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Island groups fear park legislation

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

B.C.'s provincial parks may house more than squirrels and deer, if it's up to Water, Land and Air Protection Minister Joyce Murray.

On November 18, Murray introduced new legislation that could open B.C. parks to private-sector resort and lodge development, but local conservation groups are concerned about the potential impact

on Salt Spring Island.

The Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act received second reading last week.

During an interview Monday, Murray said she hoped the matter would be settled soon.

"My intent is that it's passed by the end of the week," she said.

According to the minister, the act aims to increase tourism and have more people using parks.

The changes will allow for increased choices for park visitors, especially international tourists, Murray said.

"International tourists have increasingly been coming to B.C. over the past decade," she said. "I'm clear that we have an exceptional parks system. It's the third largest in North America. I intend to keep it an exceptional system."

Spokespeople for two Salt Spring

groups involved with park issues expressed concerns about the change.

Peter Lamb, Salt Spring Island Conservancy (SSIC) president, wasn't surprised by the bill.

"It seems like another initiative by the government to find profit where they can. The concern I have is it's promoting profit-driven commercial

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Schools aim to prevent crisis

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Long-range forecasters for the Gulf Islands School District predict a spiralling pattern of educational doom and gloom if trends continue with ongoing squalls in declining enrolment and reduced provincial funding.

But members of the district's "Futures 64" task force are attempting to divert a financial storm with proactive efforts to save money and generate revenue by collecting innovative ideas from community members.

"Although there is some urgency, we're not in a crisis, we're trying to avoid a crisis," said school district superintendent Wendy Herbert.

Consequently, the school district held public meetings on Saturna, Mayne, Pender, Galiano and Salt Spring Island to find more solutions to their budgetary woes last week.

The meetings had two purposes, Herbert said.

"One was to inform the community what our enrolment projections could look like if nothing were to change, and what our funding looks like, because we've been told

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AIDS CROSSES: Volunteers put the finishing touches on the planting of 7,000 crosses in Peace Park. The red and white crosses have been used to create the image of a red ribbon, which symbolizes the worldwide fight against AIDS. Seven thousand crosses were constructed and planted — each representing the daily death of an AIDS victim — in preparation for World AIDS Day, December 1. More photos, stories, pages A18-A19.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Businesses light up; Santa drops by

A floatplane charter will bring Santa Claus to Ganges on Saturday.

Santa will arrive for his annual Light-Up visit at 1 p.m. at the floatplane dock in Ganges Harbour, courtesy of Salt Spring Air.

Santa will walk from the dock to the Bank of

Montreal, where he will greet children until three o'clock. Candy canes, oranges and hot chocolate will be served by the Pathfinders.

The Driftwood, which sponsors and organizes the event, will take photos of children with Santa. Free

copies will be available from Tuesday on at the Driftwood office.

Light-Up commences officially on Friday evening when judging takes place in the annual decorating contest. Rosettes will be presented Saturday morning for the winning displays.

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Rumours false: Driftwood remains in family hands

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Publisher

Salt Spring rumours can be mildly amusing until you find yourself the subject of one.

It has always been my goal to hasten the coverage of local news so as to beat the rumour mill. But the race has always proved difficult to win — in terms of speed, that is. The mill works fast, but it's rarely accurate.

Such has been the case with the erroneous story of this newspaper's sale. It is a story that has had several

different plot lines and has been circulating for months. B.C. newspaper baron David Black, a longtime personal friend, was visiting Ganges on his boat in the summer and he and his wife had dinner with Alice and myself at a local restaurant.

Not long after that we heard David Black was going to buy the paper. The evolution of that rumour eventually had it that neither David nor Conrad Black was the purchaser. It was "a black man."

There come times in the life of

any business owner when the prospect of working 9 to 5 for someone else is very attractive. When your job is your life, you never stop working. When your job is troubling you, your life is in trouble.

But the trials and tribulations of my job are neither serious enough that I am going to bore you with them, nor are they troubling enough that I wish to sell the business. (The remaining Driftwood Publishing Ltd. shareholders are all family members — all but one live on Salt Spring -

and they have no desire to sell either.)

The Driftwood has not been sold, nor does it appear likely that it will be sold for some years to come. I say likely because one never knows. Conrad Black was boasting about having made \$50 million in one day last week. Were he to plunk that sum on my desk and indicate his desire to return to his roots I would have a hard time refusing the cash.

How likely is that scenario?

I left the office for three and a half weeks in September and invit-

ed a friend with extensive newspaper experience to take my place. That, no doubt, helped refuel the rumour of a sale.

More fuel is coming in January, when that same friend returns to take up a longer-term position at the Driftwood as associate publisher. Penny Graham will assume many of my own day-to-day responsibilities, but she will not be here to buy the paper.

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SCHOOL CONCERNS: 'No school closures'

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what it's going to look like in 2005-2006."

Herbert presented enrolment figures based on local birth rates that project a loss of 145 students over the next three years from the 1,581 students currently served by local schools.

School board chair May McKenzie indicated that declining enrolment is a concern for schools across the province, throughout Canada and even in the U.S.

The district has already seen a loss of 34.75 full-time-equivalent (FTE) students this year and suffered a further 38.5 FTE loss in 2002/03.

A reduction of 40 students results in annual funding losses of

\$214,600, noted district secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold.

Revenue losses from declining enrolment are compounded by changes in Ministry of Education funding formulas that have resulted in significant reductions for the Gulf Islands, Scotvold said.

By the 2005/06 school year, the district could lose \$600,000 as a result of ministry funding formula changes, regardless of enrolment levels, he said.

As one example, the district will lose \$275,000 from a fund for low-enrolment districts because the funding system will be recalculated to favour larger districts, like West Vancouver with 5,000 students, he said.

The Gulf Islands School District expects to lose another \$275,000 from reduced funding for small communities' secondary schools by 2005.

"We're still in the dark as to why they made these changes," Scotvold said.

A revised funding system introduced in 2001/02 has already seen district revenue reduced by \$330,000, he said.

The district's current \$15,000,000 budget is currently underfunded by a million dollars from the ministry, Scotvold said.

But as bad as the situation might look, the Gulf Islands would not be able to benefit financially from school closures, he added.

"There is absolutely no incentive to close a school on Salt Spring; that's a unique aspect of our district."

The district even makes more revenue in grants by maintaining Saturna Elementary for five students than it would gain by a closure, he noted.

Additionally, revenue generation measures adopted over the last five years now see the district bringing in \$1.6-million annually.

The international program provides gross revenue of \$1,000,000, of which the district is able to utilize \$600,000, he said.

Secondary learning programs, adult education and the District Learners Partnership Program (DLPP) have provided an additional \$1,000,000 annually, Scotvold noted.

But the district task force approached the community because they need more innovations to stay ahead of the next wave of funding reductions, said Herbert.

The school board also wants to let people know there is still approximately a year and a half of planning time to flesh out ideas, she said.

While the task force had not yet met to discuss their findings at press time, Herbert had already noticed several consistent themes in suggestions brought forward by meeting participants.

"There were things we hadn't talked about at all that came from the community. It proves the process is really valuable," she said.

Over 100 islanders attended three meetings on Salt Spring while 18-24 community members attended meetings on the smaller islands. Saturna saw six adults and a child attend a public meeting.

Suggestions included: hosting conferences, providing after-school care, renting office space to other organizations, changes in how the school week and school year are organized, development of new programs that could lure families into the district, creation of programs that could be offered outside the district, expansion of the international program and the DLPP (home-schooling support program), providing post-secondary programs, and property development that could include an affordable housing plan.

Herbert indicated that the task force will need to meet with Scotvold to determine the possibilities of each suggestion.

The second part of task force investigations will centre on the impact of financial considerations on the quality of education provided in the district.

"Are these decisions going to have a positive impact on the education of our kids?"

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PARK LEGISLATION

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enterprises in provincial parks," he said. "Recreational opportunities is a pretty broad expression — does it include ATVs, tour buses, hunting?"

Friends of Saltspring Parks (FOSP) is also concerned about the potential impact of more development in the island's provincial parks.

Past FOSP chair Nora Layard said the group is worried that outdated management plans for Salt Spring parks may leave them vulnerable to the planned legislation if it is passed.

"We're concerned that any proposals brought in at this point regarding a resort would be made without any framework. The government would be making decisions in a vacuum without any community input," she said.

"When there isn't a management plan in place, there's no agreed-upon direction for a provincial park. The danger is that the government could say they want a resort in one of our parks."

Layard said Ruckle Provincial Park's management plan is 20 years old, and a plan is not yet in place for Burgoyne Bay.

"The framework is lacking for decisions about resort developments here," she said.

When asked about the amount of input island residents would have in proposals, Murray said there would be opportunities for people to be part of the process.

"Any application for a park use permit will require consultation with people in the local community, as well as an environmental impact assessment. Some applications won't be appropriate and we'll turn them down," she said. "I'm very clear that wildlife and wilderness objectives of the park are critical for maintaining the parks for the long term. We will not be issuing park use permits that create any risk to park use objectives."

SSIC president Peter Lamb said he had some questions about what role the community might play.

"With the Trust's preserve and protect mandate, would the minister exempt the Trust area from the bill?" he said. "This is certainly not compatible with the Trust mandate. I don't know how forceful the Islands Trust can be in this matter."

Lamb said parks are essential for wildlife and

sees the bill as contrary to parks' roles.

"We have a park system for the people but they're also for protection of plants and ecosystems and protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat. The parks aren't just for the people. The reason we have parks is to prevent human disturbance of areas. Recreational opportunities and lodges and resorts don't seem to be compatible with protection of land."

Linda Adams, the director of Trust Area Services, said she believes most Trust island parks are zoned solely for park use and do not allow structures or economic activities.

"We don't have a specific policy, although in most instances I think we would support the protection of parks as natural areas. Obviously in a lot of situations, parks have been created after community fundraising and community campaigns, and generally that's been because people want to protect certain ecosystems and protect them from development," she said.

"I think everybody recognized parks can have economic benefits to communities, but it's probably preferable if the economic activity takes place outside the park rather than inside the park."

But Adams said the likelihood of Trust-area parks being used for large-scale commercial development appears small.

"I suspect there aren't any plans to put resorts or tourism developments in the Trust Area. I think there would be some concerns if something large was being proposed."

Areas currently used for recreational activities, with existing roads and campgrounds, are more likely to be chosen as sites for lodges, Murray said.

"I believe there are areas in parks that are suitable to intensive park use. I think it's a benefit to the community and park visitors. As we've doubled our parks system and added some six million hectares in park areas, I know there's some opportunities for people to enjoy parks and stay in a lodge," she said.

Layard also wants to see a continuation of the community's existing community plans.

"We are a community that recognizes and values the environmental and cultural integrity of our island parks. We need to see that these values are clearly protected through long-term planning for appropriate park uses," she said.

Lamb said he and other SSIC members weren't aware of the bill beforehand, but wish they had been.

"This notion that the government was going to delegate more power to the municipalities — it just seems to be ignored," he said. "They're passing legislation provincially to override local influence and input."

The Liberals also gave second reading last week to Bill 75, the Significant Projects Streamlining Act, which would allow any minister, if authorized by cabinet, to override local government bylaws and regulations in order to facilitate approval or development of a "provincially significant project."

He said the group will likely write to the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection to express their concerns.

"We'll lobby for changes and communicate with the Trust," he said.

Adams said the Trust has heard verbal assurances about Bill 75, although some concerns arise from the fact "provincially significant project" has not been defined.

"Anytime you see local community rules and regulations having the potential of being overruled, it is of concern to local governments."

At its Wednesday meeting (today), the Capital Regional District board will also consider a recommendation "to support the Union of B.C. Municipalities and Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities in calling on the provincial government to remove local government from Bill 75, and that the board chair be requested to relay this support in a letter to Premier Campbell."



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Cougar suspected in sheep kill

A young cougar is being blamed for killing a 4-H sheep and wounding two others on Leisure Lane last week.

Cherith Davies, whose family keeps three sheep on the property next to Leisure Lane Garlic Farm, made the discovery when they went to feed the livestock at 9 a.m. on Thursday.

"One of them was dead and two were wounded — one pretty bad and another one not so bad."

Animal control officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser said he's certain the death was caused by a cougar.

"There's no question about it because of the broken neck and puncture wound in the neck, and because the carcass was consumed."

Davies said the veterinarian also observed that the wounds appeared to be caused by a cat rather than a dog.

The dead sheep body was left in the pasture to see if the cougar could be tempted to return, said Davies.

Cougar tracks were then found in the snow on the ground Saturday morning, and the animal had been consumed further.

Brunnwieser said he assumed the cougar was a young one, since more experienced animals usually kill deer rather than livestock,

which are obviously easier prey.

However, Davies' father Dave Davies said conservation officers from the Nanaimo branch of the Conservation Officers Service told him they do not believe there is a cougar on Salt Spring, although they did not see the sheep carcass or tracks. They do not intend to investigate, he said.

Dave Davies said the situation "makes that particular piece of land, and the ones surrounding it, unusable as pasture. I find it incomprehensible that the wildlife services will not even take a

look at the kill scene."

The Davies family is heavily involved in 4-H activities and currently raising 21 sheep on different island properties.

Cherith Davies explained one of the impacts of the attacks.

"The one that is really hurt is a championship ewe and she won't be able to show again because the wool grows back dark over the wounds and you can't show them after that."

The animals are now at home with the Davies family.

"We're not putting any sheep back on that land until it's taken care of," said Cherith.

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Counterpetition period underway for those opposed to CRD arts tax

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Islanders are being asked to approve taxpayer support of the arts on Salt Spring through a Capital Regional District (CRD) counterpetition process.

However, unlike usual "petition" concepts, people should only sign a form if they oppose the plan.

Proposed Bylaw 3116 — the Salt Spring Island Arts Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw — would authorize taxation up to an annual maximum of \$38,000, or \$.025 per \$1,000 in assessed residential property value, to provide annual grants to the Island Arts Centre Society (IACS) and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC).

For 2004 the IACS would receive \$18,000 through the service to help with ArtSpring operations, and the GICAC would be given \$3,300 to run its Artists in the Classroom program on Salt Spring.

Both groups currently receive that amount of grant monies from the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC).

Salt Spring regional

director Gary Holman said providing funds to those two bodies directly through a CRD arts function, rather than via PARC, has been proposed in order to give some certainty to IACS and the GICAC.

"The main reason was the feeling by all the parties that the current tax support for the arts was only a year-to-year thing... so it was to create greater certainty for arts funding than is currently being provided."

Each year PARC decides whether or not to provide grants for IACS and the GICAC. With development of Rainbow Road recreation facilities now a PARC priority, it wanted to wean the two arts groups so more of its funds can be used for the recreation project.

The CRD estimates an average-assessed residential property will pay \$6.13 per year once the maximum level is reached.

For the 2004 tax bill, the present \$21,300 amount will be maintained, said Holman, so there will be no net tax increase for the arts. Cost of the counterpetition will be borne by taxpayers, though.

If more than five per cent

of eligible electors sign counterpetition forms — which are available only at the CRD Building Inspection office — then a referendum on the same question will be held.

The bylaw stipulates that future funding increases would see the same percentage split between the IACS and GICAC — 85 and 15, respectively.

Holman said the maximum amount could potentially be requisitioned next year, if approved by himself and the CRD board.

"Additional increases up to the maximum will have to be approved by the regional director and the board," he said.

GICAC president Lorna Cammaert noted at a November 12 town hall meeting that the \$3,300 is not a large part of the GICAC's annual income — but the group does need the funds to run the Artists in the Classroom program, which has been well-received by everyone involved.

