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## It's a Wrap

The Driftwood looks back on 2005 in a special four-page year-in-review section. Starts on Page 13

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## Weather

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## Fuel fare hike likely

Oil-price forecasts have yielded a Christmas fuel-surcharge bonus for B.C. Ferries.

On December 21, deputy B.C. ferry commissioner Alan Eastwood gave preliminary approval to increase ferry fares by 1.5 per cent between Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and by three per cent for all other routes, beginning in February 2006.

B.C. Ferries had requested fuel-surcharge increases of 2.5 per cent and six per cent respectively in an application made November 28. The company expects fuel costs of \$76 million this year compared to a \$50-million forecast and hopes another fuel surcharge can recoup some of that amount.

On July 24, the B.C. Ferry Commission authorized fuel surcharges of four and six per cent for ferry routes based on a forecast of \$72 million in fuel expenditures. But fuel expenses grew by \$2.6 million between July and October, according to B.C. Ferries.

"This amount is insufficient by itself to warrant another fuel surcharge at this time," Eastwood stated.

However, B.C. Ferries supplied a new fuel price

**FARES 3**



**UNDER THE MISTLETOE:** Martin Thorn holds some mistletoe for Jay and Josie Ripley, while Leigha Ripley gasps during a snowy photo session for Christmas With Scrooge. The hugely popular Newman Family Productions event saw sold-out crowds at ArtSpring as it played for the 20th time in 34 years.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

## Wedding eases pre-election fears

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

If John Dolman-O'Connor and Tim O'Connor-Dolman had any pre-wedding jitters before they tied the knot on Christmas Eve, it sure was hard to notice.

After 17 years as a couple, there was little to feel nervous about. True to their character, the well-known owners of Island Star Video

were in a joking mood instead, pointing out how they were just over a week "too late."

"Elton John stole our thunder," said John.

Tim and John decided to pass on the pink champagne, the 300-person guest list and the \$2-million tab — and that's just the way they like it.

In fact, the couple did

pretty much the same thing they've done for the past 10 years, gathering with a group of close friends to celebrate the season around the Christmas tree in their Salt Spring home.

John even joked that holding the wedding on Christmas Day in lieu of their January anniversary is not only a great way to ensure a good turnout, but can also save on

wedding costs.

"When we moved to Salt Spring 12 years ago," he said, "we were looking for stability, to settle down and enjoy our life together. In our eyes we are already married."

They came to the island to maybe start a business in a quieter place and to escape the frantic lifestyle associated with working for a major

**TIM & JOHN 3**

## RCMP give mini breathalyzers failing grade

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

They've been touted as one of the season's hottest stocking stuffers and should begin popping up at liquor stores and bars near you any day now.

For \$20, drinkers can acquire their very own pocket breathalyzer test machines to see just how much good cheer they have managed to imbibe and whether or not they should drive.

Despite the gadgets' increasing popularity, Salt

Spring RCMP Corporal Dave Voller said he is skeptical the machines will have an impact on the increasing numbers of drinking and driving incidents on the island.

"I wouldn't be basing my ability to drive on these readings," he said. "You can spend money on one of these, or 15 bucks on a cab, which will get you home without a problem."

With some breathalyzers small enough to fit on a key ring, Voller said, there

is little doubt they lack the accuracy of machines used by the police. Even a warning on the box informs users pocket breathalyzers are not 100 per cent reliable.

At well over \$1,000 per unit, professional machines used by specially trained RCMP officers ensure variables like a user's metabolism and alcohol-absorption rates are taken into account.

Readings are also affected by how long a user waits until he or she blows into the machine, Voller said.

"A reading taken 20 minutes after someone's last drink can often be substantially different than a reading taken immediately following that last double rum and Coke," he said.

Because each individual reacts to alcohol in their own way, Voller added, mass marketed machines are bound to include a margin of error.

Pocket breathalyzers may even give people a false sense of security and worsen an already bad situation on Salt Spring roads.

"Impaired driving convictions have risen by between two and three times over the past five years," he said. "People just don't seem to get the message."

In hopes of encouraging bar-goers to make alternate arrangements, Voller and the island's other RCMP officers are increasing patrols and road checks.

He also encouraged the public to report vehicles they suspect are driven by

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## Former islander killed in crash

A paramedic and pilot who had lived on Salt Spring and married an island girl was killed when his plane crashed in Terrace on December 20.

Local paramedics were shocked to hear that Simon Piper, age 33, was killed with co-pilot Trevor Hardy (31) when their twin-engine Mitsubishi Mu-2 cargo plane crashed less than a minute after take-off in freezing rain at Terrace.

"We were all just taken aback when we heard it was Simon involved in a crash," said local BCAS unit chief

Nancy Pursell. "It's tragic."

After he joined the B.C. Ambulance Service (BCAS) in 1994, Piper worked as a paramedic on Salt Spring between March 1995 and February 1996. He continued to work with BCAS in Sidney and maintained contact with island paramedics.

"We all just saw him on [December 17] at a driving course," Pursell said. "He was very keenly interested in the people that he'd been working with and asked about a lot of people on the island."

Local paramedic Catherine Brannan remembers Piper fondly from when he worked at the Ganges station.

"He contributed a lot to this island," Brannan said.

While Piper lived on Salt Spring, he married Ann Dietzel, who was raised on the island.

Piper became a cargo pilot for Sidney-based Nav Air Charter Inc. three years ago.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation by the Transportation Safety Board.

