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Erskine reaches new height

Two large anonymous donations put the Mount Erskine purchase campaign over the \$400,000 mark last week.

Salt Spring Island Conservancy campaign heads were thrilled to make the announcement at the Friday night Michael Levy calendar gala at ArtSpring.

"It's very exciting that we are at that stage," said conservancy president Peter Lamb.

"At least we can see the end in sight . . . but we do need to keep fundraising."

A total of \$650,000 is needed to meet the \$625,000 purchase price for the 40-hectare (100-acre) mountaintop and \$25,000 in associated fees.

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FC tops tourney — again

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Heart, determination and a fun-loving spirit carried Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men through their sixth consecutive title at the 20th annual Challenge Cup on Monday.

"I can't believe it's six in a row," said FC player-manager Colin Walde.

"We're trying to find the best opposition we can and the boys keep stepping up."

During the 2-0 cup final against the Malaspina Mariners, Salt Spring pressured early and opened scoring with a blast by Tom McColm in the first 10 minutes. Dominating the field for much of the game, FC allowed few chances from the Mariners and cushioned their lead with a 12-yard chip by Tyler Laitenen as the clock wound down.

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RACE START: "First Sight" was one of 122 sailing vessels which headed out in blustery winds for one of the most exciting Round Salt Spring races in recent years. More race photos, Page A11.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Tempest-like conditions mark annual sailing event

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Tales from the high seas abound as courageous mariners faced high winds, raging currents and pelting rains at the 31st edition of the Round Salt Spring sailing race held on the weekend.

"The race has rarely been a slow event and this year proved to be no exception," said race spokesperson Kevin Vine. "Near the end of the day, winds started really picking up and crew after crew started returning sopping wet."

SAILING RACE A2

Coell keeps seat

But Hunt tops Gulf Islands polls

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Though NDP candidate Christine Hunt was unable to muster enough support from voters in North Saanich to win the riding, she said the overwhelming response from Gulf Islands voters helped put some pressure on the Liberals.

"I was very pleased with the results," she said. "This should send a good message to Murray Coell that people in this constituency are not happy with him."

Hunt received 2,121 votes (42 per cent) on Salt Spring while Coell received 1,535 (30%). Ken Rouleau of the Green Party had 1,336 (26.5%) of the island vote and Ian Bruce of the Democratic Reform B.C. party netted 1.5%.

On a riding-wide basis, Coell received 13,265 votes (43.9%). Hunt, Rouleau and Bruce followed with 11,266 (37.28%), 4,554 (15.07%), and 1,131 (3.74%) respectively.

"It's clear there are far more people who are unhappy with him than are actually pleased," Hunt said.

Coell himself was in a celebratory mood following the election and said the campaign was a hard fought "classic B.C. campaign."

He anticipated little time for rest before getting called upon to meet the needs of a varied constituency for another term.

"In the 20 years I've been in politics, I have always run on the platform that I will represent everybody," he said. "This term will be no different."

Coell said a level of normalcy is expected to return to the legislature with the election of 33 NDP's MLAs.

If the bruises remaining from jabs suffered on the campaign trail are any indication, the relationship

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SAILING RACE

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ria Yacht Club returned to Ganges Harbour just before 6 p.m.

The crew included his father Jim, son Adam, and Shane Hemsworth.

Salt Spring resident Jim Spencer cherished the opportunity to win the race alongside two generations of the Spencer family.

"This was one of the best races the sailing club has ever had," said the seven-race veteran, admitting the feeling was only partly due to the victory.

"We didn't hit any holes along the way and sailed continuously for the entire race."

Spencer said he felt lucky his boat managed to come in just before heavy winds began to blow and credited his son's hot skippering for the win.

The Slippery When Wet encountered steady breezes of 10 knots for the duration of the race, but Spencer said many boats arriving later in the evening reported encountering winds of up to 30 and 35 knots.

"We got in just in time," he said. "Once the wind gets that strong, sails start to tear and gear begins to break."

This year's race featured 122 boats registered for the 41-mile course that took racers around Beaver Point, up through Sansum Narrows, then back down Trincomali Channel and into Ganges Harbour.

Organizers said the event included more than 600 participants with boats from sailing clubs in Vancouver, Seattle, Vancouver Island and neighbouring Gulf Islands.

This year's race may have been one of the fastest on record, but the speedy gales also carried along many dangers for the 16 boats forced to withdraw from the race.

Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-charge Ian Kyle said the stormy conditions meant his unit received 11 calls over a 24-hour period.

Kyle said winds reached 60 knots off the coast of Beaver Point late Saturday evening.

Calls left the unit's

resources stretched to capacity and said he wished sailors dropping out of the race had done a better job of keeping the coast guard and race organizers better informed.

People un-inclined to brave the elements were invited to enjoy a Saturday night lamb barbecue along with live musical entertainment and retrospective accounts of how the race was lost or won.

The Final Dash, led by David Wood, ended up in fourth position and was the fastest Salt Spring registered boat in the competition.

"The ship is far more of a racer than a cruiser because there isn't really that much room on board," said Wood.

Wood confessed to doing his fair share of cruising in past races, but said this year's crew was buoyed by the contribution of the "very aggressive mental attitude" of Victoria-based sail-maker Alex Fox, who infused the squad with just the right dose of quick-witted efficiency and bare-knuckled daring needed

to endure the eight-hour and two-minute circumnavigation of the island.

Wood said the conditions surrounding Salt Spring can change at any moment, but insisted the most important things to look out for were pockets of still air.

Wood humbly attributed some of his good fortune to luck, a force which he said is at times as mighty as the current along the island's north end and at times as still as a boat forced to weather the night in a quiet south-end bay.

The race, he said, has come to be known far and wide as one of the best, not only for the challenging course, but also for the jovial spirit of the sailors and organizers who get together before and after the race for an entire weekend of festivities regardless of how poor the weather is.

"The race is put on by a great club and it is hard to beat the level of scenery on offer."

Complete race results are available at www.saltspring-sailing.ca.

Gulf Islands election numbers by poll

All Saints Hunt, 439 (39.8%); Coell, 341 (30.9%); Rouleau, 303 (27.5%); Bruce, 20 (1.8%).	Fernwood Hunt, 301(41.5%); Coell, 229 (31.5%); Rouleau, 185 (25.4%); Bruce, 10 (1.4%).	Central Hunt, 295 (44.4%); Coell, 220 (33.1%); Rouleau, 140 (21%); Bruce, 9 (1.4%).	Our Lady of Grace Hunt, 225 (37.6%); Coell, 179 (30%); Rouleau, 180 (30%); Bruce, 9 (1.5%).	Fulford Hunt, 426 (44.2%); Coell, 210 (21.8%); Rouleau, 322 (33.4%); Bruce, 6 (.6%).	Salt Spring Advance Hunt, 490 (46.5%); Coell, 356 (33.8%); Rouleau, 190 (18%); Bruce, 17 (1.6%).	North Galiano Hunt, 63 (57.7%); Coell, 39 (35.7%); Rouleau, 7 (6.4%); Bruce, 0.	South Galiano Hunt, 247 (50%); Coell, 152 (30%); Rouleau, 91 (18.5%); Bruce, 1 (.2%).
							Mayne Hunt, 203 (38.6%); Coell, 180 (34.2%); Rouleau, 136 (25.9%); Bruce, 6 (1.1%).
							Saturna Hunt, 66 (36.8%); Coell, 63 (35%); Rouleau, 47 (26.2%); Bruce, 3 (1.6%).
							Pender Hunt, 457 (40%); Coell, 383 (34%); Rouleau, 275 (24.5%); Bruce, 9 (.8%).

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between the two parties shows no sign of warming any time soon.

Both Coell and Hunt said the level of negative campaigning greatly increased after the leadership debate but agreed the Saanich North and the Islands riding managed to avoid the brunt of any conflicts.

Ken Rouleau of the Green Party expressed disgust at the level of "plug your nose politics" and negative campaigning that occurred.

"This was definitely a

fear-mongering election," he said. "We are happy we kept a positive campaign through the whole thing."

Rouleau did not take the blame for splitting the vote and claimed his party stood as a viable alternative for people wanting to hear innovative policy.

In spite of losing three per cent of the province-wide popular vote and 10 per cent of the popular support within the riding, he said the Greens would regroup and prepare for 2009.

"We have decided to remain active on the grassroots level of the process," he said. "We aim to run for local positions to keep the momentum that continues to grow all over B.C."

Coell said he would not know if he will stay on as Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services until the final election results are confirmed on May 31 but said he looked forward to spreading around some of the benefits reaped by four years of sound Liberal policy.

He responded to arguments that padded Liberal coffers had more to do with inter-

national economic demand for resources by saying the party used foresight to plan economic policies around global events.

He added the previous NDP government's forestry practices code and over-regulation of the mining industry placed the province's economy at a disadvantage.

"There is always a combination of government policy and the market," he said. "During the first four years, the Liberal Party unleashed the potential of the province. Now we can pursue funding for areas like health care and education."

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HELMET FUND: Stephanie Langsch and Delie Lohmann make a contribution to the Salt Spring Volunteer Firefighters' helmet drive as Sparky the fire dog gathers collections outside the firehall in Ganges. The annual fundraiser collected about \$5,000. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Police find 160-plant grow-op

Four officers from the Salt Spring detachment of the RCMP conducted a successful raid on a North End marijuana grow-op on the evening of May 17.

According to Const. Lindsay Ellis, 160 plants were found in two outbuildings.

Officers are currently investigating several suspects related to the property and expect to place charges in the near future.

• RCMP officers are

attributing their discovery of a \$90,000 stolen sailboat to the keen watch of harbour master Bart Terwiel.

Ellis said the 32-foot Beneto sailboat was stolen on Anacortes Island and brought to the Ganges government dock by a local man, who was changing the boat name and registry port.

"The owner came on Friday and has since gone home with it and was very pleased, and so was his insurance company," said Terwiel.

• The Salt Spring Fire department reported that heavy winds Saturday evening resulted in downed power lines and transformer fires at numerous island sites.

"These were not really a fire hazard per se but could pose a serious electrical threat to people walking or driving nearby," said assistant chief Arjuna George.

• Part of Lower Ganges Road was closed due to an

accident near the Upper and Ganges road intersection at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday.

According to assistant chief Arjuna George of the Salt Spring Fire Department, the accident appeared to be a low-speed collision between an automobile and a moped.

The driver of the car was not injured, but the woman on the moped suffered leg and spinal injuries.

• A two-vehicle accident on Fulford-Ganges Road on Lee's Hill sent three people to hospital with minor injuries on Monday afternoon.

According to Const. Ellis, the accident occurred when a vehicle travelling southbound collided with another vehicle that slowed down to make a turn.

Ellis said precise circumstances of the accident are unknown, but steep and slippery road conditions may have been involved.

FOR THE RECORD

Provincial abattoirs must obtain licences by September 2006, not 2005 as indicated in a May 11 Driftwood article on the abattoir feasibility study update.

Dolman nails second Survivor

Call him "invincible."

John Dolman has won his second Driftwood Survivor contest, as voters rallied to vote Banana Joe Clemente off the island instead of the Island Star video store co-owner.

As a result, Dolman's named charity, the Salt Spring Food Bank, will receive a \$500 donation from Driftwood Publishing Ltd.

Clemente and Dolman

were finalists in the Survivor III Reunion competition that saw six contestants from the past two Survivor events joined by two rookies as Driftwood readers voted off castaways each week.

"John rocks!" declared participant Rebecca Hylands. "He's definitely the ultimate survivor!"

"John for president!" said S. Britton.

In explaining her reason to buck the trend and see Clemente the winner, Rosemary Wyatt said, "I am looking forward to seeing all the palm trees on our own exotic island."

Matthew Coleman also declared that Clemente has "island spirit," while Anna Haltrecht was favouring Clemente's chosen Lady Minto Hospital Foundation charity.

ERSKINE

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Some 150 people attended the May 20 calendar launch, with the large crowd moving from the booked gallery space into the theatre, and the band Synergy donating their time.

"Over 100 calendars were sold and everyone was extremely generous," said the conservancy's Jean Gellwicks.

"I think people realize we need to save our mountaintops," said Lamb in explaining why the campaign has struck such a chord with islanders and others.

"We are losing them. If we get a chance like this, we have to take it."

Levy's 2006 calendar is available at Salt Spring Books, with \$5 from the sale of every calendar until May 27 benefitting the Mount Erskine campaign.



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Gas deal paints brighter side to fuel costs

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**
Staff Writer

With time spent at the fuel pump becoming more of a sore point, a proposal to distribute gas tax proceeds to improve Salt Spring's infrastructure may help alleviate some of the pain of filling up.

Under an agreement signed by representatives from the federal and provincial governments and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities last month,

Salt Spring Island stands to gain between \$100,000 and \$115,000 in funding from the federal government as the result of a 1.5-cent-a-litre gas tax.

According to Salt Spring's regional director Gary Holman, priority for the funding is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air and water quality.

All local governments in B.C., including municipalities and electoral areas, qualify for the funding. The Islands Trust can also apply for grants for infrastructure-related planning costs, he said.

Holman said money could be used on a number of different initiatives, such as public transit, energy sys-

tems and water treatment and management.

Money collected from the gas tax is intended to help federal, provincial and municipal governments address Kyoto Accord goals and fulfill the commitment to development of sustainable infrastructure.

"Federal gas tax funding," the agreement reads, "will provide cities in B.C. with a source of stable, predictable and long-term funding towards environmentally sustainable municipal infrastructure to help . . . meet sustainability objectives."

Total contributions from Ottawa to B.C., which is the first province to negotiate a deal with the federal govern-

ment, are currently forecast at \$76.3 million for this year and may reach \$254 million by 2010.

The current levy is 1.5 cents a litre, which will increase to five cents by the end of the decade. It is hoped funding will begin coming through as early as September.

Though Holman thinks finding a common cause will be a subject of debate, he favoured a plan that sees people get out of their cars.

"Given the Salt Spring situation, in which water and sewer treatment have access to other infrastructure grants, my priority would be to develop car-reduction strategies," he said.

"This is one of the biggest communities in the province without a public transit system, and walking and cycling on our roads can be hazardous to health."

Holman said that even a very basic public transit system will require additional funding besides gas tax monies, which are intended only for capital investments, and he is exploring these options.

He also said that infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling, such as bike paths, sidewalks and trails, particularly in and around the villages, is a priority. He will be organizing a meeting with key stakeholder groups to discuss infrastructure priorities.

BC-STV 'elephant' not ready to depart, says system advocate

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**
Staff Writer

Newly re-elected MLA Murray Coell said results from the BC-STV referendum show the people of B.C. demand improvements to the electoral process and vowed that action must be taken.

"Based on what I've seen, all three party leaders should get together and talk about what can be achieved," he said following his election victory last Tuesday.

"It's important that we now find a common ground since the people of British Columbia have let it be known they are in the mood for changes to the electoral system," he added.

Support for BC-STV received more than half the vote in 77 of the province's 79 ridings but failed to pass because it did not obtain the required overall 60 per cent of voter support.

Province-wide, the STV system received the nod from 57.39 per cent of voters.

Nowhere was the desire for BC-STV more pronounced than on the Gulf Islands

where it received 72 per cent support on Salt Spring, 73 per cent on Galiano, 70 per cent on Mayne, 62 per cent on Saturna and 69 per cent on the Penders.

Supporters of the system who hoped to see the end of the first past the post (FPTP) era, said the numbers speak for themselves and any plans to sweep the issue under the carpet will need to contend with the will of the majority.

"BC-STV is an elephant in our living room and it's not going away," said Brenda Guiled, a Salt Spring-based writer and devout STV advocate. "It's up to us to lobby our MLAs to address the issue of democracy."

According to Guiled, requiring such a significant number of people to vote for the change was preposterous and the end result a travesty of justice.

If the province of Quebec is allowed to consider separation with 50 per cent plus one, it goes without saying that the bar was set too high, she said.

Guiled questioned the

process and accused cabinet members who set the 60 per cent requirement of lacking imagination and foresight.

Despite not reaching the 60 per cent mark, advocates for change feel the public has sent a clear message to their MLAs, regardless of their affiliation.

"It's a miracle the results were so positive considering the lack of money the campaign had to spend on the process," she said.

"This a golden opportunity for Premier Gordon Campbell to enact a momentous change that could be his mark in world history."

Diana Byford, a member of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform from North Saanich, said it will take some time to figure out the next step, but admitted re-establishing the Citizens' Assembly would accomplish little.

"Reconvening the assembly sounds simple enough but it really is not that easy and we still believe our choice is the best one," she said.

Byford remained confident enthusiasm for the change would persist well into Liberal government's current mandate, reaffirming that British Columbians gave a significant yes to the STV system.


She accused the government of using the pretense of neutrality to provide minimal assistance to the information campaign and chastised their efforts to educate the public.

"Whenever a referendum is put out," she said, "the government should be required to take the initiative to provide a decent education campaign about the change."

The situation's irony, she said, is that despite obtaining a majority of the votes, the move towards STV remains in the hands of the politicians.

"The STV system is so little used because it is the politicians who usually get to define the parameters of the election process," she said. "It is a system that doesn't serve the best interest of the political parties."

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Coast guard auxiliary offers safety education

Members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) will give island teens the opportunity to receive a Pleasure Craft Operator Card for a mere \$10 at a course scheduled for June 7 and 8.

The government-subsidized course, which normally costs \$80 at a private school, will provide teens under the age of 16 with a permit to operate any watercraft with more than 10 horsepower.

Amarah Gabriel of Salt Spring's Unit 25 CCGA said the course is a great deal that gives students some hands-on experience.

"You'd be surprised how many teens are driving around in boats without any training," she said.

The six-hour class held over two mornings will include an educational harbour cruise designed to get teens familiar with common hazards met when travelling on the water.

The course comes on the crest of Boating Safety Week, when CCGA members sailed between Gulf Islands schools to promote awareness of boating and water safety to 200 students.

"We are trying to get the kids introduced to the idea of safety on the water at an early age," Gabriel said.

Students tried on different types of floatation devices, including a full body sur-



SAFETY FIRST: Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 25 member Amanda Spottiswoode makes sure Salt Spring Elementary's Ian Savage is ready to sail.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

vival suit, learned some basic safety techniques and watched a short video describing the chilling consequences of heading out on the water unprepared.

"The aim is to get children aware of safety on the water and so far everyone has been very receptive," she said.

"We're getting them into thinking about it and realizing the water can be really dangerous."

The Salt Spring contin-

gent of the CCGA includes 30 trained volunteers prepared to assist coast guard operations throughout the Gulf Islands.

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Information about the Pleasure Craft Operator course may be obtained by contacting the CCGA at 537-0051 or ccga25@gulfislands.com.

LTC meeting agenda released

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) will chew on a hefty agenda Thursday when it meets at the Baptist Church on Lower Ganges Road.

Vacation rental bylaws will be considered for first reading, as will a single density transfer from Burgoyne Bay area parklands to a Garner Road property.

Both were the subject of bylaw hearings Tuesday after the Driftwood went to press.

Rezoning proposals that would expand the Ganges Village Market complex commercial area and a 30-unit Rainbow Road affordable housing proposal from the Murakami family will be looked at by trustees.

