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ALICE IN WONDER GARDEN:

Alice, played by Alison Roach (right), meets a garden of bantering flowers (clockwise from top left, Clea Mihalik, Zoe Cocker, Logan McLeod and Sean Cunningham) in the Salt Spring Island Middle School production of Alice, directed by Scott Hylands. Story, more photos, Page 18.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ridge logging set as acreage reduced

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Clearing of the Channel Ridge village site could begin as soon as next week, but with the area set for logging reduced in size from original plans.

"We have received all the proposals and hope to make a decision today," said Deborah Folka, Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. community relations officer, Tuesday.

Logging could begin as soon as next week, she said.

Folka said Channel Ridge has revisited original plans to clear-cut the entire 87-acre village site, with the total area now reduced by 20 acres to 67.

Community concerns about a wetland and Garry oak and arbutus habitat resulted in those areas being excluded from logging plans, she said.

"There are no significant

stands of unique flora that will be removed. All of those are going to be preserved, and within the 67 acres that are going to be taken down there are no significant stands of Garry oaks or other precious and unique flora."

Peter Lamb of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy told the February 25 Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting that protection of

CHANNEL RIDGE 2

Houses remain affordable in land trust model

By SUSAN LUNDY
Staff Writer
Third in a Series

As island housing prices rocket, rent availability tumbles and an exodus of working islanders begins, the Salt Spring Community Housing and Lands Trust Society has a vision.

It goes something like this:

One morning the phone rings at the home of land trust society executive director Ellen Garvie.

The individual on the phone plans to put his property on the market and, having heard about the society's search for land, wonders if his parcel is appropriate.

He is supportive of the community housing land trust concept, which will provide affordable home ownership to people who could not otherwise buy a home on Salt Spring.

Garvie is thrilled the call has come before the parcel is placed on the market. The board needs room to research the land and make decisions, and because this takes time, it's tough to compete on the local real estate market.

In fact, the group has already lost a \$50,000 grant from the Real Estate Foundation, which was linked to a specific property that sold too quickly.

But the society is ready to move if the caller's parcel is appropriate. It has the means — including a \$100,000 donation and access to additional funds —

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST 4

Academic ace boos exam system

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) student Ed Perkins might have set a new local record for outstanding provincial-exam results but his academic success has left him questioning the educational system.

"I'm really happy it happened but I don't really like provincial exams. The only reason you'd want a good mark is to get more money.

I've become fairly cynical about the whole process," Perkins said.

He scored 99 per cent in History 12 and 98 per cent in both English 12 and Geography 12. But Perkins is irked by a system that requires him to score well on exams in order to afford a post-secondary education.

"I really think that scholarships should just be given out

PERKINS 2



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PERKINS: Difficult to get 99 per cent

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to kids, not for any specific criteria, but just for who they are. And just because you can't write an exam doesn't mean that you shouldn't get the money."

Perkins also questions the current educational philosophy that requires teachers to focus on provincial exams.

"The school experience is definitely degraded by working toward these exams."

Never one to steer away from contentious arguments, Perkins also challenged societal norms in his exams. One geography essay question asked him to argue either for or against development of a pristine wilderness area.

"In true form, I decided this area of lovely wilderness was ripe for development and suggested they should move in oil refineries to provide jobs for the locals."

He attributed some of his exam success to good fortune. One English essay required an analysis of a poem exploring themes in jazz, which was a gift for the pre-eminent YJP guitarist.

"It all clicked. I knew who they were

talking about. My critical analysis was very astute on that one and a lot of people had trouble with that."

He credits his success with history to a love of the subject.

"I don't read fiction. I haven't read a novel in three or four years. I just read history and political commentary."

His parents also helped him attain high marks in subjects like geography by sharing their own interests.

"My dad, whenever we go on a family trip or anything, he just points things out, like 'There's a sink hole,' or 'There's a region of karst topography' or something like that. I really learned a lot from my parents."

And Perkins steered away from dangerous courses like mathematics.

"Last year I failed my math final. So, concentrate on your strengths."

The Perkins family has found a similar recipe to avoid sibling rivalry by selecting their own areas of expertise.

His older sister Nora previously asserted control of English with a 99-per-cent score in the provincial exam and his younger brother Addi has indicated an

interest in medicine, so Ed has planned accordingly.

"I'll take my 99 in history and go do political science and international relations and stuff like that and then the siblings will be all even."

GISS principal Nancy Macdonald said Perkins attained the highest aggregate exam mark for one semester at the school.

"It is very difficult to get a 99 per cent in History 12."

Students Sebastian Anstis, Dan Fogarty, Jacquie Harkema and James Sharp also scored highly in several exams.

David Bartle, Johanna Geuer, Willow Kaspryk, Hali Larsen, Lauren Lee, Miranda Logan-Webb and Brett Savin attained significantly high marks.

Macdonald was happy to see so many young men achieve high marks since one of the district goals is to improve academic performance for boys.

"I credit the teaching staff, who I know have larger class sizes this year . . . I think we should recognize their efforts in helping students get great marks."

CHANNEL RIDGE: 'No need for concern'

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the Garry oak and arbutus stands and wetland was a serious concern.

He observed that the "quite extensive" wetland area is not marked on the official community plan's Development Permit Area 4 (lakes, streams and wetlands) map.

"There should be something in the development permit that insists on Garry

oak and wetland protection," said Lamb.

Also at the LTC meeting, Maxine Leichter of the Water Preservation Society (WPS) said her group wants the border between the WPS' watershed lands and the logged area marked.

"Logging that will take place for the village will come right up to where our land begins," she said.

"We've asked the Channel Ridge people to mark the area. People have been up there and you really can't tell where their land ends and ours begins."

But Folka said there is no need for concern.

"It will be very carefully done. There is no way we are going to encroach on the watershed lands at all . . . We do know exactly where we are going and that will be very carefully monitored."

In other Channel Ridge news, the development's density will be capped at levels set in 1986, while the amount of parkland set at the same time could possibly still increase, according to a report presented at last Wednesday's LTC meeting.

Some basic number questions posed by the LTC last month were answered by Dwight Ecklund of Moodie Consultants Ltd., the planning company contracted by the Islands Trust to handle the Channel Ridge village development permit.

Ecklund confirmed the density cap from the 1986 development proposal still exists. The total number of dwelling units allowed for the entire Channel Ridge lands is 577. With 172 single-family lots already in existence, 405 are available for the current development.

"The 577 was a negotiated number as a means of controlling development density and to ensure there is adequate water for the proper-

ty's development," said Ecklund.

A restrictive covenant should be registered on the remaining Channel Ridge lands to ensure no further development occurs "and also to reflect the intent of the density 'cap' of the original restrictive covenant," said Ecklund's report.

The parkland dedication issue is not so cut-and-dried.

Ecklund noted parkland dedication areas are determined only at the time of a subdivision. It is not "a retroactive process" and cannot be formally revisited, he explained.

But at the same time, his report acknowledged "that there may be deficiencies in the parkland dedications of previous subdivisions. In this regard, the complex parkland dedication history of Channel Ridge suggests that a separate and more detailed report is warranted."

Only 6.27 hectares (15.5 acres) were dedicated for parkland purposes, with most of that area in Duck Creek Park and the remainder in a trail network north of Teal Place.

Ecklund outlined a variety of options that could be pursued by the LTC.

Trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Linerger accepted his recommendation that a detailed report on the parkland issue be undertaken, and that the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission be consulted.

FOR THE RECORD

• Members of the public do not have to call the Environmental Appeal Board in advance in order to attend the appeal hearing on the waste management permit issued to Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. for its Walker Hook fish hatchery.

Contrary to a story in last week's Driftwood, the restriction applies only to members of the press, the Salt Spring Residents for Responsible Land Use (SSRRLU) advised this week.

SSRRLU is urging anyone interested in the hearing process to attend the Victoria event, which runs at the Hotel Grand Pacific (463 Belleville Street) through Thursday, March 4, before shifting to the Environmental Appeal Board office at 747 Fort Street.

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Salt Spring invaded by peacekeepers

Salt Spring was transformed into a war-torn battleground for a military peacekeeping training exercise. But islanders might not have even noticed the invasion by 60 Canadian soldiers Saturday.

"You won't see people crawling under bushes with guns," said Captain Jason Watt during an interview Friday.

"The players in this scenario will be roaming the island in rental cars," he said.

Reservists participated in local scenarios designed to reflect the kinds of situations peacekeepers could face in Afghanistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina during upcoming deployments.

Armed with an arsenal of well-honed interpersonal skills, 25 members of a Civilian Military Co-operation (CIMIC) unit circulated the island in groups of four or five looking for actors who portrayed refugees, potential terrorists and unhappy neighbours.

"Actors in the scenario will play the local mayor or upset citizens," Watt said.

Mock islanders were pro-



Photo by Derrick Lundy

vided by 35 fellow reservists from the 4th Ranger Patrol Group, most of whom have served in peacekeeping operations overseas, Watt said.

The role-playing scenario was designed to give CIMIC reservists an opportunity to practise skills such as negotiating at roadblocks, assisting refugees get back to their homes and interviewing people

who have found mines on their property, he said.

None of the soldiers carried weapons for the exercise. Training focussed more on communications and navigation, he said.

"CIMIC provides liaison with local government, international organizations and non-governmental agencies in the context of peace support

operations."

Watt emphasized that all participants were reservists who hold full-time civilian careers when not practising with the armed forces.

The exercise planners opted to hold their training on Salt Spring due to the varied types of terrain and dispersal of population that mimics a European setting, Watt noted.

PARC to educate Trust in 'green space'

The Islands Trust will be getting some free advice from the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) when it comes to protecting Salt Spring green space.

Commissioners agreed at their February 23 meeting to write to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) urging effective protection of green spaces in new subdivisions, with appropriate covenants put in place and enforcement of restrictions.

Use of "rent charges" equal to the value of timber on a site under development was suggested by regional director Gary Holman as a potential means of protection.

Rent charges would stipulate a pre-determined amount of money is owed by the developer/property owner unless certain conditions are met.

PARC members were responding to a report from commission member Mark Haughey, who attended an on-site meeting with Rainbow Grove property co-owner and developer Mel Topping, Trust regional planning manager John Gauld and others.

As previously reported in the Driftwood, Haughey summarized how clearcut logging had occurred down to a creek and over part of the proposed protected green space in the strata subdivision plan. A private covenant between the current owners and future property holders was broken as a result.

Haughey said Topping agreed to reclaim the area around the creek and pay \$2,500 in compensation that will be given to the island's salmon enhancement society.

Haughey expressed concerns that \$2,500 was not adequate considering the potential value of timber involved.

He said there was also general agreement to fund the cost of building PARC's trail over part of its dedication and to reclaim an area where a large hole was dug at the direction of local fire department personnel.

"We thought what could work is to reclaim that area . . . and plant it with some native species," said Haughey.

Besides the 10-metre-wide excavated hole, he said, actual violation to the

area dedicated as parkland was quite small.

Commissioners agreed their motion should apply to all developments and not only Rainbow Grove.

Gauld told the February 25 LTC meeting that he was waiting for PARC's input before making a report to the March 31 LTC meeting.

He later told the Driftwood that "no position or agreement has been reached as this is the decision of the LTC on March 31 or a subsequent meeting. I am not prepared to comment on what was said by Mark Haughey at a PARC meeting that I did not attend."

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During that period the nomination documents shall only be received during office hours Mon. to Fri. 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. at the Ganges Fire Hall.

Trustee positions are for a three year term.

Election to be held Tuesday April 6, 2004 at Ganges Fire Hall from 2 P.M. to 7 P.M. in the training room, regular meeting at 8 P.M. Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two duly qualified electors of Salt Spring Island. Nomination forms and further information may be obtained at the Fire Hall.

Tom David, Election Officer -
Wednesday, February 25, 2004



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COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS

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and a model based on a community land trust scenario that can be found nearby on Orcas and Lopez islands in the American San Juans.

After taking the call, Garvie alerts fellow board members who begin researching various aspects of the property, including its title, zoning, any environmental and safety considerations, highways requirements and an Islands Trust willingness to upzone for multi-family purposes.

The two-to-five-acre property should be topographically easy to develop. However, access to water and sewer systems is not necessary.

"We have been looking in the broader Ganges area in keeping with the Official Community Plan," Garvie says, "but this land is proving to be too scarce and too valuable."

Although the OCP specifies densification for affordable housing should occur in Ganges, Garvie says this requirement will have to be broadened to meet the needs of today's housing crisis.

"If we don't go that way, we won't have affordable housing."

The context behind the term "affordable housing" — or social housing aimed at a "common level of poor" — has changed since the OCP was written in the mid-1990s.

"Who it was needed for then is different now," Garvie says, noting that cur-

rently, even working islanders are unable to acquire on-island housing.

In the society's dream scenario, the caller's land fits the criteria. An offer is made, the land is purchased, and development is undertaken by the land trust society through bank loans and/or private borrowing.

Before construction begins on the cluster of six to 10 small houses, islanders are invited to apply for home ownership on the land.

To qualify, applicants' incomes must be below Salt Spring's median household income: this will vary according to family size and situation.

Applicants must also have a good credit rating and be eligible for a mortgage, must have lived on the island three or more years, be working in the community, and not have the income or assets to independently secure housing.

Once the application deadline is reached, a lottery-style selection process names the successful candidates and establishes a waiting list. Construction of the homes begins with some input and help from the people who will live in them.

In general, the single family dwellings are 500-900 square feet, averaging 750, with "simple and efficient" designs. Each house has its own small yard and, depending on the size of the entire parcel, community-wide hiking trails or

public gardens.

Then the land trust sells the homes to the residents, maintaining ownership of the land and giving each homeowner private and common leasehold rights and responsibilities.

Built-in resale restrictions and other limitations on the title encourage homeowners to sell once they can afford to buy elsewhere. In the meantime, they have built up equity in their land trust home.

Because there are limits to how much the value of the house can increase — tied to inflation rather than a booming real estate market — it is in the home owner's interest to sell and get out of the land trust if his financial situation changes.

Resale formulas vary in different communities, Garvie says: in resort communities where market values are unpredictable, the house sells for the price paid for it, plus improvements, minus deterioration, adding or reflecting the inflationary index.

"These houses are perpetually affordable," Garvie says.

Once the pilot group of homes is complete and a diverse variety of islanders living in them, the land trust society begins its look for another property to start again.

"This is housing for many of us 10 years ago," Garvie notes. "We were able to buy into the market then, but have since seen the market value of our homes skyrocket. Now we couldn't get into the market."

Garvie's research into affordable housing on Salt Spring began seven years ago when she worked with the Community Services Society to assess housing needs for people with mental illnesses.

She and fellow researcher Kathy Mara interviewed 50 people, many in their homes.

"The condition of the homes people lived in was startling in . . . how substandard many were."

Then a couple of years ago — again through

Community Services — Garvie worked under contract to research housing needs and develop an island-wide plan.

At this time, she conducted a short survey completed by 70 people in need of affordable housing.

"All were paying more than 30 per cent of their monthly income on housing and approximately 65 per cent were paying more than half their income on housing."

By researching successful models elsewhere, Garvie learned about community land trusts.

"Compared to other models, and given the local situation — where densification and development is not encouraged and is finite — community land trusts were the best fit," she says.

The local project was initiated almost two years ago. Various islanders were asked to join the society, based on their skill and interest, and everyone approached said "yes."

Garvie says this model of home ownership and perpetual affordability has been running successfully for many years in the United States with 140 community land trusts in existence today.

"It is the most elegant and flexible model I have ever seen," Garvie says. "It preserves housing and land in perpetuity and by doing so, also maintains diversity within the community."

Three features make this model ideal, she adds. First, it "holds land for the common good;" second, she sees it as a "useful tool for communities facing serious land tenure problems."

Finally, community land trusts "balance the interest of individuals — secure homes with the ability to benefit from the value they put into their homes — with the interest of the community, which maintains access to its land for future residents, and uses its assets for the common good."

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The goal of the Salt Spring Chamber is to establish a uniform response to the Personal Information Protection Act from our community. We ask all members to attend this PIPA information session.

Tuesday, March 16, at ArtSpring.
The three-hour session will run from 6 pm to 9 pm.



NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE SALT SPRING LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

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Local Trust Committee Meetings are open to the public. Notice of these meetings will be posted on the bulletin board at the Island Trust Office located at 1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island and is advertised each month in a local newspaper.

The scheduled meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month at the Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club), at 103 Bonnet Avenue, commencing at 3:00 pm and are listed as follows:


March 31, 2004; April 28, 2004; May 26, 2004; June 30, 2004; July 28, 2004; August 25, 2004; September 29, 2004; October 27, 2004; November 24, 2004.

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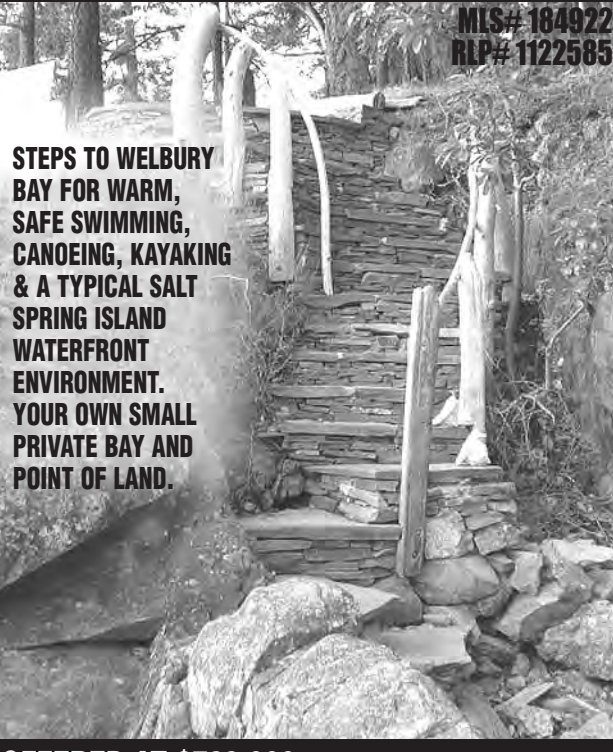
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Stewart and Lee Road residents want answers

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Two groups of islanders kept up the pressure on local trustees last week as they try to stop unwanted land use in their neighbourhoods.

Last week's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting heard from several Lee Road residents and a contingent from the Stewart Road Residents' Association.

Neighbours of the Jasper Road gravel operations of Larry Bader's Salt Spring Rock Products Ltd. asked the LTC to seek an injunction halting the activities, which have been the subject of Islands Trust bylaw investigations.

Resident Mike Wall speculated that Bader's proposal to remove 8,000 cubic metres of material from Lot 22 on Jasper Road would set a precedent for area property use.