On April 22, a twin-engined Piper Navaho plane operated by Nav Air crashed in the Comox Valley, killing two pilots.

"Anytime you have accidents, we're concerned," said Transport Canada spokesperson Rod Nelson.

Nav Air voluntarily surrendered its operation certificate on December 21, which grounded flights indefinitely.

The company has operated for more than 25 years and has about 18 planes and 50 employees.

## New Year's plunge weaves Potter magic

Islanders and visitors are urged to conjure some water-warming breezes for the annual Vesuvius Beach Polar Bear Swim, taking the Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire costume theme to heart.

Splash is again sponsoring the event, with prizes offered in several different categories.

Six best costume prizes are offered in

the following age and gender groups:

- Under 12 (male and female);
- 13- 17 (male and female);
- 18 + (male and female).

Six other prizes for swimmers are offered for youngest and oldest swimmers, the first to dive under (a complete submersion), the first to get out of the water, and for the male and female who swim out the farthest.

Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and The Plunge is at 1 p.m.

Hot chocolate and muffins are available to anyone hearty enough to come out and take the plunge, and for those who come out to cheer them on.

"It's a barrel of fun," said swim publicist Wendy Rosier. "A brisk and bold way to start the new year and the more there are the more fun it is!"

## BREATHALYZERS

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Salt Spring Island bars like The Local are doing their part during the holiday season by organizing designated driver programs.

Manager Kelly Riggin said at least three or four people take advantage of the service each night.

According to Riggin, there's a sense the people on Salt Spring know their limits.

Unfortunately, she added, they often miss the target.

She said anything to help curb drinking and driving is welcomed and, having recently looked into installing a wall-mounted machine in the bar, feels letting patrons know how much they've had to drink can only help make roads safer and increase awareness about the issue.

"If they work properly, then I see no problem with letting people find out how much they've had to drink," she said. "If they turn out to be unreliable and provide a false sense of security, then

there a bit of a double-sided coin."

Mothers Against Drinking and Driving (MADD) Canada has already come out against the machines, saying they don't address the need to keep people from making sure alternative transportation is available.

"Using a pocket breathalyzer is like playing Russian roulette with your life and the lives of other motorists," said MADD Canada's chief executive officer Andrew Murie.

"These personal breathalyzers can be inaccurate in their readings and, therefore,

are not at all a reliable read of a person's intoxication level."

Murie added the product is "a tragedy waiting to happen."

Agni Wilson, owner of Silver Shadow taxis, said the holiday ushers in its fair share of people calling up the island's lone taxi company.

With two cars and a lot of people on the move, Wilson said, people may sometimes need to wait for 20 minutes. To avoid delays, she recommended people call ahead and reserve a cab.

"This year I've noticed a lot more people and companies are arranging for cabs to pick them up at office parties," she said.

"A lot of businesses are picking up the fare and doing their part."

Wilson anticipates adding a new car to the fleet in early 2006, giving people even one more reason to leave the keys behind on their next night on the town.



### FEDERAL ELECTION 2006 / ÉLECTION FÉDÉRALE 2006

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**TYING THE KNOT:** Well-known community members Tim O'Connor (left) and John Dolman decided to get married while they can still legally do so in Canada. They are concerned the law may change if the Conservative Party is elected.

## TIM & JOHN

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television network in Toronto.

The couple laughed when they learned, years later, that friends had given them a year to "survive" on the island.

Since that time, they surprised those naysayers by remaining on the island, while creating a successful Ganges video rental company at the same time.

"In all the years we've been living on the island and working at the store, we've never had any trouble," Tim said.

Regardless of whether you lived in the city or the country, he explained, life was very different for gay men and women 20 years ago.

But despite the passing of Bill C-38 last summer — which gave legal recognition to gay marriage — they never really felt the need to take the leap until the federal election campaign got underway in November.

Setting off a preliminary salvo in the election battle, Conservative leader Stephen Harper took little time to raise the same-sex marriage issue, saying he would ensure a free vote on same-sex marriage in Parliament.

Offering a free vote on the issue would, he said, allow MPs to vote with their conscience, unbound by their party's official position.

He believed same-sex couples should be recognized through civil unions only and promised to preserve those legal marriages already held in Canada.

Following legislation in Holland, Belgium and Spain, Canada became the fourth country to legalize same-sex marriage after Parliament passed Bill C-38 by a vote of 188 to 133 last summer. Since the beginning of December, South Africa and the United Kingdom have also followed suit.

Even after same-sex marriage became a country-wide legal right, Tim and John were never overly intent on taking the final step. It was not until the election campaign got underway that John admitted they began to consider the marriage option.

"We are not doing this purely out of political reasons," he said. "The election may have given us a kick in the pants, but this is something we have been considering for some time now."

"We are doing this while the option is still available to us."

Though Tim said much of the election posturing may only be meaningless rhetoric, there's no telling what could happen if there is a change in leadership.

"It may just be Stephen Harper shooting his mouth off, but the candidates are neck and neck," John said.

While the election results remain uncertain, John and Tim are now content to have finally embarked on what, for most of their relationship, was not even considered possible.

"Whatever the result, we will continue to support a system which allows equal rights for everybody under the law," he said.

"Democracy is just a way of picking someone else to blame."

## Ganges walker struck

A 60-year-old female pedestrian escaped with only slight bruising to her legs and knees after being hit by a vehicle in the 100 block of Fulford-Ganges Road last week.