One-lot subdivisions of Agricultural Land Reserve properties — one at 201 Wright Road and another at 375 Musgrave Road — have also been referred to the LTC for comment.

Bill Curtin, John Woodward and Peter Lamb are scheduled to address the LTC on the topic of Ganges Marina as formal delega-

tions, with Tom O'Connor set to talk about his client's proposed Norton Road development.

The meeting begins at 3 p.m. with a town hall session.

Additional parking is available behind the church building.

Copies of the agenda are available at the Islands Trust office in the Hydro building on Lower Ganges Road.

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Everyone agrees: no parties at skate park

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Six months after opening Kanaka Road skatepark with a hail of fundraising efforts and volunteer labour, island skateboarders are still gleefully using the curvaceous cement facility in droves.

But now, community members are being urged to visit the park, supervise children and displace unwanted

troublemakers who have at times congregated there.

"Parents drop off kids but they don't stick around," said Salt Spring RCMP Const. Lindsay Ellis.

While the skatepark site has had little reported crime, one man was assaulted near the park on April 3 and police have found evidence of alcohol use in the area on several occasions.

"We want to nip this thing in the bud before it becomes a huge problem," Ellis said.

In fact, the focus of the new RCMP youth plan for Salt Spring is to solve the alcohol and drug problem at the skatepark, she said.

Police have become such frequent visitors to the park that "skaters are getting annoyed with us asking them to do tricks," she laughed.

But it wasn't until an April 13 meeting between parents, skaters, neighbours, police, school staff, and representatives from the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) that she heard complaints about the park turning into a party spot.

Consequently, police increased patrols of the area of up to 10 times per night, she said.

"We've encouraged people

to phone us with complaints of illegal alcohol and drug use."

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) principal Kevin Vine stressed the importance of keeping the park-area school grounds safe for students.

"Those people who are there to party will have to go somewhere else," said Vine.

"Skaters want to be there to skate and these people interfere because they are taking up room and being a nuisance."

Skatepark association members, PARC and school maintenance staff have discussed making the park more accessible to the community.

"The more access we give to the community, the more the community will be there and if we have people there, then the mischief is less likely to be there."

Overall, Vine is happy to see the park so heavily used by skaters and he commented about SIMS student Ryan Clemente's success at a recent competition in Vic West.

"Clearly, we've got some top-notch skaters and it's great to encourage them."

PARC administrator Dave Gibbon agreed with Vine and Ellis that a greater adult presence will reduce inappropriate activity. He also called on community members to call police if they see illegal activity at the park.

"They don't need vigilantes out there but they do need people to report things."

PARC can't provide supervision for the facility, but is investigating the possibility of installing lighting for security purposes.

Gibbon noted that parks are closed between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. and noise complaints should be directed to the Capital Regional District bylaw enforcement officer instead of police.

Skateboard association president Stefan Gessinger takes a philosophical approach to the issue.

"That corner has always been a problem — before it was a skatepark, or a make-shift skatepark. There are corners like that all over town. I think it's a small problem right now . . . but people were hoping the skatepark would take away from that."

And Gessinger doesn't want to see park abuse escalate as summer approaches

and youth have more free time.

"Park users take a lot of pride in their park and feel a lot of ownership," he said.

The Kanaka Road park is exceptionally clean and well-cared for and skaters are clearly not part of the problem, he said.

"The problem has nothing to do with the skatepark culture."

Ideally, the community could address systemic problems of drug and alcohol use among youth and young adults, but that is a long-term solution that could easily span decades, he said.

"I think all we can do is hope to displace the problem."

Restricted by their mandates, PARC and school staff agree with Gessinger.

"It's the NIMBY thing. Where do these guys go next?" said Vine.

And Const. Ellis was also forced to shrug over limited resources available to address long-term solutions to drug and alcohol abuse in the community.

"We know we're displacing the problem somewhere else. That's a social problem, not a policing problem."

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Laushway: woman of distinction

Well-known Salt Spring community leader Lynda Laushway was honoured with a Women of Distinction Award in Victoria on Thursday.

The 11th annual YM-YWCA event honours innovation, creativity and leadership, and celebrates the accomplishments of women in the Greater Victoria area.

Laushway was awarded in the category of Education, Training and Development for her years of community work with Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) and the development of the Respectful Relationships Program.

In the program, youth in Grades 7, 8, 9 and 11 are given 12 facilitated sessions on developing respectful relationships. Topics covered include self-esteem building,

assertiveness, communications, homophobia, racism, conflict resolution, media awareness, stereotyping, systemic violence, bullying prevention, and the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

According to Myranda O'Byrne, a SWOVA member who attended the May 19 event, "Lynda's acceptance speech was not peppered with the usual 'I'm so overcome and nervous and would like to thank my mom' Academy-Award type of responses. Rather, she spoke of a vision of world peace, where equality between men and women was the norm rather than the exception and where violence of any description was eliminated."

"She commented that homophobia, racism, and stereotyping need to be eradicated in our society. If young people can learn and apply the skills of building healthy relationships and

can understand the influence of media and peer pressure in the formations of society's perceptions, then truly the world can change."

At this year's gala, 57 women from Greater Victoria were nominated, including Laushway and Ethel Magnus from Salt Spring.

Present at this year's celebration were Victoria Mayor Alan Lowe and the Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of B.C.

O'Byrne said Campagnolo stopped her exit procession to give Laushway special recognition with a handshake of congratulations and a hug.

"She remembered her visit to Salt Spring for International Women's Day in 2004 where she spoke highly of the work of SWOVA and was very impressed with the young women who met her and told her of the Respectful Relationships program in their high school."

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Pellets fired near schools put wildlife on high alert

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

A string of pellet gun attacks on pigeons near Salt Spring Elementary and the middle school has Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre workers searching for the perpetrator before more animals are killed.

"People do weird things to wild animals," said Jackie Ballerone, special projects coordinator at the centre. "They have a tough enough time just trying to cope with the fact that we're building houses in their habitat or hitting them with our cars and then we have this whole scenario where people just don't respect them."

Ballerone said despite receiving half a dozen birds with similar injuries in recent months, two attacks during the past three weeks prompt concerns that such acts are on the rise.

"If we're getting two birds with these pellets in them, how many are going un-



INTOLERABLE CRUELTY: Jeff Lederman, of the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, reveals the location of an air gun pellet in a bird discovered near Salt Spring Elementary.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

noticed?" she asked. "Somebody out there is shooting birds and it's obviously not an adult."

Ballerone suspected a stu-

dent is responsible and has started a campaign to find the culprit.

She found it hard to believe children in the com-

munity could gain access to this kind of weapon and urged parents to pay closer attention to what their children are doing.

"We're trying to take the pellets off the market because there is absolutely no need to sell these things," she said after examining an X-ray revealing where the Tic-Tac sized pellet was lodged in the pigeon's wing.

"Who buys an air rifle for a kid and honestly believes their child is only shooting at cans?"

Pellets are available at Mouat's where Kim Young, the store's assistant manager, said employees are not permitted to sell ammunition to anyone under the age of 16 unless they are accompanied by a parent.

She said the pellets are commonly used by people wanting to dissuade animals from venturing near their homes, and added the ultimate responsibility over ammo use and storage falls on parents.

"I feel like it's not irresponsible of the store to sell these pellets but rather a failure of parents to store the

pellets in the correct place," she said. "As a parent, I would not leave them lying around."

Parents should question why their children need such weapons, said Ballerone, and warned the guns will continue to pose a threat to wildlife and other children in the community as long as they are available.

Principals from Salt Spring Elementary and the middle school were unaware of the incident and had not heard of any instances of students bringing such weapons to school.

"We have a very clear black-and-white policy about students not bringing anything to school that resembles a weapon," said Salt Spring Elementary principal Rineke Jonker. "The students are not even allowed to bring in water guns."

She recalled a staff member finding one of the injured birds but had not heard any talk of pellet guns.

Middle years class contemplated for Fulford community school

Gulf Islands School District trustees formed a task force to investigate the feasibility of expanding Fulford Nature Community School to include a middle-years class (Grades 5-7) with a strong nature focus during their regular board meeting at Saturna Island on May 11.

The new task force will include a school parent, teacher, principal, CUPE

SCHOOL BRIEFS

staff and trustee. It will report to the board by January 2006 with an eye toward a possible program launch in September 2006.

In other school matters discussed at the board meeting:

- Trustees donated a surplus bus to the Salt Spring Island Football Association. Secretary treasurer Rod Scotvold estimated the value of the bus at less than \$3,000.

- Following support from the Gulf Islands School District among some 388 member schools and districts, the B.C. School Sports Association (BCSSA) rescinded a motion on May 14 that pre-

vented student athletes from competing in BCSSA events if they were attending special "sports schools."

- Gulf Islands School District superintendent Wendy Herbert will be honoured with a distinguished service award from the B.C. School Superintendents Association on May 26.

"I'm in exalted company," Herbert said. "You just do what you do."

- Pender Elementary Secondary School principal David Nickoli resigned to take a job with an international school in Cairo. Mayne Elementary Secondary School principal Martin Blakesley will transfer to take his place on Pender. A new Mayne principal was not announced during the school board meeting.

- A motion to adopt a locally developed course,

Work Exploration 11, held during a special meeting on April 27 was rescinded during the Saturna school board meeting after district staff learned that the Ministry of Education will release a Work Experience 12 course that supplants local courses.

- Thomas Moore was appointed as chief electoral officer for the upcoming school trustee elections in November.

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- * We view our role as working to get the best indoor pool we can afford.
- * We continue in our role of fund raising to raise as much money as possible to support the construction of an indoor pool.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE FUNDS COLLECTED AND EARNED TO DATE?

- * All funds collected to date are held in trust for the community.
- * Funds are in interest earning term deposits.

WHEN WILL FUNDS BE RELEASED?

- * Funds will be released when an Indoor Pool design has been finalized and meets with approval.
- * To date, the Indoor Pool design presented by PARC has been in flux, with a different version being presented at each of the last three public presentations.

WHO DECIDED THE WORDING AND TAX REQUEST OF THE TAX REFERENDUM QUESTION?

- * PARC and CRD did; Ssplash had no say in setting the tax request or the budget of \$4.12M
- * PARC decided that \$4.12M was the amount of tax request needed to build a full service Indoor Pool, even though Curtin said at the last public meeting he knew the figure would not build a full service Indoor pool.
- * PARC set up the Request for Tenders that went out calling for architects and project managers based on the figure of \$4.12M.
- * PARC chose the architect, he tendered based on \$4.12 M, now he says he can't build for that amount.
- * Ssplash had no say in any of these decisions.
- * Ssplash has not sat on any Advisory Committees set up by PARC since April 1, 2004.

WHEN WILL THEY ACTUALLY START BUILDING THE INDOOR POOL?

- * Ask PARC.
- * Ssplash has no input into timing decisions.
- * PARC has now changed the start date for the project three times, first they were to start in Jan 05, then April 05, now we have been told Sept 05.
- * Each delay increases the building costs.

WHAT NOW?

- * Ssplash is dedicated to continue fund raising until our Indoor Pool is completed to the standards our community wants, needs, expects and deserves.
- * Please continue with your support for our Indoor Pool.

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Reaching that point ensures the provincial government's lands and public trust program can at least be approached for some significant dollars.

But with the Liberals' pre-election spending spree now over, those funds may be harder to come by, especially when the competition for them is fierce at the best of times. In other words, this is no time to stop pledging for the Mount Erskine campaign.

At the same time, an on-the-ground community project has also seen its goal come quickly into view. The Admiral Lodge #170, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons have raised \$51,000 of the \$65,000 needed to build a new food bank building on Community Services property. They hope a June 25 goods and services auction will put them over the top.

It seems that when credible organizations present a tangible item for purchase, be it a mountain peak or a structure, grand community goals can be achieved.

Remarkable outcome

Results of last week's provincial election have already undergone a week's worth of digestion and analysis, with the pack of new MLAs no doubt eager to get to work.

What lingers longer in the post-election pool of pondering is the surprising show of support for BC-STV and what will transpire as a result.

The 57-plus per cent yes vote was utterly remarkable in that the "yes side" had no dedicated resources to get its message out and much of the public still professed ignorance of the concept frightfully close to election day.

Unless we witnessed nothing more than a cavalier voting episode, results show the public backs an altered electoral system of some kind.

It's to Premier Campbell and Opposition Leader James' credit that both made post-election comments promising to heed that message, despite their own misgivings about the STV proposal.

Letters to the Editor

Big spenders

Two degrees from highest American universities cannot dignify the flaws in Mike Best's promo for vacation rentals. (Last week's In Depth piece.)

Describing the expenditures of a hypothetical family of four visiting Salt Spring, he conveniently forgoes a comparison with a family of four living on Salt Spring.

Without wasting newspaper slinging statistics, it is probably fair to assume that a resident family of four, over the course of a year, supports as much business as the revolving doors of vacation rentals which the owners admit are

often vacant vacation rentals. As befits his education and profession, Mr. Best sees the issue purely in monetary terms. Need I emphasize that visitors spend money, but that residents spend money and contribute to the stability of the community.

The sky is not about to fall. Tourists will continue to come here. Homeowners will still be able to rent their homes, but not as motels. Vacation rentals there will be, as in Vesuvius, on land appropriately zoned. Maybe, someone will build a new hotel. In the meantime, relax.

CHARLES BRETH,
Harbourside

Orphanage

Saltspringers for Sunrise in Namibia (SFSN) is a new SSI group formed to raise money to support the Namibian-conceived and run Sunrise Project.

This venture already owns one orphanage run by a local woman, Mariane Garises, who both directs the project and lives in the house as mother of all the children.

At the moment, donations supply food, water and electricity. Hens have been purchased to supply eggs and there are goats as well. Since more and more children need help (there are already two to three to each bed),

a second house is needed. One Sunrise Project child recently contracted TB. The other children were immediately tested and are clear of TB but this incident indicates the urgency of the need to obtain another house to reduce overcrowding and the risk of the spread of communicable disease.

The house next door to the orphanage is for sale. The price is \$5,000. SFSN hopes to raise funds for this second Sunrise Project house. Salt Spring residents Fraser and Rosalind Hope were Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) educators in Namibia for almost two and a half

years. Rosalind visited the village of Khorixas several times in connection with her job as the regional special education coordinator and was introduced to Mariane and the Sunrise Project there through another VSO volunteer who is still in Namibia.

During their work, Fraser and Rosalind witnessed how hard Africans struggled to try to give children food, shelter, guidance and education.

Yet, since Africa has lost a whole generation to AIDs, there are parentless children everywhere.

When Stephen Lewis spoke on Salt Spring Island

last year, he made the point that we give from community to community. Founding members of SFSN, Rosalind Hope, Maureen Moore and Claire Taylor decided to ask our Salt Spring Island community to help buy a house for Namibian orphans.

The SFSN Thrifty's Community Chest number is #110 and the GVM Save a Tape Program number is #114. Those wishing to donate directly should do so at Island Savings, account number 1703164 (Saltspringers for Sunrise in Namibia.)

MAUREEN MOORE,
SFSN

Better forms of representation available to explore

By **ROGER MIDDLETON**

With the election and referendum over, it's time to have some fun with Monday night quarter-backing.

Let's start by taking a look at the Single Transferable Vote (STV) referendum. With more than 57 per cent of voters casting their votes for STV, the message seems clear, voters want change, but how clear is it?

To me, the process seemed flawed because a clear choice between first past the post (FPTP) and proportional representation (PR) was not offered.

Instead, we were asked to choose between FPTP and the single transferable vote (STV), one of a number of different PR methods. True, it was the method selected by our Citizens' Assembly, and they were required to choose one system for us to vote upon, but there are many PR supporters who feel STV is not the best system for B.C.

George Ehring, for one, raised questions about the choice of STV and he shared his concerns with us in an excellent article (STV won't meet desire for a more bal-

VIEW POINT

anced system), published in the May 11 Driftwood.

The problem then, with the referendum question was that those who agreed that PR is the better way, but disagreed with STV, had to choose whether or not to vote for it. Some did, but there may have been many who did not.

I suspect, with more information and a less confusing choice, the answer to a clear question PR — yes or no — would have seen more than 60 per cent in support.

Personally, I voted for it, but with misgivings. In my opinion, STV, while a better system than FPTP, is ill-suited to B.C. geography and our historical preference for local representation, and George Ehring gave us a clear critique of these points.

To my mind, given our geography, of vast distances interspersed with densely populated urban centres, we might want to take a further look at the simple Aus-

tralian "instant run-off" (IRO) preference system of PR that has been in place in the Australian parliament since 1918, and is also used in State Houses of Legislative Assembly. Only in Australian upper houses, the Senate, is STV used.

With the IRO system, each party nominates one candidate for each riding and voters assign their preference to each candidate. The system is simple, straightforward and easy to understand. True, it will provide no guarantee of representation for all parties, but there is 87 years of experience we can explore here to examine how well it has worked.

Information about the history of the Australian PR system can be viewed at

http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/A/Au/Australian_electoral_system.htm and six methods of PR, including their "instant run-off" system and STV, can be explored at http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/p/pr/preferential_voting.htm.

Interestingly, the IRO method of preferential voting came into

being because of the formation of the Country party, a second conservative party, and politicians were concerned that the FPTP vote would split the conservative vote and result in a Labour government being elected with a minority of votes.

Now for the fun part: let's review the electoral results, assuming an IRO preference system to be in place, and that all Green Party voters voted NDP as their second preference. What kind of government would we be looking at today?

With the IRO approach, it appears that the outcome would have been quite different. To start by looking at our own riding, Murray Coell won re-election with 42.9 per cent of the vote. Christine Hunt was runner-up with 37.7 per cent and Ken Rouleau, who did better than his party overall, received 16.5 per cent. If most voters for Ken Rouleau had given their next preference to Christine Hunt, which is not too much of a stretch of the imagination, she would have won with a combined total of around 54 per cent of the votes cast.

Following the same process

across B.C., but leaving the "too close to call" results alone, we find that the NDP would have been elected with 43 seats and the Liberals would have finished with 36, pretty much a reversal of the result obtained. Interestingly, in his own riding, Premier Gordon Campbell would have lost his bid for re-election.

These musings are interesting, but not too helpful because they rest on assumptions and these could be wrong. Changing the voting system may well change basic voting patterns. Even so, this calculated outcome does mirror the combined NDP plus Greens popular vote of 49.7 per cent versus the Liberal popular vote of 46.4 per cent.

Perhaps we can learn from all of this, for it would be a great pity if we stayed with the current system or changed to STV without engaging fully the electorate in examining all the options.

We can be sure though, with 57 per cent of the voters wanting change, the debate will continue.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *How do you feel about last week's provincial election results?*



Jo Booker

I am very pleased to see a reasonable opposition since no government can function properly without one.



Joni Devlin

I thought the results were just perfect. It was just what I wanted. If the NDP has more seats they have a bigger say.



Simon Evans

I didn't get a chance to vote but I am disappointed the Greens didn't win.



Angus Mitchell

I am pleased we are going in the same direction and pleased we have some opposition. I voted against STV but still think we need some kind of change.



Lauren Smith

I'm disappointed. I assumed this would happen but wanted the Liberals to lose.

Letters to the Editor

Secure food

After going to the Our Island, Our World Film Festival and watching the short documentary film on "Percy Schmizer vs. Monsanto," I became a member of the Saltspringers for Safe Food.