"We could become a community of mines if we wanted."

He pointed out that rules of their subdivision are so strict that "clotheslines" are not allowed.

Bader applied for a soil removal and deposit permit for that lot on December 18, 2003, but it has not been issued. In a prepared report, Trust regional planning manager John Gauld said that since the applicant advised he would not be willing to comply with the regulation to grade the land to an "elevation no more than .30 metres (one foot) above or below the surface of the land prior to the removal of soil" that the permit could not be granted.

Gauld's report also notes that despite Trust staff reinforcing the need for Bader to stop removing soil. "Staff did not receive assurance by the property owner that soil deposit and removal would cease. Islands Trust staff further takes the position that the processing of rock on the site is not a permitted use under the CD3 zoning of Lot 22."

A new Trust-wide soil removal and deposit model bylaw is in the process of being created, he noted.

Lot 22 is not the same Jasper Road site where a Ministry of Energy and Mines quarry permit was applied for last year.

Trustee Kimberly Liner confirmed that no further action has been taken on that permit application.

However, a five-lot subdivision of that property has received preliminary layout approval from the Ministry of Transportation, which approves subdivisions in the Trust area.

Wall suggested blasting and rock removal would occur on that land in the guise of subdivision development.

On a related matter, Gauld reiterated the Trust position that violation of the Section 215 protective covenant on the lands had not occurred, as found by Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection personnel Marlene Caskey and Grant Bracher.

"MWLAP representatives confirmed that the limits of this wetland are clearly defined by both topography and a distinct line of wetland vegetation. Based on the

wetland identification and boundary confirmation by ministry representatives, Islands Trust staff confirmed that there was no evidence of violation of the covenant."

People living near Laurie's Recycling and Waste Services transfer station site expressed their displeasure with the Islands Trust's part in the Capital Regional District (CRD) issuing a Class 1 transfer station licence under the CRD's regulating bylaw.

"In 1998, [Laurie] Hedger said he was parking his garbage truck there, and now you have allowed him to implement a full-sized waste transfer site," said Lee Road resident Steve Grayson.

"My wife has lived there for 33 years. She is going to live and die there, and we're not going to let you screw it up."

Late in 2003, following receipt of legal advice that it could not win its case, the Trust dropped a lawsuit against Laurie Hedger's operations on Lee Road.

In answer to queries from neighbours, Trust regional planning manager John Gauld explained that according to legal advice received, Hedger could subcontract use of the site to other operators. Neighbour Tom Pickett had complained that the RDI waste company was also using the property.

Gauld also said that even though public access is part of the CRD's Class 1 licence, advertising the site and increasing public use of the property would prompt "action" from the Trust.

Meeting, survey seek housing solutions

Islanders can get involved in affordable housing issues through a meeting set for Tuesday, March 9, and a housing survey almost ready to hit the streets.

The Salt Spring Community Housing and Land Trust Society is currently looking for a property on which to build its pilot project of six to 10 single family homes.

Applicants for the homes will be selected before construction begins so they can contribute labour over a six-month period to reduce construction costs. Homes will

remain affordable through a resale restriction that enables homeowners to realize equity but not profit.

UVic student Christina Phipps, the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and others are also close to conducting a housing survey. It will be distributed by Phipps and volunteers as soon as the final draft is complete.

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Architect lays out pool options

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

How much pool facility could Salt Spring buy for \$3.5 million?

Enough to perhaps satisfy some people some of the time and others the rest of the time, according to a presentation by Victoria architect Vic Davies at the Portlock Park portable on Friday afternoon.

Members of the indoor pool society Ssplash and the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) attending the Ssplash-organized meeting expressed pleasure at the options and estimated costs outlined by Davies, whose company has designed numerous aquatic facilities throughout B.C. and other parts of the world.

"I was pleased with the meeting on Friday," said PARC chair Bill Curtin. "Heartened."

Hypothetical options provided by Davies ranged from an outdoor-only complex at \$1.5 million to a "full monty" indoor complex for \$5 million.

But with keeping operating costs as low as possible a prime consideration, Davies recommended a six-lane outdoor pool operated in summer, with an indoor pool consisting of two lanes for year-round length swimming plus a leisure area containing a tots pool, whirlpool and "lazy river." Estimated capital cost would be \$3.35 million and slightly cheaper for a four-

lane outdoor pool.

"Leisure aspects will bring in the revenue you need," commented Davies.

An indoor-only competition pool and therapeutic leisure pool would run about the same capital cost, he said, but would be more expensive to operate.

Pool facility costs do not include substantial site servicing expenses.

One option PARC has explored is spending approximately \$2.2 million on an outdoor/indoor complex made using a polycarbonate material.

Davies did not speak favourably about the alternate technology that has been used extensively on the Prairies.

He also stressed his opinion that PARC and Ssplash should present one agreed-upon option to the community.

"It's not going to fly if you're not together," he said.

Regional director Gary Holman suggested that even if agreement is not possible that some way could be used

to gauge people's support for one of two options.

Both PARC and Ssplash reps acknowledged that coming to an agreement on operating costs was a critical task.

"We can't seem to come to a consensus on operating costs and I think it's because we don't have enough information on operating costs," said Ssplash president Darlene Steele.

"There's no logical reason to think our operating expenses here are going to be any different from the rest of the Capital Regional District," Curtin said later.

PARC notes that operating deficits for Victoria-area pool facilities are \$746,000 for Panorama; \$591,000 for Juan de Fuca; Sooke, \$653,000; Crystal Pool, approximately \$700,000.

Splash has suggested a Salt Spring indoor pool could be operated with an annual deficit as low as \$250,000.

PARC and Ssplash have been buoyed by recent news that up to \$2 million in fed-

eral-provincial infrastructure grant funds could be available for the recreation centre project.

Splash has also organized a community forum set for ArtSpring this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. It features Bill Webster, from Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants Ltd., the company that handled the PARC-Splash aquatic centre survey earlier this winter.

The next PARC-Splash joint review committee meeting, which members of the public can observe, has been set for March 11.

Davies also added some history for perspective, with the 1987 Salt Spring pool referendum proposal that was turned down by 59 per cent of voters. It was estimated to cost \$1,038,550 then. Now the same scheme would cost \$2,973,672.

When it comes to a future pool referendum, which could be as early as this fall, PARC members have expressed their desire to avoid a case of '80s déjà vu.

Parent dynamo Nairn Howe earns province-wide award

One of Salt Spring's most well-known parent volunteers has been honoured with a Partners in Education Award.

Nairn Howe, who has volunteered for school activities for the past 12 years and currently chairs the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Parent Advisory Council (PAC), was selected one of five recipients of the award across the province.

Howe was nominated by the Gulf Islands Principals and Vice-Principals Association. GISS vice-principal Elly McKeague described the islander's contribution in the association's submission to the

B.C. Principals and Vice-Principals Association.

"Nairn is an outstanding model of selfless service and volunteerism," wrote McKeague. "Whether she is chairing a PAC meeting, serving hotdogs at a lunchtime fundraiser, making a presentation to the Rotary Club requesting support for a new play structure for an elementary school playground, convening a volleyball tournament or chatting in the grocery store lineup, she acts in support of schools; of students, teachers, principals and vice-principals, while advocating for the parent community."

McKeague included a long list of Howe's specific

contributions, ranging from spearheading of SIMS and GISS garden projects to supporting the skatepark, the district's emergency preparedness plan and donating books to school libraries.

She also outlined Howe's interpersonal skills and positive nature.

"She has often supported concerned community members in bringing their issues to the right person in a timely fashion, thereby facilitating clarity and understanding, and minimizing escalation of negativity."

McKeague said Howe and her husband Bob will be attending a March 26 awards dinner in Vancouver.

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Schools task force invites public input

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Gulf Islands School District will consult with community members later this month before implementing any measures to deal with a projected budgetary shortfall next year.

Parents have already responded with concern over the possibility of a four-day school week that could become a cost-saving measure for the district in lean times.

But the district's Futures 64 Task Force will go back to the community before making any recommendations to the school board, said board chair May McKenzie.

Futures 64 sub-committees have been investigating methods the cash-strapped district can use to save money or generate revenue in response to a potential \$1.2-million shortfall.

"These sub-committees will bring their reports to the Futures 64 Task Force," said McKenzie.

"The task force will then review all of the information, including feedback from the next round of school and community meetings to be held the week of March 29, before making recommendations to the board."

The Futures 64 Task Force was created to investigate solutions for declining enrolment, increased staffing costs and changes to funding formulas, she noted.

Current projections show a decline of 50 students for

September and a further decline of another 40 students for 2005, she said.

The financial impact from declining enrolment, increased staffing costs and inflationary pressures is pegged at \$350,000 for 2004-05 and an additional \$250,000 for 2005-06.

Along with those budgetary woes, the district also faces funding-allocation changes from the Ministry of Education, which could cause a further \$600,000 loss in 2005-06, she said.

The Futures 64 Task Force held school and community meetings in November to collect ideas and suggestions to respond to the challenges. Four task force sub-committees then looked at re-organization, existing operations, new programs and property development, she said.

A re-organization sub-committee has been looking at the possibility of a four-day instructional week and a shortened school year of less than 10 months.

The school board plans to inform community members of a meeting schedule through ads and school newsletters.

A tentative schedule at press time will see task force meetings with community members on Mayne Island on the evening of March 29, Galiano Island on March 30, Saturna the next morning and the Pender Islands later on March 31.

Salt Spring's meeting is set for Gulf Islands Secondary at 7 p.m. on April 1.



NOW THAT'S AN EGG: Art Falardeau holds up an emu egg. It is one of seven on which a male emu will sit for 54 days, while the female guards nearby, he said.

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B&Es investigated

Salt Spring RCMP officers are investigating a recent rash of engine thefts from island homes and businesses.

Two Honda generators and a Honda two-horsepower outboard motor valued at \$4,500 were stolen from a local business sometime in the past week, police reported.

Another 15-horsepower Honda motor was stolen from a home on Pine Place when a shed was broken into over the last month.

A third small-engine-related incident saw a break in at the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) tractor shed over the weekend. Apparently nothing was taken, but the culprits left behind an older chainsaw.

A Fulford business owner

also discovered two windows and a glass door broken when arriving to open Tuesday morning. It appears that rocks were thrown through the glass, police reported.

Salt Spring RCMP also received complaints about people using land without permission on Musgrave Road.

Vehicles damaged properly gates, wood was stolen and the land was damaged by off-road driving. The owners are concerned about fire risk, police noted.

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP (537-5555).

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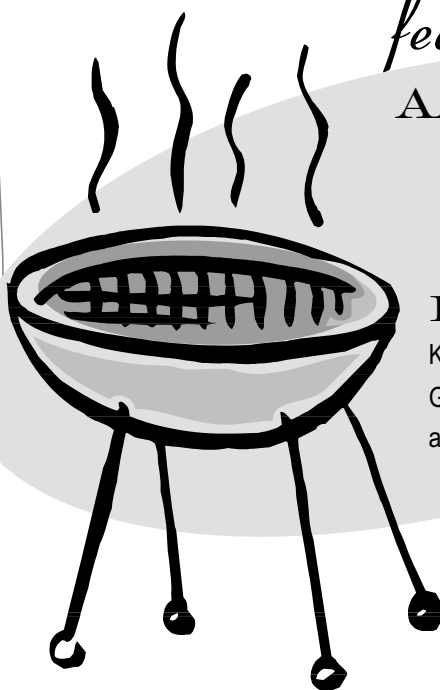
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Bottom-line schooling

School District 64 and this newspaper have marked Education Week 2004 with a school-by-school snapshot highlighting dynamic communities and all the different ways to learn in the Gulf Islands' formal educational settings.

In times when education-related stories are so often joined painfully at the hip with funding crises, it's a relief to just talk freely about some of the positive happenings in our schools and the district as a whole.

We congratulate School District 64 for continuing to offer effective and innovative programs, being open to exploring new ideas and inviting community involvement in making critical decisions.

We also give top marks to schools, educators and families who choose alternative educational paths and work hard to keep their independent learning environments up and running.

Just as schools and communities need a range of programs to properly serve their young people, the Gulf Islands must ensure families can both remain and relocate here.

From a current Islands Trust and community-wide focus on affordable housing, to the school district's Futures 64 Task Force, finding ways to help families remain on the islands appears to be receiving the kind of attention it needs now.

The school district and its special task force are also on the right track by investigating all options, and will probably open themselves up to even more in time.

Rather than looking for the quickest way to find \$1.2 million over the next two years, we hope the long-term implications of all possibilities are fully explored.

A four-day school week may seem like a cost-saving option, and be a welcome change for some families, but it could lead to declining enrolment, which would defeat its original purpose.

It may not be the most educationally sound choice for students, and the potentially negative financial impacts on some families could make the district a less attractive place for families to live and work.

The district may feel as if it has no choice but to pursue an option that immediately improves the bottom line, but the longer-term impacts of all changes must not be ignored.

Letters to the Editor

Arts inspire

Being on the ArtSpring board means that I am biased in favour of public arts funding.

I volunteer in this position because I believe that performance and fine arts play a crucial role in the vitality of my community. Social, cultural, educational and creative needs are supported by the Community Arts Council and ArtSpring.

Thousands of Salt Springers enjoy classes, workshops and events sponsored by these organizations. Hundreds of school children have had their moment to feel the limelight, joy and confidence of performance, and the delight of making and showing art pieces. An early intro-

duction to the arts can cultivate pleasure for a lifetime.

The arts inspire. What we truly appreciate and value from historical cultures are the artistic legacies — Egyptian monuments, Chinese vases, Greek sculptures, Italian frescoes and European music, to name a few. These are the testaments that reflect the soul of humanity.

It would be a far duller world without Handel's Messiah, Shakespeare's plays, or Van Gogh's Sunflowers. Artistic expression reflects the identity of any community and enriches its members. Strong cultural institutions are as important to the spirit as hospitals are to the body.

Please vote YES to public arts funding on March 20. It's a minimal tax for a maximum return.

JILL TARSWELL,
Salt Spring

Tearing down

In response to Ian Abbott's "Awful" letter in the Driftwood of February 25, I wish to agree with Mr. Abbott (and others of his ilk) in pointing out a few of the inadequacies of ArtSpring.

After years of struggle and effort, fundraising and budget cutting, ArtSpring was finished at last, its final plans drawn by theatrical and artistic amateurs.

Those of us who work there do not need Mr. Abbott to remind us of the build-

ing's problems and lacks. Not a day goes by but what we — and those who attend events there — do not quietly gnash our teeth and devoutly wish the place had been "done right."

Jane Forner, its first executive director, and now Paul Gravett, his able staff, and the stalwart board of directors, have continued the struggle to improve on and overcome some of the woe-filled failures of this building.

But I would point out a couple of things to Mr. Abbott. First, ArtSpring is what we have — warts and all, daily compromises included. It is highly unlikely that this island will soon construct "a real, properly

designed arts and communications centre," but much more can be done, and is being done, to improve ArtSpring as it stands.

Secondly, this "lemon" of an arts centre, has, in the five years it has been operating, built a nation-wide reputation as a splendid performing space, and is a favourite stop for some of Canada's finest talent; the entire "inadequate" building is in such heavy demand by our "non-using" community that it is difficult to find an open weekend; and it regularly sells out events "of little or no value."

I feel sorry for Mr. Abbott and the other ArtSpring naysayers, and I wonder why they just "don't get it." We live on a small island with a

small population; we are given regular doses of inspiration and joy because of the existence of ArtSpring.

Have we forgotten so soon the "joys" of Mahon Hall's stacking chairs? Do we so quickly begin to take for granted the presence among us of Maureen Forrester, Jane Coop, the Baltimore Consort, the Elmer Iseler Singers and so many others, because of the presence of ArtSpring?

Why do we do this on Salt Spring? Why do we seem determined to tear down and say "no?" Why don't we "accentuate the positive" and make the very best of what we have?

RICHARD MOSES,
Brinkworthy

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"To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive."
Robert Louis Stevenson.

One morning last week, south-ender John Rowlandson left Moose Factory, Ontario, heading home to Salt Spring. Moose Factory lies on the banks of the Moose River, across from Moosonee, just a few miles from James Bay.

Leaving Moose Factory means catching a flight to Timmins, changing airplanes and flying to Toronto, changing airplanes and flying to Vancouver, then changing airplanes again to Victoria.

Being an experienced traveller, John knew the odds were 5 to 1 that he wouldn't see his suitcase for a few weeks, and 3 to 1 that it would disappear forever. Imagine his surprise on finding that his suitcase got to Victoria at 5 p.m., the same time he did!

With two hours 'til the

next Skeena Queen, John heads to the Stonehouse Pub for some real food and a glass of ale. As there's not much room between the tables, he leaves his suitcase in the foyer. When it's time to wander over to the ferry terminal — you guessed it — no suitcase.

"Hey," says John to the host, "I left my suitcase right here. Any idea where it went?"

"Oh dear," says the host. "A guy from Air Canada came and delivered a suitcase to one of our customers. He saw yours and thought he was supposed to take it to the airport."

John told me the story the next day at Fulford while waiting for an airline rep to bring his suitcase over.

In my twisted mind I can picture the hasty meeting in

the top-secret Air Canada strategy room the day before. "This can't have happened! He changed planes four times and somehow we let his suitcase get through! Find him. And find that suitcase so we can lose it!"

Reminds me of the story of the guy who walks up to the Air Canada counter at Vancouver airport and says to the agent, "I'm going to Frankfurt, but I was wondering if you could send my luggage to Los Angeles."

"No sir, we can't do that. Your luggage has to go to the same destination as you."

"That's strange," says he. "You did it last time I flew with you — and I

didn't even ask."

I have my own Air Canada luggage story. In a previous life I spent a great deal of time flying back and forth across Canada — every week or two for a couple of years. Late one night I waited, tired and cranky, for my suitcase to slide down the chute on the luggage carousel at Vancouver airport, after a flight from Toronto.

Finally it tumbled down. When I reached to pick it up, I couldn't believe my eyes. Somewhere between Toronto and Vancouver it

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WITH JOHN POTTINGER



had been mugged. In the cold bleak darkness of the cargo hold — with no one to hear its screams for help — my suitcase had apparently been swarmed and had the crap kicked out of it.

A nasty slice ran the length of one side, and the innards (shirts, socks and dozens of tiny bars of soap) were leaking out. The frame was twisted and one of the locks appeared to have been bitten off.

I carried what was left of my suitcase to the nearby baggage office and laid it on the counter. The guy on the other side glanced at it, then just stared at me as if to say, "What's the problem?"

"I'd like a new suitcase," was all I said.

"I can give you a voucher for a luggage store or, if you prefer, we'll send a new suit-

case to your home address — but I must say, this isn't a very expensive piece of luggage."