The Salt Spring resident was injured when a vehicle exiting the Salt Spring Harbour Authority parking lot crept out into the road as she walked along the sidewalk at 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21.

Parked cars and holiday congestion are reported to have made visibility particularly difficult in the downtown core.

In other police news, the RCMP charged a female driver with refusing to supply a breath sample at a roadblock set up along Upper Ganges Road on the morning of December 24. The driver will appear in court in January.

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## FARES

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projection that shows continued high costs through to the end of 2008.

Proposed increases would add \$0.45 to return fares for a car and driver between Vancouver Island and Salt Spring, \$0.85 for a car and driver between Gulf Islands and Tsawwassen, and car and

drivers will pay an additional \$0.65 for fares between mainland and Vancouver Island routes.

A further fuel increase will take effect in June 2006 without further application by the ferry corporation unless fuel prices drop by six per cent.



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# Lunn touts issues-based campaign at Rotary luncheon on Salt Spring

Saanich-Gulf Islands incumbent MP Gary Lunn made the most of a December 14 trip to Salt Spring when he met constituents around town and had lunch with Rotary Club members during their regular Wednesday lunch meeting at the Harbour House.

Lunn was in an upbeat mood about a campaign he felt was so far strong on talking about important issues.

He said Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper had emphasized that "We're only going to win the election by giving Canadians something to vote for, not to vote against, and so far we've had discussion on some pretty substantive policy issues."

Lunn outlined several Conservative Party proposals for the group, including:

- creation of a federal accountability act, in response to Justice Gomery's findings;
- the childcare plan to give families \$100 per month for each child in the household under the age of six;
- a tax credit up to \$500 for registration of children in activities that promote physical activity, as a way to promote health and wellness;
- doubling funding to Canada's Disaster Assistance Response Team to help with worldwide disasters;
- Increasing funding for the military;
- Increasing penalties for those who manufacture

drugs or grow marijuana;

- A GST cut from seven to six per cent, and later to five per cent;
- Doubling the \$1,000 tax-free RRSP level to \$2,000 for seniors.

"These are all things we can deliver on," he said.

He noted that high federal surpluses indicate "we are actually being overtaxed in the first place."

Rotary members raised a variety of concerns, such as maintaining doctors in rural communities, whether the \$100 childcare plan would just pump up the bureaucracy and the Conservatives' support of lifting the West Coast oil drilling moratorium.

"We should be letting the scientists research if the

reserves are there and the environmental impact [of drilling], he said. "Just blanketly saying no is not a good idea."

One club member raised concerns about the party's traditional position against gay marriage.

Lunn said his leader Harper intended to keep his promise of holding a free vote in the House of Commons on the issue.

"This is a guy who gives you a promise you can take to the bank," he said.

"If we have a vote and it fails — and it likely will — that will be that," he said. "It's not high on the radar screen."

Salt Spring's Rotary Club plans to host the rest of the local election candidates.



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# Beloved islander Howe dies Dec. 25

Islanders are left with a legacy of gardens and perennial friendship from a dedicated parent and community volunteer who passed away on Christmas Day.

After serving on parent advisory councils (PACs) throughout her children's school years on Salt Spring, Nairn Howe, aged 48, left gardens at Fulford Elementary, Salt Spring Island Mid-

dle School and a rock garden and pond at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

But Howe will likely be remembered more as a friend to countless islanders who had the opportunity to meet her before she died early Christmas morning.

As a sign of her community connections, well over 100 islanders attended Lady Minto Hospital on Christmas Eve to sing carols to Howe.

"It was quite a moving experience," said Howe's brother-in-law Scott.

Howe exhibited her characteristic willpower and determination to survive almost a year after she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on January 16, he said.

Retired principal Barb Aust got to know Howe when she served as the Fulford PAC for eight years.

"She had a spirit of generosity that was just amazing," Aust said.

In addition to her ability to organize projects and support education, Howe seemed to

offer tangible friendship to everyone she contacted, Aust said.

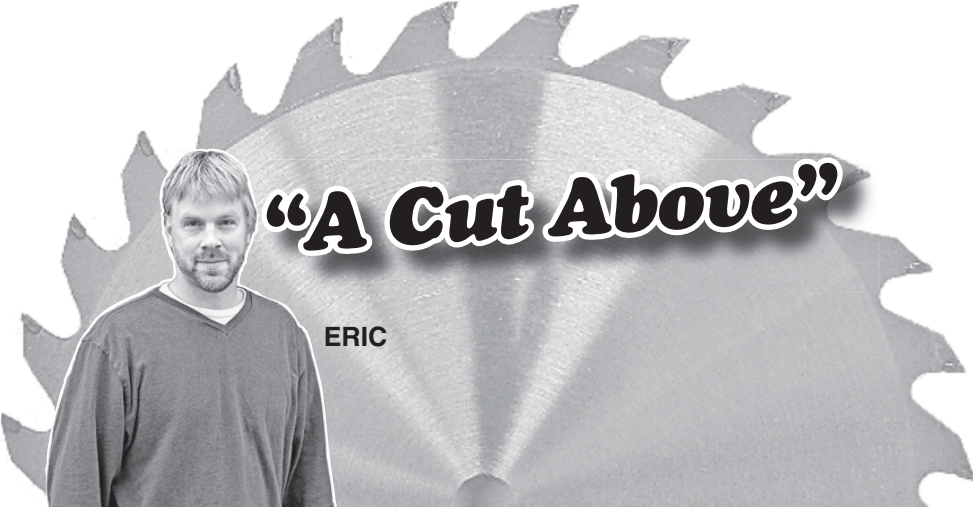
"Everybody who knew her felt she was their friend. She had a cast of a thousand friends — because she went to a place of friendship immediately."