As food is something that we need every day, I have a concern as to where it comes from, how it is grown, if it has been genetically modified, and what effect it has on our bodies.

At the two meetings that I have attended, we discussed the "seed sector review" (how large corporate seed companies want total control over all the seeds) and getting the renowned Dr. Shiv Chopra to come to Salt Spring to do a talk on the regulatory safety and security of our food supply.

Dr. Chopra worked for Health Canada for 35 years and was recently fired because of his concerns regarding the regulatory manipulations on BSE, rBGH, GE crops and animals, growth hormones etc.

Saltspringers for Safe Food will be hosting an evening event with Dr. Chopra on June 3, so if you are concerned about what food you

are eating and feeding your children, come to this informative talk. To get more information on Dr. Chopra there are many sites to choose from on Google.

J. MCPHEE,
Saltspringers
for Safe Food

Ghost town

Your recent article (Survey shows support for tourism, May 18 Driftwood) may not be indicative of how far tourism is reaching into our community. It may become as unwelcome as Scotch broom if trends continue.

The rumoured possible sale of the Salt Spring Marina, Moby's and Hastings House to Seattle Yacht Club interests is one stark example. These are three island institutions that may very well become off limits to locals, if the club so chooses. The poor treatment Ganges Marina has received from the community makes it the next candidate for outstation status for some far-flung boys club. Those of us who are boaters will then be pretty much orphaned for moorage space.

Will Channel Ridge Village be sold to a German pension fund? Is B.C. Fer-

ries moving to Isabella Point so that Fulford Harbour can become another Granville Island? These latter two scenarios are fictitious — granted — but the Seattle YC's acquisitions are not, and we have to ask where we are going in our haste to cash out of our homes, while offering them up as B&Bs in the mean.

This privatizing, heavy-duty brand of tourism leaves us with a ghost town through a long, lonely winter, as properties are fenced and boarded up for the "off season." While those of us who own property here may appreciate that our land is worth more now, it's just more traffic and higher tax assessments if you really live here.

One way that locals can help steer things toward year-round residents is wholehearted support for winter recreational and entertainment facilities. You can be sure that the non-resident islanders will find little use for an ice rink on Salt Spring, and when the community is asked shortly whether it will support appending a rink to the pool, make sure our children might have a reason to visit us once or twice in win-

ter, or for families to move here.

All locals should vote on principle for facilities usable in winter, as we did with Art-Spring, whether for swimming, ice sports or tying up boats, to offset the disinterested nays of the interlopers.

If we begin to take back the long nights, and round out our demographics, then we can rest more easily when the inevitable summer brouhaha intrudes.

DWIGHT JONES,
Salt Spring

Dreads locked

I was dismayed to be told by several young acquaintances with dreadlocks that they had been refused consideration for employment by some restaurants on Salt Spring!

Dreadlocking one's hair is an ancient practice — my Celtic ancestors sported "dreads."

One reason proposed for the dreadlock ban is that tourists may be put off by the style! Surely many of our visitors are expecting to see evidence of "alternative" lifestyle on Salt Spring.

It has also been suggested that this hairstyle is hazardous in the hospitality trade.

The fact is that "locked" hair is much less likely to end up in the customer's meal than a stray strand of hair that's been allowed to "blow in the wind."

Until this discrimination stops I will boycott those offending establishments and will not recommend them to visitors.

In the meantime, I will consider growing "dreads" myself, but at the age of 60 plus, I'm not sure that I have enough time left — let alone the hair — to develop a really good display.

HARRY WARNER,
Lee Road

Uphold policy

Islands Trust Council is considering an amendment to the Islands Trust Policy Statement that would allow local trust committees and island municipalities to consider alternate approaches to the protection of freshwater quality and quantity when they make land use decisions.

On behalf of the Beddis Water Service Committee and our users, we urge the Islands Trust to maintain Policy 4.4.2 as it is presently written, providing essential

protection for the islands' freshwater quality and quantity when making land-use decisions.

Post Walkerton it is incumbent on local authorities across Canada to ensure that potable water quality is maintained and to strive to provide future residents with improved water quality.

Any change to the policy as presently that could be construed to allow development that reduces this aim must not be allowed to proceed. Present wording of Policy 4.4.2 allows the Trust full executive power to protect our watersheds and water quality.

We urge our local trustees, Kimberly Liniger and Eric Booth, and the Executive Committee of the Islands Trust to uphold the protection of watersheds, water resources and potable water quality by maintaining and upholding Policy 4.4.2 as it presently reads. The Islands Trust Policy Statement trustees were elected to uphold.

FRASER HOPE,
Beddis Water Services
Committee

MORE LETTERS A10

Diversion-scarce Salt Spring tests enraptured newcomers

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce needs to commission a large sign to be erected over the Fulford Ferry terminal. . . "Abandon All Hope, Ye Who Enter Here."

All those neophytes — the bright-eyed newlyweds searching for a real life Mayberry, the flatlanders ready for a gentler winter, the overworked CEOs from Bloor Street, the disenchanting Democrats migrating north, the erstwhile artists, authors and musicians ready to toss aside day jobs — all pilgrims ready to receive sacrament on our shores, all those panting for "the Salt Spring Moment," take heed. Salt Spring will test you.

Salt Spring survivors reading this will understand. Most reading this have experienced "the rapture" — some moment in the first day, the first hour, the first minute — a burning bush that will move them to abandon everything and roll the dice.

Personally, I came over for lunch. Fifteen years ago. Over-

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



taken by a Salt Spring Moment, my girlfriend and I jettisoned perfectly reasonable careers, sold the house, got rid of the German car and ended up towing a U-Haul up the ramp at Fulford, clutching the "Houses for Rent" section of the Driftwood. I count myself amongst the fortunate few that found a niche.

This island will test you. Many new immigrants jump in with both feet, wasting no time purchasing a house or building a dream house, eating up a good part of the bank account in the process. Now what?

Many are less than keen on the prospect of a \$10-an-hour job serving up cappuccinos or pricing widgets at the hardware store. The watercolour painting sales aren't going so well. Nor are the yoga

classes. Everybody and their dog seems to be a foot reflexologist. And the bank account inexorably bleeds.

Off-island jobs mean 16-hour days, or a pied-à-terre in a distant city, arriving home late Friday night for a weekend piecing together of the family unit.

This island will test you. Diversions are scarce. Thirty miles east, there are dozens of theatres, hundreds of restaurants, swimming pools, Costco's and Starbucks. On Salt Spring, you must learn the joys of "self." It can be difficult when you can see the lights of Vancouver glowing in the distance, promising all those effortless amusements, smugly dismissed as the trappings of a superficial world only months before.

Circumspection can be a hard transition. For those unwilling or unable to make that transition, there is always Salt Spring's most popular sport . . . philandering. It

explains why Salt Spring appears to be top heavy in single parent households. It explains why the Sunday afternoon ferry crossing has been christened "The Divorce Boat" as offspring, clutching overnight bags, make the trek from Parent #1 to Parent #2.

Being single on Salt Spring is no joy ride. A cursory glance through this newspaper's "entertainment" section paints a sobering picture.

Let's assume you are looking for a casual night out — nothing too structured, no linen tablecloths or Spode china, maybe just a drink, some finger food and a yack with someone of the opposite sex.

There is the venerable Moby's, where you are certain to run into a familiar face — most likely your ex. Anise is nice, and there is The Local, the Legion and pizza Wednesdays at the Fulford.

At Shipstones, if you sort of squint your eyes and look to the side, you can pretend you are in a cosy afterwork bar in down-

town Vancouver. After the second martini, you don't even have to squint.

That's pretty much the ball game, unless you are banking on chance encounters clambering up Mount Erskine or jockeying for position on 10 per cent Tuesday at GVM.

Truly, the first year on Salt Spring can be a roller coaster. It is not "Average Small Town," Canada. Salt Spring has always been a vortex for the fiercely independent, the hopelessly romantic, the most gifted artists . . . all vulnerable, unsuspecting minds ripe for destruction.

And so beware, pilgrims — the attrition rate is dizzying. Expect to see more changes than Michael Jackson's mirror.

But if you can emerge relatively whole after your first anniversary, you've got a shot. If not, you will slip quietly into the night, with Dante's words ringing in your ears: "Abandon All Hope, Ye Who Enter Here."

Don't say I didn't warn you.

Market dog parade is over

IN DEPTH

By MATTHEW COLEMAN

Dogs at the Saturday Market in the Park have always been welcome and over the eight years that I have been a market coordinator, I have noticed more and more visitors bringing their dogs to the market.

My wife, Phyllis, who is a dog lover *par excellence*, enjoys parading her dog Atisha through the market as she socializes with all her friends, the vendors and visitors.

It's been fun for everyone while it has lasted, but unfortunately, like many things on this fast-changing island, the vast numbers of visitors to the market make this activity no longer suitable.

As many visitors have already noticed, there are signs at all the entrances that state that *No Dogs* are allowed in the market area and the three coordinators are frequently reminding people with dogs that it is no lon-

ger an appropriate place for their canine friends. Often owners are quite upset and can't understand why the big change has been made.

The most important reason is the potential for aggressive behaviour from dogs, especially in the crowded conditions of the market. Most of us treat our dogs as members of our family. Many dogs are enrolled in obedience school to ensure that the pet is well behaved. We play fetch with our dogs and provide necessary veterinary care. We would like to extend our activities to be able to walk our dogs through the market. Yet veterinarians tell us that even the most socialized dog can exhibit aggressive behaviour in crowds.

The Canada Safety Council estimates that dogs bite 460,000 Canadians annually. Our problem is likely as serious as that of our southern neighbour who, with a population 10 times larger than ours, has 5 million dog bite victims a year.

First, we have to understand that aggression isn't an aberration. It's rooted in canine instincts. In the wild, dogs use aggressive behaviour to hunt for food, defend themselves and guard their territory. Domestication has toned down this innate aggression, but these behaviours are still hard-wired in dogs.

Every year I am witness

to dog fights in the midst of the market crowds and have to intervene over and over again. What if a child gets in the way of the snarling, gnashing teeth of a fighting dog?

The SPCA has stated that, "It's important to realize that any dog is capable of biting under certain circumstances. It's a myth that only vicious dogs bite."

The dog that bites is not necessarily a mean dog or a bad dog — he/she is just a dog.

One of the main reasons pet dogs bite is because they feel threatened by something they can't flee. From the dog's point of view, aggression is a natural way to make any scary thing go away. Just because a situation doesn't seem frightening to you doesn't mean it won't spook your dog. The huge crowds at our Saturday market can not only be frightening for dogs but I have even seen people start to panic when the crowds seem too much and look for a way out which might not be immediately available.

To my knowledge, no child or adult has been bitten by a dog at the market, but I think it would be irresponsible to wait until after such a tragedy happens before taking action.

I hope my friends, family and wife will understand our predicament and not be offended by the new rules.

Other problems have influenced the decision of the Market Advisory Group and the vendors in deciding that dogs would no longer

be allowed. Even with all the NO DOG signs, 39 dogs were counted in the market last week and I am sure many more were missed by the dog-counter's eyes.

During some weeks in the busy summer season there are a lot more dogs present. Where does all the dog feces and urine end up? Much of it lands on the grass in the park where up to 300 people gather to listen to music, picnic and in general enjoy themselves on the same grass.

Again, when there weren't so many people and dogs this was easily overlooked, but now the large number of dogs, children and adults makes the situation untenable. And the grass and bushes aren't the only things the dogs lift their legs to, as vendors have consistently complained about dogs urinating on their booths and I even saw one unsuspecting man be the victim of a dog peeing on his pant leg.

For both health and safety reasons we are reduced to having to say NO DOGS in the market. I truly am sorry for any inconvenience and unhappiness this brings to dog lovers and visitors to the market.

So — maybe you can buy some dog treats (they're sold at the market) for when you have to leave your dog at home and give your dog and yourself a good walk on our nice country roads and byways.

The writer is the Saturday market coordinator and a long-time resident of Salt Spring Island.



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More letters

Fair price

First off I would like to commend the Lions for their community service, but I would like to comment on the focus of the Friday-Saturday garage sale.

Many times I have witnessed people leaving without the item they made an offer on because the boys running the sale wanted more money.

The times I have donated merchandise, I wanted someone who didn't have a lot of money to benefit.

It seems to me if someone makes an offer on a piece of furniture or other item, then they could really benefit from it. Unless the offer is ridiculous, the vendors should not hold out for five or 10 more

dollars just because they feel they can get it.

The buyer should get their price, the Lions make a bit of money towards their cause and everyone is happy.

Let's not forget what the garage sale objective should be. Donated items within the means of people in need.

PETER WARD,
Salt Spring

Food bank update

I feel it is time to update the public about what is happening with building a new building for the Salt Spring Food Bank.

A "Community Involvement Committee" was initiated by Admiral Lodge #170, Ancient Free and

Accepted Masons to raise enough money for this project. Since last November we have raised about \$51,000 of the \$65,000 needed.

We have been quite busy and are now organizing a goods and services auction to help top off the amount needed.

I am amazed at the support of everyone I've asked for donations to the auction and it makes me proud to live here. I would like everyone to attend the auction, which will be held in Meaden Hall (at the Legion) at 7 p.m. on June 25. Admission will be a donation to the food bank in the way of food or cash donation.

All auction proceeds will go towards the building of

a decent place to house the food bank. Anyone wishing to donate goods or services to this worthy cause could contact Salt Spring Community Services Society or myself at rsloan@telus.net or 537-2975. Income tax receipts will be issued.

RANDY SLOAN,
Chair, Community Involvement Committee
Admiral Lodge #170, AF&AM

Deer watch

We are getting into the time of year when a deer crossing the road is likely to be followed by one or two youngsters, sometimes a little way behind her, and we need to be extra cautious.

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Other activities include:

- June 5 — A&W show and shine in Duncan.
- June 19 — Cruisin' and Rockin' at the Beach show in Qualicum Beach.
- June 19 — Father's Day All Brits in the Park at Beacon Hill Park. Take 8 a.m. Fulford sailing for a 10:45 arrival. (British cars only)
- July 1 — Salt Spring Canada Day Antique and Classic Car Show. At Centennial Park.
- July 4 — Century Topper show and shine in Victoria.
- July 15-17 — Duncan Antique Truck Show.
- July 17 — Summer Spec-

tacular Victoria.

- July 17 — Fords & Friends Picnic, Victoria.
- July 30 — Blast From the Past, Coombs.
- July 31 — Ocean Idlers Summer Dreamin; Parksville.
- August 7 — Cowichan Valley Car Picnic. Meet at the 9 a.m. ferry at Vesuvius. At 10:30 a.m., meet at the city parking lot at the train station in downtown Duncan. At 11 a.m., convoy to Brentwood College, Mill Bay for a picnic at noon. At 2:30 p.m., prizes are given, including one for Best Picnic Presentation. More info is available from www.cvcv.ca.
- August 14 — All British meet at the Filberg is open to all British-made vehicles and motorbikes held in the beautiful waterfront Filberg gardens on Comox Avenue in Comox. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 per participant — bring as many cars or bikes as you wish!

Presentations are at 2 p.m. Info: www.oecc-comox.com.

- August 20 — Chemainus Show and Shine. Meet on the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. More details and registration at chemainus.bc.ca/shownshine.htm.
- August 21 — Beverly Corners Show and Shine in Duncan. Meet on the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.
- September 11 — The Old English Car Club show at Fort Rodd Hill in Victoria. English cars only. Salt Spring participants are taking the 10 a.m. ferry.
- September 11 — Torquemasters 12th Auto Extravaganza in Sidney.
- September 17-18 — Salt Spring Fall Fair show and shine. 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please be at the fairground to gain access on time and plan on leaving your car for the full day. We are not allowed to move vehicles during public fair times.

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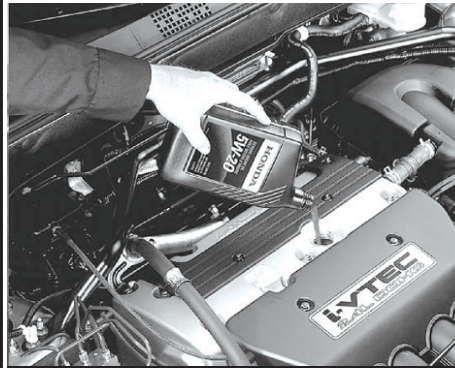
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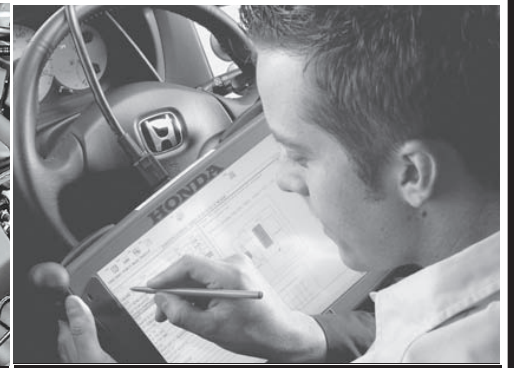
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Young wildlife care advice offered

By SEAN McINTYRE
Staff Writer

Along with marking the return of warmer weather, conservationists and animal lovers remind residents that spring is also a time to pay special attention to newborn animals on the island.

"Once spring comes around, everything starts being born so we get all the orphaned babies," said Jeff Lederman, director of the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre. "We hope to remind people why they came here and to protect what they love about this environment."

According to Lederman who, along with his staff and a crew of 14 summer interns, tries to "ease the suffering" of injured wildlife at his Langs Road facility, spring marks the beginning of the busy season.

Approximately 75 per cent of the animals cared for annually at the centre are admitted within the next three months, he said.

Later in the summer, the dozens of cages, pools and pens on the property will be filled with seals, otters, eagles, hawks, deer, owls, swans, raccoons and every other type of wild animal found on the island.

The facility is currently raising a number of orphaned birds, many of which need to be fed every 20 minutes from dawn until dusk.

"It really gives you a whole new respect for what a mother bird goes through," said Lederman, adding that nearly 85 per cent of the animals he cares for are admitted with injuries sustained from human contact.

Lederman dismissed the notion that if a young bird or fawn is touched, its mother will abandon it.

"Birds do not have a sense of smell and the mother-child bond is so strong, little can break it," he said.

Though people often bring in young deer they believe to be abandoned in the forest, hikers stumbling over young fawns are advised to leave

them be, as their mothers are often nearby.

Lederman said people can take steps to make life a tad easier on the island's wildlife. If people find baby birds stranded on the ground, they should try to place them back in the nest.

Drivers should be particularly aware that deer cross-

ing a road are often followed by their young.

Keeping the family cat indoors during the next few weeks will help protect smaller animals.

Lederman also said people must learn to tolerate animals living nearby instead of constantly striving to alter their surroundings.

"People should not be trapping or relocating mammals such as raccoons or otters at this time of year," he said. "They have dependent young somewhere that will starve to death."

Lederman added people should never try to raise wild animals in their homes as they usually die within days.



