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HE'S THE BEST:

Blues artist Harry Manx of Salt Spring holds the latest addition to his collection of accolades — the Maple Blues Award for best Canadian acoustic act in 2002. Manx picked up the award at the high-profile Toronto Blues Society-sponsored party in Toronto January 27. His brand new release called Jubilee, a joint project with Toronto guitarist Kevin Breit, will be celebrated at a Mahon Hall event at the end of the month.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Youth counsellors in limbo

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring youth and family counsellors received lay-off notices Friday as ministry funding for the school-based program expires next month.

But local school and Community Services administrators are hopeful the valuable program might be saved at the last minute.

"It puts us in an awful position," said Gulf Islands School District superintendent Wendy Herbert. "This is not money in our budget."

The school district received a grant from the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) this year to contract youth and family counsellors from Salt Spring Community Services, she said.

Without continued MCFD funding, Herbert is uncertain whether the school district would be able to provide the program after the grant expires March 31.

"We don't know what we would do," she said. "These services are for kids and families that have needs beyond what school counsellors can provide."

Without financial stability to maintain the program, the youth and family counsellors and the families who use their services are placed under undue stress, she said.

"If they are finished, this will leave dozens of families high and dry without counselling services," said Salt Spring Island Middle School principal Kevin Vine.

Students at the middle-

years age go through a lot of emotional, social and behavioural development that can require significant support, Vine said. School-based counsellors also provide services for younger and older students.

"It's clear that there's a need for these services and I don't know how we could replace them, or even if we could replace them."

District administrators have received no word about ministry intentions, except that the provincial government will make a decision mid-February regarding the future of school-based programs.

"We've just been a vehicle for the funding," said school district secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold.

Prior to September 2002, the MCFD funded youth and family counsellors directly through Community Services. The program has been in operation on the island since 1983.

Three counsellors and a coordinator serve approximately 115 cases per year on the island at a cost of \$115,000.

They were given lay-off notices in April 2002 when school-based programs were terminated. But then those notices were rescinded when the MCFD transferred funds directly to school districts in May.

As a condition to continue funding in September, MCFD ordered Community

COUNSELLORS 2

\$\$ cuts threaten daycare

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Salt Spring is in danger of losing a vibrant non-profit daycare centre that has served island families for the past nine years.

And provincial government subsidy cuts appear to be responsible for reducing the number of families able to use Tree Frog Daycare in Fulford.

"It used to be that a little more than half of our kids were subsidized,"

DAYCARE CUTS 3

Disciplinary measures and parents on trial

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Parents of teenagers might find themselves at their wits end while trying to discipline their children, but a Salt Spring man is now facing assault charges after he admitted to spanking his girlfriend's two daughters.

"I did spank these kids," the local man said.

In an interview with the Driftwood, the 51-year-old

islander described how he ushered his girlfriend's daughters out of his house after they refused to stop smoking.

"I don't smoke and I won't have it in my house," he said.

The two girls, aged 13 and 16, were rude, defiant and belligerent, he added.

"I explained to them clearly that if they smoked in the house, out you go. But [the older girl] said,

'You can't lay a hand on me or I'll go straight to the cops.' . . . She gave me the finger and lit up in my face."

He decided he'd had enough of the girls' behaviour and sent them out the door with a swat.

"You get to the point where there's no other recourse," the mother added.

"Their behaviour was deplorable. I've tried as best

as I could but my hands are tied with laws."

The two girls were visiting their mother from their foster homes in northern B.C. and Alberta, she said.

"We were verbally harassed for two days straight with sexually crude and rude remarks."

She believes her boyfriend put up with more offensive behaviour than most people could tolerate.

"This was not assault. It

was a last-ditch attempt at discipline for someone who was disrespectful in someone else's home."

But now the man could face court on February 11 unless the case is diverted to the Community Justice program.

The girls' mother believes that police resources and the court system are being abused by her daughter.

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DAYCARE CUTS: Threaten Tree Frog

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said Tree Frog supervisor Lisa Bleskie last week.

That number has been cut by about half and, when combined with the impact of other government funding policies and a declining island population of children under 5, the result has been devastating.

"It's really had a big impact, and we're struggling financially," said Bleskie.

For eligible families, the subsidy covers about half of Tree Frog's fees, which range from \$19.20 for a half-day of preschool, to \$40 for a full day of infant care.

Last November the income level used to determine a family's eligibility for the provincial daycare subsidy was reduced by \$285 per month. The Coalition of Child Care Advocates of B.C. estimates that simple change meant 10,500 of about 50,000 B.C. families previously receiving the subsidy were no longer eligible.

According to the government's website childcare subsidy "estimator," a single mother with a net monthly income of \$1,800 needing 16 days of childcare for her three-year-old each month would receive no government daycare subsidy.

That amount of care would cost \$576 per month at Tree Frog, where rates are considered reasonable.

At the \$1,700 income level for that same person, a \$52.60 per month subsidy kicks in.

Daycare operating grants have also been cut, and old "standards" like direct access to gaming proceeds are gone, said Bleskie.

"We've been looking at cut after cut after cut."

To cope with the situation, two Tree Frog staff members have been laid off, and hours reduced. Service for infants and toddlers has receded from full-time availability to only two mornings per week.

The daycare has also closed Friday afternoons because of low demand.

Melanie Dashwood works at Tree Frog but is currently on maternity leave, as is another staff member.

"We're a non-profit service, so we rely on those funds to make it affordable for parents," she commented.

A normal year also sees between \$10,000 and \$15,000 fundraised by the parents, board and staff in order to



BRIGHT LIGHTS: Tree Frog Daycare kids, from left, Sierra Clarke, Alexandra MacDonald and Taylor Clarke, work on decorating moons for "Night Week."

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

cover expenses.

In addition to the subsidy qualification changes announced by the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services last November, a new funding formula for childcare providers begins April 1.

A government press release described its new model as integrating three existing programs into one, "ensuring better use of existing resources and eliminating unnecessary costs."

Available funds are also being redistributed, so that an estimated 1,400 more childcare providers will be eligible for direct government funding. The rationale is that more daycare spaces will be created with financial incentive to do so.

But Bleskie and Dashwood point out that if families cannot afford to access those spaces, the group and family daycare providers will not be able to stay in business.

Closing Tree Frog is a repugnant option but one its board must look at, said Bleskie. However, those involved are optimistic the same community spirit that built and maintains the daycare will save the day.

For the short-term, Tree Frog is hoping community support in any form can keep its doors open.

Granting bodies such as the Salt Spring Foundation and Victoria Foundation have provided much-needed project-specific grants, said Bleskie,

but day-to-day expenses cannot be covered at current enrolment levels, or without an immediate infusion of funds.

Dashwood wonders if there are people out there with a special commitment to the daycare concept who would be willing to serve on the Tree Frog board and help keep it running.

"If there are people out there who can help us, we want to hear from them," she said.

Contact people are Bleskie at 653-4998, or board member Brent Baker at 653-9721.

A daycare centre is not just a place for working parents to leave their children while they earn money, note Bleskie and Dashwood.

Spending time in an organized setting with other children and trained childcare workers provides valuable socializing skills and experience and helps with kindergarten preparation.

Tree Frog's open relationship with nearby Fulford School is another bonus, they point out, with the grounds, library and gymnasium available for use.

Families benefit by connecting with staff and each other, they say, becoming part of a large "extended family."

At Salt Spring Daycare, which is licensed to care for 20 children aged three through six if they're in kindergarten, it's not as clear how much the subsidy cut has contributed to its declining

enrolment trend.

"We hear of all kinds of programs closing down province-wide, so it's definitely a tough time," said supervisor Andrea Hollingsworth. "But what's tricky is that we don't necessarily see that it's subsidy-related because the subsidies don't come through us. Families apply for it, and if they are not eligible, we just don't see them."

Only two of the daycare's children are currently receiving subsidies, and the amount of part-time care is up from past years.

Salt Spring Daycare is currently serving only an average of 7.2 "full-time-equivalent" children per day, although the use of part-time care has been increasing so that closer to 13 children attend on most days.

Hollingsworth is concerned about the subsidy cuts and restructured funding, feeling that island families should have equal access to quality, licensed childcare, wherever they choose to receive it on Salt Spring.

There is no shortage of quality care options here, she notes, but it would be unfortunate if families cannot afford to use them.

"We want more accessibility, and when the government continues to remove funding, fewer children can access quality care... We want to be able to provide it to every child out there."

Firefighters go all out for chimney blaze

A chimney fire at a Beddis Road home proved extremely difficult to extinguish early Saturday evening.

"It was chock-a-block full," said Salt Spring firefighter Arjuna George.

The chimney was filled with creosote that could be caused by green wood, damped burning or smouldering fires, he said.

"It's another reminder that

regular cleaning is mandatory."

The fire department also had many calls about unper-

mitted open burns last weekend, he said.

Under current conditions, any land-clearing fire over

six feet in diameter requires permits and inspection from the local fire department (provided free of charge).

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New ferries structure put under the microscope

By SUSAN LUNDY
Staff Writer

A financially stable, customer-driven company is the cornerstone of a new structure that will hopefully lift B.C.'s ferry system from the rubble of mismanagement.

Crumbling finances, "unacceptable" service and "dysfunctional" government interference signalled the need for a major overhaul in the system, and the government's Core Services Review of B.C. Ferries, released last November, promises to deliver that change.

Details of the Core Review were presented last Thursday night at a meeting organized by the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee, and led by Trafford Taylor, marine superintendent, inter-island services.

Although only a handful of people attended the meeting, those present were given a detailed picture of the new system and pending structural changes that are "super-ferry" in size.

But although the new system's underpinnings look vastly different from the building-blocks of today's government-run corporation, users will not notice immediate changes in service.

Under the new structure, present service levels (hours and the number of daily sailings) are guaranteed for five years, and capped fare increases must be "predictable," which will be scheduled, which cannot change for two years following publication.

Taylor spoke candidly and favourably about the changes, some of which are still under negotiation and not "written in stone." It is unlikely though, that proposed structural changes — set to take place April 1 — will deviate from the plan.

The new structure is composed of four major components: B.C. Ferry Services

Operating Company; B.C. Ferry Authority; the provincial government and a regulator.

B.C. Ferry Services will function as a company under the jurisdiction of the B.C. Company Act, and be owned by the B.C. Ferry Authority.

"As a service integrator, it coordinates the delivery of services," Taylor noted. "It doesn't necessarily deliver the services; (in fact) it contracts almost everything out."

It will own the fleet's vessels. The B.C. Ferry Authority will be a not-for-profit entity that oversees B.C. Ferry Services, and owns controlling shares in the company.

It will be composed of a nine-member, independent professional board. Two members will be appointed by the province, but must be independent of government. Four members, selected by the outgoing board, will be picked from a total of 12-20 nominees put forward by the regulator.

Taylor said the regulator's job will likely intensify each time the five-year negotiation period approaches. At that time, he/she will have to scrutinize public input and look closely at company operations.

"There will be immense pressure on the regulator at the end of five years," he said. Trafford cited a series of "checks and balances" in the new structure, including the ownership of shares.

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Through the Coastal Ferry Services Contract, the giving the province full voting participation.

Both Taylor and advisory committee chair Doreen Hewitt expressed optimism about the company's new mission statement, which reads: "A customer-focused, financially stable marine transportation that improves services and revitalizes the economy of B.C. coastal communities."

"Everything I have looked at focusses on this," Taylor said.

Instead of incurring a public debt, B.C. Ferry Services will go to the capital market to borrow the \$2 billion it needs to upgrade the fleet. In this way, Taylor said, it is the company taking the risk and not the taxpayer.

Taylor countered concerns about the service company's competitiveness against other possible ferry services by citing labour and fuel as the biggest costs.

"We get a heck of a deal on fuel," he added, "and as long as we can get the union in line, I think we can be competitive."

The new ferry service company will enter into negotiations with the ferries union in an aim to "align labour agreements." With overtime costs high under the current system, Taylor said, the issue of flexible hours will be a "big item."

"The union and the company will have to sharpen their pencils" when it comes to negotiations, he said.

The threat of a union strike is controlled by essential services legislation; while a lock-out by the company is also not possible because it would result in a forfeiture of the government service fee.

Ultimately, Taylor expressed hope and confidence that the new structure would result in a "sustainable ferry system" that can better meet customer needs.

