspects of development costs, as well as financing options.

It is important now that the community participate in the process by completing the survey and, if possible, attending one of the meetings scheduled during the month of November. It is obvious that the library is important to the community, and that the future of the library should reflect the choices of the community as to where it is located and who should own and operate it.

**LYDA SMITH,**  
Chair, Long-Term Planning Committee

### Oppose FTAA

Do you know what is happening November 20-21 in Miami?

There is a Free Trade Areas of the Americas (FTAA) ministerial meeting. Canada will be represented by Pierre Pettigrew.

While we are all distracted by the events going on around the world, Canada could become part of this agreement and, if so, it permits corporations from outside Canada to sue our gov-

ernment if Ottawa passes laws that protect our health and our environment.

Also, corporations could privatize our drinking water and run private for-profit hospitals.

These are just a few examples of what could happen if we become part of this agreement.

To express your opposition to the FTAA, write to: the Hon. Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of International Trade, House of Commons, Ottawa.

**MARG SIMONS,**  
Fulford

### Still waiting

On August 18, 2003, I wrote to the trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District asking for a copy of the bylaws giving them the authority to dismiss two senior volunteer firemen.

I am still waiting to receive an acknowledgement and a reply to my letter.

The trustees have been elected to serve all the island and the citizens deserve a satisfactory explanation for Bruce and Jeff's dismissal.

**GORDON CARTWRIGHT,**  
Salt Spring

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## Unstaged protests against polluters can work wonders

"Remember, remember the fifth of November Gunpowder, treason, and plot.

I see no reason why gunpowder and treason Should ever be forgot."

Guy Fawkes was hung, drawn and quartered for his efforts to blow up Britain's Parliament on November 5, 1605.

He got caught lighting the gunpowder's fuse in the bowels of the building. He was one of 13 conspirators working to re-establish Roman Catholicism throughout the realm.

What did his protest accomplish? Nothing, with regard to his goal. The government batted the hatches against such activism and made good sport of his folly and fate,

which lasts to this day.

Since a friend asked me weeks

ago why I don't write more environmental protest columns, I've given deep thought to protests of every sort and which ones work best.

I've never been keen on the staged variety, however much they raise the profile of an issue, because they mostly harden the opposition and entrench the status quo. Witness the Campbell government, which environmental stridency has helped to create.

Real change involves flow and softening. It happens from the inside out,

**SPRINGBOARD**  
BY BRENDA GUAILE



from heart and hearth. Since my teens I've believed in what I called "the kitchen revolution." An excellent example of such a protest that has changed how we live is the anti-smoking movement.

All those little fusses by all those little people, with no big-name leaders and big-date rallies, got my dad to stop smoking in our kitchen — and in restaurants, which have kitchens, and in work place lunchrooms, and on and on until I can breathe healthily most every place I go.

I adamantly and proudly

did my part. However much family and friends cringed and told me to shut up, I made noise about the noxious fumes as they invaded me and, when feasible, I told managers too. None of this involved planned, staged efforts. It required only two things: clear principles and undaunted operating principles.

The principle is easy for me and countless others: people shouldn't stick dirty stuff up other people's noses. The operating principles are much harder, because we get into Miss Manners' territory. You're not supposed to make things unpleasant for others, even addicts making things unpleasant for you. We continually curb our honesty, because it's social-

ly required.

The power of social norms is precisely what keeps our world barreling toward environmental disaster. Conversely, and fortunately, that same power will work in the environment's favour when enough people are willing to spontaneously voice such protests, as they do against smoking.

For instance, comments against SUV drivers as they're encountered are becoming more common. Keep it up, and we'll cure this piggy problem. I once blurted, when an SUV driver pulled up beside my car and got out of his monster unit, "Wow, what a sh\*tload of metal to haul one little butt around." I was as surprised as he was, and in the fresh honesty of

the moment, he took it rather well.

What to say, for another example, when you end up visiting a huge, underused house, which you view as a huge waste. The owners are desperate for praise — why else would they put on such a show? — but I refuse them this satisfaction, nor will anyone else's oohing and ahing push me to agreement. There's protest in silence too.

I'd like to hear a discussion of how one remains reasonable and good humoured while expressing unstaged, personal dislikes of various excessive self-serving behaviours and set-ups. What operating principles work best? Stories and ideas anyone?

*b\_guiled@yahoo.ca*



## More letters

### Homeless

A terrible crisis is about to unfold us.

You know, by now, that Gordon Campbell and Murray Coell are going to throw thousands of people onto the streets.

Some of them are coming to Salt Spring, preferring the (chancy) forests of Salt Spring to the dirty, lonely, desolate, noisy, polluted environments of Victoria and Vancouver.

I know what it's like to be homeless. We've got to do something.

On April 1, 2004, many, many people will become homeless.

In a wealthy country like ours, this is positively irresponsible, let alone criminal.

I will not go into the "spiritual" causes of homelessness. This is neither the time nor the place, however relevant they are.

Certainly I am concerned about homeless men, but I am also, and particularly concerned about homeless women, especially ones who are pregnant or have children.

Please, please get the word out.

This is the role of local newspapers, above and beyond our local politics, issues and debates.

Being homeless in a poor "developing" country is really bad, at best, but being homeless on an island where so many rich people reside is an abomination.

Remember that April 1 is just a few months away.

There are already homeless people on Salt Spring. We'll probably have 10 times as many come April 1.

What are we going to do about it?

Just think about the homeless.

**FRANCOIS JAUBERT,**  
Salt Spring

### Car-free

I lived on Salt Spring in the late 1980s. I left because I couldn't afford to live there.

I was constantly moving. I earned between \$9 and \$10 an hour and I could not afford a car to get to work and, being environmentally concerned, I didn't want to drive. Also, bicycling on Fulford-Ganges Road was dangerous.

Ganges was turning into a

huge parking lot. Salt Spring has a lot of peace activists and environmentalists but everybody drives cars.

The wars have been about oil. Cars are about oil.

Roads through habitat are the primary killer of species.

I would like to recommend to all you geezers and gas guzzlers a book called: Asphalt Nation: How the Automobile Took Over America and How We Can Take it Back, by Jane Holtz Kay. She suggests a gas tax or a user tax for the miles you travel.

I think a lot of Salt Springers consider themselves special citizens, protecting their island and property and way of life and think they deserve to drive.

Road rage is on the rise.

Thirty-five per cent of teenage deaths are from automobile accidents.

Affordable housing is a problem for Salt Spring but so is public transportation.

How are all the aging hippies going to get around in their old age?

To quote Jane Holtz Kay: "I think the environmental movement is too weak on the automobile. I say you cannot call yourself an environmentalist unless you do something about the automobile."

P.S. four cars off the road reduces carbon emissions by 1000 pounds a week.

Let's have small passenger ferries only and small fleets of buses and light rail for the Gulf Islands, Victoria, Vancouver and Vancouver Island.

**SONIA SANDERS,**  
Victoria

### Gassed

Between 1941 and 1945, the Government of Canada subjected over 2,500 young Canadian soldiers to chemical weapons experiments at CFB Suffield in Alberta.

These experiments were undertaken without the informed consent of these brave young men.

As a consequence of these horrendous experiments, many of these men have suffered lifelong physical and psychological damage.

Until recently, the government has refused to acknowledge the occurrence of these chemical weapons experiments.

The Department of National

Defence has declassified the tests, therefore the participants are no longer bound by the sworn oath of secrecy, and can now tell their story.

We are seeking compensation from the Government of Canada through the Department of National Defence for these inhumane actions.

In doing so, we require the names, addresses and phone numbers of all participants. If you, or anyone you know were involved in these experiments, please contact me at 214 Birch Bay, Winkler, Manitoba, R6W 1S3. Phone: (204) 325-8059; Fax: (204) 325-9488 on or before December 31, 2003.

**H.P. FRIESEN,**  
Winkler, Manitoba

### Real fun

I know it was a waste of time, but I simply couldn't resist approaching a group of teenagers in Centennial Park on Hallowe'en afternoon.

They were "dressed up" in ski masks and wielding guns. That was the sum of their Hallowe'en costumes. I told them that in today's climate of hijackers, terrorists, high-school shoot-outs and just plain old violence, that I thought their costumes were inappropriate.

Of course, I got sniggers and a generous dose of four-letter words, but the sad thing is that they just didn't get it.

I have absolutely no problem with witches, ghouls, goblins and ghost costumes, but think that the fun of Halloween is in some of the incredibly creative homemade costumes that you see around town. My all-time favourite was the half man/half woman one a couple of years ago.