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RANTS

To the human property owners that leave no land for other species to prosper. Are we so egotistical that we forsake symbiosis? Chris Drake

Rants to dog owners who continually refuse to control their dogs, thereby putting others and their dogs in danger. I shouldn't have to take dog spray with me for a walk, nor should I have to harm another animal to protect myself or my dog. Delia Mckenzie

Rants to the people who would probably never litter, but think nothing of throwing their cigarette butts on the ground. It's disgusting. Please clean up your act! Sheralin Cook

ROSES

A bouquet of the most fragrant beautiful roses to Joy at Summerside for her caring and compassion. She has made walking to the pool and the ladies change room safe and secure for all. Thanks so much.

A bunch of roses to the

two young men who rushed to help me reload a furnace that fell off a trailer, which was being towed to the recycling centre. They were strong and a wonderful help to me. LB

The new Star Wars is playing at Salt Spring Cinema! I saw the Empire Strikes Back with my dad in '82... that's when I knew Salt Spring was cool. DC

Roses to youth! Thank-you Catlin H., Joel E. and Dejan L. You remain inspiring examples... So rock on living your meaningful example... it makes a difference to the hearts you touch! TW

A harmonious rose to the Salt Spring Music Guild and all the young performers at the May 15 recital at Art-Spring. It was an enjoyable afternoon from beginning to end.

Thanks to the very kind postal person who turned my wallet in to the RCMP office after finding it on a park bench! It's nice to be reminded that honest and trustworthy people still exist in this day and age. My appreciation goes beyond words. S

Old-fashioned, sweet-smelling roses to Sharon for being a supervisor to the election crew last Tuesday. J&A

Carafes of roses to Barb's Buns for providing free coffee and sweets while you were closed for renovations. Very cool.

The food bank is sending armloads of yellow roses to Jana's Bake Shop, Barb's Buns, Ganges Village Market and Embe Bakery for supplying bread and goodies on food bank days; it's always needed and well-received. Two long-stem red roses to our favourite Tuesday and Friday delivery fellas, Andrew Krizan (who sings us wonderful songs) and Peter McFarlane — you both make our day.

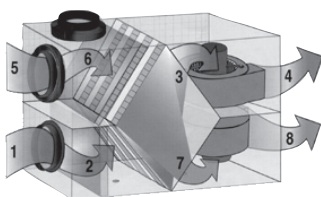
Roses to everyone who pulls up Scotch broom. At this time of the year it's easy to see how it's taking over, crowding out native plants. We need to fight it!

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Last year's inaugural Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event on Salt Spring was so successful that it's rolling again on Sunday, June 12.

Participants have a choice of short or long courses, and can walk, run, bike or skate their way around after gathering pledges for the cause.

Both courses start and end at Centennial Park. The

short one — at .8 km — goes through town, while the 8 km route goes up Rainbow Road to Booth Canal and Lower Ganges Road and back to the park.

Local co-organizer Kimberly Lineger said brochures and pledge forms will be available in various locations on Salt Spring, including the banks, grocery stores and

Islands Trust office.

"You just go around and collect your pledges and bring them with you when you come on the day," said Lineger.

Lots of prizes are up for grabs, and lunch will be served.

Wheels in Motion events see half of funds raised locally returned to the com-

munity to fund specific quality-of-life improvements, and the other half go toward spinal cord research.

The 2004 event organized by islander Gerry Price resulted in the acquisition of an E&J Rehab Shower Comode and a Duramed 4001 raised padded toilet seat for Lady Minto Hospital.

"These are the only ones

that work for all levels of spinal cord injured users and would be of the quality [needed] for a hospital," notes a press release.

A Wheels in Motion grant of \$2,892.59 made the purchase possible.

"This year we're targetting equipment for the pool — a stainless steel wheelchair that can go into the pool and

a changing table that lowers up and down," said Lineger.

Anyone wanting more information can call Dyanne or Kimberly Lineger at 538-0042.

Last year some 35,000 people participated in Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion events in 208 Canadian communities, raising \$1.2 million.

Tech skills on tap

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Handy students and staff invite the public to attend the Second Annual Applied Skills Fair at Gulf Islands Secondary School on May 27.

"We are promoting all of the trades and career skills," said GISS principal Nancy Macdonald.

"There will be something fun and exciting for everyone whether you're a car buff or a gourmet."

Performers, artists and academics from GISS get constant community recognition for their efforts and now it's time for people with applied skills to shine, she said.

"It's been one of our goals to encourage students to consider trades," Macdonald said.

Much like the Applied Skills Fair last year, GISS will host a car show, go-cart races, a skateboard competition and skills demonstrations at various sites around the high school.

"We're absolutely surrounded with trades," said event coordinator Tracey Braiden.

New events this year will include soap-box races, an "iron chef" competition, and demonstrations from new carpentry and media technology programs, Macdonald said.

"We feel we should add something every year and we should include the community."

She expects the skateboard competition running from 3 to 4 p.m. to be a popular attraction, especially now that it's at the new park.



SPEED RACERS: High school students will test scratch-built racers powered by CO2 cylinders at Friday's skills fair. Seen here, from left, are Jason Curtis, Casey McKerrrell and Heidi Verlaan, whose vehicles posted the best results in early time trials.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

Site tours (running 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.) will include the car show, career booths, shop displays, media demonstrations, Co2 racers (model cars powered by small gas cylinders) and the cooking competition in the cafeteria.

GISS has even invited the Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club to attend the car show and 20 vehicles are already registered.

"Last year, when Bruce Smith showed up with that Formula-1 race car, I thought I'd die. It was the loudest engine I'd ever heard."

She hopes more people will register vehicles in time for the fair (before 9:30 a.m. on May 27).

"We're encouraging kids to decorate and bring a car just to be festive."

Students can win prizes for best island car, best-dressed car, muddiest truck, loudest stereo and best modified vehicle.

Meanwhile, the "Iron Chef" competition will give student cooking teams limited time and ingredients to concoct a tantalizing dish.

A display at the agricultural farm will show ACE-IT carpentry students working on their sheds.

"This is a step up from shop classes where you make small items," said Macdonald.

Following a barbecue lunch, sponsored by the GISS leadership program for inexpensive options, Salt Spring Fire Rescue will host a patient-vehicle extrication demonstration in conjunction with GISS drama students (promising simulated gore) at 1:30 p.m.

Soap-box racers will hit Rainbow Road for time trials from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and motorized go-carts will navigate an obstacle course around the bus loop from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Each event will include an award ceremony.

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CHALLENGE CUP

From Page A1

"We may not be the most talented team, but we have the most heart," said Walde. "That's the reason we do so well."

He also believes islanders have success because they bond as a unit both on and off the field.

"Those guys are not just playing hard on the field, they are supporting the beer garden too. We put having fun first and that's what sets us apart."

FC's drive to the final started slow with a 2-1 loss against a Trinity Western College team and a 1-1 draw against Malaspina in an earlier meeting on Saturday.

Mark Brown scored the lone island goal against Trinity Western's SS Veterinary Services team.

"They got one, we put our heads down for a second and they got another," Walde said.

Laitenen scored in the last five minutes against Malaspina to capture the tie in another nail biter.

But the islanders warmed up for a 3-0 win against Juan de Fuca on Sunday (goals by Sean Foster, Marlow Hart and Jeremy Morrison) to place second in their group. And they fired on all cylinders for a 4-0 semi-final against the Delta Rangers FC.

"The semi-final was an intense game. Everybody played amazingly," said Walde.

Laitenen collected two goals, Foster scored and Tyler Cocker picked up a goal.

"Everybody worked hard," Walde said.

McColm won the tournament MVP award and said he just played as hard as he could.

"I've never seen you play so good," said Mark Nordine to McColm.

"Youth is coming strong. The future looks bright."

As senior members of the FC squad, Nordine, Walde and Dion Hackett all applauded the team's junior players.

"All the new young guys did great," Hackett said.

Though Cardin Davis is only in Grade 9, he fought valiantly in the corners and almost picked up a goal late in the final with a pass from his older brother, Tyler Laitenen.

Hackett (who played with Salt Spring's over-35 team on the weekend — see related Challenge Cup story on Page A17) commented on great play from 18-year-old Marlow Hart.

"For a young player, he's got composure and he works really hard," Hackett said. "He's probably improved 10 times from the first game to yesterday. All the new guys did great."

Walde believes that supporting youth is the key to building a strong club.

"We want to keep our team in Div. 1 and that's what we want to push."

Providing a strong club offers youth an incentive to play on-island, he said.

"If we have a good Div. 1 team, they'll come back."

Hackett and some other veteran FC players are even thinking of moving to other local teams to make room for young talent.

"You can feel confident about stepping down because of the young guys," Hackett said.



TRIUMPHANT AGAIN: Salt Spring FC soccer players, from left, Jeremy Morrison, Tyler Laitenen and Chris Langdon pass around the Eric Springford Challenge Cup, which the team has now won for six consecutive years at the annual Salt Spring tournament. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Players make it to home plate — even though it's under water

The Ace Courier team of 10-12-year-old girls took a 15-12 loss facing a deadly Dodd's Lumber pitcher in a "puddle-bowl" match at the Crofton field May 18.

With heavy rains submerging home plate and the home

team neglecting to bring the bases, teams played on a makeshift diamond using sheets of paper for bases and a relocated home plate. Catchers Sarah Robinson and Abbie Sherwood became soaked as balls splashed through the mini-lake behind them.

The hotshot Dodd's pitcher struck out seven Salt Spring batters in three innings, but also left her mark by hitting four others with her bullet balls, including three in a row in the third inning.

Island Star Video Girls played a close, exciting game against Duncan at Portlock Park on Thursday, coming out with a 13-11 loss.

Defensive highlights included second baseman Katy Haydon as the key player getting all three outs for a scoreless Duncan third inning. Salt Spring girls also swung hot bats, with Colleen Hillis slamming a triple and sliding home to score, Carolyn Pomajzl getting a double, and singles from Devon Craig, Megan Robinson, Haydon, Hillis, Erin Foster and Stephanie Lundy.

The team thanked umpires Kimberly Sykes and Ted Baldwinson.

Mouat's Thunderbolts girls squad of nine and 10-year-olds blasted the Chemainus Blue Devils 21-5 on May 14.

Carly Davenport smacked a triple, while Tala Small-Wolf and Christina Anderson had doubles.

Thunderbolts' defence was also on target, with Carly Davenport catching a pop fly, Cori-Lee Kitchen and Hari Brooks teaming up to get a player out at second, and Jessica Hatchard catching a fly and making a double play at first with Davenport. Carrisa Kinnear as pitcher's helper also threw the ball to second base where Anderson got the out.

On May 7 the Thunderbolts lost 7-6 while playing with only seven players.

Everyone had a base hit, including Haley Jenkins with her first of the year off a pitching machine.

Kinnear had a double and Kitchen was involved in making three outs, including a fly ball catch.

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SSI Challenge Cup Committee



Challenge Cup tasks island with fun

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

While Salt Spring FC's Division-1 team won the 20th Annual Eric Springford Challenge Cup in the men's competitive division, there was a lot more soccer going on among 33 teams in five groups over the weekend.

Fields all over Salt Spring were cast in a carnival atmosphere where sofas, campers and tents dotted sidelines.

Inevitable streakers were sighted, applauded and arrested; gaudy uniforms replaced traditional attire

and referees awarded "blue cards" (requiring a beer penalty) to players for violating the light-hearted spirit of the tournament.

Referee Tony Troughton was even awarded the Bob Hope Perpetual Donut trophy for best gaff during a ceremony Monday.

"I red carded a dog during yesterday's game," he said.

This year, all five island teams wore matching tie-dyed uniforms to give the club a unified look.

"They were so easy to spot," said Salt Spring Drag-

ons player and tourney organization committee member Joanne O'Connor. "It gave a real feeling of solidarity to Salt Spring teams."

• Dragons had a great tourney start and won both their games on Saturday (3-0 against Courtenay Celtics Div. 1 and 1-0 against Vic West Over 35s) in the women's recreation group.

"We were the only team in our pool to win both games," O'Connor said.

They went on to tie the last game of the preliminary round 1-1 against the Castaways Div. 1 squad on Sunday but then lost 2-1 against Oceanside United. The Dragons had the second best showing of their group and played some of their best soccer of the season, O'Connor said.

"We played really strong games and never gave up," she said.

"The most important thing is that we were having fun."

Gorge FC beat Oceanside United 1-0 to win the Dermot Crofton Challenge Cup for recreational women.

• FC's Div.-5 men also faced tough opposition from Div.-3 teams.

"Our highlight was a 0-0 tie against the Div.-3 Castaways," said player coach Chris Griffiths. "The whole team played well that game."

Salt Spring's Div.-5 men went on to fall 1-0 to Oceanside United, 1-0 to Langford United and 3-1

to the Castaways for a consolation rematch, Griffiths said.

"We had a lot of fun in our last game because we know the Castaways pretty well."

In the men's recreation final, Courtenay Rovers beat Oceanside United 2-1.

• Promoted to Div. 2 this year, the new Salt Spring Selects team took a stab at Div.-1 and Premier-level teams in the women's competitive group.

"We lost every single [preliminary] game — gloriously," said Selects coach Dave McColl.

"It's these damn jerseys," laughed Jocelyn Langdon. "We never lose with our regular jerseys."

Val Cunningham noted that visiting teams loved playing with Salt Spring and Island Storm players even joined the squad for a 2-0 consolation-final win against the Nanaimo Wheatshaf.

Langdon celebrated contributions from younger players Avery Brown, Caitlyn Pal and Kate Parker.

Salt Spring lost 2-0 to Cowichan's Berkshire Legends and 3-1 against Nanaimo on Saturday. Then they took a 3-2 loss against the Castaways Premier team and a shootout loss (in lieu of a game) against Island Storm on Sunday.

"We came to an agreement," Thea Wood said to explain the shootout.

Berkshire Legends beat the Malaspina Mariners 2-1 to win the Ed Lumley Chal-



SOCCER LEAP: FC Div. 1 player Steve Severn goes for the ball at the same time as his rivals. Photo by Derrick Lundy



UNDER CONTROL: Antonio Alonso, of Salt Spring's Old Boys team, and the Selects' Val Cunningham take the ball around and through their opponents.

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June is the last organized event month before the sum-

mer, and the fall schedule will start with the Blackberry Festival on September 20.

Following is the remainder of the June schedule:

RAMBLERS

JUNE 7: Harold Page will lead a ramble to Merganser Pond. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20.

JUNE 14: The annual strawberry bash will be in Ruckle Park at noon, and it is the Ramblers' turn to organize it, so expect your coordinator to be looking for volunteers. An easy ramble will precede the feast.

WALKERS

JUNE 7: Please join Fred

and Norma Eves on a moderate walk through the rainforest trail at Maracaibo. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

JUNE 14: Marg and Art Simons will take us on a moderate mystery walk before we enjoy our Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to meet the south-enders at the head of Fulford Harbour at 10:15.

At this time, Val Meredith would like to thank all the leaders who have led walks over the year. You have made her job so much easier and very pleasant. If you have any suggestions for the upcoming year, please let her know.

HIKERS

JUNE 7: Nieke Visser will lead on a moderate hike to Mount Erskine from Toynbee Road. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

JUNE 14: Join for a short hike over Reginald Hill, ahead of the Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:40 a.m. to meet up with south-enders at the Reginald Hill Gate at 10.

Summertime: Those interested in continuing to hike (walk or ramble) throughout the summer can meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. The group will select a leader and hike for that day.



GLIDE IN: Soccer fans took a break from tournament action Sunday as a group of hang-gliders dropped by the high school field.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Six Pringle riders make strong Thunderbird showing

Horses and riders from the Pringle barn faced stiff competition in Langley last weekend. They came back to the island not just with ribbons, but with a real sense of a job well done.

Trainer Andrea Pringle said she was delighted at how strongly her students had progressed throughout the three-day show.

Riding at Thunderbird Equestrian Centre at the Classic All Arabian Show, the four junior and two senior competitors were up against some of the best riders in their divisions. About 140 purebred and half-Arabian

horses from B.C and Washington State were entered in the event.

Highlights for the island group included a top spot for FF Candarr in the 13 and Under Hunter Pleasure class, where he was ridden by owner Alexa Hardy, and a second place for the horse in the open halter with John Pringle handling.

Pringle also took a first and then a championship spot with the gelding Anything But Shy in the halter division; two reserve championship wins went to Patricia Lockie's Half-Arabian mare SR Tequila Sunrise in Western

Pleasure; a second place for Sascha Kazakoff on April Rain out of a class of 11 riders in the Hunter Pleasure Walk/Trot; Jody Pringle's win on TR Cinnabar in the 13 and Under Hunter Pleasure class and her second place spot in Hunter Pleasure; and Emma Hawkins' two Reserve Championships in the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Mare Breeding halter classes.

Andrea Pringle said she was especially pleased by the placings of her junior riders in the Medals Class Hunt Seat Equitation — a class where the riders are required to perform individual patterns which demonstrate

to the judge their equitation skills. Out of a class of 18 riders, Jody Pringle took a fourth place, Hardy 5th and Hawkins 7th.

Other strong showings at the May 14-15 event included a third place for Sally Dobbs riding Stars and Stripe for owners Dianne Fidler and Geoff Swift in Training Level Dressage in a class of 15 competitors.

Training now intensifies for the competitors and their horses as they prepare for the peak of their show season, the Region 17 championships in Red Deer, Alberta in early August.



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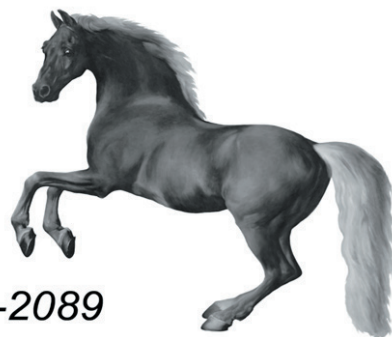
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Scorpion girls munch on island teams as they head to B.C. soccer provincials

Senior girls Scorpions from Gulf Islands Senior Secondary (GISS) are donning napkins for a feast at the provincials after they placed second in the Island Soccer Championships they hosted on May 18-19.

"[GISS coach Navid] Niazi wouldn't stop saying how proud of us he was for us getting into the provincials. He promised us a Persian dinner — maybe we will make him do it," said Scorpions player Jesse Johnston-Hill.

But the Scorpions already polished off a tantalizing appetizer with their 2-1 victory over Parklands on May 19 and a shootout win against Ballenas following a 1-1 draw on May 18.

The two wins assured GISS a berth in the provincials but they went on to fall 5-0 against Lambrick Park in an appetitif tourney final.

"If we'd won this game, we would have been ranked second for the provincials," said Johnston-Hill.

GISS keeper Jenny Akerman was even injured in the game from an errant kick in the face that left her with a goose egg.

Senior Scorpions were impressed by the performance of junior players they recruited.

Johnston-Hill applauded the tenacity and "signature moves" of Britta Rustad, the scoring touch of Kayla Gromme, smart defence by Kate Parker, and the play-making abilities of Avery Brown.

"Britta held up the team basically," she said. "Kate played excellent strong center defence," Johnston-Hill said.

And Parker commended fellow junior Gromme.

"She attacked non-stop or whenever we had a chance."

Brown scored the tying goal against Ballenas with 10 minutes remaining in a manner that launched spectators into cheers from the sidelines, said GISS coach Lyall Ruehlen.

"She stumbled on a break-away, got to her feet and put it into the back of the net."