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Burgoyne Bay moves into new era

By COLIN RANKIN
Special to the Driftwood

After a tumultuous time of blockades, demonstrations and fundraising appeals to islanders, little has been heard over the past 18 months about Burgoyne Bay and the Salt Spring lands bought from Texada Logging.

Many islanders, however, have been working in the background with government agencies that now have responsibilities for managing the newly established park and ecological reserve lands.

The Friends of Salt Spring Island Parks (FOSP), an umbrella group encompassing island recreation and conservation interests established last October, has a group of directors currently providing advice to B.C. Parks. They also have a contract to prepare a "background report" for Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. The report will set the stage for management planning for the park and includes information on the natural and cultural values of the area, as well as its recreation use and potential.

FOSP is sponsoring an open house at Fulford Hall from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 15 for islanders

interested in learning more about Burgoyne Bay and commenting on information that has been collected on the values and potential management issues for the new park.

The open house will be preceded by a short guided hike of the area — meeting at the Burgoyne Bay parking area at 1 p.m.

Information on the cultural and historical values of Burgoyne Bay (or Hwaaqwum' — "sawbill duck place" in the Hul'qumi'num language) has been gathered by Chris Arnett, and owes much to conversations with Bob Akerman. Newcomers to Salt Spring may not have visited Bob's museum on the Fulford-Ganges Road or know of the family's long history with the Fulford and Burgoyne valleys.

Indeed, Chris cites the area as "one of British Columbia's first inter-racial settler communities." Bob's grandmother Tuwa'h'wiyé (Mary Gyves) lived in a small "village" at the head of Burgoyne Bay and used a large granite boulder with an inset carved bowl to process dried camas bulbs and salal berries. The boulder now sits in a place of honour in

front of Bob's museum. Burgoyne Bay and Mount Maxwell contain many sites of spiritual and cultural significance and are connected to the creation story of the Hul'qumi'num people. Chris Arnett will be discussing the sites and recounting stories during the open house.

The Maxwell family, who settled the Burgoyne Valley in the 1860s, are also a source of many interesting stories about the area. As well as importing a hundred head of Texas Longhorn cattle, John Maxwell and his partner James Lunney built a dock to receive steamer traffic and ship produce to Victoria. Although the cattle are long gone — many lost to "island rustlers" — the present government dock remains as evidence of the settlers' industry.

Issues for future management of the park include the ongoing use and potential for further development of the government dock, boating moorage and launching facilities.

These issues, as well as a description of some of the natural values and recreation uses of Burgoyne Bay, will be discussed in an article in next week's issue.

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Food co-op saved by quick community help

Growing Circle Food Co-operative personnel went through a harrowing couple of weeks wondering if the store would continue running, but a swift community response has ensured it will remain open.

"We're going to make it and we're going to make it with flying colours," said co-op manager Lyn Cayo Monday.

When the call for help went out January 22, members responded with \$78,000 in member loan pledges, by purchasing more shares and buying more goods from the store, which had also announced immediate price drops.

Financial restructuring also occurred, and the co-op board approved a financial plan to

ensure the interest and principal payments for the loan plan are set aside on monthly basis.

"Basically the citizens of Salt Spring have done this amazing community economic development thing and by restructuring the financing, they've assured the co-op's long-term success," said Cayo.

"As long as people keep

shopping here, that's the big thing, and I'm confident from the show of support we've had from our members to date that they will keep shopping here."

Cusheon application denied

Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) members have decided to refer the Cusheon Lake Crown lands issue to PARC's trails advisory group after learning their lease application was turned down by the provincial government.

B.C. Land and Water Inc. said it was not accepting applications on the Gulf Islands for park purposes until after the Islands Trust had completed its Public Lands Strategy. That project has seen the Trust do an inventory of vacant Crown land in the Trust area, and work on "Crown land principles and profiles" for each island.

PARC had intended to establish a public trail on the parcel. In light of provincial government views to open up Crown lands use, chair Bill Curtin said PARC also wanted to ensure the parcel was brought into community

PARC BRIEFS

hands.

Concerned about protecting Cusheon Lake water quality, members of the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee opposed the PARC lease application.

Also at the January 27 PARC meeting:

- Commissioners received two reports of meetings with Victoria architect Alan Roy, who received the PARC contract to create the master plan for recreational facilities on the Rainbow Road property.

Another meeting with members of SPLASH20, the indoor pool society, was set for February 3 and then postponed.

- PARC will assist with a May 25 10-kilometre fundraising marathon being spearheaded by SPLASH20.

PARC's involvement will be limited to allowing its insurance to cover proceedings at Fernwood School, the proposed start and end point for the run — or the high school if it is used.

- Bill Curtin will chair PARC for another year, and Alix Granger will again be vice-chair. Curtin and Granger filled the two positions by acclamation at the January 27 meeting.

Mark Haughey will be the representative on a new PARC/Trust joint review committee, with Wayne Fraser serving as his alternate.

The review committee will look at new development applications, including rezonings, subdivisions, parkland dedications, cash-in-lieu contributions and other land use matters.

- The next public PARC meeting is on Monday, February 24, 7 p.m. in the Portlock Park portable.

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Seawalk completion put on Trust task list

TRUST BRIEFS

Visions of a completed Ganges seawalk appeared at the last Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting as staff were directed to try bringing relevant property owners together.

Trustees Kimberly Linger and Eric Booth urged hold-

ing a meeting, in response to a formal request by

Kingfisher resident Michael Wheaton.

Booth said he agreed the

timing was right to pursue

completion of the boardwalk,

which has not been finished

after being initiated almost

15 years ago.

In a related harbour matter,

Wheaton asked trust planner

John Gauld about the status

of bylaw enforcement

against the floatcamp build-

ing at Ganges Marina.

Gauld said some progress

had been made in that the

building was not being used

for commercial purposes at

present, and the bylaw inves-

tigations staff were working

to have the structure

removed. However, he noted,

court action would only pro-

ceed with the recommenda-

tion of trustees.

Members of the public

turned out to be incorrect.

Head said the property own-

ers thought their structures

were within proper setback

limits.

Public access to Long

Harbour off Ontario Place

would be maintained despite

transfer of part of the road

allowance to the property

owners, he said.

• A rezoning considered

necessary after it fell through

parking spaces created at the

McPhillips Avenue, with 11

at the corner of Jackson and

the former Talons cabaret.

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proposal

calls for a 37-seat indoor pub

at Centennial Park, and at

the February 15 peace rally.

Starting at Centennial Park at 3:30 p.m., people will

march a circle route through Ganges and back to the park.

There will be music, speakers and an open mic set up in

Centennial Park.

After the march, cocoa and cookies will be served at the

United Church together with a screening of peace films,

including one called Children of Iraq.

For more information, call Marlon Pape at 537-4567 or

Irene Wright at 537-5347.

In another peace-related matter, this is the final week to

purchase raffle tickets for VOW's Vision of Peace painting

done by Amarah Gabriel.

Tickets are available at Salt Spring Books, through Gabriel

at 537-0051 or Lois Sprague (537-0760) or Sunday at the

VOW table at the film festival. The draw takes place at the

end of the festival day on Sunday.

White arm band campaign and peace rally gearing up for Feb. 15 event on Salt Spring

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens and Salt Spring Voice of Women for Peace (VOW) have endorsed a national white arm band campaign to promote peace and express opposition to a war on Iraq.

Both groups are encouraging people to wear them in their communities and on peace marches slated for Saturday,

February 15 across the world.

White arm bands, stamped or marked with peace symbols, and worn on the upper left arm, serve as symbols of peace

signal to politicians and fellow citizens alike that hundreds of thousands of Canadians do not support a U.S.-led war on

Iraq.

Salt Spring's Jan Stakov has even been travelling the coun-

try wearing a white arm band with "peace" written in Arabic, Hebrew, Russian and English.

Local VOW members have been sewing arm bands and will have them available for pick up at the VOW table set up

at 537-0051 or Lois Sprague (537-0760) or Sunday at the VOW table at the film festival. The draw takes place at the end of the festival day on Sunday.

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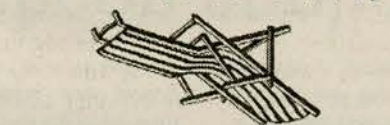
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FACEOFF: Captured in the camera's spotlight — just "hanging out" are Salt Spring Elementary students, from left, Stephen Ragay-Cooper, Deva Middleton and Steven Walker.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

DPAC hosts Elkin workshop

A parent education workshop set for Tuesday evening will offer some keys to successful living for family members.

Sponsored by the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), it begins at 7 p.m. in the Gulf Islands Secondary School library.

Called Creating Optimism and Resiliency: Thriving in the Face of Adversity, it will be led by Salt Spring life and career coach Bruce Elkin.

"Optimism is the hope and faith that things will work out well," states a press release. "Resilience is the ability to bounce back quickly when they don't. Developing optimism and resilience helps prevent stress, hostility, anxiety and depression, which research shows is harmful to the health, success and harmony of individuals and families."

The seminar will show how mastery of the creative

process develops both optimism and resilience.

It will explore the critical difference between problem solving and creating, and offer participants an organizing framework common to all forms of successful creating.

For more information about the February 11 workshop, contact DPAC chair Kimberly Linehan at 538-0042 or by e-mail at kimbers@saltspring.com.

114 crowd into website class

• There seemed to be a hunger for information on web market-

ing recently as 114 people crowded into two rooms at ArtSpring to hear Michael Linehan speak.

The talk, presented by the president of Marketing Alchemy, aimed to help people transform websites into effective marketing tools.

"In today's business world, a website is a must, however, most sites are so invisible it's as if they are covert operations!" Linehan points out. "Having a website without a strong marketing plan is like printing a beautiful brochure and not sending it anywhere."

Although Linehan is new to Salt Spring, he has been providing web design and marketing services for clients in Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria and Santa Cruz, California from his home on Galiano for the past five years.

Some familiar clientele include B.C.'s Ministry of Small Business and the prestigious Ballet British Columbia.

• A Salt Spring woman has been nominated for a prestigious award.

Sandie Ferguson, who is on the brink of losing the home she created as a refuge for street kids, has been nominated for an Ashoka Award.

The international award is presented to "visionaries," who are not necessarily supported by the mainstream.

Ferguson believes first prize is operating expenses

SALT SPRING SNIPPETS

for three years.

The island woman has helped numerous street youth at her home, which is currently held by the bank and on the market through a court-ordered sale.

• Bob Appleton and Judy Willett of Santa's Workshop have extended thanks to all "the kind and caring people of Salt Spring Island who generously donated toys this past holiday season."

Among those thanked were Salt Spring Cinema, Fables Cottage, the United Church, toy run motorcycle enthusiasts, the liquor store, the Farmers Institute, and new helpers Betty and Jody.

Thanks also went to CIBC helpers for the Angel Tree, and Brittany and her friends, who organized a toy drive at the high school.

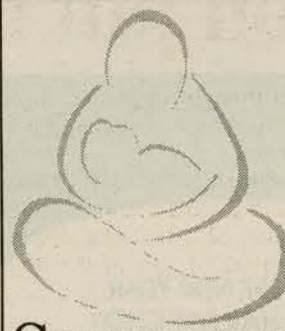
"As a result of the wonderful response we again had, we were able to provide a Merry Christmas to many children who were excited Christmas morning to find that Santa really does exist."

• Other Christmas thanks were also sent to the Driftwood. The Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network thanked the many

people who helped the Salt Spring Transition House during the season.

The group specifically noted the Salt Spring local of the Hospital Employees Union and the Ganges liquor store for their donations.

• Donations collected at Tuned Air's December 22 concert enabled the island choir to give \$1,300 and a considerable amount of food to the Salt Spring Food Bank.



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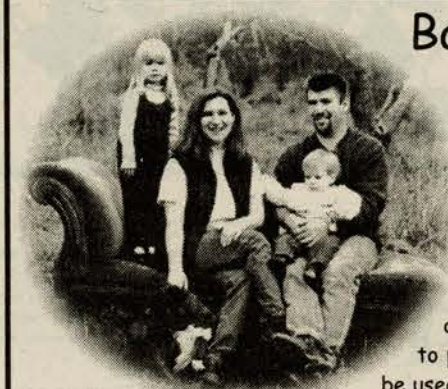
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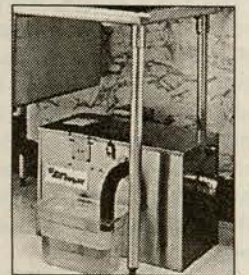
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OPINION

A new era

Last year's incorporation bid was lost, but so far the outcome has been a winning one for Salt Spring.

