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## Well-loved islander dies in plane crash

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

A flower memorial graced the parked truck of islander Gene Bellavance in Ganges after the aviator, welder, boat builder and community member died in a floatplane crash near Thetis Island Saturday.

"Out of the sky and into the water, the two things he loved most next to his family," said his daughter Marnée

Bellavance. "He was bigger than life and, in my mind, immortal. I think he had a bit of that in his mind, too."

Marnée expressed concern for Bellavance's sole passenger, Mary Steernburg, who was taken to Chemainus Hospital after the plane crashed in shallow water at Preedy Harbour just after 10 a.m.

"We're all worried about her. It's a double tragedy. All

we've heard is that it's critical."

Marnée couldn't hold back tears as she talked about her father's multiple contributions to the community.

"He died the way he lived, with love and great passion. Everyone will miss his hugs. He embraced his life the way he embraced his friends."

It would be impossible to list everyone who benefited from the 64-year-old's

generosity at one point or another, she said.

"If people want to remember him, give their time or their money to their favourite charities."

Among his many contributions to Salt Spring, he installed basketball hoops at Fulford school, fabricated a witch to display on the local fire hall for Hallowe'en and barged the Salt Spring Concert Band into the harbour

to perform summer musical serenades.

"He was one of our Salt Spring characters. It was the perfect place for him," she said.

Bellavance was well known over the island as the owner of a bright orange 1950s Cessna Bird-Dog floatplane, and a self-made landing craft he used for a barge business,

**BELLAVANCE 2**

## Fire hazard already at high

Record low levels of precipitation this spring are impacting fire danger levels on Salt Spring and across the province.

Assistant fire chief Arjuna George said four incidents of out-of-control burn piles have already occurred on Salt Spring this year, including one on May 8.

"These burn piles got out of hand either because they were unattended or because people were not understanding how dry it is," he said. "We're going week by week for fire permits. All machine land clearing has been stopped and I don't see it reopening again this season."

George said that the local hazard rating is bordering on high for fire danger and that it could reach extreme levels as early as the weekend.

Since April 1, 23 wildfires have blazed through the coastal fire region, with human activity causing 21 of the fires.

According to the B.C. Forest Service, the public should use extreme caution when managing outdoor fires.

Last weekend, 37 community members attended FireSmart presentations at Fulford Hall and Ganges firehall to learn how to prevent the start and spread of fires.

Presentations highlighted  
**FIRE HAZARD 3**



**FURRY FRIENDS:** Alan and Joy Burrows take some time out with their alpacas — three of which are pregnant. The Burrows and their alpacas were seen last weekend at their St. Mary Lake property. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Pool survey prodded at meeting

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

About 50 islanders attended a low-key Monday night Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting on the aquatic facility survey now underway.

Commission members Bill Curtin, Wayne Fraser and Peter Lake explained the process leading up to the survey, and the next steps to take following receipt of survey results, which will be tabulated by a returning officer, said Curtin.

PARC is asking islanders to indicate their preference

of three pool choices:

- a six-lane indoor pool with hot tub, therapy/leisure pool and tot pool at a facility cost of \$4.7 million and an annual operating deficit estimated at \$630,000;
- a six-lane outdoor pool with a two-lane indoor pool and the same leisure components as above, expected to cost \$3.6 million to build and requiring \$580,000 to cover its annual operating deficit;
- a six-lane outdoor pool with the capacity for possible expansion or covering in future, a capital cost of

\$1.25 million and an annual operating deficit of \$40,000 — the current Shelby Pool net cost.

PARC wants direction from the community quickly so it can apply for a federal-provincial infrastructure grant of up to \$2 million.

As explained by Lake, an outdoor pool is the "default" option if an indoor one is not approved through the survey and then a future referendum.

"PARC has decided it will build this if the indoor option is not chosen."

Lake also addressed a

number of issues that have been raised by the public, including an assertion that money should not be diverted from the pool facility to new office space for PARC at Rainbow Road.

But Lake said a service building with washrooms and changerooms is required there in any event, and "staff should not be running back and forth between Portlock Park and Rainbow Road."

Operating costs were also tackled at the meeting.

Lake said 80 per cent of costs to run a pool can be

**POOL MEETING 3**

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## FOR THE RECORD

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's 2003 budget was \$677,751, not \$1,946,620 as reported in the May 5 Driftwood.

The \$1,946,620 figure represented the district's assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2003. The district's 2004 budget is \$726,900.



Jennifer McFee

# Driftwood hires summer reporter

The Gulf Islands Driftwood welcomes Jennifer McFee to the editorial department for the summer months.

McFee is a University of Victoria student finishing her degree in English honours and professional writing.

McFee is from Winnipeg, but lived in the Northwest Territories for several years before moving to B.C.

She worked at a pool in Yellowknife

as a full-time lifeguard, and taught swimming lessons and water aerobics, both in Yellowknife and Winnipeg.

"I am excited to spend the summer on beautiful Salt Spring Island because I thrive on the adventure of being in a new environment. I love to travel, and I spent about two years living out of my backpack in Western Europe, Southeast Asia, India and Nepal."

After graduation from UVic, McFee plans to pursue a Masters program in Vancouver, which is where her fiancé lives.

They are planning a Winnipeg wedding for September 2005.

"I look forward to learning as much as I can about the Salt Spring community and I hope to meet many new people this summer," said McFee.

## BELLAVANCE: 'Bigger than life'

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cheerfully titled, A Moving Experience.

"He's been here nine and a half years, building his boats on the mountain top," said Marnée, referring to his Mount Maxwell Road property.

Up and down the coast, Bellavance was known for his skills even more than his vehicles. He was an accomplished welder, fabricator, boat builder and diver.

"Welding was his work . . . Dad was known for building the best skiffs on the coast."

In addition to building dozens of boats over his lifetime, Bellavance even fabricated doors for observatories on the Canary Islands and in Hawaii, she said.

"He was a master diver and instructor for years and years. He got so many people wet over the years."

Bellavance was well-respected by commercial pilots and enjoyed introducing people to the air as much as getting them into the water, said his friend and fellow aviator Paul Roach.

"He tried hard to learn about air-traffic control and navigation beyond what a private pilot would."

Bellavance was an extremely competent pilot



Gene Bellavance  
Driftwood file photo

with almost 1,000 hours experience, Roach said.

"He was past president of the B.C. Float Plane Association."

Roach recalled how Bellavance walked away from another plane crash at Ganges Harbour in December 1997.

"He climbs out of that plane only half wet, logbook in one hand, cell phone in the other and immediately starts conducting the salvage operation."

His careful attention to aircraft maintenance mirrored his attention to detail in his welding shop.

"He could build anything. 'We'll use science,' he'd say."

Though Pete McKenzie welded professionally for 10 years before working for Bellavance, he learned valuable skills from Bellavance's innovative approach to engineering, he said.

**"He could build anything. 'We'll use science,' he'd say"**

"He had a good way of thinking outside the box, of coming up with the extraordinary idea that makes things work."

And McKenzie appreciated Bellavance's drive to meet the highest standards.

"Just good enough wasn't good enough for him."

However, Bellavance could be difficult to work with. Previous employees even established a pool to see how long McKenzie would last. But mutual respect for each other won out in the end, McKenzie said.

"He had an ego twice as large as any room he was in, but he had a gold heart."

Salt Spring Coast Guard officer Sid Jones recognized Bellavance's plane immediately upon arrival at Preedy Harbour on Thetis Island, where the plane crashed Saturday morning.

"The right wing was sticking out of the water, the aileron was broken and you could see a piece of the tail," said Jones.

The plane had crashed while Bellavance was flying Steernburg over the Ladysmith Regatta so she could take photographs.

"We thought it was his plane as we were approaching, I thought I heard somebody say Gene on the radio, and then the colour confirmed it."

Jones knew Bellavance through Marnée, who is a member of the local Coast

Guard Auxiliary. "It was pretty sobering when you see something like that."

By the time Jones arrived on the scene with Auxiliary Coast Guard units from Ladysmith and Mill Bay, rescuers aboard a private pleasure boat had already rescued Steernburg from the plane.

"One woman got out on her own. Gene never did. The divers got him out. As far as I know, he was still belted in."

A Thetis Island resident called local divers to the crash scene to assist the trapped aviator, Jones said.

"It was a real community effort . . . A surgeon even jumped off a sailboat to offer assistance."

One volunteer was taken to Chemainus Hospital for hypothermia after he waded in to help rescue Bellavance, Jones said.

"Apparently, there were a few people in the water trying to help."

Bellavance is survived by his wife Donna, daughter Marnée, son Greg, ex-wife Barbara, brother Tony, sister Patricia and seven grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter Rae-Anne and Marnée's mother Elaine.

The Transportation Safety Board is investigating the accident.

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**PUMPED UP:** Bruce Patterson is seen at Sheep Island Fuels, which boasted the lowest gas price on Salt Spring Monday.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Island gas prices hit all-time high

By JENNIFER MCFEE  
Staff Writer

Gas prices soared this week across Canada, but Salt Spring drivers are still paying more at the pumps than anywhere else in the country.

On Monday, May 10, Patterson's Store boasted the lowest price in town with regular gas costing 99.9 cents per litre.

"But that price is going up," said Patterson's employee Leif Baker. "I don't think prices will go down until the end of the summer. That's my guess. Nobody likes it. We don't like it. We don't make any more money when the price goes up."

Prices are higher at other Salt Spring service stations, ringing in at 104.9 at McColl's Shell Service, 106.9 at Salt Spring Payless and 107.9 at Ganges Save-On Gas.

Drivers can fill their tanks for significantly less on Vancouver Island. One litre of gas costs 93 cents at Chemainus Shell near Crofton and 95.9 cents in Victoria.

Ernie Day of Victoria Shell Parkdale said that the price will continue to rise.

"In my opinion, the price will go up and up. I think the increases are a result of pure greed on the part of the gas companies," said Day.

"You guys on Salt Spring are being gouged. People here are freaking. They don't want to end up paying what you guys are paying over there."

Salt Spring is not the only place paying over a loonie per litre for gas.

At Active Pass Auto Marine on Mayne Island, drivers pay 103.9. Despite increases, prices are lower on Pender Island, where gas costs 96.9 cents per litre at the Driftwood Auto Centre. Customers at Galiano Garage and Groceries pay 97.9 cents.

Prices range widely across the country. Prices are lower on the east coast, at 83.6 in Stratford, P.E.I.

In both Laval, Québec and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, gas costs 86.4 cents per litre. A litre of gas in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories costs 92.9 cents.

# POOL MEETING

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attributed to labour, so that the operating cost difference between a four and six-lane pool was not huge.

He said a provincial recreation study has pointed to the likelihood of union employees being hired if an indoor pool is built, while outdoor pools can be contracted out.

"Chances are if we have a year-round operation it is going to be a union operation."

Indoor pool society Ssplash has challenged that assumption, and it's one of the reasons for Ssplash's stated concern about PARC's cost estimates for an indoor pool.

Splash president Darlene Steele told the Driftwood last week she found the survey "distressing" in part because the indoor pool numbers do not give consideration to ways the costs could be reduced through fundraising, volunteer contributions or a non-union situation.

Steele said there are exceptions to the indoor-pool union rule in B.C.

One person at the meeting expressed regret at the fact PARC and Ssplash were unable to work together and the mixed information that was flowing as a result.

"I feel it's very unfortunate two organizations with very talented people volunteering their time are at loggerheads and, just as an ordinary member of the public, I am very confused because of all the letters and information that have gone out," she said.

Commissioners corrected one piece of misinformation in a Ssplash ad and flyer: that an unreturned survey would count as a vote for the outdoor pool.

"That is so silly it beggars description," said Curtin.

Some people asked about the potential to reduce the tax burden through mounting a serious capital fund-raising campaign.

Commissioner Wayne Fraser confirmed that any major donations received for a pool project would reduce the tax levy.

Lake clarified that \$1.3 million in estimated site preparation costs — to bring water and sewer to the property, for example — are the same regardless of what is built on the property and are not included in the facility cost.

Regional director Gary Holman, who is also a member of PARC, said that if preference is shown for an indoor pool option, then the next task would be to work on getting costs down so a yes vote is successful.

He also urged PARC and Ssplash to work together.

When asked what would happen to the funds Ssplash had already raised or been pledged for an indoor pool if an outdoor facility is built instead, Steele said that would have to be determined by the society's board and members.

All postal addresses on Salt Spring, including general delivery, should have received the PARC survey, said Curtin Tuesday, contrary to information provided at the Monday night meeting.

Ganges postmistress Lynda Traer said Tuesday that full coverage should be provided, although not all people whose mailboxes prohibit flyers had received the survey as of Monday.

Survey return date is Friday, May 21.

# HAZARD

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safety measures, such as creating a 10-metre safety zone around homes by removing combustible materials.

The zone can still be aesthetically pleasing, said George. "It can be filled with gravel, short grass, pathways or rock gardens."

He also encourages homeowners to store firewood away from houses, to space out trees on their properties and to remove dead branches and brambles.

"There is no one person who is responsible for fire safety," George said. "Everyone on the island has to work together to make our island fire smart."

Local fire hazard updates are available online at [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com).

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# Woman wants to take RCMP assault claim to a higher level

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

An island woman plans to request a review by the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP related to a claim she was assaulted by a local RCMP officer in 2002.

An RCMP internal investigation cleared the constable of any wrongdoing.

"I've had violence in my life and I told myself I would never let another man hit me. And how do you deal with this?" asked islander Christie Descurtins.

She alleges that Const. Martin Beardsmore grabbed her by the throat and pushed his way into her house when she refused his request to

check her home in response to a 911 call on April 9, 2002.

She reported disabling headaches and emotional distress as a result of the encounter. Her official complaint to the RCMP describes suffering soft-tissue damage and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

"He ruined a good chunk of my life for a year."

Beardsmore was recently the subject of a protest at Centennial Park on March 31 after another woman accused him of "excessive force" during an arrest.

Salt Spring police were unhappy about resulting reports in local newspapers, said detachment commander Sgt. Mike Giles.

"The perception is that there is a movement against Martin in particular and the constables in general. They somehow feel that one-sided reporting is an attack on them."

On the day of the alleged assault against Descurtins, Beardsmore had responded to a 911 call after an anonymous woman called for help and hung up. Enhanced-911 service provided Descurtins' address and the officer approached the house with care and concern, Giles said.

"Frankly, those are very dangerous calls for a member to attend alone. You just don't know what's going on. It could be anything."

Giles went to a hang-up 911 call last year where he discovered a knife fight in progress between a husband and wife.

"I had to arrest the individual responsible and I was at significant risk myself because of that. This is front and foremost in our minds when we go to these things."

According to Beardsmore's report, Descurtins was anxious, hostile and she

shouted at him that no one had called police.

Unfortunately, Beardsmore was unaware there were two unmarked dwellings on the property and he attended the wrong house.

"Martin went there expecting that anything could be happening. And when he went to the door, he was met by a very nervous, defensive individual there. His senses were heightened that much more."

If Descurtins had been calm and rational at the door, the mistaken address would have been cleared up right away, Giles said.

"But she didn't want to talk to him at the door. She wanted him gone. The issue became more solidified in his mind that he was at the right place."

"I've personally been to hang-up-911 calls where I've been met at the door by a woman who says, 'Everything is okay, go away.' And there is a threatening male behind her with his fist cocked," Giles said.

Beardsmore reported he pushed Descurtins aside with an open hand when she refused to let him check the residence for someone who might need assistance.

"He was protecting her. The paradox there, obviously, is that she got hurt to end up being protected," Giles said.

Descurtins and the RCMP simply disagree on the level of injury, he noted.

"The bottom line is we're very sorry about what happened."

An internal investigation by RCMP district superintendent Rick Betker concluded that Beardsmore used "only as much force as was necessary" to enter Descurtins' home.

Betker indicated that "911 calls imply a potential life and death crisis and the

police have a responsibility to ensure the safety of persons involved."

As it so happens, Beardsmore discovered an indoor growing operation with 115 marijuana plants when he searched Descurtins' house after his entry.

Descurtins disagrees with findings from the RCMP internal investigation.

"Why assault a female at the door when you are responding to a call that a female is being assaulted? It doesn't make sense," she said.

Following the incident, Descurtins went to the emergency room of Lady Minto Hospital and was later treated by a physiotherapist for a soft-tissue injury and a psychologist for PTSD.

"It opened up a whole can of worms that had been buried," she said.

As a child, Descurtins' mother had a violent boyfriend who caused their family to live in terror.

But while Giles was sympathetic to Descurtins' concerns, he disagrees with her allegations of assault and believes it's inappropriate to air the incident in the newspaper after the officer was cleared by an internal investigation.

"If he gets dragged through the public mud . . . some constable out there is going to be too afraid of that scrutiny on him, or her, to take the correct action in these cases. And someone is going to end up dying because the police aren't doing their jobs."

Giles noted that a woman had been beaten by her husband in the cottage neighbouring Descurtins' on the day of the incident.

"And if Martin had gone to that door, and that lady had been forced by her husband to tell the police to go away and then she went back into the house and was murdered, where do we stand there?"

## Wrong address keeps letter from reaching complainant

A complaint against a local RCMP officer took a slight detour along a standard route when an official letter went to an old address.

As a result, island resident Christie Descurtins just recently learned the full outcome of her complaint first made to Salt Spring detach-

ment commander Sgt. Mike Giles in April 2002. (See separate story.)

Descurtins said she now intends to take her complaint to a higher level by requesting a review of her allegations by the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP.

Crown counsel concluded that a criminal conviction against Const. Martin Beardsmore was unlikely and the RCMP informed Descurtins' lawyer, John Davies, that the Crown did not intend to press charges on August 22, 2003.

RCMP superintendent Rick Betker then wrote an October 27, 2003 letter to Descurtins, indicating that Beardsmore had responded properly, used only as much force as was necessary to enter the home, and that the RCMP internal investigation was concluded.

But due to a change of address, Descurtins did not receive a copy of Betker's letter until April 14, 2004, and did not know it existed until the whole issue resurfaced through a March 31 Driftwood story.

About 2,500 complaints are made against the RCMP annually. The commission reviews approximately 250 of that number each year.