"Is that so?" I replied calmly, trying to control my breathing. "In that case, I'll take the voucher."

"Wanna know why?" I asked, my voice rising 'til the whole terminal could hear me. "Because you guys gave me this 'inexpensive suitcase' last month to replace one you lost!!!"

All this reminds me of the joke about the vulture that showed up at the airport ready to board a flight to California to visit his cousin the condor. Being a vulture, he sauntered up to the check-in counter with a dead raccoon tucked under one wing and a dead possum under the other.

"Sorry," said the ticket agent . . . "only one piece of cation per passenger."

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *Do you have any thoughts about the housing situation on the island?"*



Arvid Chalmers

Less enforcement of illegal suites. Give me a bed and a hot plate and I'll call it my house.



Maria Murrill

I don't want the island to be big like a city.



Linda Quiring

I was really distressed about what young people have to go through. It was something I hadn't thought about . . . It's morally wrong when our demographics get divided by the ability to afford housing.



Launi Middleditch

I would like to see more affordable housing on Salt Spring.



Adrian Du Plessis

It's unfortunate this beautiful island is getting put out of reach for young people and low-income people . . . We lose diversity in the community when segments get priced out of the market.

Letters to the Editor

Get specific

I would like to request that Mr. Kaye supply the readers with the names of the person or persons who are telling these lies about ArtSpring. (February 25 letters.)

I would also like to know when these lies were told and what the occasion was. Were they told at a board meeting or a general meeting of the membership?

It is easy to say lies have been told. I'd prefer some specific examples.

CATHERINE H. FAULKNER,
Brinkworthy Road

Unacceptable

Your correspondent Margaret McLaughlin (February 25 letters) extols the virtues of treatment of cancer and other diseases by Hulda Clark.

I have no objection to her opinion on this treatment, but her call to our MLA Murray Coell to include this therapy under B.C. Medicare is unacceptable.

Your readers are invited to visit **QUACKWATCH** (www.quackwatch.com)

where Hulda Clark and her therapy are described in detail.

Anyone who urges that our tax dollars should be spent on this individual should spend some time on this website.

There has to be an explanation why this therapy is not supported by any publicly funded medical care system throughout Canada.

DR. R.M. PRESHAW,
Salt Spring

Increasing taxes

Voting on the ArtSpring and arts council money bylaw referendum is set for Saturday, March 20, with advance polls Wednesdays, March 10 and 17.

To make an informed vote, Salt Spring electors should have before them all pertinent information that is available.

Neither ArtSpring in their advertisements, nor the CRD, have publicized the following:

- the greater of \$38,000 or \$0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable assessment requisition in the

first year is based on the 2003 year assessment.

- the increase in tax funding for ArtSpring 2004 over 2001 will be 81 per cent for the average household (ArtSpring advertisement, Driftwood, February) should the referendum pass.

- This will be followed by a further 20 per cent hike in the second year, 2005. The 2003 total island assessment was \$1.521 billion. For 2004, it is \$1.825 billion, a 20 per cent overall increase.

- Accordingly, eligible funding in 2005 will be based on the 2004 assessment, at \$45,625, up from \$38,000 of 2004.

- And, the average homeowner's tax will be \$7.36, up from \$6.13. My 2004 assessment of \$404,000 will generate a tax of \$10.10, up from \$5.56.

- Projecting a continuing overall 20 per cent yearly assessment increase on Salt Spring (how I hope I am wrong, but reviewing past increases and looking to the future I fear not), the following figures appear to be factual.

In 2001, the average

householder provided \$3.39 in tax support through PARC's grant. In 2004, it's \$6.13.

If assessments and property taxes rise 20 per cent each year, ArtSpring and the arts council tax entitlement will be \$54,750 in 2006 (\$8.83 per-property average), \$65,700 in 2007 (\$10.60); \$78,840 in 2008 (\$12.72); \$94,608 in 2009 (\$15.26); \$113,530 in 2010 (\$18.32); \$136,236 (\$21.98).

Do we, the electors and taxpayers, want ArtSpring and the arts council to draw down \$38,000 of our money this year, an 81 per cent increase over 2001 and then \$45,625 in 2005?

By projecting the same 20 per cent yearly assessment increase for the future, the eligible drawdown more than doubles to \$78,840 in 2008, only four years from now, and over \$100,000 by 2010.

The average householder's tax levy will accordingly jump 81 per cent in 2004 from 2001 to \$6.13; it will more than double in four years to \$12.72; topping the \$20 mark in 2011. A long

way above the advertised \$6.13.

My own burden will be respectively \$10.10; \$20.94; and \$36.19 in the year 2011.

Each of us must decide whether we want ArtSpring and the Community Arts Council to have entitlement for continuously escalating amounts of tax money for their operations.

Secondly, are we willing to pay these increasing taxes to support their operations?

Whatever you decide, do please get out and vote so that there can be no doubt either way of Salt Spring's decision.

MICHAEL WHEATON,
Ganges

Exemplary

This is a letter to publicly acknowledge the highly professional service provided by our local coast guard auxiliary.

On Sunday, February 22, I had abandoned a local sailboat race due to lack of wind and was motoring home when a great deal of black smoke appeared from the

engine compartment.

On inspection I found a very hot and defunct starter motor.

With great good fortune, the Ganges #1 inflatable with three coast guard auxiliary members aboard was heading home from somewhere beyond Captains Passage and quickly came to our aid.

I should mention that two smaller vessels also offered to assist.

A towline was quickly passed, radio communication established and we were under way at a perfectly safe towing speed. We were able to berth at our dock without further incident.

I regret that I only recognized Tom Navratil and did not get the names of the other crew members, but to all three a sincere thank you for being in the right place at the right time and providing assistance in an exemplary manner.

BOB JONES,
Sailboat "Alacrity"

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Inheritance beats RRSP scheme for golden years glow

As you read this, the 2004 deadline for contributing money into an RRSP has come and gone.

Thank God.

If I see another commercial depicting a banker type wagging his Mont Blanc pen at me extolling the virtues of Registered Retirement Savings Plans, I will melt. Print ads from the major banks incessantly warn me that my golden years will be spent in a cardboard box under a bridge eating dumpster scraps unless I get with the program.

Local bank tellers have had numbers stuck to their blouses like bar girls, counting down the number of days left before the RRSP window of opportunity is closed forever. When so many giant corporations are imploring me to give them my money for my own good, a little alarm

goes off inside my head.

Of course, the major institutions couldn't give a rat's ass about my golden years. They are either looking to make a commission off the investment, or they are looking to loan me the money to put into the RRSP. And that's fine. I have no problem with, say, CIBC making \$609 million in the last fiscal quarter, just don't feed me some altruistic nonsense depicting grandpa sitting on a porch watching his grandchildren frolic through a water sprinkler in the warm spring sunshine. Please.

Their logic is compelling. Borrow the money. When your tax refund comes in, put it all toward

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BY PETER VINCENT



the loan, then pay off the rest of the loan over the year. Then you have all this lovely free money tucked away.

And I am sure there are hard working, responsible citizens who actually pay down the loan when the refund shows up in the mail. They are the same people that are 10 minutes early for appointments, pack a lunch to work and always wash their hands after using the restroom.

But I bet for the rest of the great unwashed, the temptation to redeem the refund cheque at Future Shop or La-Z-Boy is too much, resulting in an

unpaid bank loan and a nice new couch.

Or you can squirrel away a bit from every paycheck to nurture your growing RRSP. Let's see how that works. Let's pretend I am an average Canadian unattached male. In 1996, the average income for me was \$28,158, so let's say that figure has skyrocketed to \$30,000, or \$2,500 per month. The latest Fraser Institute figures indicate that taxation at every level eats up 47 per cent of my income, so that knocks the take-home down to \$1,325.

My mortgage is \$750, utilities maybe a couple of hundred, and oh yeah — the car costs me a couple of hundred to keep on the road, and did I mention a few outstanding credit cards?

OK, I might want to eat this month, and who knows, maybe head down

to ArtSpring for a show. What do you know? The average Canadian unattached male is financially circling the drain. And we're expected to tuck away 10 per cent of our salary for an RRSP that may or may not be helpful 20 years down the road? Right.

There is the widespread rule of thumb that you need 70 per cent of your working income to survive your retirement years. Let's see . . . the kids will be gone (in your dreams), the house and car paid off, what do we need? Food, this and that, a bus trip to Vegas with the rest of the bridge club. The 70 per cent rule seems way over the top.

And what's so great about RRSPs anyway? You put after-tax dollars into it, and when you need to take it out, they tax the hell out of it again. I can understand

why great wads of cash are occasionally found stuffed into mattresses of the recently deceased.

Let me say, despite all this whining, I succumbed to the pressure a number of years ago and opened an RRSP. I chose the "Ethical Funds" Mutual Fund, which means none of my money will go to companies that use child labour, trap dolphins in tuna nets or cut down first-growth forests. Of course, it has been a complete dog since the get go, with my RRSP now worth less than \$500.

Nevertheless, I have made a solemn oath to start setting aside 10 per cent of my salary for my uncertain retirement years. And if that fails, I guess I will make my money the old-fashioned way: I'll inherit it.

More letters

Forthcoming

Ian Abbott and his partner are obviously very unhappy with their experiences at ArtSpring (Awful, February 25 letters.) Perhaps if he was a little more honest with himself and more forthcoming with Driftwood readers, his anger would be more tempered.

Abbott did not mention in his letter that his exhibition, and that of his partner, took place in ArtSpring's lobby. This space was never intended to be a first-rate exhibition space, and no one is pretending it is. It is a lobby.

Five years ago, ArtSpring arranged with the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists to have ongoing art displays in the lobby. We recognized that artists would benefit from the "captive" audiences of theatre patrons, and their artwork would make the building more interesting. ArtSpring does not curate the exhibitions, but instead artists decide when, where and how their artwork will be displayed.

The Oriental paintings of Abbott's partner had an interesting, but ill-conceived method of display. Instead of using the hanging system provided, Abbott manufactured metal brackets to hold the pieces three inches away from the wall. The paintings, which were done on delicate paper and weighted by half-rounds screwed

together top and bottom, were suspended by fishing line.

Unfortunately, some of the pieces did sustain some damage. True, patrons did jostle the artwork, but hanging pieces three inches from the wall along the ramp between the upper and lower lobbies was probably not a good idea. The bigger problem was the fragile fishing line. It was not unusual to open the building in the morning and find a painting on the floor because the fishing line had broken in the night.

Following this experience, Abbott returned with a display of unframed photographs in the upper lobby. These were mounted on foam core and, because of their lightness, fishing weights were glued to the backs.

Again, the method of display was perhaps ill conceived, as foam core is not considered to be proper mounting material for artwork.

But if his partner's experience was so unpleasant, we have to wonder why Abbott decided to display his own work several weeks later.

What we have done to improve the conditions of exhibiting at ArtSpring has been done for our community. The black-out blinds, the window film that filters UV, the professional hanging system and the daylight halogens have all been installed for the benefit and enjoyment of our community.

Abbott's comment that ArtSpring will never host an exhibition of any real consequence is subjective and damning of our local

artists. ArtSpring is proud to display the artwork of elementary school children and our community's most distinguished artists and we firmly believe we are all richer for it.

PAUL GRAVETT,
Executive director,
ArtSpring

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The Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Grade 8 girls basketball team and coaches would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the community sponsors for supporting us.

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Salt Spring, you make us proud to represent you.

KEN CAMERON,
SIMS vice-principal
and coach

Rethink firing

Mr. Donald Gainor resides amongst us here on Salt Spring Island and is part of the board of the Vancouver Island Health Authority. I am asking him and his board to reconsider the recent firings of over 1,400 people on Vancouver Island.

As a successful businessman I am sure that Mr. Gainor is aware that experienced and dedicated employees are hard to come by when you are paying a wage that is below the

poverty line i.e. \$9.50 hour.

Yes, the board can argue that the Hospital Employees' Union brought this upon itself by voting against wage cuts a year ago. Listening to HEU members during that time the fear was that VIHA and other health authorities would come back for more.

Recently, the Northern Health Authority reached an agreement to involve front-line health workers to assist them in finding cost-effective ways to deliver health services in the north. Will the VIHA board do the same?

Community service sectors and their boards across the province are beginning to see the benefit of involving front-line workers, working hand in hand to ensure continuity as well as quality services.

The north has cancelled contracting out of dietary, housekeeping and laundry services, agreeing that these experienced workers are vital to their community, as well as providing quality services.

Malcolm Maxwell, CEO of Northern Health, expressed pleasure with the co-operative environment between management and union representatives as they worked together to deal with cost pressures.

VIHA can do the same.

So far, Salt Spring has not been contracted out to the lowest bidder — at least not yet. Imagine what our services will look like in these facilities with food being shipped in and laundry shipped out. What would housekeeping look like?

The Liberal government prior to the election promised stimulation to our economy. No matter how much I try, I do not get it. Contracting out these jobs to groups like Accenture, Compass and Sodexo does not stimulate the B.C. economy. These corporations are based in the U.K., U.S. and France.

Please do not sell off our public services. Look at the U.K., they are still paying for it after signing 99-year agreements.

I am hoping Mr. Gainor and the VIHA board will do the right thing.


JOHN MARTIN-MCNAB,
Maliview Drive

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More letters

Awfully awestruck

Continuing in its tradition to inflame the community with controversy over every major issue that comes up from time to time, we feel inclined to point out that the Driftwood should show a little restraint in printing just any old comment that gets submitted to its letters to the editor.

The tax requisition being proposed to help support ArtSpring is too important an issue to exacerbate the situation unnecessarily with such letters as the one submitted last week by Ian Abbott.

While its content is unworthy of any intelligent comment, it is yet another classic example of the Driftwood's flawed mandate: "... enjoying columns that incite people to anger, vitriol, high blood pressure, anxiety, fear and loathing . . ." which never ceases to leave us awestruck at the twists and turns taken to sell more newspapers.

In our opinion, the unrelenting enjoyment of acute discomfort in the readership by this publisher deserves scrutiny by the editors of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association. They would quite likely find a classification for it under sociopathic personality syndromes.

Check www.google.com for more information on how this syndrome has damaged communities for centuries.

DIETRICH LUTH and PAUL MARCANO,
Salt Spring

Leapers

Our little cousins, the tree frogs, are on the move once again.

With spring approaching, they are returning to the ponds and wetlands where they began life, to sing and to find mates.

In a seasonal migration, with no less power and mystery than that of the salmon who battle mighty rivers to reach their spawning grounds, tree frogs are drawn from every direction across the land, towards water.

In the dark of night, when the world is wet with rain, they follow the same routes their ancestors travelled to ensure their species survival — only now they must cross wide asphalt killing zones.

On a rainy night last year about this time, I drove the length of the island on my way home from an evening with friends.

Shocked at first to see that the small streaks of movement in my truck's headlights were leaping frogs, I was appalled to realize the tiny lumps littering the pavement were the bodies of frogs smashed and torn by cars preceding me that night.

I slowed down and found that I could, with care, avoid hitting the living ones, counting nearly 100 little leapers who were able to make it safely to their destination that evening, as did I.

People, please slow down when driving at night this time of year, and watch the road with care, particularly in low-lying areas near wetlands. Our friends and relations will all thank you!

PHIL VERNON,
Isabella Point Road

Cusheon support

The Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee appreciates and supports the Stewart Road Residents' Association's efforts to put a halt to both the quarry application for the north side of the intersection of Jasper Road and Jennifer Way and to the current quarry activity on Lot 22, Jennifer Way.

In 1999, the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee set the following goal: "To care for the long-term environmental health of Cusheon Lake water for domestic and

recreational use." We feel that the proposed heavy use by gravel trucks on Cusheon Lake Road and the resulting impact on the watershed could easily upset the delicate balance needed for maintaining the quality of water in Cusheon Lake and the surrounding area.

The Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee voted unanimously to let the Stewart Road Residents' Association know that we support their efforts to halt the quarry application.

TOM VOLQUARSEN,
Chair, Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee



CAMERA, ACTION: From left, Meron Moroz, Len Siemko and Shelly Vermeulen act out a scene from Pirates of the Caribbean as Island Star Video hosts the annual Academy Awards Night at the Harbour House Hotel Sunday evening. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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RANTS

To the person who took my new garbage can — thanks. Now the dogs are getting a good dinner. We are new to B.C. and it's too bad we have to watch our garbage. Thank you for the welcome. Isle View Drive.

Rants to drivers who zoom through school zones as children are being dropped off and picked up before and after school — like the pale olive-green vehicle flying past SIMS at 8:13 a.m. Tuesday! Pick another route if you can't

obey the 30 km signs.

ROSES

Roses to Wendy Anderson for fixing my glasses after I stepped on them and then inserted the glass backwards for a real visual treat!

To all the businesses who've so generously donated to the Welcome Wagon. I'm so impressed and grateful for all the gifts I've received since my move to the island. My eyes have been opened to the many businesses here. Wow!

A lovely rose to the person who found my sunglasses and case, and left them at the Driftwood office — very much appreciated.

Roses to Tim and John of Island Star Video for lending their popcorn machine and movies to the CGC Youth Group. A bouquet also to Ganges Village Market for the use of their equipment and space during the Saskatchewan trip fundraiser.

A beautiful creamy pink tea rose to the thoughtful patron of the BCBSF, who brought a thirsty volunteer a hot mug of tea. It was

much appreciated.

A bunch of beautiful roses to everyone who helped at the Fulford Elementary School Country Dance. It was a huge success and we could not have done it without you. TB

Bravos and bouquets to dance teachers Sue Newman and Sonia Langer, and the hardest-working man in show business on Salt Spring — Paul Gravett — for opening up the Ballet Jørgen dress rehearsal. You helped to open the eyes of performing artists and arts supporters of the future.

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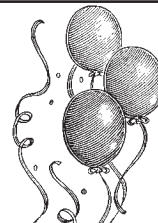
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Taking pressure off lakes part of swimming discussion

By WAYNE FRASER

Swimming on Salt Spring has been an issue of much debate and many people have spent a lot of time and energy working towards new options.

The current aquatic opportunities on Salt Spring Island are reaching their maximum load. What do we have and where are we going?

Shelby Pool at Portlock Park has served the community well for many years but is quickly approaching the end of its useful life. It may or may not last one or two more years. We have already had a few late season openings and pool shutdowns due to serious structural problems. We are basically crossing our fingers that we make it through the 2004 season.

Salt Spring is also blessed with several lakes. We depend on all these lakes for our drinking water and we also use them for recreation. As our population continues to grow we will increasingly have to re-evaluate what uses are appropriate for our lakes if we are to preserve them as a source of pristine

IN DEPTH

drinking water.