Similarly, \$18,000 (or \$32,000 at the maximum level) represents only six to 11 per cent of IACS's \$300,000 in revenue for

the fiscal year ending August 2002.

But it would be the only guaranteed part of that revenue.

Holman said IACS board members, volunteers and staff already put an enormous amount of time and energy into fundraising efforts and adding another \$18,000 or more to its goals would be difficult.

In fiscal 2002, IACS raised almost \$63,000 through fundraising events like the Island Treasure Fair and ArtSpring Home Tour.

"I just don't think that level of fundraising can be maintained," said Holman.

A further \$62,000 of 2002 IACS income came from public donations, including half of that from an annual appeal.

Some \$95,000 was raised through IACS-sponsored events; \$42,878 from renting the building to other groups; and \$9,000 through membership sales.

The usual month-long period for signing of counterpetition forms has been extended in this case because of Christmas holidays.

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Vessel problems blamed for Cap Rouge capsizing

The Cap Rouge II that capsized in August 2002 and killed five islanders was destabilized by carrying too much equipment, said the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) in a report released Thursday.

While the Galiano-based fishing boat's captain, Ben Mabblerly, survived the incident, his wife Kathy Mabblerly, and their children Amanda, aged 11, and nine-year-old Wyatt died in the incident. Mabblerly's cousins Rod Wilson and Tony Head (of Salt Spring), were also killed in the tragedy.

The TSB report indicated the boat was destabilized by equipment installed over the years to

suit different fishing needs on the 18-metre vessel.

"The effects of these increases in weight were not monitored or assessed by a suitably qualified person," the report noted.

The TSB found the Cap Rouge crew may have contributed to the incident with unsafe day-to-day operations, such as securing a door in the open position, which allowed water to flood the deckhouse.

The TSB conducted a 15-month investigation to determine causes of the incident and report on the subsequent Canadian Coast Guard rescue operation.

Following the investigation,

the TSB recommended the Federal Department of Transport create a code of best practices to encourage safety consciousness for fishermen.

The TSB also requested stability testing for small fishing vessels and inspection of new vessels to submit stability data.

While the board commended coast guard divers for doing everything possible within the scope of their procedures, the TSB also sent a letter to the coast guard citing several shortfalls in the rescue attempt.

Coast guard divers arrived on the scene within minutes but then followed safety procedures by waiting 90 minutes for the arrival of military divers.

The TSB report found that coast guard procedures did not call for sufficient staff to manage a search and rescue operation and that communication abilities with military back-up teams were not sufficient.

Though the report addressed the vessel's condition and the actions of the captain and crew, it did not critically examine the failed rescue attempt, said opposition fisheries and oceans critic John Cummins (MP for Delta-South Richmond).

The TSB did not comment on problems with dive team procedures, the lack of availability of the coast guard hovercraft (which was in for repairs) or note on the lack of availability of the Canadian Forces dive team and helicopter (stationed in the interior of B.C.), Cummins said.

"The public expected an independent investigation into the coast guard's response to this tragic event. It didn't get it."

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CHRISTMAS ART: Anna Hoskins concentrates as she paints a bulb during an art demonstration at the Guilds of Christmas Sale, which runs through the weekend at Mahon Hall.

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PARC debates land swap

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A proposed land-swap deal to widen Stewart Road at Peter Arnell Park received some passionate debate by commissioners during the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting Monday night.

PARC commissioners approved a motion to proceed on the land-swap deal, but only after considerable discussion regarding road safety and increased traffic congestion.

"It wouldn't affect our land holdings at all but it would make the road a lot safer," said PARC commissioner Wayne Fraser.

The Ministry of Transportation (MOT) has indicated interest in a land swap in order to reduce the angle of a hair-pin corner and re-engineer the road bed before paving an 800-metre section of Stewart Road.

"The only stretch that hasn't been improved is the worst stretch of the road,"

Fraser said.

The problems of maintaining that road are paramount, Fraser said.

"All it will take is one icy day in November and it's an accident waiting to happen."

But commissioner Bob Francis encouraged caution before PARC agrees to the land-swap deal.

"Is [MOT] wanting it for safety purposes or are they hoping for a more rapid access between the 'south end' and Ganges. If that was the case, then I would have trouble with it."

Francis was also curious about MOT's ability to finance road improvements and what the Islands Trust might have to say about a land swap.

PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon said that though the Stewart Road land swap would require Capital Regional District (CRD) board approval, the Islands Trust might not need to be involved in the deal.

PARC chair Bill Curtin

noted that the land swap would result in the loss of some trees and relocation of an historic cairn in Peter Arnell Park.

"PARC has asked MOT to relocate the cairn as part of the costs in the deal," he said.

Commissioner Susan Russell also pointed out that MOT has been uncooperative regarding a deal to transfer land at Kanaka Road to the school district as part of a skatepark deal.

And Curtin suggested that the Stewart Road deal could provide bargaining leverage to see the transfer of Kanaka Road so the community skatepark project can proceed.

"Does that mean they are going to honour the agreement to swap land for a dollar?" said Curtin.

Commissioner Mark Haughey noted that the PARC board may be debating matters beyond the scope of their bailiwick.

"I don't think we're here to discuss traffic issues."

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'Missing link' tops MOT wish list

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Optimistic island motorists might see visions of a Stewart Road upgrade dancing in their heads following a recent visit by a surveying team to Salt Spring's most notorious wagon rut.

"I'm very hopeful that this is the beginning of getting there," said Ministry of Transportation (MOT) district engineering technician Bob Webb.

"The trade-off is how are we going to build this thing to a reasonable standard without breaking the bank? If it was just pavement, it isn't a big issue. But there's no sense in paving it without ditches and sufficient width to do anything."

MOT is spending \$15,000 on preliminary planning for the Stewart Road site near Peter Arnell Park this year, Webb said.

"They're going to deliver a preliminary design by the beginning of March to see if we need any right of way, or if we're okay or what the scoop is."

Engineers would likely

need to widen Stewart Road in order to bring the road up to Gulf Islands standards before they can polish off the estimated 800 metres that still remain unpaved, he said.

"We're just making sure that if we go to the high side there, we're okay. If we go to the bottom side, there's some challenges there because we've got to contain our fill."

MOT might arrange a deal with the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission to acquire a small amount of property on the corner in order to complete the deal.

Webb is hopeful that widening can occur along the high southern side of the road where costs will be significantly reduced. But he won't have an idea until the consultant's report is completed in March, he said.

"Then I could have a quick 'boo' at it and tell you whether or not we're in big trouble, little trouble, whether it's straightforward or whether we're in for millions of bucks."

Webb believes islanders

could see the road paved if MOT can complete the work to the same standard as the rest of the road, without including a bike path.

"From what I'm hearing in the community and the Islands Trust is that's the most important aspect — to get the thing to the same standard as the rest of the road."

Road widening required to bring the unpaved chunk of Stewart Road up to the bike-path standard would likely require retaining walls that would run \$1,500 to \$2,000 per metre, in addition to paving costs, Webb noted.

"You're in the \$400,000 range just for a wall and obviously our people are going to go 'Ouch, that hurt.'"

Paving would only cost approximately \$100,000, comparatively, he said.

Balancing the wish list with the bottom line to see the last stretch of Stewart Road paved could still be a tall order.

"Unfortunately, it's the 'missing link,'" joked Webb.

"Maybe we should have started there rather than ending there," he said.



CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF SEWER USE BYLAW AMENDMENT

The Board of the Capital Regional District gives notice that it intends to adopt Bylaw No. 3105, cited as *Capital Regional District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 5, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2003* at its meeting of December 10, 2003.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Sewer Use Bylaw has, since August 1994, formed the regulatory basis for the Regional Source Control program that is designed to protect public health and safety, sewerage systems and the receiving environment from the effects of contaminants discharged into sanitary sewers.

Codes of practice are regulatory documents that include mandatory requirements for waste treatment, inspection, maintenance and record keeping for businesses and institutions discharging wastes to sanitary sewer. Nine codes of practice, those for food services, photographic imaging, dry cleaning, dental, automotive repair, vehicle wash, carpet cleaning, fermentation and printing operations have been adopted under the Sewer Use Bylaw since 1999.

Two new codes of practice have been developed over the past year in co-operation with stakeholder task forces and three existing codes have been amended.

REASONS FOR THE SEWER USE BYLAW AMENDMENT

An amendment to the existing CRD Sewer Use Bylaw is necessary to include:

- new codes of practice for laboratory and recreation facility operations
- amended codes for dry cleaning, automotive repair and vehicle wash operations
- new definitions and other changes associated with the new and amended codes of practice
- minor updates and corrections to achieve consistency within the bylaw

SUMMARY OF NEW CODE OF PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

The two new codes of practice will be appended to the Sewer Use Bylaw as Schedules "R" and "S" following adoption of Bylaw 3105. General requirements that appear in the new codes include:

- mandatory registration with the Regional Source Control program within 90 days of code adoption
- compliance with specific sewer discharge limits
- installation of monitoring points in new or renovated operations
- retention of operating procedures, maintenance and other records

The main requirements and effective dates contained in the individual codes are summarized below:

New Code of Practice for Recreation Facility Operations (Schedule "R")

A recreation facility operation is defined as "any local government, educational institution or commercial facility containing one or more of the following: ice arena, curling rink, water park or pool."

- **Effective January 1, 2004** all operations must remove solids from ice melting process waste using specified treatment works prior to discharge to sewer. Pool water and wastewater from back-flushing pool filters must be de-chlorinated to a specified level prior to discharge to sewer.

New Code of Practice for Laboratory Operations (Schedule "S")

A laboratory operation is defined as "any commercial, industrial or institutional laboratory or a laboratory operated by a public authority that generates liquid waste in association with activities including, but not limited to: agriculture, analytical service, aquaculture, chemical manufacturing, education, forestry, health care, industrial hygiene, materials testing, pharmaceutical manufacturing, research, tissue culture and veterinary medicine".

- **Effective January 1, 2004** all operators must ensure that specified wastes are treated prior to discharge to sewer or collected and transported for off-site management.

- Existing operations must prepare a spill response plan by **July 1, 2004** and all new operations must prepare a spill response plan within 30 days of commencing business.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO EXISTING CODES OF PRACTICE

Code of Practice for Dry Cleaning Operations (Schedule "J")

This code of practice has been revised to achieve parity with new federal regulations regarding the use of tetrachloroethylene (perc) in dry cleaning. The main changes, effective **January 1, 2004**, include:

- Increased level of treatment, including separation, activated carbon treatment and an alarm system.
- New discharge limit for perc and requirement for installation of a monitoring point.
- Existing operations must prepare a spill response plan by **July 1, 2004** and all new operations must prepare a spill response plan within 30 days of commencing business.

Code of Practice for Auto Repair Operations (Schedule "M")

The main changes to this code, effective **January 1, 2004**, are:

- Approved alternate treatment works may be installed in place of the specified oil-water separator.
- All oil-water separators must be equipped with a monitoring point by **June 1, 2004**.

Code of Practice for Vehicle Wash Operations (Schedule "N")

The main changes to this code include:

- Revised requirements for the design, sizing and maintenance of vehicle wash interceptors
- **Effective January 1, 2004** for new operations and **January 1, 2005** for existing operations, wastewater must be treated by a vehicle wash interceptor or an approved alternate treatment works prior to discharge to sewer.
- All treatment works must be equipped with a monitoring point by **June 1, 2004**

A copy of Bylaw No. 3105 may be viewed in full during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, November 26 to December 9, 2003, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, Administration Dept., 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. The bylaw may also be viewed on the Internet @ http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/liquidwastesept_1/ Select Bylaw 3105 from the list. Technical enquiries regarding the bylaw may be directed to the CRD Hotline, telephone 360-3030, or e-mail Hotline@crd.bc.ca

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Saturna begins life with new national park

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Residents of Saturna Island may see massive changes in their community now that more than half the island is part of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

With Parks Canada now looking for local representation on a new volunteer advisory board, the park presence is taking shape and growing.

"You can feel two ways about it — positive or negative. I believe you might as well feel positive since it's already here," said resident John Money during a recent interview on Saturna.

He promoted the park plan in his capacity as a member of the Saturna Local Trust Committee (LTC) between 1984 and 2002, but Money also recognizes challenges the park may pose for islanders.

"All of us have some apprehension, even those who are accepting of the plan," he said.

"It magnifies the fear all Gulf Islanders feel — that this is becoming a place where young people can't afford to live."

The community requires meaningful employment and the park could remove the potential for many types of work, he said.

"Usually everyone thinks of 'preserve and protect' for land. Now the Islands Trust

has to think of 'preserve and protect' in terms of the community."

Money also expects Saturna property could become very desirable with the park nearby, but he's seen no indication of a stampede to buy land on the island.

"The Gulf Islands are changing rapidly regardless. The park will not create changes, it will create a different change," Money observed.

"It's like buying an elephant. It takes some care," noted current Saturna LTC member Tom Johnstone.

"Now that we've got the beast, what do we do with it?" Money laughed.

Johnstone credits Money and the LTC for helping create the park, due to the Islands Trust's 25 years of existence.

"The uniqueness of the organization helped make it possible to create the park."

Without the Islands Trust, the Gulf Islands would likely have become "the playground of B.C.," he said.

And this is the first time in history that Parks Canada has included local representation in park planning, he said.

"We don't want another Banff or Whistler."

Johnstone believes islanders are particularly fortunate to have a chance to participate in park planning.

"How will it function? There are no answers yet and

that's good news... We want that kind of interaction."

He noted that Parks Canada will have to follow rules set out through legislation and won't spend \$40-50 million without advertising the park internationally.

"It has to fit within the box. But there will be more latitude than there has ever been before for what hits the ground."

Saturna currently has only 300 permanent residents and 1,200 summer residents, he noted.

"Two thirds of our population doesn't live here."

Consequently, the island has a relaxed rural character found in few other communities, he said.

"We chose this island because of its remoteness. Otherwise we'd live on Salt Spring or in Saanich."

But Johnstone recognizes Saturna's isolation could cause the community to wither if services are reduced further.

"Who would want to live here if your six-year-old had to take a boat at 7 a.m. in the dark to go to school?"

Saturna's school board trustee Susanne Middleditch shakes her head over the creation of a park on the island.

"The hub of my paranoia is that this doesn't look good for families."

As the community stands now, there are only two stores, a pub, a vineyard and

a few contractors providing employment on Saturna.

"If you look at what's employable, I don't know how people live there."

Services like the ambulance and fire department are provided by volunteers who need jobs to live on the island, she noted.

"Maybe once the park is established, we might discover it was a good thing," she mused.

But Middleditch believes cottage-based businesses will be the only viable employment options unless zoning restrictions are lightened after the park is operational.

"Gosh, to take away that diversity to the community would be really boring."

The Gulf Islands has always had a tough time maintaining school enrolment, she noted.

"You see it in a much more dramatic way here. Salt Spring has a huge decline too but it has a population large enough that you don't notice it."

Middleditch said Saturna Elementary currently serves only five students and she's concerned another young family might leave this year because those children could make or break the future of the school.

"There's no viability to stay here. That's another two children who would have been in the school... We're losing that little bit of hope."

Alternatively, Saturna farmer and ex-Capital Regional District (CRD) director (1990-1999) Jacques Campbell believes the park will be good for business.

"I think it will create more of a path of activity," she said.

Tourism-related business like B&Bs, restaurants and kayaking outfits could see a boon for the community, Campbell said.

"As long as the Trust doesn't decide they need higher rises to stay in," she added.

The community has even opposed campgrounds in the past because islanders don't want to be disturbed by trespassers who might camp on their property in the middle of the night, she said.