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Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Phoenix 'ambassador' gets wings to Washington, D.C.

A Phoenix Elementary School student will be off to Washington, D.C. next year after being selected for the prestigious 2005 People to People World Leadership Forum as a student delegate.

Grade 7 student James Therrien-Jarvis will gain academic credit while visiting American centres of justice, legislation and history from Capitol Hill to Colonial Williamsburg.

"I'm excited to go and I think it's a great opportunity," said Therrien-Jarvis Monday.

According to a letter from the forum's director of admissions, the event aims to prepare grades 6-8 students from across Canada and the United States for leadership opportunities and responsibilities. Therrien-Jarvis will take part in daily



James Therrien-Jarvis is off to a leadership forum.

group discussions and activities to build knowledge, self-confidence, communication skills and leadership abilities.

He was nominated by Phoenix principal Shelly Johnson.

"I nominated him because he is a really good leader in

our school. He is good academically but he has a great character . . .

"He's a good ambassador for our school. He is very well-behaved, very respectful, gets along with his peers, is an eloquent speaker and an all-around great kid."

Johnson said Therrien represented the school well at a district-wide leadership event as the sole Phoenix representative last year, and addressed the school board this year regarding threatened closure of his school.

In other Phoenix School news, parents and staff had "an excellent meeting" with the school board last week and are hoping for a positive outcome, said Johnson.

The topic of proposed Phoenix School closure or reconfiguration is on the agenda of the May 12 school board meeting on Galiano Island.

## Nomination call for stewardship awards

The Islands Trust is inviting the public to nominate individuals, businesses or organizations that deserve recognition for community contributions to the Trust mandate.

Two Community Stewardship Awards will be given to individuals and another two awards will be given to organizations in 2004.

The program is open to

any person, school, classroom, community group, non-profit group or business that works towards enhancing a community in the Trust Area. Exceptions apply to Islands Trust staff, contractors and trustees.

Gillian Saxby of Trust Area Services said the award criteria is based on the relationship of work to Islands Trust policy, the benefits to

the community, the level of community involvement and overall innovation.

"It would be great to get nominations in," she said. "It's nice to have a broad range to choose from. We're hoping to have a diverse representation from the whole Trust area."

Islands Trust chair David Essig said the Stewardship Awards Program is one step

Islands Trust has taken to acknowledge the achievements of islanders.

"There are so many islanders who go unrecognized year after year for their continuous efforts," he said.

Nomination forms and information are available online at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) or from Islands Trust offices. Deadline for nominations is July 16.



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Impaired driving charges and 24-hour suspensions came out of a one-hour roadblock set up by Salt Spring RCMP on May 8.

Road checks were done by two officers and one auxiliary constable on Lower Gan-

### RCMP REPORT

ges Road at Central between 1 and 2 a.m.

One man was charged with

impaired driving and driving over .08.

A second man was charged with refusing to supply a breath sample.

Three 24-hour driving prohibitions were also issued.

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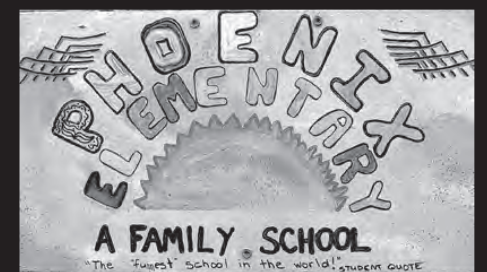


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# Personalities, not fire truck, at heart of dispute, says trustee

By PAT BURKETTE  
Driftwood Contributor

Following the Salt Spring Fire Protection District AGM at the end of April, fire board trustee Don Irwin stepped forward to talk about that contentious issue of 2003,

the Outerbridge/Patterson dismissals, from his perspective.

"It definitely wasn't the fire truck," said Irwin.

"The firefighters had the right to go out and talk with the public."

Irwin feels a much more basic issue was at the heart of the matter. "[Outerbridge and Patterson] just didn't seem to agree with the way the fire department was being run.

"They both had problems with the chief. They had disagreements with him all the time. They didn't agree with equipment expenditures, and to me, we do have a five-year plan we're following."

Irwin noted that a fire department is a militaristic organization.

"Firefighters have to be able to accept authority. When you're dealing with life and death, you need to obey instantly, without question. As a fire chief," added Irwin, "if I had somebody constantly in my face, questioning me, I'd find it difficult to do the job."

Irwin said fire chief Dave Enfield initially approached the board to help resolve any personality conflict between himself and Patterson and Outerbridge.

In the weeks that followed, Irwin said the board tried to get the two captains to

bring forward what the board assumed they possessed: "any serious piece of information" formulating a substantial complaint, concern, or grievance about Enfield or a member of the board that the trustees should act upon.

Instead, innuendoes and rumours dragged on, a handshake resolution was tried and failed, and the two captains refused to attend meetings without their lawyer present.

Irwin noted that although Outerbridge and Patterson were, respectively, president and vice-president of the firefighters association, they didn't bring their issues to the association's grievance committee first.

Irwin said it's normal procedure for a firefighter to do so, and then have the association take an issue to the chief.

"Why didn't they start there?" he asked.

Irwin does not believe the promise of being hired for a paid position would cause volunteer firefighters to be hesitant about supporting a fellow firefighter in a dispute

with the fire chief.

"If you look at the volunteers, how many want to be paid firefighters? Many of them already have good jobs."

Irwin said backing by the firefighters association would have made a difference to him. He feels instead, there was increasing distress in the department.

At the same time, Irwin said, unfair criticism about Enfield bringing "city ideas," such as the necessity for the new fire truck, to the Salt Spring fire department became the talk of the town.

Irwin said that Enfield's arrival here actually coincided with changes in government regulations about how all fire departments in B.C. were being run, changes Enfield had to implement.

"Our department was in the stone ages," said Irwin.

As well, he noted that the emphasis of the trustees is on planning for the future.

"All our critics have said things for today, as if time had stopped."

The trustees approved purchase of the new fire

truck because, said Irwin, buildings being built on Salt Spring are larger, and more prone to a need for greater firefighting measures like this truck, with pumps able to handle larger capacity.

Irwin feels a mediator wouldn't have helped in the Patterson/Outerbridge situation. "Because there were no cut and dried issues, how could a mediator resolve it?" he said.

Instead, Irwin sees the issues involved more as feelings and attitudes that were affecting department morale.

"You can destroy the fire department in more ways than one. Discontent can also destroy the department," said Irwin.

He said he went through many sleepless nights over the decision to dismiss the two men.

Irwin doesn't believe reinstatement of Patterson and Outerbridge is possible.

"This isn't a kiss and make-up thing. They can't be reinstated. There can't be personalities with grievances."

## Smaller breweries save local beer drinkers

By JENNIFER MCFEE  
Staff Writer

One tap of Salt Spring's beer supply is running dry due to a Molson and Labatts distributors strike.

Steve Knight, owner of The Local in Ganges, said Monday that he has run out of all Molson and Labatts products due to the strike by 300 workers at Brewers' Distributors Limited in New Westminster.

"We are well supplied in other beers because we did our ordering very quickly as soon as we heard about the strike," he said. "The smaller breweries have been keeping us in beer. But if the strike carries on, it could get very parched around town."

Knight said that Molson and Labatts do not have the

same kind of market dominance on Salt Spring as they do in other parts of B.C. While Molson and Labatts brew nearly 90 per cent of beer sold in the province, their products make up only 50 to 60 per cent of sales at The Local.

"Places like Salt Spring like a more flavourful beer," said Knight.

He said the shortage does not seem to be a problem for most customers.

"A lot of them are finding beers they wouldn't have tasted otherwise. It's nice for people to step out of their patterns and try something more adventurous."

According to Knight, Sleeman's Honey Brown Lager has been a popular alternative.

Darren Rodstrom of Harbour House's cold beer and wine store said that they haven't run out of any particular brands, but they have run out of certain sizes.

"We were caught by surprise just like everyone else, but we carry a little more stock than other places. I've already ordered up for the upcoming long weekend, so everything seems to be holding up. If it happened a month earlier, it would've been a more desperate situation," he said.

Barry Edwards, owner-manager of Moby's, said the pub has adjusted accordingly.

"We haven't run dry yet," he said. "We've replaced some draught with local products. I've got nine

beers on tap. Eight of them are local from Gulf Islands Brewery and Vancouver Island Brewery."

Bartender Mike Koss said that the Fulford Inn has also run out of draught, but is still stocked with cans and bottles of Molson and Canadian beers.

Vesuvius Inn staff also reported being out of Molson and Labatts draught.

Brewmaster Murray Hunter of Gulf Islands Brewery said the strike has definitely increased demand for his beers.

"I've been brewing as much as I can. Our priority is to make sure that the Salt Spring Island market is satisfied, then our Vancouver Island and Vancouver customers," he said.

## Risk continues as Wilkie Way stop sign still ignored

Although road crews moved a Wilkie Way stop sign with an aim to help drivers prevent a serious collision on Mount Belcher, the intersection remains hazardous, says an area resident.

Ministry of Transportation area manager Greg Galpin said the change was made so the sign was more visible.

"You couldn't see it until you were right up on the intersection because it was sort of stuffed into the trees off to the side."

He believes the sign was struck a number of times in the past, which resulted in a relocation to an obscured spot.

"It shouldn't get hit in the location we've chosen."

Mount Belcher resident Drew Clark is glad the stop sign was moved, but feels it is still not being heeded.

He is deeply concerned about risk to his family and neighbours as a result of drivers who have historically breezed through the sign.

"It's a funeral in the making at that intersection."

Drivers running the stop sign pose three risks in that location, he said. The intersection is blind in both directions along Mount Belcher Heights.

Vehicles must also approach the corner slowly downhill of Wilkie Way to prevent striking oncoming traffic, he said.



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Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Education is focus at May 18 public forum

The sixth in an ongoing series of People Matter public forums will be held on May 18 at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The forum will provide another opportunity for community members to express their opinions about education priorities. They can also tell the school board the ways they would like to be supported.

According to a press release, the panel will examine the impact of government rules and regulations over the past three years and propose solutions.

"This is a time of great concern for the education community of the Gulf Islands. It will be impossible for the school district to continue for another year without major changes, since a funding shortfall is forcing a serious examination of priorities. Given the imminent decisions that must be made,

this forum is timely."

Featured speakers include Kimberly Lineger, who will present a parent's perspective; Jean-Claude Levesque, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association; Kevin Vine for the principals and vice-principals; and Chip Chipman of CUPE.

A school board trustee, and senior student Addi Perkins are also invited to speak. MLA Murray Coell is invited to present the government's perspective.

Panel members will speak for up to five minutes. Speeches will be followed by a question-and-answer period, then a period for short comments.

Light refreshments will be available.

The forum occurs the day before the Gulf Islands School Board is set to make its final decision on funding cuts and the four-day school week for the 2004-05 budget year.



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## PARC AQUATIC FACILITY SURVEY

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Salt Spring Island confirmed the purchase of the Rainbow Road site by referendum for the express purpose of building a recreation centre. Since then, PARC has been engaged in many forms of public consultation to determine the services and facilities that will be developed at the site.

Shelby Pool is in need of immediate replacement. It is a temporary above-ground outdoor pool that has served Salt Spring well for 12 years, but is very near the end of its useful life. Surveys have confirmed that the public of Salt Spring Island prefers an indoor aquatic facility as a replacement for Shelby Pool. We have now determined the most practical options of pool feature packages along with their projected operating and capital costs and the attendant tax implications.

The survey each postal address received in the last week is a poll of all Salt Spring households to determine which pool option has the most public support. A referendum is costly so it cannot be used as a measure of public opinion, but must be the final stage in approval by the community at large of a project that has demonstrated public support. A referendum is required in order to pass bylaws on tax rate increases or on long term borrowing (more than five years).

The referendum will be an opportunity for all eligible members of the community to register their opinion on the decisions that face us. This survey will help determine the referendum question that will identify only one option in a YES or NO question. Please take the time to participate in this important stage of public input to the future of aquatics on Salt Spring.

**Please return your completed survey card in the postage paid envelope enclosed with each survey by Friday May 21, 2004.**

### A. INDOOR AQUATIC FACILITY

#### FEATURES

- Indoor pool with:
  - 6 lane, 25 metre lap pool
  - therapy/leisure pool with handicap access
  - tot pool
  - hot tub
- Change rooms, washrooms, storage, offices
- Viewing area and concession

#### ESTIMATED CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS

- Site preparation \$1,300,000
- Facility cost \$4,700,000
- Net annual operating deficit \$630,000

#### TAX IMPLICATIONS

- Estimated required tax levy would be \$68 for each \$100,000 of appraised property value, which includes the 2004 increase of \$13 per \$100,000 of appraised value. Thus the remaining tax levy to be applied in 2005 would be \$55 per \$100,000 of appraised property value.
- In 2005 average residential property valued at \$314,000 would have an estimated tax levy increase of \$173.
- A maximum infrastructure award of \$2,000,000 would reduce the tax implications on the average residential property to an increase of \$133

### B. INDOOR/OUTDOOR AQUATIC FACILITY

#### FEATURES

- Indoor pool with:
  - 2 lane, 25 metre lap pool
  - therapy/leisure pool with handicap access
  - tot pool
  - hot tub
- Outdoor, in-ground, 25 metre, 6 lane lap pool
- Change rooms, washrooms, storage facilities, office space
- Viewing area and concession

#### ESTIMATED CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS

- Site preparation \$1,300,000
- Facility cost \$3,600,000
- Net annual operating deficit \$580,000

#### TAX IMPLICATIONS

- Estimated required tax levy would be \$58 for each \$100,000 of appraised property value, which includes the 2004 increase of \$13 per \$100,000 of appraised value. Thus the remaining tax levy to be applied in 2005 would be \$45 per \$100,000 of appraised property value.
- In 2005 average residential property valued at \$314,000 would have an estimated tax levy increase of \$142.
- A maximum infrastructure award of \$2,000,000 would reduce the tax implications on the average residential property to an increase of \$101

### C. OUTDOOR AQUATIC FACILITY

The survey includes two fully featured and cost-analyzed options that will require referendum approval for tax increases and long-term borrowing. It will provide direction for PARC to formulate a referendum question. Should a referendum on providing a new aquatic centre fail, PARC will continue to offer the same level of aquatic services that we currently enjoy by replacing Shelby Pool with a basic outdoor, in ground, 25 meter pool at the Rainbow Road Recreation Center. This pool will be constructed in such a way that it can be expanded and/or covered in the future.

#### FEATURES

- Outdoor, in-ground, 25 meter, 6 lane lap pool with handicap access
- Capability to be expanded and/or covered in the future
- Indoor change rooms, washrooms, storage facilities, office space
- Viewing area and concession

#### ESTIMATED CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS

- Site preparation \$1,300,000
- Facility cost \$1,250,000
- Net annual operating deficit \$40,000

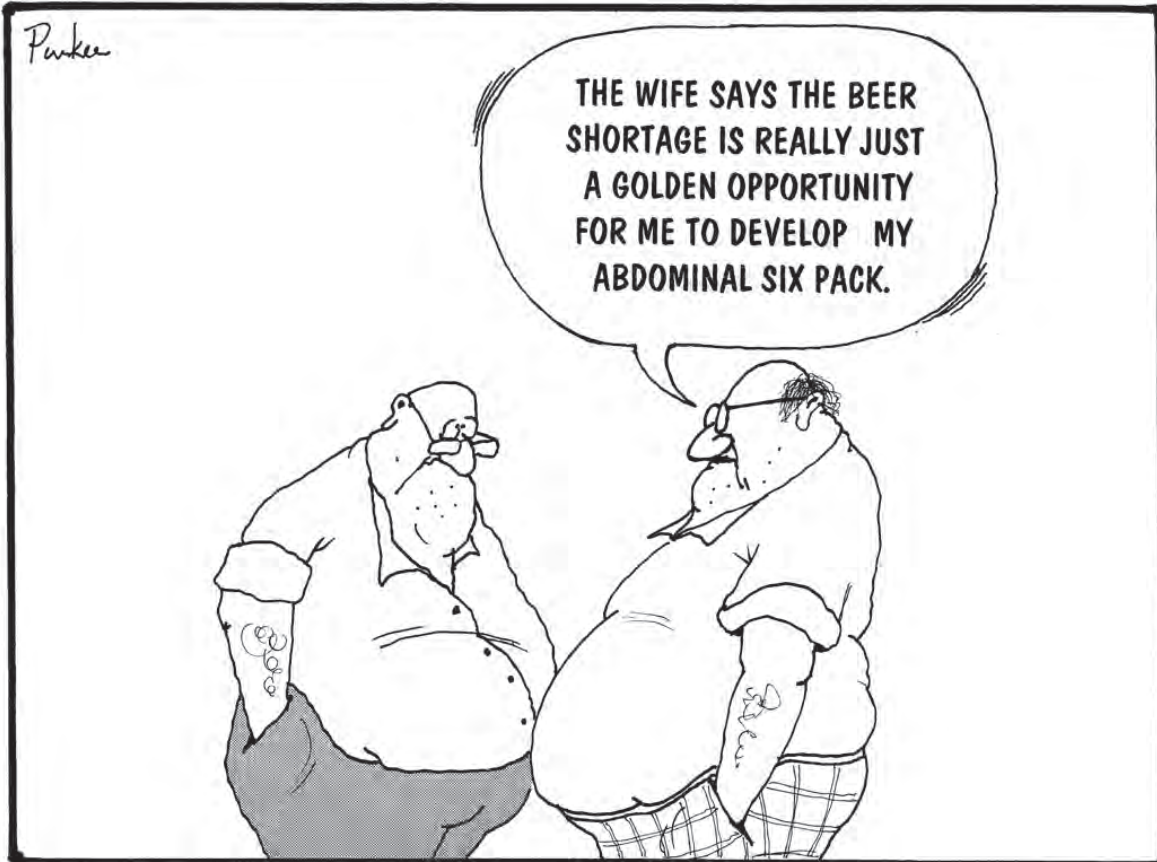
#### TAX IMPLICATIONS

- No further tax levy required

#### NOTE OF CLARIFICATION

The cost of servicing the Rainbow Road site and constructing an outdoor facility would be fully covered by the \$41 annual tax increase per average property that PARC implemented in 2004.