We went to the polls to vote on a significant change in the way we govern ourselves. Many felt that an island municipality would fill in the gaps of governance that exist under the present system. Others, who had serious doubts and fears about the implications of such a change, won the day. To date, however, we are all winners in a sense.

The referendum process put local governance front and centre in the minds of many, but its effect has been particularly noticeable in the existing corridors of power. It is too early to pass judgement on the workings of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, but a report card issued today would indicate good grades.

A town hall meeting early in January followed by a Trust meeting at which public participation was a key feature are indicators of a sea change in attitude. Public discussion and comment at the January 25 meeting was not just limited to the portion of the meeting reserved for delegations, or even the more open town hall session, but was encouraged throughout as attendees were reminded by committee chairman David Essig that it was "their meeting."

"They," a crowd of 100 or more, had their axes to grind, of course. A fish hatchery at Walker Hook was the big draw; the vacation rentals issue was a smaller one. But few people could have gone away feeling left out. Enough people were given the opportunity to speak that most viewpoints were likely heard.

While the structure of local government is antiquated and unsuitable for a community of our size, the Trust is showing an interest in improving the existing situation. And with regional director Gary Holman very much in evidence at Trust and trustee meetings, plus formation of a new "watershed council" and a PARC/Trust joint review committee, it appears that cooperation between local government bodies, an issue that came up frequently during last fall's election campaign, may not be difficult to achieve.

This leaves the community with the best of a bad deal. Bad because we do not have one overarching structure that looks out for all the interests of the community, with the power to protect those interests. The best we can expect is a Trust committee-regional director triumvirate that seeks to overcome the constraints of limited democratic representation by reaching out to its constituency and working cooperatively in the community interest.

So far, so good.



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Governments turning west coast into industrial feed lot

By WAYNE FRASER

Open-pen fish farms on our coast are industrial feed lots with a licence to destroy what is left of our ocean biodiversity.

Rivers are being colonized by escaped farmed fish. Sea lice in concentrations not found naturally are destroying complete salmon runs. The raw effluent (sewage) fishmeal to get one pound of farmed fish, which means this industry is depleting the global protein supply, not increasing it as the industry and our government would have you believe.

VIEW POINT

There are 90-plus operating open-pen fish farms on our coast right now (one of them on our very own not-so-well-preserved or-protected island) with the 400 such sites on our coast over the next few years. (See the industry advertisement in the Globe and Mail newspaper.)

All of this is done with the legislative and financial support of our federal department of fisheries and aquaculture and our provincial government.

The degradation of our natural environment by this industry is nothing short of criminal.

There have been numerous reports and studies from around the world sounding the alarms over this fast-growing destructive industry. Two such reports recently conducted by highly respected and credible B.C. citizens (The Honourable Judge Leggat and the Honourable John Fraser) stress caution and raise their own concerns about this industry, yet our governments ignore their findings in favour of a study conducted back in 1997, which also stressed caution but is scientifically outdated.

There are literally thousands of websites hosted by environmental groups, scientific organizations and concerned citizens from around the world decrying the global environmental danger that

open-pen fish farms on our coast are industrial feed lots with a licence to destroy what is left of our ocean biodiversity.

Tale of two tragedies



ISLE SAY! WITH JOHN POTTINGER

Under immense pressure to cut costs. In an agency whose mandate is to send people and machines into space, cost-cutting activities have a huge impact on risk. As some news reports in the past few days have indicated, NASA recently replaced the people on its safety advisory panel. The shuttle heart shield during previous missions prompted NASA to commission a study of the thermal protection system (TPS). This study showed that the contribution of the black tiles that protect the underside of the shuttle orbiter at re-entry was about 10 per cent of the overall shuttle failure risk. Almost three years ago, I received a copy of a report done by researchers at Stanford University and

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Virginia Tech. The report is titled Probabilistic Risk Analysis for the NASA Space Shuttle: A Brief History and Current Work. Much of the paper is concerned with theories and methods used in the realm of risk analysis and therefore it makes for dull reading. But, in light of last weekend's disaster, one paragraph turns out that Columbia disintegrated because of damage to the tiles from debris on lift-off (which is the current "favoured" theory) then previous missions prompted NASA to commission a study of the thermal protection system (TPS). This study showed that the contribution of the black tiles that protect the underside of the shuttle orbiter at re-entry was about 10 per cent of the overall shuttle failure risk. Almost three years ago, I received a copy of a report done by researchers at Stanford University and

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What are your thoughts about the space shuttle and avalanche tragedies?*



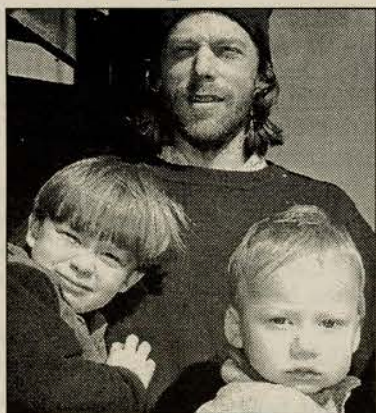
Carol Wenger

What's come to my mind is that it's been seven and seven people in both tragedies. It seems weird that the numbers are like that so close together.



Jacqueline Caron

I wouldn't be that brave, even when I was younger, for back-country skiing or anything like that. I feel like these people have a death wish. My passion is for painting. There's no danger in that.



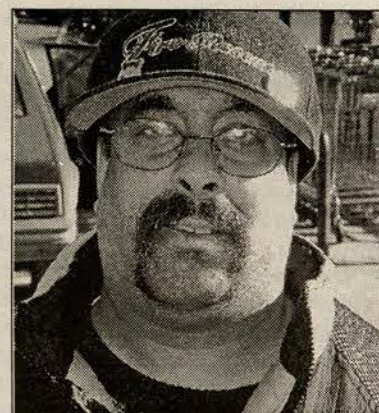
John McGuire (with Jared and Liam)

It's obviously a terrible day. I guess the irony of the sevens is that it's the week of the 17th anniversary of the last space shuttle accident.



Lisa Wenger

My brother is a helicopter ski guide with Mike Wiegele's . . . Where he works, whenever they go out in dangerous conditions, he has everyone phone their mothers.



Mahjor Bains

I feel sad about what happened and I feel empathy and pity for the families.

Letters to the Editor

Hatchery alert

Beware, islanders! A huge industrial blackcod fish hatchery is coming to Walker Hook.

You don't believe me? Go to their website: www.money-works.net.

Here, Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. is highlighting an "Initial Offering for the World's First Blackcod Hatchery" right on Salt Spring Island, with "exceptional profitability" and "no environmental risk."

Gidon Minkoff, Ph. D., will run the project. He spoke at the January 25 Islands Trust meeting, evading questions about waste, disease and impact upon the wild stocks.

Claimed on the website as an "internationally recognized expert in marine fish aquaculture," he has built two large commercial fish hatcheries in Europe and Israel.

Plans for the Salt Spring sablefish hatchery are to produce an initial two million black cod juveniles per annum with an anticipated expansion to 10 million juveniles raised in land pens at Walker Hook. They will then be sold to B.C. salmon

farmers to be grown in open ocean pens.

I know nothing about the biology of blackcod, but I am deeply alarmed regarding news of this industrial "world-class" operation on our island. This will affect not only our beloved island, but it will have far-reaching effects upon all the Gulf Islands and British Columbia.

We need to get the facts and become informed.

Take action. Visit the www.money-works.net website.

Watch for an announcement about the next public meeting when the hatchery proposal will be discussed.

Speak up.

This is huge!
TAMAR GRIGGS,
Bold Bluff

Thanks, ISCU

Last week's Driftwood with the first of the "Let them retire somewhere else" ads arrived in my (snow-covered) mailbox a couple of days ago.

It almost made me rush out to the island to buy a GIC and get a set of the postcards.

Thanks, Island Savings, for adding some humour to the dry topic of RRSP sea-

son. I'll think of those postcards every time I'm out in the morning shovelling the "prairie fog" off the sidewalk again.

BARRY SPENCE,
Red Deer, Alberta

Not funny

I was somewhat pleased that you did me the courtesy of publishing my January 29 letter which expressed that I was offended by the Island Savings ad in your January 22 issue.

I was further gratified to realize that I was not alone in my reaction to it. What I didn't appreciate all that much was the comment by Mr. Sauchuk, who is not a resident of Salt Spring, that "They make no apology for the campaign."

The after-the-fact claim that the campaign was supposed to be humorous or tongue in cheek rather than incompetent I find "very funny" indeed — the claim, not the campaign, that is. I must learn "ad-speak" because it certainly seems on the surface that "massaging the copy a little bit" means changing it.

Similarly, dropping the full-page ad scheduled for this week in your newspaper seems to me pretty close to

admitting they really screwed up!

Anyone who knows me will tell you I like a good laugh more than most. Therefore I find it "very funny indeed" that after dedicating over 41 column inches to this matter, spent editorial and interview time on it, those of us who were offended are told by your editorial to "lighten up." Could this have anything to do, I wonder, with you losing the full-page ad revenue?

But point taken. Be sure that in future before I get offended about anything on the island I will call the Driftwood to make sure I am so allowed.

Apparently, taking responsibility and being accountable for one's words or actions are skills that need practise in Ganges as well as Duncan.

ALAN J. MAYFIELD,
Long Harbour

Flap

Ah, come on, can't we laugh at ourselves?

Even more amusing than Island Savings' witty RRSP campaign is the flap being generated.

We're going to send some of the postcards off to discourage our friends and

family from visiting. Will it work?

DONNA de HAAN,
Mountain View Drive

Insight

I have subscribed to the on-line Driftwood for some time (since the Salt Spring article in Harper's Magazine a while back) and always enjoy hearing your local news.

I must commend you on one of last week's articles: Real Evils Demand Shift in Accusatory Fingers. Greg Spendjian wrote a wonderful piece filled with real insight.

I only wish every flag-waving Bush-supporter could read it — it might make them think (although I'm afraid that is a long shot). My country, the U.S., is doing a great disservice to world stability, as pointed out by the great Nelson Mandela, among others.

Thank you for an excellent point of view. Keep up the good work.

PAUL F. LERMAN,
Wyncote, Pennsylvania

Cusheon facts

The Driftwood editorial entitled Tug of War at Cusheon Lake (January 22) appears to be based more on political compromise than on scientific fact.

The scientific facts are clear and well documented. Cusheon Lake is eutrophic, with phosphorus levels far exceeding guidelines for drinking water, recreation and aquatic life in most years.

Frequent large blooms of blue-green algae occur, which can be toxic, even to large warm-blooded animals.

Cusheon Lake got to this sad state through a series of inappropriate development activities in the watershed over many years.

At each step along the way, water quality was sacrificed to some degree, with the collective result that we see today.

The Crown land parcel at Cusheon Lake is a very important part of that lake's watershed.

It should be left in an undisturbed forested state permanently for the sole purpose of water protection, not compromised by recreational activities that will inevitably release even more phosphorus to the already deteriorated lake.

MIKE LARMOUR,
Beddis Road

MORE LETTERS 10

Fulford welcomes writing readers next weekend

To be published simply means "to make public." Unfortunately, the definition has narrowed to mean getting one's writing into print, although public readings, stagings, other showings, etc. count as being published in the literal sense.

At some point on the road to fame and glory, budding writers start to understand the difference between being a writer — hey, anyone can put "Writer" on a business card — and an author. Still, one can be a published writer without being an author. Reading a poem at an open mic, for example, to make it public, counts as being published.

Copyright law makes this clear: if someone else "publishes" your work by reading a substantial portion of it to others in public,

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BY BRENDA GUALED



they've infringed on your right to be the one and only person to do that unless you've signed an agreement allowing them this privilege.

The writing business is complicated, not only learning the basics of good writing, then mastering the skill of lucid telling, and ultimately achieving the alchemy of turning simple words into pure gold, but figuring out how to successfully connect with the exact right audience. Most authors have taken a long and tricky path to get where they are. They've paid their dues, with boxes of finished and unfinished manuscripts and rejection letters galore.