"Saturna has a friendly history toward visitors but an unfriendly history toward campsites," said Campbell's father Jim (also a former CRD director).

The community also reacted negatively toward any establishment offering more than 15 beds, he said.

"This will be a place for people to quietly enjoy and quietly go away."

Most tourists visit Saturna to enjoy walks and tend to pose little trouble, Jim Campbell said.

"We've got no casinos, no organized entertainment and I hope no Trust committee will ever see a benefit in that at all."

CRD CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT Notice of Counter Petition Opportunity Salt Spring Island Arts Contribution Service Establishment - CRD Bylaw No. 3116

The Board of the Capital Regional District ("CRD") intends to adopt Bylaw No. 3116, "Salt Spring Island Arts Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2003".

The intent of Bylaw No. 3116 is to enable the CRD to establish a service for the purpose of contributing to the cost of maintaining, equipping and operating the ArtSpring Theatre and contributing to arts programming through the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council on Salt Spring Island. The annual cost of the service, per average residential assessment, is estimated to be \$6.13. Further information may be obtained by contacting Val Leighdorin @ (250) 360-3033 or toll free 1-800-663-4425, Extension 3033, during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

The Board may adopt this bylaw unless at least 5% of the electors in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD, to which the bylaw applies, petition against the bylaw by signing counter petition forms and submitting them to the CRD by the established deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2004. At least 378 electors must sign the counter petition, in order to prevent the Board from proceeding with Bylaw No. 3116, without the assent of the electors by voting (referendum).

The counter petitions must be in the form established by the CRD. The required forms of counter petition and a copy of the bylaw are available Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays from the following CRD offices:

- CRD Corporate Secretary, 524 Yates Street, P. O. Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6; (8:30 am-4:30 pm) - (Telephone 360-3128 or toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3128);
- CRD (Salt Spring Island) Building Inspection, #206-118 Fulford Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2S4 (8:30-10:00 am, 10:30 am-Noon, 1:00-4:00 pm) - (Telephone (250) 537-2711).

The only persons entitled to sign the counter petition forms are the electors of the area to which the counter petition opportunity for Bylaw No. 3116 applies. The area to which this counter petition applies is the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD.

An elector is a person who is eligible to vote in a CRD election in this area according to Section 49 of the Local Government Act. Elector qualifications for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors are as set out below:

Resident Elector: You are entitled to submit a counter petition as a **Resident Elector** if you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in the electoral area of the CRD for 30 days;

Non-Resident Property Elector: If you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property in the electoral area of the CRD for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may submit a counter petition as a Non-Resident Property Elector. Note: Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may submit a counter petition per property, regardless of how many owners there may be.

Signed original counter petition forms must be received by the CRD, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2004, attention Corporate Secretary, at:

- Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, 3rd Floor, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6; or
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Carmen I. Thiel,
Corporate Secretary

Next skatepark meeting Monday

Work on securing the closed portion of Kanaka Road for a new skatepark continues with a meeting on Monday night, December 1.

People are invited to bring their letters of support for transfer of the road from the Ministry of Transportation to School District #64, or write them at the meeting, which will be in the library at Salt Spring Middle School at 7 p.m.

Skatepark society members decided to

again push for the road transfer following the loss of a major ramp through arson two weeks ago.

Letters, as well as donations to help replace the ramp, can be accepted by society member Carron Carson at the reception desk of Island Savings.

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Islanders will have an unprecedented opportunity to participate in the initial planning of Canada's newest park as the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve takes shape under a volunteer Park Advisory Board.

"It's a very unique situation. We've created communities within parks but rarely the other way around," said Parks Canada communications manager Meredith Reeve.

The 33-square-kilometre Gulf Islands National Park is spread over 16 islands, and includes 30 islets and reefs. Only sites on Saturna, Mayne and the Pender islands are accessible via B.C. Ferries.

D'Arcy, Portland, Prevost, Rum and Russell islands and Sidney Spit are also included in the park.

Salt Spring has no national park sites, but some neighbouring tidbits include Isabella Islets, the Channel Islets, Imrie Island, Grieg Island and Reay Island in Prevost Passage.

Parks Canada's first consideration will be maintaining the ecological integrity of the area, said Reeve.

"The only way to do that is to work with your neighbours. Eco-systems don't follow straight lines."

The national park reserve was formally established in May after property acquisition

began under the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy Program in 1995. Lands were also transferred to Canada from provincial parks, ecological reserves, Crown lands and the Capital Regional District.

Parks Canada is currently creating a Park Advisory Board to develop interim guidelines for park management while a comprehensive plan is developed, Reeve said.

"It's another opportunity to have your voice heard."

The seven-member board will include three members from the general public with expertise in conservation, education, recreation, tourism or cultural heritage, Reeve said.

"In the meantime, we're making sure everything is up to snuff so people are safe out there."

Parks Canada will also conduct a baseline survey to find out how many people travel to the Gulf Islands and why they come here, she said.

"One of our overriding things from the start is to maintain the island lifestyle."

But the Parks Canada mandate also includes the use and enjoyment of park space, she noted.

"The ferry will always be a limiting factor. That's a saving grace for the park and for the island lifestyle."

Car hits mail truck

Injuries and delayed mail resulted when a 1984 Toyota Camry skidded on ice into a freight truck Monday morning at 8 a.m. on Fulford-Ganges Road near Lee Road.

Both vehicles were badly damaged, note police.

The truck was transporting the day's supply of mail from Victoria to the Ganges post office. The driver of the Camry was taken to Lady Minto Hospital with minor injuries and released later the same day.

Roads can be icy, police say, and people should accordingly drive with more care.

• An 18-year-old woman was charged with impaired driving and driving over .08 after being apprehended by police on Reynolds Road on Monday night.

• The Salt Spring Golf and Country Club reported its shed was broken into sometime Saturday night and that golf carts were taken for a joy ride. Damage was done to the golf course, shed and carts.

A police investigation identified three 13-year-old boys as being involved, and police are working with the golf club to seek a resolution.

• RCMP responded to a report of a shed being broken into on a Margaret Avenue property at about 9 p.m. Sunday. Police attended but the culprit had fled and was not located. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

• At 2:10 a.m. Thursday, a 49-year-old male received a 24-hour suspension after being checked for erratic driving.

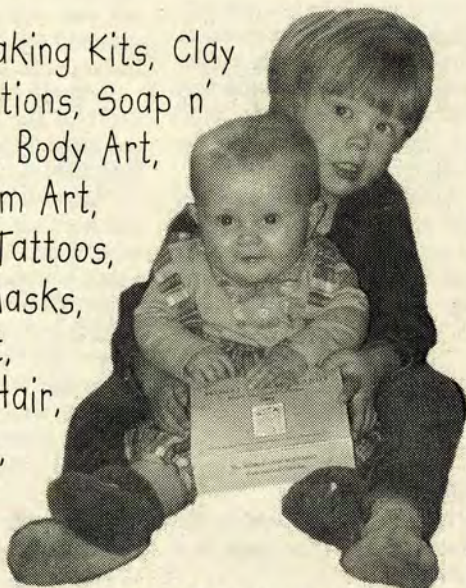
• Police have received complaints of e-mails being received where senders are in a country with millions of dollars that must be put into a bank account. They request bank account numbers and offer a percentage of the money that is put into bank accounts.

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AIDS fight needs mainstream attention

It takes only one glance at the 7,000-cross art installation at the Peace Park in Ganges to know World AIDS Day organizers on Salt Spring have found a way to speak about something most of us are still afraid to acknowledge.

The crosses represent the 7,000 people who die each day from a disease that has no cure. The sight of so many symbols of death and hope jolts us to pay attention to the ravages of AIDS both worldwide and in our own community.

Without such dramatic visual statements, it is too easy to ignore AIDS. The stigma attached to the disease forces HIV+ or AIDS-afflicted individuals to remain anonymous and ask for nothing from the wider community. AIDS has been compared to the Bubonic Plague, and worldwide statistics are hard to swallow. The Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS has just released updated estimates of present infections: 40 million people around the world, with 26.6 million of those in sub-Saharan Africa, and 2.5 million of those children under the age of 15.

In the face of those statistics, it's hard not to feel overwhelmed and helpless. Dr. Jack Chow of the World Health Organization this week called AIDS "the premier disease of mass destruction," and noted it is the fourth largest cause of death worldwide and the leading cause in Africa.

But the UN's recent report also documents success with prevention programs in even the poorest of nations, stressing that education can make a difference. And that's one of the main thrusts of World AIDS Day on Salt Spring this year.

The forces behind the events have made it possible for islanders to glean as little or as much awareness as can be handled through events culminating on December 1. It's also an opportunity to raise funds for AIDS-related projects around the world and for those who still suffer in silence among us.

World AIDS Day is being marked with unprecedented verve on Salt Spring this year. People are urged to join Monday's walk, sponsor a walker, dance, donate, listen to speakers at the high school, read a pamphlet or simply absorb the scene at the Peace Park.

A handful of activists cannot be expected to fight a devastating plague people are afraid to talk about. Helping individuals, communities and nations deal with AIDS must become a truly mainstream concern.

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Density transfers will mean end of five-acre averages

By SAM LIGHTMAN and MAUREEN MILBURN

The recent proposal to transfer densities to a property on Isabella Point Road serves to raise an alarm about the larger issue of density transfers in general.

This provision was included in the official community plan (OCP) and receiving areas designated with little or no discussion and even less understanding of its implications by the population most likely to be impacted.

The major implication is now becoming crystal clear: quite simply, density transfers will ultimately result in the demise of the five-acre average on Salt Spring.

The five-acre average has been the backbone of density control on Salt Spring for as long as there

VIEW POINT

has been a community plan here.

A visiting planner once told a meeting of the Community Planning Association on which I was sitting at the time, "If you want to protect Salt Spring Island, there are three things you have to do: protect the five-acre average, protect the five-acre average, protect the five-acre average."

Unfortunately, at the creation of our current OCP, our local planners seem to have lost their focus on this point.

The positive side of the concept

of density transfer is clear: save large tracts of green space by moving the densities to areas already developed. But the downside is not so clear, and needs to be articulated: if you put additional densities into areas currently zoned five acres — i.e., the rural residential zones — then you no longer have a five-acre average.

My own neighbourhood is not in jeopardy from the current density transfer proposal, (hence this is not a NIMBY letter) but is very much at risk by potential future proposals for density transfer. We are designated a density receiving area in the current OCP, and if densities start materializing here, the five-acre average has nowhere to go but down.

How do you regulate it? If my

neighbour receives a couple of extra densities, I damn well want them, too. So will every other lot holder in the area. They're worth a lot of money. The pressure on trustees (or their successor municipal councillors) will be intense.

Density transfer is the thin edge of an extraordinarily destructive wedge which in the end will lead to precisely the result we have been trying to avoid: overcrowding, dry wells, noise, environmental degradation and all the other ills we have worked so hard for so many years to preclude here.

Increasing numbers of islanders are becoming aware of the unintended consequences of this extremely dubious policy. The OCP is due for a review. I urge the

trustees to put a moratorium on all future density transfer applications until this policy has been reviewed, discussed, and explained and justified to the people in the receiving areas, and voted on in an OCP update referendum. And in the meantime, there is ample and appropriate reason to reject the current Isabella Point Road proposal.

It is of serious concern to us, and many others as well, and that concern will expand as more people become aware of the implications inherent in density transfer.

The writers have been active in community governance and environmental organizations for many years.

Breakfast in the cold light of day

Before I tell you about Bruce's strange eating habits, I should fill you in on what happened when we first arrived at the cabin.

In November, in the Cariboo mountains, night quickly overtakes the meagre daylight. So, when we arrived at the cabin I stumbled down a steep bank in the dark to find the propane tank and turn on the valves to the fridge and stove.

The fridge was originally from a wrecked motorhome. I installed it on my porch, right by the cabin door, so in bug season you can just open the door, quickly reach into the fridge and retreat inside.

In order to light the pilot light you have to lie down on the porch and push one side of your head hard into the floor so one eye is low enough to peer into the bottom of the fridge. Hidden down there are all the control doohickies. Three switches

and two dials. A switch for gas, one for electricity and one that's probably a master

on/off switch. There's no writing visible under the first switch. The faded and chipped paint under the second one says "Elec O."

The writing under the third says "Gas O." They probably used to say "Elec On" and "Gas On" — so you could choose the appropriate power system. Turn one switch on and the other off. But what if the writing used to say "Elec Off" and "Gas Off"? Now I'm hooped.

Okay, I can figure this out. It's like one of those riddles in a middle-school math book:

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"A fridge that can operate on propane or electricity — but not both — has three switches and two dials for temperature control (thermostats). The writing on the switches is no longer visible. What is the minimum number of combinations of switch positions and dial settings that you would need to try in order to operate the fridge on propane?"

Okay. If the first switch is the master switch and pushing it to the left turns it on, then the second switch (electricity) should be off if I switch it to the right. Which means the

third switch (propane) will be on if I switch it to the left. If the first thermostat dial is for electric heat and I turn it all the way clockwise, it will be completely shut off. Or all the way on.

Okay. It doesn't matter which dial is for electric heat and which is for propane. They just have to be turned in opposite directions. If one is on, then the other will be off; so if one combination doesn't work then the other will. Hah! I'm brilliant. The only thing left to figure out is the switch positions. Hmm. What if the dials are in the right positions but the switches aren't? It doesn't matter. There can't be that many possible combinations.

I've been lying out here on the porch, in the dark, face pressed into the floor, with a flashlight in my mouth, for half an hour. Fifty-third try.

First switch in left position, second switch in left position, third switch in right position. First dial all the way clockwise. Second dial all the way counter-clockwise. Now push the "ignite" button to light the pilot light. Nothing.

Meanwhile, the sounds of Jeff and Bruce working hard to get the cabin cleaned up and warmed up are wafting out.

"Want another one, Jeff?"

"Sure! That last one went down quickly."

"Where's John?"

"Who?"

"John. The guy whose cabin we're at."

"Oh. I think he went to the outhouse. He'll be back in a minute."

Where was I? First switch to the right. Second one to the left. Third one to the right. First dial counter-clockwise,

second dial clockwise. Try to find enough strength in shivering numb fingers to push the ignite button again. Oh my God! It worked! Through my one eye pressed to the ground I see a tiny blue flame under the burner. Yes!

Wham! My world goes black as the cabin door hits me in the head and the flashlight falls out of my mouth.

"John? Why are you lying out here on the deck? With your head right by the door. Geez, you should come inside where it's warm."

Next morning Jeff goes out to get the breakfast fixings from the fridge. A minute later he walks back into the cabin and throws a jug at me. I catch a solid brick of frozen milk. He tosses the bacon onto the table. Bonk! Then he drops an egg onto the floor. Clank!

"You should have a look at that fridge when you have a minute. I think it needs an adjustment."

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What could you do to drive more safety?*



Alex Keating

I'd slow down and be more courteous. What's wrong with letting someone in? The island moves so slow — who needs to be quick?



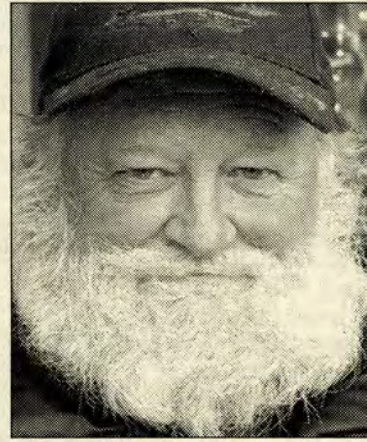
Larry Goodman

I'd drive slower and not get in a hurry. We're on an island. No matter how fast you drive you'll hit water in 15 minutes.