# OPINION



## More scrutiny

Confused enough about the PARC pool survey? You're not alone.

Representatives of the indoor pool society Ssplash say PARC is presenting higher-than-necessary costs for two indoor pool options, which proves its bias towards an outdoor pool.

PARC says it is trying to be realistic about taxpayer costs, which is a responsible position to take.

It would be safe to say Ssplash's perception that PARC does not "support" an indoor pool arises in part because PARC is not "promoting" an indoor pool. Some PARC members have also researched outdoor options and alternate technologies, which may be less expensive than conventional pool construction, and spoken positively about their findings.

Understandably, commission members don't want to potentially mislead taxpayers about indoor pools by underestimating their assuredly high costs.

But if they are not trying to skew anything, it's surprising they did not describe the outdoor pool taxpayer costs using the same methodology as the indoor options.

Building a bare-bones outdoor pool does have property tax implications when compared to last year's tax bill, contrary to what the survey implies. The \$41 per-property average increase (\$13 per \$100,000 of assessed value) in taxes that came into effect this year is part of the outdoor cost, as well as the two indoor options.

If PARC didn't omit that amount on purpose to increase the cost gap between indoor and outdoor pools, then it was a mistake, which is just as worrisome. (PARC has "clarified" this issue in its Driftwood ad this week.)

PARC's survey also states that no referendum is required to build the outdoor pool, without explanation. It's assumed enough money will be raised by borrowing for five-year periods only, which does not require voter assent. But what can be built with voter-approved long-term borrowing, as opposed to the short-term option, is quite different. Of course, no referendum means no obligation to engage the public in a messy debate.

With or without a referendum, when it comes to such large expenditures of taxpayers' money, more, not less, public scrutiny is critical.

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## Indoor pool choice would lead way to focussed discussion

By **TOBY FOUKS**

Until today, I was mystified by the way in which PARC seems to be attempting to torpedo Ssplash's efforts for an indoor pool on Salt Spring.

The survey, which has now arrived in most of our mailboxes, seems to be quite manipulative by the way in which choices have been presented.

Then it came to me — I, and many others see the pool as a community health issue, whereas PARC appears to see it as a summer recreation issue, at least for the time being.

If we look at this as summer recreation, given the fact that Salt Spring also has beaches, then an outdoor pool makes sense.

If, however, we look at it as a community health issue, then there can be only one choice — an indoor pool with 12-month

### VIEW POINT

operation.

In the community health view, we are all affected by the health of individuals. Even if I choose not to use a pool, the fact that others' health is enhanced through swimming and exercise means there will be less medical intervention required on their behalf, and more time for local health practitioners and services to meet my needs.

So, whether I swim or not, there's an advantage to me of a healthy community, and given the demographics of Salt Spring, this advantage can only increase over time.

My greatest objection to the

survey form I received is that the indoor pool choice presented has six lanes, and bells and whistles, whereas Ssplash has recommended a quite modest four-lane pool with areas for future expansion, as funds are raised.

Both the experts retained (by PARC and by Ssplash) collaborated on figures on operating costs. If the operation is contracted out privately the way Shelby Pool currently is, the concession run by volunteers (as now), the pool operated seven days a week, an ordinary program schedule in place (whatever that means!), no special cost recovery equipment built into the pool and, if we get a \$2 million infrastructure grant (without which, we are sunk), the average tax increase on the average home on Salt Spring would be \$60.06 per year.

(I have taken these figures

from an article prepared by Darlene Steele, current president of Ssplash.)

That's about five dollars a month for the average home. I don't know where else we could get something with the potential impact and health benefits for five dollars a month.

Choosing the indoor aquatic option, the six-lane pool, doesn't mean that we will in fact have to get a six-lane pool. This is a survey, not a referendum.

What it does mean is that PARC will understand that we on Salt Spring want a year-round indoor pool from the start, which is a far more efficient use of tax dollars than later adding on to an outdoor pool.

Choosing Option A will pave the way for focussed discussion on a workable indoor pool option, something for which there is a

great deal of community approval, and for which there remains a lot of future fundraising energy.

I would like to close with an excerpt from an e-mail sent to me by someone who is not a member of the Ssplash executive (neither am I), but who cares enough to have joined the group.

"I'm a baby boomer and I realize through teaching fitness for years and now yoga that one of the best ways of exercising for seniors is in a warm pool — you can't do that in January in an outdoor pool and this island is full of seniors and many more of us on the way.

So I hope you guys can stick it out and get the indoor pool, which I think is important for this island."

*The writer is a member of Ssplash, the indoor pool society.*

## Pool survey represents 'surreal' public spending question

By **CHRIS DIXON**

We live in a time when we are told we can no longer adequately fund education or health care or maintain our crumbling roads.

Many social programs have been systematically gutted and much of our infrastructure, paid for with tax dollars, has been sold off. Nonetheless, I am being asked by two separate groups to support their efforts in building a new community swimming pool.

I find myself faced with this surreal question in the form of a survey sent by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC).

"We would like to know which pool you want. Please choose between the small pool (\$2.5 million) the

### IN RESPONSE

medium pool (\$5 million) and the really nice pool (\$6 million). I am not given the option of indicating that I do not want a pool.

The survey takes for granted that you and I want a pool, and further, that we want PARC to build and operate it. This, to me, is a scary proposition.

I have some questions:

- If we can't afford the very popular and beneficial Continuing Education program, which was killed by PARC because it wasn't cost efficient, how can we afford

a multi-million dollar pool facility?

- Why are PARC and the Ssplash pool society not working together toward a common goal?

- In whose opinion is Shelby Pool "in need of immediate replacement?"

- Who will own this proposed pool if it is built? Can it be sold off to strangers and then will we have to rent it back?

- Who will guarantee that the costs will stay within the stated budget?

- Is the \$73 or \$142 average tax increase annual, or a one-time event?

- If the tax increase is annual, how many years will it take to pay it off?

- If the tax increase is annual, will taxes be reduced

to the former level when the new facility is paid for, or will the increase quietly become a part of PARC's operating budget?

- Where will the money come from to pay for the annual operating deficits?

- Are we assured that we will have a referendum on any pool option PARC chooses to pursue?

- Who will choose the wording on the proposed referendum, and will the wording be made public well before the referendum date?

Political deceit seems to be a normal and acceptable part of modern life.

I would like to see a series of public meetings to audit the role of PARC in our community, its mandate, its history of interaction with

other groups, and its effectiveness in delivering good service for fair value.

I expect that little recourse will be available to protect taxpayers from our non-elected PARC politicians if their vision turns out to be less than accurate.

Don't get me wrong. I've love for Salt Spring Island to have an accessible, afford-

able indoor pool and I will give this project my full support the minute I'm convinced that what I'm being sold is what I'm going to get.

I'd also love to have a shiny new car in my driveway, but I know I can't afford it.

*The writer is a Mansell Road resident.*

### Your letters are welcome

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

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What do you think of the PARC pool survey?*



**Christien Smith (Toronto)**

*I think they should open up a community centre with an indoor pool in it . . . The pool needs to be attached to something. That's what they have in Toronto. I know a pool would be nice but I don't think it's feasible alone.*



**Terry Simard**

*I think there should have been more options, maybe in the number of lanes, maybe in options for the whole complex. I was surprised one of the options was an outdoor pool because what we really need is an indoor pool.*



**Patel Amar (India)**

*I think the best thing would be a simple rectangular pool with simple maintenance. Not having to pay extra taxes is always better.*



**Alan Layard**

*Everyone wants one and no one wants to pay for it . . . It's a long-time idea and politics always get in the way.*



**Barb Layard**

*If the artists can get people to pay for ArtSpring, then certainly the community can get the pool.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Scandalous

I am opposed to a four-day school week. I am opposed for practical reasons, and on principle.

My main anger at this probably becoming a reality in September is directed at the provincial government. This is Canada, not Bangladesh — how dare they underfund education, and by doing so toy with the future of our children and our country?

It is scandalous and they should be told so at every opportunity.

I would like our school board to send them the strongest message possible that we will not stand for our children's future being jeopardized. I fear they will not, and will be the government's hatchets and let them get away with it.

I understand that the board is in an unenviable position and has the duty to be responsible. But they need to be responsible for the future too, and mindful of how many families will be forced to move away from the district, and of how many

families will not move here with a compromised education on offer.

This will contribute to the decline in the viability of this community. I don't believe that is what they want.

Whilst I sympathize, I urge the board to be open and share information with the public. There are many rumours going around of a deliberate two-tiered system being introduced, with paid instruction on "the fifth day."

Parents of Phoenix are happy as they are under the impression they have changed the board's minds on moving their school.

If so I think that is a wonderful thing, as we need more programs, not less, to attract more families to our schools and island. However, if so, those attending the Monday meeting should have been told this, as it affected the presented figures. Also one of the reasons for rethinking the moving of Phoenix seems to be that the projected savings were wrong. So could the calculations be wrong elsewhere?

At the meeting we also heard how GISS would be

open on Fridays for sports and various other activities. So no savings on heat, janitors etc. on the fifth day there then? Will teachers come in for free having worked longer days earlier in the week to supervise these activities? If so, let's keep a five-day week then!

You must see why we are suspicious. I understand that it is a constantly evolving situation, and that the board has been thinking about it for 11 years, but it would be grossly irresponsible to close schools and alter the school calendar and people's lives, unless you are very sure of your facts.

My daughter loves her school and her friends. I don't want to have to tell her to say goodbye to them.

Every option is unpalatable. I suggest you support none of them.

Good luck!  
**RICHARD STEEL,**  
Isle View Drive

### Choose now

It's time to put your money on the table if you favour an indoor aquatic facility for our community. For the cost

of a couple ferry rides and a tank of gas a year for the average family, we can have a complete indoor aquatic facility.

PARC has conducted several surveys over the years (the latest being in 2003 with Ssplash) that have clearly shown strong support for an indoor aquatic facility. Now that we have determined the approximate building and operating costs of aquatic facilities that would serve our needs well into the future, PARC is asking you by way of a survey that is currently going out to each household if you support us building and operating an indoor facility at this time.

If you say yes by choosing Option A or B, we will proceed towards an indoor facility referendum.

If you do not support an indoor facility at this time you will choose Option C.

Option C means that PARC will replace Shelby pool with an outdoor pool facility that may be covered later. The cost of servicing the Rainbow Road site and constructing an outdoor facility would be fully covered by the

\$41 annual tax increase per average property that PARC implemented in 2004.

The choices on the survey are clear: do you or do you not support us in building and operating an indoor facility at this time.

The additional tax increase that could range from \$100 (if we get the full \$2,000,000 grant) to \$150 (if we get no grant at all) per year per average household beginning in 2005 to support an indoor facility is relatively inexpensive when you compare it to the cost of leaving the island just a few times a year to swim or to receive aqua therapy or aqua fitness; or to pay the annual costs to join a "club pool;" or when you compare it to the myriad of tax increases that simply go into general revenue where you have no say as to how it is spent.

Yes, indoor aquatic facilities are expensive to operate, that's simply a fact of life! The question is: Do you feel that the long-term recreational, therapeutic and social benefits of having such a facility in our community are worth the cost?

The choice is yours.

**WAYNE FRASER,**  
PARC Commissioner

### Heart-felt

Kathy Reimer has had the foresight to be proactive and not reactive when it comes down to the stability of this unique ecosystem we all call Salt Spring Island.

Through her tireless and loving work to keep the arteries (lakes and streams) of the island (the heart) unplugged, we all benefit.

Her knowledge, attitude and abounding concern to maintain some semblance of natural order must always remain and be carried forward.

Let us not be governed by the standards of big business and big developers whose only priority is to shareholders and profit.

Make absolutely sure your children's children live on a cholesterol-free island. Donations to the salmon enhancement program will help keep the heart pumping.

**BARRY TAYLOR,**  
Salt Spring Island

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## HEU wage cuts part of necessary budget pain

While bouncing around Salt Spring in my 15-year-old car, trying to scratch out a living, I must have driven past the HEU strikers a dozen times.

Despite the cheering and waving, I couldn't honk my horn. Despite recognizing many of the strikers and being friends with most, I couldn't raise my fist in solidarity and support.

It's not that I don't sympathize. I do. If someone asked me to claw back my salary by 15 per cent, I too would grumble, no matter how out of whack that salary might be. And sadly, the salaries and benefits seem out of whack.

I have not actually seen the employment agreements, but this is what I have gleaned from various provincial and national newspapers:

- With the 15 per cent wage cut-back, an HEU cleaner would have his/her salary cut from \$18.90

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WITH PETER VINCENT



per hour to \$16.07, second only to Ontario. Hmm. Next time you are at the tills at your favourite grocery store, have a little sympathy for the cashier. She is probably making about 10 bucks an hour. With little or no side benefits. She is on her feet for the better part of eight hours a day, save a couple of coffee breaks and a half hour lunch.

And she has to put up with you and I screeching about the price of toilet paper, or the correct change, or some such other nickel and dime issue, and she does so with a smile and a "thank you," because she knows that there are 10 others waiting for her job. It may not be fair, but that's the way it is in the private sector.

- On the "big three" holidays — Christmas, Labour Day and Good Friday — HEU workers get double-time-and-a-half plus a day with pay. So the aforementioned cleaner would be earning \$449.96 for the eight-hour shift. Not bad. For many in the private sector, that's a two-week paycheque.

- And then there are the "special" leaves . . . five days for marriage, two days for "domestic emergencies," three days for compassionate leave, with an extra three thrown in for travel time, 18 days for sick leave (you get a lovely little rebate if you don't use all 18.) I haven't seen anything about the medical and dental perks, but I can only guess that they are attractive.

- So is all this breast beating about job equity — about keeping up with the other provinces? Before the 15 per cent rollback, HEU members earned about 40 per cent more than other provincial counterparts, and are still

well above the national average after the 15 per cent hit.

- Is it about the extra hour and a half per week? Well, that gets the workers to 37.5 hours. The national average work week clocks in at 42 hours, with one in five working over 60 hours. That would be me.

- How about job security? The agreement caps the contracting-out number at 600 full-time equivalents, out of a total of 43,000 HEU members, or about 1.4 per cent. That doesn't seem like too many, but I guess if you are one of the 600, it's one too many.

The days of holding down one job until the day you die just don't happen anymore. In the brave new world, job security is something that goes under the category of "the good old days." To the government's credit, they have set aside \$25 million in severance pay to these unfortunates, which should ease the pain a little.

Yes, I do sympathize with the

disgruntled ferry workers, CUPE workers and the public school teachers.

The ham-fisted settlement tactics employed by the provincial government not only hurt the pocket books, but also humiliated, and that was unnecessary.

But we did vote these guys into office with an overwhelming majority in the legislature because they said they would fix the province's economic woes brought on by a decade of indiscriminate NDP spending.

Guess what. That's what they are doing. And hold on, 'cause it's going to hurt a bit. The Liberal mandate wasn't "balance the books, as long as it doesn't personally cost me anything," it was "balance the books, so that in two years, five years, 10 years, this province will start living up to its potential."

What a concept.

[pvincent@saltspring.com](mailto:pvincent@saltspring.com)

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Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Highland Water and Sewer Local Service committee will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2004 @ 1:30 p.m. at the Fernwood Elementary School Library

**Residents of the Highland Water and Sewer Local Service Area are Welcome to Attend**

**More letters**

**Impressed**

I attended the PARC pool meeting on May 4 and was impressed with the suggested pool designed they had produced. They were clear, understandable and they had obviously done their homework on the numbers.

I was given a copy of the Ssplash-proposed pool and was somewhat dismayed. I see the same "diagram" appeared in last week's Driftwood. Surely that is not an architect's design. I was bemused by the changing rooms — the female one seems to have an interesting corridor along one side. Also, we do need six lanes — our Stingrays swim team needs them and its members do so well we should support them. I'm not sure we need a river.

I also found the arithmetic not very sound. Revenue from admissions was stated to be \$164,700 for a six-lane pool. I presume that means the number of people times the number of visits times the cost of entry. I did some arithmetic. Entry cost of \$4 (which is what I pay now) times 360 days a year divided into \$164,700 and arrived at 114, meaning that if open for 360 days a year (probably high) the pool would need 114 admissions a day — every day!

I don't think that is very realistic. I presume the cost of admission would increase sharply.

I hope everybody will return the PARC survey. If you feel the indoor pool is

the best solution and you can accept an increase in taxes, then B looks good. If you vote for C you'll still get a pool but have no tax increase and the pool can be covered later.

Ssplash had plenty of comments to make at the meeting. None were very positive or useful, which is a pity. I feel that PARC should be commended on their efforts. I've sent my vote in, make sure you send yours.

**E.E. SQUIRE,**  
Mount Belcher

**Indoor benefits**

I just completed my pool survey and voted for a six-lane indoor option. I hope that the majority of voters on the island have done the same.

The benefits to the island are enormous. Having access to a year-round facility helps keep bodies and minds in a much healthier state. Kids do better in school, have positive attitudes, get in trouble less. Adults stay healthier too. There's fewer problems with drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, etc.

Less stress overall on the health care system, less use of law enforcement more contribution to society, which means more taxes — a win-win situation for everyone.

I'm a baby boomer and as former fitness instructor and now a yoga instructor, I know one of the best ways for the elderly to exercise is in warm water. The water

supports the joints, reducing injury.

I want to thank all the board and volunteers involved with Ssplash. It has been a tremendous undertaking with a lot of time and effort involved.

I, for one, ask that if PARC chooses to go for the outdoor option, that Ssplash board members withhold the funds raised and we continue to fundraise for an indoor pool.

**KISHORI HUTCHINGS,**  
Salt Spring

**No sense**

There is so much wrong with the four-day school week proposal it's hard to know where to begin.

I do not see any benefits for the children under this new calendar. It is consistent and poorly thought out. The weeks vary from three days to five.

Most school closure days are on Friday, but there are several on Mondays, making it hard for parents to offer a routine, let alone the confusion it will cause for day-care.

They also have the highest number of instructional days in the last two weeks before school is out for the summer.