Outside of her PAC work, Howe also helped coach local school teams (as well as managing the national women's volleyball team at one time), she offered background support to the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association, was involved with the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council and she ran her family's cattle ranch in Alberta from her home on the island.

Howe is survived by her husband Bob and her children Sarah and Chris.

A celebration of her life will be hosted at Gulf Islands Secondary School at 11 a.m. on December 31. Visitation will also be held at Community Gospel Chapel from 12 to 8 p.m. Friday.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nairn Howe Memorial Fund, an endowment for School District 64 students.



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The Adult Day Program offers both a structured setting for the client to maintain physical, cognitive and functional skills as well as providing the caregiver a respite or break from what can be a challenging role. A typical day at the program includes social interaction, arts and crafts, music appreciation/therapy, discussion groups and trips into the community to attend events such as the Christmas light tour or community theatre. A small daily fee is charged for the program and transportation can often be provided with one of the two handicap accessible buses Greenwoods Eldercare Society operates.

The Community Bathing Program is a support service provided to assist people living at home to remain independent and healthy. The program is designed for people who cannot safely use the bathing facilities in their home — even with the addition of devices such as grab bars and bath boards. The program offers the following services and supports:

- Attention to personal hygiene needs including a tub bath, shampoo and blow-dry, grooming and basic fingernail and toe nail care;
- Monitoring the client's well-being and referral to the Family Physician or care-giver for follow-up when issues are identified;
- Minor treatments such as medicated shampoos, prescription creams and dressing changes when the client brings the necessary items and the scope of intervention is within the mandate and capacity of the service and staff training;
- Individualized care to meet each client's particular needs provided by a skilled nursing assistant
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# BCUC meeting ready to host power speakers at January 7 town hall

Residents on both sides of the ongoing high-voltage power line debate are hoping to spark off the New Year with a large turnout at a January 7 town hall meeting.

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) will hold town hall sessions on Salt Spring Island (January 7), Tsawwassen (January 10) and Vancouver Island (January 14) before beginning formal hearings in late-January.

Island Residents Against

High Voltage Overhead Lines (IRAHVOL) has been campaigning against British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) plans for two new 230-kV circuits alongside existing 138-kV power lines.

Members say more research is needed to identify the health risks associated with electromagnetic radiation emitted from the cables.

In November, the BCTC proposal was consolidated

alongside a new plan to run an underwater HVDC Light cable from the mainland to Vancouver Island.

Though the cable would require less maintenance and bypass the island, it would cost roughly 25 per cent more to construct.

BCTC community relations manager Donna McGeachie reiterated BCTC's emphasis on balancing the interests of rate-payers across the province with the interests of local

communities.

The ArtSpring town hall session will give the public its first chance to view the two proposals side by side.

All are welcome to attend, but only those who are registered to speak will be permitted to make formal presentations.

IRAHVOL spokesperson Jackie Truscott estimated 24 individuals had registered before the December 7 deadline. Written submissions will also be accepted.

# VIHA board welcomes guests

Islanders with their pulse on regional health care have until January 10 to signal their desire to address the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) board of directors when they next meet.

While the meeting is not until Wednesday, January 25, 2006, VIHA needs advance notice if people want to make presentations or have specific questions answered.

The meeting takes place at 1:30 p.m. at Cowichan Centre in Duncan, which is located at 2687 James Street.

A limited amount of time is set aside for scheduled presentations and question period.

Requests to address the board should include the general nature and viewpoint of the presentation, and groups or organizations must identify one spokesperson. Presentations are limited to 10 minutes.

Questions must also be submitted in advance of the meeting to allow a considered response.

Groups or individuals will be contacted to confirm if they have been selected to make a presentation.

A VIHA press release stresses that presentations will not be accepted without prior arrangement and questions from the floor will not be addressed.

Written questions or requests for presentations must be submitted before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Janu-

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# Respect property's history, says Booth

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

Former Salt Spring trustee Eric Booth is urging the Islands Trust to carefully consider how it will decide who will develop land made for an affordable housing project near Dean Road.

"While I agree that there should be policies, processes and criteria for the acceptance and disposition of real property, I would like Trust Council to ensure that historical factors are taken into account as part of the criteria," Booth said during the

town hall session at the Trust Council meeting held in Victoria earlier this month.

Three Point Properties of Victoria agreed to donate the two-hectare (five-acre) property for affordable housing development in conjunction with its plans to build 29 single-family homes on the remaining 12.8 hectares (32

acres), on lands it is purchasing from the Catholic diocese of Victoria.

According to Booth, the Salt Spring Island Community Housing and Land Trust Society's (CHLTS) long-standing interest in the property must be taken into account when a final decision is made within the next year.

"The society wishes to receive the property, is ready and willing and able to do so and, I believe, should be without a doubt, at the very top of any list of community housing groups on Salt Spring Island," he said.

The CHLTS was created three years ago as the island's community housing needs became more apparent.

Booth said the group took over the challenge from the Salt Spring Community Services Society, an organization that helped raise the profile of affordable housing on the island and was involved in discussions about using the diocese lands for such housing several years ago.

"Without Community Services' initiatives, work and donation of densities related to this property, this affordable housing parcel would not currently exist," he said.