Monica Ritenour

I'd always look out for the other person and slow down. I watch out on Vesuvius Bay Road — people take it too fast.



Rick Saunders

I'm a pedestrian. As far as I'm concerned, people have their brains in their pocket and don't know what crosswalks are for.



Adrienne Schult

I'm wary of the corners and black ice. Also, be wary of drunk drivers. It's that time of year.

Letters to the Editor

Cross field

Have you seen the crosses in Peace Park across from ArtSpring?

There are 7,000 crosses in the park — one cross for each person who will die of AIDS today, and tomorrow, and tomorrow.

The crosses, put there by volunteers, are intended to help us all visualize the number of people who die from AIDS each day.

These 7,000 crosses were placed in the park as part of AIDS Awareness Week, which ends December 1 with World AIDS Day.

In the 1980s and '90s, World AIDS Day was seen as a "day without art." This was to recognize the loss of so many great artists afflicted with HIV and AIDS.

In the last few years, World AIDS Day has become more and more important as a way to strengthen the global response to the challenges of the AIDS pandemic. The crosses in Peace Park are a piece of installation art aimed at creating greater social awareness.

AIDS kills five people worldwide each minute. If you haven't seen the field

of crosses, it's worth the trip, even if you are coming from one of the other Gulf Islands or beyond.

An important symbol for AIDS awareness is seen in the field of crosses. A field of white crosses surrounds a red ribbon (created from red crosses). The red ribbon first was used in 1991 by Visual AIDS in New York as a global symbol in the fight against AIDS. We can all wear red ribbons to symbolize support for those living with or suffering because of AIDS.

Money raised in red ribbon boxes around this community will go to support local individuals dealing with the difficulties of living with HIV and AIDS.

In early years of the epidemic, the red ribbon was an important visual symbol for tolerance and solidarity with those often discriminated by the public — the people living with HIV and AIDS. It appears little has changed. The United Nations has chosen stigma and discrimination as the focus of the 2003 World AIDS Day.

In many parts of the world, discrimination prevents people who are

known to have HIV from securing a job or caring for their families. Discrimination can prevent people from seeking or being offered the treatment that could save their lives. It also causes isolation and marginalizes people who have HIV and AIDS.

One of the goals of the World AIDS Day event on Salt Spring is to inform and educate people so that there is no need for stigma and discrimination.

PEGGY FRANK,
Victoria

Magical

While Arvid did not appear to look anything like Little Miss Muffet (though he was indeed sitting on his tuffet) during his Unglued show on November 14, did anyone other than Heather and myself notice the somewhat large spider that lowered itself from the ceiling and stopped waist-high on Arvid's right side while he was reminiscing about his absent friend James Wilkinson?

It was an unbelievable moment. Magic was definitely in the air that night!
DIANNE PARSONS,
Lower Ganges Road

More details

The November 19 articles about the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society impress me with the fact that budget figures can be quoted according to the special point of view being taken.

In order to draw an educated conclusion and resultant decision regarding whether or not to make a donation to Salt Spring Island Community Services Society, I would like to see more details as to the society's budget.

Within the last month a plea for donations was made by the society to cover the Wellness Program it helps sponsor. As a member of Salt Spring Seniors Services Society I know that it is currently making donations from its meagre income in the amount of \$1,000 per month plus office and telephone to that same Wellness Program and, according to statements made by Community Services, Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwood and the new assisted living complex Meadowbrook also contribute to it. It would therefore appear that the public is already giving

substantial support to that particular program.

I would be very interested to know how the gross income of Salt Spring Island Community Services Society, which includes the provincial government's grant and the above donations, is constituted, and in what proportions it is dispensed, i.e. for general maintenance, and for wages and benefits for 57 employees.

BETTY POOLE,
Salt Spring
Peril

On November 21, while enroute to Vesuvius, I noticed a truck which had momentarily lost control and was skidding to the right and I believe great danger.

The area of Vesuvius Bay Road I see as a peril is just past Tripp Road and almost to Mobrae Avenue, nearest Vesuvius.

I assume the truck lost control because the road was icy as opposed to the driver talking on a cell phone or some other distraction.

The road at this point is very steep on the right side (Vesuvius bound). I think

that large metal railings are needed here to prevent a tragedy.

On the other side of the road towards Portlock Park there are signs warning drivers to stay on their side of the white lines.

DON MADSEN,
Brinkworth Road

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Your letters are welcome

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

Email your letters to news@gulfislands.net

Legalizing suites would get workers out of tents

Let's give a standing ovation to Vancouver Mayor Larry Campbell.

With a sweep of the pen he has begun a process which will essentially end Vancouver's chronic rental shortage. The legalization of in-law suites will end a ton of headaches that has plagued that city for decades.

First and foremost, it will give the dishwashers somewhere to live, besides mom and dad's place or stacked up four deep in a one-bedroom apartment on the outskirts of Chilliwack.

Same goes for the waitresses. And gas jockeys. And Wal-Mart greeters. All the low-wage earners that make the city run. Sound familiar?

Over the past 10 years,

Salt Spring has gradually joined the ranks of international destination points with little or no housing infrastructure. Tons of jobs. Nowhere to live.

I've known perfectly reasonable women hunkered down in tents or large Oldsmobiles. So why should a waitress pick a bag-lady lifestyle when she can work in Victoria, make the same or more money, and actually have a bed and a flush toilet at the end of the day?

What possible incentive can restaurants like the

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SPEAKING**
BY PETER VINCENT



Oystercatcher offer? If truth be told, local retail outlets will hire anyone with a pulse, as long as they have a roof over their heads. So why don't we do everyone a favour and legalize basement or secondary suites?

The issue has always been shoehorning these suites into local zoning bylaws and building codes. Do we really need a minimum 7'6" ceiling, as dictated by local building code?

How about plumbed-in

sprinkler systems or hard-wired smoke detectors? Do you really think the tent behind Mouat's Park gives a damn if the bathroom is within arm's length of the kitchen?

And what a bonus it would be for first-time homeowners faced with astronomical housing price tags. When qualifying mortgage applicants, banks are more than a little reticent about factoring in rent payments from illegal suites.

Wouldn't you feel the same? All it takes is a disgruntled tenant phoning the building inspector to shut down a basement suite, or an evil neighbour seeking retribution for your barking dog. The applicant's income just plummeted

\$500 per month, a figure which could easily make or break a mortgage payment.

Legalized suites are just not susceptible to the vagaries of psychotic tenants or vengeful neighbours. The only resistance to legalizing suites may come from those homeowners without the need of a mortgage helper, who do not want to see their neighbourhood sullied by renters peeling around in pre-owned Hyundais. They will march out those tired old chestnuts about increased traffic, excessive strain on the water tables and sewers, yadayadayada — you know . . . the same arguments trotted out by the anti-vacation rental cadre.

So what's stopping Salt Spring from following

Larry Campbell's lead? The trail ends, once again, at the ballot box.

Vancouver enjoys a certain autonomy. They are at liberty to pass whatever outlandish bylaw suits their whim, as long as they have a consensus and it doesn't ruffle provincial or federal feathers.

Although under the eyes of the Islands Trust, Salt Spring is also in a position to legalize in-law suites.

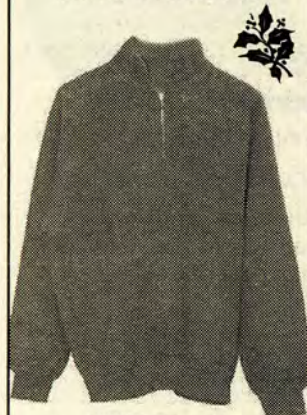
Maybe nobody has put the question to trustees Eric Booth or Kimberly Lineger — maybe they have a bad case of the "yipes."

Whatever the reason, there are still decent people here on Salt Spring living in tents, and that is truly indecent.

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It is crucial that our Islands Trust serve and protect our island way of life. That's why we came here in the first place.

For me the proposed Stewart Road Quarry symbolizes the rampant and improperly controlled over-development of Salt Spring. This is unacceptable.

We are not naïve. Some people will just do what they want to do and their bottom line is how much money they can make as more people move here to get away from over-development elsewhere.

How ironic that the over-development they are trying to escape is the very thing that now confronts them on Salt Spring.

It is said that another name for God is reality. Our reality is that it is not just the Islands Trust that needs to preserve and protect Salt Spring — each one of us can make a difference.

David Suzuki said that if we can't halt environmental and social disintegration here on Salt Spring it can't be done anywhere.

It's good to remember that the reasons why we chose to live on Salt Spring are our common ground. Salt Spring herself is the unity in our diversity.

Stewart Road Residents Association (SRRA) has been circulating a petition opposing the Stewart Road quarry application. Our petition stand says: "Stop the

Quarry. Our Island Way Of Life Is Not For Sale." The petition asks Minister of Mines Richard Neufeld "to deny approval of this application because a mine will endanger public safety, damage the environment, threaten a wetland and a community water source and contravene our official community plan."

It's not the petition itself that makes any real difference to the process of a protest action. It's about building community, everything and everyone being in relationship whether we recognize and respect it or not.

I collected about 100 signatures in front of Patterson's.

Many islanders expressed incredulity that this mine application could even be considered.

People worry that the Islands Trust doesn't have a strong and enforceable enough regulatory and advisory policy.

Once again, and for the last time this year, we invite all concerned residents of Salt Spring to attend the next Islands Trust meeting at Lions Hall, at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 29th. Please come wearing blue to show you care about our wetlands and watersheds!

**J. CAMPBELL,
Stewart Road**

Latimer update

About five years ago, over 700 islanders signed a petition

requesting clemency for Robert Latimer.

This petition and many like it were ignored. For the past three years Robert has been in prison, initially in maximum security, then in medium security in Bowden in Alberta, and now for the past few weeks he has been imprisoned in the minimum security prison in William Head between Sooke and Victoria.

During this time his family have been deprived of a father, his wife of a husband and the community of a very productive member. Society is paying a very high cost to punish Robert for committing an act which many view as loving and humane.

If any readers would like to write him or visit him, the address is:

Robert Latimer, 6000 William Head Road, P.O. Box 4000, Victoria, B.C. V8X 3Y8.

In order to visit an inmate of a federal prison, one must first request permission. The process may take up to two weeks.

Some of us are writing the outgoing prime minister requesting that Robert be recommended for the Royal Prerogative of Mercy.

The prime minister's address is: Office of the Prime Minister, 80 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2.

**BRIAN FINNEMORE,
Fulford Harbour**

Door opens

I am writing on behalf of the young people who enjoy

skateboarding on Salt Spring.

I not only understand (I think) their disappointment over the burning by arson of one of their major ramps, but I can see that this is a door that has closed, while another one is opening.

Arsonists, like other criminals in our society, are like fuses in a circuit: when they blow, it most often means that there is a power surge.

In other words, while on the surface it appears that a crisis has occurred, a new development is about to take place.

We are now talking not only about acquiring a disused roadway, but also a concrete facility which cannot be burned to the ground.

The publicity surrounding this "regrettable" event made possible an awareness of the importance of that skateboard site for our youth, and ultimately, for every person on our beautiful island.

When I was in my teens, waiting to be drafted by the French military, I spent my days downhill skating.

I was so enthused by the sport that I didn't even wear protective gear.

I had not heard of that sport from anyone, or anybody: I was totally on my own.

I wrote a lengthy and detailed letter to the Olympic committee, asking them to include downhill skating as an Olympic sport.

I got no answer; but that

didn't stop me from practising that sport.

Here, in 2003, we have a group of people practising "the science and art of skateboarding."

Unless I am uninformed, I predict that skateboarding will eventually make it to the Olympics.

What I am talking about here is not just a bunch of "kids" having fun on wheeled platforms: I am talking about young athletes in the making, some of them quite good at what they do.

I will sign any petition supporting the establishment of a concrete skateboard park.

I can relate, from my own tangible experience, to the fun and challenge of skateboarding.

**FRANCOIS JAUBERT,
Corbett Road**

No sense

I just don't get it. Could somebody explain why, since we didn't join the United States in its invasion of Iraq, we have to take on its hare-brained National Missile Defense system?

Both Paul Martin and the opposition seem to support the idea, but I don't understand who or what it is supposed to protect us from? Terrorist ICBMs? The North Koreans? The Russians?

Are they planning to use it against suicide bombers? Will it protect Canadian sovereignty, or eliminate it?

Are they hoping to spin some deals for our defence contractors?

Our MP, Gary Lunn, tells me he supports it, but refuses to say why.

Can somebody explain it to me?

**BRIAN SMALLSHAW,
Salt Spring**

What's next?

Your recent expose of the practices of Len and White Glove are little more than the appearance in print of a long-standing island tradition — trashing someone's reputation.

Unlike a similar expose of another contractor's personal life, and indeed unlike the aforesaid tradition, Len at least does get to defend himself.

What next — you'll be printing: "Don't use So-and-so, he's a rip-off" or "Watch out for ———, he'll cost twice as much as he says"?

No wonder I sometime introduce myself to clients as "I'm a contractor, but I'm trying to go straight!"

**Peter Blackmore,
SALT SPRING**

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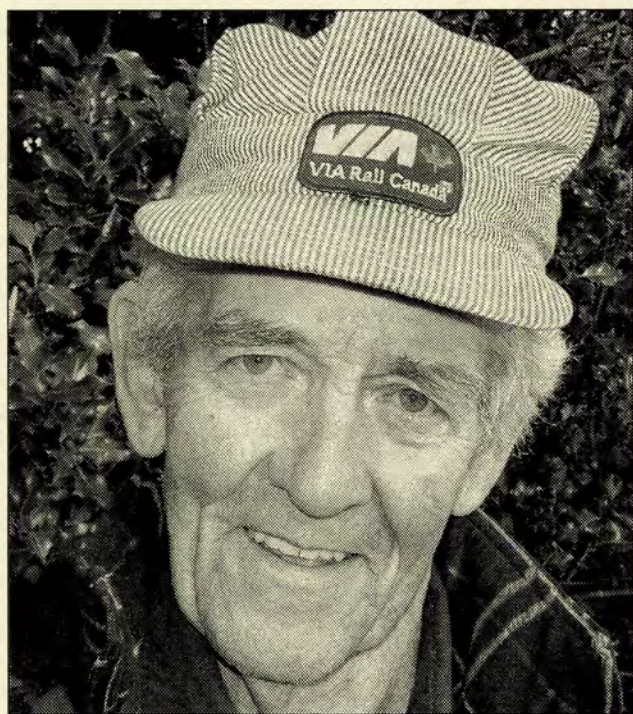
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Favourite read: Any book on the railways.
Best thing about SSI: The people.
Worst thing about SSI: Is there anything?
Best place to kiss on SSI?: Anywhere.



DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

More letters

Lost landscapes

From Abraham Lincoln, "Force is all conquering, but its victories are short lived."

I am grieving for the destruction of our island landscapes. Islanders who feel the natural forest floor, vines, ferns and salal must be bulldozed. They have not seen the otter and deer trails, the tiny raccoon footprints, the heron roosting sites, the eagle's domain.

They have probably not picked the wild blackberry harvest, marvelled at the lady slippers and camas or witnessed the quail and song birds feasting on seeds, rose-hips and snowberries.

Why can realtors not work with our land to preserve our natural landscape — before the damage is done?

We don't need 10-ton weapons of mass destruction, city lawns and all the irrigation and chemicals they entail.

The drive to town is now heartbreaking — more and more land scraped raw, views of the harbour hidden from us all by cedar hedging, huge tree stands gone or butchered.