This is just idiotic. Since when do children get new instruction or learning in the last two weeks of June?

What about all the after-school programs? Not only will it negatively affect them, but the kids need sports and such to keep them centred. I feel this four-day week will not help prepare our children

for the workforce and it will definitely make it harder for kids to get part-time jobs.

What shocks me most is that we are able to vote on something as trivial as if we want to support ArtSpring on our taxes, yet we the people are not given the choice to support our children's education. This makes no sense to me.

The figures the school board trustee came up with also don't make a lot of sense. For instance, how can they say that \$74,215 will be saved in increased employee attendance? People do get sick on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday too.

They also claim another \$93,496 will be saved in custodial time, yet GISS principal Nancy Macdonald says the school will be "fully opened" on those three days for choir practice and such.

It is rumoured that international students will be in attendance on those days as well. No one would confirm or deny this at the May 3 meeting.

It appears the school board's numbers look good on paper, but I can't help believe these will not be true savings.

If we mess with our children's education now, we are messing with the future of this country. The children are the future. Please fight for it.

**JENNIFER BULLACH,**  
Thomas Road

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**SSplash Response to PARC's Pool Survey: What you Need to know Before you Vote.**

**What you need to know about this pool survey.**

- ▶ this pool survey has been prepared by PARC with no input from Ssplash or the CRD Director
- ▶ only three choices are presented and you must choose one of them or your ballot will be spoiled, all blank and spoiled ballots will revert to a default position which PARC has stated is an **OUTDOOR POOL**, which will be built without any referendum being needed
- ▶ The tax information presented is potentially misleading because site preparation costs of 1.3 million (already paid for by a \$13 per \$100,000 of appraised property value tax increase which you will see on your 2004 tax bill) are included under Tax Implications for the indoor pool options (A. and B.), but not for the outdoor pool option (C.).  
**In fact, the outdoor pool is not free.**  
*If stated in the same terms as the other two options, it costs*

*about \$41 in increased taxes for the average homeowner...*

- ▶ Site preparation costs of 1.3 million will prepare the site for all facilities including the tennis club's courts. On the survey the entire cost of the site preparation is being attributed to the pool. It is more accurate to attribute these costs to the recreation site itself rather than the pool per se.
- ▶ The service building (change rooms, reception etc) included in all three pools presented includes a large amount of office space much of which will be used for PARC offices in the future. This is not an essential part of the pool and will not generate any revenue. Furthermore, it adds half a million dollars to the construction costs and \$10 to your annual tax bill (the cost of borrowing).
- ▶ **The figures for operating costs used by PARC do not include any use of non union labour or volunteers and are worst case scenarios.**

- ▶ **Please vote:** a spoiled or discarded ballot will result in the immediate construction of an outdoor pool.
- ▶ **Continue to lobby with us for a more fiscally responsible and modest indoor pool to be built.**
- ▶ *SSplash already has a plan for a less expensive indoor pool option than the one on this survey and we feel that there is the potential to reduce costs even further.*



A fully indoor pool choice will be submitted for an Infrastructure grant which we need to build any type of indoor pool. This choice will go to public referendum in September. *(This choice will give Ssplash the opportunity to campaign for a more modest costing pool design.)*



A hybrid indoor/outdoor pool with very limited indoor swimming opportunity for 8 months of the year will be submitted for an Infrastructure grant and a Referendum on this option will Follow.



If you vote for the outdoor pool PARC may construct an outdoor pool with no further say by any community group or the public and no referendum. If we do not go to referendum PARC will spend your tax dollars as they see fit.

**Need more information? Call Darlene at 537-8718**

**SSplash Board**

## More letters

### Limit numbers

Applause to Michael Larmour's April 21 letter to the editor for calling attention to the water shortage and its connection to tourist accommodations.

While Larmour was attempting to place the blame right on that of the vacation rental, he referred to a study that correctly pointed out that it is B&Bs that draw over twice the water of a single-family dwelling. And certainly resorts and hotels draw more water, too.

So the question becomes: if we are to preserve our scarce water resources, can we afford to have tourists even visit the island?

Without a doubt, B&Bs are a major contributor to the water shortage on the island and they, along with other forms of accommodation, need to be limited in number.

Either that, or limit the number of tourists allowed to visit. Since we likely won't limit the number of tourists visiting, then licence and limit B&Bs, vacation rentals, number of hotels and resorts.

**BOB SIMONDS,**  
Ganges

### Contradiction

I, too, (like Angela Anderson who wrote an April 21 letter to the editor) clean houses in the summer.

I work for both B&B owners, and short-term rental owners that rent their homes by the week.

The opponents to vacation rentals do not understand how they are affecting those of us in the service sector that need to make ends meet. I have lost three jobs worth about \$220 a week this coming summer because my employers have elected to end vacation rentals (in the face of this nasty fight going on) and instead will leave their houses empty. So I have effectively been "fired."

But I don't get it. I work for a B&B where the owners leave for weekends, the clients are there alone overnight and I go in the morning to make breakfast for the clients.

These people could be just as much a threat to the neighbourhood as someone renting a house for a week.

But it's not like rapists

and murderers come to Salt Spring to rent a B&B or a vacation house! All of these clients are good people. So why is one form of accommodation allowed over another?

By stopping vacation rentals, it takes away income for me and my daughter.

**SHAWN-MICHELLE ROLAND,**  
Salt Spring

### Love school

I think that there should not be a four-day week and Phoenix should stay where it is!

I have been a student here for three years. We have a beautiful forest to play in. My friends and I made tons of tunnels and forts. I love this school!

**SILAS FLYNN,**  
Grade 3  
Phoenix School

### Priceless treasure

As a parent of two in Grades 1 and 3, and a co-parent of one in Grade 4 attending Phoenix School full time, I find myself at a complete loss to comprehend how a decision to "reconfigure" to the notion of a "school within a school" could be imposed on the Phoenix program.

Children from compounded families are able to share in a learning experience in an environment which is supportive and nurturing to their needs. It is a priceless treasure for these kids juggled regularly between families.

Under pressure by the Campbell government to balance the school district's numbers, the school board voted last month to close the Drake Road School as of September 2004.

Needless to say, our kids were and remain completely unprepared to deal with the thought of attending school elsewhere in the fall of this year.

As many past parents and staff of Phoenix already know, a number of incredible kids have grown up together over the last 15 years, flourishing in this magical environment. The benefits have been and continue to be immeasurable!

With the consistent, cooperative, kind and caring engagement between the amazing staff and students, it

is a trusted atmosphere that cannot be relocated and continue to thrive in the same wonderful way. It is a model that cannot be duplicated within the confines of another school. The continuity of the Phoenix community at the Drake Road location is invaluable.

Phoenix School was also the only elementary school on Salt Spring to implement Roots of Empathy this year. Roots of Empathy is a very successful emotional literacy program aimed at curbing aggressive behaviour in children.

I would strongly urge the powers that be to look more closely at this gem of a school, and reconsider the decisions which so gravely affect the future of our most valuable asset, our children.

**COLLEEN SKELCHER,**  
Phoenix Parent

### Watch film

We stood in line with neighbours and concerned islanders to honour Mort Ransen and his amazing crew who put together the film *Bastards*, and the concept of a village of affordable, environmentally sound living where our young, very serious people could live with our elders and our handicapped for mutual benefit.

We marvelled at the brilliant greens and lush blossoms outside Cinema Central and learned from a wise one that this early burst of life may be because of increased carbon dioxide levels in the air we breathe.

On this same day we learn that an extra ferry sailing has been added to transport huge loads of logs ripped from our island.

Is there anything else we can do for you landowners who leave us all poorer? Where do we go from here?

Please stop at StarBooks in town for information about the SEEDS eco-village project, watch the film carried in video and to movie channels, and consider supporting a place for these serious honourable young people who just want to live a sustainable, clean life.

**ANNE HUMPHRIES,**  
Haamea Bay

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**PUPPY LOVE:** Sonia Goring celebrates Mother's Day with her baby — a puppy called Casey.  
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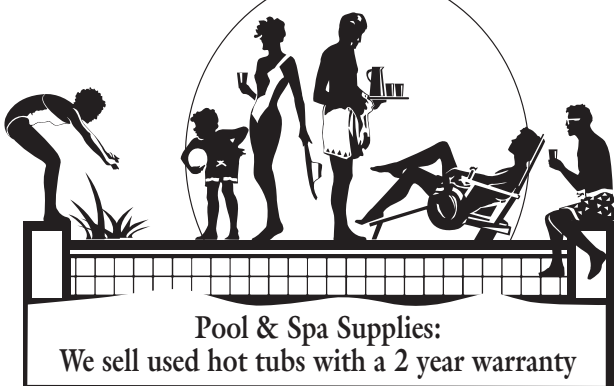
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Items may be dropped off at the shelter Monday to Friday between 12:00 and 3:00 pm or call the pager at 537-2123 for convenient pick up of items.

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**Date: Sunday May 16th 2004 (no early birds please)**  
**Time: 11:00 am till 3:00 pm**  
**Place: SPCA and G.I Vet Clinic rear parking lot located at 540 Lower-Ganges Rd.**

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DERRICK'S  
ISLAND PIX  
WITH DERRICK LUNDY

Name: BRUCE MAILEY with RUBY  
 537/538/653: 537  
 Occupation(s): Smoothies.  
 Hobbies: Carpentry  
 Home finished/unfinished: In transit.  
 Favourite read: Tom Robbins  
 Favourite people: The wonderful enlightened folk of SSI.  
 Best thing about SSI: The magic.  
 Worst thing about SSI: The rules.  
 Best place to kiss on SSI?: I've forgotten.



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LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on the following proposed bylaw:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 158, cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2004" (Home Industry Regulations Amendment).

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

**The Public Hearing will be held commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall, Canal Road, North Pender Island, BC. Following the close of the hearing, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider further readings of the bylaw, in the course of its regular business meeting.**

In general terms, the purpose of North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 158 is to amend the home industry regulations in Section 3.6 of the Land Use Bylaw to establish hours of operation related to a home industry use, to regulate noise related to a home industry use and to amend a cross-reference.

At the Public Hearing, the public, including all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw, at the above time and place.

All persons concerned should inspect the proposed bylaw to satisfy themselves as to how their lands may be affected by the proposed regulations. Copies of the proposed bylaw and relevant background documents in respect of the proposed bylaw that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing, May 12, 2004 up to and including, May 26, 2004.

For the convenience of public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various notice boards on North Pender Island and commencing May 12, 2004 are available from the Islands Trust website at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) by selecting North Pender Island / Bylaws / Proposed.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250)405-5155, prior to **4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2004; and**
2. after **4:30 p.m. Wednesday May 26, 2004**, by delivery to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing starting at **10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 2004** until the close of the hearing.

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Kathy Jones  
Deputy Secretary

# RANTS & ROSES

## RANTS

To the people who drive Fulford-Ganges Road at considerably less than the posted 80 km/h speed limit. If you insist on driving slower, please pull over and let those behind you pass by. We have a right to drive at the posted limit. This especially applies to ferry traffic.

Rants to the person who has parked a trailer partially on the paved shoulder at the top of Fulford-Ganges Hill. At night time this is especially dangerous because there are no reflectors on the back. For cyclists, it makes it necessary to swerve into traffic.

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Roses to Cst. Lyndsay Ellis of the Salt Spring RCMP, who, in a very short time, has earned the trust and respect of many of our island teens. This is no small feat! From an appreciative mom.

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With the soccer season over for another year, I would like to thank Ganges Village Market for all its support. From fresh oranges for the kids, to the donation for the annual raffle, as well as letting us sell tickets outside your store — your support in greatly appreciated.

Thank-you to Bailey, Michael, Lesley and Tammy Colgan for finding our cat Cookie.

Roses to all those baseball

players who park at Portlock Park and not at Central Hall. Thanks from all the movie goers!

Roses to the staff and students of GISS, SIMS, Galiano and Pender schools for their ongoing support of SWOVA's "Get Some Respectful Relationships" program.

Thank-you to everyone involved for making our Community Energy Strategy workshop a real success. MP and EW.

A heartfelt thanks from the members of the Hospital Employees Union, Lady Minto/Greenwoods Local to all the unions, businesses, organizations and individuals who supported our nine-day job action. They include the BC Nurses Union, Health Sciences Association, HEU SSI Community Living Local, BC Ferry Workers Union, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees; the many local businesses who gave us discounts, the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, the NDP Club, newspapers and the hundreds of people, including retired HEU members, patients and residents, who donated food and drinks, sang songs, came to wish us well and gave their support to our picket lines.

## More letters

### Inspiring

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Thanks to musicians and clientele, all the friends who supported Ray Newman Night.

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SUE NEWMAN,  
Salt Spring

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## More letters

### Sick industry

My sympathies to Ms. Guiled for her efforts to shine a little light into the animal-rearing practices of industrial agriculture. (April 21 Driftwood column.)

Predictably, this drew the immediate response of the defenders of the status quo, like Mr. Bailey. I note Mr. Bailey failed to mention the impacts of large-scale feedlots in his spirited defence of the noble rancher/cowboy.

Ms. Guiled is fortunate she resides on Salt Spring. Had she lived in the United States, the cowboys would have tried to string her up in court like Oprah Winfrey. If she lived in Alberta she could have been "kdlanged" or run out of town.

One has only to look at the Avian flu disaster to see how a sick agriculture industry and a sick marketing board have colluded to produce sick animals.

Unsafe, inhumane practices and lack of a meaningful regulatory structure have brought a plague into B.C. that has resulted in the extermination of small healthy backyard flocks.

The ag industry put John van Dongen into office. Van Dongen is returning the favour by passing off their mismanagement as some new type of "natural disaster" like a forest fire. According to the newspapers, producers look to realize up to \$30 dollars a bird in compensation.

The ag industry, chicken marketing board and governments have made millions of dollars inhumanely raising animals by packing them into large industrial sheds.

They prop them up with antibiotics, call it chicken, and then unload this stuff onto a trusting public. Now they're winning for a bailout.

These guys are no different than the developers and government inspectors responsible for leaky condos.

Except the chicken marketing board stifles competition by shutting down

small alternative producers.

The chicken marketing board and their chicken factories should be held personally accountable for the dangerous system they have created and profited from.

They should absorb their own losses and be held completely accountable for the damages they have caused. They are no different than the manufacturer of any other defective, industrial product.

In the interests of public safety, the government must make immediate, drastic changes to this industrial model of animal rearing and the marketing board monopoly before these systems incubate or mutate another lethal virus, which could spread into the human population.

Monopolies cost the consumer and quality sells itself. Both the farmer and the public will be the big winners in the long-term.

**TOM PICKETT,**  
Lee Road

### Logs off, sod on

Is this a fair exchange?

Travellers on B.C. Ferries from Salt Spring to Vancouver Island have watched in shock and awe as truckloads of logs headed off-island.

On Tuesday, May 4, for the 10 a.m. sailing from Fulford, no less than five full-sized trucks plugged the parking lot and, of course, the ferry.

Unsurprisingly, not all vehicle traffic aiming for that sailing got on.

Perhaps indicative of the changes occurring to our island was the sight of a truck off-loading from Swartz Bay with an order of grass sod on its deck, heading for some proud homeowner who has yet to recognize that one of the delights, surely, of Salt Spring, is to get away from manicured lawns.

It certainly set this islander thinking.

**KEN MACKENZIE,**  
Salt Spring

### Mob mentality

For the first time in my life I am truly ashamed to

be a Canadian and a Salt Springer.

I have seen (for the first time in my country) true mob mentality in the people I live among. It is a terrifying thing!

People not obeying the law — obstructing me and mine from living our life in an orderly, lawful way. Disrupting the services I pay for. In fact, holding the population hostage to their labour demands.

If people do not like their jobs, in a democracy they have the right to quit. In a democracy I have always understood that "your rights end where mine begin — and visa versa."

I try not to be afraid of you, for this is my land too, but all you strikers have behaved in a threatening way.

I don't know what your point is other than to bully the rest of the population into giving you what you want while disrupting the life of quiet law-abiding citizens.

**D.A. PHIPPS,**  
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x 8:00 am	5:00 pm	8:30 am	5:30 pm
9:00 am	6:00 pm	# 9:30 am	6:30 pm
10:00 am	7:00 pm	11:10 am	8:10 pm
11:40 am	8:40 pm	12:10 noon	9:10 pm
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# School board must show leadership, not 'sheepship' in education battle

By MONA FERTIG

A four-day school week is in the process of being forced down our throats, despite intense opposition by parents, workers and students on the islands.

Eighty-three per cent of parents voted against a four-day school week on Pender Island. In a recent Galiano Island poll, only one parent out of 33 supported the four-day school week.

At the last two public meetings on Salt Spring, the passion against the four-day week was palpable. Seven hundred came to the rally on May Day.

No study or serious consideration has been given to the effects of an anticipated 20 per cent decrease in wages in our island economy due to the four-day school week.

Combined with seasonal jobs, the HEU's 15 per cent wage loss and the lack of high-paying jobs, tough economics will be felt by many here.

The four-day school week is anticipated to involve fee-paying programs on the fifth day.

## IN DEPTH

These fifth-day "enhancement days" will create a two-tiered education system for those that can afford it.

Will the international students pay extra for Friday or will the fifth-day costs be applied only to our island students?

At present the international students' program is administered by the school business company. (The right for school districts in B.C. to create corporate entities is established in Section 32 of Bill 34, the School Amendment Act, 2002).

The school board and business company are both chaired by May McKenzie.

The school board plans to use the funds made on the fifth day to offset costs of the underfunding by government. Would the profits from the fifth day be administered by the school board or by the school board business company?

These are serious questions revolving around the four-day school week and the use of private business in our public schools.

We may also see the elimination of the semester system in high school and the return to the eight courses all year.

None of these plans were openly discussed by the board or willingly divulged at the public meetings. Many would call this lying by omission. What else have they planned?

The present public consultation meetings are a sham. If the board does not vote with the community it has failed to earn our respect. It has failed to give us hope. It has failed to listen and work with us.

Instead, compliant and non-transparent, it has become a board that supports the neo-conservatism of the Liberal government and their budget lies.