The CHLTS has been awaiting permission since former trustee Booth and Local Trust Committee chair David Essig gave them a recommendation during a local Trust meeting held in July.

Salt Spring Island Affordable Housing Task Force (AHTF) chair Gary Holman expressed immediate concern following the decision.

While he acknowledged the historical connection between the CHLTS and the diocese lands, Holman said trustees are required to consider other proposals as a matter of due process.

"The land is a unique opportunity for the community," he said. "The way to

take full advantage of that is to maximize benefit to the community by entering into a competitive process."

Allowing community organizations and private developers the opportunity to present various affordable housing proposals will give the Islands Trust and the community at large a greater depth of proposals and a precedent to deal with future cases, Holman added.

"It's better to take a bit of time with the process instead of rushing to a decision," he said. "If there is ever an occasion for the Islands Trust to acquire land again, they will have something to guide them."

Islands Trust director of local planning services Wayne Quinn presented information on the decision-making process to trustees at the Trust Council meeting and added the matter will be up for discussion in March.

"There would be a benefit to having additional policies on disposing of land," he said in the report. "In particular, Trust Council should have some assurances that the land will be developed in a timely manner and as intended."

Establishing the process is necessary to prevent any delays once the Islands Trust formally acquires the land within the next year, Quinn added.

The CHLTS is waiting until Three Point Properties finalizes its deal with the Victoria diocese before it can move ahead with its three-phase affordable housing project.

Ellen Garvie of the CHLTS said the first stage is to construct eight single-family homes within the first two years of acquiring the property.

The second and third stages, Garvie added, will create an additional 16 rental apartments, 50 per cent of which will be specifically targeted for tenants receiving social assistance.

She remains confident the CHLTS proposal will prove the best option and recognized proper procedure would be followed.

Garvie said the new project is an ideal candidate now that its plans for a housing project on Horel Road have been suspended.

Rising property prices and opposition to the plan led the CHLTS to shift its focus, she added.



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# Philip Benson logs on to teach user-friendly computer courses

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Computer instructor Philip Benson brings wit and whimsy to classes he offers through Salt Spring's Community Education program, which is gearing up for another session.

After training as a school teacher in the 1970s, he started teaching computers in 1981 and had his own computer-instruction business with his wife Kim (Westfield Training) in the United Kingdom at Rugby from 1985 until they moved to the island in 2003.

He fondly remembers the "laughingly simple" early computers.

"I've noticed that they are much more unreliable now. As they've become more complicated, there are far more things that can go down."

Benson is stunned that we simply expect new computers to breakdown. He does what he can to help users prevent problems, but at a certain point he has to throw up his hands.

"I just tell people that they will work most of the time, but they are really part of an alien plot to destroy humanity. Forget *War of the Worlds*; this is far more sinister."

His light-hearted approach and dead-pan humour help to put students at ease.

"One of our main aims is to get people to relax and



**USER FRIENDLY:** Community Education computer instructor Philip Benson offers a few tips to his wife Kim about how to remove a railway engine from her desktop.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

have a laugh. Then they're learning. If they come full of trepidation and past nasty experiences with computers, that blocks their ability to learn."

Benson also introduces people to computers through art programs to create a welcoming atmosphere.

"They start to think, 'I'm supposed to go on this horrible scary computer course

full of jargon I don't understand and instead I'm painting and I'm enjoying myself.' Then we have coffee and biscuits and cups of tea because we're British."

He teaches students of all levels about programs like Excel, Word and Access. And he shows people how to use e-mail, the Internet and surf the net.

"My unique method is that they can all be going on in the room simultaneously so that each person is taught individually."

His classes have a maximum of six people to provide the optimum level of instructional support, he said.

"You could be learning Excel-beginner's level and the person next to you is doing an Internet course."

Apart from computers, Benson is interested in music, railways and model railways. He and Kim's property also recently received farm tax status.

"We do our own music and Bob Dylan impressions, which is quite frightening."

Benson's courses run several evenings a week for six weeks and start in February.

Exact dates and details about this course and others offered by the Salt Spring Island Society for Community Education will be in the fold-out calendar in the January 11 Driftwood.

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## Election debate dates set

Despite the difficulties of negotiating a federal election campaign during the holiday season, all-candidates debates for Gulf Islands communities are shaping up.

The Driftwood and Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a debate at ArtSpring on Sunday, January 8 from 1-3 p.m. All four candidates — Gary Lunn, Sheila Orr, Andrew Lewis and Jennifer Burgis — have confirmed their attendance.

All-candidates meetings have also so far been set for Saturna Island on January 12 and Galiano on January 14.