I don't care to be robbed of my landscape — the rural scene on Lees Hill changed for now with metal fencing and treated posts, the mile of Beddis Road fenced now with the same, erasing in

one week the hedgerows that have grown gently over the decades.

We have lamented our lost landscape before and exhausted our hearts and minds stopping the Texada force. The piece-meal destruction as we grow will leave little of our precious landscape for all of us to dream in. Please — stop, think, live with and nurture your land.

ANNE HUMPHRIES,
Haamea Bay

P.S. And please don't leave us all to choke in burn piles! More smoke is not a solution to global warming with its wild winds, fires, drought and floods.

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RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

To all those drivers refusing to use turn signals. Yes, we know everyone should know where you are turning, but this is not kindergarten. HB

Rants to the thieves who are too cheap to pay \$2 for their own garbage disposal and sneak around in their cars until they find somebody else's clean and emptied can to put in their stinking, leaking bags. This costs the victim an extra \$2 plus aggravation and clean-up.

Rants to reporters with no relevant experience reviewing concerts and art shows, as in the recent cello concert or this summer's ASA art show. A critic is not someone who expresses their personal opinion but someone who has some knowledge of the subject and the established rules of critiquing — whether the review is good or bad it is therefore fair and not a result of their personal tastes. There must be a lot of people on SS who have these skills. The artists and performers have worked hard to present their work; a more professional approach would show more respect.

ROSES

A massive bouquet of roses to Arianne Trehearne

of Island Savings Credit Union for your help way above and beyond the normal call of duty. Your helping me with obtaining a cashier's cheque in my particular problematic situation is deeply appreciated. Island Savings (and its customers) are indeed very fortunate to have you working for them. Many thanks! RK

To all the incredible people/companies/businesses donating about \$2,070 of great items to the Best of Salt Spring draw at the Apple Festival. You made eight winners very happy. Thanks for creating such a beautiful display of SSI treasures.

Roses to Laurie Craig who came rushing to my rescue at GVM last Tuesday, abandoning his groceries at the check-out. I had locked my keys in my car and was on my way to catch the Vesuvius ferry. I failed to notice that while I thought my car was missing two Jack Russells, the dogs were in fact sitting comfortably in my identical car on the other side of the parking lot. Luckily, the car owners arrived before we actually broke in! Because I had to chase the check-out clerk who was making away with the groceries I had left on the hood of the other car, and then rush to catch the ferry, I didn't have a chance to thank

Laurie properly — so many thanks.

A big bouquet of roses to JJM Highways Maintenance and Jim Buckley for rescuing the school bus stuck in the snow at the bottom of Beddis Road. The bus drivers and students all appreciate what you guys do for us! Thanks!

Roses to Art Now IV for a great show and to Jason for creating a delectable duck dinner at Beaver Point Hall. Let's support him and his culinary efforts on Salt Spring!

Roses to Jana for creating the delicious appetizers for my husband's 60th birthday! They were a hit! You should put a signboard out on the road so more people can find you and your wonderful food. Thanks. Karen

Roses to Island Star Video and Ramesh Meyers of Allowed Sound Studio for lending equipment for Robert Bateman's slide presentation at our AGM. Friends of Salt Spring Parks (FOSP)

On Nov. 13 at 3:55 p.m., I locked my keys in my car and a friend got Dave from McColl's Shell. He got the door open in time to get my 4 p.m. flight (which was 10 minutes late). Many thanks and roses.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee
 November 26, 2003, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 BC Ferries Fulford Regional Office –
 Conference Room

The *Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee* is holding a meeting as noted above. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The *Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee* is appointed by local governments to advise BC Ferries on local ferry issues. The committee also advises the Corporation periodically on broader policy and service issues.

Agenda items for this meeting include:

- Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay-Fulford Connections
- Southern Gulf Islands Schedule Review Process
- Capital Projects Update

The following person may be contacted as a member of your ferry advisory committee:

Chairperson	Darlene Hewitt	250-537-1518
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For more information, contact the committee Chairperson or Stephen Nussbaum, Communications Manager at 250-655-6187 or by email at stephen.nussbaum@bcferries.com.

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Clarifying

After reading Mitchell Sherrin's "Complaints Tarnish White Glove's Reputation" article; I am prompted to clarify a few points.

On one hand, I am pleased that the Driftwood made an attempt to address Len Davies' business activities. But on the other hand I am irritated that Mr. Davies has been given the "wiggleroom" to justify his pattern of reprehensible behaviour; as the article was not clear on the time frame involved in Mr. Davies' contract with my mother.

However, after re-reading the article, it dawned on me that Mr. Davies had been caught in his lie. In the article he first admits that "We did the cleaning on a Wednesday preparing for sealing on Friday." He later

claims "he applied a Sikkens oil stain (?)", despite never having returned to the property.

The truth is that, after taking a first cheque for \$700 from my 80-year-old widowed mother, weeks went by before anything was done. He finally showed up to do the deck wash. He ended up weaseling a second cheque from my mother for \$1,645 to complete the rest of the work. Of course, he never came back to complete the job when he said he would.

If the deck was safer after his labours, when my mother anticipated that he had returned to complete the job, it is unlikely that she would have slipped and broken her hip.

It was more than two months later before Mr. Davies finally responded to previous messages left on

his answering machine by my sister, who lives in Victoria, and later, me, after I flew out from Toronto to look after my mother.

At that time when Mr. Davies called, he and I discussed his re-imbursement my mother for the money given him in good faith. Only then was he told that he would not be welcome back on the property. It was then that he claimed to have applied the Sikkens wood preservative product. I let him know that I was quite aware of the fact that there is absolutely no evidence that he did any such thing. At that time, he promised to return some of the money, but after more than a month with no satisfaction, we are not holding our breath.

I am curious what might be the basis for Mr. Davies' statement that my mother is not upset, only her son and

daughter! This was the first time that my mother had dealings with a contractor, who hadn't been completely honourable, in the 15 years she has lived on Salt Spring. Over and above the physical shock to her system of her broken hip; it is devastating to her that she was so taken advantage of.

"Nobody's expressed any dissatisfaction other than a couple of things not getting done." Indeed!

I am not just criticizing White Glove for poor public relations. For good reasons should Mr. Davies be upset about posters and newspaper articles questioning his business practices. He is the one who must take responsibility for the consequences of his acts and his reputation within the community.

DEREK S. MCPHAIL,
Toronto, Ontario

Witch hunt

I am writing to express my concern with the recent outcome of appeal in The Supreme Court of British Columbia in Vancouver against Ms. Gloria Lemay. Ms. Lemay was convicted of practising midwifery without a licence. She spent almost three months in jail last year, and will remain on parole until next month. Last week she lost her appeal. Her lawyer wants to take the case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The College of Midwives has succeeded in stopping her from practising midwifery.

What I see in our province is a complete disrespect for women, their thoughts, choices and freedoms.

My concerns on the issue of midwifery in our province are many, which

I summarize as:

Fundamentally, nobody — not the government, not the College of Physicians and Surgeons, not the College of Midwives, not one's doctor nor one's mother — should be allowed to dictate who a woman (and her partner) may hire to attend her birth.

When the service is being paid for privately (i.e. not through MSP) it is especially offensive for any regulation body to have the right to control a woman's choice and freedom in our province.

The College of Midwives and the regulation of midwifery in our province were sold to women as providing more choice. Home births would be covered by MSP. It sounded good to a lot of people. I felt at the time of regulation, and still feel today, that the College of Midwives is an extension of the medical system. There are probably many women in our province having home births now that would not have considered it before midwifery services were covered by MSP. That is a good thing. Usually these births have better outcomes than hospital births and, of course, it's less costly to the system.

People like me and many other islanders chose to hire Gloria or other birth attendants (it's illegal for them to be called "midwives" since regulation) who work outside the system, or choose to have unassisted births.

Ms. Lemay attended me 10 years ago when I gave birth to my only child. She provided care that was way above and beyond the care provided by the medical system at that time.

Ms. Lemay's statistics are excellent. She has attended over a thousand births. She has worked in the field for more than 20 years. She chooses civil disobedience since she disagrees with the legislation surrounding the regulating of midwifery in our province. She is not a criminal. She is providing a much needed service to women in our province.

It is a crime for us to allow this woman to be continually harassed. We should be thanking her for her contribution to society. We should be revering her for all she gives. Gloria Lemay is a woman of great integrity.

In this case against Ms. Lemay, a private detective was hired to pose as a student taking a doula class offered by Ms. Lemay. Tax dollars were used to entrap my midwife. I am not okay with this use of public funds. What are the government, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the College of Midwives and the judge thinking? This is a witch hunt and it must be stopped!

If you are interested in supporting Gloria Lemay to take this case to the Supreme Court of Canada, please give me a call at 538-0246. I'd love to have contact with others who share my perspective on this issue.

KIM HUNTER,
Head Street

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OK Salt Springers — bottom up or top down?

By MICHAEL KREEFT

Ask a young person on Salt Spring about their plans or hopes for the future and you'll receive an array of answers: one hopes to go to Vancouver for university or the big city life, another plans on heading to Alberta where the jobs are.

Often they will simply shrug.

The common theme, however, is that very few plan to stay here, and many traditional career paths, such as teaching or social services, are looking more and more unappealing.

This wasn't always the case. Students seeking summer employment, for example, used to compete fervently for positions in Ganges or at our many studios, and there was a time when cut-backs and kickbacks did not endanger quality jobs like health care workers or ferry workers.

But the current combination of low-quality job opportunities, an escalating cost of living and a murky outlook for community-staple occupations cloud the future of our youth.

Government cuts in the public sphere and numerous controversies in the private sphere reduce quality possibilities to a trickle. There are jobs around, but few are the sort of thing a young person wants or is able to build a life around.

While not unique to Salt Spring, cuts to the Salt Spring Community Services Society, controversy around B.C. Ferries, and dissension between teachers and the government in regards to the British Columbia College of Teachers all damage the trust young people have in the

quality of their future.

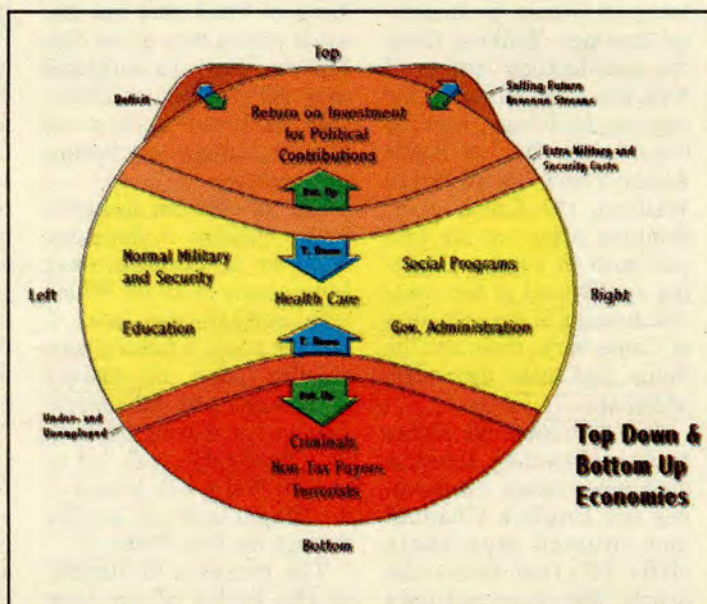
This may be especially true of those youth who are not in the job market yet (teenagers and younger). I have a 14-year-old cousin who wants to be a teacher eventually, but if all he sees is antagonism and controversy between teachers and the government now, will that desire remain?

The same could be said of youth who might consider becoming civil servants, ferry workers or social service workers, to name a few. Simply by existing in an environment where they see the value of our everyday workers consistently undermined, the hope these youth have for their own futures decreases.

Community Based Full Employment (CBFE), the organization I represent, has the conviction that a healthy economy is impossible without the basic elements of trust and hope. In order to restore trust and hope, and therefore economic health, what needs to happen is the focus of our economic decisions has to be on the bottom of society, not the top, as it is now.

The accompanying diagram illustrates the effects of both focussing on the top (top-down thinking) or the bottom (bottom-up thinking).

The fundamental problem we are experiencing in B.C. is that, regardless of whether the government is on the left or the right, funds are devoted to the special interests at the top (in the form of tax cuts, policy favours and the like). This reduces the amount available for fundamental government expenditures, which causes a corre-



IN DEPTH

sponding increase in the number of people at the bottom who opt out of conventional society. With both the bottom and the top expanding, normal public expenditures are squeezed even further.

This is what is being felt so strongly on Salt Spring, by young people, ferry workers, social service workers, the disabled, teachers, single parents, hospital workers, civil servants — the list goes on.

A focus of policy on the bottom would work in the opposite direction, relieving the pressure on the most vital areas of public expenditure. To accomplish this, the fundamental focus of the bottom-upper, regardless of the scenario, is the potential of the person or situation in which they are dealing. This is in contrast to the top-

downer, who tends to focus on issues as problems, not potentials. By focussing all their attention on potential, bottom-uppers automatically work from the basis of trust in their fellow humans, which has the inevitable consequence of creating hope and opportunity.

The potential of a person cannot be known, however, without at least attempting

to know the person on their own terms. For this reason, the path to discovering potential is through listening to those who are most directly affected by a course of action. A problem cannot be solved without the direct and immediate input of those most affected and an assessment of what would motivate them to act one way or another — according to them, not outside representatives.

In addition, the power mechanisms must be in place that allow their input to be the principal determinant in the course of action to be followed.

In the context of youth on Salt Spring, this could take the form of a process where the community and our young people get together and discuss what their future hopes are, including what would encourage or discourage them from pursuing vocations they truly wish to follow, and what might make them stay here or drive them away.

With this as a basis, some sort of action could then be taken. Who knows — the possibilities are limited only by the human imagination.

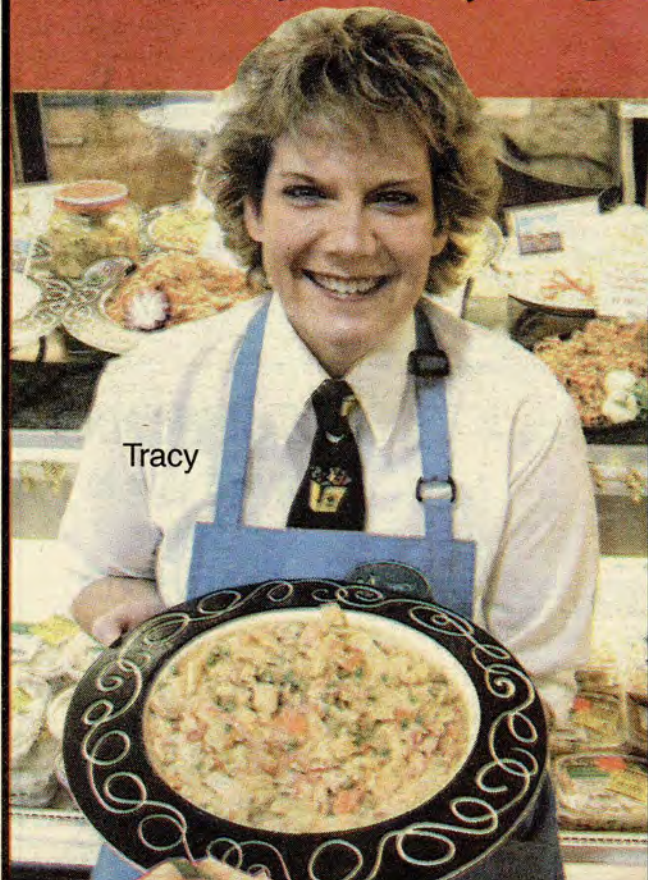
Whatever the case, creative, unbiased solutions are required, wholly focused on the potential and input of those most affected by the issue — that is to say, wholly focused on creating trust and hope in our community.