For many years PARC has maintained beach accesses at several of our drinking water lakes.

There are, however, several outstanding issues that arise with the continued encouragement of public swimming in the drinking water lakes.

- None of the existing freshwater beach accesses provide adequate or safe parking. These lake accesses are sites of potentially serious pedestrian-vehicle accidents.

- At least two of these beach accesses are adjacent to drinking water intakes. Clean drinking water is of paramount concern and threats to water purity from increased public access must be considered.

- Liability and accident insurance continues to raise bureaucratic problems since all the sites are Ministry of Transport "right of ways"

and not public beaches. From a public risk perspective, none of the existing freshwater beach accesses that we currently service and use would be acceptable as safe public beaches today and certainly not as our population grows.

- PARC is assuming that there is support for an aquatic facility that will take some of the pressure off of our lakes for swimming.

This would be accomplished by ensuring that any new aquatic facility has features that will attract people to swim recreationally in our pool instead of our lakes in the summer months.

A significant outdoor aquatic component with both leisure and competitive features to any new facility considered would address this challenge. Few people like to swim in an indoor pool in the summer.

We know that there must also be a comprehensive indoor component to any new aquatic facility to adequately address winter therapeutic and fitness needs.

From the information

PARC has already gathered, we know that you want us to replace our existing pool. The Rainbow Road recreation site was purchased specifically for the future home of a new pool and other recreational facilities.

PARC must take action now to avoid a serious interruption to aquatic services currently being offered. Many people, both children and adults, have come to depend on the recreational and therapeutic services currently offered at Shelby Pool.

Both PARC's current and 1998 recreational survey results indicated that there is public support to replace Shelby Pool with a pool that better meets our current and future needs.

From the recent community survey undertaken by PERC under the auspices of PARC:

- We know there is significant demand for an indoor pool facility.

- We know from our survey that your tolerance for a tax increase to support this

project is less than \$75 per average household.

PARC has already increased taxes by \$40 of that \$75 per average household this year by taxing to our previously approved legal limit.

This increase was approved so that we could begin servicing our recreational site now.

- We know that at the very least we need a pool complex that when built will meet the needs of our growing community for many years to come or could be expanded to do so.

- We know that you want us to be as environmentally

friendly as we feasibly can.

- We know that you want us to give you value for your dollar, to not overbuild the facility and to not underestimate operating costs.

These are issues around swimming that PARC is taking into account as we evaluate the various options for replacing Shelby Pool.

You will be hearing much more from PARC in the coming weeks as we update you on where we are going.

The writer is a PARC commissioner and member of the PARC-Splash joint review committee.

More letters

Three items

Sometimes there is so much in the Driftwood that one would want to comment on that I will restrict my anger to two items and just mention in passing one that pleased me immensely.

Let's first deal with the Québec-bashing of the Driftwood's resident Western Whiner, Mr. Pottinger. (February 25 column). For the last few years, money has been flowing to this have-not province (B.C.), mostly from Ontario and some from Alberta.

The idea of the sponsorship program following the near defeat in the referendum was worthwhile and worth at least two dollars for every citizen, some \$60 million. Money from the program was not restricted to one province, as we saw with the case of \$50,000 going to an event in David Anderson's Victoria riding.

The fact that a few crooked federal (and maybe provincial) Liberal politicians and

their friends caused this to escalate is a legitimate and awful scandal. But it should be put in perspective. It pales in comparison with the money lost for B.C. by the fast ferry fiasco. Most of that can be laid at the feet of Glen Clark, but Gordon Campbell sold them at ridiculously low fire-sale prices.

In case anyone thinks pocket-lining is restricted to Québec, it has been recently revealed that several million dollars flowed to friends of Ontario premiers Harris and Eves through their appointees at Hydro One. The biggest political scandal in recent years occurred in western Canada. Have we forgotten about the 16 cabinet ministers and high officials convicted of fraud in the Conservative government of Grant Devine in Saskatchewan?

The federal bilingual program was never designed to turn this country into a bilingual one, through that would have been a good objective worth the expenditure of many

millions of dollars. All it was designed to do was to enable British Columbians who moved to Québec or vice versa to be able to converse with officials in federal departments in their mother tongue.

I hope Pottinger read Derrick Milton's excellent In Depth article in the same February 25 issue, which was positive as opposed to Isle Say's negative comments from one who alleges that he believes in equality, tolerance and diversity.

The other item that angered me was that bile-filled letter from an alleged artist and former arts facility administrator. From that totally negative letter one wonders whether either allegation is justified unless he's thinking in mediocre terms.

ArtSpring is a wonderful facility, not perfect, but providing many hours of enjoyable entertainment whether in the concert hall where we last heard the pianist Jane Coop or the ballet I saw on Friday night. I am not an artist but I have enjoyed many exhibits

in the gallery, especially the one of Birgit Bateman's fantastic photos.

A few exhibits have failed because they were not juried, not because of any deficiencies in the exhibit space.

The Walker Hook individual who criticized ArtSpring seems quite bitter and with a real chip on his shoulder. I wonder why?

Derrick Milton's defence of taxes for social services would apply to ArtSpring, which is asking for an incredibly modest increase in property tax for a very worthwhile purpose. I urge everyone to support the request in the referendum of March 20.

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Contractors, suppliers asked to discuss rec centre project

It's time to make the earth move at the Rainbow Road recreation site.

Even though the type of aquatic centre and other facilities has not yet been nailed down, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) is ready to talk to contractors, tradespeople

and suppliers about they can get involved in the major project.

A meeting has been set for Tuesday, March 9 at the Portlock Park meeting room at 7 p.m.

As explained in a press release, PARC wants to form partnerships "with business-

es and organizations that will help create the best facility possible at the most economically feasible cost."

As reported in last week's Driftwood, PARC has endorsed the PARC-Splash joint review committee recommendation to proceed with site infrastructure and site preparation at the Rainbow Road location.

"There is a significant portion of site preparation and servicing that can be planned and implemented without knowing the final building specifications," said Dave Gibbon, PARC operations and project manager. "We know that there is going to be a community recreation facility there and it makes perfect sense to proceed with the jobs that are not dependent on future decisions."

Decisions yet to be made include determining which services and facilities would be located in the new recreation centre as well as the design and nature of some of the buildings that are planned. The Salt Spring Tennis Association wants to locate new indoor tennis facilities on the site to replace the current bubble at Portlock and members have been discussing future plans with PARC.

The planned aquatic facility has a broad range of design options that carry associated capital and operating costs, heavily influencing the building specifications, says PARC.

The final pool decision will likely be determined by referendum.

"The challenge for PARC

is to gauge the public reception to the tax implications of the referendum question that will be asked," said PARC chair Bill Curtin. "A 'no' vote on a referendum would put us back to square one with no mandate to proceed on anything. It is crucial that we carefully consider the implications to the taxpayer of the pool options and that we ensure that Salt Spring taxpayers are fully informed and have an opportunity provide feedback on which way to proceed prior to referendum."

Recreation centre finances are also influenced by the possibility of receiving an infrastructure grant from the federal and provincial governments. The success of a grant application of up to \$2 million would change the

financial landscape for the recreation centre considerably in terms of building costs, states PARC.

"Operating costs, however, vary widely with the choice of design, and have a major impact on the ongoing tax burden of any facility," said Alix Granger, who chairs PARC's finance committee. "We are very happy to be moving ahead with the project and we are confident that we can come up with sound appraisals of cost estimates for consideration by the public when it comes time to make the hard choices."

PARC said the commission will continue to liaise with community groups about the way forward on all issues and in the meantime make some real progress on the recreation site.



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Packed hall hears Salish history

By PHIL VERNON
 Special to the Driftwood

The Gulf Islands are in an area that was home to what may have been one of the earliest developed civilizations in North America, islanders were told last week.

Over 60 people packed the United Church lower hall to hear archaeologist Eric McLay give a talk and slide show entitled Respecting the Ancestors — the Cultural Significance of Archaeological Burial Sites for Coast Salish Hul'qumi'num Nations.

McLay explained the archaeological record now shows that Coast Salish peoples — a group of startlingly diverse cultures and languages — have lived continuously and permanently for the last eight to 10,000 years in the area from Victoria through the islands and shores of Puget

Sound and the southern Strait of Georgia, and along the lower Fraser Valley.

Archaeological evidence of Coast Salish presence is all around us, McLay said, including much of Salt Spring's shoreline, every bay and creek mouth, as well as many inland midden sites special to our area. The heritage values are rich, McLay said, but much more study is required to learn from the archaeological evidence, especially as 85 per cent of all known Coast Salish sites are on privately-owned land and are vulnerable to development.

Protected by B.C. law against disturbance, archaeological sites are still threatened due to poor enforcement of the law or by simple ignorance. Currently one must contact Victoria to learn of site locations, although planned changes to the B.C. Heritage Act will name all

archaeological sites on land title documents, McLay said.

More public education is needed about archaeological sites, he emphasized.

He pointed to countries such as Britain and Japan where sites have a high level of protection while being valued and respected by the general population. Here in B.C., he said, mainstream society feels little connection to the land, and aboriginal burial sites are usually of interest only from a scientific viewpoint.

What is needed, he said, is a shift in perception toward understanding how archaeological sites are a connection for all of us to the long and rich history of this area, an understanding that acknowledges the living culture of local First Nation communities.

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14 Mothers and Daughters (1992,Drama) Three generations of women try to forge paths in a changing society. *Mary Peach, Rebecca Nelson (1h45)*

7:00 PM
3 * Levity (2003,Drama)** A paroled man attempts to find redemption after being released from prison. *Billy Bob Thornton, Morgan Freeman (1h45)*

8:00 PM
24 ** Bachelor Party (1984,Comedy) An insecure woman attends her fiancé's bachelor party disguised as a prostitute. *Tom Hanks, Tawny Kitaen (2h)*

8:45 PM
3 * Auto Focus (2002,Biography)** The story of "Hogan's Heroes" star Bob Crane, and his darker personal life. *Greg Kinnear, Willem Daloe (1h45)*

9:00 PM
13 * Miss Congeniality (2000,Comedy)** A tomboy FBI agent goes undercover in a beauty pageant to prevent a terrorist bombing. *Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine (2h)*

19 ** A Pyromaniac's Love Story (1995,Comedy) An arsonist burns a bakery to the ground and almost everyone claims responsibility for it. *William Baldwin, John Leguizamo (1h30)*

10:00 PM
14 * Fellini Satyricon (1969,History)** The Italian director's cult film uses surreal, grotesque imagery to depict ancient Rome. *Martin Potter, Hiram Keller (2h45)*

10:30 PM
3 Crown Heights (2002,Drama) A Rabbi and an activist help two youths form a rap group to heal their community. *Howie Mandel, Mario Van Peebles (1h30)*

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7:00 PM
3 ** Super Troopers (2002,Comedy) State Troopers must stick together when budget cuts threaten to shut down their unit. *Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme (2h)*

8:00 PM
13 Carrie (2002,Horror) A teenaged girl shunned by her peers, discovers she has inexplicable telekinetic powers. *Patricia Clarkson, Angela Bettis (3h)*

24 ** Eyewitness (1981,Thriller) A star-struck janitor fabricates a story around a murder to get close to a reporter. *William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver (2h)*

9:00 PM
3 ** Daredevil (2003,Fantasy) A blind man whose other senses are enhanced becomes an acrobatic superhero. *Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner (1h45)*

19 ** Mystic Pizza (1988,Comedy/Drama) Three waitresses share their romantic trials while they are working at a pizza parlor. *Julia Roberts, Lili Taylor (1h30)*

29 ** Five Easy Pieces (1970,Romance)** A character study of a musician who gives up his career to work in a California oil field. *Jack Nicholson, Karen Black (2h)*

10:00 PM
14 ** Poirot: Evil Under the Sun (1982,Mystery) Hercule Poirot looks into the death of a very crabby, popular and egocentric actress. *Peter Ustinov, James Mason (2h)*

10:45 PM
3 * 8 Mile (2002,Drama)** A young rapper in Detroit struggles with his anger and social status through music. *Eminem, Kim Basinger (2h)*

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7:00 PM
3 ** The Core (2003,Sci-Fi) Scientists discover a problem with the Earth's core, which threatens the entire world. *Hillary Swank, Aaron Eckhart (2h30)*

7:30 PM
19 * Cadet Kelly (2002,Comedy)** A young girl's mother remarries the head of the George Washington Military Academy. *Hilary Duff, Christy Carlson Romano (1h40)*

8:00 PM
23 * Operation Condor (1997>Action)** A secret agent is sent to battle a group of terrorists who are searching for stolen gold. *Jackie Chan, Carol Do Do Cheng (2h)*

24 ** Perry Mason: Case of the Glass Coffin (1991,Mystery) A showman is accused of murder when his illusion results in the death of his assistant. *Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale (2h)*



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FRIDAY, MAR 5
9:00 PM
13 ★★ Men of Honor (2000,Drama)
A man is determined to become a Navy diver despite the overwhelming obstacles in his way. Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr. (2h30)
20 ★★★★★ Escape From Alcatraz (1979,True)
The true story of the 1962 escape from Alcatraz prison by inmate Frank Morris. Clint Eastwood, Patrick McGeehan (2h30)
9:10 PM
19 ★★ Get Shorty (1995,Comedy)
A small-time Miami mobster becomes intrigued by the movie business in Los Angeles. John Travolta, Rene Russo (1h30)
9:30 PM
3 ★★★★★ Bowling For Columbine (2002,Documentary)
Filmmaker Michael Moore explores the roots of America's predilection for gun violence. Michael Moore, Charlton Heston (2h)
9:45 PM
14 ★★★★★ Last Tango in Paris (1972,Drama)
A man tries purging himself of bad memories by entering a stormy affair with a woman. Marlon Brando, Maria Schneider (2h45)
10:00 PM
9 ★★★★★ Charade (1963,Suspense)
A woman is pursued by several mysterious men who want her murdered husband's fortune. Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn (2h)
10:40 PM
19 ★★★★★ Ladyhawke (1985,Adventure)
A thief befriends a mysterious knight, who must break a curse placed on him and his lover. Michelle Pfeiffer, Matthew Broderick (1h55)
11:30 PM
3 ★★★★★ Live from Baghdad (2002,Drama)
A CNN producer recounts the stress of covering the Gulf War live from a Baghdad hotel. Michael Keaton, Jeffrey Wright (2h)
SATURDAY, MAR 6
6:00 PM
15 ★★ Miller's Crossing (1990,Crime Story)
A Prohibition-era gangster gets caught between warring mobs and divided loyalties. Gabriel Byrne, Marcia Gay Harden (2h30)
7:00 PM
3 ★★ Chasing Papi (2003,Comedy)
A womanizer accidentally arranges for his three fiancées to be in town at the same time. Eduardo Verastegui, Roselyn Sanchez (1h30)
8:00 PM
13 23 ★★ Frequency (2000,Thriller)
A man connects with his dead father, thirty years in the past, using an old radio. Dennis Quaid, James Caviezel (3h)
24 ★★★★★ Children of a Lesser God (1986,Romance)
An unconventional speech teacher falls for the school custodian, a bitter deaf woman. William Hurt, Marlee Matlin (2h30)
8:30 PM
3 ★★ Basic (2003,Action)
Two military agents investigate the disappearance of a sergeant during training. John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson (1h45)
9:00 PM
15 ★★ Miller's Crossing (1990,Crime Story)
A Prohibition-era gangster gets caught between warring mobs and divided loyalties. Gabriel Byrne, Marcia Gay Harden (3h)
19 ★★ In Love and War (1996,Romance)
A nurse and a young ambulance driver fall in love while caught in the crossfire of WWI. Sandra Bullock, Chris O'Donnell (1h55)
10:15 PM
3 ★★★★★ Insomnia (2002,Thriller)
A detective finds himself entangled in a twisted game of extortion with a murder suspect. Al Pacino, Robin Williams (2h)
14 ★★ Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (1998,Adventure)
A journalist experiences a motorcycle event in Las Vegas under the influence of drugs. Johnny Depp, Benicio Del Toro (2h15)
11:00 PM
19 ★★★★★ Kramer vs. Kramer (1979,Drama)
A workaholic cares for his son after his wife leaves him, and then must fight to keep him. Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep (1h45)
SUNDAY, MAR 7
6:00 PM
14 ★★ Blues Brothers 2000 (1998,Comedy)
A man tries to put his old band back together with a new singer. Dan Aykroyd, John Goodman (2h30)
15 ★★★★★ Operation Daybreak (1976,War)
Three Czech freedom fighters must assassinate the Nazi Reich protector of Czechoslovakia. Timothy Bottoms, Martin Shaw (2h30)
23 The Truth About Jane (2000,Drama)
When a fifteen-year-old lesbian "comes out," her parents struggle to accept the news. Stockard Channing, Ellen Muth (2h)
6:30 PM
3 ★★ From Justin To Kelly (2003,Musical)
A down-on-her-luck singer and a young man fall in love during spring break in Miami. Kelly Clarkson, Justin Guarini (1h30)
7:00 PM
2 ★★★★★ Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001,Fantasy)
Upon learning that he has magical powers, a boy enrolls in a boarding school for wizards. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson (3h)
7:30 PM
10 Beauté américaine (1999,Comédie dramatique)
Un père décide de ne plus faire ce que lui disent sa femme et sa fille. Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening (2h30)
8:00 PM
4 ★★ Air Force One (1997,Action)
The President fends off deadly terrorists who are holding his plane and family hostage. Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman (3h)
23 ★★ The Big Town (1987,Drama)
A small-town craps shooter with a "golden arm" comes to Chicago to become a gambler. Matt Dillon, Diane Lane (2h)
23 ★★ Rising Sun (1993,Thriller)
A beautiful party girl is killed in a Japanese corporate office tower in Los Angeles. Sean Connery, Wesley Snipes (2h30)
8:30 PM
14 ★★ Coming to America (1988,Comedy)
An African prince travels to America to avoid an arranged marriage and find a new bride. Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall (2h30)

Excellent Coppelia show marred by bizarre second act

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Contributor

The mettle of a good touring dance company is its ability to adapt.

In existence since 1987 and mandated to accommodate "smaller and underserved communities in the country," Ballet Jorgen performed with aplomb last Friday at ArtSpring and produced a Coppelia rather far removed from the original in 1870 but which, none the less, was excellent.

Artistic director, producer and choreographer Bengt Jorgen has taken the last Romantic ballet and put a modern twist to the story of the doll that comes to life. Though the original created by A. Saint Léon to music by Léo Delibes used ETA Hoffman's (same inspiration as The Nutcracker) macabre tale Der Sandman, Jorgen has also thrown in the Galatea and Pygmalion Greek myth for good measure.