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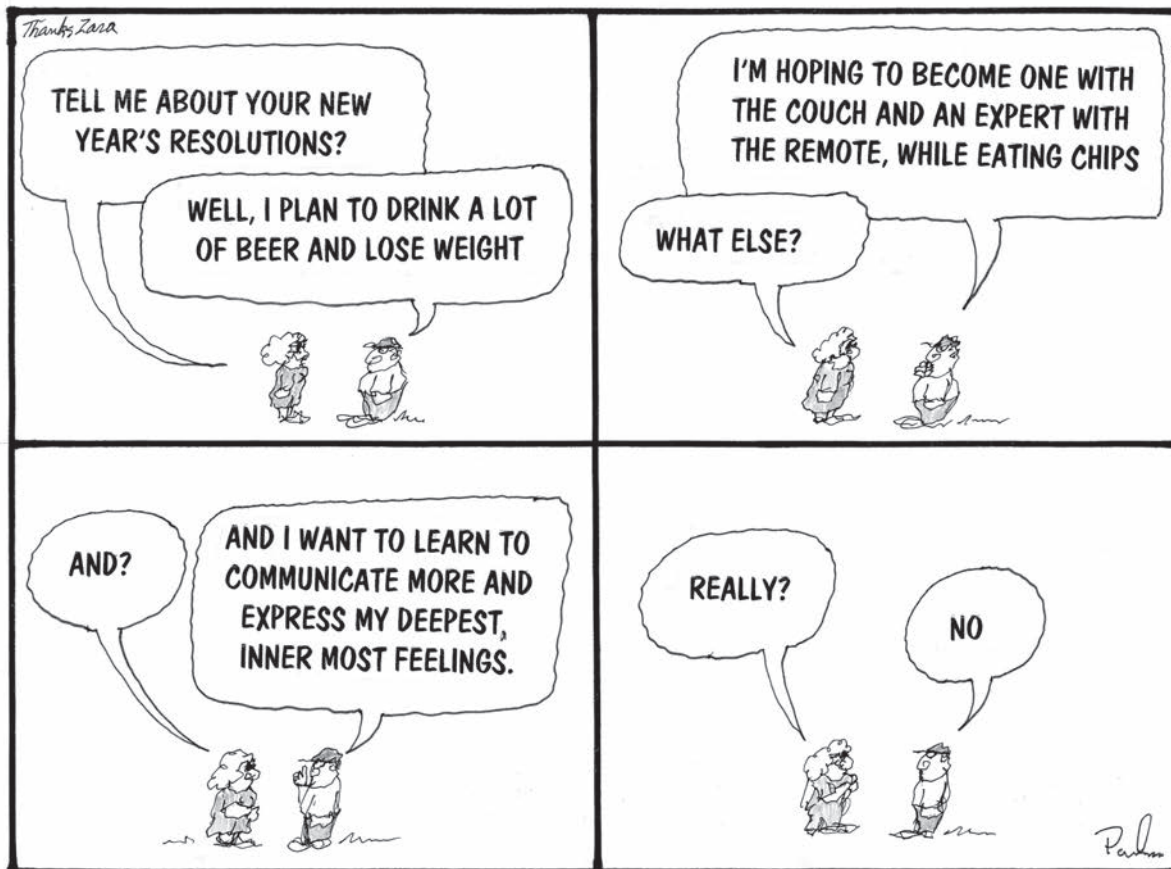
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# OPINION



## Still driving

In such an “enlightened” community as Salt Spring, it’s a rare sight to see a full page of Ganges Provincial Court convictions related to impaired driving in this newspaper.

However, that was the case last week, and it reminds us — appropriately at a time of year when alcohol consumption escalates due to the holiday season — that we share this island paradise and its inherently dangerous roads with people who drink and drive.

We hope the wheels of justice were simply turning with unusual efficiency that day in Ganges court, and that Salt Spring RCMP efforts to arrest and convict perpetrators have been stepped up in the past year, rather than indicating a trend towards more drinking and driving.

Salt Spring RCMP impaired driving arrests did jump from 58 in 2003 to 86 in 2004, but previous sergeant Mike Giles believed the higher number reflected proactive policing, better RCMP roadside screening devices and a larger contingent of officers in 2004 more than an increase in actual incidents.

But of course the number of people convicted or even charged with impaired driving is miniscule compared to the number of times a drunk driver risks injury or death to themselves and others who are out on the road.

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization estimates that only one criminal charge results for every 445 impaired driving trips taken in Canada.

(Salt Spring RCMP also issue numerous 24-hour driving suspensions to people whose blood alcohol level may not be high enough to warrant pursuing a criminal charge but whose ability to drive is nonetheless affected by use of alcohol or drugs.)

MADD also states that impaired drivers kill four Canadians each day and seriously injure 200 more.

Earlier this month an impaired driver from off-island killed himself in an accident on Upper Ganges Road — and he could easily have killed or maimed others.

Despite decades of education that drinking and driving is a reckless act and crime, its continuing occurrence points out that much more needs to be done.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Three decades of thanks

Thirty years ago we moved here with our infant son.

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Ganges was undeveloped in 1975, compared to now, but the welcoming warmth of the residents of this

“pearl” of the Gulf Islands was genuine.

Margaret Cunningham would bless us with live piano at Central Hall as a prelude to the movie. Dagwood’s was, and possibly still is, the unofficial employment centre of Salt Spring Island.

Nan’s (in Fulford) was known for its homemade pies, and when you walked into Rita’s Inn for supper as a family, Rita would come to your table with crayons,

colouring book and two menus.

Where Ganges Village Market stands was a field, except for an older barn, which became the first location for Foxglove.

Only one firehall existed, that being in Ganges.

The fall fair, 30 years ago, was still held on the school grounds near Mahon Hall.

The Legion was housed in the building that is now Stitches Quilt Shop.

The RCMP station was the

brick building on the right side of the road as you drive down the hill into town.

At the moment, I’m not sure if I’m reminiscing or just testing my long-term memory.

Salt Spring felt pretty good to us in 1975.

We sold our little house outside of Vancouver and moved into another small house on Howard Road at the north-west end of St. Mary Lake.

After building a shop, we

started our little glass business.

In those days here, there was still a lot of single-glazed wooden windows.

Double-glazed aluminum windows were relatively new. Now the choices of glass and windows are numerous.