Currently, however, there is little focus on our issues in the context of trust and hope. The focus is on people as problems, when in fact they are the solution. CBFE has every bit of faith in our young people and in those who are feeling the crunch right now.

All we need to do is use the levers that release their imagination and limitless potential — and those levers are the people themselves.

The writer is involved with a new group called Community Based Full Employment.

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History, yes, but Britain teems with other sights

Tony and Alice Richards spent the month of September in Britain. Following is the fourth in a series of articles chronicling their trip.

By TONY RICHARDS
Staff Writer

Cream teas, old cathedrals, Guinness, old castles, single-malt scotch, old churches. There's a quick list of the attractions of Britain.

There are more, of course, but those come to mind first after spending several weeks touring the land of my ancestors.

That ancestral link must also be an attraction, a deep-rooted one with origins in one's blood. I have roamed among the ruins of the castles of Wales, reflecting upon the brave deeds of the great Welsh prince Llewellyn, of whom I must certainly be a descendant.

It is easy to be carried

away in Britain by historical musings. Walking along the cobblestone streets of Rye and marvelling at the sagging buildings, looking out over the field at Battle Abbey where Harold lost to William the Conqueror, drinking a pint of ale in a pub built in 1400 and gazing spellbound at the massive interior of the cathedral at Canterbury: these are the things that make the magic of Britain.

And then there are places such as Beachy Head, a high promontory overlooking the English Channel and situated atop chalk cliffs 500 feet above the beach. The ocean stretches out before you. And behind are the rolling South Downs, a huge and beautiful expanse of grassland, dotted with grazing sheep and cattle.

There is Exmoor National Park in North Devon, where wild horses roam on moors covered in heather and gorse. Among the moors are fertile valleys forested with huge groves of oak trees. Here we saw some of the most amazing hedgerows, the various

kinds of brush that line the roads just as they do on Salt Spring. Only in England they form walls on either side; sometimes they are almost tunnels enclosing the roadway.

The traveller can also see a lot by walking. A three-day stay in a cottage near Monmouth in south Wales (the cottage was once a chicken coop; it housed hens in the days of Oliver Cromwell) offered several options for touring on foot. One memorable walk led us into the Welsh hills known as the Brecon Beacons; another through the Wye Valley.

The prospect of staying in the home of an aunt lured us to the Isle of Arran, which lies an hour away by ferry across the Firth of Clyde from Ardrossan in southwest Scotland. Arran is described in the travel literature as "Scotland in miniature."

With its own highlands and lowlands, a distillery and thousands of sheep, Arran is indeed representative of Scotland. It has a permanent population of 4,500, a number that increases significantly in

the summer tourist season. Having a road that traces the coastline around most of the island, along with a couple that cross the middle, makes for great sightseeing. The 50-mile coastal tour takes one past rocky beaches, over craggy hills and past acres and acres of grazing land and the ubiquitous sheep. Traffic is light, thankfully, as the road narrows to a track in some places.

You'll pass through villages with quaint names such as Blackwaterfoot, and you'll want to stop at a great little museum (where another Salt Spring traveller signed the guest book the day before we were there!), tour Brodick Castle and sample the wares at the Isle of Arran Distillery. A barrel of an excellent cask-strength scotch awaits the connoisseur in the distillery store, where you bottle and cork it yourself.

There are two other attractions of Britain that must be included here.

• One cannot visit London without going to the theatre. The newer, popular shows are expensive:

we paid \$100 each to see Mamma Mia, but it was a fabulous show. The half-price ticket booths in Leicester Square offer better deals.

The Mousetrap, now in its 50th year, was not one of them. We paid an exorbitant amount to see this Agatha Christie whodunit, whose only redeeming feature was the quality of the acting. They ask you at the conclusion not to reveal the ending. It is tempting to reveal it here to save anyone the trouble and expense of going.

• There's nothing quite like a Devon Cream Tea: a pot of tea and two large scones served with a bowl of butter, a bowl of thick cream and a bowl of jam. The better places give you more cream than you have room for on your scones. You are forced to eat the cream by the spoonful so as not to leave any behind. It is gluttony at its most disgraceful and requires long walks to combat the excess.

Fortunately, we tired of cream teas but we never tired of walking. Britain simply has too many attractions.

More letters

No rip-off

I would like to respond to last week's story about me and White Glove Home Services.

I was very concerned when I heard about Mrs. McPhail's fall. However, I would like to make a few points. First off, the story says that she fell after I supposedly failed to apply a no-

slip coating to her decks, as well as saying that we didn't perform all the work we were contracted to do.

We do not offer a no-slip coating and would challenge anybody to prove that we do. So although it was unfortunate that Mrs. McPhail fell, it was due to no negligence on our part.

I would also like to point out that she fell after I

cleaned the deck and before I applied any coating (so it was much safer after the cleaning than before).

I have also told family members that I would come back and finish to their satisfaction any aspect of the job that they were unhappy with. They will not allow me back, so I would be happy to refund their money for work not done.

They also mention that I never returned phone calls, which is also false. I tried to get a hold of the family for three weeks after I did the job because I found it strange that Mrs. McPhail was not around any time I dropped by or called.

In response to Mr. Nabata's claims about the \$300 his client paid me to do her gutters: this again is false.

His client hired me to remove moss and algae from their roof, clean some wood siding and apply stain and paint various surfaces. The \$300 was a deposit for this work and a way to ensure this client was serious about us booking the time to do the work.

They subsequently changed their minds and forfeited their deposit. I never realized this was not proper business procedure until Const. Jeff Swan informed me. I have agreed to return their money.

I regret that my customer service has been sub-par and will address any new concerns that come to my attention quickly and fairly.

If any former clients have any issues they would like to discuss or any other deposits that have not been returned, please feel free to leave a voice mail at 537-1517 or you can reach me directly at 537-6459.

I would like everybody to remember that there are two sides to every story and would like to be given the benefit of the doubt.

I promise the community that I am not out to rip anybody off and if you have been dissatisfied by any of our work in the past call me and I will refund your money or do the work again for free.

LEN DAVIES,
White Glove Home Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SALT SPRING ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
Proposed Bylaw No. 387

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning Proposed Bylaw No. 387 for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. The public hearing is scheduled to take place at the following time and location. A public information session will precede the public hearing.

DATE: Saturday, November 29, 2003
LOCATION: Hart Bradley Memorial Hall
(Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges
10:30 am - Public Information Session
11:00 am - Public Hearing

Proposed Bylaw No. 387, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 4, 2003". In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 387 is to amend SSI Land Use Bylaw No. 355 to add two new zone variation regulations for the purpose of permitting private yacht club outstation facilities at 105 Ontario Place, and to change the zoning classification of Lot C, District Lot 21, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 31071, from Rural (R) to Rural Zone Variation (g) - R(g), and by changing the zoning classification of District Water Lot 585, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, from Shoreline 6 (S6) to Shoreline 6 Zone Variation (a) - S6(a), as shown on the following plan:



Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, Room 1206, 115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Friday, November 14, 2003 and up to and including Friday, November 28, 2003.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Victoria Office of the Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, commencing Friday, November 14, 2003 and up to and including Friday, November 28, 2003. Copies of Proposed Bylaw 387 are also available on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144, or by Fax: (250) 537-9116. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867.

Written submissions may be delivered:

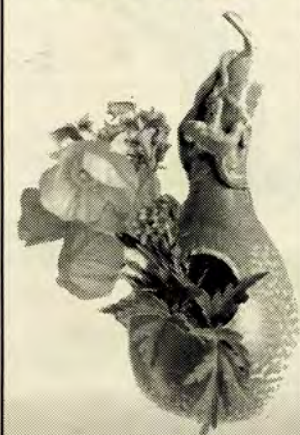
1. by Mail to the Islands Trust, Room 1206, 115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9, or by Fax to (250) 537-9116, prior to 4:30 pm on Friday, November 28, 2003;

2. after 4:30 pm to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

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

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAW WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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The Board of the Capital Regional District gives notice that it intends to adopt Bylaw No. 3117, *Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 5, 2003*, at its meeting of Wednesday, December 10, 2003, in the Board Room at 524 Yates Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6.

The purpose of Bylaw No. 3117 is to regulate the activities at the landfill and set out the tipping fee rates for the various wastes. Bylaw No. 3117 replaces Bylaw 2338, which was adopted in 1995 and has been amended many times, and **increases the tipping fees, effective January 2, 2004, for the following:**

- general refuse from \$75 to \$79 per tonne
- yard and garden waste from \$50 to \$55 per tonne
- vehicle at public drop-off bin area from \$3 to \$5 per vehicle, plus garbage fee
- vehicle at recycling depot from \$2 to \$3 per vehicle.

A copy of Bylaw No. 3117 may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive from the date of this Notice until December 9, 2003 at the locations listed below:

- Administration Department, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.
- Hartland Landfill Administration Offices, Hartland Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

You may also view Bylaw No. 3117 on the Internet @ <http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/solidwastelandfill/index.htm>

Select Bylaw No. 3117 from the list of bylaws. Questions regarding Bylaw No. 3117 may be directed to Mr. John Craveiro, CRD Environmental Services, 360-3164. Residents of the Gulf Islands and Port Renfrew may call 1-800-663-4425, local 3164.

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Carmen Thiel
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Rotary speaker says economy needs oil and gas

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

At the local Rotary Club's November 19 meeting, visiting speaker John Gunton said lifting the provincial moratorium on off-shore oil and gas drilling will have positive economic effects for B.C.

Gunton, a geologist from Nanoose Bay, has worked as a petroleum exploration and development geologist for a variety of companies, including Shell and Exxon.

"Two reasons to lift the moratorium are to bring wealth, and secondly, we're running out of hydrocarbons," he told the audience.

Gunton represents the non-profit Pacific Offshore Energy Association (POEA), where he volunteers as a director of communications.

Last Tuesday Premier Gordon Campbell spoke about B.C.'s oil and gas industry and its potential for economic growth.

Ken Wu, executive director of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC), said the industry doesn't offer much economic growth potential for local workers.

"Most of the jobs aren't going to take workers from local communities. They don't need unemployed fishers and loggers. They need a skilled base of workers who already have training in the oil patch. That's generally going to come from around the world and across the country, but not from B.C. coastal communities."

Sierra Club of Canada conservation chair Vicky Husband said the government is raising false hope with a "gold rush mentality."

"The B.C. government is being irresponsible in raising unrealistic expectations in struggling coastal communities," she said.

Gunton said POEA's mission is to support responsible development of energy resources on B.C.'s west coast.

Green Party leader Adriane Carr believes there is no good time to talk about lifting the moratorium.

"We think it's in place for very good reasons. A smart government will support energy development away

from fossil fuels into renewable energy," she said.

Gunton said POEA estimates there's "considerable potential" for a B.C.-coast industry.

"We estimated there's four times the amount of oil [here] as produced off the east coast," Gunton said.

Shell drilled 14 exploratory wells in the late 1960s and then the government placed a moratorium on drilling in 1972. There was talk about lifting the moratorium in the mid-1980s, but that was quelled by the Nestusca oil spill near Olympic Peninsula in 1987.

Local environmental groups might agree the plan has "potential," but from a different angle.

Husband said wildlife health will be put in jeopardy if offshore drilling occurs.

"The west coast of North America is the richest area for sea birds. Sea birds spend 80 to 90 per cent of their life at sea. They're very vulnerable," she said.

The wells under discussion are located in the Queen Charlotte basin and not offshore like Hibernia.

"If there is a spill it will come to shore," said Husband.

WCWC executive director Wu said there will be unavoidable environmental impacts if the moratorium is lifted.

"The seismic testing kills fish — it bursts their swim bladders, kills marine larvae for all sorts of organisms and it disrupts the marine mammal navigation," he said. "It drives away the whales. They cannot do off-shore oil and gas development without seismic testing and underwater air blasting."

Carr said the Green Party sees astronomical risks of pollution that outweigh any possible economic gain.

"If you cost out all the potential environmental, social and economic risks, offshore oil makes no economic sense. Secondly, there's no offshore development that hasn't required huge public subsidy. I think British Columbians are fed up," she said.

TREASURE HUNTER:
Hana Rieple displays a basketful of goodies as she participates in a recent garage sale at All Saints.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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WORLD AIDS DAY

Monday, December 1, 2003

Join us for a day of music, education, art, information and entertainment on World AIDS Day, Monday, December 1. Our hope is to involve the whole community. There will be a mid-day AIDS walk past 7,000 crosses erected in Peace Park to commemorate those who die of AIDS each day, followed by a community day of action and education at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Our bigger hope is to change things for those living with AIDS around the world - all 46 million of them.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec 1, 2003 WORLD AIDS DAY

Set up registration for World Aids Day Walk - 8:30 a.m. (high school - GISS)
And 11:30a.m. (Star Books)

Walk starts from Centennial Park - 12:45 p.m. The community moves in an AIDS walk from the Centennial Park - past 7,000 crosses in Peace Park - to the high school.

Minute of Silence by 7,000 crosses at Peace Park - 12:50 p.m.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL (GISS) A DAY OF EVENTS WILL UNFOLD AS BELOW:

- Agency information Booths available to public in Multi-Purpose Room, GISS - entire afternoon. Booths are about International (African) AIDS projects supported by Gulf Islanders and also **Planned Parenthood, Volunteer Services Overseas, SaltSpring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID)**, AIDS organizations supporting the Gulf Islands.
- AIDS pandemic films available to public in the library classroom entire afternoon
- 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. - **Y.J.P. (Young Jazz Players)** play music in Multi-Purpose Room of GISS
- 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. - Saltspring youth discusses his experience with street drugs, prostitution and AIDS in Western Canada
- 2:00 - 2:10 p.m. - **GISS Dance Group** in Dance Room (adjacent to MPR)
- 2:10 - 2:30 p.m. - **Paula Kiffner** plays cello (Bach suite)
- 2:30 - 2:40 p.m. - Winning walkers announced. (Prizes for child, youth and adult categories)
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. - **Ron Freemont** "If It Can Happen to Me It Can Happen to You" - talk about Youth and Living with HIV
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. - **Alan Miceli** plays classical guitar
- 3:45 - 3:55 p.m. - **Poetry reading** (Heather Martin-McNabb and Peggy Frank)
- 4:00 - 4:20 p.m. - "Women of Note" choir
- 4:20 - 4:30 p.m. - **Helani Davison** - "Drugs, Alcohol and HIV-AIDS"
- 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Arvid Chalmers, Valdy, Briony Penn, and students - "I Had Aids for a Week"
- 5:00 - 5:10 p.m. - **Poetry reading** (Chris Smart)
- 5:15 - 5:30 p.m. - **Dr. Jan Malherbe** speaks about the current SSI medical situation
- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - **Valdy** performance
- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - **Keynote: Minneh Kamau** - experiences of a Kenyan woman living with HIV
- 6:30 p.m. - **-Gum Boot Dancers**
- 7:00 - 7:30: - **Candlelight Vigil at Peace Park "A Day to Remember"**
- 8:00 p.m. - **Dinner (3 Course)** and evening of great entertainment at Anise Restaurant - This is a World AIDS Day benefit put on by this Restaurant. Tickets (\$25) available at the Restaurant and from Peter Bardon (537-5553).



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Photo by Derrick Lundy

From getting educated to raising money, World AIDS Day is for everyone

By PEGGY FRANK

Special to the Driftwood

World AIDS Day on Salt Spring is receiving unprecedented attention this year with a week-long awareness campaign culminating in a full day of events on Monday, December 1.