Only the rarest ones have the sort of beginners' luck that as-yet-unpublished writers, by the thousands, dream of.

Sometimes, though, writers just want to connect, and now. They want immediate sharing and feedback, while continuing to scheme behind the scenes about how to get a million strangers keen to buy their fabulous words and tales. With this in mind, and because the Gulf Islands are blessed with more writers per square land chunk than most anywhere, three shops at Fulford Village are hosting a "Writers' Weekend" starting the afternoon of February 14, then continuing through the 15th and 16th during regular open hours.

In the Public Eye Artists-at-Work Shop, Morningside Organic Bakery and Deli, and the Fulford Roasting Company welcome any and all writers to bring work to

read aloud and otherwise share with fellow writers and members of the public willing to lend an ear. There are no fees, no signup, no rules (excepting good taste and judgment, of course), and three venues to visit over two-and-a-half days, take your pick. If the weather's nice, writers can share their work on the dock and roadside too.

This is an experiment, an informal first gathering to see how it goes. It could become a monthly or quarterly event, if those who take part find it useful to make their work public in this way.

How to take part? Print out a copy of whatever you'd like to read, be it a poem, a short story, an excerpt, a treatment, etc. and bring it along.

Because the first afternoon is Valentine's Day, I'd suggest bringing work about love, especially for those who have a range

of work to choose from.

I'd also suggest not bringing too much — always better to leave people wanting more, yes? A notepad might be useful to jot down feedback, ideas, quotes and contact information. Invite friends, family, and more; the weekend will be whatever people make of it. The artshop, bakery and Ro-Co are there to say "Welcome" and "Enjoy."

Another reminder: Thursday, February 13 is the one-day-only plastics and #6/polystyrenes pickup day at the Salt Spring Recycling Depot on Rainbow Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check out www.pacificmobiledepots.com or call (250) 883-5914 for details about what to bring and costs per bag.

b_guiled@yahoo.ca

More letters

Irreversible damage

I am writing this letter to express my concern about the recent Agricultural Land Reserve subdivision application for the proposed Sabfish hatchery on Walker's Hook.

Could this be the expansion feared by residents of Walker's Hook two years ago at the inception of the hatchery? Is Salt Spring Island's fragile environment a suitable location for this experimental and potentially hazardous industry?

The moratorium on all fish farms in B.C. should be reinstated until the existing problems and negative impacts on the marine environment are addressed.

Why are we even considering impacting another species of fish, when we have not yet determined the full effect present fish farms have on our wild salmon stocks?

This proposed ALR lease of land would allow irreversible environmental damage to our island. Nor does the community deserve the continuous conflict certain to arise from this venture capital corporation's business expansion plans to farm other fish species.

At the recent town hall meeting the point was raised that construction on this project should be stopped until a suitable solution is reached.

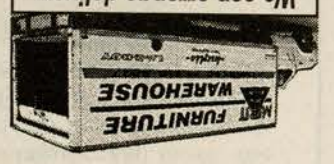
The Islands Trust needs to hear from islanders on these things if we let the private sector economy flourish again.

"Where they live," I don't know how this figure into the closure of numerous hospitals in areas "where they live."

On the way home it suddenly hit me: for the more than five years we've been on the island, every week a friendly cashier at the GVM has asked me and hundreds of others the same question. Would we like our 10 per cent Tuesday discount off the top or in our pockets?

For this family, assuming a saving of around \$4 a week, for, say, 50 weeks, this 10 per cent comes to about \$200 bucks a year. That's \$1,000 we alone have saved in the last five years with our Tuesday expeditions to the GVM. Hundreds of others have saved probably as much or more.

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tion of your choice. And now, in case you haven't noticed, Upper Ganges has its very own post office — another gift from the GVM.

I say we give a hearty round of applause and appreciation to the Ganges Village Market and its generous, progressive managers and staff.

Thanks, folks. RICHARD MOSES, Brinkworthy

Changed beliefs
"As Leader of the B.C. Liberal Party, I have built a strong team of dedicated people. We all know that the people of B.C. are rich in talent, creativity and energy. Together we can make B.C. a leader again, if only the government will allow it.

I want an education system that is the envy of the world, a public health care system that gives people comfort, confidence and care when they need it, where they live. We can do these things if we let the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is going to mark wooden stakes in order to prevent navigational hazards. (January 29 Driftwood photo.)

However, while this is the text at the Liberal site regarding Gordon not solve a very serious problem. Last year I observed a large derelict dock floating in Ganges Harbour and radioed the coast guard to report this extreme navigational hazard.

Later, I visited the coast guard station and was informed that no action would be taken as it was the responsibility of individual boat owners to avoid all hazards. If it were deemed dangerous enough, instructions would arrive from higher up the chain of command. As no one ever went to check out the situation it was obvious no action would take place.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe it was easier to

find a family doctor before the Liberals took office. When will we see this situation corrected? I'm at an age where prevention, and catching health problems before they've had a chance to do irreversible damage, should be a priority.

Why is Gordon Campbell not holding to the beliefs he espoused when he was elected, or were things changed since the 2010 Olympics are going to be for the survivors of those who have died needlessly because we put the province's money into a bid to host a future entertainment event rather than into our needs today?

If the province's businesses will flourish because of the 2010 Olympics, then why not let all of its supporters fund the entire thing, like any free enterprise capitalist venture?

Allow them to put money into a fund themselves, into all personal supporters, allow personal supporters to contribute — if the people of this province really want the Olympics to be held in B.C. in 2010, let them show it now by pledging their own money.

Voting the Liberals into office did not give them a mandate to support a bid for the Olympics.

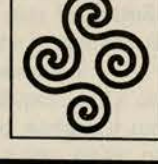
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While professional background in a related field would be an asset, the Committee is interested in hearing from anyone who can contribute a broad understanding of the island and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character.
Those interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Design Panel, or in finding out more about the Panel's mandate, are asked to write before February 28th to:
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9
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Saturna trustees face conflict issues in LUB

In the following first of two articles dealing with recent Saturna Island Trust issues, former Outer Gulf Islands regional director Jim Campbell describes how both local trustees found themselves in a conflict when it came to voting on a new land use bylaw last November.

By JIM CAMPBELL

Work on Saturna's Land Use Bylaw 72 (LUB) to conform with the new official community plan (OCP) was nearly completed last September.

A core OCP policy prohibits any action that raises the residential site density on Saturna.

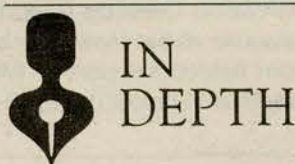
On September 14 it was found that neither trustee could vote on Bylaw 72 because of conflicts of interest.

Two parcels of one trustee's lands (Trustee A) were being rezoned by the bylaw.

Trustee B owns a share in 262 acres zoned Forest and Farmland, called Old Point Farm (OPF). These lands were also being rezoned. Originally, by covenant, OPF was allowed the 13 residences and 13 cottage sites possible by subdivision, subject to no further development or subdivision.

In the new OCP, Forest-zoned lands became Forest General (FG). In the LUB, OPF's Forest land should have become FG.

With the same covenant amended to define "cottage" by floor area, OPF would



have been exactly as before and not put Trustee B in conflict nor give cause for the bizarre events that followed!

The new OCP raised minimum forest lot size from 20 to 50 acres. To compensate forest owners without increasing sites, the plan allowed, by formula, limited small-lot subdivisions from FG lands into Forest Residential (FR1). The remainder must be zoned Forest Reserve (FR). This requires separation by subdivision of the lands involved into FR1 and FR lots. That is the point.

The Saturna Local Trust Committee (LTC) incorrectly drafted and applied the new OCP provisions for subdivision of small Forest lots by rezoning OPF into FR1 and FR without any subdivision process. Thus, there was no basis for the zone boundaries. The site density regulations of FR1 text were replaced with a notation by title permitting 13 residences and 13 cottages.

There was anger at Old Point Farms. The group's president asked for removal of the covenant and rezoning of the Forest and Farmland property to Rural with current density and new covenanting. He declined any alternative.

An amendment to the OCP

to redesignate OPF to Rural was introduced. Contrary to OCP policy, this raised OPF potential sites by 78 and Saturna's by about 10 per cent.

A prime condition in the resolution for final approval of the OCP comes from the Local Government Act:

"Section 884(2) of the LGA requires all bylaws enacted, permits issued and works undertaken by the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee, be consistent with the Plan."

Bylaw 72 is immediately in contempt of S. 884 of the LGA, and to pass that bylaw, the OCP policy itself must first be amended.

The Saturna LTC chair, Trustee A and the president of OPF insisted that the subsequent zoning limitation or covenants would restore the lower ceiling. My legal advice, from a lawyer proficient in local government matters, rejects that. The regulatory bylaw does not replace the Plan. The new ceiling remains.

The LUB had to be passed quickly in order for OPF to be rezoned by the existing Trust committee before the November 16 election. Trustee B's vote was required. To cure his conflict, his lands were "left out" of the zoning map with the note that they would keep their original zoning. Trust staff assured Trustee B that he could now pass Bylaw 72 with Trustee A's rezoning. Trustee A would amend the OCP and amend the LUB to

zone OPF Rural and Farm.

With this gambit in hand, the LTC (without Trustee A) held a public hearing on October 6, 2002 for Bylaw 72, and set October 20 for a public hearing for the amendments. I supplied a legal opinion which found that Trustee B's conflict was made worse because his interest was singled out by his lands being deleted.

The Trust executive's legal advice effectively concurred with mine. The planners reports of October 26 said:

"The advice obtained by staff suggests that if OPF were included in the LUB based on current permitted density and if regulations are otherwise identical to those proposed for the rest of the island, then there would not be a conflict of interest in terms of Trustee Johnstone's consideration of the LUB."

"Based on this advice, staff has prepared a new LUB that incorporates OPF. It is proposed that OPF be rezoned to Forest Residential, Forest Reserve and Farmland zones in a manner that is consistent with the rezoning of similar properties elsewhere on the island."

Bylaw 78 replaced Bylaw 72.

By staff interpretation of their legal advice, Trustee B was again deemed eligible to vote.

There are no properties similar to OPF. Only one of the other FG parcels was zoned FR1 and FR without subdivision and with the site regulation replaced with a

special density allowance and sketched zone boundaries.

OPF was rezoned FR1, FR and Farmland and again singled out by replacing a site regulation clause and an unrelated map division of FR1 and FR zones not in compliance with any regulation.

The regulations for site density in the FR1 text were set aside for each of the parcels. By title description they are each granted a site density and given map boundaries unrelated to any regulation. The similarity is that both were wrongly zoned somewhat dissimilarly.

This does not conform to the legal advice cited.

A public information meeting and public hearing took place November 13, three days before the election. This included the new Bylaw 78, the OCP amendment and the amendment to Bylaw 78 and other matters. The compact was well understood by the parties. It was supported by the president of Old Point Farms.

Trustee B left the room and Trustee A amended the

OCP in favour of OPF.

Trustee A left the room.

Trustee B returned and voted for Bylaw 78 with its zone changes for Trustee A's lands and the OPF zoning this process will replace.

Trustee B left the room.

Trustee A returned and voted for the amendments for OPF.

The chair adjourned the hearing with the comment that in her nine years of experience as a trustee they never get it right the first time. We must accept the imperfect bylaw and try to fix it later.

All three trustees took bad advice from their staff and folded to the president of OPF. They are deemed to be not at fault for taking bad advice. Trustee A., John Money, served to his community's satisfaction for 19 years. He has retired.

He chaired the Gambier Local Trust Committee. The Gambier trustee, Kim Benson, chaired the Saturna LTC.

Trustee B is Tom Johnstone. He was re-elected.

The president of Old Point Farms is Cunliffe Barnett.

More letters

Goring quote

Mao Tse Tung said, "Diplomacy breathes down the barrel of a gun." President Bush and his oil crowd are hyper-ventilating down the barrel.

At the Nuremberg War Trials in 1945, Hitler's second in command Herman Goring told the prison psychiatrist Captain Gilbert:

"Of course the people don't want war, why would some poor slob on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best he can get out of it is to come back in one piece? The common people don't want war; not in Russia, not in England, not in America, not for that matter in Germany. It is the leaders that determine policy . . . and the people can always be made to do the leaders' bidding. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism. It works the same way in any country."