Act I opens with Dr. Coppelius (Craig Sanok) releasing the Pandora's box of hidden desires both metaphorically and literally in the form of a stained-glass Rubik's-cube-like box.

The corps de ballet comes to life as stilted dolls wheel about on four futuristic revolves and we are introduced to Klara (Angel Wong) and Nathaniel (Dan King), the young couple. The famous mazurka showcases the company's clean technique, spacing prowess and exuberant performance quality.

Jorgen is a talented chore-



MAGIC IN MOTION: Members of Ballet Jorgen perform to a full house and appreciative crowd at ArtSpring Friday night.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

ographer using the space creatively and building phrases of movement that interest. His partnering expertise is clear in the pas de deux sections as the lifts, though traditional, are transitioned well.

Jorgen's concept, however, falls short in Act II. The Cubist set pieces and designs on the costumes in Act I do not intrude; it's all just dancing. In Act II a debt is paid to Bugs Bunny and Nabakov's Lolita filtered through a Dada nightmare as much as to 19th-century art forms.

Clara becomes Coppelia,

the doll that Nathaniel obsesses over. She activates the three characters who resemble Tweety Bird as seen by Picasso, a Saturday Night Live Conehead circa early 1980s and a tall robotic cigarette butt, and then Dr. Coppelius enters with Nathaniel, drugs him and proceeds to lust after Coppelia.

What was fun becomes creepy as the naïve Klara/Coppelia gets manipulated by the older doctor.

When Nathaniel wakes from his stupor, he declares his love for Coppelia. She realizes that he loves the image of another and she

bolts.

The final snapshot is Dr. Coppelius cradling a lifeless Coppelia mannequin that looks suspiciously like Helga the Blow-up Doll. The erotic undertone is complete so a poignant moment turns funny and just plain weird.

Act III is all about the dancing and that's as it should be. This company loves to dance and does it well. It was a joy to watch.

King's technical prowess can nail those tricks, which are required of the male solos. A solid dancer and an even better partner, his youthful appearance and mime skill endeared him to the crowd.

Wong is a strong dancer with a lovely arabesque. Her youth worked for the choreographer's intention but I'd like to see her 10 years from now when her musicality and artistry is enhanced by life experience.

Another standout was Aya Belsheim's engaging harlot with the charming grin.

The women played the girl dolls with appropriate campiness, which was a

relief as grown adults playing childlike qualities can be cloying. The men's technique was consistent and corps work was well rehearsed.

Without Act II this would have been a comic, professionally refreshing evening of dance. Trying to say something meaningful and injecting Freudian concepts into a Romantic ballet about a doll should best be left in someone's nighttime meanderings.

In his choreographer's notes Jorgen states: "Above all, the mysterious and transforming power of love serves to bridge these boundaries, rendering distinctions meaningless."

As a sentiment, that's hard to disagree with. As a modus operandi for creating art, clarity is appreciated.

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Alice whizzes through loads of laughs

By ANDREA RABINOVITCH
Driftwood Contributor

“I believe in six impossible things a day,” says the Cheshire Cat in Alice presented by the Salt Spring Island Middle School.

Putting on such a potentially professional production might be considered one of those six.

Director Scott Hylands has done a fine job of pulling together his young cast of adolescents to produce a play that has genuine laughs and demonstrates the loads of potential these youth have. The skills learned through the process of theatre are needed on this island and Hylands and the other committed parents are to be commended.

The students integrate their characters well — supported by a four-piece band (Emma Rowlandson-O’Hara, Paige Hickman, Alice Paveley and Erica Tarrison, led by Vaughn Fulford), which provides rim shots for jokes and musical interludes that support the action.

The play is broken into scenes, which makes for an organized rehearsal period and consequently the individual scenes are well rehearsed. It’s obvious the performers have assimilated direction while maintaining their own fun bits of schtick. The Mad Hatter’s (Joshua Kilbourn) tea-pouring prowess and the Doormouse’s (Danica Lundy) vampy song, complete with hot pink feather boa, come to mind.

The White Rabbit (Tristan Harron) begins the play with the search for the spotlight trick using a new twist: a channel changer. It’s his job to engage the audience in call and response, like a master of ceremonies. Dressed in white, he leads us into the play and the introduction of Alice, suspended



WEIRD, WONDERFUL: Seen in the middle school production of Alice (above) are Mack Rankin as King of Hearts, Katie Villadsen as Six of Hearts, and Alison Roach as Alice, (at right) Kloe Holmes as Tweedledee and Maggie Davidson as Tweedledum.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

from centre stage, which signals her journey through Wonderland.

Opening with a ditsy quartet of girl flowers (Sean Cunningham, Zoe Cocker, Clea Mihalik and Logan McLeod) and the non-nasty voice of Tiger Lily Lara Coelho, Alice begins her dream of unfair assumptions and frustrating miscommunication. The flowers get the comic timing so the scene is funny and fresh.

The ukulele-playing caterpillar (Kirsty Girard) in the witty costume of green satin with a plethora of toed, striped socks sewn on, leads to the tea party of the Mad Hatter, the March Hare (Sarah Lundy) and the Doormouse.



The Cheshire Cat and her missing body are cleverly done with Nicole Pal as the head poking through the curtain with the body, Cyrus Galea, dressed in black with striped feet and tail providing the illusion of a beheaded feline.

Tweedledee (Kloe Holmes) and Tweedledum (Maggie Davidson) are the fighting twins, in this case, velcroed together and living in identical houses side by side with Laugh-In cupboards.

The playing card costumes are fun and you just know that midnight oil was burned creating them. The Two, Four and Six of Hearts (Delaney Johnson, Rebeccah Hylands, Katie Villadsen) were competitive and snarly in their quickness to blame someone else for their own mistakes.

Bring on the Executioner (Matt Ripley), who gets the biggest laugh of the school-kids-packed show with reference to the Two of Hearts’ confusion in body parts. The word “butt” said with real force always seems to be

funny whether it comes from Adam Sandler or a 14 year old.

The Queen, King and Jack of Hearts (Katrina Villadsen, Mack Rankin, Ryan Jones) put Alice on trial for the stolen tarts at which point we see Alice awoken with assistance from the White Rabbit and the audience.

Alice (Alison Roach) grounds the play with her no-nonsense approach to the nonsensical creatures she meets. She takes everything in stride in a completely self-possessed way that only a competent teenager can do. She’s cute and feisty and carries the play nicely.

This was an excellent choice of plays because of the parallel reality of that age group, which can be cranky and confused. These performers gently poke fun and in the process can hopefully point to behaviour that might be better off changed.

Besides the entertainment factor, that is the purpose of theatre: to point to the human condition and have us poor humans examine our folly.

‘Gifted performer’ on stage

A B.C. folksinger with roots in India and Montreal is performing at ArtSpring on Friday night.

With music showing the influence of folk, country and ragtime, Raghu Lokanathan is a coffee house and folk festival favourite in northern B.C., where he now resides.

In January he released his second independent CD — Caledonia — which has already received CBC air-play.

Influenced by the recordings of folk artists such as Woody Guthrie, Lokanathan

eventually began writing songs in a similar style.

In 2001 he released Everywhere I’ve Ever Been, an independent CD of original songs.

That same year, he moved to Prince George and decided to commit to being a full-time musician.

Frank Wall, artistic director of Edge of the World Music Festival, praised Lokanathan for his “. . . clever and thought-provoking lyrics . . . creates an intimacy in performance in the way great folk-musicians do. . . .”

Sheryl MacKay, CBC radio host, called him “a gifted performer” with “songs of an engaging simplicity and directness.”

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Lion-like month keeps ArtSpring hopping

By JOHN WAKEFIELD
Driftwood Contributor

March comes roaring into ArtSpring with an exciting line up of events. We encourage all who enjoy these events and others all year-round to vote yes to support the arts on March 20. (Advance polls March 10 and 17.)

• Veteran actor Scott Hylands, with students from SIMS, has adapted Alice in Wonderland into a 60-minute entertainment. The final show runs today, Wednesday, March 3, at 1 p.m.

• Raghu Lokanathan, a Prince George singer/songwriter, will perform his original folk songs on Friday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. The

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show takes place in ArtSpring's gallery area and features songs from his recently released CD Caledonia.

• It's never too late for romance, so bring your "valentine" to an evening of Rodgers and Hart. My Funny Valentine features the classy, velvety vocals of Barbara Blair, backed by a stellar trio of piano (Tom Vickery), bass (Joey Smith) and drums (Lou Williamson). March 6 at 8 p.m.

• Interested in working

behind the scenes in the theatre? Join Graffiti Theatre and David Baughan for a workshop that focusses on everything you ever wanted to know about stage management and lighting design. March 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Salt Spring Writes! continues with its reading series on March 10 at 8 p.m. Hosted by Pearl Luke, this reading features Chris Smart, Lorraine Gane and Peter Levitt. Presented by Salt Spring Writers and Friends with support from the Salt Spring

Public Library Association and The Canada Council for the Arts, tickets for this event are available at the door.

• Join the talented GISS Theatre Arts Department with its production of Talking With by Jane Martin, a series of 12 monologues that takes the audience from the highest heights to the lowest lows. A frustrated actor, a rodeo worker and a grieving daughter are just some of the characters you'll meet. March 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m.

• With horns blazing, the New Orleans Connection comes out of the starting gate with straight-from-the-heart Dixieland jazz and a healthy dose of swing. Talent and technique to burn combine with clarinet, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass and drums in an explosion of originality and musical invention. March 14 at 2:30 p.m.

• Art is hard, love is harder. David and Davida, a dramatic installation by Kristin Woodruff, explores the natures of truth, art, pain and reality against the backdrop of unfolding love. Come prepared for a new kind of drama that takes its inspiration from modernist poetry, Russian

absurdist prose, Dante, Japanese Noh theatre and American performance art. March 18 at 8 p.m.

• Looking for something fun for the kids to do this Spring Break? ArtSpring offers a wide and diverse range of workshops to engage, inspire and showcase young artists. Workshop space is limited, so advance registration is a must. Visit ArtSpring's box office for registration forms.

• Celebrating 25 years of stellar music-making, the Elmer Iseler Singers have built an enviable international reputation through their concerts, broadcasts and recordings. Led by Lydia Adams, the Elmer Iseler Singers are known for the unique beauty of their sound that brings to life great choral music spanning 500 years. March 24 at 8 p.m.; pre-concert chat at 7 p.m. This show is sold out.

• March ends with New Wonders, readings with Bob Weeden. From his years in Alaska and on Salt Spring Island, Bob offers short poems, essays and stories about living in awareness of nature. March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

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Arvid Chalmers

The proposed tax will support the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council's programming and ArtSpring's daily operations. Because each organization works with and supports hundreds of arts groups, schools and individuals, this tax really **benefits a much larger community.**

ArtSpring is an arts centre for the entire community. ArtSpring offers many creative and educational programs for students, as well as programs that ensure accessibility to students, youth organizations and the disadvantaged. **Over 100 different groups have used ArtSpring for activities.**

Ticket sales do not support the operation of ArtSpring. Ticket revenue is either turned over to the community group producing a particular event, or, for events presented by ArtSpring, it covers only event costs such as advertising and artist fees. **Ticket sales do not cover ongoing upkeep, insurance, utilities, staff or services.**

ArtSpring is truly affordable for our arts community. Rental activities make up 80% of the events at ArtSpring, but generate only 16% of the total funds needed to operate ArtSpring. **For every dollar earned through rent, another \$2.15 must be raised.**

The CRD estimates, on average, each household will contribute **approximately \$6.13 per year.** For example, if your property is currently valued at \$200,000, you would pay \$5.00 per year; and if your property is currently valued at \$450,000, you would pay \$11.25.

Controls are in place to limit the amount ArtSpring may requisition each year. ArtSpring will not automatically receive funds through taxation; each year ArtSpring must justify its annual request to the elected CRD Director, who has final authority over the amount granted.

We promote events presented by ArtSpring as broadly as possible. In the past six months we have distributed 11,000 newsletters and 3,000 season brochures, and placed ads in the Driftwood fifteen out of the past twenty-four weeks. Event information and newsletters are available on our website and the Driftwood carries a monthly column describing upcoming events. Our box office records indicate that **more than half the island's population has attended at least one performance.** ArtSpring is for everyone.

New rock-folk-roots acoustic stars at Anise

An intimate acoustic evening with Jeremy Walsh and Sabrina is promised when the Victoria duo put Anise Restaurant and Inn on their current tour.

Islanders can hear their original music blending acoustic rock, folk, roots, pop and west coast charm with subtle Celtic and Appalachian notes when they perform on Saturday, March 6 beginning at 9 p.m.

Influenced by artists like Cat Stevens, The Indigo Girls, Van Morrison and Joni Mitchell, "their voices blend perfectly creating passionate sultry lows and spine-tingling angelic heights that are absolutely unforgettable," notes press material.

Classically trained at an

early age, Sabrina has competed in numerous contests and talent shows, most recently winning the Shaw Star Discovery Contest in 2002 and the North Island Talent Hunt Showcase in 2003.

Walsh, a seasoned performer, brings to the duo his infinite skill as a singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. He's a former member of the now defunct Canadian Celtic band Scruj Macduhk, whose talents contributed to a Juno nomination for Best Roots and Traditional Album in 2000. They also won Canadian Prairie Music Awards in the Best Roots Album and Best Independent Album categories.

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WED. March 3	THURS. March 4	FRI. March 5	SAT. March 6	SUN. March 7	MON. March 8	TUES. March 9
Music Wednesday Night Live! Open stage at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. GISS Choirs. At Music & Munch, All Saints, 12:10 p.m. Alice. SIMS production at ArtSpring. 1 p.m. Classes/Workshops Dance Classes. With Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 7 p.m. Info: 537-5631. Drawing With Charcoal. Part 1 of two-part kids workshop at Fables Cottage, 3:30-4:30. Call 537-0028 to register. Community Education Registration. Sign-up at Library, 1-4 p.m. Theatre WordPlay Auditions. Croftonbrook, 7:30 p.m. Call Richard, 537-8863.	Music Caribbean Night. Hosted by DJ Scotty at Anise, 9 p.m. Activities Math Games. Kids activity at Fables Cottage, 3-4 p.m. Call 537-0028 to register. SS Badminton Club. Drop-in Thursdays, GISS gym, 8-10 p.m. info: 653-4613. Classes/Workshops Community Education Registration. Sign-up at Library, 1-4 p.m. Meetings/Talks Living With Dying. Support group meets at Croftonbrook meeting room, 7 p.m. Info: Margaret, 537-9172; Gerri, 537-1140.	Music Friday Night Jam. with Paul Branscombe, Anise, 9 p.m. Raghu Lokanathan. B.C. folksinger performs at ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m. Special Event World Day of Prayer. SS United Church, 1:30 p.m. Classes/Workshops Belly Dance Fusion. 10-week class begins. 5:45-7 p.m. Info: Ania, 653-2059. West African Drumming. 10-wk class begins. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: Ania, 653-2059. Beginner African Dance. 10-wk class begins. 4:15-5:45 p.m. Info: Ania, 653-2059. Meetings/Talks Peace Rally Planning Meeting. 440 Old Scott Road, 1-4 p.m. Info: Christina, 537-1336. Activities Family Roller-blading to Music. Fulford Hall Fridays, 7:30-9. WordPlay Auditions. Croftonbrook, 7:30 p.m. Call Richard, 537-8863.	Music Jeremy Walsh & Sabrina. Folk-country-rock at Anise, 9 p.m. Theatre My Funny Valentine. A Rodgers & Hart tribute with Barbara Blair and her stellar rhythm section. ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Blithe Spirit Auditions. For Graffiti Theatre production. Call 653-0033. Meetings/Talks Pasture Management. Grassland dairy farmer David Lestock-Kay talks at Farmers Institute, 7 p.m. Activities Paint Your Own Ceramics. Drop-in activity at Fables Cottage, 10-3.	Music YJP. Moby's Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m. Meetings/Talks Splash Community Forum. PERC consultant Bill Webster speaks on the aquatic centre survey. ArtSpring, 2:30 p.m. Activities Women's Floor Hockey. Sundays at Fulford Hall, 1 p.m. Info: Deidre, 653-9479. U14 Silver-A Girls Soccer. Coastal Classic semi-final. Portlock Park, 12:30 (to be confirmed). SS Badminton Club. Drop-in Sundays, GISS gym, 8-10 p.m. info: 653-4613. Kaishan Golden Shield. Free lecture and demo with Felicity Kelly. Lions Hall, 1 p.m. Classes/Workshops A Day in the Life of a Stage Manager. With David Baughan. Call Yvonne at 653-0033. What Makes a Good Lighting Designer? With David Baughan. Call Yvonne at 653-0033. Collage Workshop. With Bly Kaye. The Barn, 10-2. Call 653-4453.	Meetings/Talks SEEDS EcoVillage Meeting. At StarBooks every Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Toastmasters Public Speaking Meeting. SS Seniors Centre, Mondays at 7 p.m. Info: Chuck, 653-2015. Special Event International Women's Day. Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo speaks at event, with presentations and choirs. Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Activities Drop-in Floor Hockey. Fulford Hall, 6:30-9. Family/Youth South-end Drop-in. For parents and wee ones, Mondays at Fulford Hall, 10 a.m. to noon. Health Bones for Life Movement Classes. With Anna Haltrecht, 4 p.m. Info: 537-5631.	Meetings/Talks Rainbow Road Rec Centre Site. PARC meeting with contractors, suppliers and service providers who may want to work on project. Portlock Park portable, 7 p.m. Salt Spring Healing Arts Circle. Tuesdays at StarBooks, 5:15. Community Land Trust and Housing Information Meeting at Lions Hall, 7 p.m. Family/Youth Star Books. Kids workshop with Donna Cochran. Fables Cottage, 3:30-4:30. Call 537-0028 to register. Classes/Workshops Welcome to Satsang. Ganges Yoga Studio, 7 p.m.

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- **House of Sand and Fog** — Drama in which an Iranian-American (Ben Kingsley) and a recovering addict (Jennifer Connelly) battle over possession of a California home.
- **Monster** — Charlize Theron stars in truth-based story of Aileen Wuornos, a prostitute executed for killing several men in the late 1980s. Theron won Best Actress Oscar Sunday night.

Cable

SSTV Cable Channel 12 programming is taking its annual winter maintenance break. SSTV will resume broadcasts on Friday, March 12 with a new slate of informative and entertaining programs reflecting life on the rock. We wish to thank our sponsors, Ganges Village Market, Slegg Lumber, the Driftwood and Thrifty Foods, for their support during December and January.