In and near the multipurpose room at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), there will be award-winning films documenting the situation in North America and many parts of the developing world.

There will also be information and education booths with subjects ranging from support agencies, planting gardens in African slums, helping orphans and widows, and safer sex. Even though the magnitude of the global AIDS crisis is staggering, you will be amazed at what individuals can do and have done to help global sisters and brothers.

The information is compiled for one day only, so put the afternoon of December 1 on your calendar.

Adding to the afternoon will be a host of excellent speakers from Africa, Toronto, Vancouver and home. One young man's talk entitled "If it can happen to me it can happen to you" is a candid reflection on the threat AIDS poses to any and all of us.

There will also be music and dance and poetry.

In keeping with tradition, a candlelight vigil is planned at Peace Park at 7 p.m. alongside those 7,000 crosses. This will be an opportunity to quietly remember those we know who have died.

It will also be a solemn time to reflect on the more than 38.6-million adults and 3.2-million children living with HIV (2002 United Nations statistics). Around half of all people who

become infected with HIV do so before they are 25 and are killed by AIDS before they are 35. While medication has reduced the number of deaths here in Canada, AIDS remains a deadly disease. Ninety-five per cent of all people with HIV live in the developing world.

The developing world is one of two simulated realities for a group of volunteers who will "Live with AIDS for a Week." Half the group of volunteers will be given seven days of a typical African person living with AIDS, and the others will be given a Canadian situation.

Those with AIDS in Canada will have an onerous pill-popping routine that is sure to see them in the dentist's chair at the end of the week since medication has been replaced with candies. Arvid, Valdy, Briony and secondary school students will share their experiences on Monday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

Additionally, Salt Spring is doing something no other Canadian World AIDS Day event has tried. We are having an AIDS walk at 12:45 on December 1. Pledge sheets are available at Island Star Video, Thrifty Foods, GVM and many other outlets.

If you can't make the walk yourself, find a student or someone else in the community to sponsor. The walk is not onerous for most. It will begin at Centennial Park and wind its way past the field of crosses to the high school.

In the school's multipurpose room, the crowds will be greeted by YJP, an amazing young jazz band. Once there, an afternoon of film, speakers, music, dance, poetry and information awaits you.

To support the struggle against HIV/AIDS, it is necessary to call upon the compassion, energy, and gen-

erosity of all people.

The planning committee recently got a call from the owners of Anise Restaurant, who wanted to have a benefit dinner on World AIDS Day. So on December 1, several three-course dinner options will be served (\$25 a head), entertainment will be provided and AIDS organizations around the world will benefit.

If you are not yet involved in World AIDS Day, give planning committee member Peter Bardon a call at 537-5553. He will help you find a way to participate.

When you make your plans for World AIDS Day, be sure to include a tour of the Peace Park, either during the day or at 7 p.m. for the candlelight vigil. You can buy a souvenir cross for a one-dollar donation. Donation boxes will be located across the road at ArtSpring and at Creek House Realty.

If the AIDS Walk fits into your plans, get a pledge sheet, fill it up and join us in solidarity.

If you want to understand more about the disease and what you can do to help people living with HIV (and widows and orphans left behind as too many die of AIDS), come to GISS where there will be plenty to see and experience.

And if a pleasant dinner with entertainment fits into your schedule then buy a ticket for an evening at Anise. If you think of something you could do to help those affected by HIV and AIDS as you work during the day, just go ahead and do it.

World AIDS Day is the one day in 365 to acknowledge that the growing pandemic is affecting us all and we can all do something to help those most marginalized by AIDS.

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Education is primary tool in combatting HIV/AIDS

By ROB WILTZEN
Special to the Driftwood

"Live and Let Live" is the theme for the UN-sponsored World AIDS Day on December 1, but fear of discrimination and its effects are as apparent here in the southern Gulf Islands as anywhere else.

Labelling and prejudices represent key obstacles to effective HIV/AIDS prevention and care around the world. For the second year running, World AIDS Day carries the theme of how this fuels the spread of HIV/AIDS around the world and prevents the treatment of those with AIDS.

In the southern Gulf Islands, people living with HIV and AIDS find that prejudices and misconceptions are still a factor in how openly they deal with their conditions.

Representatives of the Southern Gulf Islands AIDS Society (SGIAS), a support group for HIV+ people living in the southern Gulf Islands, choose to stay anonymous because they fear discrimination and reprisal.

"There is still a perception that people with AIDS are gay men, while the majority of our members are not gay men," one SGIAS member said.

"People with school-age children have not only themselves to protect, but their children who would suffer the fallout from ignorance-based prejudice as well. Anonymity is a key part of creating a safe space."

According to the representative, other people living with HIV/AIDS in the southern Gulf Islands are not represented in the membership since they are still closeted with regard to their medical status. These people feel too jeopardized to admit their condition even to the support group.

The SGIAS representative said that although the greater community is in general very supportive and understanding, most individuals fear they could be victims of discrimination if their HIV status

were to be common knowledge.

Prejudicial attitudes spread through even the most progressive communities. The threat of discrimination in housing and employment is enough to stop HIV+ people from speaking out and, in some cases, seeking the support available to them.

Alex Keating is an exception. She has been living with HIV for 17 years and been a Salt Spring resident for about three years.

For her, the issue of anonymity is both a political and an intensely personal one.

She has been a political activist on the issue and has made decisions resulting in considerable publicity of her name and her status.

Keating believes that political advocacy is of the utmost importance, but it was not the prime motivation for her to go public with her status 10 years ago.

"It was more a healing process for me," she said. "It was a way for me of losing my shame. I feel much better about not living with that secret."

However, the nature of smaller communities affects the impact of that decision considerably, she notes.

"It is possible to be very public in the city and still remain anonymous," she said.

"I did experience some reprisals in the city in the form of threatening phone calls and once lost a place to live, but one could reverse the decision to be public quite easily and still blend in to the city most of the time."

Since deciding to live on Salt Spring, Keating has noted there is still an enormous amount of misunderstanding among the population here.

"There is a lot of fear and denial out there in this community," she said. "Ignorance is driving that fear."

Her experiences over the years have demonstrated that this fear is also what

leads to discrimination and the expectation of it by people who live with HIV/AIDS.

"It is unfortunate but I do feel that I have come to expect the backlash," she said.

"Partners in the business community may end up feeling the repercussions from a decision by somebody to be open about their status," said one SGIAS member.

"The fact that this has been treated as a moral issue from Day 1 with groups of people affected, rather than certain behaviors putting people at risk, has fanned the fears and prejudices," said Keating.

"People must come to the realization that they probably do know people with HIV and that the stereotypes are not accurate."

Ignorance about HIV/AIDS is problematic in more than one way.

Not only does it breed unreasonable fears about people who live with HIV/AIDS, it also means that behaviour may not be changing in ways to deal with the very real risks of the spread of the virus.

A recent survey reported by Canada Newswire revealed that there is still a belief among Canadian youth not only that there is a cure for HIV/AIDS, but also a vaccine available to prevent HIV infection.

The facts remain that AIDS is a terminal condition with no cure and there is no vaccine.

Provincial statistics show a steady increase in the proportion of heterosexual HIV transmission.

Education remains the primary tool to undermine the stigma of HIV/AIDS and the discrimination against those who live with it. It is the cornerstone building a common understanding of how to prevent HIV/AIDS and how to provide the community support for those who live with it.

Live and Let Live is the clarion call for a change in attitude and understanding from both the global and our local community.



SYMBOLIC RIBBON: Louise Goodman wears the red ribbon that helps draw attention to World AIDS Day, set for December 1. The ribbon has traditionally been a global symbol of the fight against AIDS.

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Oldtime hockey fans hope for more ice

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Many islanders hunkered down around their TVs to watch some good old-fashioned hockey as CBC aired an all-stars alumni game and the first regular-season outdoor NHL game from Edmonton Saturday.

For some hockey fans the event was just an interesting novelty game, while it rekindled memories of watching hall-of-fame greats from the past for others, or brought back memories of their own experiences playing on outdoor rinks. "I was so thrilled to watch some of those players I saw years ago," said Ed Shaske.

Shaske and his wife Lucy both came to the island from Edmonton, where they held season tickets back in the 1980s when the Oilers won

five Stanley Cups.

"Naturally, we're a bit partial to the Oilers."

The hockey fan couple also holds a soft spot for some of the legends on the Montreal Canadiens alumni team, he admitted. Lucy Shaske even has a Guy Lafleur jersey given to her by her son.

But the highlight for Shaske was watching Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier and Jari Kurri reunited for the Heritage Classic game between vintage Oilers and Canadiens.

The Shaskes even thought of going to Edmonton to see the game at Commonwealth Stadium, since their daughter still lives in the city.

"We seriously thought of going there," Ed Shaske said.

A firewood-collecting Paul Reynolds didn't get to watch much of the two games aired

on CBC but he wishes he could play more outdoor hockey here.

"The last time was when Cusheon Lake froze."

The lake froze when island temperatures dropped below -10 degrees Celsius for two weeks approximately six or seven years ago, he said.

"There was 12 hours of hockey going on there."

As a member of the Salt Spring Slugs hockey team that plays in Chemainus, Reynolds feels indoor rinks are more conducive to hockey but he'd play the game anywhere.

"I'm hoping this is one of those years when it will get cold enough for us to play outside again."

But even if temperatures don't drop enough to freeze local lakes, there are usually a few days when people can play

at the pond on top of Mt. Bruce, he said.

The outdoor format of the two games on TV also reminded Rainer Funk of when he used to play hockey growing up in northern Ontario.

"We used to go down to the sand pit and scrape the sand off the ice."

The Old Boys soccer player is also a fan of the "megastars" and saw many of the "legends" play live in previous games during their heydays. He noted that while they played a little slower for Saturday's game, they were still working hard to win.

"They seemed to be putting out the effort."

He thought it was interesting that the stars didn't make the limelight as grind-line Oilers Ken Linseman and Marty McSorley scored the only two goals of the match.

"The lesser lights shone," he observed.

Like Reynolds and the Shaskes, Funk participates in

the Driftwood Hockey Pool as a side game to watching NHL action.

"It's just a competition to see how much you really know about hockey."

In previous years Funk maintained a solid top-10 position, but this week he's in the middle of the pack.

"It's just a problem to keep up to date with the new guys."

But Funk still has a few trades to make to tweak his pool and he thinks he can get back in the game.

Chris Jason, a fellow hockey pool competitor and soccer player (FC captain), wasn't too thrilled with the "megastars" game.

"I watched a bit of the Heritage Classic. They're old."

Jason thought the alumni game was pretty slow and didn't offer too much excitement, but he felt Oilers netminder Grant Fuhr played well. The outdoor NHL game between the latest version of the Canadiens and the Oilers was

more to his liking, he said.

"The third period was very entertaining."

Jason shook his head over the 57,000 fans who spent up to \$2,500 on tickets and braved -19 degree temperatures for an hour and a half before the game.

"I thought the fans' section was really far from the rink."

Still, the soccer player is also a hockey fan currently ranked fifth in the hockey pool. In his first year in the pool, Jason won a drill press and his brother won a TV, he said. Last year, Jason just missed the podium with a fourth-place finish and in 2004 he hopes to win again.

"I'll let you in on a secret," said Jason. "The Driftwood doesn't start their hockey pool until the third week of the season."

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GISS volleyball girls take second spot at Mid Islands

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) junior girls volleyball B-Team Scorpions might not have qualified for the Island Championships, but they wrapped up the season with a second-place finish at the Mid-Island finals held in Mill Bay last weekend.

"I was very pleased with the play of the girls throughout the weekend. They demonstrated good skills and good sportsmanship," said GISS coach Jack Barclay.

The three-day tournament held at Frances Kelsey Secondary School had two parts, he noted.

Thursday saw four of the top teams in the region play off to determine who would represent the Mid-Island region at the Islands

Championships.

Tourney hosts Frances Kelsey defeated GISS in the Islands-qualifier round Thursday but then lost to George Bonner Middle School in the final match, Barclay said.

Nine teams then played off during a two-day Mid Islands tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The Scorpions came back to win their pool Friday after they went undefeated in matches against Duncan Christian, Quamichan, and Frances Kelsey teams.

"The only team that posed any stiff competition was Frances Kelsey," said assistant coach Karen Hosie.

The pumped-up GISS squad returned for a shot at the finals Saturday.

"We played Mt. Prevost Saturday for the start of the playoffs. Mt. Prevost was fourth in their pool and we

won easily," said Hosie.

The Scorpions then advanced to play Cowichan High School in the semi-finals.

"We won again in a well-fought match that went to three games," she said.

The finals saw a vaunted rematch between GISS and Frances Kelsey. But the Scorpions couldn't pin the hosts two days in a row.

"It was their day; they served well and controlled the ball for easy spikes, easily defeating the Gulf Islands team," said Barclay.

Two GISS girls, Molly Hosie and Myriam Chouinard, were chosen for the all-star team by the officials, he said.

The event completed the volleyball season at GISS and high school students will be gearing up for basketball, which starts December 1.

MAN O' THE MATCH

FC defender Colin Walde is the "man of the match" after Salt Spring scored a 2-0 win against Cowichan Sussex Insurance at Portlock Park on Sunday.

"It's hard to see him standing out all the time because his job is to prevent chances. But our defence definitely shut them down completely," said FC manager Ken Marr.

Walde also offered defensive leadership to FC when captain Chris "Dough" Jason was injured 10 minutes into the game, Marr said.

"He stepped up his play to take over 'Dough's' position as the general back there."

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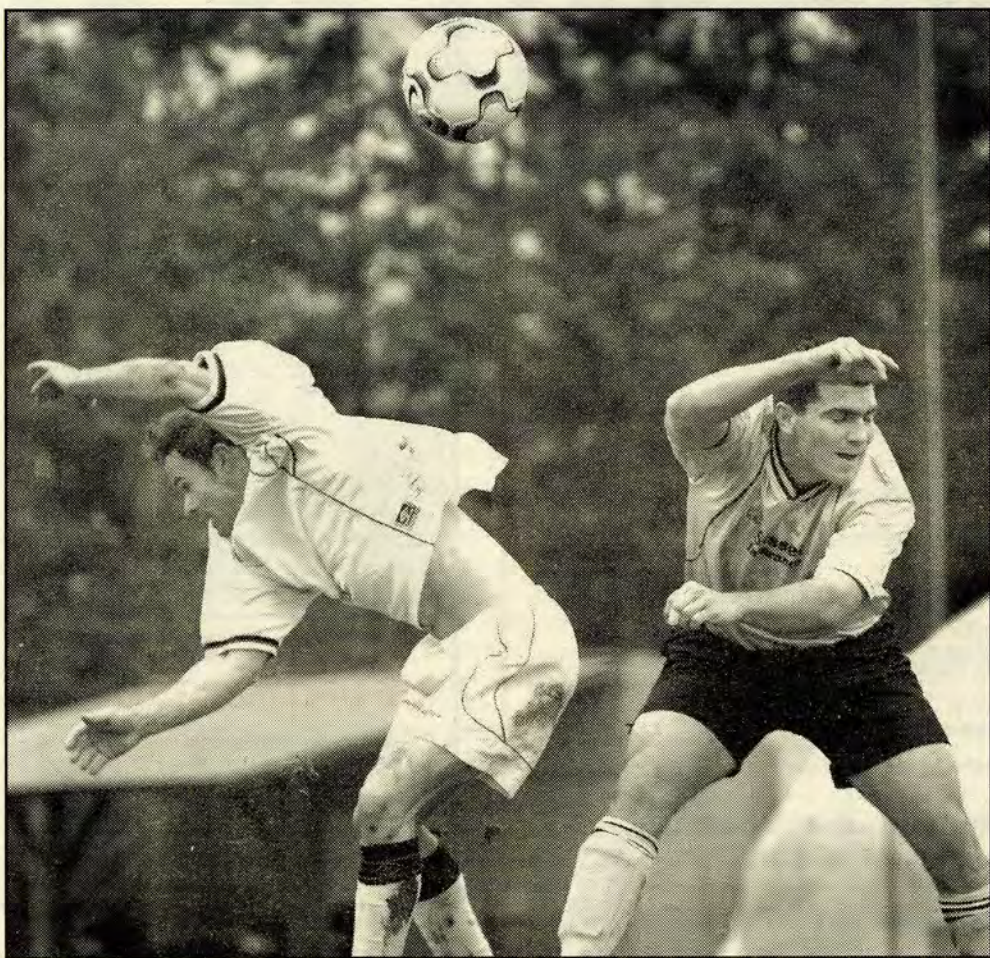
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SOCCER MOVES: Turf flies in rainy aerial ballet as FC's Mark Nordine and a Cowichan player leap for ball. Nordine scored the second of two goals in the 2-0 FC victory.