And this comes from one of the world's "experts" on the process of dragging a country into war.

GORDON BARNES,
Salt Spring

Dog warning

Last Saturday, as I was walking through the post office parking lot, I was attacked by someone's pet dog.

I was walking past a large green Land Rover when a dog lunged out of the win-

dow, striking me in the chest with his snout and biting at my hair. Then the dog stood growling with its teeth bared.

Fortunately for me I am quite tall. Had I been six inches shorter, the dog could have done some serious damage.

Moments later, the owner of the dog appeared and said, "Don't worry, he wouldn't bite you, he is very friendly." So . . . walkers, be wary of passing by any vehicle with a slightly

opened window, or truck with a dog in the back.

And dog owners, I don't care how friendly you think your dog is, do not leave a dog unattended, in a public place, with the windows open enough for the dog to


get head and shoulders out of the vehicle.

And for god's sake have the grace to apologize when your animal does something you don't believe it is capable of.
DONNA JOHNSTONE,
West Eagle

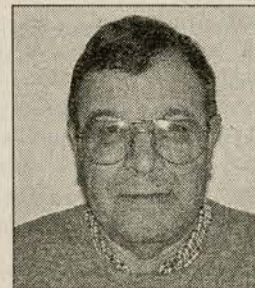
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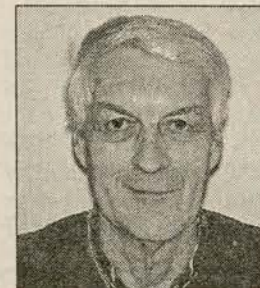
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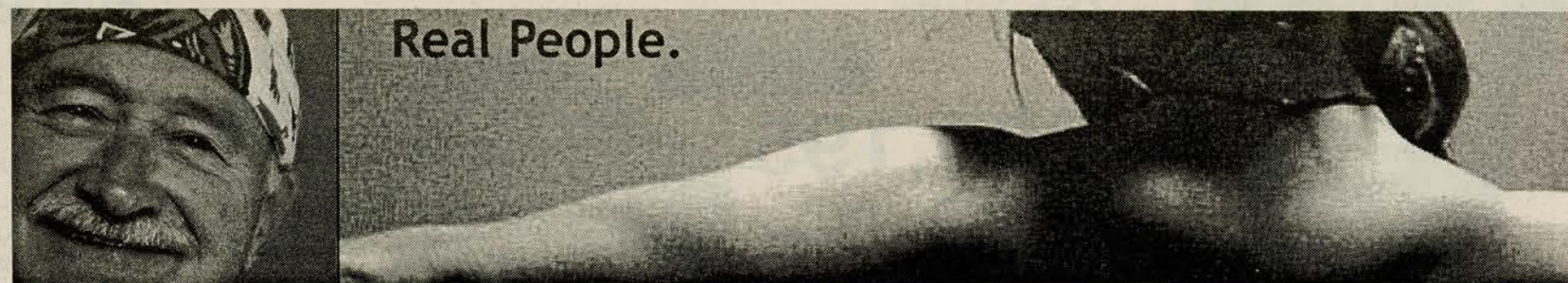
JIM MAY

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north end fitness

Islanders embrace curling at first annual bonspiel

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Dagwood's Dinner curlers reigned supreme over seven other island teams at the First Annual Salt Spring Groundhog Day Bonspiel held at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre Sunday.

Calls of "Hurry, hurry, hard" and "Never!" filled the rec centre as 30 islanders look to the ice with brooms and rocks.

The highlights of the event were Dagwoods' "crushing victories" over Royal LePage (10-1) and the Wood Bees (9-0), said organizer Jim Pasuta.

"They cleaned clocks," Dagwoods skip Don Nemeth led his team of Pat Mussels, Terry Penny and Rene Payne to four straight victories in a series of four-

Pasuta said. "The recipe for success is to find your centre, find your balance and don't fall down."

The Wood Bees, named for woodwork and beekeping players, placed second in the A-pool (two wins and two losses) under skip John



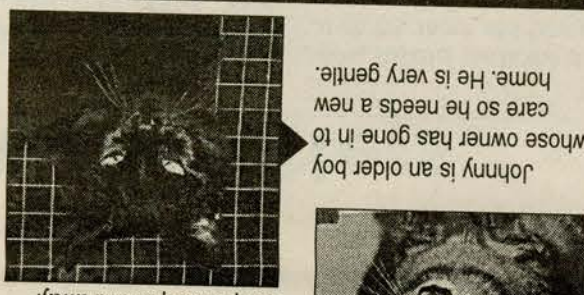
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Another headache

babies to five-year-olds. It is in imminent danger of being forced to close its doors. Impending war, NAFTA, personal finances, short-termist politicians, greedy global corporations, genetically modified and hormonally bloated food, affordable housing, the environment . . . AAAGH! Enough! But I have another headache to add to the list. I am a parent of two young children who attend Tree Frog Daycare in Fulford. It is a wonderful little place and the only facility on the island that has childcare programs for

As a "not for profit" concern, it has no cash reserves. Recent government policy changes have cut child care subsidies to parents, and grants to day-care facilities as much as 50 per cent. Consequently people cannot afford to use day-care facilities as much as they did. We are also, currently, at the bottom of a baby drought. Tree Frog has had to cut staff, and make savings wherever possible, with-exceptional level of care it provides. These have helped, but are not enough, so you will likely be seeing some frantic looking parents around, doing what they can to raise the funds to keep it open. The consequences of government service cuts don't impact on all sections of the community and quite often don't get much reporting. I apologize for drawing your attention to another sad situation, but hope this one can have a happy resolution. May all your headaches RICHARD STEEL, Isle View Drive

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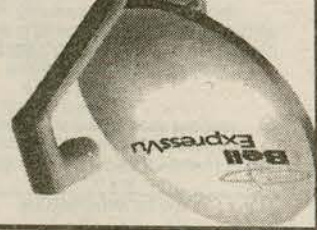
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Murakami story featured at meeting

By CHARLES KAHN
Driftwood Contributor

When Kimiko Murakami died in July 1997, more than 250 islanders filled Ganges United Church to overflowing to participate in the passing of a remarkable woman whose life reflected the Japanese experience on Salt Spring.

Kimiko's parents, Kumanosuke and Riyo Okano, came to Canada in 1896 and moved to Salt Spring with five-year-old Kimiko in 1909, settling first in Duck Bay (then Dock Bay) north of Vesuvius.

The Okanos soon became farmers and eventually owned 200 acres of land, stretching from the end of Booth Bay to Sharp Road and past Rainbow Road. Like other Japanese farmers in the Gulf Islands, they had an immense greenhouse and raised raspberries, strawberries, and vegetables for sale in Victoria. Kimiko and her husband Katsuyori also farmed on land at the end of Sharp Road adjacent to the Okanos.

When Rose Murakami tells the story of her family to the Salt Spring Historical Society on Wednesday, February 12, she will undoubtedly talk about the large Japanese community that thrived on Salt Spring until the government interned the Japanese in 1942, the hard times during and after the Second World War, and how her family returned to this island — the only Japanese family to do so.

Rose Murakami was born in the old Lady Minto Hospital on Ganges Hill. She studied nursing at Vancouver General Hospital and obtained a baccalaureate at UBC, a master's of applied science at McGill, and a master's of science degree from Boston University.

She taught nursing at UBC for about 25 years and was also vice-president of nursing at UBC's Health Sciences Centre Hospital for about 12 years. Nevertheless, Rose considers belonging to the Murakami family of Salt Spring as her main claim to fame.

Everyone is welcome to attend the historical society event at Central Hall at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.



LABYRINTH: Jessica Fettis hold a finger-walking labyrinth as United Church youth host an Afternoon of Spiritual Practices, Saturday. Participants could walk a labyrinth with their fingers, meditate on the scriptures, or write to God.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Chemtrails at StarBooks

A video documentary and audio evidence on chemtrails will be featured at a StarBooks event tonight (Wednesday).

As explained by Ken Rouleau in a press release, "Chemtrails are those long, straight strips of cloud plumes we see lingering across the sky in parallel lines along the horizon, or in X-formations like we saw over Ganges last week.

"Chemtrails are some form of chemical spray released from Canadian and American military tanker-jets for undisclosed purposes."

Rouleau said chemtrails are a concern to people who feel their health is being affected by the sprays.

The StarBooks presentation runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Discussion of what can be done about chemtrails will also take place.

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'Seediest' Saturday set

By DAN JASON

Special to the Driftwood
Salt Spring Island's 8th annual Seedy Saturday is coming up February 8 and it will definitely be the seediest Saturday yet!

Seedy Saturday occurs annually every second week of February on Salt Spring bringing together seedspeople with gardeners who want to grow special locally adapted crops. Lots of bioregional seed and plant companies are present and other tables include the Salt Spring Garden Club, Island Natural Growers, master gardeners and other information groups.

An important focal point of the day at Gulf Islands Secondary is the swap table with all kinds of seed and plant offerings by local seed buffs.

This year a new presence, that of the Salt Spring Sanctuary Society, will launch what we've been calling Salt Spring's Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada. Plant lovers wanting to help get Salt Spring known as the plant capital of Canada will be able to obtain seeds to grow out as part of the sanctuary's mandate to preserve and promote heritage seeds. Volunteers will be given a description and evaluation page to fill out as their tomatoes, lettuce, squash and beans grow and reach maturity. These will be used to update the sanctuary's already extensive plant description databases posted on its new website: www.seedsanctuary.com.

Many people have already

expressed interest in helping out with the sanctuary, so Seedy Saturday will be a great first opportunity to get together.

Only a few years ago, Salt Spring's Seedy Saturday was one of the first in Canada. Now Seedy Saturdays are germinating across Canada. In our area, there are similar events in Victoria, Vancouver, Cobble Hill, Qualicum and Courtenay.

Seedy Saturdays originally arose out of the desire to keep our heritage of saveable seeds alive. Many of our oldy-but-goody seeds weren't bred for uniformity or the transportation and storage needs of industrial agriculture. Ironically, just as the wonderful quality of heritage crops is starting to be appreciated again, these foods are becoming more endangered than ever. Now they are threatened through contamination by genetically modified seeds and by the rampant patenting being done in the name of property rights by transnational petrochemical giants.

The best way to save our heritage seeds from extinction is to have as many people as possible growing and treasuring them.

So come on out to the high school multi-purpose room on Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and catch the spirit of seediness and of free-flowing abundance as nature intended it.

Catch some great films too on sustainable and organic agriculture in our annual international film festival that will be going

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CHURCH FLOWERS: Elisabeth Socher is spotted outside the United Church of Hereford Avenue as she brings flowers for a Sunday service. Photo by Derrick Lumby.

Public invited to speaking contest

By AMANDA HOY
Driftwood Contributor

My name is Amanda Hoy and I am the new reporter for the Salt Spring Island 4-H Community Club.

I would like to invite everyone to the annual public speaking competition. It will take place on Saturday, February 8 at 10 a.m. Meet us at the Farmers Institute, main building, upper level. This public speaking, portluck lunch event is mandatory for all 4-H returning members.

At last year's public speaking event, Justine Watkins and Daniel Hoy qualified to go to the district competition in Saanich, where Justine won third place. Their topics were global warming (Justine) and rabbit and cavy, and electronics (Daniel). This year there are approximately 25 members participating with a wide range of topics.

REPORT
4-H

The public speaking program teaches us to communicate ideas and information with self-confidence, and it is an important life skill.

Enrolment is another topic that I would like to talk about in this article. The involvement meeting of the 4-H Community Club and the Salt Spring Island 4-H Sheep Club is on February 6 at 6 p.m. It will also be an information night for people wanting to find out more about 4-H.

What are the different projects this year? Well, there are sheep, horse, poultry, rabbit and cavy, and Cloverbuds.

This is all I have to report this time. We hope to see you at our coming events.

More CED projects coming

By PIRLO RAITTS
Special to the Driftwood

The Community Economic Development Project is coming to the end of its term but it still has many workshops and seminars in the works.

Local business owners and managers can take advantage of the expertise of Marion Markus, Penn George, Diana Thompson, Jean Elwell, Lyn Cayo and others in coming weeks.

Those who wish to learn more about bookkeeping and accounting can take Marion Markus' five-week course starting on February 5 (tonight) and running until March 5.