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Exhibitions

- **Marg Threlfall** exhibits intuitive watercolour paintings — "Taking one step into abstraction" — in the ArtSpring lobby through March 31.
- **John Jaques' The Spirit of Salt Spring** exhibit is held over at Barb's Buns until March 7.
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Gumboot ensemble tap folk festival beat

A spring festival of folk dance celebrating cultural diversity is planned for the May 1-2 weekend on Salt Spring.

Organizers are giving ample notice of events so potential participants can make advance plans to attend.

The Saturday night will feature a folk dance extravaganza. Dancers and non-dancers are invited to a potluck dinner with entertainment by the Nordlys Scandinavian Dance Troupe, the renowned Romanian dancer Mihai David and also by Salt Spring's own Wrangellian Gumboot Ensemble and the Por el Amor del Tango dancers.

Throughout the evening, simple folk dances will be taught on the spot for everyone wanting to join the fun.

The festival will also include two half-day workshops for beginners and a further two for intermediates, when Scandinavian and Romanian dances will be taught. Highly experienced teachers and entertaining showmen Mihai David from Los Angeles and John



GUMBOOT GURUS: Members of Salt Spring's Wrangellian Gumboot Ensemble kick up their feet as they prepare for a festival of folk dance, set for the first weekend in May.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Campbell of Portland are the workshop leaders.

David teaches rhythmic and energetic Romanian dance.

In another life, David was the lead dancer of the Romanian Folk Ballet and since defecting to the West

in 1966 has introduced many popular Romanian dances enjoyed in the U.S.

Campbell is the director of Oregon's renowned Scandinavian folkdance performance group called the Nordlys. He will present beautiful yet simple round

and set dances, and will be accompanied on the trip by a dozen dancers and a few musicians.

As part of the festival, both men will share their dances with Salt Spring schoolchildren earlier in the week.

Literary crowd expected for Wednesday's second in series Salt Spring Writes event

Following the popularity of the first Salt Spring Writes event held last month, the second in a series runs next Wednesday night at ArtSpring.

Chris Smart, Lorraine Gane and Peter Levitt are the March 10 reading writers, during an evening hosted by Pearl Luke.

Seventy-five people attended the inaugural literary evening in the series, which is presented by Salt Spring Writers & Friends with support by the Salt Spring Public Library Association and the Canada Council For The Arts.

Proceeds go towards the Salt Spring Writers & Friends Scholarship Fund for a graduating Gulf Islands Secondary School student who wants to become a writer.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with the event at 8.

Chris Smart has lived on Salt Spring for 15 years to raise a daughter, work in health and healing, and to compete with the deer to

grow flowers. Smart's poems have been published in several publications, plus the brand new Coming Home collection with four other Salt Spring poets, and in two chapbooks edited by Patrick Lane. She is currently working on a poetry manuscript and short fiction.

Lorraine Gane's poems, articles, essays and reviews have been published in magazines, journals and newspapers across Canada, the U.S. and Britain.

She has worked as a writer and editor for major Canadian publications and taught writing at universities such as Ryerson and McMaster.

She is the author of the chapbook *Earth Light* (2001) and selections from her first book of poems, *Even the Slightest Touch Thunders on My Skin* (Black Moss Press, 2002), were shortlisted for the Canadian Literary Awards and the Canadian League of Poets chapbook contest.

Peter Levitt has been publishing poetry, fiction, journalism and translations from Chinese, Japanese and Spanish for more than 30 years.

In 1989 he received the prestigious Lannan Foundation Literary Award in Poetry.

His most recent book is *Fingerpainting On The Moon: Writing And Creativity As A Path To Freedom* (Random House).

A longtime practitioner of Zen, and leader of the Salt Spring Island Zen Meditation Group, he is the editor of the *Heart of Understanding*, by Thich Nhat Hanh and *No Beginning, No End: The Intimate Heart Of Zen* by Jakusho Kwong.

In June of 2004, Grove Atlantic Books will publish



Peter Levitt

A Flock of Fools: Ancient Buddhist Tales of Wisdom and Laughter, which was translated and retold by Levitt and Kazuaki Tanahashi.

Host Pearl Luke is author of the novel *Burning Ground*, which won the 2001 Commonwealth Prize for best first book in Canada and the Caribbean. Her second novel, *Madame Zee*, will be published by HarperCollins in 2005.

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Otherwise, workshop registration costs \$55.

For off-islanders requiring accommodation, the fee is \$95.

Registration numbers are limited, so people should call early to avoid disappointment.

For further information, to register or to contribute hospitality, contact Rosemarie Keough at 653-4993, Robbyn Scott (653-4088) or Margaret and David Jardine (537-1390).

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Brits and Canadians nail Albee's Seascape

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Contributor

It's astounding how Edward Albee intuits the heart, body and mind of a woman. His plays delve into relationships so astutely that a female just has to say, "How does he know that?"

Dreamsurf's production of Albee's *Seascape* points to his unerring observations of human nature and the fragility of relationships with supreme wit and masterly writing.

The British troupe, including two British performers and two Canadian ones, nailed the rhythm, the intentions and the humour in the piece. With a basic set, very few technical cues and simple but accurate costumes, the text was all.

We began with Nancy (June Mayhew) and Charlie (Marcus Fernando), a middle-aged couple, sitting on a beach hashing out their relationship. The verbose Nancy, she of the cruise wear and painted toenails, harangues the taciturn and frankly depressed Charlie, into a recollection of his most essential time. At 17 he would hold rocks in his hand and just sit on the bottom of pools and other bodies of water.

"I used to love to sink," he says.

She is a doer and after being the perfect wife and raising the three children, there's no way she's going to hang around and do nothing.

Charlie is wrapped in fear and recedes from

the world whereas Nancy wants to embrace life to the fullest.

Albee's language resonates like Samuel Beckett's during Nancy's impassioned lists, which raise the language to heightened and definitely poetic levels.

And then there's the especially hilarious humour when the two sea creatures Leslie (John Huston) and Sarah (Tina Hofman) enter in green shimmery unitards, with day-glow orange protrusions and lovely tails. The comedy is situational, physical and satirical. The sea creatures are used as counterpoints to the humans so we can see how silly we are.

Director Martina Fernman knows how to structure a scene and set up the comedy. Her integrity in keeping the text flowing allows the audience to really listen to the language and revel in the rhythm of it. Her use of the stage shows a sure hand in her craft.

Fine actors all, they each find the essence of their characters while keeping the play moving and the comic moments flying. June Mayhew's Nancy seesaws between histrionic and contemplation with an underlying passion and zest for living. We all know women like these: demanding and high maintenance, but oh so much fun. A natural response from the partner of such a creature is to passively aggressively ignore her and this Fernando's Charlie tries to do. He's

happy with the status quo but, in Fernando's touching monologues, we see a man who is unfulfilled in his life yet stuck in ennui.

The physicalization of the lizards is very funny with their unblinking stares, their outlandish hisses and leg flips, and their Scandinavian/Eastern European/German accents.

Tina Hofman's lizard stance belies her physical theatre training and Huston is a scream when he puffs up for his macho swellings. They point out the instinctual relationship between males and females. The humans want to impose their values of emotion on them but, to the lizards, it's all about survival of the fittest.

Bravos go to Jill Tarswell for bringing them over to Mahon Hall as they're heading back to England in a couple of days. Keep an eye out for Dreamsurf, as they'll be back. Judging by the crowd last Saturday, all those people will return for sure and bring their friends next time.

Also, we're having our own little Albee festival on Salt Spring starting with *Seascape* and ending with a reading of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* from the readers theatre group WordPlay on April 3-4.

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My Funny Valentine performance salutes Rodgers & Hart talent

When the classy, sensual voice of Barbara Blair meets the elegant, witty and heartrending songs of a classic composing duo, it's time for a tribute.

Playing to enthusiastic audiences throughout the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada, the tribute show called *My Funny Valentine — The Music of Rodgers & Hart* comes to ArtSpring for one performance only on Saturday, March 6.

Featuring Blair's stellar rhythm section, *JazzAffair*, the concert begins at 8 p.m.

Touring with Canada's best musicians, Blair has sung internationally in theatres, concert halls and clubs for more than 15 years. Her education program, *The School of Cool — An Introduction to Jazz*, has been seen by more than 25,000 children.

Joining Blair is pianist Tom Vickery, a founding member of *Dixieland Express*; Tennessee-born bassist Joey Smith; and drummer Lou Williamson, who has a wide reputation as Canada's Gene Krupa. Baritone Michael Eckford, a Victoria Rose Bowl winner, is special guest on the program.

Jazz diva Diana Krall is among the younger generation that has re-popularized Rodgers and Hart classics such as *My Funny Valentine*, *Blue Moon*, *Manhattan*, *The Lady is a Tramp*, *Bewitched* (Bothered and Bewildered), *Where or*



Barbara Blair takes the ArtSpring stage this Saturday for one performance only.

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Information and tickets are available from the ArtSpring box office. Cost is \$18 for adults and \$15 for students.

The show is eligible for the GVM Youth Pass discount.

Show Brazil! postponed

The Brazilian carnival set for this weekend has been postponed.

Organizer Shai Topaz of Caxixi Communications & Promotion said an adequate sponsor could unfortunately not be found in time for the event to proceed.

The Show Brazil! band and dance troupe was set to perform Saturday night at Beaver Point Hall.

Topaz would like to see the event, which is a fundraiser for a non-profit group aiding street kids in Brazil, held during the summer on Salt Spring.



Magic training course

The Salt Spring organization known as Witching Our World Awake is presenting another weekend of magic training on March 26-28.

The event called Faery Realms invites participants to "find our many paths to the wild green realms of faery" led by Sage Goode, a priestess in the Reclaiming tradition of witchcraft.

Sage has a Masters in Education and training in dance, theatre and psychic skill development. She teaches Reclaiming witch camps and workshops throughout North America, and develops and organizes new rituals and courses in her home community of Vancouver.

According to a press release, the Reclaiming tradition is an earth-based spirituality rooted in respect for nature; which understands that the earth is alive and all of life is sacred and interconnected.

"Reclaiming practice arises from a deep spiritual commitment to the Earth, to healing and to the linking of magic with political action."

The workshop will use meditation, improvisation, chanting, singing, journaling and image-making to re-awaken people's connections to the wild and spirit realms. Time will be spent in nature, attuning senses to specific energies and faery allies.

Work will be done with balance, core strength and the movement to and from these realms, building healthy and sustainable relationships (with spirit allies) and practices.

Some magical background is needed for this event.

For more information or to register, call Nona at 537-9186.



DANCE ON: Dancers and fiddlers get in the groove of country music at Fulford Elementary School. The school held its annual fundraising dinner, dance and auction in the gymnasium last Friday evening.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Stroke recovery support group considers Salt Spring start-up

After receiving several inquiries from Salt Spring Island concerning community support for stroke survivors, the Stroke Recovery Association of British Columbia (SRABC) is interested in starting a local stroke recovery group.

The SRABC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting stroke survivors and their families, whose lives have been altered by stroke, to recover to the best of their abilities.

According to a press release from the SRABC, stroke recovery groups provide a social and empowering environment where stroke survivors and caregivers find mutual understanding, acceptance and support.

Typically, groups meet weekly in the community for three hours. Groups provide fitness and recreational activities, speech maintenance and mental fitness programs, educational sessions, caregiver

support and outings.

"Local stroke recovery groups are our raison d'être," says SRABC president Nancy Miller. "With 38 branches across B.C., we see the impacts of our stroke recovery groups every day. Members not only have access to holistic programming but they also form invaluable friendships and find strength and support from their peers."

To ensure success and continuity, starting a stroke recovery group requires community support, including community space (at minimal charge or by donation), assistance with transportation, financial support and a coordinator to facilitate the group. The SRABC provides a start-up fund, a monthly coordinator's honorarium, regional training for volunteers and coordinators, and support throughout the start-up phase.

Stroke survivors or anyone knowing someone who has

suffered a stroke and would be interested in attending a support group should call Colleen Belliveau at 537-0875.

Service providers and health professionals with ideas and those who are willing to provide in-kind donations, financial support or sponsorship can call Wendy Johnstone at the Stroke Recovery Association of B.C. at (604) 688-3603 or email groups@strokerecoverybc.ca.

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Panama is focus of world-wide prayer

Salt Spring Christians will join those around the world in focussing on the country of Panama during the annual World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 5.

This year the event takes place at Salt Spring United Church, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Women from Panama have written the service, which reflects on the theme "In Faith, Women Shape the Future."

According to World Day of Prayer 2004 press materials, "Panama is one of the most ethnically diverse countries in the world, and its fertile tropical climate supports an abundance of plants and bird life. It is also one of the most

unequal countries in the world in terms of the disparity between rich and poor. Much of the economy and wealth is concentrated in the services sector that supports the Panama Canal, while much of the extreme poverty is found in isolated areas of the country and in indigenous communities."

World Day of Prayer participants will learn more about the country of Panama while joining Christians in some 170 countries and 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather to pray and take action in solidarity with the people of Panama.

The World Day of Prayer has its roots in an ecumenical day of prayer organized by women in Canada and the U.S. in 1920.

It is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

On Salt Spring the coordinating group has representation from the United Church, Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island and Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

The United Church (537-5812) or Shirley Bunyan (537-1647) can be contacted for more information.

The Driftwood's First Annual Women In Business edition will showcase the spirit of women entrepreneurs, business owners, and employees. Call Peter, Rick or Penny for more info - 537-9933



GETTING EDUCATED: Melitta Kandler is among those signing up for courses at Saturday's Continuing Education Registration Fair at United Church. Registration continues this Wednesday and Thursday at the library, 1-4 p.m.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Goods on grazing at talk

Pasture management is the topic of the night when grassland dairy farmer David Lestock-Kay visits the island on Saturday, March 6.

A noted Comox Valley farmer, Lestock-Kay will speak on pasture management at 7 p.m. in the Farmers Institute meeting room.

According to a press release, grazing is considered the least expensive way to feed livestock.

"If you can reduce your supplementary feeding season by as little as two weeks in the fall and two weeks in the spring, you can save a considerable amount on your feed bill," stated Farmers Institute director John Fulker.

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On February 10, George and Flo Laundry were first, Wayne Langley and Emely Walburger-Kovac were second, Isabelle Richardson and Joan Conlan were in third place, and fourth were Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt.

With six and a half tables on February 23, there was a Mitchel movement, with the following results:

N/S: first, Richardson and Conlan; second, Jill Evans and Blanche Poborsa; and third, Ima Krayenhoff and Patricia MacFarlane.

E/W: First, John Jefferson and Bob Morrisette; and in second place, Sue Mouat and Tony Luton tied with the Laundrys.

Peace feast added to festival line-up

The March 20 peace rally is expanding, with a Community Feast for Peace now added the day before.

According to a press release from organizer Christina Phipps, the feast will be held in conjunction with a sign and banner-making workshop and musical event at Fulford Hall.

The March 19 gathering will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phipps said the idea sprung from a free lunch held February 23 by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, where the need for increased local food redistribution was discussed.

Soups, sandwiches, fruit and veggies will be provided, and people are encouraged to bring food to share. The feast begins at 11 a.m.

Phipps said people will also be "creating for peace in preparation for the peace rally the following day. Everyone is invited to make

banners, signs and other peace creations for the march. We are hoping to be able to provide enough art supplies for everyone, so donations of material are graciously accepted. We also encourage everyone to bring your musical talents to make this a festive and fun-filled event."

Volunteers are needed for food prep, set up and clean up. Donations of fruits, veggies, eggs, baked goods or money for food are also appreciated.

"We are hoping to potentially make the feast a weekly event at the hall, seeing the need for free food and community gathering," said Phipps.

People interested in getting involved in any way should contact Christina, Sarah or Tomiko at 653-9987.

A peace rally planning meeting is also scheduled for Friday, March 5, from 1-4 p.m. at 440 Old Scott Road.

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10:00 am	Daily	11:00 am	Daily
12:00 noon	Daily	1:00 pm	Daily
2:00 pm	Daily	3:00 pm	Daily
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Frontier teacher Mouat nurtured diverse learners

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Islander W.J. "Bill" Mouat left a legacy of educational opportunities and generations of inspired students when he died February 4.

"I don't know if it was a calling or if it was just easy at first, but teaching was his thing," said son Mac Mouat of Salt Spring. "He really loved his job as a teacher, principal, school inspector and as a superintendent."

The retired teacher was visited by devoted ex-students who were as old as 75 themselves, Mac said.

"He figured everybody deserved a chance for an education."

As a teacher focussed on his students' needs, Bill Mouat tried to provide something for everyone, said Mac.

"He started trade programs and cooking programs. Other schools weren't doing that but he was ready to try it."

Born to Salt Spring Islanders Isabelle and Gilbert Mouat in 1910, Bill started his teaching career in 1929 at a one-room schoolhouse near Topley, B.C. (north of Burns Lake) teaching grades 1-8 to 23 students.

"He was fascinated by his time in the Cariboo. It was a real frontier back then."

The islander quickly established a reputation as an educator who supported all kinds of learners, said his daughter Heather McConnell.

"Dad believed that the curriculum should meet the needs of all students, not just academic students."

He went on to teach in Westholme, South Cowichan and Prince Rupert before he became a principal of Coquitlam High School in 1938.

During his stint at Coquitlam, Mouat started a program for students to build a house as an industrial arts project, which was

unheard of in the province at that time, said McConnell.

"Students who were normally dropping out at the end of Grade 9 stayed to be involved in the building."

He went on to become the inspector of schools for Williams Lake and Quesnel district from 1950-1955, where he worked hard to support isolated teachers.

"Dad replaced log cabins with portable classrooms, hired good-quality staff, encouraged outlying students to come to Williams Lake for high school, ensured good residential board was available and expanded the curriculum. The graduation rate had increased significantly by the time we left," McConnell said.

From 1955-1960, Mouat served as superintendent for districts in Salmon Arm, Revelstoke and Enderby during a contentious period of fiscal restraint, McConnell said.

Mouat went on to work as superintendent of schools in Abbotsford from 1960-1974.

"I guess he did a good job because they certainly seemed to appreciate him," said Mac.

After a 45-year career supporting learners in different parts of the province, Abbotsford School District named a new high school after W.J. Mouat when he retired in 1974.

McConnell said the school developed a reputation in keeping with Mouat's beliefs.

"It has an excellent, broad-scoped curriculum, good student morale, committed staff and it works to involve students in the community. These are all things Dad valued highly," she said.

Mouat inspired Heather to pursue a career in education herself. And his granddaughter is now a middle school teacher as well.

Now that the respected

teacher has died, W.J. Mouat received another honour for his contributions with a memorial scholarship in Abbotsford.

W.J. Mouat lived on Salt Spring at the end of his life.