Photo contributed

FC nets insurance win

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring FC collected their second consecutive win with a cool, determined finish after a sloppy start against a feisty Cowichan Sussex Insurance squad at Portlock Park Sunday.

"It was a very scrappy first half," said FC player and co-coach Jesse Fisher.

Both teams were battling to escape relegation to Division 2 and the resulting play showed fierce determination, he said.

"It wasn't the prettiest game, but generally speaking, those types of games usually aren't."

Fisher scored the winning goal 20 minutes into the second half and Mark Nordine then nailed a cross from Tom McColm at the 75th minute to slam the door on the insurance reps, 2-0.

"Cowichan never really had much of an opportunity on net. They were reasonably well-contained and they were low on players,"

said manager co-coach Ken Marr.

"As soon as we scored, we completely took over the game and they didn't have much of an opportunity after that. With the second goal, it was pretty much game over."

But the early going was sloppy, Marr said.

"I wasn't happy with the play at half time and the guys really pulled their socks up and played a much more controlled passing game. Just rather than the urgency, they were calmly moving the ball around and it was back to the same way as last week [when FC beat Nanaimo 2-1]."

One of the problems with the first half stemmed from a defensive shuffle after FC captain Chris Jason tweaked a hamstring 10 minutes into the match, Marr said.

"That's probably the weakest area in our line-up in terms of depth."

Centre midfielder Chris Langdon stepped back to play defence but a heavily-weighted Cowichan midfield allowed him to shift back to the midfield anyway, Marr noted.

The key win earned the ninth-place islanders three points (for eight points total on a 2-6-2 record) and a leap-frog over number-eight Cowichan (now with six points on 2-7-0) as the two teams scramble for a berth in the first division next season.

Next week, Salt Spring FC will take on seventh-place Bays United Blue (10 points and 3-4-1) at Portlock Park at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 30 (note the change of date from the usual Sunday games).

"If we can pull off three points against them, we can vault into a tie for sixth place," Marr said.

Offensive chances mark Dragons game against Div.1 Vic West team

Salt Spring women's soccer team discovered their competition wasn't as fierce as expected when the Dragons met a Division-1 Vic West team Sunday.

"I was actually expecting them to be even better than they were," said acting coach Sue King.

Despite the level of play, the game ended 4-0 in Vic West's favour.

At the start, neither team dominated and the Dragons found several opportunities to finesse their on-field skills.

"We had some strong offensive chances with Liz

Wilson and Joanne O'Connor, who played striker this week. She and Liz set up some nice offensive chances," King said. "Liz had one particularly good attack on the net. She took a nice shot and got a re-bound but the goalie picked it up."

King said it was nice to have O'Connor at the front to add some new enthusiasm.

Tami Benoit replaced O'Connor in net for the game.

King commended several players for their work, including Lorna Walde, who was strong in the air and

cleared several dangerous crosses with her head.

Centre midfielders Jeanie Gray and Cheryl Johnson also had strong games. "They played well breaking up the other team's passing game."

The game picked up in Vic West's favour as the Victoria team scored the first goal 25 minutes into the first half.

Ten minutes later, Vic West returned to score their second goal.

At the beginning of the second half, the teams appeared to be at equal levels.

"The one thing that was

working in our favour was that we were able to beat them with a couple of long through balls," King said.

Striker Liz Wilson went in on a break-away.

"Their goalie came out and Liz got by the goalie but then she ended up shooting the ball wide of the net. That was by far our best scoring chance. That was a big point in the game. If we had scored, it would have set a different pace for the game," she said.

Vic West returned to score its third goal 30 minutes into the second half and its fourth goal seven minutes later.

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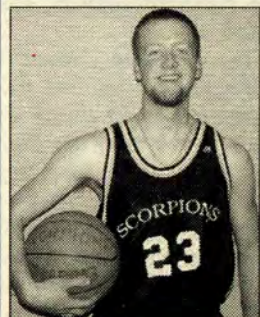
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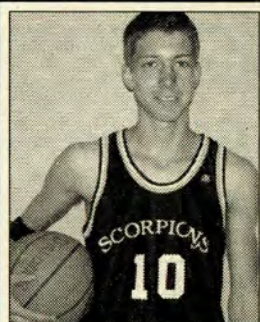
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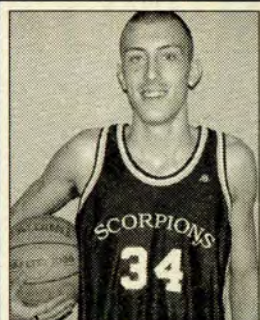
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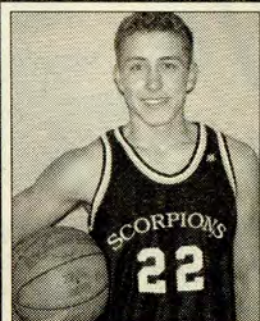
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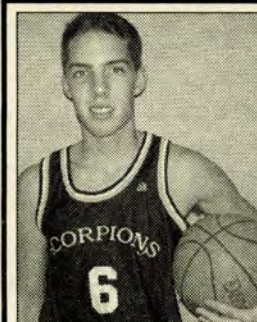
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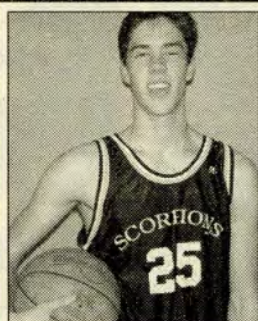
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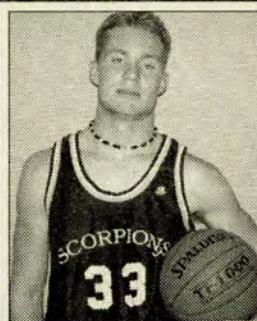
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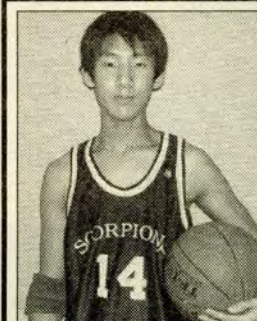
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Field stymies Old Boys come-back in 2-2 game

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Old Boys came from behind twice to snatch a 2-2 tie against the Castaways at Arbutus Field on Sunday.

But despite dominating uphill play, the islanders couldn't capture the win.

"We seemed to have partially solved the problem of the slope and soft field because we played a much better tactical game than last time we played there when we lost 1-0," said Old Boys coach Fraser Hope.

A short bench of 11 players contributed to an early Salt Spring deficit, Hope noted.

"We fought back and we dominated the play in the first

half and the second half."

A combination effort led by Jack Braak that was relayed to Rainer Funk and Alvaro Sanchez, set up Don Brown to net the equalizing goal for the islanders in the first half.

But the Castaways returned with a goal on Salt Spring against the run of play early in the second half, Hope said.

"Once again, we were playing catch-up football. But pressure kept the ball in their end."

The islanders won several corner kicks where John Oblati (playing forward again) got his head up on the ball.

"Oblati was up, way above the ball, and took it off the side of his ear and chin, but didn't manage to put it in the

net. Eventually, Jack [Braak] delivered the ball to the net on the corner and Mike Davis met it with a rocket-bullet head into the back of the net."

Sanchez and Oblati led "valiant efforts" to catch a third goal for the Old Boys in the last 10-15 minutes of the half but the Castaways held out, Hope said.

"Considering we only had 11 players and Rainer was playing with a painful back injury, we were very pleased we came away with a draw. But we were thinking we should have sneaked a win."

The Old Boys return to Arbutus Field to face Juan de Fuca this Sunday.



BACK AT YOU: Ayla Lundy returns final serve of the volleyball season as Salt Spring Island Middle School hosts an exhibition match with a team from Cumberland Junior High. Coaches Ken Cameron and Sandy Harkema were impressed with the high quality of play at the event, which involved two hours of intense volleyball.

Photo contributed

HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high scores in bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation last week.

Circus League, Nov. 17:

Ken Strike, 202; Brian Radford, 219; Connie Hardy, 213, 298/692; Don McMahon, 220; Doreen Hewitt, 219; Wayne Hewitt, 202.

Tuesday a.m. seniors, Nov. 18: Ken Robinson, 234; Jim Glenn, 224; Harold Repen, 224; Marg Baker, 211; Anne

Kowal, 200.

Tuesday p.m. seniors, Nov. 18: John Pringle, 218; Harold Repen, 201; Ken Robinson, 248.

Special Olympics, Nov. 19: Mahjor Baines, 150; Sharon Way, 153; Carlos Manzano, 177; Gloria Dale, 192.

Island cyclists soar with Sidney awards

A batch of speedy Salt Spring cyclists were honoured for posting top times at the Sidney Velo Club Time Trials awards dinner at the Royal Oak Golf Club on November 15.

Local rider John Nilssen won the fastest veteran category for the year with a time of 26:10 minutes over the 18.5-kilometre course.

"It was my best time ever," Nilssen said.

His average speed was 40.4 kilometres per hour, he said.

Nilssen won the event last year and is aiming for a minimum three-year reign, he laughed.

"There's other people sneaking into the 26-minute range but I'm still a minute ahead."

Another islander, Sandi Thibault, also clocked her personal best time at 30:08, he said.

Nilssen was aiming for a target of 26 minutes and Thibault hoped for 30 minutes, he noted.

"I was short by 10 seconds and Sandi was short by eight seconds off her goal of 30 minutes. But we'll get that next year."

Also riding from Salt Spring, Denis Ross hit 26:50 in the senior men's category, Bruce Grey raced 27:30 among veteran men, Bob Sayer paced 28:30 in the same category and Chris Klassen timed 33 minutes among senior men.

"Bruce and Bob were both in the top five," Nilssen noted.

More detailed race results were not available at press time.

The Sidney Velo Club hosts time trials weekly from May through September on a flat course near the airport in Sidney, he said.

"It all has to do with who's the fastest and who's the strongest."

Nilssen and his fellow riders have now wrapped up the racing season until spring.



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6.Lynch Kevin	96	166	262	37	35.Hardie Madeline	95	148	243	41
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63. Dunbar Bruce	93	134	227	36	87. Baker Brent	84	126	210	39
64. Reinholdt Kim	94	132	226	38	88. Anderson Caroline	83	127	210	36
65. Gillham Jeffrey	75	150	225	32	89. Mackinnon Baldy	84	124	208	41
66. Howe Scott	80	145	225	41	90. Reynolds Paul	90	118	208	37
67. Cunningham Jean	105	120	225	36	91. Forsyth Norm	80	127	207	40
68. Byron Regan	100	124	224	35	92. Temmel Max	87	120	207	37
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72. Althoese Sean	78	145	223	36	96. Macdonald Bob	91	111	202	31
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76. Morris Liam	82	137	219	35	100. Moban Lind-E	81	113	194	39
77. Hitchcock Bill	84	135	219	31	101. Courtney John	88	106	194	32
78. Sloan Randall	83	134	217	29	102. Marleau Gerry	77	108	185	27
79. Shantz Colleen	84	131	215	31	103. Marleau Deanna	63	119	182	28
80. Forsyth Deb	89	125	214	27	104. Cottrell Tracey	80	98	178	27
81. Gosnell Mairi	83	131	214	38	105. Snelsinger Hannah	64	113	177	37
82. Thomas Andrew	79	135	214	39	106. Tanti Mary	65	108	173	28
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• The U12 Boys Salt Spring Devils played an outstanding game against the division's first place team; the match ended in a 5-2 win for Peninsula #1.

The score did not reflect the effort and determination by this young squad, which dominated the first half of the game.

Keaton Giles and Jeremy Marchi scored the team's two goals. Coaches both noted strong performances by Rhys Hardy, who worked hard in every play, and Zack Abramyk, who also had a very strong game.

Malcolm MacPhee played well in net, and would have held the first position team off at two goals if it weren't for a quick set of three unlucky balls that bounced off Salt Spring players.

• Salt Spring's U13 girls notched a sweet victory Saturday, beating the league's second-place team 1-0 in the final minutes of play.

Coach Dave Morgan said Cordova Bay had the "upper hand" throughout most of the game, but stellar goalkeeping by Monique Comeau (who saved a penalty shot in the first half) and Olivia Morgan kept Salt Spring in the game. The match was scoreless until the final five minutes when Danica Lundy sent a ball over the heads of the opposition to winger Meredith Raddysh, who ran up the field and nailed a "spectacular" goal.

Morgan was also impressed with the performance of Erica Rimmer in the midfield, Britney Oswell on defence, and Katie Villadsen, who in addition to maintaining a shut-out in goal, worked well in two other defensive positions.



SMOOTH SAILING: In what could almost be a summer scene, a sailboat glides peacefully through the water at St. Mary Lake during a recent sunny spell on Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Deluge douses Reserve squad's scoring spark

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A cold-starting Salt Spring Reserves line stalled with a 1-1 tie in a drenching game against the first-place team Zgoda in sixth-division action at Arbutus Field on Sunday.

"We are the team to beat and the other team really wanted to beat us," said Reserves player coach manager Mike Brown. "They dug hard, they fought hard and they played as hard as they could. We weren't playing as hard as we could because we were cold."

After a dark grey ferry crossing and dismal rain, the Reserves played with their hands tucked in their shirts, Brown said.

"It took the first half to warm up and we were down 1-0 after the first half."

But Brown substituted a line of tempo-changing alternates, who were burning to play in the second half.

"They were all fired up seeing the mistakes on the sideline . . . They went in there and just went 'nuts.'"

Second-line player Noah Copping delivered a goal to Cameron Sweet off a pass from Miles English.

"Noah took it down the wing and literally bullied his way through three or

four guys. He started bringing it along the baseline, got up to the goalie and just tapped it into the middle of the 18. And Cam was right there."

Salt Spring threw a barrage of attacks at Zgoda but the other team was obviously playing for the tie, Brown said.

"They were satisfied with a tie, but we weren't though. We were still in utter shock and dismay on the way home."

The game felt unfinished, he said.

"We had multiple opportunities in the second half that weren't capitalized on. And I'm talking 'in-the-six-yard-box' missing opportunities."

Brown commended Reserves keeper Chris Healy for a great job in net.

"The goal they got on him — he'd already made the initial save and couldn't do anything on the next one."

Healy even broke a finger in his efforts to keep his team in the game. But the keeper played on for the match, despite the injury.

The Reserves next play the Castaways at Arbutus Field on December 1.

Their next home game will be their last before the winter break, on December 14 against Sooke.

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