Markus has been a business manager, administrator and teacher for over 20 years. She now specializes in freelance consulting for small businesses, with topics that include accounting, tax preparation, computer use, and business training and writing. She has written newspaper columns and articles, technical and business manuals, taught, tutored and lectured. As well, she has published her own manual on small business bookkeeping and business practices.

George is again offering her popular workshop called "Should Your Business Have A Website?" The February 11 session is being held in the afternoon from 1-3 p.m. in the Thrifty Foods boardroom and again on March 11 from 7-9 p.m. in the same location. Topics to be covered include how a website can benefit your business, expectations and purposes of having a website, kinds of websites suitable to your business and budget, features to include and how to promote a website.

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Dress up drama for kids

Young island children with a love of dress-up will soon have a new outlet for their passion.

Dress Up Drama, for children aged five to eight, begins on Salt Spring February 11.

"Sharing myths and stories from around the world," notes press material, "facilitators kindred and Christians Antonick will explore costume dress up, acting, improvisation and dance."

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Photo by Derrick Lundy

BROTHERLY COMEDY: Reid Collins, left, and Tim Collins drew a lot of laughs as they presented a collection of skits and stand up comedy at Artspring Saturday night. The brothers' special brand of humour was appreciated by the enthusiastic audience.

Forty films on screen at film fest

from 131 countries met to talk about global justice.

"Two other films by Dworkin and Young are also on the roster. How Can I Keep On Singing? — reveals gripping stories of family life and the vital role women played a century ago in B.C. and Washington.

"It's one more attempt to industrialize and internationalize the food system, taking control away from smaller, more sustainable producers," states press material on the film.

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With a sabbatical hatching in the works for Salt Spring, Vancouver's Youth Team SWOVA's Youth Team

will facilitate a discussion following another powerful film.

Tomorrow's Children, which screens at 12:30 on Sunday in Classroom #1, explores the threats from marine aquaculture to the traditionally learn in salmon runs and sustainable coastal communities.

School will take the crowds removed author and educator Riane Eisler.

Eisler's model of "partnership education," as piloted in a 30-year-old Seattle alternative public high school, is credited with having the strength to "break the cycle of global violence that imperils the world."

Eisler wrote The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future, which was broadcast in the mix.

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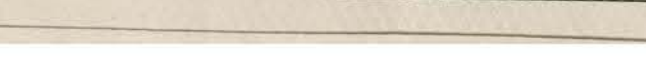
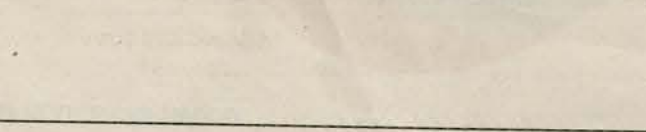
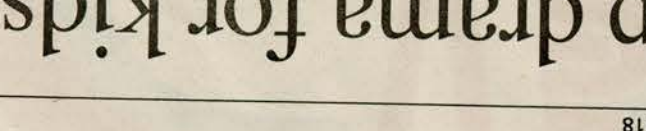
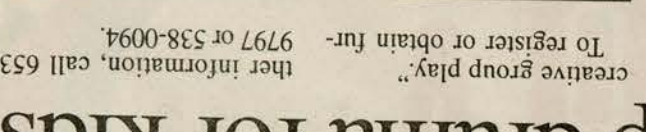
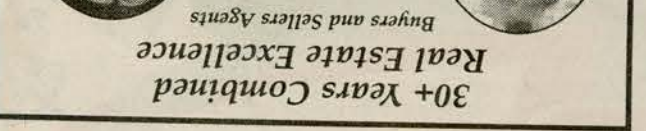
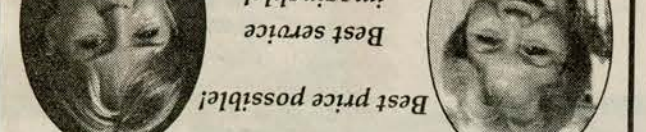
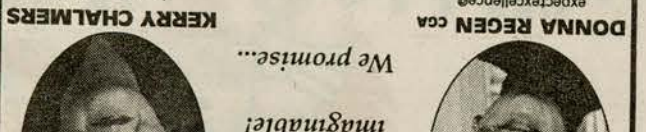
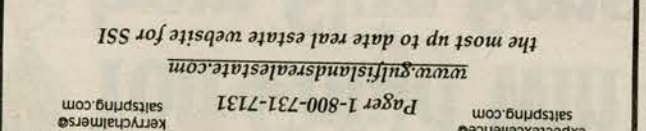
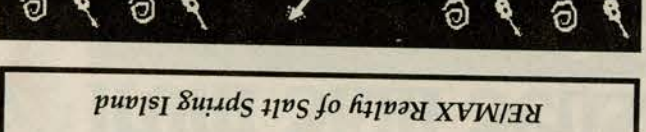
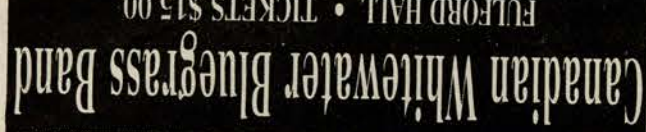
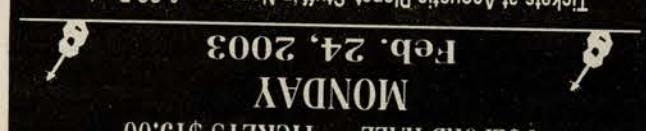
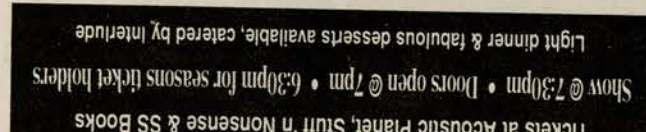
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7:00 PM
23 ★★ Inspector Gadget (1999, Comedy) Inspector Gadget uses his bionic devices to battle the evil Scolex and his gadget robot. Matthew Broderick, Rupert Everett (2h)
3 ★★ The Majestic (2001, Drama) A screenwriter loses his memory in an accident and is mistaken for a man's lost son. Jim Carrey, Bob Balaban (2h30)

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 9. Table with columns for time slots (4:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels listing programs like 'The Gambler Returns II', 'The Sixth Sense', and 'The Name of the Rose'.

9:00 PM
13 27 Profoundly Normal (2003, True) A mentally disabled couple marry and have a child despite advice from the authorities. Kirstie Alley, Delroy Lindo (2h)
15 ★★ The Gambler Returns II (1992, Western) A gambler is enroute to a high-stakes poker game in San Francisco. Kenny Rogers, Park Overall (2h)
19 ★★ The Way We Were (1973, Romance) Two people are torn between staying true to each other and being true to themselves. Barbra Streisand, Robert Redford (2h15)

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11:30 PM
10 Ridicule (1996, Comédie) Un gentilhomme se fait connaître à Versailles et espère obtenir une audience avec le roi. Charles Berling, Jean Rochefort (1h45)
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7:00 PM
3 Chain of Fools (2000, Comedy) A detective is assigned to find stolen coins and becomes involved with a suicidal barber. Steve Zahn, Salma Hayek (2h)
8:00 PM
2 Another Country: A North of 60 Mystery (2002, Drama) A young chief becomes a murder suspect when he tries to help a troubled native woman. Dakota House, Tina Keeper (2h)
2 ★★ A Couch in New York (1996, Comedy/Drama) A psychoanalyst on the verge of a breakdown trades apartments with a woman in France. William Hurt, Juliette Binoche (2h)

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9:00 PM
3 ★ American Psycho 2 (2001, Horror) An assault victim takes charge of her own destiny by killing anyone who gets in her way. Mila Kunis, William Shatner (1h30)
19 ★★ The Presidio (1988, Thriller) A detective investigating a murder clashes with an officer when he falls for his daughter. Sean Connery, Mark Harmon (1h35)
10:30 PM
3 ★★ Varian's War (2000, War) Varian Fry rescues more than 2000 artists from Nazi persecution during World War II. William Hurt, Howard Ryshtan (2h)
11:55 PM
2 ★★ Perfectly Normal (1990, Comedy) A perfectly normal guy works for a living and secretly cultivates a love of opera. Michael Riley, Robbie Coltrane (2h5)

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 11. Table with columns for time slots (4:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels listing programs like 'Good Fences', 'The Song Remains the Same', and 'Steel Magnolias'.

7:00 PM
3 Good Fences (2002, Comedy) A black middle class family leaves an all black town to move into a posh neighborhood. Danny Glover, Whoopi Goldberg (2h)
8:00 PM
24 ★★ The Gauntlet (1977, Crime Story) A slow-witted cop and the witness he is escorting to Phoenix are stalked by assassins. Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke (2h)
9:00 PM
13 Hanging Up (1999, Comedy) Three sisters bond over their ambivalence toward the approaching death of their father. Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton (2h)
19 ★★ Steel Magnolias (1989, Comedy/Drama) Five women regularly gather at a small-town Louisiana beauty shop to share stories. Sally Field, Dolly Parton (2h5)
10:00 PM
14 ★★ The Song Remains the Same (1976, Documentary) A mixture of fantasy sequences and documentary footage from Led Zeppelin's 1973 tour. Peter Robert Grant, Led Zeppelin (2h30)
3 ★★ Lantana (2001, Thriller) A group of spouses and lovers get caught in a web of intrigue when a woman disappears. Barbara Hershey, Geoffrey Rush (2h)
11:55 PM
2 ★★ Fire (1997, Drama) Two desperate wives related by marriage succumb to a growing sexual attraction. Nandita Das, Shabana Azmi (2h)

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MON.	Feb. 10	Special Events
	Feb. 10	Meetings
	Feb. 10	Music
SUN.	Feb. 9	Special Events
	Feb. 9	Music
	Feb. 9	Activities
SAT.	Feb. 8	Special Events
	Feb. 8	Stage
	Feb. 8	Workshops
FRI.	Feb. 7	Stage
	Feb. 7	Music
	Feb. 7	Activities
THURS.	Feb. 6	Special Events
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WED.	Feb. 5	Meetings
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Back for one more week by popular demand! Canadian writer-comedian Nia Vardalos turns her one-woman stage show about a Greek woman wanting to marry a non-Greek man into a feature film.

Exhibitions

Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 — Programmer Peter Prince is heading into the editing room with his latest footage for a spell and will emerge in late March with a batch of new programs. Watch for announcement about the spring broadcast launch next month.

Artfully Off in All Directions

youth art exhibit runs in the ArtSpring gallery until February 11.

Xuhong Mao is exhibiting work in the ArtSpring lobby.
What I Did When I Got Laid Off — paintings by Jojo are at Salt Spring Roasting Co. this month.

Johanna Hoskins has artwork hanging at Luigi's Pizzeria.
Judy Harper's work is showing at Island Savings.
Paula Swan's photography is at Moka House.