Brown also assisted Gromme on a header to score one of Gromme's two goals against Parklands, he said.

Overall, the tourney was a great success and he received lots of positive feedback from attending teams about the event, field quality and the fine GISS facility, he said.

GISS will attend the AA Senior Girls Provincials at Thomas Haney Secondary School in Maple Ridge on June 2-4.

Salties: oldest team left standing

The Salties turned their backs on a poor start to the regular season and finished in third place at a May long weekend tournament held at McDonald Park in Victoria.

"We feel we had a pretty good tournament," said Salties' pitcher Blaine Johnson. "We were the last men's team left in the competition and that's pretty nice."

Johnson said most of the older teams fell early in the tournament under the unrelenting assault of youth teams entered to win the \$1,200 prize.

The Salties were the only non-junior team to advance out of round-robin play and into the final four. The team managed to sail home with \$300.

"It was tough because we were all stiff by Monday and the younger teams were all ready to play some more," said Johnson.

The Salties were sent home after a 4-0 loss to the Victoria Junior Athletics club, but gave teams in their league cause for concern with a string of solid performances early in the tournament.

The team soundly defeated the Victoria-Esquamalt Electric 5-1, Upper Deck 2-0 and handed a 13-0 thrashing to the Barts.

Johnson even said the team's 10th-inning 8-7 loss to the Victoria Swiftsure had a silver lining, as they are one of the league's strongest squads.

Bob Akerman, Chad Kinnear and Greg Stringer each registered home runs during the three-day tournament and the team's defence made few errors.

Johnson finished the tournament with a record of two wins and one loss while pitcher Bob Akerman picked up two wins. Akerman said he believes momentum gained from the tournament will help the team vie for first place in regular season play.

"This has got us started for the year," he said. "The tournament has definitely got us going."

The Salties will only have a couple of days of healing time in preparation for their next game against the Masters at Victoria's Central Park today (May 25).

HIGH ROLLERS

Special Olympics bowlers are continuing with their weekly gatherings at Kings

Lane Recreation while the other leagues have completed play for the year.

Following are recent high scores: Special Olympics May 4: Gloria Dale, 145; Joanne Sandberg, 147; Mahjor Bains, 183; Carlos Man-

zono, 194; Kathy Keon, 171.

May 11: Jason Newport, 150; Stuart Elliott, 145; Carlos Manzano, 172, 159; Mahjor Bains, 185; Jimmy Beck, 189.

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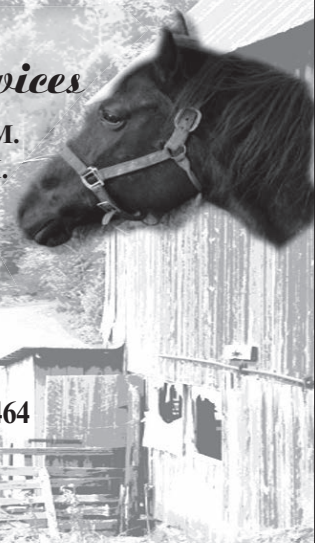
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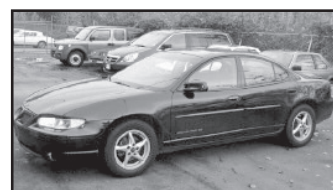
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CEREAL KILLERS: Acting students Jordan Roper and Taylor Booth star in the Gulf Islands Secondary School production of *Electric Gunfighters* set to run with three other one-act plays at ArtSpring on June 1-2. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

GISS actors shoot it out at June ArtSpring show

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Acting students from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) have been practising their draw for a series of Festival 2005 plays that kick off with a gunfight.

On June 1 and 2, GISS students will present four one-act modern plays: *Electric Gunfighters*, *No Shoulder*, *Philadelphia* and *The Sin Eater*.

In *Electric Gunfighters*, by Vancouver playwright Bryan Wade, "the actors gun sling their way into an indictment of pop culture," said GISS drama teacher Jason Donaldson.

"It's a play about two people who get trapped in their TVs with spaghetti-western horse-opera clichés."

Two channel surfers flip through different stereotypes to analyze a passive acceptance of violence prevalent in modern media.

No Shoulder, by Nina Shengold, is a character study of two women who

meet as a hitch hiker and driver to discuss life, love and relationships.

"It starts out very confrontationally, but once they get to know each other, it's revealed they've lived connected lives," Donaldson said.

Another play, called *Philadelphia*, taken from David Ives' *All in the Timing*, offers a charming premise.

The play is set in a coffee shop where the various inhabitants are stuck in different "cities" or states of mind. Someone in a "Los Angeles" is perpetually carefree and doesn't get upset about problems, while a character in a "Chicago" feels dreadful.

But, someone in a "Philadelphia" gets the opposite of what they ask for — until they learn to strategize.

Among the most challenging works for audiences is *The Sin Eater* (by Don Nigro), which touches on themes of necrophilia and same-sex romance through

a mythic dark comedy made more complex by cross casting, Donaldson said.

"The sin eater is a character who has to eat the sins of the deceased so they can go to a better place," Donaldson explained.

The title character falls in love with someone she is supposed to relieve of sins, but the object of her affections is not really dead.

"The one-act plays are a little more controversial and risqué. They are not intended for young audiences," noted Donaldson.

Festival 2005 includes showings of the four one-act plays on Wednesday-Thursday, June 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per performance (\$15 for both shows) with rush seating at ArtSpring.

Later in the month, on June 13, the GISS troupe will also share a slice of commedia dell'arte with *A Gap in Generations* by Jerry Blunt.

Millerd scoops top MusicFest award, plays with Swingshift

Islanders can hear Salt Spring musician Simon Millerd as featured artist at a Swingshift concert next Thursday, hot on the heels of his Kando Award win at MusicFest Canada last week.

The Grade 12 Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) trumpet player and pianist was chosen winner of the \$4,000 award from Yamaha Canada, to be spent on a new Yamaha instrument.

According to the MusicFest website, the Kando Award is "reserved for that special individual who, in the opinion of the adjudicators, has demonstrated outstanding musicianship, past musical achievements and solo performances."

Millerd was performing with GISS jazz musicians at the national festival held in Richmond.

He also won \$2,500 towards tuition costs for his studies at Humber College in Toronto this fall, and was named to the Yamaha All Star Band for the third year in a row.

The band consists of the 20 most outstanding jazz players, who this year spent a week in Vancouver practising and rehearsing under the direction of Paul Read from the University of Toronto.

Swingshift leader Monik Nordine is pleased to be highlighting Millerd at the June 2 show at Anise Restaurant, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are available in advance only for \$15 through Acoustic Planet. Nordine advises getting them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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Haigh show, ArtCraft worth visiting

Carol Haigh's West Coast perspective uses magic realism in the same way that Alex Colville represents Canada's East Coast.

Thunderbird gallery owner Matt Steffich is thrilled to be showing Haigh's work at the Grace Point Square gallery until June 3.

Magic realism, defined as visual art deeply rooted in everyday reality while having overtones of fantasy and wonder, encapsulates Haigh's acrylics on illustration board paintings. Her *Solitude*, with the bird figures circling and floating in mid air, nudges the borders into surrealism.

With miles of puffy cloud-filled skies and driftwood-laden beaches, the viewer questions the position of the painter and why she chose that perspective. Because of the sense of mystery, similar to American Andrew Wyeth's work, one is left with a sense of awe at the magnitude of nature's offerings.

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Solitude II, the only landscape that is not filled with water but is, nevertheless, a dried lakebed, has a vista of mountains on the horizon and a wide expanse of wavy sand. A structure of dried wood or bone, sucked of all moisture, is in the foreground, giving an odd sense of desolation and strange beauty, like coming across an unexpected sacred place.

An avid sailor since travelling through the Pacific



MAGIC ART: Carol Haigh with her image "Dolphin Swimming" now on show at Thunderbird Gallery. Photo by Derrick Lundy

ART BEAT ON THE ROCK WITH ANDREA RABINOVITCH



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Ocean to New Zealand and Australia with her family at the age of 16, ocean scenes are what Haigh is known for, but her new series of mandalas seem to fit her personal mandate.

Dolphin Swimming uses deep blues and playful dolphins placed in seemingly endless symmetrical circles to make one feel that the nude female swimmer is floating on the surface now but will be sucked into the depths of their world at a moment's

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Ebb and Flow, the first show, features the watercolours and acrylics of Jacqueline Meredith, Mark Meredith's pottery, designer weaver Isle Leader's hats, clothes and scarves, and Morgain Cuddy's wood-turned bowls and vessels. Decorative and functional, all the work speaks to a high level of expertise.

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High school choirs take stage as new M&M series begins

The weekly Wednesday series of Music and Munch at All Saints By-the-Sea begins June 1 on a youthful and exuberant note.

Once again, Gulf Islands Secondary School music director Bruce Smith will conduct three separate choirs of his students.

In March of last year, Smith brought his choirs to Music and Munch and dem-

onstrated how the young singers develop from learning the basics to performing intricate a cappella songs in multi-part harmony.

The June 1 audience will hear these talented young people put their learning into practice. The 16-member Junior Concert Choir will perform three tunes ranging in style from madrigal to "show-whop."

The Senior Chamber Choir of 24 members performs two tunes, one incorporating vocal jazz and the second a gospel piece.

Eleven singers in the "XXX" Choir will perform three songs ranging from madrigal to pop.

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ISLANDERS in FOCUS

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If your community group has a special event planned, call The Driftwood for coverage in Islanders in Focus.



Alvaro Sanchez — along with members from Sweetwater — provides a musical touch to the evening.

Photos by Sean McIntyre



From left, Alice Trueman, April Curtis and Elaine Potter tip a hat to the event.



Carl Cernohosky and Dina Kao come out to see what Salt Spring has to offer.



Above left, Margaret Threlfall, Kerry Kane-White and Donna Vanderwekken are astounded by the variety of products on sale, while above right, Jacqueline and Mark Meredith are just two of the island artists with work on display.



Richard Jacksties and Claudia and Marius Lohmann admire some of the fine work.



At left, Melanie Thompson, Denise Bachman and Beth Cherneff share a laugh at the event; while, at right, Lalie Tillman, Fordene Kavanagh and Nadine Sims enjoy the art and the music.

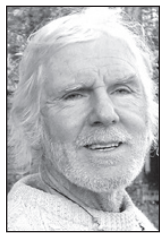


Harry Warner CD follows the life of an islander

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

A new album from singer-songwriter Harry Warner traces the artist's voyage from his native Ireland to Salt Spring and brings listeners on a melodious journey through history in the process.

"This is something I'd wanted to do for years," said Warner in a telephone interview from his south-end home. "The goal was to write and play songs about youth and my life, at least until now."



Warner

inclined to hold back, a few listens will have all but those with the raspiest of voices tapping a foot and singing a ditty.

The overarching themes

of appreciation of G a l w a y to G a n g e s grows with time and though those unfamiliar with Irish song may initially feel

of exile and new beginnings permeate the album, much as they have the life of Harry Warner.

Like so many who have moved to Salt Spring Island from elsewhere, the former professor of mathematics from Ryerson University in Toronto said moving here seemed like "one of those things in life that seemed right."

This is Warner's third record since he moved to Salt Spring 15 years ago. Previous releases included works with the groups Spanner in

the Works and the Black Velvet Band. Longtime musical partners Jo Lundstrom and Terence Warbey joined him on the latest release.

The album provides a well-balanced blend of Irish folk and classic American country ballads. Out of the mix are the roots of what may be called a distinctively Salt Spring-bred sound.

Songs such as the title track and The Burgoyne Mermaid please the ear and strengthen the spirit by speaking to the familiar.

Warner himself said Salt

Spring was blessed with an abundance of artistic talent, but hesitated when questioned about the growth of an island-bred musical style.

"Quite candidly, there's too much of an influx and outflux of people for a Salt Spring sound to develop," he said. "People come for two, three or five years and then they move on."

Despite the nomadic nature of musicians, he said, island music is encouraged by the venues hosting local acts and the success of this

year's Salt Spring Folk Club. In Warner's view, the ideal would be to form a Salt Spring dance band. The group could comprise musicians of various stripes gathering several times a year to perform the polka, foxtrot and other such dances for all to enjoy.

In spite of the obstacles involved with organizing such a grand project, Warner refused to give up hope and said, like many things on Salt Spring, it will most likely pop up when least expected.

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Soap boxes run races Friday on Rainbow Road

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

An old apple-box racer being restored by students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) harkens back to the hey-days of local derby races held in the 1980s.

And students are not just restoring an antique cart, they are reviving the derby race tradition.

Dennis Marshall's 1930s-style Model-T replica cart will need a complete overhaul after it sat in his front yard for the past two decades.

"It's seen better days," he said. "It's 25 years old and it wasn't meant to be outside all that long."

But GISS students Trevor Lemky and Vanessa Shemilt hope to have the cart restored in time for the school's Applied Skills Fair set for May 27.

"It was full of the biggest spiders," Lemky laughed. "We're going to race it, hopefully."

Their biggest challenge will be keeping the vehicle stable, said Shemilt.

"Those kids will have a handful getting it ready for the fair," said Marshall.

He built the gravity-pow-



VINTAGE RACER: Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) shop students Vanessa Shemilt and Trevor Lemky restore an apple-box racer originally built by Dennis and Brett Marshall for races at the Sea Capers Festival between 1982 and 1985. The two students hope to bring the racer back to the track on Rainbow Road for the GISS Applied Skills Fair on May 27.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

ered racer with his son Brett and organized derby races as part of Sea Capers festivities between 1982 and 1985.

"This was a take-off on the old soap-box derbies they used to have in the old days."

Marshall remembers when every major city in North America had soap-box races with an aim to compete in Akron, Ohio for the grand title.

Driftwood photos of local races in 1982 show spectators lining both sides of the road as helmeted and goggled racers sped by.

"A young racer would be heading down the hill and all he would see was this berm of people on either side," Marshall said.

Colin Ward won the first annual Apple Box Derby in 1982 with his vehicle called Excalibur.

He also won a trophy for the best-looking racer. Some 26 young drivers competed in the 1982 event on Rainbow Road.

"Some of them really flew," Marshall said.

Christian Blagborne even took a racer all the way from

the cement plant to Lower Ganges Road in 1985.

Out of safety concerns, racers were restricted from using more than two bicycle-type tires or from adding weight to increase speed, he said.

"We used to put countless bales of hay down the side of Rainbow Road and they would really get moving."

No one was ever seriously injured during races but there was one scary accident when brothers Bob and Wayne Simons had a "drag race" together, Marshall said.

"Bob seriously wiped out in one of the ditches right by Atkins Road," Marshall said. "He flipped right over once or twice . . . But they were a rough and ready couple of guys."

Marshall can't pinpoint why the races stopped but he was happy to let the competition come to an end in the mid '80s.

"It was hard on my nerves."

But now a new generation of racers will revive the tradition at the high school's upcoming Applied Skills Fair.

"We needed something new," said GISS principal Nancy Macdonald. "We would love to see this soap-box derby thing grow."

GISS students have built four carts they plan to race, all safety checked by school shop teachers.

"Safety will be a focus," Macdonald said. "We want accuracy, not speed."

One team even fabricated rack and pinion steering, noted event coordinator and GISS special student assistant Tracey Braiden.

Racers will hit Rainbow Road at 2 p.m. on May 27.

Check out What's On for this week's entertainment listings. Page B10

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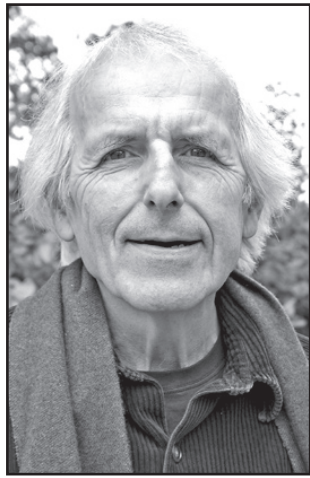
Ralph Pred philosophy book published

Consciousness is pivotal in everything we do and think, and a central task now facing philosophers and neuroscientists is to understand the nature of consciousness.

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Published in April by the MIT Press, the book is now available locally.

Pred, a writer and independent scholar, with a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley, has been living on Salt Spring for 15 years.



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He calls *Onflow* a guidebook to the stream of consciousness and says that it can enable readers to glimpse

the formation of conscious thought and to enter the gaps between thought and action and between experience and language.

"It thereby transforms many perennial questions concerning mind, action, intention, free will, perception and culture," said Pred.

Explaining his book's full title, he said, "*Onflow* is a memorable and readily understood word that I use to refer primarily to the seamless ongoingness in anyone's waking experience. *Dynamics* indicates that the book does not offer a static account of experience, but instead treats the dynamic formation of moments of experience, showing too how

these are conjoined to form individual streams of experience as each now opens into a next. *Of consciousness and experience* indicates that the book situates consciousness within the broader field of experience."

Grounded in the process-oriented philosophy of William James and Alfred North Whitehead, and employing tools of analytic philosophy and contemporary neurobiology, this wide-ranging book was written with academic audiences in mind, but Pred nonetheless sought to make his text more generally accessible.

Pred anticipates giving a talk on Salt Spring later this year concerning *Onflow*.

World Development Tea steeps funds

A Salt Spring tradition that combines great tastes and fundraising with an afternoon of socializing is set this year for Saturday, May 28.

The annual World Development Tea runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea.

"Old timers remember 40 years' worth of teas with great fondness," states an event press release.

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Besides enjoying delicious refreshments and "guilt-free" sweets, people can purchase home baking and healthy plants, and bid on silent auction items.

The best part, say organizers, is that "every dollar raised from the tea donations and the plants, baking and auction is given directly to worthwhile causes that help at the grassroots level in far-off places of the world. Our Canadian dollar can do a lot of good and make a difference in many lives."

After last spring's tea, \$3,000 was dispersed among the following groups:

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Superannuates off to court

Salt Spring Islanders form part of the Federal Superannuates National Association (FSNA), which is taking the federal government to court.

According to Salt Spring FSNA member James Ganderton, Bill C-78 passed in 1999 empowered the government to transfer the surplus of about \$30 billion of the CF, PS and RCMP pension plans from the underlying

pension accounts to the Consolidated Revenue Account in order to reduce the public debt by the same amount.

The trial date has now been set for November 15, 2005.

"The FSNA has protected pensioners interests against these and other issues related to their superannuation and health insurance benefits, and by the same token, has pro-

TECTED the benefits their spouse and survivor(s) are entitled to receive," said Ganderton. "One of FSNA's key accomplishments, through the efforts of the 140,000 members, is to have played a major role in securing full indexation of superannuation benefits."

Salt Spring FSNA members are part of the Duncan and district branch, which has some 700 members.

Pender car rally set to roll June 4

Car rally buffs or those seeking a new adventure can still sign up for the first annual Pender Islands Car Rally set for Saturday, June 4.

A fundraising event for the Pender Island school, the rally involves cruising around the island solving clues and collecting crazy items to accumulate points.

Prizes worth more than \$5,000 are up for grabs. A barbecue follows at the Community Hall, along with music from John Gogo and his band, and a goods and services auction.

Registration forms are available through Talisman Books on Pender or from www.penderislands.org/carrally.

For information, call (250) 629-3377.