He is predeceased by his wife Jean and survived by his sister Dr. Peggy Johnston, son Mac (and his wife Kristana), daughter Heather and her husband Jim, granddaughters Adele Gelling and Rhonda McConnell and a great granddaughter, Allison Gelling.

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Arnett tackles frontier myths

Islanders wishing to know more about the early days of non-native settlement on Salt Spring Island will not want to miss next week's monthly meeting of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society.

Local historian and author Chris Arnett will examine the process of colonization that led to the establishment in 1859 of three early non-native settlements at Fernwood, Ganges and

Burgoyne Bay.

Particular attention will be paid to the interaction with local First Nations who, contrary to popular belief, played an active role in both accommodating and resisting settlement on their ancestral lands.

"A lot of frontier mythology has built up over the last 145 years," Arnett says. "I hope to lay to rest some of these misconceptions."


Arnett's talk will take place at the always popular historical society monthly meeting at 2 p.m. on March 10 at Central Hall.

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Hancock, who has spent most of his life studying West Coast and Arctic wildlife, will present slides and answer questions about bald eagles.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy event is at Lions Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Hancock is currently studying bald eagles along the northwest coast, and working

on a sandhill crane breeding project.


He has published scientific and popular books and papers on whales, seals, seabirds, grouse and his specialty, the northern raptors.

He recently completed an eagle book called The Bald Eagle of Alaska, B.C. and Washington.

Hancock frequently addresses conservation societies on the protection and creation of better bald eagle habitat.

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High-flying islanders flip for gymnastics

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A high-quality gymnastics program has vaulted onto the island with little fanfare, but local members are collecting accolades around the region.

"I guess what we've learned over the last four years is that if you dream big and work hard, you never know where you will end up," said Salt Spring Gymnastics parent volunteer Beth Drummond.

"When we first started, the girls dreamed of being able to go to a gymnastics competition. Now, many of them have their eyes on moving into the higher provincial levels and perhaps competing for Team BC someday."

Over the last three years, Salt Spring Gymnastics has instructed an average of 140 children per year and provided 22 hours of classes a week from September through June, she said.

"This year we were able to welcome our first boy to the competitive program — the very beginning of a men's program we hope will grow."

A recent visit to a class at Fulford Hall found a bunch of



Rachel Drummond flips on the spring floor.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin



LOCAL GYMNASTS: Tess Eddington, Rachel Drummond, Kaitlin Brunt and Samantha Brunt stretch on the bars.

Photos by Mitchell Sherrin

enthusiastic gymnasts hanging from balance beams and performing mid-air flips on a "spring floor" that works much like a trampoline.

"I like flying through the air," said gymnast Katrina Villadsen.

Villadsen, Rachel Drummond and Jessica Fettis are in their third year of competition. Other girls at the club are in their second year and some just began competing this year.

"I like bars the best," said Fettis.

Rachel Drummond agrees that gymnastics is a lot of fun. She enjoys "all the flips."

Asked what they like about competition, Villadsen replied, "We keep doing it because it's fun . . . It's the thrill of winning."

The Salt Spring club has a remarkable record when attending competitions, noted Beth Drummond. Almost every islander placed in the top 10 at their most recent event in Comox.

The club is currently preparing to attend Twisters Invitational in Abbotsford on March 18 and Mount Arrowsmith at Port Alberni the following week.

"When I look at where we come from and the training conditions of the children we compete against, it is incredible that our kids place at pretty well every meet we attend."

Even coaches and parents of other clubs comment on it, she said.

"It's a testimony to the heart of the kids, the great coaching staff and the hard work of the many people who have been involved in the club over the years."

Local coach Noella Fraser just completed Level 2 certification, which allows her to coach both recreational and competitive athletes.

"I do it because I love it," said Fraser. "It's watching the achievement of the girls."

Head coach Barbara Vadovicova Fong commutes from Victoria to Salt Spring three days a week.

"I like the boats," Fong said dryly. "I'm enjoying the work with people here on Salt

Spring. You can't find as nice people in Victoria."

She downplays her own background in gymnastics but Fong coached the Slovakian and Icelandic national teams before coming to Canada in 2001.

"The only way to get out of my country was by coaching," Fong said.

Drummond noted that Fong also competed with the Czechoslovakian National Gymnastics Team in the 1980s and won top honours in sport aerobics. Fong has a Ph.D. in the biomechanics of sport.

"Of course if it wasn't for her background and experience, the kids in the club wouldn't have progressed nearly as far as they have. And even if they're not racking up medals at competitions, it's her guidance and direction which is helping them become the best gymnasts they can be," said Drummond.

She's amazed at how far the

club has come in the past four years.

"Our plan in the beginning was just to have a competitive gymnastics team based on Salt Spring. Over the years, through major fundraising efforts, we have been able to acquire a full gym's worth of equipment."

The club added a Tumble-Trac trampoline and some boys equipment this year, she noted.

"When it became too difficult to get time to train at the middle school, Fulford Hall kindly let us use their space — even though we've brought an ever-increasing amount of equipment, which has caused a storage crisis for the hall."

The club joined fundraising efforts to build more storage at the hall for gymnastics and other user groups, she said.

"Our goal has been to raise \$15,000 for this project and I believe we are over the \$10,000-mark right now."

Parent volunteers currently set up and tear down a full gym's worth of equipment several times a week, she noted.

"Certainly a permanent home where we could stay set up all the time and add more training time would be great . . . but the economy of a small club on a small island really makes this quite impossible."

A permanent facility at the new recreation centre slated for Rainbow Road would cost in excess of \$800,000, she said.

"It's wonderful that we've been able to make Fulford Hall our home, and with the addition of more storage, it should make set-up and tear-down much easier for everyone — and we can get our full-sized trampoline out of storage and used for classes."

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SIMS boys team slams Shawnigan

Salt Spring Island Middle School's (SIMS) Grade 8 boys are set for the upcoming Mid-Island Basketball Championships after a 69-49 victory over Shawnigan Lake at home last week.

"It was a good team effort," said SIMS teacher Ken Cameron.

"They passed well and played pretty good defence."

Stephen Greenwood led scoring with 18 points during the match February 23 but everyone else chipped in, Cameron said.

The SIMS boys will return to Shawnigan Lake Friday and Saturday

for the Central Vancouver Island AA tournament.

While the SIMS Grade 8 girls basketball team didn't play last week, they'll be busy this weekend. The islanders will field one of 16 teams at the provincials held at Pitt Meadows on March 4-6.

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Harrison Jason meets a Gorge player head on in Sunday's hard fought battle between Salt Spring FC and Gorge. More game photos at: www.john-cameron.ca

FC grinds Gorge in 3-2 loss

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring FC took a strong run at the league leaders in a 3-2 loss against Gorge at Portlock Park Sunday.

"As far as I'm concerned, it was probably the best game I've ever seen our team play," said FC manager Ken Marr.

"It was very solid. We have nothing to hang our heads about with that loss. We started off strong. It was a good, fair, hard-hitting game."

Salt Spring opened the scoring early in the game off a play initiated by Tom McColm.

"Tommy worked hard eight minutes in and was able to strip a defender of the ball around midfield. He brought it in and the keeper came out to challenge him and he did a nice little chip over his head."

Gorge levelled the field with a goal off a cross 25 minutes into the match.

"We lost a little bit of composure. We had a 20-minute period there where

we were scrambling a bit and they were able to put some pressure on us."

Gorge surged ahead with a second goal due to miscommunication between Salt Spring defender Colin Walde and keeper Jono McDonald.

"They both ended up on the ground and Gorge was able to just tap it into the net."

With a minute left in the half, Gorge chipped a 20-yard shot over McDonald's head to seize a decisive advantage, Marr said.

"It was a beautiful goal, nothing he could have done about it."

Going into the half with a 3-1 deficit was disheartening but the team knew they were playing well, Marr said.

"They kept their spirits up and the second half was a fantastic battle. It was back and forth, back and forth."

With five minutes left, FC scored on a combination play that began in their own defensive zone.

"Jeremy Morrison put a beautiful ball out to the left wing for Tom McColm, who

went all the way down the wing and put a cross to Mark Nordine. Mark took one shot at it and the keeper made a save. Mark got the rebound and put it in the back of the net."

Salt Spring pressed for the remainder of the game looking for a tie. The islanders took pride in the close game since Gorge leads the Vancouver Island Soccer League (VISL) and recently contended for top spot in the country.

"To come up on the short end of a 3-2 loss to one of the best teams in Canada... is nothing to hang their heads about."

As the VISL season winds to a close, FC holds sixth place with two games remaining as they attempt to keep a berth in the first division.

FC next faces Juan de Fuca (in ninth place with four games remaining) off island Sunday before their last game of the season against Bays United White (seventh and five games left).

The islanders still hold

two points over eighth-place Cowichan, who have only one game remaining.

If FC can keep an eighth or better spot, they will play in the first division next year.

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Storm squall silences Dragons

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Dragons kept a talented Island Storm team bottled under pressure for much of a match Sunday, but the local women fell 2-0 during a brief lapse at the end of the game.

"We certainly gave them a good run, which is a really positive thing for us," said coach-player Sue King. "They're a team vying for first place and we kept them to 0-0."

Salt Spring was delighted to harry the Storm so heavily, said King.

"They were panicking at the end of the first half and they didn't really know what was going on."

The Island Storm coach was more concerned about fending off the Dragons than organizing their own offence, she said.

"Basically, they just couldn't get their game

together. We seemed to be on top of them enough to throw them off their game."

Centre defender Cheryle Johnson had a great game despite playing with a broken thumb, and Lorna Walde was strong at the back of the field, said King.

"She didn't get any offensive opportunities in this game but she was solid back there."

The first goal came 30 minutes into the second half.

"There was a nice ball put through the middle to their strongest player and she took this amazing shot from 25 yards out, an absolute rocket, into the top right corner."

Keeper Tami Benoit played a great game, especially given that she wasn't feeling well, King said.

"This one shot was amazing, she didn't stand a chance. That was just a bit of a breakdown in the midfield

for us."

The goal was deflating because Salt Spring had dominated most of the game with strong attacks down the wings, she said. After the first goal, Island Storm subbed in another strong player who scored on a point-blank shot with five minutes remaining.

"She managed to just get past her check in the middle and fired a beautiful shot off. She put it in the right side of the net. Tami didn't have a chance."

After the game at Fisherman's Wharf last week, the Island Storm will visit Salt Spring for a rematch Sunday (field and time information not available at press time).

"It will be really interesting because we know what we're up against but they also know what we're capable of. It will be fun to play them back to back."

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Silver U14 girls shoot for semi-final glory this Sunday

On TOP: Salt Spring's U14 girls squad and coach Meror Krayenhoff get set for the Coastal Classic Cup semi-finals this weekend at Portlock Park.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin



By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

An excited squad of undefeated Salt Spring U14 Silver-A girls will host the Coastal Classic Cup semi-final match Sunday with an aim at sweeping the province.

"I think it's good that we're finally getting some good competition," said U14 player Sammy Bird.

Topping off a near-perfect season in league play (14 wins, two ties, no losses), the islanders swept the Lower Island Soccer Association Classic C Cup to earn a berth in the coastal semi-final.

"This will be a really big reward for trying hard all year," said player Caitlyn Pal.

Most recently, the islanders beat Prospect Lake 2-0 to win the Classic C Cup on February 15. Earlier victories saw the local girls defeat Lakehill 6-0 on February 8

and the Peninsula Hurricanes 8-0 on January 31 as part of their drive to the provincials.

"I think it will be really fun to play against a team that is really good," said Hannah Snetsinger.

The silver team of 18 players is built from two squads that competed separately last year. Almost half played up with Mike Byron's U14 Royals and the other half played on Steve Pal's U13 Sliders.

Asked if this year's U14 team has a name, the girls shrugged.

"We're indescribable," said Helena Bryn-McLeod.

The girls even offered a chance to move up to the gold division late in the season but declined.

"I think we wanted to win silver and then go up to gold," said Amy Zacharias.

"We wanted the glory," grinned Bryn-McLeod.

The girls have confidence

in each other and their coaching staff, headed by Meror Krayenhoff.

"We couldn't have got here without our coach," said Megan Robinson.

The girls also thanked club technical director Sue Spencer, manager Joanna Pal, orange-bringer Jenny Gromme, driving organizer Margaret Horsford and senior player Danika Pal, who shared some of her tricks.

"Danika taught us the intimidating Brazilian warm-up," laughed Kate Parker.

"We would like to thank all our supporters and all our parents, who drove us to practices and games," said Kristi Lee.

"We love our fans," added Natalya Alonso.

The U14 girls will play a mainland team in the semi-final at Portlock Park Sunday, tentatively scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

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'Wireless' Mike sets record

Disc golfer Mike Boughton took time off work to set a new "California-style" record during the weekly doubles match at Mouat Park Sunday.

Due to an odd number of players, Boughton volunteered to play solo in the doubles competition and his decision paid dividends.

He tied the course record with a 37 (17-under par), set a new local record for "California-style" golf (where a player receives one extra shot per hole) and

he took the ace pot with a stellar shot on pin number eight.

"Mikey's on fire," said fellow competitor Gordon Murphy.

A duo of Murphy and Jacob Burton placed second with a 42 (12 under par).

But Boughton owes thanks to his employer for giving him time off work to complete the record-setting round.

Noting that his game was showing promise midway through the round, he called work on a borrowed

cell phone and received permission to start an hour later.

In other disc golf news:

Local disc association president Scott Chapman and island cohort Ted Hickford represented Salt Spring with fine form at the Jericho Hill Duck Golf tournament in Vancouver Saturday.

Chapman placed fourth among the open-pro division with a 121 (13 over par) and Hickford placed fifth with a 122 after three players tied with 106 to take the top three spots. Vancouver player Dave Brown won the playoff.

"It was a nice place to play, but gruelling," said Chapman.

The longest hole was 630 feet and the course was hilly, he said.

Islander Tanya Van Ginkel also attended the tournament (score not available at press time) among the 67 total participants.

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GLOSSI DANCE Saturday March 13, 8:00 p.m. - midnight. Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet. Tix at the door, \$7, \$10 non members. Great prizes & surprises.

ACTORS WORKSHOP with Ron Max. All ages, limited seating. Call for more info 537-9738.

SPRING DANCE Class Series, 10 week sessions, starting Friday March 5th. Beginner African 4:15 - 5:45; Belly dance Fusion 5:45 - 7:00; West African drumming 7:00 - 8:30. Session fee \$10/class or Drop-in \$13 per class. Ania 653-2059.

BILL BOURNE and band in concert. Wed., March 17, at the Core Inn, 134 McPhillips. 8 p.m. \$8 at the door. Everyone welcome. Proceeds to support youth programs.

20 COMING EVENTS

DO YOU Wish to learn to communicate effectively and without fear? Welcome to Toastmasters! Mondays, 7 - 9 p.m., Seniors Centre. Phone Bob. 537-8884.

WOMEN'S FLOOR hockey: Sundays, 1:00 p.m. Fulford Hall. Friendly, fun, great exercise. All skill/fitness levels welcome. Call Deidre 653-9479.

ATTEND ECKANKAR'S SEMINAR "How to survive spiritually in our times," May 21-23, Richmond, BC. www.eckankar-bc.org, call 604-434-3371. Reinvent yourself spiritually, thrive in this changing world.

Salt Spring Community Housing & Land Trust Society

INTERESTED IN HOUSING?

Community Information Meeting
Tues., March 9, 04
7PM Lions Hall
103 Bonnet Ave, Ganges
Inquiries Melva Geldreich
653-9555

UPCOMING CED EVENTS

FREE WORKSHOP FOR FARMERS & GROWERS

Presenters: Samuel Godfrey and Tina Baynes (Islands Organic Producers Association), Dan Jason (Salt Spring Seeds)

Topics covered: How to start an organic farm, what are the requirements for organic certification, why be certified organic, saving seeds and more.

Saturday March 20, 10am to 3pm at the Farmers Institute.

The day will include breakout sessions in the morning and a complimentary lunch.

For more information, contact the CED office: 537-4219
cedproject@saltspring.com
saltspring.gulfislands.com/cedproject

Salt Spring Island Conservancy

UPCOMING CONSERVANCY EVENTS

- March 12 **DAVID HANCOCK** on Eagles **SLIDE SHOW & TALK**
- March 20 Dr. Bill Austin & Exploring the Marine Life by Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) half day boat excursion: must pre-register
- April 23 **BOB BURGESS** on Water Catchment Systems
- April 24 On-Site Walk
- May 8 International Migratory Bird Day **BIRDING** with BOB, 8:30AM
- May 16 **BIRDING** with BOB, 1PM
- May 18 **SSIC AGM; EMILY GONZALES** Protecting the Garry Oak Meadows and an explanation of research on Andreas Vogt
- Nature Reserve
- May 19 **ANDREAS VOGT N.R. WALK**
- CONSERVANCY'S TEN YEAR CELEBRATION**
- May 29 **ROBERT BATEMAN** Slide Show: **MAKING PLEASING PLACES** And Live and Silent Auction (Meadon Hall)!!!
- May 30 **Tour to Pleasing places on SSI**
- June 18 **JAN KIRKBY; SENSITIVE ECOSYSTEMS** ON SALT SPRING ISLAND
- June 19 **WALK TO 3 SENSITIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

Presentations start at 7:00pm at the Lions Hall
All walks meet at 10am at ArtSpring Parking Lot
Please PRE-REGISTER for walks - SSIC 538-0318
Space Limited

20 COMING EVENTS

The NDP
invites you to meet us in **MOUAT'S MALL MON-SAT, 10-4** starting March 8

Register to vote
Pick up your canvas kit
Discuss the issues
for more info call 537-9884

graffiti THEATRE

TWO WORKSHOPS FOR ONE
Equity Stage Manager for over ten years, David Baughan will teach you everything you ever wanted to know about **Stage Management** and the art of **Lighting Design**. Sunday, March 7, 10-3pm at ArtSpring - \$35. Call 653-0033 to reserve your place.

GENERAL AUDITIONS
Experienced actors wanted to audition Sat., March 6 at ArtSpring. Call 653-0033 for more info.