Our home-based business has changed locations over the last 30 years, but not the phone number.

I find myself looking back with gratitude over years gone by.

It is also with great joy that I can write this little thank-you note to the people of Salt Spring Island for enabling me to live, work and play here for over half my life.

We will continue to provide fast, friendly and personal service in 2006 and (health permitting) long into the future.

May 2006 bring all of you peace and contentment.

**DENNIS MARSHALL,**  
 Salt Spring

## Thai orphanage leaders grateful for island’s ‘heart’ gifts

By ANNIE MACGUFFIE

The arrival of December, with its early reminder of December 1 through World AIDS Day, is a time of thanks to all Salt Springers, family members and friends near and far who have supported my program Gifts From the Heart so openheartedly.

The update for my 2005/06 trip includes a reconnection with Imjai House, which is home to orphans with or from AIDS or HIV, where the new building project proceeds well. It’s expected that these children (now 47 in number) will be re-housed inside during the next year.

Additionally, I met with Khan Prajen Panantang and his wife Sompong (Pong) in Bangkok because they needed to collect their share of donations straightaway, having no other support available to Baan Faasai (Bright Sky House). Your generosity saw much-needed succor (34,000 baht) being handed over at just that point when this loving and industrious couple was worrying how to feed their adopted orphans, after the close of the month.

Khan is very much respected by all local organizations in social

### VIEW POINT

services, the police force and church, and it’s easy to see why. He is a powerhouse of enthusiasm, displays great good sense, vision and faith. When he decided (with his wife Pong) it was time to return to Uthaithani (his home town), they both realized it was time to put their experience on the line. Both were working in Imjai where I met them in 2003), frugally eked out their salaries; moved south with their sons Peace and Faith and began looking for a house large enough to begin Bright Sky.

Almost straight away, local police referred Gik to them. Both of my friends were so moved by her predicament, they didn’t hesitate. Mos arrived on the back of Gik’s bike one day from school. New and his younger brother Nun arrived a few months later.

The couple wisely takes in children slowly to establish bonds, routines, chores and security of adjustment. It has not been easy work either.

All children coming to Bright Sky have been brutalized and frequently are badly nourished, fearful and, when once safe, very angry and disturbed.

My continued friendship with this awesome couple has been by e-mail for two years.

After my stay at Bright Sky last week, I feel myself to be like part of the family. Khan and I share many similar ideas about the work ahead. He is very open to modern thinking, wants information and has a flexible attitude to the approach to the future of this project. We have hopes to initiate many ventures together on behalf of the children, whose numbers will grow as money becomes available.

At the end of this letter I include Khan Prajen’s bank details so that any direct donations you may wish to make can be sent easily. On my return to Salt Spring in March I hope to be able to set up an account on behalf of Gik, New, Nun and Mos. We were unable to do so in Thailand because Bright Sky hasn’t the necessary funds to be awarded national charity status. I hope to encourage donations for these four wonderfully

transformed youngsters.

Additionally, I have collected some new things, which I hope will find welcome homes on Salt Spring. All articles thus “donated” for your dollars are a truly heartwarming way to give gifts your loved family members will treasure.

Next week I shall reconnect with Father Mike at Sarnelli House in Don Vai, a small village near Nong Khai where I am at present based. I am excited about seeing “my kids” there again!

Salt Spring is a bright place of warmth to Father Mike and his team and he will be just as grateful for this year’s donation as in previous times.

Busy as he is, he made time to respond personally to the Peer Tutors at Gulf Islands Secondary in 2004 for their hard work and warm hearts. The GISS Peer Tutors organized a collection of Christmas tree decorations for Sarnelli and Imjai. It was an amazingly successful student-based project and one which I was privileged to delegate through GISS staff, notably Debbie Magnusson.

Now the kids in both Imjai and Sarnelli (with its four separate

units) have ornaments on their previously empty Christmas trees.

Father Mike has dedicated the last 20 years to his project of rescuing children orphaned by AIDS, many of whom are HIV or AIDS positive through accident of birth.

He has also developed a full outreach program to help young women with AIDS, who are taught to embroider and can work and earn money for their families from home. He also established a school and church.

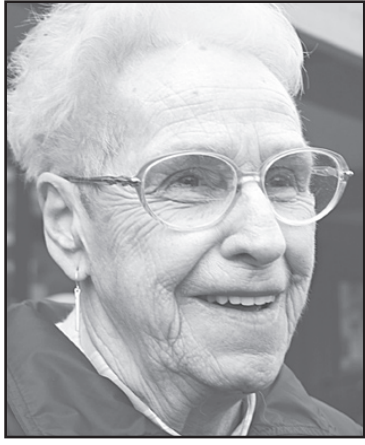
On behalf of all of these wonderful projects supported by the community on Salt Spring, I thank you.

(Khan Prajen bank details: International money transfers to be made via SWIFT (address: BKKBTHBK) to Prajen Panantang, Acct. #330-0-39033-7 Bangkok Bank, Uthaithani Branch.)