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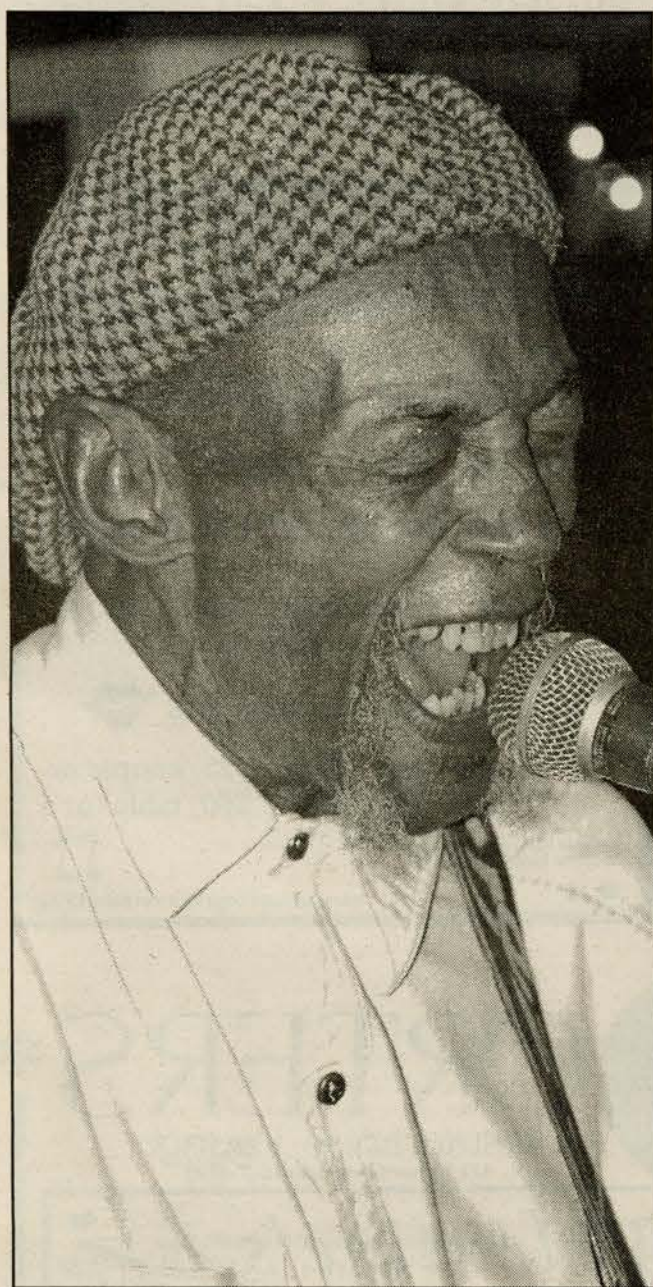
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GROOMS RETURNS: Gene Grooms set the beat for a great night of music at the Fulford Inn. He was joined Saturday night by his new band — Old Dog New Tricks (ODNT) — which features Dave Roland, Paul Branscombe and Jerome Jarvis.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

February is hot at local theatre

By JOHN WAKEFIELD
Driftwood Contributor

February may be the shortest month, but there is certainly no lack of quality events at ArtSpring. Forget about the grey weather and add some colour to your life with some cultural stimulus — some of which is free!

- An exhibition of work by young artists is in the exhibition space until February 11. Artfully Off in All Directions will share youthful enthusiasm and a sense of fun through drawings, paintings and multimedia works.

- Veteran actor Scott Hylands begins the theatre season with Lend Me Your Ears, a Shakespeare recital of sonnets, songs and some of the greatest soliloquies ever written. Reflecting a progression from youth to maturity to old age, Hylands addresses the array of questions and philosophies that follow us throughout our lives. Lend Me Your Ears plays February 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. (Note the slightly earlier start time from previous posters and Driftwood article.)

- One of the finest violinists of his generation and a fast-rising star on the music scene, violinist Jasper Wood appears as part of the Great Performers at ArtSpring series on February 9 at 2:30 p.m. Jasper presents a complimentary pre-concert chat at 1 p.m.

- Ever wonder what your

ON AT ARTSPRING

“true colours” are? Join 100 students from the music department at Riverside Secondary School in Port Coquitlam in a celebration of colour. This free concert at 9:30 a.m. on February 10 will feature junior and senior concert bands and choirs in a program that will entertain the whole family.

- ArtSpring invites all renters and anyone interested in the facility’s operations to a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. on February 10. A wide variety of topics will be covered and those attending will be

able to add their own issues to the discussion.

- Some spaces are still available in a Salt Spring Painters Guild oil and acrylic workshop with Brian Scott. It runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 19. Pre-register with Heather at 653-4744.

- Salt Spring Island Community Theatre takes us to the rarefied world of 18th-century chateaus in a lurid account of aristocratic sexual high jinks. Dangerous Liaisons is described as “a game of love in which the stakes are high and the

pawns are human.”

The play opens February 13 and runs for seven performances ending on February 22.

- The Heart Shrine Relic Tour makes a stop on Salt Spring February 21 and 22 during a rare world tour. It consists of pearl-like sacred relics, from the remains of 15 great Buddhist saints, including the Buddha. Traditionally, such relics are permanently enshrined in temples throughout Asia because they are so precious and fragile. The Dalai Lama himself has given his blessings and contributed items to this tour. Donations at the door are welcome but not required.

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Islanders with a love of dance can express themselves through movement at a new venue called Just Dance.

Every second Thursday beginning February 6, community members are invited to Lions Hall where they can dance to “a wide mix of superb sounds.”

“It is not a ‘social,’” notes press material, “but a place where people can let go and allow their creative spirit to fly through dance . . .”

The event is dubbed as a space “where (participants) need not talk if they don’t feel like it, but close their eyes and let the music take them.”

“On the other hand, it is also an invitation to express oneself through dance with others on the dance floor, when that is happening in the energy.”

Just Dance is set to run every first and third Thursday of the month from 7-10 p.m.

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Dance teacher kicks up heels

People wishing they looked like their friends who move comfortably on the dance floor now have a chance to put themselves in that picture.

Not only that, they can do it with help from one of Canada's top dance teachers, Michael Young is offering on his teaching roster. Tuesday nights in all kinds of Mahon Hall on Monday and ongoing, drop-in classes at teaching events. He's also booked to teach in Calgary and Honolulu in the near future.

His students regularly top the rest at dance competitions and, in one event, 87 of his students took 87 first-place awards.

Young himself was one of Canada's top 10 professional dancers before teaching over-20s, but a couple of hours of investment is enough for people to then have some fun on any dance floor, said Young.

No registration is required, and classes are open to people of all experience levels. Cost is \$8 per hour, with reductions available through purchase of multi-class cards.

Young has an amazing gift for quickly seeing what each person or couple needs to do. "The idea, he said, is to offer introductory classes so that people can have a chance to dance to anything."

Young moved to the coast from Winnipeg in September and is now based in Nanaimo, but he still returns to Winnipeg for special teaching events. He's also booked to teach in Calgary and Honolulu in the near future.

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Rising star shines on Artspring

A Sunday afternoon audience will be treated to a program conceived as a centennial showstopper the Sabre Dance by Aram Khachaturian. Jascha Heifetz and performed by one of the finest violinists of the current musical generation.

Jasper Wood, who has received the distinguished Sylvia Gelber Award from the Canada Council for the Arts, appears at Artspring February 9 as part of the Great Performers at Artspring series.

According to an Artspring press release, the 2001 Heifetz celebration tour proved to be such a hit that it has been held over for a second year. The recital combines some of Heifetz's long-lost treasures with some of his more famous transcriptions for violin and piano. This is combined with some standard repertoire that Heifetz enjoyed performing throughout his career.

The program features works by Ravel and Corelli, and a transcription of the orchestral United States, Canada and US prizes and awards in the Sabre Dance.

He performs on an 1820 Pressenda violin on loan by an anonymous donor and the Zigeunerweisen by Pablo de Sarasate and transcriptions of music by Debussy, Prokofiev and Gershwin.

Since his first public performance at the age of five, Wood has captured the hearts of music lovers with his "ability to recreate lyric poetry," states the Artspring box office at 537-2102.

Tickets are still available for the April 5 performance of the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, which is the final event in the Great Performers series. Led by one of the most active freelance conductors in Europe, the orchestra will perform Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola, and Symphony no. 29, both by Mozart.

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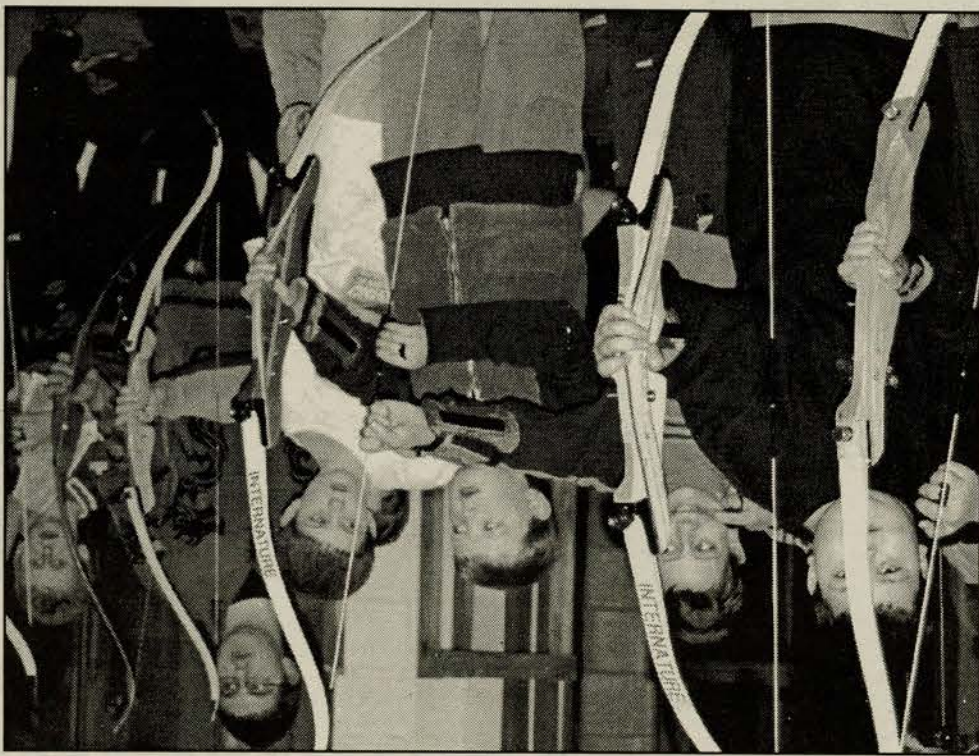
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"You get all the great information. It's useful as an athlete." As a member of the Canadian archery team, Durward brought home a people who are not interested in team sports, he said. "You work at your own pace from your own inner year. He didn't start practicing the sport of Olympic Archery until six years ago, when he was already 50 years old. His wife Lynne, who will be assisting with youth instruction, also collected two silver medals in Melbourne after practicing archery for four years. "That's the beauty of archery. It's a lifetime sport, especially with a compound bow that's easier to pull and hold," he said. Shooters compete primarily against themselves, Durward added. "The guts of the youth archery program is a staged-badge program For more information contact Newnan (537-5860).



Archery students take aim at first practice

Photo by Derrick Lundy

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Staff Writer

A full score of sharp-eyed island children have recently taken aim with Salt Spring Youth Archery and another five enthusiasts are still shooting for the waiting list.

But the new club could use some volunteers and a lot more equipment to supply the fledgling marksmen. "Equipment is costly and we have a limited amount," said organizer Keith Newnan.

The youth archery club currently has 10 bows of different weights. Ideally, the group could use one bow for each of the 22 students in the program, he said. "We should have 18 bows, and even then we'll still have some kids doubled up."

Newly enrolled students in the 10-week Junior Olympic Program range in age from six to 17 and require a variety of different bows, he said.

Fortunately, six students have their own equipment. But Newnan wants to make the program accessible for kids who don't have archery gear. But the equipment isn't cheap. "It's about \$300-\$350 for a decent sight," he said. Andrew Bond has already donated a bow and Phyllis Walther has donated instructional clinic certified

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Win springboards FC squad up to first division

By **KEN MARR**

Driftwood Contributor

After 18 years in the Vancouver Island Soccer League, Salt Spring FC players achieved what was thought to be impossible Sunday. They were promoted to Division 1 after their latest 2-0 win over the Ladysmith 49ers at Portlock Park.

The islanders started the game a little rusty, having not trained on grass in two weeks. But 10 minutes in, they settled down and started to create space and maintain possession.

In the 18th minute, FC flawlessly executed a set play they had worked out with a stick in the dirt of the track just minutes

before the game.

Jesse Fisher played it short to Dave McColl, who turned and beat his man on the endline. McColl then played it to Chris Jason in the middle, who dropped it back to Fisher. Starting and finishing the play, Fisher launched a rocket into the near corner from 16 yards for a 1-0 lead.

Salt Spring continued to dominate using one-touch play, working the ball in triangles and maintaining possession, to leave the 49ers fruitlessly chasing the ball.

With just five minutes left to the first half, Fisher put a cross to Harrison Jason at the far post. Jason's header seemed sure to bulge the "old onion bag," but the



BIG BOOT: FC's Harrison Jason is a formidable opponent against Ladysmith Sunday at Portlock. Photo by Drrick Lundy

49ers' keeper reached behind and scooped it to safety.

The islanders maintained pressure and four minutes later Tom McColl came close on a Jordan Haenen cross.

FC's dominance was even more total in the second half and it was clearly only a matter of time before they got a second goal.