However, I digress. My problem is the assumption of violent acts that goes with putting on such a costume. And in any case, isn't there something illegal about going out brandishing a gun, even if it's plastic? If there isn't, there should be.

It's a shame that these teenage louts hadn't put some energy and creative thought into having some real fun at Hallowe'en instead of hanging out looking like a bunch of incompetent criminals.

**MANDY SPOTTISWOODE,**  
Long Harbour

### Slower

A way has been found to slow traffic on Ganges Hill!

Actually, I stopped traffic when I slipped on wet leaves and fell on October 28.

I want to thank the many people who came to my assistance. First, the strong young man who picked me up, Pamela, who drove me to the hospital, and Pat who took good care of me in emergency.

Although I was covered with blood, my injuries were not serious.

Dr. Leavitt came to check me out.

Thanks to Jean for driving me home. Salt Spring is a very special place and I appreciated all the help that was offered.

But please, slow down on this busy highway.

Thank you.

**ELAINE MCANDREW,**  
Fulford-Ganges Road

### Ill-served

I attended last Thursday's Islands Trust meeting where a Stewart Road Residents Association (SRRA) delegation made a presentation opposing the establishment of a rock quarry in a residential area adjacent to Arnell Park.

The association had been told by the Trust that decisions regarding mining applications were outside the jurisdiction of the Trust as these powers were reserved by the Ministry of Mines.

SRRA keynote speaker Rosey Brennan blindsided the two local trustees and Trust chairman David Essig with a brilliant presentation backed with a legal opinion from Murray Rankin, QC, an acknowledged expert in Canadian environmental law, that clearly states provincial legislation presents no impediment to the enforcement of the zoning bylaw regarding the processing of rock on the property. A Trust zoning bylaw specifically excludes the processing of rock in any residential area.

The island's elected trustees were obviously ill-prepared by the paid staff in their offices, seeming unaware that they did in fact have power to enforce their bylaw.

Ms. Brennan then asked that the Trust consider a motion stating that they will refer Mr. Rankin's letter to

their lawyers as part of the public process.


It also turned out that a legal covenant over the proposed quarry area exists, stating that any wetland on the property would be protected and as the area is mainly wetland, being the headwaters of the Stowe Lake creek, again the trustees appeared to be at a loss as to the existence of the covenant and again seemed to have been ill-served by their staff.

While I have great respect


for individuals who take up the challenge of public office and the two trustees we have elected for Salt Spring are, by all accounts, doing an excellent job, it does appear that the information supplied to them by staff is less than adequate. Elected officials have to rely on the permanent paid staff to keep them fully briefed and prevent the embarrassment evident at Thursday's meeting.

**ANTHONY BRUCE,**  
Salt Spring

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## RANTS

Rants to the insensitive, animal unfriendly yahoos that fire off loud fireworks in densely populated areas. Our family pets become terrified by the noise. These are adults? E.H.

To the Sex Pigs Cabaret, which left the floor in the smaller room at Beaver Point Hall so thick with spilled drinks, dirt, and costume bits that it took several sweepings and FIVE complete moppings to get it back to useful. I did this on Wednesday, days after the event. The new scrapes and chips out of it will require repainting. This is a precious old hall;

# RANTS & ROSES

it can't take this kind of abuse.

Rant to the advertisers who stuff the Driftwood with fliers.

Rants to jay-walkers who saunter across the road, apparently ignorant of the fact they don't actually have the right-of-way.

To the person who stole the battery out of the stage manager's car in the ArtSpring parking lot on Hallowe'en.

## ROSES

A huge bouquet of roses to the very kind person who lovingly built a new mansion for Felix, the Cinema Cat. He will be warm and cosy this winter. We all thank you. PH

A huge bouquet of aromatic roses for Peace Works! and Cherie who was the inspiration and energy behind the recent Peace Festival. Thanks also to all the hundreds of vol-

unteers, including musicians, singers, poets, artists, writers, facilitators, presenters, activists, cooks, sellers etc. This was a huge undertaking that showed the Salt Spring way of celebrating peace by living peace. May we have it again, please? It was wonderful.

Roses to Laurie S. for cleaning up the garbage at the end of Tripp Road for years.

A big bunch of roses to

Don Robertson of Pinnacle Pizza, not only for the pizza lunches, month after month, but especially for all the goodies he donated to the SIMS kids this Hallowe'en.

Roses to all the generous people who donated candy for Maliview residents to distribute on Hallowe'en; also to Ganges Village Market for collecting the candy, and especially to Rene at Play for all the hand-made pulled taffy.

A large bouquet of roses to the OAPO for letting us use their hall for the sorting of toys for Santa's workshop. It is much appreciated.

With my meal from Meals on Wheels last week, I received a beautiful

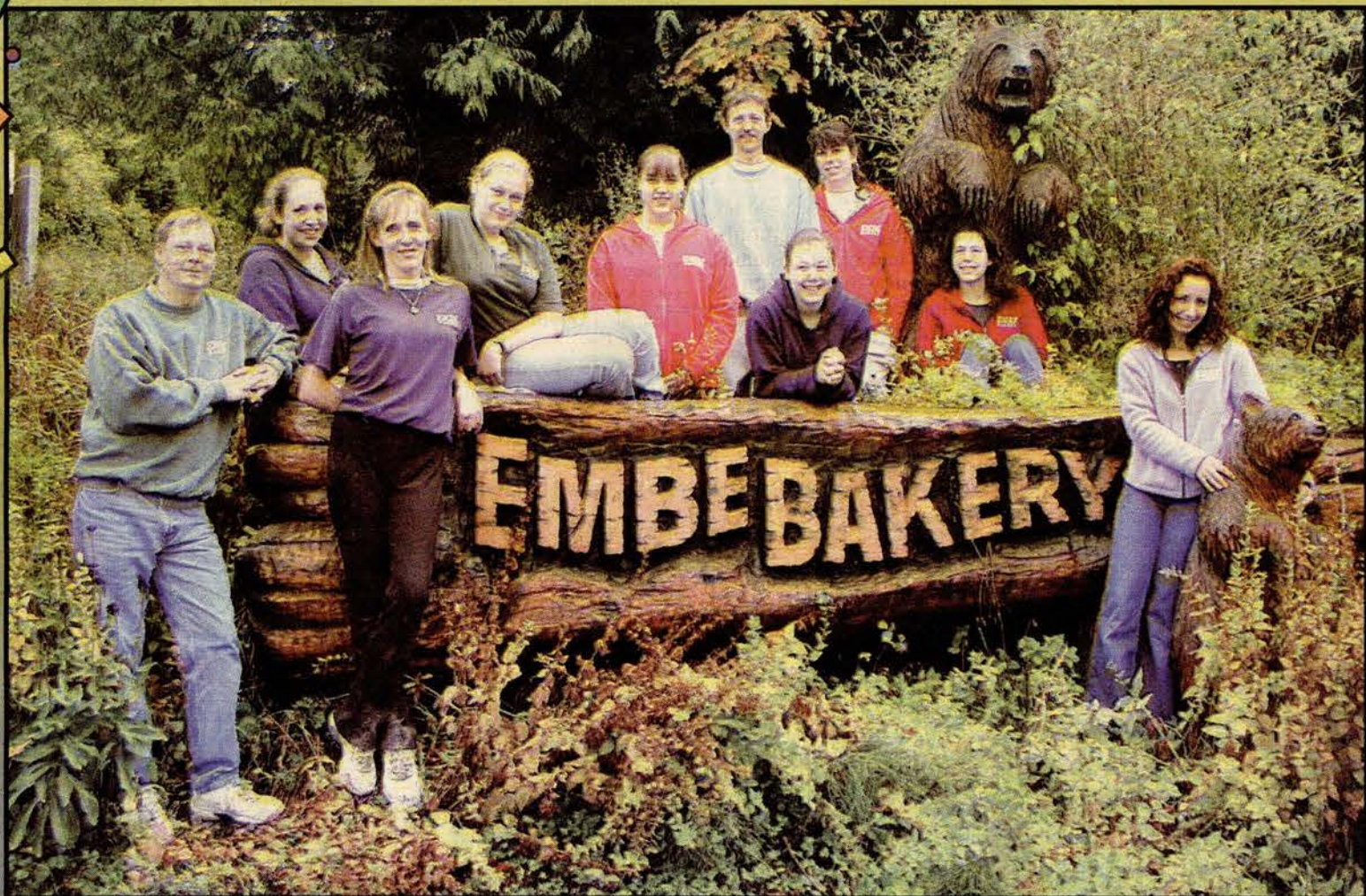
Hallowe'en card from an artistic Girl Guide. I understand Brownies also took the time to make cards for meal recipients. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

Roses to Jeff, Bruce and company for the bonfire and hot chocolate Hallowe'en night at Fulford, and to the O'Donnell family for the great fireworks display.