This board is not between a rock and a hard place. It faces a very important and pivotal decision in our island's history.

Either it rises to its potential as a strong community

leader, leading other B.C. school boards in a united call for the restoration of education funding, or it becomes another impotent pawn in the government's sinister plan of dumbing down society.

It is a time of leadership, not sheepship. If the board has the courage to vote against the four-day school week and submit a "need's budget," it should then gather a council of community parents and leaders for an education summit with a clear plan of action and consultation.

Budgets should always be considered political documents, rather than economic ones. Political decisions are behind the numbers.

You can change the numbers by changing political decisions.

We need courage not further cuts.

We need courage to resist the erosion of public education and the downloading of the government's responsibility onto our citizens. It is our moral responsibility.

*The writer is a Salt Spring parent and writer.*

## More letters

### Swim club clarification

On behalf of the executive of the Salt Spring Aquatic Society, which runs the Stingrays Swim Club, I would like to outline our club's needs in a swimming pool, and dispel any confusion that may be out there.

Foremost is our concern that a lengthy battle over a public swimming facility will prolong the process of acquiring a pool, leaving us without any pool at all upon the demise of Shelby.

As we are a summer club,

our need for a pool basically extends from May 1 until the third week in August. Swimmers are permitted only two hours of coached training through the winter; therefore, our winter use of an indoor pool as a club would be minimal.

(This does not mean individual swimmers would not use an indoor pool frequently, nor does it preclude the creation of a winter swim club on Salt Spring or a school-based club, should year-round swimming become an option.)

Presently, our training needs include:

- a 25-metre pool, preferably six lanes, although we manage with Shelby's four lanes;
- diving blocks and enough depth at one end of the pool to permit diving.
- To hold a swim meet we need:
  - a six lane, 25-metre pool;
  - diving blocks and enough depth at one end of the pool to permit diving;
  - ample spectating space;
  - ample deck space;
  - washroom and change-room facilities.

The majority of our region's competitions are held at outdoor facilities in various parts of Vancouver Island.

Large indoor meets are held at Saanich Commonwealth Place. Most of the weekend-long meets accommodate between 300 and 400 swimmers and their families.

Regarding the three options currently under consideration:

- Option A meets our year-round training needs (provided the pool is deep enough for diving), but it is unlikely we could hold a swim meet at an indoor facility unless special consideration was given to deck and spectating space.
- Option B would meet our year-round training needs (provided the outdoor pool is deep enough for diving). It would also likely be suitable for competitions.
- Option C would meet our summer training needs and, should the above criteria be met, also allow us to hold a meet.

Ultimately, we hope that a facility can be built quickly as it has been said this could be Shelby's last year.

**SUSAN LUNDY,**  
President, Salt Spring Aquatic Society

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# Singers' Celebration delicacy nourishes the soul

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Singers saturated listeners with sonorous layers of sound as a ringing Celebration of Song commemorated their 30th anniversary of performances last weekend.

The best description of the Singers' concert would be an auditory form of Tiramisu, that heavenly confection concocted from layers of mocha-flavoured cream, lady-finger pastry, sprinkles of dark chocolate and dashes of strong espresso and tantalizing liquor.

Each half of the performance could have stood as a stunning concert alone, but much like the richly-layered Tiramisu dessert, one can't fault too much of a good thing.

An impressive opening act by the young Salt Spring Honour Choir (see related story on page 20) tuned the audio palate for a delicious treat.

Accordingly, the Singers' first piece, I Have Had Singing by Steven Sametz, had the effervescence of whipped mousse with its smooth nostalgic reminiscences.

Locus Iste, composed by Anton Bruckner, offered the appreciative reverence of a fine chocolate. Brahms' How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place swept listeners to intoxicating heights as the Singers served up a second helping of Romantic German requiems.

And their rendition of The Blue Bird had the delicacy and warmth of mouth-melting pastry.

A solo by Rosemarie Delisle for Blue Bird helped capture the placid calm and tranquility of the composition with her sustained notes.

Even musical director Mitch Howard had to sigh with delight over the Singers' performance of the piece.

"It's always great to hear a piece of music and think,



"Wouldn't it be great to play that?"

Accordingly, Gospel themes in This is the Day and The Kingdom both shared a sense of rejoicing in the beauty of a certain time and place.

A particularly exposed arrangement of Song For the Mira saw Steve Coopman, Ric Murrell and Dick Miller (who also accompanied on guitar) share solos in

MacGillivray's Cape Breton portrait.

Continuing with an east-coast theme, Coopman also had a solo in Away From the Roll of the Sea. Both MacGillivray pieces were performed exclusively by the tenors, baritones and basses.

Wrapping up the choir's Cape Breton sampling, Amy Buchwald gave an inspirational solo for We Rise Again.

"This is an anthem for all islands," Howard said.

After an intermission and an amazing instrumental duet by Howard on trumpet and accompanist Jennifer Howard on piano, the Singers paid tribute to the gifts of musical directors from the past.

Founding director Ruth Barker, who died in 2003, was honoured by an a cappella trio performance of



**SWEET SINGERS:** At left is a bird's eye view of part of the Salt Spring Singers choir as they perform at Art-Spring last weekend. Above, director Mitch Howard gets into the music.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Shenandoah by Buchwald, Noni Fogarty and Sylvia Louwman.

The choir's longest serving director, Joy Johnsen, received a nostalgic treatment of The Water is Wide; past director Lloyd English's enthusiasm was celebrated with Hymn to Freedom; and Wendy Milton was saluted with the gregarious rendition of Home and Heartland, featuring a cordial solo by

Carole Eyles.

The O Fortuna movement from Carmina Burana clearly served as an audio espresso tribute to the technical achievements of the Singers under Bruce Smith; while Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine gave a lush picture of the choir's direction with Howard's leadership, one that seems to incorporate all of the previous elements into one harmonious dish.

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In addition to kids' games, fabulous food, a petting zoo and hours of entertainment, Vancouver Island recording artist Allison Crowe will celebrate the release of her debut full-length album called "secrets" at the carnival.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Crowe performing at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Throughout the day family members can try their luck at games with tantalizing names like "flyin' frogs, tic-tac toss, lollipop tree, gold-diggers, haystack hoedown, fishing frenzy" and more.

In addition to the petting zoo, animal-loving kids can take a ride on a pony.

Preschool teacher Barb Ruddell's famous imagination station will be in full swing, and a cake walk will prompt lots of smiling faces, as will cool clowns, stilt walkers and belly dancers.

Members of the police, fire and ambulance departments will also visit with their emergency vehicles.

Food choices include salmon burgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, hamburgers, cookies, popcorn, ice cream and corn-on-the-cob.

According to a press release, the main stage will feature "rockin' and jazzin' foot-stomping music for everyone to enjoy, with a marvelous line-up that includes:

Sue Newman's dance class of three and four year olds, the Major 7 jazz band, Tom and Irya, Salt Spring Brass Quintet with musical director Dawn Hage, Fabulous Fiddlers, Drop Radio, Monik Nordine's Swing Shift Band, Salt Spring Idol Stacy Burke, Laurent Boucher's drummers with Alana's African Dancers, Planet Music band, Taiya's belly-dancing, Tomiko's face-painting and parade pied-piper Jim Raddys.

Special guest Allison Crowe will perform a live set on the concert grand piano generously contributed by the island's noted piano teacher Paul Verville and Keith and Catherine Allison of Allison Piano in Victoria.

Moving assistance will be provided by Randy and Michelle Severn's Five Star Moving. Jordy Sharp will be behind the sound-board making the day's music sound wonderful.

Crowe has been active in 2004, creating a pair of full-length albums with a hand in engineering, producing, as well as singing, playing piano, guitar, organ and adding percussive "thumps." The first of her two debut albums to be completed is "secrets" — a solo, singer-songwriter collection that will be released just days before her Spring Carnival performance.

Poet/dramatist Valentino Assenza, writing for Latchkey.net, the literary and cultural website which features Crowe this month, said she combines "jazz, rock and blues into a wonderful melodious collage."

There's a good reason Peter Karroll, manager for Bif Naked and other rock acts, has called Crowe "one of the most amazing vocal talents anywhere today."

And Vicki Gabereau, Canada's "Queen of Chat," said to Crowe: "You don't sound like anybody else, honey. Nobody sounds like you."

Admission to the fair is only \$5, with all proceeds benefitting the preschool.

For more information about the carnival, call Kim Topping at 537-9796.

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### S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 12

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240	CBC	Edgem'nt	The X	Simpsons	Gags	News	Nature of Things	Asteroid!	The Doomsday Rock	The National/Mag.	News	Movie				
600 621	MC	Movie	Dead Awake (2001)	Stephen Baldwin	Wrong..	Confidence	Edward Burns	45 All The Real Girls	Paul Schneider	In the Bedroom						
4	NewVI	Relic Hunter	VI Land News			Spin City	Million?	1-800-Missing	Angel	Invisible Man	News	:35 J.Leno				
330 379	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News	News	News	Magazine	Squares	The Mentalist	The West Wing	Law & Order	News	:35 J.Leno				
244 358	CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News	Go! Mag.	70s	70s	The Mentalist	K Queens	Raymond	Extreme Makeover	Sp'rtPage	CH News				
243 321	CTVBC	Friends	Friends	CTV News at Five	News	eTalk	Access	W.Wing	55 American Idol III	Law & Order	News	News				
241 336	GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey	News	National	News	ET	Train 48	70s	70s	Gilmore Girls	Blue Murder	News				
443 383	KCTS	Arthur	Cyberch.	Zoom	Business	News	Europe	American	Nat. Geographic	A Midsummer Night's Dream	:35 Ballet	RedDwarf	News			
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445 354	KNOW	George	55Piggley	15ArtAtt...	Kratts' C	CG Kids	Westland	Fork	Imprint	Bitter Harvest	Life & Death	Global Warming	Canada: History			
242 359	CITY	Star Trek: DSN	Maury Povich Show	News	B.Date	5.Wheel	Enterprise	The Bachelor	The Bachelor	The Bachelor	News	Speaker's				
454 523	BRAVO	3:30Detect	Bravo!	Actor	Theater In the City	Wolfpen Principle		Law & Order	NYPD Blue	Venus Beauty Institute	Nathalie Baye					
441 506	HIST	JAG	Mob Stories	Place Called War	Turning Points	JAG	Adventurers	Mob Stories	Place Called War							
436 560	TLC	In a Fix	What Not to Wear	Clean Sweep	Now Who's Boss?	What Not to Wear	Clean Sweep	Now Who's Boss?	In a Fix							
19	FAM	19Recess	40Possib.	Proud F.	McGuire	All That	So Raven	Stevens	Radio F.	Boy MW	Mentors	Dangerous Minds	40Boy..	Leonard	Sm'rtGuy	
450 520	A&E	American Justice	Biography	American Justice	Troy: Real Story	Third Watch	Biography	American Justice	Troy: Real Story							
400 400	TSN	MolsonH.	Boxing	Boxing Marquez vs Pacquiao	Sportscentre	P.P. Hill Climb	Motoring	Billiards WPBA	Sportscentre							
407 419	RSP	Soccer C.	News	Basketball Playoffs NBA Indiana vs Miami	Sportscentre	Basketball Playoffs NBA Minnesota vs Sacramento										
23	KSTW	Ryan Seacrest	Frasier	Frasier	K Queens	K Queens	70s	70s	Enterprise	Top Model	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Becker	Becker		
24	KVOS	Ripley's	St.Smart	Ellen Degeneres	Dating	Elimidate	K Queens	Becker	White Men Can't Jump	Wesley Snipes	W&Grace	J.Shoot	Dating	Cheers		
333 382	KCPQ	3rd Rock	J.Shoot	Dharma	Simpsons	King Hill	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	70s / 55 American Idol III	Q-13 News	Star Trek: Voyager				
511 390	NEWS	News: Canada Now	Counterspin	The National/Mag.	Antiques Roadshow	Counterspin	National	Business	Antiques Roadshow	Counterspin						
332 381	KIRO	J. Judy	J. Judy	KIRO News	News	News	ET	Access	60 Minutes II	K Queens	Raymond	Carol Burnett Show	News	Letterm'n		
331 380	KOMO	Million?	Pyramid	KOMO 4 News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	WifeKids	WifeKids	The Bachelor	The Bachelor	News	:35 News		
438 394	VISION	Touched By Angel	Soul Man	Wine	Noah's Ark	360 Vision	Neon Rider	Noah's Ark	360 Vision	Promised Land						

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

- 6:30 PM  
**17 Wolfpen Principle (1973, Comedy)**  
A recent immigrant to Canada and a young First Nations man unite to free the wolves. *Vladimir Valenta, Lawrence Brown (1h30)*
- 7:00 PM  
**3 ★★ Confidence (2003, Crime Comedy)**  
A swindler offers to repay a crime boss by pulling off the biggest con of his career. *Edward Burns, Rachel Weisz (1h45)*
- 8:00 PM  
**23 ★★ White Men Can't Jump (1992, Comedy)**  
A white con artist hustles basketball games with black players. *Wesley Snipes, Woody Harrelson (2h)*
- 8:45 PM  
**3 ★★ All The Real Girls (2003, Drama)**  
The love story between a reputed womanizer, and his best friend's sister. *Paul Schneider, Zoëy Deschanel (1h45)*
- 9:00 PM  
**19 ★★ Dangerous Minds (1995, Drama)**  
A teacher challenges the underestimated potential of a group of inner city students. *Michelle Pfeiffer, George Dzundza (1h40)*
- 10:00 PM  
**14 ★★ Venus Beauty Institute (1999, Comedy)**  
Three employees of a small but successful beauty salon, search for love and happiness. *Nathalie Baye, Bulle Ogier (2h15)*
- 10:30 PM  
**3 ★★ In the Bedroom (2001, Drama)**  
Parents face tragedy after their son falls for a woman with a manic tempered ex-husband. *Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei (2h15)*
- 11:30 PM  
**2 ★★ Shadow Magic (2000, Comedy/Drama)**  
A photographer's efforts to establish a film industry in China are met with opposition. *Jared Harris, Xia Yu (2h15)*
- 10 L'histoire de mon père (1998, Drama)**  
Un professeur rencontre une gitane qui le marquera à jamais. *John Cusack, James Caan (2h40)*

THURSDAY, MAY 13

- 6:00 PM  
**14 Murdoch Mysteries: Except the Dying (2004, Crime Story)**  
A young detective investigates the death of a wealthy family's housemaid in Victorian-era. *Peter Outerbridge, Colm Meaney (2h)*
- 7:00 PM  
**3 ★ The Invitation (2003, Horror)**  
A dinner party turns deadly when a host poisons his guests into revealing their fears. *Lance Henriksen, Christopher Shyer (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM  
**23 ★★ Casualties of War (1989, War)**  
A private in Vietnam witnesses the inhumane treatment of a Vietnamese girl by soldiers. *Michael J. Fox, Sean Penn (2h)*
- 8:30 PM  
**3 ★ Greenmail (2001, Action)**  
A mismatched activist and an agent must stop an environmentalist's murderous spree. *Stephen Baldwin, Kelly Rowan (1h45)*
- 9:00 PM  
**13 ★★ Protection (2000, Drama)**  
A concerned social worker tries to help the children of an abusive, drug-addicted couple. *Nancy Sivak, Jillian Fargey (1h50)*
- 19 ★★ Majority Rule (1992, Drama)**  
A woman endures the struggle of a lifetime when she decides to run for president. *Blair Brown, Donald Moffat (1h30)*
- 10:00 PM  
**14 ★★ The Man Who Could Work Miracles (1937, Fantasy)**  
A timid British department store clerk is endowed with the power to do anything he wants. *Roland Young, Ralph Richardson (1h30)*
- 10:15 PM  
**3 ★★ Femme Fatale (2002, Thriller)**  
A woman's criminal past returns to haunt her as she tries to straighten out her life. *Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Antonio Banderas (2h15)*
- 11:30 PM  
**2 ★★ This is My Father (1998, Romance)**  
A man travels to Ireland to learn of his dying mother's star-crossed love affair. *Aidan Quinn, James Caan (2h20)*
- 14 ★★ Gandhi (1982, Biography)**  
Gandhi's efforts to establish independence for India through non-violent resistance. *Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen (3h30)*

FRIDAY, MAY 14

- 6:00 PM  
**14 ★★ Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story (1992, Docu-Drama)**  
The story of Jackie Presser who took over from Jimmy Hoffa after he disappeared. *Brian Dennehy, Jeff Daniels (2h)*