TOURISM CONFERENCE: Conservancy president Peter Lamb, left, accepts a \$500 cheque from the Salt Spring Gumboot Dancers, for the community campaign to purchase part of Mount Erskine. The presentation was made as members of the Tourism Association of Vancouver Island gathered for an opening reception at ArtSpring. At left, Oystercatcher server Bridget Beall offers up appetizers to the delegates, who were on island May 17-19.

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Vault opened for animation cel, photo, video show at ArtSpring

A former Salt Spring resident returns this week with an eclectic, multi-media art show at ArtSpring's Bate-man gallery.

Lorne Moore ran the Wax-works store in Ganges in the

early '70s, and left the island to pursue a 16-year career with the National Film Board of Canada.

His May 26-30 Cels From the Vault exhibit includes 60 animation cels, backgrounds

and single-frame blow-ups "from the deep film under-ground," plus three videos and the Waxworks "time warp" installation.

"I was there from 1971 to 1973, so I have photographs from that period and a display of the candle-making equipment we had in the Waxworks shop," he said.

Moore explained the process involved in creating some of the animation work.

"I take a photograph of, in some cases, actors, trim the photos and set them in the artwork and then film it on a movie camera. Some of them are straight cartoons and some are actors mixed in with the artwork.

"The content is pretty varied," he said.

"There are a lot of interesting characters in the pieces . . . from the Dalai Lama to Cliff Thorburn, the world snooker champion, and all kinds of local people."

The three videos being shown are Western Island, which Moore completed in 1977, Edifice Complex (1984) and Catharsis Park (1990).

Cels from the Vault will be open as much as possible from Thursday through Monday.

Moore hopes that will include evening performance times for the Gulf Islands Secondary music program show on Thursday, and the Tuned Air Te Deum concert on Saturday and Sunday.

Moore now lives in Victoria.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for May 25, 2005 to May 31, 2005

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**
- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★ **Summer (2002, Comedy)** After graduation, three childhood friends set out to have one last summer of fun. *Joe Cobden, Karen Cliche* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **The Baroness and the Pig (2002, Drama)** An American Quaker woman marries a French baron and cares for a girl who was raised by pigs. *Patricia Clarkson, Colm Feore* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM
- 4 23 ★★ **Swordfish (2001, Thriller)** A hacker is hired to break into a government system and steal billions of dollars. *John Travolta, Hugh Jackman* (2h)
- 23 ★ **Delirious (1991, Comedy)** A soap opera writer is knocked unconscious and awakens as part of his fabricated world. *John Candy, Mariel Hemingway* (2h)
- 8:45 PM
- 6 ★★ **Freddy vs. Jason (2003, Horror)** Two killers return to terrorize local teenagers, and end up facing off against each other. *Robert Englund, Ken Kirzinger* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 13 27 **Amber Frey: Witness for the Prosecution (2005, Drama)** An examination of the relationship between Amber Frey and convicted murderer Scott Peterson. *Janel Moloney, Nathan Anderson* (2h)
- 19 ★★ **Witness (1985, Crime Story)** A detective is sent to an Amish community to protect a young boy who witnessed a murder. *Harrison Ford, Kelly McGillis* (1h30)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **The Gospel According to St. Mathew (1966, Drama)** Marxism and Catholicism collide in a Messiah who rages against social injustice. *Enrique Irazoqui, Margherita Caruso* (2h45)
- 10:45 PM
- 3 ★★ **The Italian Job (2003, Action)** Thieves plan the heist of their lives by creating the largest traffic jam in L.A. history. *Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron*
- 11:30 PM
- 2 ★★ **All About My Mother (1999, Drama)** A woman returns to Barcelona after losing her son. *Penélope Cruz, Cecilia Roth* (2h)

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **Wuthering Heights (1992, Romance)** A young orphan boy plots his revenge against the family who raised him as their servant. *Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **I'll Sleep When I'm Dead (2003, Suspense)** A former gangster comes out of hiding to investigate his brother's supposed suicide. *Clive Owen, Charlotte Rampling* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM
- 4 ★★ **Bounce (2000, Romance)** An ad executive falls for a woman who recently lost her husband in a plane accident. *Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Affleck*
- 6 ★ **He Sees You When You're Sleeping (2002, Suspense)** In order to enter heaven, a dead man must rescue a mother and her daughter from gangsters. *Cameron Bancroft, Erika Eleniak* (2h)
- 13 23 ★ **The Waterboy (1998, Comedy)** A waterboy becomes a football sensation when a coach discovers his talent. *Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates*
- 22 ★★ **Going Under (1991, Comedy)** A group of sailors go to sea as the incompetent crew of an unfinished submarine. *Bill Pullman, Wendy Schaal*
- 8:45 PM
- 3 ★★ **Baadasssss (2003, Drama)** A director struggles to make a low-budget independent film with an all-black cast. *David Alan Grier, Nia Long* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 19 ★★ **Chaplin (1992, Biography)** A portrait of comedian Charlie Chaplin, from his Hollywood success to European seclusion. *Robert Downey Jr., Dan Aykroyd* (2h20)
- 23 ★★ **Witness (1985, Crime Story)** A detective is sent to an Amish community to protect a young boy who witnessed a murder. *Harrison Ford, Kelly McGillis* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex but Never Asked (1972, Comedy)** An anthology satirizing all things erotic. *Woody Allen, David Carradine* (1h45)
- 10:45 PM
- 6 ★★ **Once Upon a Time in Mexico (2003, Action)** A hitman gets involved in espionage involving an unusual CIA agent and a corrupt general. *Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp* (1h45)
- 11:30 PM
- 2 ★★ **La Répétition (2001, Drama)** Two girlfriends renew their friendship, competitiveness and hatred after ten years. *Emmanuelle Béart, Pascale Bussièrès* (2h)
- 11:45 PM
- 14 ★★ **The Hospital (1971, Comedy)** A doctor on the verge of a breakdown falls for a patient's daughter. *Diana Rigg, George C. Scott* (2h)

FRIDAY, MAY 27

- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **Blind Justice (1994, Western)** A nearly blind gunslinger takes on a band of bandits. *Armand Assante, Elisabeth Shue*
- 3 **Hero (2002, Action)** One man defeats three assassins who seek to murder a warlord in pre-unified China. *Jet Li, Chiu Wai* (1h45)
- 10 **Trois fugitifs (1989, Histoire policière)** A bandit relâché à l'intention de relaire sa vie mais est pris en otage. *Nick Nolte, Martin Short* (2h)

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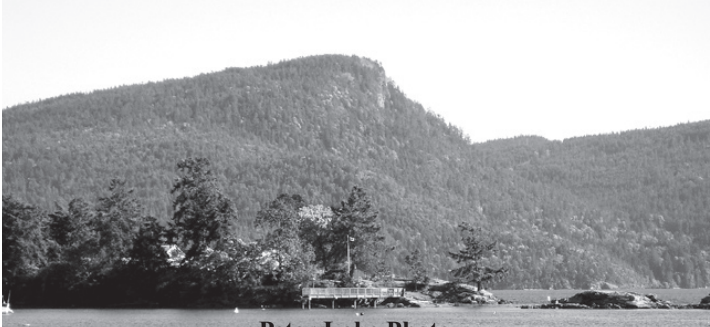
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Place: ArtSpring Gallery



Peter Lake Photo

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Photo by Derrick Lundy

Salt Spring

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Novice kayakers get intimate wildlife views

Visiting the island without a paddle in hand? Think again.

Salt Spring boasts four kayak centres in different locations and anyone can drop in for a tour, even if you'd rather cling to a doughnut than a life preserver.

"If you haven't gone out on the water, you haven't seen the island," said Andale Kayaking owner Allan Mather.

Andale Kayaking is situated on the north end of the island with ready access to Wallace Island Marine Park.

"Kayaks are designed for beginners these days," Mather said. "They're shorter, they're wider and they're more stable."

By Mitchell Sherrin, staff writer

He even offers lessons for novices on the calm waters of St. Mary Lake.

But Island Escapades "Unlimited" co-owner Candace Snow notes that paddlers don't need to have a lot of previous knowledge or

athletic ability to enjoy kayaking.

"It's a great way to see the marine environment — because of the silence of paddling in a kayak, there's no motor to disturb the wildlife."

Island Escapades is located right in Ganges Harbour for easy access.

"It gives people a chance to look at our island from a different perspective," said Bill Elford, owner of

Sea Otter Kayaking, whose business is also located in Ganges.

"It's quite remarkable to get out in our harbour, which is relatively close. We have this great wildlife that is really close at hand."

Age is no barrier, Elford noted.

"This is easy. We've had people from four years old to 90 come kayaking with us."

Like other outfits on the island, Salt Spring Kayaking (located at the south end) also offers evening paddles.

"You can watch the moon come up and paddle back through the phosphorescence in China Bay," said Salt Spring Kayaking guide Marnie Chonka.

Paddling is also a great way to enjoy birdwatching, she noted.

"Oystercatchers, in particular, are nesting from June to August around here."

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What's On This Week

wed. may25	thurs. may26	fri. may27	sat. may28	sun. may29	mon. may30	tues. may31
<p>live entertainment</p> <p>DJ Sirbassa. With Wednesdays Pizza Madness at the Fulford Inn.</p> <p>Simply Organic. Barry Valentine free organ recital at All Saints, 10:10 am, followed by muffin and coffee.</p> <p>GISS Music. Bands & choirs at ArtSpring, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Stack Sisters. Tree House Cafe.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Dr. Shiv Chopra. Speaks on Health Canada food safety regulatory deficiencies. Fulford Hall, 7:30 pm</p> <p>AcuDetox. Wednesdays at Community Services, 7-9 pm</p> <p>Speaking To Your Deaf Friends. Talk by Jane Holland at SS Seniors, 2 pm</p> <p>SSI Garden Club. Jacqueline and Ben Sutton on growing and using lavender. Meaden Hall, 7 pm</p> <p>Play & Learn Group. Family Place parent-child group. 9:30-11:30 am</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Randall Raymond. Open stage at Fulford Inn.</p> <p>Karaoke with Matt & Tom. At Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 8 pm</p> <p>GISS Music. Bands & choirs at ArtSpring, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Shades. Tree House Cafe.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>SS Local Trust Committee. Monthly meeting at Baptist Church, 3 pm</p> <p>Women in Business Connect! Gathering at Harbour House Hotel, 6-8 pm. RSVP to Chamber of Commerce at 537-4223.</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Interchill Records DJs. Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 8 pm</p> <p>Norfolk Connection. Tree House Cafe.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Soap-box Derby. Part of GISS Applied Skills Fair. Rainbow Road, 2 pm</p> <p>Open Iris Garden. 185 Furness Road, 10 a.m. to dusk.</p> <p>Applied Skills Fair. Demos, displays & food, GISS, 9 a.m. to 2, plus skateboarding demo from 3-4 at Kanaka Road park.</p> <p>Fernwood Fun Fair. Games, prizes, food & fun for the whole family at Fernwood school, 3:30-5:30 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Te Deum. Tuned Air performance at ArtSpring, 8 pm</p> <p>House Party. With DJ Matt J. Moby's Pub, 9 pm</p> <p>Tom Hooper. Tree House Cafe.</p> <p>Immune Show. With Ariadne Sawyer at Central Hall, 2:30 pm. Info: 537-2919.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Open Iris Garden. 185 Furness Road, 10 a.m. to dusk.</p> <p>SPCA Garage Sale. At 461 Rainbow Road, 10 a.m. on.</p> <p>Just Dad and Me. Pancake breakfast drop-in for dads or male caregivers and their kids aged 0-6. Family Place, 8 to 10 am</p> <p>World Development Tea. With bake/plant sale & silent auction. All Saints, 1:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>Collage Workshop. With Bly Kaye at The Barn. 10-3. 653-4453.</p> <p>Memory Skills Workshop . With Ariadne Sawyer at Central Hall, 1-2 pm. Info: 537-2919.</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Vintage Lounge with DJ Matt J. Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 7 pm</p> <p>Te Deum. Tuned Air performance at ArtSpring, 2:30 pm</p> <p>Pat Coleman Quartet. With Monik Nordine, Ken Lister & Buff Allen at Moby's Pub, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Susan Cogan. Tree House Cafe.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Mount Erskine Guided Hikes. Every Sunday. Pre-register through SSI Conservancy at 538-0318.</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Stephanie Rhodes. Tree House Cafe.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>SS Genealogy Group. Meets the last Tuesday of each month at Mormon church, 7 pm. 538-1708.</p> <p>Fulford Day AGM. Fulford OAPO Hall, 7 pm</p> <p>Children's Section Expansion Opening. at the library, 2 pm.</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Open Stage. With Tara Hollingsworth at Tree House Cafe.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>SS Genealogy Group. Meets the last Tuesday of each month at Mormon church, 7 pm. 538-1708.</p> <p>Fulford Day AGM. Fulford OAPO Hall, 7 pm</p> <p>Children's Section Expansion Opening. at the library, 2 pm.</p>



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New First Nations Research. At a recent SS Historical Society meeting Chris Arnett presented a progress report on his work with First Nations elders who have historical connections to Salt Spring. In collaboration with Barb Lyngard and Frank Neumann, this Salt Spring Archives project has been documenting and photographing archeological material collected from various islands, along with rare photos of native settlements and people, featured in this program.

exhibitions

- New work by **Carol Haigh** at **Thunderbird Gallery** until June 3.
- **Cels from the Vault** features multi-media work of **Lorne Moore** at the **ArtSpring** gallery, May 26-30.
- **ArtCraft** runs daily at **Mahon Hall**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Pegasus Gallery** features new paintings by **Carol Evans**.
- **Susan Haigh's Florabundance** art continues in the **ArtSpring** lobby until May 31.
- **Isa Seviain** shows ceramic mosaic wall pieces at **Moby's Pub** during May.
- The **J. Mitchell Gallery** show room in Grace Point Square features work by **Lynn Demers & Lea Maberley** until May 25.
- **Jill Louise Campbell Fine Art Gallery** presents **Salt Spring Time**, an original with reproductions of Ganges village view to the fire-hall, from May 25-31.
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"Banana Joe" Clemente Voted Off!
Tribal Council did not have to make much of a decision here, as the voters spoke loud and clear. Joe Clemente (even though he does so much to keep it looking so tropical) was voted off beautiful Salt Spring Island! Some of the comments included, "What a tough choice, but Joe has the right plant know-how to be the Survivor." Another voter declared "Can't they both win?" One voter who was obviously a "big" Joe fan wrote "Joe Clemente is one of the most alive and naturally helpful people on Salt Spring Island, always enthusiastic, cheerful and willing to be of help!"

JOHN DOLMAN
SURVIVOR!

John Dolman is the lone Survivor!
John becomes a two-time Survivor. Some of the comments from our voters were, "So hard to choose, both good guys playing for a good cause", "To survive the most capricious peril of your fellow Islanders - now that's a Survivor!"
One reader wrote, "I like the community spirit and generosity John shows in his volunteer work." Another "John is so sweet and cuddly", But perhaps it was best summed up by the reader who gushed "Yes to John - he really is an Island Star!"
Congratulations to John Dolman from the Tribal Council and Driftwood Staff. John wins \$500 for the Community Food Bank.

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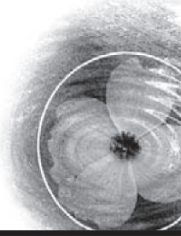
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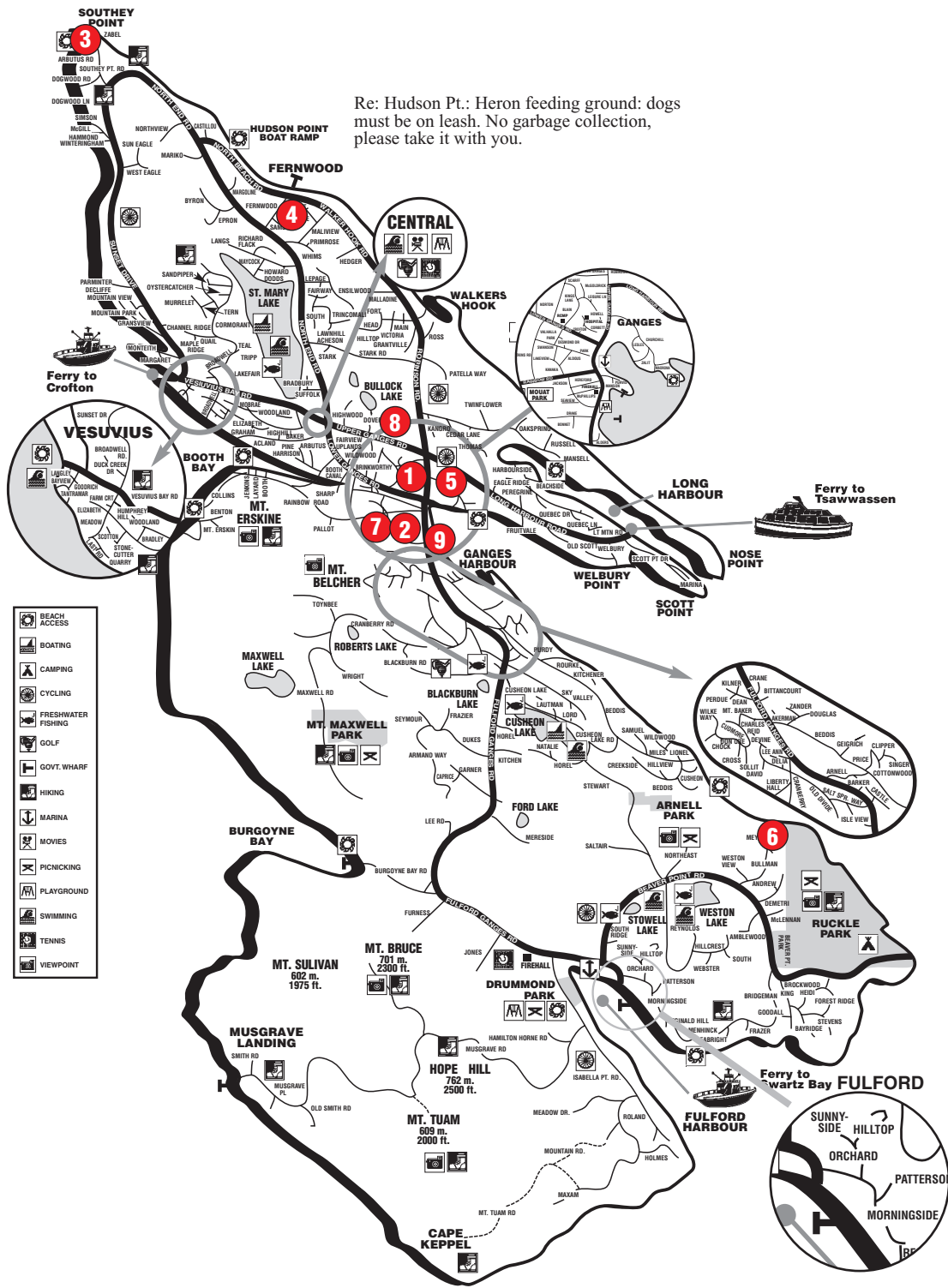
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ISLAND STAR VIDEO presents...
Flick Pick

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou demands second viewing

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou proves that — for critics — Wes Anderson may be the most problematic American director working today. It's Anderson's first big-budget film after the independent success of Rushmore and The Royal Tenenbaums, so you would figure that he might slide a little more to the mainstream. Not quite. Instead, Life Aquatic is even more enigmatic than its predecessors, and this might make it just a little too esoteric for a lot of viewers. Bill Murray stars as Steve Zissou, a Jacques Cousteau-like documentary filmmaker who travels the seas with a small yet diverse crew in search of oceanic oddities. When his longtime friend Esteban is killed by a strange spotted shark, Zissou is determined to hunt down this "Jaguar" shark

and seek revenge. Along for the ride is not only his unhappy wife (Anjelica Huston) but a pregnant reporter (Cate Blanchett) and a Midwestern airline pilot that may be his son from an affair (Owen Wilson). Needless to say, this voyage will have its share of complications. The Life Aquatic takes many of Anderson's usual quirks — deadpan deliveries, meticulous production design, a whimsical soundtrack — and cranks them into overdrive. The result is a film that seems pure, almost elemental, but is actually very complex. As such, you're not looking at what most people call "entertainment." There is little outright humour or drama to be found, as Anderson tends to underplay anything that might come even close to significance. Then, at the same time, he finds

something else that might seem inconsequential to us, and plays with it. This is a film that — if you're into this kind of thing — needs to be seen more than once. The second time, you notice things you hadn't had the time to pay attention to before: subtle remixes of the soundtrack, small details at the back of sets, the way in which Anderson moves his camera to direct (or misdirect) your vision. At this point, having seen The Life Aquatic "only" twice, I still don't have much grasp on Anderson's thematic intentions. All I can say is that, on the second viewing, certain moments suddenly had a much greater emotional punch than before. You know that feeling you get when you see a painting that knocks your aesthetic socks off, but you can't figure out just why it works for you?