Thank you to the residents of Meadowbrook for the bouquets of appreciation. Each one of you has enriched our lives. BC

A rose to Karen Truscott for the rose she gave me, which changed my day all for the better. Your hugs are always great, too!

# We're 2!



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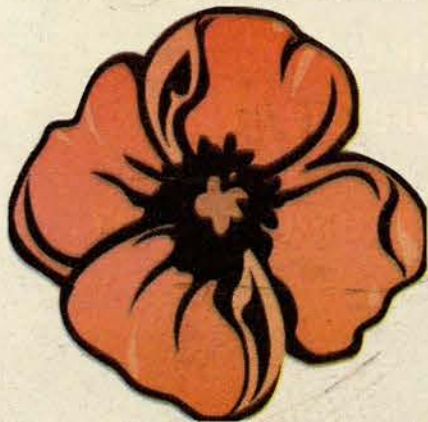


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# Remembrance Day

NOVEMBER 11TH

## An island man

By PAT GOULD

"I had a lovely war," he said. "When you're 20 years old, and they give you Hurricanes and Spitfires and Typhoons to fly — what more could a small-town boy ask for?"

Ivan Mouat will be at the Cenotaph in Centennial Park on November 11. He will stand sharply at attention — remembering — and fight off tears that give the lie to the mischievous statement above.

When World War II began in 1939, the 18-year-old Ivan had just begun post-secondary education. At the urging of his parents, he stuck it out for two years, then with news from abroad becoming daily more grim, he abandoned academia and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force. First stop, training school in Regina, where he learned to fly the two-seater Tiger Moth, then to a camp in Ontario to earn his pilot's wings. After only 125 hours flying time, his instructor pronounced him ready for overseas. Flyers were urgently needed — and expendable — in 1941.

Outfitted in airforce blue and wearing sergeant's stripes, he boarded a troop ship in Halifax that would take him and about 5,000 other eager young recruits to Britain. To war. In England he learned to handle the one-man Spitfire.

"You don't fly a Spitfire," he said. "You wear it."

For the first time he was on his own in the air.

Hurricane's were added to his flying skills; then Typhoons.

His squadron was a polyglot of nationalities: Czechs, Poles, Aussies, Canadians, Yanks, Kiwis.

"We all wore the same uniform, including the non-regulation white silk scarf, which we thought made us very



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### IVAN MOUAT

dashing. Actually," he went on, "the Brits didn't care if we flew in our pyjamas. All that mattered was how many hits we could score on a given day."

He racked up a lot of hours in the Typhoons, flying high, flying low, always on the hunt. Barges, trains, troop convoys, whatever was moving were his targets as he flew low over his intended victims, guns blazing. There was only one thought: get 'em, then get out. "It was war," he said simply, unemotionally. "That's what war is all about."

Flight Sergeant became Warrant Officer, then a commission: Pilot Officer Mouat, second in command of "A Flight."

On July 11, 1943, Ivan's war in the air ended when he was shot down over enemy occupied territory — somewhere in Belgium. His Typhoon on fire, with flames leaping into the cockpit, he bailed out.

"Were you afraid?" I asked, expecting a dramatic revelation. "No," was the quick reply. "I was too busy, or too stupid."

His chute took him safely to ground where he was surrounded by a group of awe-struck Belgians. As did most fighter pilots at the time, he carried foreign currency strapped to his body. He managed to convey that he would give them all of his Belgian money if they could help him to escape.

"Yes, yes!" was the eager response in faulty English, but too many people saw you bail out. The Germans will be here any moment; they'll put you in the local jail at least for a day or two. We'll try to get you out."

It was as they said. The Germans arrived. Only he was not kept in the local jail but immediately transported to Ghent — far away from his would-be rescuers. He was escorted by an English-speaking officer and a second guard. At one railroad station, the young prisoner in the RAF uniform was defended by his captors.

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The hostile crowd mistook him for a bomber pilot, one of those who rained havoc over German cities with relentless night and day bombing.

"Nein, nein!" shouted the German officer to the menacing onlookers. "Est Feigerfleiger! Feigerfleiger! Fighter pilot. Miraculously that made it alright."

Stalag Luft in Dulag: He was, as expected, interrogated. Following recognized prisoner of war rules, he volunteered his name and number. His interrogator, a tall, haughty colonel, loomed over his captive and, in excellent English, probed for more information. None was forthcoming. Solitary confinement was the penalty. When Ivan developed an alarming rash, his captors readily brought forward an "English prisoner, a medic."

Dressed in immaculate RAF uniform, the "fellow prisoner," who spoke with a curiously American accent, addressed the problem of the rash while engaging his "patient" in whispered confidential prisoner talk. "What unit were you with? Where?" Ivan gleefully answered the buddy-to-buddy questions, only each unit, each location was fabricated. After 19 days, the prisoner was released from solitary.

Now that they "knew all about him," Ivan was sent off to Stalag Luft III, where RAF prisoners were interned. The camp, with 2,000 men, was run by senior British officers, answerable, of course, to the German overseers. Discipline, as imposed by the group captain in charge, was strict. While making home-brew out of raisins and prunes contained in Red Cross food parcels was discouraged, sharing those precious parcels was a given, with perhaps extra bits given to those doing hard labour on the escape tunnels, which was the main occupation within the camp.

Spirits were high, despite the prisoners' forlorn existence, thanks to news of Allied victories that came through regularly via a hidden short-wave radio, cobbled together by technicians in the camp who could make anything from bits and pieces. Then came the news they had all waited and prayed for. D Day. The end was near.

Ivan told of one prisoner, a Brit, who, for reasons unknown, possessed an accordion. When the news of the D Day landing spread through the compound, "the accordionist took up his instrument and played the RAF March Past — loud and clear — which could be heard all over the camp."

Here the narrator stopped abruptly. I looked up as he

quickly turned his face away, but not before I glimpsed a tear that had escaped his eye.

On April 27, 1945, the Russian army arrived at Stalag Luft III. The captors were now the captives. The British Group Captain addressed the men: they were to remain in the camp to await further orders.

Not this Canadian. Ivan, after two years in captivity, walked away with seven of his mates. They knew the Americans were somewhere nearby. They would find them.

After three days of steady marching in battered boots, one sock-less airman suffered painful blisters. A Polish member of their group, who could speak German, approached a woman watching them from in front of her house.

"Could you help this man?" he asked the woman, his former adversary.

The flyer removed his boots. The woman went into her house and returned with ointment and bandages, and she carefully bound up the wounded feet. Ivan's voice faltered as he told this story. He avoided my eyes.

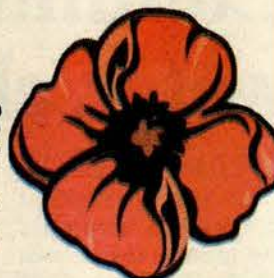
Four days later the tattered group reached the Americans. They were greeted with a large banner strung over an archway leading into the camp site. It read: "Under this arch pass the bravest men in the world." It was not intended for men of the Royal Air Force... but it could have been.

There will be many stories recalled on November 11, 2003 — some more poignant, some less so. This is only one.

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# Community inspired to help bring water, electricity to Women of Hope

By PEGGY FRANK

This week members of the United Church are busy making red ribbons and the Southern Gulf Island AIDS Society is preparing donation boxes.

Soon we will see over 1,000 red ribbons and over 100 collection boxes throughout the community.

What is all the fuss about? Isn't AIDS a manageable disease? Aren't there agencies which look after the global AIDS crisis? The answer to both questions, unfortunately, is no.

In the Southern Gulf Islands, about 30 men and women, some of them very young, live with HIV and AIDS.

It doesn't matter who they are, or how they contracted the virus, HIV disease prevents people from living normal productive lives.

Those affected by HIV have complicated medical problems that often stump the medical community.

One member of the local AIDS society suffered from a hive-like rash for over two years. After trying hundreds of dollars worth of creams, steroids and systemic drugs, he discovered, by chance, that the chemicals and love in his dog's saliva cleared the problem.

"You write that in the file," demanded the patient. "None of the prescribed medication worked, and only the loving licks of my dog cleared the rash."