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600 621	MC	F :15 Pumpkin 2002	Various	Various	Movie	Various	TU :15 Inside Movies	Various	Various	Movies	Various	Movie	Various	Various	Movie	
4	NewVI	7:00 New Day	CityLine	Various	DataC.	Earth: Final Conflict	All My Children	One Life to Live	Touched By Angel	Star Trek: Voyager						
330 379	KING	7:00 Today Show	Today Show II	Martha Stewart	Ellen Degeneres	News	Days of Our Lives	Passions	Dr. Phil							
244 358	CH	Gold Trail	BodyHlth	Oprah Winfrey	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	Ryan Seacrest	Travel M	Various	BodyHlth	Travel				
243 321	CTVBC	6:30 Canada AM	Regis & Kelly	The View	Balance	Planet	Balance	Bold & B.	Gabereau	Gabereau	General Hospital	Dr. Phil				
241 336	GBLBC	6:00 News	100 Huntley Street	Worldvision	Cross O.	MoneyW.	News	As the World Turns	Passions	Young & Restless						
443 383	KCTS	Various	DragonT	Caillou	Barney	Sesame Street	Read R.	Rogers	B.Lions	M. Yan	Various	Various	O.House	Teletub.	Boohbah!	Various
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445 354	KNOW	Various	45Tim'thy	Lit. Bear	Big Blue	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Boo!	:35 Dora	
242 359	CITY	6:00 Breakfast TV	Cooks	Various	The Lost World	CityLine	Maury Povich Show	Various	Various	Various	Media TV	Cooks				
454 523	BRAVO	Various	Various	Law & Order	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Joe Fafard/ LifeTimes	Videos	Various				
441 506	HIST	Fifties/W Adventurer	JAG	Various	Various	Canadian	GhostT..	Yesterd..	Various	Fifties/W Adventurer						
436 560	TLC	DatingSt	DatingSt	Makeover	Makeover	Chance	Proposal	Wedding	Wedding	BabySt'ry	BabySt'ry	Trading Spaces	While You Were Out	Clean Sweep		
483 541	FAM	Gadget	Various	20 Pooh	45 JoJo's	10Stanley	40 Henry	ChipDale	Various	15Fillm're	Goof Trp	Various	Various	10Houndz	35 Mouse	Various
450 520	A&E	Murder She Wrote	City Confidential	American Justice	American Justice	Various	Various	Murder She Wrote	Murder She Wrote	Murder She Wrote	City Confidential					
400 400	TSN	Sportscentre	Off Rec	Various	Various	Various	M Karate	Various	AcuraGolf	Various	TU Auto Racing	Interrupt	Off Rec	SportsC		
407 419	RSP	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	Various	Various	Hockey	Various		
23	KSTW	700 Club	Ricki Lake	Rosean'	Rosean'	Various	Hughleys	The People's Court	Divorce	Divorce	Hughleys	Sabrina	Home I.	Various		
24	KVOS	Wild Things	Paid	Paid	The People's Court	S.Susan	Mad Ab..	FamFeud	Pyramid	I Spy	Montel Williams	Cagney & Lacey/ Paid				
333 382	KCPQ	6:00 News	Good Day Live	Sharon Osbourne	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show	Starting Over	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show							
511 390	NEWS	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	Politics	News	Business			
332 381	KIRO	The Early Show	Montel Williams	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	The Guiding Light	J.Brown	Justice					
331 380	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.	Regis & Kelly	The View	KOMO 4 News	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest							
438 394	VISION	It's a New Day	Mass	Various	Jawani	Youngren	LifeToday	Various	Various	Promised Land	Neon Rider					

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FRIDAY, MAY 14
6:00 PM
\*\*\* Sharpe's Regiment (1996, War) A Major goes undercover to find the missing Second Battalion of the South Essex Regiment. Sean Bean, Michael Cochrane (2h)
7:00 PM
\*\*\* 28 Days (2000, Drama) A woman is ordered to serve time at a rehabilitation clinic after a drunken escapade. Sandra Bullock, Elizabeth Perkins (2h)
7:30 PM
\*\*\* Just a Walk in the Park (2002, Comedy) A professional dog-walker falls in love with a woman he believes to be a millionaire. George Eads, Jane Krakowski (1h30)
8:00 PM
\*\*\* The Tenant of Wildfell Hall (1996, Drama) A woman escapes with her young son from her unscrupulous husband to Wildfell Hall. Tara Fitzgerald, Rupert Graves (2h30)
8:25 \*\*\* Little Nicky (2000, Comedy) Satan sends his accident-prone son to Earth to find and retrieve his two older brothers. Adam Sandler, Patricia Arquette (2h)
8:30 \*\*\* Angel Eyes (2001, Thriller) A policeman with a complicated family history begins a romance with a mysterious man. Jennifer Lopez, James Caviezel (2h)
8:45 \*\*\* Perry Mason: Case of the Grimacing Governor (Crime Story) A gubernatorial candidate alleged suicide triggers a series of mysterious deaths. Tony Curtis, James Brolin (2h)
9:00 PM
\*\*\*\* About Schmidt (2002, Comedy/Drama) A man searches for meaning in his life while trying to stop his daughter's wedding. Jack Nicholson, Kathy Bates (2h15)
9:15 \*\*\* Throw Momma From the Train (1987, Comedy) A childish man attempts to persuade a professor to 'exchange murders' with him. Danny DeVito, Billy Crystal (1h30)
9:45 PM
\*\*\* Dirty (1997, Drama) A drug dealer fulfills the fantasies of a young student desperate for human contact. Babz Chula, Tom Scholte (2h)
10:00 PM
\*\*\* Hannah and Her Sisters (1986, Romance) A family begins to fall apart when a woman's husband falls for her beautiful sister. Woody Allen, Mia Farrow (2h)
10:15 \*\*\* Sharpe's Regiment (1996, War) A Major goes undercover to find the missing Second Battalion of the South Essex Regiment. Sean Bean, Michael Cochrane (2h)
10:30 PM
\*\*\* Junior (1994, Comedy) A male doctor and his associate steal a frozen egg, fertilize it and hide it in a man. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito (1h50)
11:15 PM
\*\*\* Queen of the Damned (2002, Horror) A vampire's music awakens an ancient queen, who threatens humans and vampires alike. Stuart Townsend, Aaliyah (1h45)
11:30 PM
\*\*\* Pollock (2001, Biography) A film about the life and career of renowned American painter, Jackson Pollock. Ed Harris, Marcia Gay Harden (2h25)
11:45 \*\*\* Fatale (1992, Drame de mœurs) Un politicien bien en vue s'engage dans une liaison avec la fiancée de son fils. Jeremy Irons, Juliette Binoche (3h40)
SATURDAY, MAY 15
6:00 PM
\*\*\* Lady Sings the Blues (1972, Biography) The life of late jazz singer Billie Holiday, who suffered through life in segregation. Diana Ross, Billy Dee Williams (3h)
6:30 PM
\*\*\* Les Sirènes (1990, Comédie dramatique) La fille d'une femme excentrique hâte entre la vie religieuse et céder à un prétendant. Winona Ryder, Cher (2h30)
7:00 PM
\*\*\* Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (2003, Action) Three detectives investigate the theft of a database from the Witness Protection Program. Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore (2h)
8:00 PM
\*\*\* Class Action (1991, Suspense) A father and daughter, who are both lawyers, find themselves representing opposing sides. Gene Hackman, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio (2h30)
8:15 \*\*\* Harry Potter and the Sorcerer'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)
9:00 PM
\*\*\*\* Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (2000, Action) Two warriors search for a fugitive and her student after a treasured sword is stolen. Michelle Yeoh, Chow Yun Fat (2h30)
9:15 \*\*\* Willard (2003, Horror) An outcast uses his unusual power over rats to seek revenge upon all who have wronged him. Crispin Glover, R. Lee Ermy (1h45)
9:27 \*\*\* Swordfish (2001, Thriller) A hacker is hired to break into a government system and steal billions of dollars. John Travolta, Hugh Jackman (2h)
9:30 \*\*\* Lady Sings the Blues (1972, Biography) The life of late jazz singer Billie Holiday, who suffered through life in segregation. Diana Ross, Billy Dee Williams (3h)
9:45 PM
\*\*\* Powder (1995, Fantasy) An albino genius with superhuman intelligence is introduced to society for the first time. Mary Steenburgen, Sean Patrick Flanery (1h30)
9:45 PM
\*\*\* City Heat (1984, Comedy) A police officer and private detective battle each other while they chase down the mob. Clint Eastwood, Madeline Kahn (1h45)
10:30 PM
\*\*\*\* Tendres passions (1983, Drame psychologique) Les relations d'une veuve avec sa fille au cours d'une trentaine d'années. Debra Winger, Shirley MacLaine (2h40)
10:45 PM
\*\*\* The Birdcage (1996, Comedy) A man is asked to hide his lifestyle when his son brings his fiancée's family to dinner. Robin Williams, Gene Hackman (2h)
10:55 \*\*\* Dreamcatcher (2003, Sci-Fi) Four childhood friends on a camping trip are plunged into an alternate, deadly world. Morgan Freeman, Jason Lee (2h15)
11:30 PM
\*\*\*\* Adam's Rib (1949, Comedy) The marriage of a husband-and-wife attorney team suffers severely during a murder trial. Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn (2h)



**HAPPY ON STAGE:** Salt Spring Centre School presented Happy Ever After — a collection of fairy tales with a common quest and a happy ending — last Thursday and Friday nights at the Mormon church. School principal Gail Bryn-Jones says the school's annual productions see every student singing, dancing and acting on stage. Above is Jessica Kliaman, while at right are Nor-ees Gasper (left) and Lyyli Kennedy (right).

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## Vancouver ikebana school offers displays at ArtSpring

The alluring world of Japanese flower arrangement comes to Salt Spring this weekend through the Kado Sumi School of Ikebana.

A display and demonstration of traditional and modern free-style arrangements using local materials is offered by school headmaster Reicho Sumi and students.

The show is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16 in the ArtSpring gallery, with demonstrations set for 2 p.m.

According to press material, the word ikebana means "living flowers" and originates from a respect for all life forms and the first offerings in Buddhist

temples during the sixth century A.D.

Sumi, who has taught ikebana in Vancouver for more than 48 years, was a student of the Adachi school of ikebana.

Choka Adachi was an ikebana master who broke away from the traditional approach to begin his own school, looking to nature for guidance in creating his arrangements.

Sumi "felt that her school should reflect the natural materials available in British Columbia, resulting in the formation of her own school called Kado-Sumi," explains the release.

In her book called Ikebana, published by Magna Books in 1980, Elizabeth

Palmer describes the ikebana process:

"You begin by looking at the flowers and branches; noticing their shape; the way they grow; how they absorb or reflect light; feeling the strength and suppleness of the branches in your hands; breathing in their scent, recognizing and responding to their uniqueness so that you will be able to show this in your arrangement.

"You let them speak to you, let the right side of the brain come into play so that you are in touch with your own — perhaps unacknowledged — creativity. In this regard, ikebana is both a therapy and a form of meditation."

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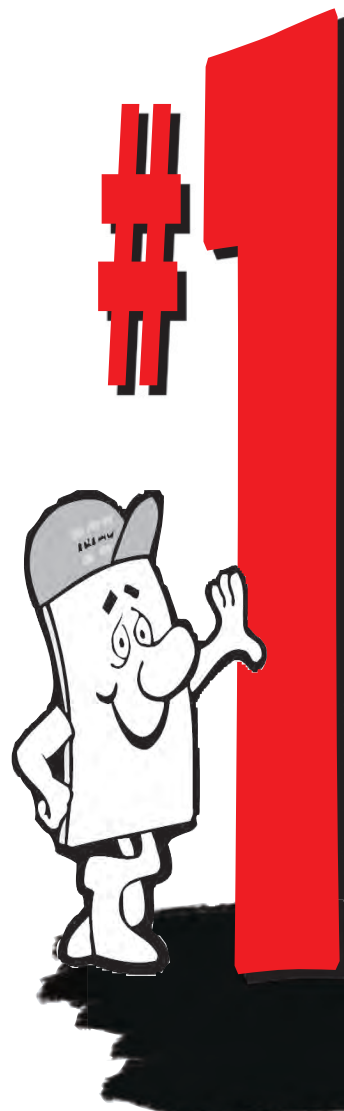
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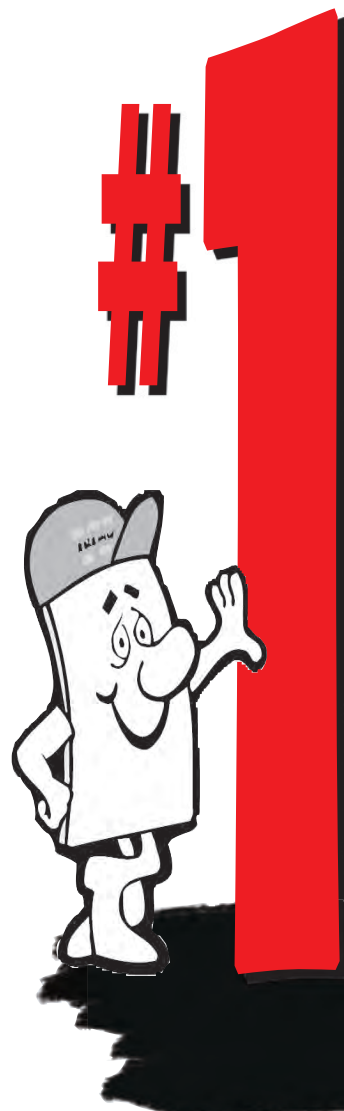
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# Valdy, the Lamers and off-island artists head season-opening Tree House music

The Tree House Café is pleased to announce the opening of the sixth exciting season of Music Under the Stars.

The season kicks off on Tuesday, May 18 with the famous Open Stage and continues with live music every night until September 5.

Music Under the Stars has become central to the Ganges summer scene over the last few years as nightly music attracts residents and visitors to the picturesque setting.

"We're once again very fortunate to have been able to line up so much island talent to showcase," said Jill Thomas, owner/operator of the Tree House Café.

"We have some special guests from off-island spread

throughout the summer as well, making for a really exciting season of richly varied music."

The first week of the Music Under the Stars features Stephen Hedley, Mike and Simone Lamers, Michael Jerome Brown and Valdy, as well as the open stage that provides a venue for a broad range of local and tourist talent.

A relative newcomer to Vancouver's music scene, Hedley has already started to attract a growing and loyal fan base. With soulful vocal style and guitar playing that incorporates elements of jazz, blues, rock and folk, Hedley crafts melodic pop songs that have a timeless quality. He appears at the Tree House May 19.

Mike and Simone Lamers

are island residents and well known for their renditions of jazz and soul classics. The easy vocals and bluesy tones set a warm and intimate mood in the outdoor venue.

Michael Jerome Browne has released three albums in the last six years and presents a wide scope of musical influences. Featuring songs originally performed by everyone from Jimi Hendrix to Cajun fiddler Dennis McGee, Browne plays fretless banjo, fiddle, guitar, tenor guitar, and harmonica backing up his honest vocals.

The Montreal multi-instrumentalist and award-winning singer-songwriter is touring B.C. in support of his latest CD called Michael Jerome Browne and the Twin Rivers String Band. He is featured

at the café on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and May 22.

Canadian folk legend and local artist Valdy will top off the May long weekend by performing on Sunday, May 23. The renowned recording artist combines his personal stage presence with a finely developed musical style sure to result in an intimate session with a folk great in a beautiful setting.

All musical acts are paid by donation from appreciative audiences at the Tree House and the surrounding Mouat's Landing where crowds gather to take in the nightly entertainment. Guests are invited to BYOC (bring your own chair) and enjoy non-alcoholic refreshments and the entertainment in the surrounding plaza.

# Stuck on You serves up whacky comedy

With *Stuck on You*, the Farrelly brothers (There's Something About Mary, Shallow Hal) are back with yet another silly and somehow endearing off-the-wall comedy.

Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear star as conjoined twins who run a diner in Martha's Vineyard. While Bob (Damon) is shy and

## FLICK PICK WITH JASON TUDOR



prone to anxiety attacks, Walt (Kinnear) is confident and charming. Their (obviously) close friendship is tested when Walt convinces Bob that the two of them should move to Hollywood so that Steve can pursue an acting career.

There's not really much of a plot to speak of past this point. They're not in L.A. for a week before Walt gets his big break as the lead on a television show with Cher (don't ask), and Bob is forced to tell his Internet girlfriend the big secret why he and

Steve are always "joined at the hip." It's not giving away much to say that everything works out in the end.

However, the Farrelly brothers have always been the masters of turning an absolutely stupid and creatively bankrupt premise into cinematic gold. *Stuck on You* isn't as funny as their previous efforts, but I don't think it's trying to be. While some scenes are definitely laugh-out-loud hilarious, the focus in this film seems to be more on creating (dare I say it) some real drama in the heart of the absurdity.

And it works. This is probably the most emotionally genuine of all of the Farrellys' films. Unlike a standard comedy, which appeals to our emotions by appearing to be realistic, *Stuck on You*

sets up deliberately ridiculous situations and manipulates the heck out of us.

For some people, this won't work. You have to have a pretty open heart to love the films of the Farrelly brothers. Being too "p.c." will result in you being offended. Being too academic will keep you from treating it seriously. The key is to just go with the silly stuff and pay attention to where *Stuck on You* deviates from the norm.

The Farrelly brothers seem to be losing the love of the public while garnering increasing support from critics. It's a weird situation when filmmakers who specialize in "dumb" movies that celebrate America, the joys of life and the individual are celebrated by us supposedly cynical old grumps.

# Writers' reading tips offered

Professional theatre person Yvonne Adalian is offering her acting and directing skills to help writers improve their readings.

Having sat through hundreds of readings "and squirmed through hundreds more," Adalian said she has been disappointed when wonderful written work "was sabotaged by inaudible, badly articulated words read in a monotone."

She has worked on developing personal readings of poetry and prose with writer colleagues and within the space of just an hour has seen dramatic results.

"Light bulbs pop on in the brain and meaningful words pop out of the mouth," she said.

Adalian is offering classes with no more than four participants in each, and individual sessions only during the month of May.

She urges writers not to feel shy or protective "and to break out of the long distance mode of reading that has been the norm too long and discover how to be there now."