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- Either an individual photograph of the father & the child OR one photo with the father & child together may be submitted.
- All age groups welcome.
- Prizes will be awarded.
- Photo requirements: No inkjet reproductions accepted. Please submit your best quality, in focus snapshots. We will also accept your 300dpi digital photo on CD-ROM or emailed as a jpeg. Please include your contact information.

This week's New Arrivals...

- ARE WE THERE YET?
- AVIATOR
- Pooh's HEFFALUMP MOVIE

ISLAND STAR VIDEO 537-4477

...your locally owned video shop!

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice SUNDAY DAYTIME MAY 29

SUNDAY, MAY 29

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice SUNDAY EVENING MAY 29

MONDAY, MAY 30

LAURIE'S RECYCLING & WASTE SERVICE. DROP-OFF: 8am - 5pm Monday thru Saturday. PICK-UP: Commercial & Residential. Large Clean-ups & Recycling. CALL 653-9279. AN ISLAND FAMILY SINCE 1861. LAURIE & NANCY HEDGER.

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice MONDAY EVENING MAY 30

TUESDAY, MAY 31

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice TUESDAY EVENING MAY 31

TUESDAY, MAY 31

DEADLINE MONDAY 4PM

Too Late To Classify Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Driftwood Classifieds

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BARGAIN HUNTER ADS

\$7.25
Value of goods must not exceed \$100.00
PRIVATE PARTY, MERCHANDISE ADS ONLY
20 WORDS OR LESS
\$9.50
Additional words **35¢ each**
Run your ad for 2 weeks and get a third week FREE!

PRIVATE PARTY, MERCHANDISE ADS ONLY
Sorry, no refunds, no changes.
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20 words or less
\$11.50
Additional words **40¢ each**
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IN MEMORIAM & CELEBRATION ADS

1 column x 4"
\$19.99
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GET YOUR AD NOTICED!

We now offer bold and centered headlines
\$1.00 per line
Not available in Too Lates or Free/Recyclables

DISPLAY CLASSIFIEDS
\$11.75 per column inch
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BUY VANCOUVER ISLAND \$119

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Over 262,455 readers.

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PAYMENT

- We can accept payment by cash, direct debit, Mastercard or Visa.
- Classifieds are prepaid unless you have an advertising account.

PLACING AN AD

- In person at 328 Lower Ganges Road, Ganges
- By telephone, 250-537-9933, or fax, 250-537-2613
- By email to classified@gulfislands.net (no attachments please)
- By post to Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

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Notices

6 DEATHS

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE GANGES



PATRICK BEATTIE
Funeral Director

Box 315, Ganges P.O.
SSI, V8K 2V9
Tel: (250) 537-1022
Fax: (250) 537-2012

MACKAY, Muriel
January 15, 1937 - May 15, 2005.
Muriel passed away peacefully at the Saanich Peninsula Palliative Care Unit after a short battle with lung cancer. Muriel (Ross) was born in Winnipeg and raised in Manitoba. Muriel and Ron Stacey moved to Salt Spring in 1964, where they raised four children. Muriel and Al MacKay retired to Nanaimo in 1993 where they enjoyed walking and caring for their dogs. Muriel is survived by her four children: Linda, Ross, Alan and Brian, seven grandchildren and her brother and sister, Dave Ross and Vivian LePla. No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Canadian Cancer Society.

Elizabeth Lee

FUNERAL CONSULTANT

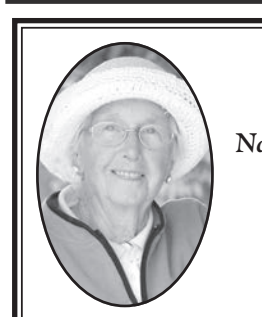
537-1023

8 CARD OF THANKS

BETH GESSINGER and Johanna Boeey would like to thank all those people who contributed so generously supplies and money for the people in Malawi. They were much appreciated.

Letter to the editor?
Press release?
What's On calendar event?
Send it to
news@gulfislands.net.

6 DEATHS



Narsted, Catherine (Kay)
Sept. 14, 1919
May 21, 2005

Passed away peacefully at Greenwoods on Salt Spring Island, BC, with all her children present, Mary Dianne (Ken) Astrof, the late Bruce (1946-1975), Catherine Brannan, Jill (Duart) Campbell, Jack (Leona) Narsted, Nancy (Mike) Hannah. She is remembered so very fondly by her nine grandchildren: Tom, Mike (Pam), Kelly (John), Tara, Lauren, Gabrielle, Jason, Kalloran and James, and five great-grandchildren: Chanelle, Blayne, Riley, Sean and Taylor.

She was a beautiful, loving and most amazing mother, friend, and loving wife to her late husband, Harold (1921-2000). She embraced her children, her life and brought huge amounts of joy and happiness to all that knew her. She will be so warmly remembered. May she rest in peace knowing she gave so much to others and was loved by so many. Mom, you are forever in our hearts. Funeral service 2 pm, May 26, 2005 at St. Paul's, Salt Spring Island, B.C. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Greenwoods Foundation "in Memory of Catherine (Kay) Narsted" 133 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1Z9.

7 IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam

The Driftwood now offers a special rate for Memorial Messages

\$19.99

- 1 column x 4" size
- Regular rate \$47.00

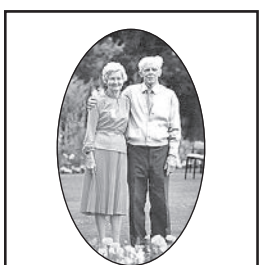
A touching tribute to remember a loved one or commemorate their legacy.

We can assist in drawing up an appropriate message.

Driftwood

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FAX: 537-2613
classified@gulfislands.net
www.gulfislands.net

10 CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations Dolly & Al
65 years of wedded bliss

Love from
Ron, Maxine, Darlene and all the family



10 CELEBRATIONS



Our prairie girl moved to the Islands where she met a beau now they have 3 little beaus Ben, Kyle & Graeme

Happy 40th Leah Dow!

Love Mom, the Masseys & the Goertzens

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

POTTERY WORKSHOP
Pat Webber offers a Pottery Workshop Aug. 1 - 10. Hand building, wheel throwing, glazing and firing. For information call 537-8871.

10 CELEBRATIONS



Introducing... Mia Rose Marie Kerrigan!
Born April 28, 2005
to proud parents Neil and Sarah

Celebration Ads

Happy Birthday George!



Lordy Lordy look who's 40!
from the gang

actual size

Driftwood

20 COMING EVENTS

FAMILY PLACE toddler enhanced Parent/Child Play and Learn Group, every Wednesday 9:30-11:30am, 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd., 537-9176.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT Tea at All Saints, May 28, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Come for home baking, plants, and silent auction, too!

WILLOW BASKETRY Class. Unique opportunity to learn round market basket, beginners level with English master Ruth Kidd. July 2 & 3, \$160. Call Denise 537-1240.

INTRO TO wood working for women. Mon. and Wed. from May 30 to Jun 15. Mon. and Wed. from July 4 to July 20. Afternoon and evening classes now available. Class A 12pm to 3:30pm, class B 4:30pm to 8pm. Registration by phone or in person to Amy Gessinger at 653-9394.

EXPERIENCE HOLISTIC wellness. Reduce/eliminate pain with intuitive body work, spiritual counselor and healer, Malcolm. For appointment phone 537-2154.

SUMMER MUSIC Workshop. Jazz and world drumming at G.I.S.S., \$320 for 5 days, July 5 - 9. Contact bsmith@sd64.bc.ca, 9 - 2pm.

THAI CENTRE
Import store retail and wholesale. Open 1 - 5pm every day. Massage and classes. 150 Leisure Lane (Ganges Campground). 537-1219.

DR. SHIV CHOPRA
Noted Health Canada whistle blower on regulations which put our food safety at risk. June 3, 7:30pm, Fulford Hall. Admission by donation.

CREATIVE KIDS activities at Fables Cottage this summer. Looking for artists to share their skills with young people. Please contact Mary for more information. 537-0028.

20 COMING EVENTS

NEW!
Immune Show
2:30 pm
Memory Skills
1 - 2 pm
May 28
Central Hall
by Ariadne Sawyer
Pre-register:
Madge Kimball
537-2919: \$10
Door: \$12



TUNED AIR TE DEUM
with String Orchestra
Sat. May 28/Sun. May 29
ArtSpring - Tickets \$16
537-2102



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full of fun, challenges & learning - kayaking, hiking, climbing, swimming...
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All levels welcome
May 27-29, 2005

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10-1 pm

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20 COMING EVENTS

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Open 10:00 am till dusk every Friday and Saturday in May and June 3 & 4.

Bring your camera!!

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Why Wait? Call Today.



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Duncan, B.C. V9L 1M4
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29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: VEST in parking lot by Golden Island Restaurant. Owner ma claim at Driftwood Office. 537-9933.

34 NOTICES

IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!

CALLING ALL Grad Families: looking for a great gift for your graduate? The Driftwood offers gift subscriptions so your grad can stay in touch with all the news from home. 25% off for grad gift subscriptions until June 30. We can delay delivery until the start of their college term. Call Claudia at 537-9933.

34 NOTICES

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Employment

50 BUSINESS OPP

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55 HELP WANTED

GANGES VILLAGE Market has an opening in the Deli dept. Must be able to work flexible hours (nights, weekends, holidays, etc.). Experience & Food Safe an asset but not necessary. Please apply or drop-off resume at Deli. Mark 'Attention Deli'.

WANTED: CLEANER/ caretaker for new condominium rental unit at Vesuvius Bay. Please call 1-800-200-4665.

MURAL ARTIST wanted for storefront project. Need samples of work. Terms to be discussed. Call 537-0661.

FULL TIME positions for construction labourers & carpenters helpers. Please contact 537-1796 for an interview.

FULL TIME summer job for bright, hard working, college level student: assist luxury B&B with housekeeping, gardening, etc. Enjoy learning in a friendly & personalized environment - join us - 537-2776.

PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER, Green Acres Resort, 537-2585.

GANGES VILLAGE Market has part-time cashier positions available. Must be able to work (mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends, and holidays). Applications are at the Lotto Centre. Please leave your resume/application at the Lotto Centre.

CAT SITTER needed on Salt Spring for 2 friendly indoor cats this Summer. Your place. All expenses plus fee paid. Call 604-734-1108.

RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE MANAGER

required immediately for a three-and-a-half day work week in a busy chiropractic office. Applicants must possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills, be warm, outgoing and enjoy working with people. A mature, self-motivated, responsible person possessing initiative who can establish priorities, work independently, problem solve and multitask with ease is essential. Duties are numerous. While the right person will be trained in all aspects of the position, competency in the handling of daily cash flow, general typing and record keeping skills and a pleasant phone manner are requisite. If you are looking for employment in a healthy, supportive environment where you can make a difference in people's lives, please contact us. Interested applicants please submit a resume with cover letter to Salt Spring Chiropractic by 4:30 pm Friday, May 27, 2005. Ph. 537-4142. Address: Lancer Bldg., #3-323 Lower Ganges Road.

SEASONAL - GROUNDSPEERSONS for summer - will train. 537-2205 Manager.

55 HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING Journeyman Plumber or 3rd year plumber. Experience in residential, commercial and renovations an asset. Located in the Bonnyville, Alberta area. Call: 1-780-812-2999.

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55 HELP WANTED

MEAT CUTTER REQUIRED - full-time journeyman meat cutter required for high volume, full service supermarket on BC's beautiful Sunshine Coast. Excellent remuneration for excellent meat cutter! Fax detailed resume including salary expectations to 604-886-5774 or email to karmeli@dcenet.com.

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Enter the Driftwood's Father-Child Look-alike Contest
See page B16 for details
Driftwood

55 HELP WANTED

Curves

Curves is seeking an energetic, self-motivated person with an outgoing personality and the love to work with people. Knowledge of physiology, nutrition, or personal training as well as a sales background would be an asset.

Resumes can be left at Curves
382 Lower Ganges Road.

HRDC Summer Career Placement Opportunity The Wall/Family Place Activity Worker

Experienced in climbing and working with children's groups, ability to facilitate early childhood play programs, computer skills, Belay Certificate preferred.

A student interested in Recreation, Social Work or Child Care is preferred. Must be returning to full time studies, Sept. 2005. 30 hours per week.

Deadline: May 31, 4 pm.
Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Rd
Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2K6



Part-Time Manager

Heritage Place is seeking an experienced manager to supervise operation of its new seniors supportive living residence. Proven management capabilities and experience in financial controls and reporting essential. Seniors housing experience is an asset. 3 days per week to start. Details online at www.heritageplace.info or mail to PO Box 617, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2W2.

34 NOTICES



A special grad feature from The Driftwood.
Hats Off Grad Special: \$19.99



Congratulations Sarah!
Love Grandma Jones



Way to Go, Sam!
From Mom & Dad



Hats Off to our nephew Jordan!
Love Aunt Jane & Uncle Bob

A great keepsake for your family album!

\$19.99 per spot
Deadline: June 15
Published: June 22

We'll run a special Hats Off to the Class of 2005 in the June 22 Driftwood.

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55 HELP WANTED



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- In your Business
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We can post your job openings for free. Inquire about our Wage Subsidy Program for prospective employees.

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Our friendly and knowledgeable staff can help.

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- Reference books and newspapers
- Information on post-secondary training
- Information on government-funded programs
- Help with resumes and basic computer skills

The Gulf Islands Community Services Employment Centre

343 Lower Ganges Road Suite 206 Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V4
537-5979
Monday - Friday 10 am - 3:30 pm

60 WORK WANTED

EXPERIENCED CARPENTER(S) available for custom renovations, extensions, cabinetry, finishing, interior & exterior. Estimates, hourly or contract. 537-9996.

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60 WORK WANTED



Looking for Work?

- Are you currently receiving Employment Insurance Benefits (EI)?
- Have you received EI in the last 3 years (5 years if on maternity leave)?
- Youth - 15 - 30
- People with Disabilities

Call for an appointment to discuss your job search opportunities:

- wage subsidy programs
- self employment
- training
- job search techniques

The Gulf Islands Community Services Employment Centre

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Services

116 CLEANING

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117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 537-5664.

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ADULT CHILDREN Anonymous. For healing from any dysfunctional family background. Saturday afternoons. 537-4315 for information.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-2543.

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-877-435-7544.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Ida McManus, 537-5423.

SALT SPRING Mood Disorder Association meets every 2 weeks on Tuesdays for family & patient support and education. Please call Pam 537-2186 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous Services Meetings
Salt Spring — 537-7573
Galiano — 539-2222
Pender — 629-3631
Women's only - Thursday nights 5:30 p.m. - 537-7573

The aims and objectives of the LADY MINTO HOSPITAL FOUNDATION are to raise funds which will be used to expand and enhance the delivery of medical care by the Hospital to Gulf Islands residents. You can help the Foundation attain these goals by a gift of funds, real or personal property, memorial bequests, endowments, life insurance or securities. All donations will be recognized in the Hospital and receipts for Income Tax purposes will be issued.
Please help YOUR Hospital so it can help YOU.
135 Crofton Rd.
Salt Spring Island, V8K 1T1
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119 CONTRACTING/CONSTRUCTION

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127 FINANCIAL SERVICES

DEBT STRESS? We can help you avoid bankruptcy through debt consolidation. Achieve peace of mind. Visit us online at: www.mydebtsolution.com or call toll-free: 1-877-556-3500.

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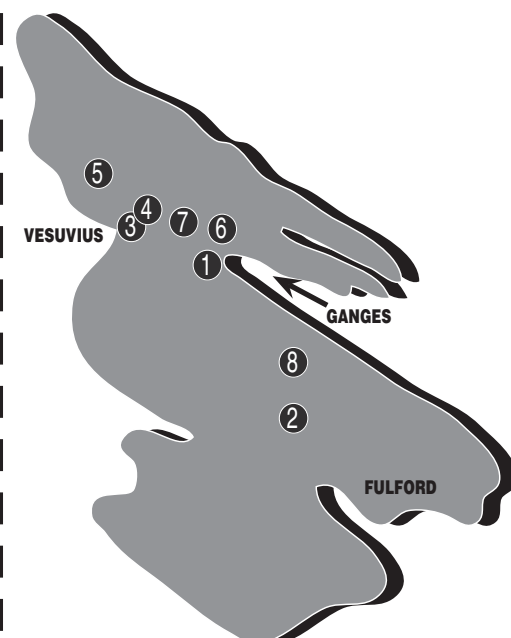
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it passes the islands of the west coast of Scotland, the iceberg will be illuminated. Ultimately it will be anchored at a spot close to shore and clearly visible to all the citizens of Belfast. And everyone will watch it melt.

Unfortunately, the object she struck was even bigger — scientists reckon between 150,000 and 300,000 tons — and it was dead in the water. The Irresistible Force and the Immovable Object were only in contact for about 12 seconds, but it was long enough to fatally cripple the former and send it corkscrewing to the bottom of the sea.

a depressed and emotionally frozen backwater. The shock was so great that for decades, even to mention the word "Titanic" would get you fired and black-listed at any shipyard in town.

Such was the brute majesty of that anonymous iceberg drifting in the north Atlantic some 450 miles off the coast of Newfoundland on that April night in 1912. The greatest triumph of British technology, the biggest ship ever built, the unsinkable Titanic — destroyed along with more than 1,500 souls.