Money collected in the red ribbon boxes will go to the Southern Gulf Island AIDS Society to help those in need — locally.

The society may also decide to redirect funds to some of the projects that will be part of the Southern Gulf Islands World AIDS Day event at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on December 1.

One of these projects is the Village of Hope in Rwanda. Here 120 people affected by both war and AIDS live together in simple homes — and without water and electricity.

Most households in Rwanda are headed by women — so many men were killed in the war.

All 20 households in the Village of Hope are woman-headed. These women are suffering from the co-infections associated with HIV/AIDS. When asked what they needed, the reply was water and electricity. This would come from the city of Kigali to their hilltop village. A detailed cost esti-



mate showed that connections would cost close to \$36,000 U.S. dollars.

These women are brave and hopeful women, willing to tell their violent and horrible war stories so that the caring world could help. Peter Bardon and I have been trying to help the families living in Kigagu, the Village of Hope, since fall 2001.

After hearing about these women from local filmmaker, Judy Jackson, we began raising funds for the village. (Judy made the award-winning film "No Time To Wait" about the African AIDS crisis and is working on a second film about the desperate situation).

We will also be at the Gulf Islands Secondary

School multi-purpose room on World AIDS Day, December 1.

The Rwandan women are still without medication and, sadly, continue to die. Their comfort is knowing that people care.

The sooner the needed funds are raised, the fewer times they will have to struggle uphill with water and the more time these women will have to care for their children.

I write to one HIV+ woman. Recently the Rwandan woman has become very sick, and lost her job and ability to pay her three children's school fees.

My father and I are happy to help with school fees. My father, at 82, needs nothing material. For his birthday, father's day and Christmas he gets a card and the knowledge that he has helped someone who was in desperate need. And my friend in Africa knows that there are people in the

world who have answered her call for help.

There are days when Peter and I think they have taken on an impossible task. Sometimes, when we are lamenting how long these ailing women and their families have had to carry water, they will find a letter or a cheque in the mail and push forward, encouraged again.

Working on the World AIDS Day event has also been wonderful.

There has been so much enthusiastic support for this AIDS event. It seems that the committee has only to ask people in this community if they can help and the reply is a resounding "Yes — and do you need anything else?"

Well, maybe a few more thoughts on how to get water flowing and lights glowing in a little village far across the world.

The writer is an organizer for World AIDS Day events on Salt Spring.

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# Put pool cost in perspective

By TOBY FOUKS

If I were a dog, I'd be a terrier — I just hate to give up on things, and I don't like to see others throw in the oar without awareness of all the facts.

At this point, I don't think we have nearly enough factual information to make a decision on whether or not an indoor pool should be built on Salt Spring Island. As I see it, the greatest barrier to an indoor pool is fear — on many levels. We must respect fear, but we should not be controlled by it.

I appreciate Susan Lundy's concern, expressed in an article in the October 29 View Point, that the swim team could be without a pool if Shelby is not maintained while we attempt to get an indoor pool to replace it. As she pointed out, the swim team does not require a year-round facility, although they would like to have one; what they do require is a pool during the summer months. It is completely understandable that she would feel this way, although her concern that people associate the swim team with SSPLASH comes as a surprise to me. I have been involved in SSPLASH in a small way, and never once has that perception been expressed.

I've lived on Salt Spring only four years, but I love this place. I could write an entire article on why I love it, why no other place I've ever lived in has felt so much like "home" to me and, loving this place, I care about the entire community.

What really disturbs me is the polarization of an issue that I think should be approached from the perspective of a healthy community — healthy in every way.

Property taxes are very low on Salt Spring Island. Anyone who has moved here from a city knows this. I owned a modest three-bedroom home in the newer area of Oakville, Ontario, about 1,800 square feet, on a quiet street embellished with saplings here and there.

In 1998 my property taxes

## IN RESPONSE

were \$2990.58. I have no idea what they would be today, but likely quite a bit more.

On Salt Spring, with the home-owners' grant, for a much nicer house about the same size, with a great view, I am assessed probably half of what I'd be paying in Oakville — before the home owners' grant.

The reason taxes are low on Salt Spring is that we don't get a lot for our money. Hey, that suits me just fine.

People seem to be terrified that taxes will go up if we are going to operate a pool year-round. Of course they will go up, but I think it's fear-mongering to suggest they will go up a lot.

There are ways to minimize how much they will go up. One way is to make aspects of the aquatic facility income-producing.

Another way is to get sponsors. A third way is to look for grants. A fourth way is to raise money. A fifth way is to have memberships. And — I'm sure there are additional ways.

We have an exceptionally generous business community here, whose members are willing to help us. We have performers who will aid us in raising money. This pool does not have to crush the taxpayers.

Why do I, as a non-swimmer, want us to have a pool? I have to admit that I wasn't even considering the needs of the swim team, although it would make life much easier for them, I'm sure. I was thinking first of all of my own age group — those people who are about to lurch into the scary years of wobbly joints and hip replacements.

Then I think of the teenagers on this island who are deserving of many more recreational opportunities than are available. There's also a large group of people with health problems who would benefit tremendously from an indoor pool — water exercise is highly beneficial and often

the best way they can keep as much muscle tone as possible. Another group consists of those who do not want to have health problems, and swimming is a good way to keep fit.

Then there are people with young children. And finally, there are the people who love the water year-round, who may swim in the ocean in the summer but don't want to dry out nine months of the year.

I know there are others as well — that's a lot of people.

If people added up how much they spend on wine or booze in a year, how much they spend on cigarettes, how much they spend on fast food and snack foods, I think that it might put the added tax cost in perspective.

I dare you to be honest enough with yourself to actually write down what you spend on these things, which, although they might in moderation not be bad for you, could never be deemed healthful.

If we really care about Salt Spring and all the adults, teens and children who live here, then we will make this pool possible. It is possible — most things are.

It is going to cost us a lot less in the long run to build what we need now, rather than do it in stages. Not only will it cost us less in the long run, but we will have what we need from the beginning.

If we put our heads together — and have our hearts in the right place — then we can make an indoor pool a reality. I hope that people who receive the PARC/SSPLASH Salt Spring Aquatic Centre Survey in the mail will think about what I am writing here, and respond with the bigger picture in mind.

And for all of those who are not sent surveys and who understand the wisdom of an indoor pool for Salt Spring Island — make your voices heard.

*The writer, aka 'The Doglady', is a former Ontario teacher, now found baking dog and cat treats for the Saturday Market.*



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**Home finished/unfinished:** Disintegrating in the rain.

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**Favourite read:** Lots! Current favourite — Too Close to the Falls by Catherine Gildiner.

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## Crime group invites community participation

By MEREDITH KNOX  
Special to the Driftwood

In 1992, the Salt Spring RCMP detachment called together representatives from the community to form a consultation committee.

This group became known as the Community Law Enforcement Consultative Group and was charged with developing a process to identify and prioritize local problems in the area of public safety and to act as a resource to the RCMP detachment.

During this time a Citizens on Patrol group was established, with 32 volunteers participating in foot and car patrols.

After a brief hiatus, the group was re-established in the autumn of 1995 as the Community Police Advisory Committee.

The group's mandate was to advise police of community observations and recommendations regarding local safety issues and to assist them in

establishing priorities of enforcement and resource allocation.

In 1998 the group once again adopted a name change to reflect the goals and activities of the members, becoming the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association.

To date the association has been active in developing and promoting several community policing and crime prevention strategies in the community. Examples include: Community Policing Action Team, Party Crasher Program, Community Justice Program, Saving the Courthouse (from closure), Crimestoppers, Neighbourhood Watch, DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) and Nights Alive.

In 1999 we received a grant to conduct a needs assessment regarding youth and crime in the community. Through this process, community awareness was increased and our Nights Alive program implemented to pro-

vide alcohol and drug-free activities for youth.

In the past year we have been active in providing support to the Salt Spring Skatepark Society, hosting a Community Safety Audit workshop and developing a project to explore the issue of the sexual exploitation of youth in our community.

We welcome new members to join our group, either representatives of community groups or concerned citizens interested in developing and supporting crime prevention activities in the community.

Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the CRD office meeting room. The next meeting will be on November 25 at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Meredith Knox, at 537-9971 or Kimberly Lineger at 537-5555.

*The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association.*

## Seniors vulnerable to con artists

Salt Spring seniors are among those targeted by con artists and opportunists who aim to swindle them out of their money and property.

During Crime Prevention Week — November 1-7 — local officials hope to make island seniors aware of various schemes based on trickery or deceit.