SWOVA invites you to our **International Women's Day Celebration**

Monday, March 8 at 7:00pm Meaden Hall 120 Blain Rd

The Honourable Iona Campagnola, Lieutenant Governor of BC will be speaking

Women of Note & The Honour Choir are scheduled to perform

SWOVA's Youth Team members will be honoured for their valuable contributions

All are welcome!
For more info call 537-1336

20 COMING EVENTS

SSI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING, 2:00PM
AT CENTRAL HALL

MARCH 10, 2004
CHRIS ARNETT
"THE COLONIZATION OF SALT SPRING ISLAND"
1859-1863

APRIL 14, 2004
MANUEL AZEVEDO
PORTUGUESE HISTORY OF SALT SPRING ISLAND

MAY 12, 2004
AGM
CHARLES KAHN
"SALT SPRING REFLECTIONS"
TEA/COFFEE TO FOLLOW

YOGA

Ongoing classes with Dorothy Price

Classes Resume

March 6
Monday
4:30pm-6:00pm
'Back Care' Basics
SS Centre of Yoga

Monday
6:30pm-8:00pm
Beginners / Level 1
SS Centre of Yoga

Tuesday
6:30pm-8:00pm
Beginners / Level 1
The Pottery Studio

Wednesday
6:30pm-8:00pm
Level 1
The Pottery Studio

Saturday
11:45am-12:45pm
'Back Care' Basics
Ganges Yoga Studio

Phone Dorothy
653-9453

SPRING BREAK AT ARTSPRING

ArtSpring has organized a week of FREE workshops to engage, inspire and showcase young artists. Workshop space is limited and filling up quickly, so you must registration in advance.

Celebrating the creativity of our youth at ArtSpring.

537-2102

20 COMING EVENTS

Camille Henderson
(Singer to Sarah McLachlan, 54-40, Delerium & more) is coming to Salt Spring!
Singers of all levels are invited to attend an

Introductory
Voice Workshop
Sunday, March 28
2:30 - 5:30
\$75

* Sign up a friend for 1/2 price!
Private tuition also available
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FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY,
MARCH 13
9-2
FARMERS INSTITUTE
351 RAINBOW RD
TABLE & INFO
537-4535

BINGO
MEADEN HALL
Royal Canadian Legion

THURSDAY
March 4 - 7:00pm
Early Birds - 6:30pm

Sponsored by
Ladies Auxiliary
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92.

All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.

SALT SPRING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING

MONDAY MAR 8 7.30PM
GANGES FIREHALL

Monthly Meetings are open to the public and anyone with questions is urged to attend.

25 EDUCATION

PENNY WISE JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP for women. The winner will receive a total of \$2,500 to study journalism in the eight-month journalism certificate course at Langara College in Vancouver. Visit www.bccommunitynews.com for details. Deadline: April 30, 04

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29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST: GLOVE, black, wool, with white tips. Call 537-0815.

LOST: 2 INFLATABLE orange kayak seats, lost on St. Mary Lake, Feb. 25. 537-2863.

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For more information on this safe and effective alternative to cosmetic surgery, phone:
DR. CHARLES ALSBERG 653-4216

Employment

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55 HELP WANTED

VESUVIUS PUB looking for outgoing, friendly servers and bartender from now through the summer. Drop resume off at the pub or fax to 537-9931.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) Project is seeking an individual to fill a 6 month participant position as office assistant. Applicants must be on a current EI claim, or have had a claim in the last 3 years. Resumes can be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce or contact Perry at 537-4223.

GIFT SOCIETY invites applications for relief work as Support Workers for adults with disabilities for both residential and vocational activities; experience and training in the disability field, ability to drive, availability on evenings and weekends is required. Please send a cover letter and resume to 1GIFTS 52 McPhillips, SSI BC V8K 2V8 by March 12.

CONSERVATION JOB opportunities. Salt Spring Island Conservancy seeks expressions of interest for contract employment on SSI starting spring, subject to funding. Background in biology and/or environmental education preferred. Pick up information sheet at Conservancy office: #203, Upper Ganges Centre or http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/conservancy. Only those considered for the short list will be contacted. Please send cover letter and resume to SSIC Jobs, P.O. Box 722, SSI, BC. V8K 2W3 by March 12.

TREE HOUSE South is starting to gear up and is looking for , enthusiastic, energetic front staff. Serving and/or Barrista experience necessary. We also have 2 openings for a cleaner/closer person. Please contact John 537-8296.

PHARMASAVE IS looking for a cosmetics merchandiser and a shipper/receiver. Both positions are full time with excellent benefits. Please drop a resume off with Gary or Lorraine at our downtown location.

MOBY'S PUB is accepting applications for experienced, reliable cooks for long term employment. Contact Jamie 537-5559 or drop by a resume.

SALES POSITION, part-time, must be available for work anytime. Retail clothing experience preferred. Please apply in person to Rachel at Mark's Work Warehouse, Wed. Mar. 3 to Sat. Mar. 6 between the hours of 2 - 4 p.m. only.

VESUVIUS PUB is looking for an experienced line cook. Must have at least Level 1 Food Safe. Also: bartender and servers needed. Fax, Mail or drop off resume to 805 Vesuvius Bay Road V8K 1L6 fax: 537-9931.

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EDITOR REQUIRED for Bow Island (Alberta) Commentator. Journalism diploma/degree needed with reporter experience. Fax or email resume to Coleen Campbell 403-223-1408 or ccampbell@my403.com.

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Salt Spring Centre School has an opportunity for a **Primary Teacher** .8FTE incl. music program

Starting Sept 2004 Must have:

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 - Early Literacy
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Resume's to:
Gail Bryn-Jones, Principal
Salt Spring Centre School
355B Blackburn Rd.
SSI, BC V8K 2B8
Ph: 537-9130
Fax: 537-9132
sscs@saltspring.com

55 HELP WANTED

SSI EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Are you unemployed and need help with your job search? Are you thinking about re-training? If you are receiving Employment Insurance Benefits (or have received these benefits within the last 3 years) we have a variety of programs available to assist you. *Counsellor comes to SSI once a week and services are free.*

Please call **Marta** at **1-888-993-2299**

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117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-877-435-7544.

32 MEETINGS

THE GULF Islands Spinning Mill A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, March 27 at 1p.m. at the Farmers Institute, 351 Rainbow Rd, Salt Spring Island.

POOL SURVEY - Get the whole story at a Community Forum sponsored by Ssplash. Sunday, March 7, 2:30 p.m. at ArtSpring.

MEETING, BOARD of directors of Central Community Hall, Tuesday, March 16, 2004. 7 p.m. Public welcome.

FULFORD COMMUNITY HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2004
7:30PM FULFORD HALL
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PET OWNERS - enter your pet's photo in the Driftwood's Pet Hall of Fame contest for just \$9.95 + gst. You could win a prize and help the Salt Spring SPCA. Entry deadline March 5th. Contact the Driftwood for more information.

GOLF. SALT Spring Business Ladies play 9 holes every Tuesday evening, starting in April. New members welcome. Breakfast meeting March 7, 10 a.m. at Salt Spring Golf Club. For more info, please call Joyce Scott 653-9360.

POOL SURVEY - Get the whole story at a Community Forum sponsored by Ssplash. Sunday, March 7, 2:30 p.m. at ArtSpring.

WITNESSES NEEDED to help find a newer red car driven by older man who hit two vehicles in Grace Point Square, Friday, February 27. Approx. 3:30 p.m. 537-8890.

School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

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34 NOTICES

NOTICE RE: BUILDERS LIEN ACT
Lancer Contracting Ltd. (653-4437) has substantially performed the work for the residence and garage located at 168 Acland Rd, SSI. The 45 day lien period commences March 3/04. **Alora Griffin, Architect**

ADVERTISING DEADLINES

DISPLAY Friday, 5 pm
CLASSIFIED Monday, 5 pm
TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY Tuesday, noon

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RAINBOW ROAD RECREATION CENTRE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Rainbow Road Recreation Centre Project is a multi-stage development that is intended to eventually provide indoor swimming and tennis facilities, as well as a variety of recreational support amenities. PARC is interested in forming partnerships with businesses and organizations that will help create the best facility possible at the most economically feasible cost.

Stage 1 of the project includes site preparation, installation of off-site utility services, road work, construction of a gravel parking lot and access driveway, fencing, and construction of a drainage control basin. Work is planned to commence in the spring of 2004.

Incentives may be available to qualified companies interested in contributing services, equipment or material to create overall value to the project.

A meeting of interested contractors/suppliers/service providers will be held Tuesday, March 9 to provide information. If you are interested in helping your community achieve this long-awaited goal, please join us. If you are unable to attend that day, but would still like to be involved, please contact:

Dave Gibbon, Project Manager
Salt Spring Island Parks, Arts and Recreation
250-537-4448

INFORMATION MEETING
Tuesday, March 9, 2004, 7:00pm
Portlock Park Meeting Room (behind the office)
145 Vesuvius Bay Road

040 PERSONALS

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 537-8978

SALT SPRING Mood Disorder Association meets every 2 weeks on Tuesdays for family & patient support and education. Please call Pam 537-2186 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous Services Meetings
Salt Spring — 537-7573
Galiano — 539-2222
Pender — 629-3631
Women's only - Thursday nights 5:30 p.m. - 537-7573

LADY MINTO HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
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WANTED: BEDS with frames. Any size, in good condition. Also, portable dishwasher and chain saw. Will pick up. 537-5168.

LOOKING FOR spiral staircase and canoe or small rowboat. Call 537-5337.

360 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
UPRIGHT PIANO, good condition, nice tone, with bench \$1000 537-1064.

RECONDITIONED MAISON-RISCH Piano and bench. Tuned, delivered. Was \$2300, now \$1550 obo. 250 382-4527, 250 217-0207.

370 PETS/LIVESTOCK

RIPLEES RANCH Super Premium pet foods, grooming products. Satisfaction guaranteed. Home delivery. Gulf Islands Pet Supplies, Authorized Distributor. Call Janine at 653-2095.

CUTE PET? Enter your pet's photo in the Driftwood's Pet Hall of Fame contest for just \$9.95 + gst. You could win a prize and help the Salt Spring SPCA. Entry deadline March 5th. Contact the Driftwood for more information.

379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

THIS COLUMN is designed for free recyclable items only (no animals). There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads can be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday 5 pm.) or by phone 537-9933, fax 537-2613 or email.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIS, harness, poles, boots, men's and women's sets. Good shape. Car trunk ski carrier. Twin bed mattress, very clean. 537-5971.

BI-FOLD DOORS, 1 single 24", 1 double 48". 653-4125.

PACKAGING FOR re-use: rolls and sheets of blank newsprint, some bubblewrap and styro-foam chips. 537-2883.

KING SIZE mattress and box spring. 537-5569, good condition.

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FREE: ELECTRIC stove. 537-5485.

REFRIGERATOR, 16 CU. FT. with icebox, in working condition. 537-1291.

THREE 8' VANGUARD campers for parts or ? Take all 3. 537-4208.

WOOD CABINET stereo, free. 537-2158.

ELECTRICAL SERVICE components, Mahogany bi-fold door, portable gas bbq. 537-4595 (evenings).

10 CU. FT. CHEST freezer, white, 2 baskets, old but works well, you pick up. 537-4558.

DELUXE 30" RANGE, c/w self-cleaning oven, rotisserie. Works well but oven door hinges need fixing. Take it away free. 537-5184.

LARGE SWIMMING pool, 12 ft. diameter, collapsible type, you pick up. Phone Ken @ 537-4881.

PAIR OF bi-folding doors, brown, fits closet 80" x 48" plus hardware. 537-5710.

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Real Estate

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2200 SQ FT 4 BEDROOM, 2 bathroom custom built home, separate studio; at Beaver Pt, 1.25 acres, \$425,000 653-9771.

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Rentals

500 APT/SUITES FOR RENT

GROUND FLOOR apartment, available in March, suitable for 1 or 2 adults, N/S, W/D \$700/mth incl util, 2 references req'd, 537-8824.

1200 SQ. FT., long term, near Vesuvius, W/D, N/P, N/S, avail. March 1. Option on studio, 400 sq.ft. available April 1. 537-9450.

1 BEDROOM GROUND level basement suite Mar 1, \$600. Kevan 537-2302.

ONE BEDROOM suite. Prefer N/S, N/D, Pet okay, \$475 includes utilities. Avail. March 1. Phone 537-9328.

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY, attractive 1 bdrm apartment, suit quiet single, N/S, no dogs (cat ok), close to Ganges \$600/ mo. 537-2010.

SPACIOUS 1 BEDROOM furnished suite. Own entrance. W/D. Very private with deck. N/S, N/P, prefer one adult. Close to town and beach. References. Available March 1, \$700 537-5330.

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MONTHLY RENTAL. Wonderful, furnished, one bedroom, oceanview/access. Available until June 30. \$850 month. For more information please call 653-0007.

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BURGOYNE BAY, duplex, 2 bdrm., \$800/mo., potential business arrangement for remaining suite as B&B. Prefer couple, N/S, N/P, refs. bbctage@canada.com or 537-7771.

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SMALL TWO bedroom ocean front cottage, deck, wood stove, long term, Beddis Beach area. No smoking \$800/mo. plus hydro. Evenings 537-4381.

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CLEAN, QUIET professional family of 3 requires affordable long term rental close to Ganges for April 1st. 3 bdrm or 2 bdrm with den or office; W/D required. Reasonable rent. Excellent references. Call Sandi or Andrew at 537-2905.

ISLAND GIRL working in town seeks accommodation close to Ganges. Please leave a message with my Dad at 653-4155.

LONG TERM. Active retired lady w/cat seeks sunny studio/cabin/ house w/garden space. Will consider caretaking. Excellent references. 537-4127.

WANT to rent small, 2 bedroom house for mother and child, starting date July or August 04. Affordable rent and long term. Please phone Kim at 403-381-1317 or leave message at 250-886-0481 for call back.

EMPLOYED PROFESSIONAL seeks bright, quiet, and private long-term accommodations. W/D required. Start date flexible. Rheona 653-2009, rheona@saltspring.com.

FAMILY OF 4 needs a home to rent, or exchange, for our south facing waterfront home, good water, gardens, privacy on Cortes Island. 250-935-6798 ruthr@oberon.ark.com.

HOUSE OR apartment and studio wanted for European designer, wishing to move from Vancouver. No pets, N/S, excellent references. All areas considered, Ganges area preferred. Please call 604-875-6993 any time.

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SOCCER KICKS

• Salt Spring U11 Roadrunners girls team came out strong but could not overpower a tough Juan de Fuca #2 team at Portlock Park Saturday.

Salt Spring got on the scoreboard quickly when Sierra Lundy nailed the corner of the net off a goal kick in the first five minutes of the game.

But Juan de Fuca came back with three quick markers, making the final score 3-1.

Roadrunners play benefitted from great defensive plays by Tilly Morgan, work in the midfield by Christina Villadsen and action on the forward line by Brittany Witherspoon.

• Although there were lots of close scoring opportunities, Salt Spring's U12 girls had to settle for a tie on Saturday.

With a rambunctious home crowd cheering them on, the girls played a great game against Prospect Lake in their final home game of the season. Good work up front from Kirsty Girard, Alison Roach, Logan McLeod and Alice Paveley, who all created lots of scoring chances.

There was also solid midfield play by Silken Conradi, Danielle Severn and Emily Gix, who all played well.

And once again the defensive core of Nicole Pal, Alva Brentmar, Paige Hickman and Delaney Johnson kept Prospect Lake from getting any good opportunities.

It was an all around great team effort.

HIGH ROLLERS

High scores in bowling league play at Kings Lane last week were:

Circus League, Feb. 23: Doreen Hewitt, 224; Ken Strike, 208.

Tuesday a.m. Seniors, Feb. 24: Marg Baker, 220/610; John Pringle, 212; Jim Glenn, 206; Marg Peters, 207.

Special Olympics, Feb. 25: Sharon Way, 146; Jason Newport, 148; Gloria Dale, 167; Dominic George, 178; Mahjor Bains, 189.

Legion League, Feb. 26: Ken Ditlof, 269, 205/650; Lance Leask, 201; Dan Bedford, 272, 342, 278/894.

RANTS

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ROSES

Premier Bennett opened the 'new' Ganges library

40 years ago

• Premier W.A.C. Bennett officially opened a "new" library that had been operating for four years in the back of Mouat's store with 1,300 donated books.

• The Fernwood Water District called for tenders to run a water line from St. Mary Lake to Fernwood wharf. The water would be chlorinated.

• Islanders prepared mixes for the seventh annual Pancake Race. The Salt Spring Lions Club had challenged the Victoria Gyros. Prizes were silver coins for children and boxes of pancake mix for adults.

35 years ago

• The Long Harbour ferry schedule was altered to transport Outer Islands students to the high school on Salt Spring.

• B.C. Tel. improved cables and switching equipment as part of a \$73 million provincial expansion program.

• Local New Democratic Party candidate Tommy Douglas chatted up voters in preparation for a federal by-election. He ran against Liberal Eric Winch and Progressive Conservative Magnus Verbrugge in the Nanaimo-Cowichan and the Islands riding.

30 years ago

• Fisheries researchers asked islanders to help them monitor orcas in coastal waters.

• Some 700 Gulf Islands residents protested property assessments in the court of revision.

• A floor renovation at Salt Spring Elementary developed cracks before the project was completed.

25 years ago

• A five-year recreation plan ruled out a swimming pool or hockey rink as too costly. The report recommended tennis courts in Fulford and Central, and offered support for a curling rink.

• Islanders organized a

DOWN THE YEARS

protest against a tax for urban transit.

• B.C. Ferries planned to use the former highways ministry ferry Tachek as a replacement for the Bowen Queen, which was stretched for service between Fulford and Swartz Bay.

20 years ago

• The Parks and Recreation Commission dropped plans for a 60-acre park on Crown land at Cusheon Lake. The commission favoured plans for a passive park.

• Islanders tried to persuade the parks commission to keep the farmers market at Centennial Park. Market controls were recommended.

• An Arabian horse at Rod Pringle's farm gave birth to twins, a highly uncommon event among horses.

15 years ago

• The Long Harbour ferry made a special 11:30 p.m. sailing to provide emergency transportation for an infant when strong winds and heavy seas grounded helicopters and ruled out the water taxi.

• Record lows of -12 Celsius and 50-knot winds wreaked havoc on island roads, seaways power lines and plumbing. Police reported nine accidents, the Coast Guard rescued three auxiliary members from a sinking vessel and B.C. Hydro brought 19 workers on island to help restore power.

• Azure Transport received a Motor Carrier licence to run a 22-passenger bus service on Salt Spring with fares of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

10 years ago

• Parents voted 38-12 in favour of casino fundraising for Pender Island Elementary despite objections that the Ministry of Education should fund school needs and that

revenue should not be collected from gambling.

• Vendors participating in markets at Centennial Park and the Harbour House Hotel proposed a merger of the two weekend markets into one at Centennial Park. Parks and Recreation Commission members opposed the plan.

• Islanders saw ferry-fare increases ranging from 3.7 to 9.7 per cent as the provincial government reduced subsidies to B.C. Ferries.

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• An islander was tied up and held at gunpoint by two men who stole drugs, cash, jewellery and \$4,700 in cash. The suspects were apprehended on the Vesuvius ferry after the victim untied himself and contacted police.

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