Nearly a century later, Belfast still hasn't recovered, but psychological assistance is on the way. Rita Duffy, Northern Ireland's best-known artist, has a plan to exorcise the ghost that cripples Belfast. She figures the city's problem is that it suffers from a massive case of group cryophobia — fear of ice. One of the best ways to conquer fear is to confront it. People who fear flying get into planes, discover that it doesn't kill them, and the fear dissipates. Gephyrophobics learn that they can, in fact, cross bridges and survive. Rita Duffy figures the same thing should work for a city full of cryophobics. Show them a little ice and they'll get over it.

By a colossal chunk of ice. Mind you, that's nothing compared to what the iceberg did to the city of Belfast.

Rita Duffy plans to hogtie an iceberg and tow it to Belfast. "A huge mountain of ice seems to be the most eloquent way of describing where we are," she says. "There is a certain type of madness in Northern Ireland society, a denial of what has happened to us."

That's where the Titanic was born, in the famous Harland & Wolff shipyards. She was the pride not just of Harland & Wolff, but of the entire city. It took two years and the sweat of nearly 15,000 yard workers to float the Titanic. It took just a few frantic hours to wipe all traces of her from the face of the earth.

Well . . . not exactly a little ice — a lot of ice.

When word filtered back of the disastrous maiden voyage the entire city was stricken. Belfast went into an economic death spiral that would take her from being one of the busiest ship-building centres in the world to

"The iceberg is a figure of fear," says Duffy. "I hope its melting will have a cathartic effect. Ice is the alchemic opposite of the fire of hatred and sectarianism, mistrust and dislike that has burned here for too long."

Is she serious? Or have leprechauns sprinkled her Guinness with pixie dust?

She's dead serious. She's already been to Newfoundland to "inspect" icebergs and investigate the mechanics of moving an ice cube the size of the Pyramid of Cheops. And she has some powerful people pulling for her. The mayor of Belfast is on side, as are many Northern Irish academics and business people. Rita Duffy reckons she'll have the necessary money and technical expertise within three years.

And while Ms. Duffy and her colleagues are trying to attract an iceberg, Swiss scientists are trying to prevent theirs from leaving.

Well . . . landlocked icebergs. Thanks to the global warming that George Bush says isn't happening, Switzerland's Alpine glaciers are melting away faster than a politician's promise. The scientists' solution? Wrap the glaciers in aluminum foil to deflect the sun's rays and keep them cool.

And no, I am not making this up. They plan to cover about 30,000 square feet of the Upper Gurschen glacier later this month as a kind of test run.

Lassoed icebergs . . . foil-wrapped glaciers . . . You can't say we don't live in interesting times.



ARTSPRING ART: Above, Salt Spring artist Deborah Gainer is seen at ArtSpring with her cocoon art, while at left, Uma Lockhart is spotted at the Whimsical Expressions kids' art show, which recently wrapped up at the arts centre.

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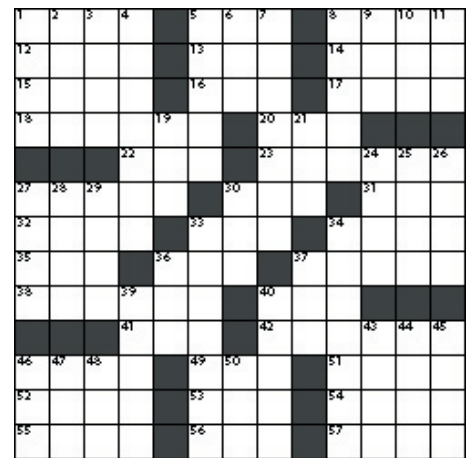
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By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner



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- 5 Common detergent?
- 8 Needles partner
- 12 Locale
- 13 Court
- 14 Montgomery initials, followed by a blunt refusal?
- 15 Clamour
- 16 Plant part
- 17 Mimed
- 18 Horn
- 20 Brewery vessel
- 22 Cheer for Sevi
- 23 Eats away at
- 27 Slap
- 30 Tolkien tree creature
- 31 Summer, in Ste Adele
- 32 Breezy greeting for Ms Rowling?
- 33 Be indebted
- 34 Federal water conservation org.
- 35 Flower petals
- 36 Poetic evening
- 37 Tantrums
- 38 Statue stuff
- 40 Collie's coat
- 41 Auricle
- 42 Domains
- 46 Quebec postal abbr., followed by monogram of Yukon poet?
- 49 Southeast Asian
- 51 Clout
- 52 Fat
- 53 Hill dweller
- 54 Lamb alias
- 55 Small fry
- 56 The terminal trio?
- 57 "You" affectionately in Yamachiche, followed by ubiquitous German auto?

DOWN

- 1 Doctor Zhivago heroine
- 2 Press
- 3 Gist
- 4 Dory part
- 5 Knowing
- 6 Boat feature
- 7 Assemble
- 8 Greek philosopher
- 9 Mischief maker
- 10 Compass pt
- 11 Turf
- 19 Northern deer
- 21 Tom Thomson output
- 24 "Of" in Outremont, followed by CFL stat?
- 25 Verb "to be" in Temiskaming
- 26 Sargasso and Tasman
- 27 Feign
- 28 Mrs Mulroney
- 29 Not shut
- 30 Ms Merino
- 33 Stressing out?
- 34 Jumping off spot?
- 36 Guido note
- 37 Regret
- 39 Defeats
- 40 Cartoon cat
- 43 Remarkable thing
- 44 Roman 1054
- 45 Cabbage salad
- 46 BC time
- 47 Quid pro —
- 48 Soak
- 50 Unspecified number

Answers to last week's crossword

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Brooks' romantic Angel book soars

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring writer Brenda Brooks has crafted a marvelous oddball romance with her soul-music-fuelled novel debut *Gotta Find Me an Angel*.

"I wonder what you'll think of everything I've been up to," the novel opens.

Written in a marrow-exposed first-person voice with deft touches of poetry and humour, Brooks casts the reader as the ghost of the narrator's 15-year-old first love, Madeline, with lustrous affect.

"Things that go away, things that refuse to abide, things that the wind howls through and wears away to nothing — these will always be 'Madeline' to me," she says early on.

And in the role of the ghost Madeline, the reader becomes a lovely combination of confidant, inamorata, witness and rival to events in the narrator's life.

"So finally here we are, gazing at each other over the wreckage of those twenty years, nothing between us now but the shower and the toilet."

Brooks' narrator, a shadowy projectionist with acerbic wit and a talent for cinema trivia, is hopelessly trapped in her tragic romance.

"I've ached for another chance to make it happen the way it was meant to: You waiting for me under the streetlight in the snow with your skates slung over your shoulder, and me warming your hands against my face. Forever."

Tormented by the loss of Madeline, the narrator is plagued by lively characters that threaten her infatuation.

"Never let me go, you said. It was such an easy promise to keep."

Would-be-poet Billie Smart, addicted to reruns of *I Claudius* and kitsch fur-

nishings, brings an insistent friendship while elegant Julia Riding offers the narrator a frightening promise of new love — inducing panic attacks on almost every encounter.

Smart is a wonderful marijuana-addled character in her nail-clipped hair, shameless grant schemes and absurdly oversized motorcycle jacket.

"... Billie was stuck to me like one of those burrs that gets stuck to your wool socks, which meant I was forced to find out additional stuff about her."

Adding to the melodramatic tone of obsessive adoration, Brooks even includes a soundtrack list of songs to accompany the novel.

Truly, Brooks' narrator needs an angel to escape the clutches of her devotion so she can connect with the world around her. And the solution becomes cleverly entwined within the cherished problem so that the reader offers therapeutic release in her own benevolent role.

"Remember that phase you went through when you loved the secrets, the impassioned disclosure, so much you couldn't wait until Sunday? You'd line the kids up outside your darkened confessional (cardboard packing box) and encourage them to unburden themselves of all their sins, suggesting a few of your own transgressions if they were at a loss."

Though ostensibly depicting love within a community of same-sex characters, *Gotta Find Me an Angel* (219 pages, published by Raincoast Books, March 2005) offers a fresh and universally compelling picture of the potentially destructive powers of misguided romance paralleled against the nurturing quality of new engagement.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

As the final episode of Star Wars attracts fans to cinemas all over the world we are once again reminded of the classic battle between good and evil. This is another expression of the Gemini archetype at its deeper levels. While the movie depicts a struggle between major forces, we also witness this battle on a very personal level as Anakin Skywalker falls to the forces of darkness and evil. We are all susceptible to the fall from balance and grace to imbalance and darkness or from love to fear. Love is basically the realization of divine intelligence and authority which binds all of creation into one great cosmic whole. Fear is the illusion of separateness and some classic symptoms are division, control, pride, lust, manipulation, deceit, greed, envy, possessiveness, revenge, violence and despair. Fear is the consequence of the lower mind or excessive intellect and undisciplined imagination. Love is the reality of the inherent unity and all pervasive intelligence throughout the universe - the root of which means one song! The force is always with us!

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)
Your public and professional status, reputation and direction are all undergoing many changes. These may be affecting every relationship in your life. The desire for more freedom as well as popularity is very strong. The question is, what constitutes true freedom and success for you? This journey of discovery will escalate over the next few weeks. The key now is to let go of control and angst and to let destiny decide what needs to change.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)
Adventurous, philosophical, cultural and perhaps religious interests are gaining more of your attention now. Whether in mind and/or in body you are eager to do some journeying. You are very enthusiastic about future prospects and possibilities. Taking on too much at one time, however, may be the source of stress and confusion. Exercising your higher mind yet avoiding judgment of others may be a challenge. Reserve your rights to free your mind.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)
The battle between the dual desires of the soul should be keeping you busy now. This means that half of you wants to follow the dictates of your heart while the other is tempted to yield to the fantasy impressions in your mind. This is a case of unity verses separation. Using others for our own ends implies mind impressions. Seeing the bigger picture and surrendering to your higher power will bring true success. If you let the brainwash of society lead you astray you will pay the price.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Your mind is racing very fast now. With so many thoughts, errands and appointments you may want to write things down to stay organized. More importantly, pay attention to the quality of your breathing and stay focused in the moment as much as you can. If you are facing fears squarely then you are on track. Be patient with your process and intend to enjoy every step avoiding too much attention on the outcome. Enjoy the journey!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
Who are you and what is your heart's true desire at this stage of your life? Such questions may be lingering. If so, trust that it is written in the stars and be at peace with it all. The more you can tune into inner guidance and authority the better. It may lead you to places where others may fear to go but it is all to show you what is truly important in the grand scheme. The rules and laws of society are a guideline; above all, listen to your heart song.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
You are on the threshold of whole new beginnings in your life. Changes of many kinds are at play and will affect your very lifestyle, perhaps even including moves of one kind or another. In any case, you feel very deep and passionate about it all. Taking risks, especially in love and/or artistic expression, will keep you sane. Learning to enjoy your independence and let go of control is part of the plot. Make the relationship with your own heart your first love.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)
New powers are rising for you and they require initiative and action. At this time, however, you may need to take some time out to reflect and recharge. Alternatively, taking care of business behind the scenes might work best. Taking time out to tend to your health is likely as well. While nutrition and exercise are ever important aspects of health so too are quiet time, meditation and communion with nature. Reclaim your center!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)
Friendship is like a two way mirror. The quality of friendship we have with ourselves determines the quality of friendship we can have with others. This is an especially important theme for you now. Do you tend to be expectant and then disappointed with yourself and others? If so, consider that your opinions of how things should be may be out of balance. Liberate yourself from this endless drama by accepting yourself and others and keep your focus grateful in the moment.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)
Experiencing more freedom on relationship fronts is a central theme now. This implies expressing your individuality and honouring the same in others with grace and balance. Communicating with intentions to share your ideals may require that you make some key moves and changes especially on the home front. Creative input into your destiny now will bring confidence and focus. Differentiate between the real and the ideal with acceptance.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
Bringing more definition to your dreams, goals and aspirations is the call now. How can you improve your current situation and/or that of others? Commitments to worthwhile relationships include the one with your self. Avoid too much focus on outcomes and enjoy the processes of your life with acceptance of the choices of significant others rather than control. Resist temptations to fight with others over choices beyond your control. Access your inner power.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Creative, playful and perhaps even romantic thoughts are racing through your mind. You may be tired of simply waiting for things to happen. In some respects you feel the urge to take new initiatives while in others you must follow through with unfinished projects before taking on new ones. With good time management and a clear focus you can have it all. Open your heart and mind to the possibilities and follow through with confidence.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Building upon a more solid and secure foundation close to home is a top priority in your mind these days. The freedom you seek may have paradoxical implications as true freedom requires commitment and focus, discipline and follow through. How does this apply to your life? Invest some time and thought to outline what freedom means to you, what kind of foundation you require to experience it and how you can achieve authentic freedom.

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Sam Anderson: Artist, Appliance Technician

Sam Anderson, best known to islanders as Salt Spring's Appliance Repair Technician, has recently branched out into the art world with his Kitchen Art collection. Using only a sheet of aluminum and a grinder, Sam produces backsplashes, saucenap and utensil hangers, and spice racks. The artwork is designed to reflect light in ever-changing patterns that interact with their surroundings. The swirling three-dimensional images seem to escape the surface, moving toward and then away from the viewer as they move across the room.

Each piece has the ability to change in appearance depending on the situation in which it is presented. Different lighting, different colours and viewing points can create infinite possibilities of expression and depth. They are the perfect complement to a stainless steel kitchen and an intriguing asset to any home. Sam's

work can be viewed at the Home Design Centre and Lalani's Appliance Centre in Victoria.

Along with his wife Wendy, Sam has owned and operated Anderson Appliance Repair and Tait Technical Solutions for six years. Since opening the doors to the business, Sam has become well known for his prompt, efficient service. He is the Sears Technical Representative for Salt Spring and is the warranty technician for all makes of appliances. He is proud to be a part of the Salt Spring community and supports as many local organizations as he can – whoever approaches. Sam also offers fine machining, milling, and welding skills.

Sam may be an artist part time, but he is a full time Appliance Repair Technician. The path to this job started in Scotland when Sam apprenticed with Singer Sewing Machine Co. as a teenager, making

sewing machine needles. He has since been a millwright/machinist for 32 years. Sam is qualified in computer information systems and electronics and has won an award for innovative technology from the Department of Agriculture.

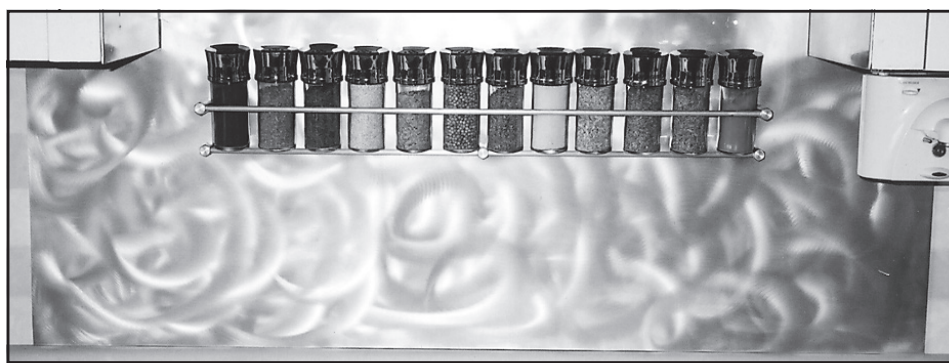
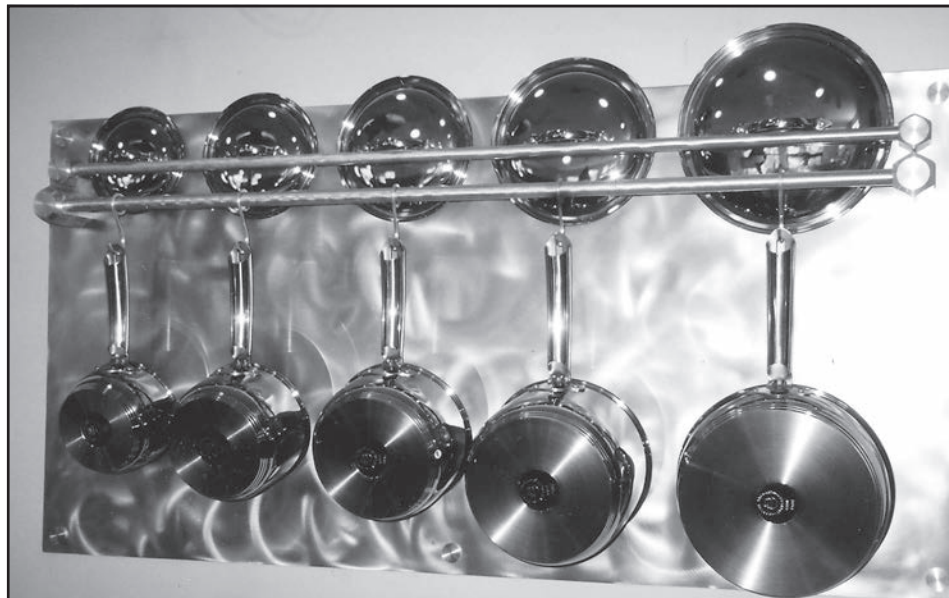
Along with his kitchen art, Sam and Wendy's love of flying has inspired Sam to create his "Flight" sculptures. Using his fine machining and carving skills, Sam has combined soapstone and brass to create a hot air balloon and an airship. These pieces can be viewed and purchased at J. Mitchell Gallery in Grace Point Square.

Sam finds the technical challenges in his work satisfying and enjoys meeting different people every day and hearing their stories.

Anderson Appliance Repair and Tait Technical Solutions can be reached at 537-5268 or samander@telus.net.



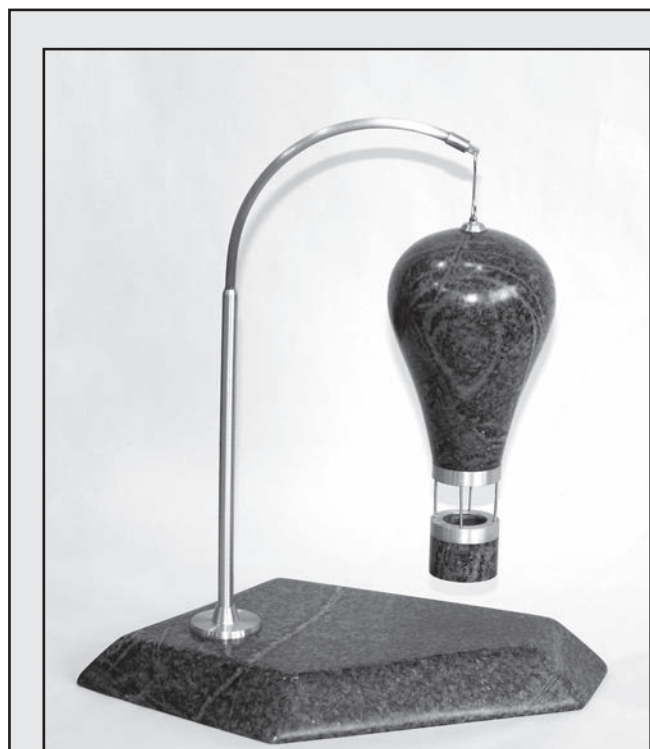
Wendy and Sam Anderson with one of Sam's creations.



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Flight Sculptures
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J. Mitchell Gallery

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