Recently, several Salt Spring seniors have been approached regarding a questionable home repair scheme — some have even paid money for services that they are unlikely to receive.

This is only one of numerous scams against seniors and it helps for everyone to arm themselves against con artists by understanding how they work. According to research, a con artist's approach can take many forms. He or she may pretend to be lost and ask for directions, or may claim to be a salesperson or an inspector of a utility company. But

common to all con artists is the language and the expressions used in their "pitches."

The following key words should signal the need for caution:

• **Cash only.** Ask why the transaction requires cash only. Why not a cheque? A legitimate business person would not usually refuse a cheque as payment.

• **Last chance today only.** Why is this a limited time offer? If the offer is that good, it will very likely be available tomorrow and the day after.

• **Too good to be true.** Be suspicious of offers that are "too good to be true." Most likely they are neither good nor true.

• **Something for nothing.** Anytime you are offered something for nothing, what you usually get is nothing.

• **Confidentiality.** Be suspicious of secrecy and the pitch that you are not to tell anyone. What is the reason

for this secrecy?

• **Get rich quick.** Any get-rich-quick deal should be looked into very carefully.

• **Contests.** Beware of the "you have won" pitches. Generally, the contests are fake and are used as an enticement to part you from your money.

• **Leftover material.** Be extremely cautious of the "just passing by" home repairman. The leftover material offered may be stolen or defective.

There is evidence that some seniors who have been victimized are too embarrassed to report the incident to the authorities. Con artists count on this common response so they can continue their schemes.

Those who have been victimized or even think they have been, should report the circumstances immediately to the local RCMP detachment at 537-5555.

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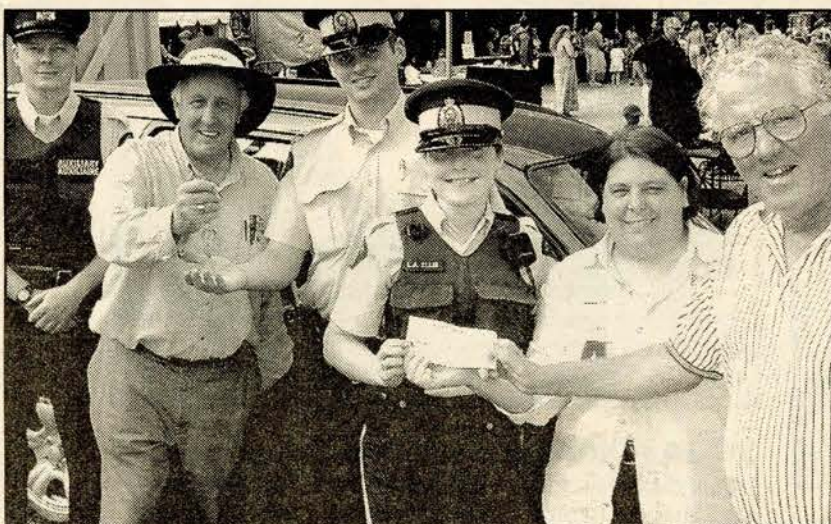
# Policing vehicle needs support

After one year on the road, Salt Spring's community policing vehicle has travelled 14,000 kilometres, helping nine island groups take crime prevention measures.

Funded entirely by community groups, the highly visible blue Subaru is now in need of further monetary support.

Among those groups using the vehicle in the past year was the Community Policing Action Team, which conducted citizen patrols, speed watch and home check programs.

The Victim Assistance Program used it to transport victims of crime to court, the hospital and transition houses, while local RCMP constables used it to participate in school ski trips and the DARE program.



**ONE YEAR AGO:** Island police and some of the donors involved in Salt Spring's acquisition of the community policing vehicle gather at the 2002 fall fair.

The vehicle also took a turn in the Sea Capers parade and was used by SSPLASH for its fundraising half-marathon run.

SWOVA also took the wheel to transport adult and youth facilitators to training events, and the Restorative

Justice and Youth Council drove it to training events as well.

Funded 100 per cent by community donations and corporate sponsorship, the community policing vehicle was donated last year by Saunders Subaru.

The Salt Spring Foundation covered insurance costs; McColl's Shell and the Salt Spring Legion Branch 92 have provided the fuel.

This year, the Crime Prevention Association is seeking support and donations for ongoing operational costs, as well as the purchase of new safety equipment.

The group hopes to fit the vehicle with emergency preparedness and roadside safety kits.

Anticipated cost for these two kits is \$500, while ongoing operational costs amount to \$5,000 annually.

Anyone who wants to make a donation in support of the community policing vehicle should contact the local RCMP detachment at 537-5555.

## Safe driving habits can ditch accidents

Have you ever been cut off in traffic, tailgated, nearly broad-sided by a stop-sign runner or aggravated to the boiling point by rude drivers?

Unfortunately, the answer to these questions is, more than likely, "yes, many times."

Sometimes islanders joke about the collective bad habits of local drivers — noting their lack of signal use and excessive speed — and for the most part try to ignore them.

But, as island officials want to point out during Crime Prevention Week, these habits can come at a very high price.

Everyone likes to think car crashes are something that happens to the "other guy," not us. In reality we all face a certain amount of risk every time we get in our cars.

To help islanders stay out of trouble, the local crime prevention group has prepared the following safe driving tips:

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• **Limit distractions.** Cars are for driving. Any activities that take attention away from your driving greatly reduce your ability to see and respond to road hazards.

• **Slow down.** Don't become a statistic. Always drive within the legal speed limit posted, reducing your

speed in poor road and weather conditions.

• **Use the "two second rule."** For safe stopping, leave at least two seconds of space between you and the vehicle in front of you. Increase your following distance in poor weather conditions.

• **Expect the unexpected.** Watch for cyclists, motorcyclists and wildlife. Watch for the unsafe actions of other drivers and roadway obstacles.

• **Keep your cool.** Stay calm in your vehicle and act courteously. Be realistic about your travel time. Factor in possible delays due to weather, traffic of construction. Help other drivers keep their cool by never tailgating, by always using your signals, by remaining in your own lane of traffic, and by turning your high beam headlights down well before the approach of any oncoming vehicle.



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# Yoga demystified at Celeste's new Ganges studio

By CAREY RUDISILL  
Staff Writer

Inside Ganges Yoga Studio I stretched from my right side to my left. Ignoring twinges from dormant muscles, I tried to create a calm mind.

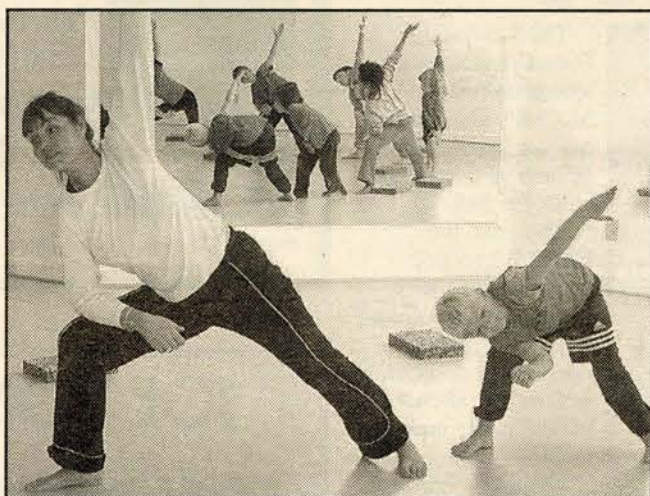
Looking around the room, I watched eight other individuals roll out mats in anticipation of a mid-day break.

On Saturday, October 25, studio director Celeste Mallett welcomed community members inside to partake in 10 different 30-minute sessions, ranging from open yoga to Nia.

Mallett said she hoped the day would help "demystify the notion of yoga."

"It's become very trendy lately," she said. "It seems to me, because I've been involved with yoga for over 25 years, that people are searching for a meaning."

Mallett opened the studio doors in mid-September after renovations finished in late August. She credited local carpenter Morley Myers for his quick work in amassing a workforce and completing the project.



Mallett was glad to have everything fall into place after deciding two years earlier that she wanted to establish a home studio. Though the Grace Point Square studio isn't home-based, she still believes the studio would contribute to the community's mental and spiritual health.

People shouldn't view the studio as a place of fitness, she said.

"My whole premise is to be able to offer a place in Ganges that is a sanctuary where people can explore aspects of

spirituality," said Mallett.

Before coming to Salt Spring with her husband Osman Phillips, Mallett taught yoga in England and South Africa for 10 years, and was certified by the International Sivananda Yoga Organisation.