There was one brief moment when Ladysmith threatened on a break, but Jono McDonald was there to protect his ninth shutout of the year.

McColl let a blast go from 30 yards in the 77th minute, which clanged off the crossbar with such venom that the sound

almost drowned out the gasps from the sidelines.

With 10 minutes to go, Fisher took a quick corner to an unguarded Chris Langdon at the far post, whose header forced a good save by the Ladysmith keeper.

And minutes later, Fisher was involved in a goal-mouth scramble that resulted in an insurance marker by McColl, capping the day with a 2-0 Salt Spring victory.

A win next week against the Saanich Scoremaster Shooters (third from the bottom in rankings) at Portlock Park at 2:15 p.m. may secure the Division 2 championship outright, with three games yet to play.

Div. 6 team holds back Gorge in an epic 2-2 struggle

Outnumbered and short a linesman, Salt Spring's Division 6 "Argonauts" held a hungry Gorge contingent to a 2-2 tie Sunday.

To make matters even more challenging, the islanders had to do battle on Gorge's field of tortuous trenches and sand dunes with a depleted squad of 10 men for the last 60 minutes of the match.

Initially, 12 Salt Spring players arrived to meet the ferry Sunday, but Morgan Cuddy couldn't join the team because he didn't have cleats.

"Eleven of us waved longingly to 'Shoeless Morgan' as the ferry slipped away,"

said manager-coach-player Mike Brown. "The only thing to do was form a circle on the back deck and begin the ritual for the sacrificial ball."

Juggling a found soccer ball on the deck, the group returned it "from whence it came," Brown said.

"The ritual went well, and with one final strike, Tyler Sayer sent the ball through the uprights and into the abyss. We were ready; the gods had been appeased."

But the islanders still had to face Gorge over a field that had been transformed from a grassy pitch into a desert of rolling sand dunes and deep trenches, Brown said.

"We came for soccer and got beach volleyball."

Salt Spring still dominated the first half with two goals, he said.

Al Gear passed to Colin McDougall to pound the ball into the back of the net for the first tally.

"The next goal saw Daemon Baker 'aka The Sniper' massage the ball gently across the line to finish the half 2-0 Salt Spring."

But the islanders lost Tom Berry in the struggle to leave them undermanned for the remaining 60 minutes of the game.

A sketchy call resulted in a penalty kick that rewarded Gorge with a goal and then

the full-bench city team threw their top players at the islanders in a fight for the tie.

"The guys played their hearts out in the second half. Everybody stepped up and did their best," Brown said.

But lack of a linesman allowed four Gorge players to rush blatantly offside to tie the game with 20 minutes remaining.

"Our defensive line of Ryan [Wellington], Chris [Griffiths], Hamish [Lloyd] and Tyler thwarted many efforts. Our keeper Chris Healey was outstanding as usual."

Fighting for opportunities of their own in the second half, Salt Spring strikers

Brown and Martin Thorn couldn't quite find their mark. But the islanders remained stoic after the struggle.

"Life's a beach and then you tie," said Brown.

The Div. 6 team wraps up the regular season with two

games on the island this weekend. They are scheduled to play the Native Wolves at the lower high school field 2:15 p.m. Saturday and the Lakehill Whitecaps at Portlock Park on 2:15 p.m. Sunday.

Slugs sing the Blues and settle for 5-5 tie

In a mirror of the NHL All-Star Game, the Salt Spring Slugs tied the Sidney Blues 5-5 Sunday, but the two local conferences didn't take their game to a shoot-out finish.

Going for stylish passing plays, Bob Akerman picked up two goals and Blaine Johnson tallied one as the Slugs duo swept the ice together.

Joe Akerman and Paul Sinclair also scored off individual efforts that saw them practically challenge the whole Sidney team before scoring.

"Most of the play was in the Blues' end," said Slugs goalie Derek Topping. "However, almost every time the Blues got an opportunity, they scored. And let me tell you they did not have many more opportunities than the five that they scored on. It was not one of my better games."

The Slugs are next in action against the Shoreline Bruins in Sidney Thursday.

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Judo club pins on more medals

Salt Spring Judo Club competitors brought home another fistful of medals from the Kamloops International Judo Tournament Saturday.

Approximately 600 athletes attended the event. And while most participants went to battle for spots on B.C. teams that will be entering the nationals in Toronto this July, other teams from Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and Japan went to check out the national-level competition.

Salt Spring's 12-year-old provincial champion hopeful, Natalya Alonso, scooped up two gold medals after leveling competitors in her own division and a second, heavier weight class.

"Her odds for national gold at the [upcoming] Winter Games is absolutely excellent," said coach Shaun Adams.

Alonso's eight-year-old brother also battled valiantly among older competitors and picked up fourth place within the under-30 kilogram division.

National champion and local black belt Megan Leitch fought 10 fights in the junior and senior women's divisions to bring home two silver medals.

"Megan is a 16-year-old stealth bomber of a fighter," Adams said.

Winning a bronze medal,

Slackers snatch victory

Salt Spring's U-18 silver division Slackers girls team gave a little extra effort to challenge a league-leading Cowichan squad and beat them 1-0 at Sherman's Field Sunday.

"They showed unbelievable heart and did Salt Spring proud," said assistant coach Brian Little.

The coaches almost cancelled the game when only eight players arrived to catch the ferry but the relaxed and determined Slackers expressed a "What happens, happens" attitude, Little said.

The undefeated Cowichan team had beaten Salt Spring 1-0 in a previous meeting.

An early hand ball gave Salt Spring a penalty shot and Jocelyn Langdon beat the keeper top shelf in Sunday's game.

A ninth islander arrived with 15 minutes left in the first half and the Slackers clung to their advantage until the final whistle, even though Cowichan pressed relentlessly and used their three substitutes constantly, Little said.

"Each girl deserves a bow for their 110 per cent effort and no-quit attitude."

Slackers at Cowichan Sunday were: Langdon, Kathleen Sinclair, Valri Cunningham and Melanie Callas on defence; Jordyn Davignon, Brianna Smith and Caylan Piper in midfield; and Kelly Kerr as the lone striker.

23-year-old Adrian Elliot brawled his way through fights against national-level competition in the expert senior men's division (under-60 kilogram).

Fighting within a large field of under-66 kilogram competitors, 14-year-old Calum Adams started off winning but was eliminated before the finals.

"It was a great tournament with lots of tough competition to prepare for the nationals and lots of friends to visit and make," Adams said.

Senior Salt Spring Judo Club members will be heading to a mid-February tournament in Steveston while Natalya Alonso will be jetting to the Canadian Winter Games in New Brunswick at the end of the month.



SOCCER MOVES: Players battle for the ball as Salt Spring's U18 boys slam Cowichan 7-1 in league play Sunday at the high school.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Titans rain on Cordova Bay

Salt Spring's U-15 boys silver division Titans obliterated a high-ranking Cordova Bay team with a series of elegant plays that created a 9-1 victory at Portlock Park Sunday.

As additional highlights, both Paris Haase and Remi Dakin collected hat-tricks and the passing game was tremendous, said assistant coach Peter Haase.

"Paris' first goal was unbelievable. At 20 yards out he put it right over the goalie to the far corner."

After Cordova Bay answered, Dakin scored unassisted.

And then five minutes later, Rusty Fedberg fed Dakin a pass to score a third Salt Spring goal.

Fedberg then performed an amazing "bicycle kick" assist to Yoni Marmorstein, who popped in a fourth

goal, Haase said.

Just before the half, Paris Haase scored a fifth goal off another Fedberg assist.

Dakin nabbed his hat-trick 10 minutes into the second half off a pass by Ryan MacLeod.

Shaun Lee scored the seventh goal with assistance by Marmorstein, and Haase got his hat-trick just before the whistle.

MacLeod assisted on that


goal.

The Titans almost had a tenth goal but Peter Goodman's beautiful shot was waved off-side, the coach said.

Currently tied for second place with Juan de Fuca, the Titans play off-island this weekend but will return to Salt Spring for their last scheduled game at 2:15 p.m. February 15.

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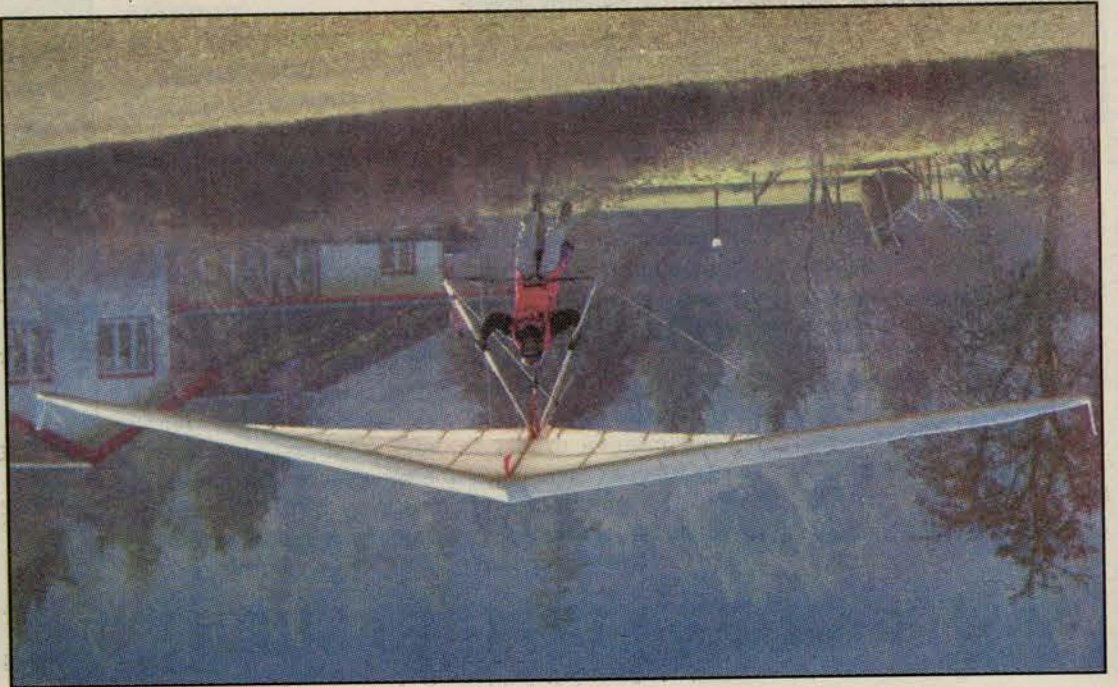
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GISS hoopster teams tackle tournaments

Two Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions teams gave their best efforts in off-island basketball tournaments over the weekend. Coached by Karen Hosie and Jeff Savin, the junior girls took fourth place in showing, thanks to our lead-Ladysmith with two wins and a loss. "We had a really good first game," said player Sarah Howe. The Scorpions beat Alberni by 15 points Friday. Howe said, "We had really tough defence in the first half." A game against the Ladysmith hosts Saturday all four games, said player Paul Hannah. "We played really well, and they started to shoot," Hannah said. "We were playing in a box and they started to shoot," Hannah said. "We played really well, considering we only had seven guys," Hannah said. "We could have won the last two games easily but we fell apart." The highlight of the tourney was when Ryan O'Donnell took the Scorpions into overtime against Highlands with a fabulous three-pointer, Hannah said. Salt Spring went on to lead scoring by seven points in overtime play. But the senior boys also travelled off-island to a Ladysmith tourney February 14-15. The senior boys also travelled off-island to a game against the Ladysmith with two wins and a loss. "We had a really good first game," said player Sarah Howe. The Scorpions beat Alberni by 15 points Friday. Howe said, "We had really tough defence in the first half." A game against the



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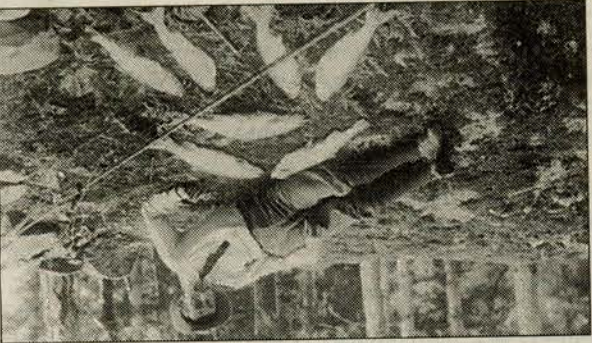
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