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WED. May 12	THURS. May 13	FRI. May 14	SAT. May 15	SUN. May 16	MON. May 17	TUES. May 18
<p><b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Simply Organic.</b> Free recital of popular organ music, followed by coffee &amp; muffin. All Saints, 10:10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Writes.</b> Salt Spring authors series. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Other Activities</b> <b>Dog Training.</b> Seven-week clicker training workshop begins at Central Hall. Info: Sheri, 537-5646.</p> <p><b>GISS PAC.</b> Meets at GISS library, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>SS Historical Society AGM.</b> Guest speakers Eric Booth on "Historical Trust" and Charles Kahn on "Salt Spring Reflections." Central Hall, 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>South Salt Spring Property Owners &amp; Residents Association.</b> Meeting at OAP room in Fulford Hall, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Fiddler on the Roof.</b> Opening night at ArtSpring is sold-out. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>DJ Salamander.</b> Anise, 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Other Activities</b> <b>Alive 'n Raw - As Nature Intended.</b> Raw food talk and video by Elyse Nuff. United Church, 7-9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Pool Tourney.</b> Thursday nights at the Vesuvius Inn.</p> <p><b>Storytime.</b> Thursdays at Fables Cottage, 11-noon.</p> <p><b>Business Breakfast Club.</b> La Cucina, 8 a.m.</p> <p><b>SS Weavers &amp; Spinners Guild.</b> Show-ask-tell. ArtSpring, 10:30-noon.</p>	<p><b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Paul Branscombe &amp; Dave Roland.</b> The Local, 7-10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Fiddler on the Roof.</b> Full musical production at ArtSpring, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tom Hooper &amp; Suzanne Little.</b> Tree House South, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Synergy.</b> Pop-rock band at Anise, 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Open Mic Night.</b> With Allison Dunn. Vesuvius Pub.</p> <p><b>Other Activities</b> <b>Ikebana Demonstrations.</b> Part of Kado-Sumi School of Ikebana display at ArtSpring, 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement.</b> Cats Pajamas Studio, Fridays at 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Rammed Earth Introductory Course.</b> 3-day workshop begins. Info: 537-9355 or www.sirewall.com.</p> <p><b>Rugg Huggers.</b> Baby-parent group meets at Family Place, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>2nd Annual Tie-Dye Gumboot Circus.</b> Free. Phoenix School, 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Daemon Baker.</b> The Local, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Fiddler on the Roof.</b> ArtSpring, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Jami Sieber.</b> Lions Hall, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Gene Grooms.</b> With Old Dog New Tricks. Anise.</p> <p><b>House Party.</b> DJ Matt J. Moby's.</p> <p><b>Music Bingo!</b> Vesuvius Pub.</p> <p><b>Other Activities</b> <b>Remembering Gene Bellavance.</b> Moby's, 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Ikebana Demonstrations.</b> ArtSpring, 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Child Find Free Fingerprint Clinic.</b> Thrifty Foods, 11-3.</p> <p><b>Highland Water &amp; Sewer AGM.</b> Fernwood's library, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Waldorf on Salt Spring.</b> Registration Day. 120 Starks Road, 9 a.m. - noon.</p> <p><b>Spirit of Salt Spring Expo &amp; Flea Market.</b> SSE fundraiser. Mahon Hall grounds, 9-5. Info: Monica, 537-8426.</p>	<p><b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Women in Fish.</b> Story-sharing session at Galiano Island Community Hall, 2-4 p.m. Info: 539-9881.</p> <p><b>Blues on the Bay.</b> Gene Grooms and special guests. The Local, 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Barley Bros.</b> Fulford Inn, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Lisa Anderson.</b> Folk favourites at Anise, 7-9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Honour Choir.</b> Youth choir concert. All Saints, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Ron Hadley Trio.</b> Sunday Dinner Jazz. Moby's, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Other Activities</b> <b>Reproducing Your Art Digitally.</b> With Andrea Palframan. 537-9935.</p> <p><b>SS Co-op Preschool Spring Carnival.</b> Games, food, entertainment. Farmers Institute, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>SPCA Garage Sale.</b> At shelter from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Other Activities</b> <b>Toastmasters Public Speaking.</b> Mondays at Seniors Centre, 7 p.m. Info: Chuck, 653-2015.</p> <p><b>AIDS Film Nights.</b> Mondays at the SOLID office, 5-B Creekside, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Open Stage with Tara Hollingsworth.</b> Tree House Cafe.</p> <p><b>Other Activities</b> <b>Welcome to Satsang.</b> Ganges Yoga Studio. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Hip Hop/Jazz Style Dance.</b> Classes for teens and adults with Andrea Rabinovitch. GISS dance room, 5:30-6:30.</p> <p><b>Education Forum.</b> 6th in series of People Matter forums. GISS multipurpose room, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group.</b> Farmers Institute, 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Central Community Hall.</b> Board of directors meeting. Central Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>SSI Conservancy AGM.</b> With Emily Gonzales and her Ph.D. thesis on Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. Lions Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Living with Chronic Pain.</b> Brian Grady talk. All Saints, 7 p.m.</p>

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**Cable**  
**SSTV Cable Channel 12** broadcasts this Saturday, May 8, with programming running continuously for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m.  
**Chris Arnett: The Colonization of Salt Spring Island** — At a recent meeting of the Salt Spring Historical Society at Central Hall, local historian and author Chris Arnett lays to rest some frontier myths as he examines the process of colonization that led to the establishment in 1859 of three early non-native settlements at Fernwood, Ganges and Burgoyne Bay.  
**Michoacan** — In this 20-minute documentary, join Salt Spring's Lynne Richardson and Louis Renaud of Bullseye Productions as they explore the state of Michoacan, an arts and crafts mecca in the heartland of Mexico.

**Exhibitions**  
**Ikebana** — Japanese flower arrangement display by Kado-Sumi School of Ikebana. ArtSpring gallery, Saturday and Sunday, 11-4. Demonstrations at 2 p.m. each day.  
**Nicola Wheston Studio & Gallery** celebrates its grand opening at #5 Merchants Mews on Friday, May 14, 6-9 p.m. Open daily Wed.-Sun., 11-4:30.  
**Visual Dialogues** — collaborative work by Judith Borbas and Marlene Smith runs in the ArtSpring lobby space through May.  
**Margie Korison** shows My True Colour paintings during May at Moby's Pub.  
**J. Mitchell Gallery's** spring show in expanded space at Grace Point runs through May 20.  
**John Jacques** is the featured artist at Island Savings until July.  
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# Compelling, impressive Holy Cow! book and play tickle the funny-bone

By **SUSAN LUNDY**  
Staff Writer

A rapt Holy Cow! audience journeyed from the pews of Ganges United Church last weekend into the bowels of India and, for that matter, the lower digestive tract of actor/writer Stewart Katz as well.

Katz kept his audience hooting as he performed passages from his new book *Holy Cow! Hilarious Mis-Adventures in India*, transforming anecdotes into a one-man, multi-character play that was both funny and compelling.

Most impressive was Katz's ability to ping-pong between characters, leaping across the stage to take on different roles, and jumping with ease between Canadian and Indian accents.

I was continually amazed with his ability to create new characters without props or costumes — he changed only his facial expression and body stance to produce a entirely new people.

Katz even managed to develop a hilarious crowd scene that somehow had us envisioning a frenzied group of people eager to help him locate Phaikattussery on a map. (It couldn't be found because the town is actually "Thaikattussery.")

Indeed, the breadth of Katz's acting talent really came alive in the "curtain call" as the lone actor stepped forward in his different characters — each readily recognizable.

But back to bowels. It seems impossible to journey into the "real" India without experiencing what Katz describes as an "outhouse in-house" — a hole-in-the-floor-style toilet with an eager pig below.

Katz performed his meeting with the pig to the somewhat grim laughter of his audience, and later gave a humorous account of receiving an enema in an Ayurvedic health clinic.

I like this poking at uncomfortable material — it is a tell-all theme that runs through Katz's book as well.

In addition to taking a trip through India, readers of the book get to know Katz and



Stewart Katz in *Holy Cow!* the play.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

his particular way of viewing the world. The book is engrossing and reads with a natural flow.

The constant revelations — both about India and the author — make it interesting and fun.

My only beef with the book is the title. I don't want to be told something is "hilarious," I want to discover that myself. Besides, I am

contrary enough to pick up the book, narrow my eyes, cross my arms and say: "Ha. Just try to make me laugh."

However, I did find it funny.

Having read the first few chapters of the book just prior to seeing the play last Friday night, I was somewhat disconcerted to discover that lines from the book and play were one in the same.

But once I got over it, I became quite excited with stage production, which actually amounts to a well-performed reading of the book.

Katz is able to do what many authors must wish they could achieve: he can bring his book to life with drama.

The backdrop for *Holy Cow!* the play was somewhat incongruous with mystical bits of India set in front of the United Church's stained glass Jesus and hanging wooden crucifix.

(The play could easily take place without any backdrop because Katz's stage presence is so strong.)

However, in the end it all works, as Katz movingly discovers that "to look in God's eye is to see God in all things."

Ultimately, as Katz notes

in the program, *Holy Cow!* is about "finding one's spiritual centre in the midst of mayhem, (and) learning to transcend outer chaos in an effort to attain inner peace."

He also notes that with the publication of his first book he has realized a life-long dream to reach others, through comedy, with a message of peace.

Born and raised in Montreal, Katz moved to Salt Spring in 1996. He has appeared in more than a dozen theatrical productions, including, most recently, *Seven Stories* with Graffiti Theatre, and WordPlay's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

In addition to being an actor, writer, comedian and photographer, Katz has worked as a talent agent and massage therapist.

He has a B.A. in English and Theatre from McGill University and has travelled extensively in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and North America.

According to the program, the recent performance of *Holy Cow!* the play, is the first of a trilogy, with parts two and three expected soon.

He told the Driftwood he would be back with more Holy Cowing in July and August of this year.



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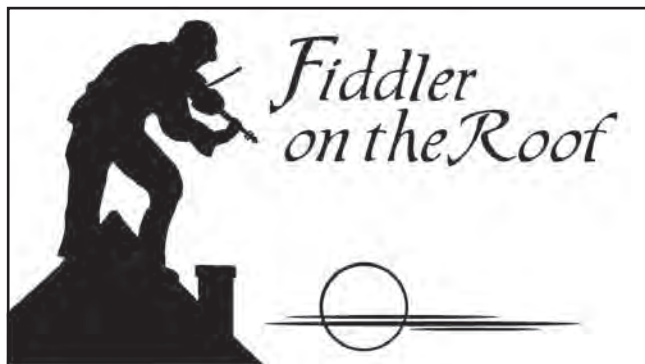
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# Garden party marks 10 years of Fernwood greenhouse program

By **SUSAN LEE**  
 and **PAT GORDON**  
 Special to the Driftwood  
 Fernwood Elementary School is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the opening of its greenhouse with a garden party set for the afternoon of Friday, May 21.



The greenhouse is the centerpiece of an ever-evolving kindergarten to Grade 5 garden program, which has successfully provided many opportunities for students to experience a hands-on, holistic approach to learning.

Garden science projects encourage social responsibility, provide cooperative group experiences and increase student understanding of environmental issues.

In 1991, Fernwood staff members received a Year 2000 Curriculum Development grant that allowed us to begin to create our new program.

Our first practical steps involved building cold frames, and starting a few plants under grow lights in the back of a portable.

Early on, we staged a two-day Greenhouse Fair to draw in the whole school community and to launch our fund-raising campaign.

We were delighted to open our new greenhouse in the spring of 1994. We gradually added a fenced nursery area with raised beds, a garden shed, a shade pergola, a wash-up area and an irrigation system.

In 1996, the Fernwood science program called Scope and Sequence was developed by our staff during a school-based Professional Development Day.

This was a kindergarten to Grade 5 overview that tied the Science IRP Learning

**YOUNG GREENTHUMBS:**  
 Above, Alex Crandall and Christine Villadsen water plants in the Fernwood Elementary School greenhouse.

At right, Colin Coward carries a flat of Fernwood school-grown vegetable plants. The greenhouse program celebrates its 10th anniversary with a garden party, May 21.

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We have journeyed along the path together. Over the years, supportive

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*The writers are Fernwood school teachers.*

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## Boarders tops in Victoria Sk8 Comp

Two Salt Spring skateboarders came home from a Victoria-area competition with major honours last weekend.

Mira Mackey, a Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) came in first place in the women's division at the VeeDub Annual Sk8 Comp at the Vic West skatepark.

Mackey is now eligible to attend a North American competition sponsored by DC.

Wataru Nakamura, also in Grade 12 at GISS and an international student from Japan, finished second in the novice division.

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## Brewery honoured

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Gulf Islands Brewery Ltd. earned its first two national awards at the second annual Canadian Brewing Awards in Toronto last week.

Salt Spring Golden Ale was awarded a gold medal in the Cream Ale category, while Mayne Sail Ale earned a silver medal in the English Style Pale Ale category.

"Quality is a collaborative effort of our entire staff," said company president and brewmaster Murray Hunter Monday. "We are very excited to win these prestigious medals."

An experienced six-judge panel determined medallists using a 50-point system. All beers were judged by award category, not province of origin, notes Hunter.

Draft and bottled Gulf Islands Brewery products

are sold on Vancouver Island from Parksville south, plus Salt Spring, Pender and Saturna islands. Bottles are available on the Lower Mainland.

• Three Salt Spring gardens are featured in the May edition of Canadian Gardening.

An article and photo spread highlights a garden at Bill and May Henderson's Booth Inlet home, and Warren Langley's garden at Long Harbour.

The magazine also featured lush photos and a story about Josie and Philip Lake's property in the Beddis Road area.

• Also making a media splash this month is Salt Spring sculptor Simon Morris. His latest, four-metre underwater sculpture project is described in Diver Magazine.

• Viewers of Ransen's latest film, Bastards, may have noticed a number of local places and personages in the screening at Salt Spring Cinema on May 5, but it would take a keen eye to spot Paul Verville.

Verville acted as a hand-double for Ransen by playing piano for the Salt Spring director-actor in the film.

Also deserving of special recognition were production coordinator Emma Yardley and Susan Monahan, who took care of production accounting.

## Raw food book author speaks at United Church

A proponent of a raw food diet and author of *Alive 'n Raw* is inviting islanders to a presentation at the United Church lower hall on Thursday, May 13.

Elyse Nuff, from Kelowna, has used a raw food diet for the past 12 years.

Nuff said she was diagnosed with three deteriorating discs before discovering the benefits of raw food.

"I was supposed to be in a wheelchair today," she said.

Her Salt Spring presentation will give people an idea of why and how they should be using raw food in their diets, and how they can make the transition from their current food choices.

She also plans to show a live blood video, which illustrates what happens to a person's blood after cooked food is ingested.

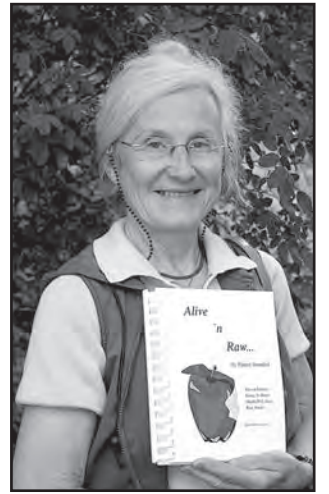
Adopting a raw food regime has made major changes in many people's lives, said Nuff.

"People are clearing up their chronic diseases, which is fabulous."

Nuff's book called *Alive 'n Raw* details the whys and hows of a raw food diet, and includes 150 pages of recipes.

Delicious five-course meals are easily made with guidance from her book, she said.

Admission to Thursday's event is \$5.



Elyse Nuff will discuss the benefits of eating raw food at a presentation this Thursday.

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**HOT WHEELS:** Gulf Islands Secondary School student Colby Sawchuk paints his lawn tractor while classmate Sheldon Rompain handles quality control in preparation for the May 21 GISS Applied Skills Fair. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

## Shop students strut their stuff at GISS skills exhibit

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Islanders can sample spicy chili, sizzling animation, electrifying skateboard stunts and souped-up lawn tractors during an Applied Skills Fair at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on May 21.

Colby Sawchuk was feverishly painting his Sears Craftsman lawn tractor in preparation for the event during an interview Thursday.

"Mine will be the only one not covered in mud," he laughed.

His hot-rod ride-em lawn mower features an off-road bush bar, a cushion seat and a stock 11-horsepower engine. "They go about six miles per hour, wide open," smiled GISS shop teacher Ronn Edmonds.

"They take these up the mountain, wreck them and bring them back and fix them up again."

Sawchuk and his friends will display at least a small collection of their buggy mowers in various states of repair at the Applied Skills Fair.

"We're hoping to get the community involved," said GISS principal Nancy Macdonald.

The fair will serve as a celebration that is part of raising the profile of applied skills at GISS, she said.

"Ever since we set this as a goal, we've had increased interest and awareness."

It's about time that island students with in interest in

technology get some more recognition, she said.

"There will be no singing, artwork, drama or music anywhere in the school [during the fair]," she laughed.

In an interview outside the busy shop, Edmonds pointed out a group of students building a new skateboard ramp.

"Those are the guys I'd get to build my porch. They know what's strong and what breaks."

Skaters will perform a lunch-hour demonstration from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Kanaka Road Skatepark for the upcoming event.

Inside the shop, more students were building Arion-dack chairs and picnic tables to display for the fair.

Students and community members will tour the shop during the open house to see what goes on in applied skills programs at GISS. Edmonds plans to have a crew build a picnic table during the day.

Amidst all the business of building in the shop, another group of technology students dropped in to check the engineering of model bridges on a special testing device.

One design created out of pencil-sized wood scraps by Scott Antonik held 81.6 kilograms (180 pounds), but he didn't push the bridge to threshold limits.

"I think it will hold at least 210 pounds."

Special student assistant and car club member Tracey Braiden has also organized a car show from 12 to 1:30 p.m. with a number

of awards in categories such as best engine, best sound system, best beater and muddiest truck.

For a blast of high-tech skill, computer enthusiasts will display locally designed games, web pages and animation samples.

"They will also set up a computer-controlled milling machine for demonstrations," said GISS computer teacher Maurice Last.

The machine can cut designs that are only limited by one's imagination, he said.

Chef Al Irving will also host a chili cook-off competition and cake-decorating contest for students in the award-winning cafeteria program.

Local students collected honours at the Fleetwood Park Secondary Chili Cook-Off in Surrey last May. One meat-based GISS chili flavoured with cinnamon, chipotle peppers and Salt Spring lamb won first place and another vegetarian chili featuring Soya Nova smoked tofu placed fourth.

"Whenever I go over there, I have to bring some smoked tofu now," said Irving.

His students will also throw a barbeque with a broad assortment of items on the menu.

"Anything you can barbeque, we will barbeque."

The Applied Skills Fair open house runs at GISS 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 21. The event is free and open to the public.

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# Hospital phantom ball unveiled

The phantom fundraiser has returned.

Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation launched its eighth annual Phantom Ball campaign on Friday, with mysterious "phantom couple" Arvid Chalmers and Diana Hayes giving a catchy look to the popular "non-event" during a stroll around Ganges.

A brochure in today's Driftwood details this year's prize trip called the Hills Health Ranch Spa Spoiler Package and includes an envelope for mailing contributions.

The prize includes return airfare from Vancouver to Williams Lake, shuttle service to and from the ranch, two nights' accommodation, six gourmet meals, a hayride sing-along party and access to all spa services, from full body massage to use of exercise equipment, classes and trails.

Draw date is July 10.