For the past decade she led yoga classes at Cedar Lane Studio with Phillips who teaches tai chi there. She has also taught yoga at various locations, including Salt Spring Centre, schools and church halls.

Besides yoga, Mallett ran a



**YOGA FOR ALL:** At left, Dawna Masters leads a yoga class for kids; while above, Susan Alexander and Shauna Breitreutz are seen at a prenatal class.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

home-based reflexology practice. She and Phillips had decided to build a multi-purpose studio.

Mallett said a "change in circumstances" propelled her to look for her own space to hold yoga classes.

"Since January this year, I investigated the Grace Point Square site and knew immediately its potential as a town centre for yoga and meditation," she said.

"I have always wanted a place where there was more interaction between the students and the teacher after class," she said.

Other instructors include Susan Alexander, Leslie DeAthe, Dan Jason, Betty-Lou Lake, Heather Martin and Cordula Vogt.

Mallett wanted a gathering place where sanga or satsang, a group of spiritually minded people, could meet and talk.

The studio contains padded cushions for meditation in a corner, wood floors and a patio that overlooks the square below.

For the open house, tea cups lining a table invited people to stay and talk to participants, Mallett and other instructors, and read the brochures.

Back in the studio, instructor Vogt led the group, including myself, through a 30-minute session that included such poses as tadasana (mountain), vrksasana, (tree) and padangusthasana (finger-to-foot).

As the day came to a close, individuals retrieved their sweaters and shoes.

Sandra Harrison said she hadn't been inside the studio until Saturday's open house.

"I think it's a wonderful studio — the space and the energy of it," she said.

Outside the class, Mallett's idea of a studio as a place for yoga and companionship became real for the numerous residents who joined in the day's celebration.

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# 'Mount Everest climb' set to offset costs at The Wall



**GETTING GROUNDED:** Nicolas Honour rappels down the face of a wall in preparation for a marathon climbing event set for this Sunday at The Wall on Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

By CAREY RUDISILL  
Staff Writer

Individuals who dream about climbing Mount Everest can do so locally while also helping to preserve a popular climbing spot.

On Sunday, November 9, residents will meet at The Wall and climb over 142,000 feet (43,000 metres), the equivalent of the highest summits on seven continents.

Meredith Knox, director of youth services with Community Services, said climbers are asked to gather pledges to raise money for the facility's increased insurance premiums.

"We're close to the bone," said Knox.

In May, the facility experienced a 200 per cent increase in its insurance premiums.

"It's costing us \$4,500 a year," she said.

The facility first came under the Community Services' building policy but was moved to a separate policy by the insurance carrier.

She said the premium began its quick ascent in 2001, when it increased from \$750 to \$1,500.

Knox said the group man-

aged to deal with that increase, but the recent one threatens the future of the volunteer-run climbing wall.

"When it jumped again another thousand dollars we staggered under that," she said.

"To be fair, what was happening was that [Community Services] was subsidizing the insurance. Now, with government cut-backs, we don't have the discretionary budget to cover that shortfall."

Knox said the last marathon raised about \$1,200, but this year's focus isn't on raising "a big pile of money."

"Our biggest goal is to increase public awareness and public use," she said.

The group wants to offset this cost without impacting the community's use of the building.

"We keep our fees low so we can be accessible to the whole community," she said. "We didn't want to raise our fees."

One way the organization can survive is through increased membership.

"We're looking at ways to do that by increasing the use of The Wall and the

number of people coming in," she said.

This year marks the third marathon to be held on Salt Spring and participants will scale the equivalent of the Seven Summits, which include Mount Everest, Elbrus, Aconcagua, Denali, Carstenz Pyramid, Kilimanjaro and Vinson Massif. In the past, residents conquered the equivalent feet of Mount Everest and Mons Olympus on Mars.

Knox hopes exposure from the marathon will secure the wall's future.

"We would gladly accept sponsorship from anyone who would like to support us," she said. "We're confident that we can pull this off, but we do need community support."

The Wall is located at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road behind the Community Centre. Completely run by volunteers, The Wall is open for use from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Marathon registration forms can be picked up at the Community Services building or The Wall.

For more information, contact Knox at 537-9971.

## Disc golf AGM runs next week

Local disc golfers are aiming for more community support and better organization through an upcoming meeting at the Salt Spring Sailing Club on November 13.

"We're looking to get more organized," said disc golf devotee Fritz Arnold.

Currently, island disc golfers throw two open annual tournaments and informal monthly tourneys. But the group could use more assistance in park maintenance and plans for future club developments, Arnold said.

The Salt Spring Island Disc Golf Association (SSIDGA) opted to hold an annual general meeting to elect a new executive after long-time president Dean Crouse announced his resignation earlier this month.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the past six years as represen-

tative for disc golf on and off the island and I wish to thank all of you for making the Hart Memorial Disc Golf Course such a success," Crouse wrote in an open letter to the public.

Crouse served as president since the inception of the SSIDGA and simultaneously served as treasurer, tournament director, course maintenance organizer, and sponsorship collector.

With Crouse's departure, the executive has been reduced to vice-president Paul Linton after treasurer Gary Railer and secretary Scott Chapman each stepped down from the board since the last election.

"We're looking for more involvement from members," Railer said. "We want more families involved. Let's face it, it's a cheap sport that anyone can do."

Railer would like to see the club organized so that they could communicate with the Parks Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) on a regular basis.

The club lists 22 paid members but there are numerous other players who enjoy the game at Mouat Park, he noted.

The AGM agenda will include an election of officers, aims to define a club mandate, and organization of sponsorship and park maintenance, Arnold said.

The club is looking for a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, tournament director, a course planning/maintenance director and a PARC liaison.

The meeting will be held at the Salt Spring Sailing Club meeting room at 152 Douglas Road 6:30 p.m. November 13.

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## 'See-saw' football match marks Scorpions success

By JOHN FOLEY

Driftwood Contributor

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions took to the field against the Port Alberni Armada on Saturday.

This game was an offence showcase with more great plays than could possibly fit into 300 words.

This was the most entertaining see-saw sporting event to hit Salt Spring. Port Alberni would score, but the Scorpions would always

fight back.

The Armada scored three touchdowns (TDs) late in the game to take it 50 to 30.

Graham Meek played his best game ever on offence, completing four of eight passes for 70 yards and rushing for 107 yards and one TD. He showed physical and mental toughness and true leadership.

Cody Hunsberger also played outstanding with multiple kick returns, two big pass receptions and a total of 70 yards of offence. Hunsberger led the defence with 16 tackles and an interception from a Steven Murcheson tip-away from the Armada receiver.

Richard Hull scored a TD and rushed for 60 yards, caught a couple of passes

and delivered a few hard tackles.

Alejandro Alvarez played great and notched a sack and nine tackles, second best for the Scorpions defence.

Sasha Floercke was the offence workhorse with 19 carries for 182 yards and two TDs via 38 and 45-yard runs.

John Foley blocked well at the tight end spot and continued to do a great job with the long snaps.

Jake Fraser and Max Nelson both played strong on the line.

If you didn't make it out to any games, it's your loss.

The Vancouver Sun did a huge write-up on the team and the high school football world is amazed at the success of the Scorpions.

**FOOTBALL FACE:** Salt Spring's Sasha Floercke (number 99) makes a play for the ball during a Scorpions football game last week.

Photo contributed

## Bulldogs take third bite of season out of junior bantam squad

By CHRIS BYWATER

Driftwood Contributor

Last Sunday Salt Spring's Junior Bantam football team faced the Cowichan Bulldogs for the third time this season and, despite some exciting plays, the Bulldogs made it 3 for 3.

Salt Spring shut down Cowichan early as Brandon Shaw, Angus Fraser and Stephen Greenwood knocked down passes and delivered play-stopping tackles.

Three carries from Fraser and

two from quarterback Greenwood had Salt Spring knocking on the Bulldogs' doorstep, but an interception ended the drive.

Cowichan ground out some yards in the face of tackles from Fraser, Aaron Henry, Ian Barrett and Dan Foley before breaking it open with a pass and run to score, ending the quarter 7-0.

Salt Spring came just short of the first down on a quarterback option and then Cowichan's quarterback turned the corner all the way to Salt

Spring's 14-yard line. After a run to the outside, the Bulldogs had another six points.

As the half closed, Salt Spring's Seb Banks shed two tackles out of the back-field and rambled 25 yards to the Bulldog's 36.

They should have sounded an air-raid siren to start the second half, as both teams took to the air for a total of 21 passes.

Salt Spring opened with a fake punt turned long bomb that didn't quite connect. Cowichan looked to

answer but had their pass picked off by Brandon Shaw.

A fumble handed the ball back to the Dawgs and, seeking the safety of the ground, moved to the Salt Spring 18 before hitting their receiver in the end zone.

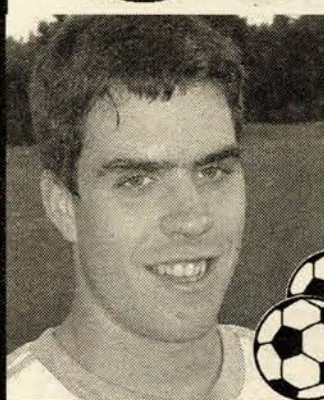
Salt Spring's Greenwood answered with an 18-yard pass to Aaron Henry and another 10-yard pass took the Slayes to the Dawgs' 29. But the fumble demon reappeared and the Dawgs connected on a 20-yard pass and sprint to pay dirt.

The fourth quarter was filled with passes and Salt Spring sent everyone but the waterboy in to blitz. Cowichan took some big losses and nose guard Miles Raposo almost grabbed an interception that bounced off the back of the Cowichan centre's head.

Salt Spring put up eight more passes but couldn't connect. The final score was 32-0.

The junior bantam team's last game of the season runs at Portlock Park on Saturday at 2 p.m.

## MAN O' THE MATCH



Tom McCollm is Salt Spring FC's the "man of the match" for the second week in a row after his performance against Bays United White at Royal Athletic Park on Saturday.

"Tom did play very solid. I didn't see any mistakes," said FC manager Ken Marr. McCollm anchored defence on the left side and added offensive punch when he was pushed up to the midfield, Marr said.

"He's definitely improved his game this year and we're looking to see him keep going."

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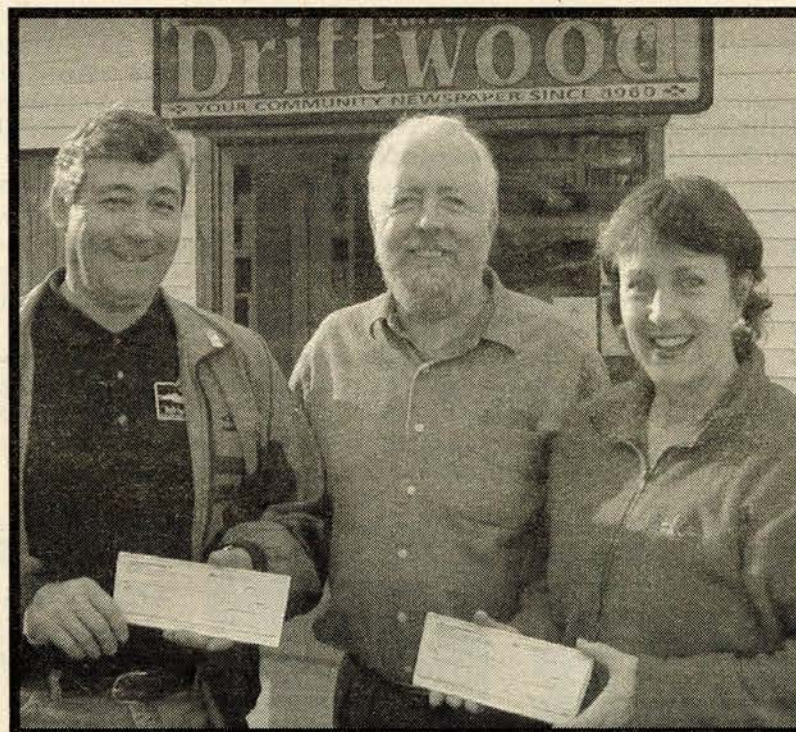
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Ken Byron, president of the Salt Spring Island Soccer Association, left, and Cydney Sturgess, president of the Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association, right, receive cheques from Driftwood publisher Tony Richards.

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# Teams play 'post Hallowe'en' matches

• Salt Spring Roadrunners U11 girls took on Peninsula Lightning in Sidney Saturday morning, with only nine players available and two of them unwell.

The Roadrunners were pressured by the aggressive Peninsula team right from the opening kick, and Salt Spring keeper Liz Fennell was called on to make several great saves early in the game.

About 20 minutes later, Peninsula intercepted a ball near the Roadrunners' goal and managed to just kick it over the line.

The Roadrunners had several great scoring chances in the second half, but were unable to connect.

Coaches commended all players for valiant and tireless effort.

• The Salt Spring U12 girls managed to keep their unbeaten streak alive with a 1-1 tie against a strong Juan de Fuca team on Saturday. Playing on a smaller than average field, Salt Spring was out-worked by Juan de Fuca, which aggressively pinned the island girls in their own end during most of the game.

Goalkeeping that was nothing short of spectacular from Emily Gix and Erica Tarissan kept the game close. On one long, hard shot destined to sneak under the cross bar, Tarissan, while running backwards, jumped up and deflected the ball over the net.

In the second half, Salt Spring managed to find their "post Hallowe'en" legs and solved the aggressive checking with a "dump and chase" strategy.

Kirsty Girard blasted a drive past the Juan de Fuca keeper after a great effort midway through the second half.

• Salt Spring's U13 girls silver team took on Bays United in a tight, closely-matched game Saturday,

## SOCCER KICKS

settling for a 1-1 tie.

Keeper Monique Comeau made some spectacular saves in the first half, keeping Bays to a 1-0 lead at half-time.

Although Salt Spring's forward line made several attacks in the first half, the island girls were constantly shut down by a speedy Bays sweeper.

Finally, in the second half, Meredith Raddysh took a long, hard shot on goal from left field, and Lara Coelho was able to trap the ball and send it into the net.

The match benefitted from several Ivy Staker blasts from the midfield, and hard work by fellow midfielders Olivia Budd and Camille Drummond.

• Still undefeated, Salt Spring's U14 girls team tied their game 1-1 against Prospect Lake Saturday. With a drive to win, the Salt Spring team rose to a new level of play.

Kristi Lee showed a high level of intensity, driving down the wing and levelling a few shots on goal. Keeper Jen Walls was fearless — at one point she flew out of the net 15 yards to shut down a clear break-away.

Natalia Alonso took control of situations and made some great passes; Megan Robinson, playing right half, volleyed shots out of the air straight towards the goal.

The opposition singled out Katelyn Girard as someone to "watch out for at all times."

Hanna Garvie-Ransen was effective on outside defence and as a forward. Jessie Harkema — a force in every game — managed to befuddle the opposition.

Kate Parker had her best

game of the season, giving 110 per cent effort to all of her plays. Kayla Gromme got the first goal of the game with her lightning reflexes, while Prospect Lake came back to tie the game with a penalty shot on net.

• Salt Spring's U14 silver boys team maintained their divisional lead with a 2-0 win over the Bays United Dynamos last Saturday at Portlock Park.

Colby Little nailed the first goal in the first half of the game, after receiving the ball from a well-placed David Nix throw-in, and rushing up the wing to score.

The local team held on to its one-point lead until well into the second half, when Steve Greenwood scored the second goal with a quick, low kick into net.

Sebastian Banks played an excellent game as left defender, keeping the Dynamos away from Salt Spring's net. Brandon Shaw displayed excellent goal keeping skills and managed another shut out.

Isaac Raddysh was strong on the wing managing a few shots on goal and Liam Johnston kept the Dynamos' keeper on his toes with some strong attempts high on their goal post.

• The U15 boys Strikers' midfielders shifted into high gear in a 2-0 game against Bays United as the first half of the match was played out almost entirely in mid-field.

Centre midfielders Bob Byron, DJ Lake, Alex Hannah and Gilbert Comeau battled for control of the zone as both teams exerted intense pressure on runs through the middle. And by the end of the half, both teams were limited to only three shots on the opponents' net and the game remained scoreless.

In the second half, the

Bays switched to flanking runs and, with a cross into the box, soon had the opening tally on a deflection.

The Strikers' midfield gelled as a unit with the back and forward lines as Kirby Garside, Tavis Morton and Liam Johnson combined with midfielders Rusty Fedberg and Lake to take the game to the Bays' keeper.

The game opened up as both teams went out on a full attack. Strikers keeper Jordan Borth played a stellar game and repeatedly denied the Bays their next goal.

But at the other end of the field, the Bays' keeper also thwarted the Strikers, denying Garside the equalizer on several occasions. In the closing minutes of the game, Bays added the insurance goal to their side.