The Phantom Ball concept arose when organizers realized people could be spending a big chunk of money to attend fundraisers like a



**ALL DRESSED UP:** Diana Hayes and Arvid Chalmers take to the streets of Ganges, handing out pamphlets and talking up Lady Minto Hospital's annual Phantom Ball. They are dressed for the spa to highlight the fundraiser's draw prize — a trip to the Hills Health Ranch Spa. Photo by Derrick Lundy

fancy dress hospital ball. Rather than spend the money on babysitters, salon services or new outfits, people are asked to donate the funds to the hospital foundation.

In its first decade, the foundation raised more than \$3.5 million for hospital equipment and contributed \$650,000 to capital costs of the current operating room

renovation and palliative care suite.

For information on the hospital foundation or Phantom Ball, call the office at 538-4845.

## Garry oak expert featured at conservancy general meeting

By **JEAN GELWICKS**  
Special to the Driftwood  
"Garry" or Garry oaks ecosystems are nestled in the rainshadow of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

This dry habitat has resulted in an ecosystem rich in plants and animals specialized to grasslands, meaning that Garry resembles parts of California or the interior of B.C.

Beautiful, diverse and unique, Garry oak ecosystems are also one of the most endangered ecosystems in Canada. For thousands of years, humans have had an intimate relationship with the species of Garry oak ecosystems and their fate is still in our hands today. Protection is an important first step, but Garry oak ecosystems are

continuing to decline even in protected areas.

Emily Gonzales is doing her Ph.D. thesis on the Garry oak ecosystem and has been doing some of her research on the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. She will be the guest speaker at the conservancy's AGM on Tuesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall.

The following day she will lead a walk onto the Andreas Vogt Reserve to see some of her research first-hand.

Gonzales herself is an "introduced species," being born in the suburbs of Los Angeles. Her preferred habitat is the Gulf Islands and she now owns property on Galiano Island.

She is a student of island

ecology and is interested in introduced species and conservation ecology.

Her Masters thesis was a spatial analysis of the spread of introduced Eastern grey squirrels in B.C.

She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the Centre for Applied Conservation Research at UBC studying how herbivores, exotic grasses and landscape fragmentation have contributed to the decline of Garry oak ecosystems.

The conservancy invites everyone to the AGM to hear Emily speak, see her slide show and hear what the conservancy has been up to this year. A stewardship program with landowners and a school program are among new projects undertaken.

## Booth, Kahn entertain at AGM

Two entertaining speakers are set to liven the May 12 Salt Spring Historical Society meeting.

Eric Booth will talk about preservation trusts for heritage buildings and lands, a topic of particular interest to the owners of such properties as well as those who wish to see more of them preserved.

Charles Kahn, author and former president of the society, will share his feelings about some special places on Salt Spring Island, and tell stories about them that may not have been heard before.

Kahn will also touch upon experiences he had while researching his popular book *Salt Spring: The Story of an Island*.

Both Booth and Kahn will be glad to respond to questions from the audience.

Election of officers for the 2004-05 year will also take place at this annual general meeting, which begins at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Members and non-members are equally welcome to attend the meeting, which is the last before the summer break.

Meetings will resume in September.

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# Salt Spring athletes make mark at a Galiano triathlon

By JENNIFER MCFEE  
Staff Writer

Salt Spring Island athletes excelled on Saturday at the Fourth Annual Galiano Island Fun Triathlon held at Montague Harbour Marine Park.

The course consisted of three kilometres of ocean kayaking, 13 kilometres of road cycling and five kilometres of running.

Of the 73 competitors in the team category, the efforts of Galiano kayaker Dave Cochrane, Salt Spring cyclist John Nilssen and Salt Spring runner Ben Cooper earned their team first place.

Nilssen, who cycled the route in 27 minutes, said that the conditions were perfect. He did, however, find the course challenging.

"The course had lots of hills. I go better on flats and downhill," he said.

While the members of Lactic Acid train individually, they are consistently successful when they compete together.

"We've never lost as a team," said Nilssen, a member of the Salt Spring Island Coast Guard. He said that he hopes their team will compete in the event again next year.

Another Salt Spring team, made up of kayaker Everest Reynolds, cyclist Paul Reynolds and runner Caroline Rowley, came in ninth place.

Event coordinator Janice Mason said the triathlon



**INTER-ISLAND TEAMWORK:** Galiano Triathlon winning team members are, from left, John Nilssen and Ben Cooper, from Salt Spring, and Dave Cochrane (better known as Zeus) from Galiano Island.

had more participants this year than in the past from the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

"There was even one competitor from Russia," she said.

Despite the increased number of athletes, she said the event raised less money than in the past.

"We probably made about \$500, while we usually make between \$500 and \$1,000. This year our costs were really high. Insurance more than tripled," said Mason.

Profit from the registration fees of \$25 for individuals or \$75 for teams will go towards buying equipment for the Galiano Fitness Cen-

tre. Participants ranged in age from nine years old to 76 years old.

"The oldest competitor was a 76-year-old guy from Aldergrove who hadn't been on a bike in over 60 years. He did it in just under three hours and got a really big cheer in the end," said Mason.

The triathlon was honoured with a visit from Olympic gold medallist Simon Whitfield, who was the starter for the race.

The event ended with a barbeque and draws for prizes donated by the community. Teams and individual race winners were awarded handmade trophies.



**WINDING UP:** Salt Spring Salties pitcher Blain Johnson gets ready to release the ball in a Sunday double header against Victoria's Swiftsure Pub at the Fulford ball park. johncameron.ca

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# Seventy archers take aim in 3D Mother's Day shoot

On Sunday afternoon, archers of all ages competed in Salt Spring Island's annual Mother's Day 3D Shoot put on by the Rod and Gun Club.

Approximately 70 competitors shot at 30 foam animals at various distances spread over Ron and Sue Spencer's Beddis Road property.

Archers from Salt Spring Island took home many awards. Cecelia Fraser placed third in the Juniors Open division. Her brother Jeff came in first and her sister Emily took second place

in Cubs Sighted.

Eric Pultke placed first and Justin Temmel came second in Cubs Barebow.

Greg Durward, head instructor for the Junior Olympic program, was impressed with 10-year-old Pultke's performance.

"Eric shot spectacularly," he said. "He's an excellent archer."

Durward said the kids in the Junior Olympic Program spent the past couple of weeks shooting targets at unknown distances.

"We mostly shoot at known

distances, but it seems like the extra practise paid off," he said.

Keith Newman, past coordinator of the Junior Olympic Program and owner of Newman's Great Outdoors, is also impressed with the club's young archers.

"Of the kids that participated, many of them are very accomplished archers," he said. "We're hoping that we can get some older 3D targets in the future so the kids can practise."

Other winners include Lynne Durward, who placed second in the Ladies Open division, and Ron Pultke, who tied for third place in the Men's Recurve Barebow.



**BULL'S EYE:** A group of young archers enjoys an annual competition held Mother's Day at a Beddis Road property. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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# Course tougher for disc golf tourney

Islanders spruced up the local disc golf course at Mouat Park in preparation for their biggest event of the year set to tee off Saturday.

"We're hoping to have a good turn-out," said Salt Spring Island Disc Golf Association (SSIDGA) president Scott Chapman.

The SSIDGA will host the Seventh Annual Hart Memorial Disc Golf Tournament at Mouat Park May 15-16.

The last six tourneys have seen 60-80 players converge from different parts of the province for the event.

But this year those players will be dealing with a much more difficult course.

SSIDGA volunteers modified approximately half of the course's holes to make them more challenging, Chapman said.

"[Number] eight isn't an ace hole anymore."

Some holes were extended by moving target pins, various tee pads were better defined and new "environmental zones" or EZs were outlined with orange string to protect local flora.

"Don't mess with the orange string," he warned.

A disc landing in an EZ will count as a penalty stroke. Chapman expects that EZs will become a regular feature of the course.

SSIDGA volunteers were also looking for prize donations for the disc-golf tourney, he said.

Players can register for the event 10 a.m. Saturday. Entry fees range from \$5 for juniors and novices, to \$20 for competitive players in the open-pro division. Tee off is at 11 a.m.

"All money goes to the winners."

In other disc golf news: Master Fritz Arnold and youth Zak Abramyk teamed up to win the first doubles tourney on the new Mouat Park course Sunday.

They shot a 43 (11 under par) and tied two other teams

but won a two-hole playoff after "valet-parking" Arnold hit an 80-foot putt on hole one and drove directly to the pin on number two.

Gordon Murphy and Paul Linton were left holding second place and Ted Hickford, playing with his alter ego Zed, took third.

Hickford had good company when he represented Salt Spring among the pros at the Abbey's Open tournament in Vancouver Saturday. He tied with distinguished Vancouver master Peter Lizotte (ranked fifth in B.C.) for dead-last in the open-pro division.

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**FUTURE LINKS:** Steve Marleau, head professional at Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club, gives instruction to Richard Jordon at the first Future Links Program session of the season. Future Links is a national program that supports golf instruction for young people. The next Future Links session begins in late June but there are only a few spaces left.  
Photo by Alice Richards

# Moms, youths in golf spotlight

Mothers were honoured participants at a well-attended Spring Tournament at Blackburn Meadows on Mother's Day.

First place went to the team of Brent Duke, Henry Braak, Chris Cottrell and Craig Schlie.

Two teams of juniors tied for second place and needed a playoff to determine the finish. Second place went to Liam Johnson, Jessie LoBalbo, and Tobin and Evan Eyles.

The third-place team was Cam Johnson, Stephen Severn, Vassa Drobyshev and Paolo D'Attilio.

In keeping with the Texas Scramble format, individual prizes were awarded.

Eric Beamish won closest to the pin, Drobyshev closest to the line and Luc Comeau was the junior closest to the line.

Other prizes were presented to Vilma Baker, Nicholas Boyd, Colin Beamish and Gary Fletcher.

The event was topped off with a barbecue.



**ON THE GREENS:** From left, Judy Tyson, Nic Boyd and Vilma Baker putt around at Blackburn Meadows Golf Course on Sunday.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## GISS volleys outdoor tournament this week

Students and teachers at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) squared off Monday for a battle of spikes and bumps that could stretch well into next week.

GISS students from the leadership and physical education 11/12 classes have organized a four-aside outdoor volleyball tourney that runs May 10-21.

A special twist will see each five-person team include a teacher, senior boy, senior girl, junior boy and junior girl.

The idea became reality after a successful indoor soccer tournament with a similar format was held last month, said GISS student Jimmy Severn.

"There were 100 kids playing every lunch. It was amazing."

Severn ended up meeting his brother's team in the final.

"We beat him in overtime."

"It sucked, but I'm over it," laughed Steven Severn.

Jimmy Severn has now formed the J-Squad and has his eye on the volleyball title. He'll be playing along with Jesse Hranichuk, Josh Benloulou, Jessie Wilson, Jimmy Johnston-Hill and GISS teacher Lyall Ruehlen.

Two games will be held each lunch hour. Games will be 15 minutes each or first to 25 with rally points.

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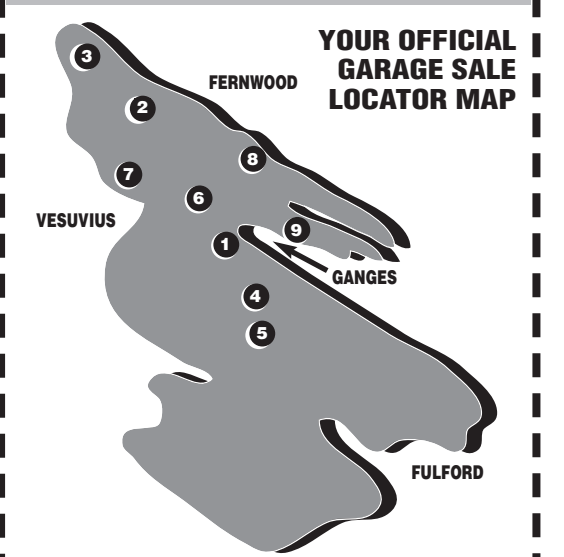
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**4 LP's: COUNTRY & Western,** nuts, bolts, nails, canning jars, 2 pressure cookers, lawn chairs, women's clothes. Lots of good stuff. 1852 Fulford-Ganges Road. Sat. May 15, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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**6 SPCA ANNUAL "Make us an Offer Garage Sale"** Sunday, May 16, 2004 (no early birds please) 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. SPCA & G.I. Vet clinic rear parking lot located at 540 Lower Ganges Road. Anything and everything up for offers. All proceeds will be used for the animals in our care and those that require assistance in our community.

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**ON THE BALL:** Former Salt Spring Islander Kathleen Sinclair, left, who now plays for Brentwood, runs for the ball as Gulf Islands Secondary School player Jill Foley kicks it away. The GISS senior girls soccer team beat Brentwood 4-2 last week in a home game.

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# Challenge Cup event nixes naked shootout

Soccer tourney organizers hope to prevent a repeat of naked soccer play during the 19th Annual Salt Spring Challenge Cup set for May 22-24.

"We've reacted to the unusual events that occurred last year, the topless shoot out. We're asking all our visitors to abide by the dress code that FIFA has instituted," said tourney co-organizer Fraser Hope.

He made a sly allusion to the Cameroon National Team, whose members were penalized in the World Cup as a result of dress-code infractions.

"The Old Boys don't want to lose six points at the start of the season next year as a penalty from FIFA for inappropriate soccer attire," Hope quipped.

The tourney will host 32 teams from around the region, he said.

"We are looking forward to another successful event."

Four local teams will count among the competitors this year.

"Come out and support your local teams."

Salt Spring's Division-1 FC team will play in the men's open section, the Division-5 FC Reserves will play in the men's recreation section, the Dragons will play in the women's recreation section and the Old Boys will play in the men's over-35 section.

There is also a women's open section.

"It works out to six or eight teams in each division. Everyone gets a chance to get three games at least."

Hope thanked the "old stalwarts" who helped to organize the tourney, such as Mike Davis, Sue King, Malcolm Legg, Ken Marr and Graham Tweddle.

"They're carrying on the good work that Cal McKay and Jonathan Oldroyd laid the foundation for in the last 18 years . . . We're hoping that the younger generation from the men's Division-1, Division-5 and ladies teams will carry on and let the Old Boys relax."

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# Legg flips Sidney at game barbecue

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Old Boys invited a Sidney over-40 squad over for a friendly match Saturday, but a post-game barbecue was unlikely to assuage the visitors' pride after a 7-0 roasting on the field.

"Even though some of our guys are over 40, and Campbell [Blair] is in his late 60s, we probably play at a higher-paced league. Our fitness was what told in the end," said Old Boys coach Fraser Hope.

Chris Cottrell started the scoring with a hat trick in the first half and collected a fourth goal in the second. David Norget notched a fifth tally and Mike McCormick scored a sixth but the best goal was saved for last, said Hope.

"The highlight was for Malcolm Legg to score the final goal with one of his patented 'Left Over Buttocks Flip Hits.' With an old swing of the left foot, body weight, sideways, however it was, it went over the goalkeeper's head."

The kick even surprised the referee, Legg's wife Mary-Anne, who made comments afterward, Hope said.

"It was an enjoyable game and a good warm-up preparation for the tournament that starts in two weeks time on the May long weekend."

Salt Spring's oldest boy received the first Campbell Blair Trophy for Dedication to Soccer, named after the recipient in this case, at a post-game barbecue.

"He's in delicate negotiations with Monsanto about cloning him because there is

a world-wide market for his genes. Everybody is in admiration of his fitness level and his soccer skills at this unbeknownst secret age."

The trophy features a beautifully turned base created by Antonio Alonso and a curious pedestal, an Extra Old Stock beer can.

Hope couldn't verify Blair's age but noted that the senior citizen, possibly in his late 60s, plays with uncommon zeal.

"The Old Stock is the answer we think, that's what he testifies to."

# Cats Pajamas hosts Pilates Day event Saturday

Anyone curious about Pilates or those already practising the popular fitness discipline will want to celebrate International Pilates Day at Cats Pajamas studio on Saturday.

Pilates instructor Rheona Severson is planning a Pilates Party at the studio on the corner of Langs and North End roads from 10 a.m. to noon.

"The event is to celebrate the work of Joseph and Clara Pilates, give a historical perspective, as well as to try out some of the specialized movements as developed by them," explains Severson.

"I encourage people to bring light snacks and stay afterwards for further discussion and getting to know me and others who have faithfully been attending my classes since last spring."

The celebration will also raise funds for the Pilates Method Alliance (PMA), a non-profit organization dedicated to establish a PMA certification exam, through donations.

Attendees will be eligible to receive a special commemorative gift, compliments of the CMA.

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

She currently leads Pilates classes at Ganges Yoga Studio, North End Fitness and Cats Pajamas.

Severson can be reached at 653-2009 for more information about Pilates or the Saturday event.

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## HOT SHEET

It was reported that 81% of sales on Salt Spring Island in 2002 were to "out of province" purchasers. This trend remains.

Because it is no longer a "local market" island sellers have to wait for their buyers to arrive on the island, to view what attracted them in an advertising medium.

Length of time to sell a house is directly related to the island having become a destination marketplace. Sellers have to practice patience, while their non-local buyers learn about their homes for sale and then make arrangements to travel to view. This can take some months to occur.

On Salt Spring right now, it is a seller's market, as it is all over the B.C. coast. This simply means "low inventory and high buyer demand." One reason for this is the "hard asset" investment time, which means most owners of real estate would prefer not to be sellers. A Salt Spring/Gulf Island asset is an excellent asset and without a "need" to sell, it is seen as an item to "hold".

Another reason for Salt Spring's low inventory is the outcome of the Island's Trust "preserve & protect" mandate. On any Gulf Island, including Salt Spring, there will always be a limited inventory of property available, as a result of the zoning/density controls put in place by the Trust in the 1970s. Thus, the Trust has created an area that will always be "more expensive" than a comparable property on the large Vancouver Island. Lack of supply, coupled with demand, creates areas such as the Muskoka Lakes, in Ontario, for example.

The real estate market is exactly that, a "market", and it will have ups and downs over periods of time, and such fluctuations are dictated by the marketplace, not by owners or realtors. Underlying it all, though, is "the land", and the growth controls on Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands mean that it will always be an attractive area to the global purchaser, regardless of market cycle in play at any particular moment.

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