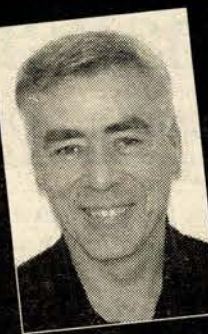
• Salt Spring's U18 girls went into their match against Lakehill convinced they could win, and proved themselves right by shutting down the opposition 3-0.

Keeper Amber Reid was called on to save several shots in the first half of the game, while strikers Rocio Fonseca and Claudio Castro, and midfielders Jill Foley, Val Harkema and Jesse Johnston-Hill came on strong.

Johnston-Hill was first to get on the scoreboard, with second half goals by Nicola Temmel and Fonseca.

Kathleen Sinclair played an effective game as sweeper, with hard kicks by Noriko Shimoda also moving the ball out of the Salt Spring zone.

Gabriel Anctil, Larrisa Dawirs and Laura Stuart played well in the midfield, and Ran Tsurumaki and Brooke Shergold had some great defensive plays, keeping the ball away from keeper Jesse Wilson.



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# Dragons challenged by league's #2 team

The Dragons played a valiant soccer game at the high school field on Sunday but it wasn't enough to save them from the opposing team's fancy footwork in a 4-0 loss.

Vic Athletics dominated the scoreboard and field with their impressive passing and scoring abilities, said team co-manager Joanne O'Connor, but the Dragons knew they were facing a strong second-place team even before the whistle blew.

"We knew it would be a challenge right off the bat," said O'Connor. "They

looked great. They were practising plays in their warm-up."

Acting game coach and co-manager Sue King said the game was a learning experience for Dragons players.

"Once [Vic Athletics] had possession of the ball, it was a really fast game transition-wise. It really forced our girls to go from offence to defence."

The first goal was scored mid-way through the first half and was followed by a second goal within 10 minutes.

The third and fourth

goals of the game were scored mid-way through the second half.

O'Connor said the fourth goal from a corner kick was unfortunate for the Dragons but a great shot.

"It made it past our near-post defender. It was just bad luck. She thought she had it and I yelled for it. It curved past both of us."

"It was a beautiful kick by the other team," she said.

O'Connor said the Dragons rallied forces against Vic Athletics.

"Our team played very well. There was a lot of

hard work. This team had us running all over the place. There was no dilly-dallying."

Several Dragons players were instrumental in keeping play moving up and down the field.

O'Connor said last defender Lorna Walde worked hard.

"She blocked a lot of hard shots with her body. She'd help move the play up the field and still hustle back to cover the goal," she said.

Jeanie Gray replaced defensive player Robin Little, who injured a foot

during play.

Little went to the hospital for x-rays but returned to watch the remainder of the game from the sidelines.

Additional support from fans also bolstered the Dragons during the Sunday game.

King said the team's defence is doing well but they still need to work on defining everyone's positions.

"Scoring a goal would be nice," she said.

The Dragons next game is November 9 off-island against Gordon Head.

## HIGH ROLLERS

High scores at Kings Lane Recreation last week were:

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Tuesday p.m. Seniors, Oct. 28: Clara Hicks, 217; Rita Dods, 230; June Webb, 208, 221.

Special Olympics, Wed., Oct. 29: Jimmy Beck, 153; Jason Newport, 16; Mahjor Bains, 175; Andrew Krizan, 206.

Legion League, Oct. 30: Arnie Hengstler, 258; Ken Ditlof, 221, 201/609; Dan Bedford, 232, 272/701; Art Beaumont, 214.

# FC fizzles during 2-0 match-up with Bays

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Salt Spring FC suffered from a post-Halloween haunting when they reaped a 2-0 loss at the hands of Bays United White at Royal Athletic Park on Saturday.

"The guys started off reasonably well but it all went backwards from there, said FC manager Ken Marr.

The islanders played sluggishly and had a hard time moving the ball, Marr said.

"It looked as though some of them might have been out

really late trick-or-treating the night before."

Bays United White (3-1-3) is ranked fourth in Division 1 of the Vancouver Island Soccer League, while FC is ranked ninth (0-5-2).

"Bays United was playing a better brand of soccer," Marr said.

Salt Spring tried two new players out front without success. Gord Akerman joined Jim Severn (playing on a youth permit) with an aim to capture some of their previous success from when

they played together in high school.

"Unfortunately, they couldn't generate any offence. I can't blame the young guys though. It had more to do with the service to them."

Another plan to substitute an additional striker in place of a defender for the second half backfired when Bays scored off a scramble in front of the net 10 minutes after the break, said Marr.

A second goal later in the

match sealed the outcome, he said.

"At this point in the season, it feels like we've taken two steps forward and one step back."

He believes the islanders played their best game of the season during a 2-0 loss against Vantreights FC on October 26.

Now the islanders are headed for an all-day trip to Powell River Saturday for a match against their rivals from last season's Jackson Cup on Sunday.

And Marr hopes the road trip will give the team a chance to shake off the ghosts of last week's game.

# Lakehill spans dazed Reserves team

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring FC Reserves suffered their first loss of the season with a 4-1 debacle at the hands of a determined Lakehill Whitecaps team at Portlock Park on Sunday.

"They better savour the win. We won't let that happen again," said Reserves player coach manager Mike Brown. "The other team was hungry and we were the team to beat."

The loss came as a surprise to the Reserves after they scored four straight wins to lead Division 6 in the Vancouver Island Soccer League.

"It was a bit of a smack in the face and it was a bit of a wake-up call," said Brown.

But Sunday's game gave the islanders an idea of areas that need focus during practices, he said.

"We had a big hole in the middle of the field."

The Reserves also suffered from poor communication and couldn't string passes together, Brown said.

"It just felt like there was a haze over us."

He believes Salt Spring's normal style of play completely outclasses Lakehill.

"These guys were playing kick and run. They had no class but they wanted to win."

Lakehill also played an aggressive physical style that caught some of the islanders off guard, he said.

"If you don't know how to play a physical game, you don't know how."

Kerry Martin scored the lone goal for Salt Spring. He received a through ball relayed from Martin Thorn and Colin McDougall.

"He let it rip from the 18. The goalie was charging him

and it dove down under the bar."

The islanders also scored an own goal, Brown said.

"It was a 2-2 tie, as far as I'm concerned," he laughed.

Brown believes the quality of the local field was the big highlight of the day.

"I can't say enough about the condition of Portlock Park. The guys at Parks and Rec are doing an amazing job."

With the loss on Sunday, the Salt Spring FC Reserves

have now dropped to second place in the sixth division, but still have a game in hand over Zgoda (1) and Lakehill (3) with an impressive goals-against average of 3.86.

"Maybe the Native Wolves put a hex on us after our last game."

The Reserves scored 14-0 against the Wolves at Shoreline School on October 25.

The islanders next play Gorge at Portlock Park 2:15 p.m. Sunday.

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# Simpson awarded All-Canadian honour in field hockey

Islander Sara Simpson was named a first team All-Canadian at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Field Hockey Championships after her Vikes squad won silver in the final match in Oakville, Ontario Monday.

The UBC Thunderbirds won gold with penalty shoot-outs after a 0-0 tie stretched through two overtime periods against the University of Victoria team, which was the 2002 defending champion.

Simpson scored the open-

ing goal for Victoria against Waterloo in a 5-0 rout to kick off the tournament Thursday. Victoria went on to win 4-0 against York and 5-1 against St. Mary's to earn a berth in the finals Monday.

Simpson was named to the

tournament all-star team, along with earning All-Canadian honours.

The centre midfielder also nabbed six goals over the season to place her 10th among scoring leaders.

Some of Simpson's past highlights include: 2002

Canada West All-Star 1st Team, 2002 Silver at BC Summer Games, 2002 CIS Female Athlete of the Week and 2002 Canada West Female Athlete of the Week.

As a member of Team Ontario's field hockey squad, Simpson also won the

silver medal at the 2002 Canada Summer Games.

When not attending UVic, the fourth year humanities major lives on Salt Spring with her parents Hamish and Tricia, who moved to the island from Ontario in 2000.

## PHOTO FEATURE



Seen at various Salt Spring locales on Hallowe'en were, clockwise from top left: angel fairy Rhea Davidson at Fulford pumpkin carving event; Dale Dow; Kasea Campbell preparing to carve a pumpkin at Tree House South; sailor girls Brittany Grundy, Michelle Sullivan, and Christina Penhale with Marco Franz; Sam Benoit at Embe Bakery; an unidentified leopard; Sarah Allen; Ryan Hudson.

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