*The above was excerpted from a letter mailed from Nongkhai, Thailand at the end of November to the writer’s fellow Salt Springers. MacGuffie established Gifts from the Heart to aid groups assisting Thai orphans.*

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: What was your highlight of 2005?**



**Hilda Layzell**

*My trip up to northern Vancouver Island in October with my husband Don. It was so beautiful, peaceful and there wasn't any traffic to deal with.*



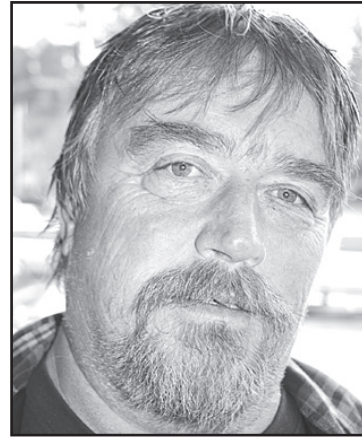
**Jody Slakov**

*I would say my highlight is that people have not given up on peace. It's good to see people still have hope.*



**Randall Sloan**

*Building the new food bank at Community Services and getting to see Santa Claus up close.*



**Bert Blair**

*Making it through the year and hoping 2006 will be just as good.*



**Diana Downey**

*Moving to Salt Spring because I've visited for years and always wanted to live here.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Roundabouts

I have a one-word solution to people's concerns about pedestrian safety at the Ganges Road-Rainbow Road intersection and along Upper Ganges Road: roundabouts.

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We need one at Rainbow Road. We need another at the intersection of Upper and Lower Ganges roads.

This would calm traffic approaching town centre from the north. One in front of the fire hall would also be good, as well as one at Central Hall.

They work all over the

U.K., in Duncan, Chemainus and Ladysmith. We can get some here and save lives and help the Slow Islands movement. Write to the Ministry of Transportation.

**ANDREW OKULITCH,**  
Little Mountain Road

### Hamper madness

2005 was our busiest ever Christmas hamper program, and was a great success. So much volunteer effort goes into this program and there are so many people to thank that just a small classified ad wouldn't do it justice.

The Christmas Hamper season starts very early each year in the mind of the co-ordinator, who eats, sleeps and dreams numbers, lists and rooms full of wonderful food items. And this is only in July!

Now it's December, the mad rush is upon us and the numbers, lists and rooms full of food are a reality and it's full steam ahead.

But it couldn't be done without the help and support of so many giving people and organizations of this

community. Each year there are the most amazing surprises and this year was no different.

These are the generous gifts from anonymous donors who unselfishly contribute to the program without wanting any public recognition. We are giving you ours — thank you a hundred times over!

Ganges Village Market and Thrifty Foods are such dependable supporters.

The staff and managers of these stores are to be commended for all the hard work and huge support they give year round to the food bank and especially to the Christmas hamper program. Ganges Village Market staff and the Salt Spring Island Fire Department organized and ran a very successful food drive for us in November. Thanks, guys!

Thrifty Foods assembled pre-packaged "Food For Families" grocery bags that literally walked out the door. For Christmas 2005 they outdid themselves and helped in so many ways. You are the best!

Then there are the people

behind the scenes that you don't always see, the volunteers. This is the dedicated group of wonderful men and women who give a little of themselves all year round, but really give it their all at Christmas time.

It starts with the food bank volunteers who help gather and sort food for the hampers, and believe me there is a ton of it! Then it moves to the Christmas hamper people — too numerous to mention — the fruit, vegetable and pet food baggers, the hamper packers, the fetch and carry people, the odd jobbers, the sweepers and dish washers.

They come in all shapes and sizes from school kids to the retired senior, and last but not least to our tireless friends and family who are always there no matter what with their support and shoulders to lean on.

Volunteers are the backbone of all community programs and they wouldn't be possible without you! God bless you!

This year many families needed hampers for the holidays. We filled over 200

boxes with nutritious food and hopefully lots of good cheer.

When it's all said and done, it does feel good to give. To see the joy on the faces of the hamper recipients and to get a smile from a child who doesn't have much to smile about, this is what we and the volunteers do it for. It comes from our hearts, and makes us who we are. So thank you one and all for another wonderful Christmas on Salt Spring. It's the best place to live!

Happy New Year!

**MELANIE and SIMON MORRIS,**  
Christmas hamper coordinators,  
SSI Community Services

### Why foot the bill?

It amazed me to read in the December 14 Driftwood that the Capital Regional District is going ahead with a permanent indoor tennis facility in the face of a pending court case that may cost the taxpayers even more, if settled on behalf of the claimants.

Even more appalling is

the statement made by David Gibbon that the CRD "owes it to the public" to press on with this structure. Really!

The general public was never given a forum to voice its opinion on this and if there was a vote, I believe the majority of the islanders would veto a plan to spend \$575,000 of public money on such a facility. Mr. Gibbon already overstepped by issuing a purchase order to the supplier before the CRD even voted on the matter.

The original tennis "bubble" is up and lit for this year, so why rush into a new facility, unless Mr. Gibbon is unsure the CRD and PARC will win the court case. The chances of tearing down an already existing structure are slim regardless of the outcome of the court case.

So I ask you, "Why are we the taxpayers footing the bill yet again without a vote? Shouldn't the CRD wait until the court case is settled?"

**BARBARA PELLERIN,**  
Salt Spring

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## Use Ssplash funds for UV: health of community worth it

By **MICHAEL CONTARDI**

On December 3, the Ssplash society's executive voted to provide \$50,000 to the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) with the stipulation that that this money be used to provide a secondary water disinfection system, like the UV system mentioned below, for a healthier pool experience.

Unfortunately, owing to a number of factors, not the least of which is the ongoing political rancour between these two groups, PARC has tentatively declined the offer.

First, a little background on the health concern about chlorine. Chlorine by-products in swimming pools cause asthma. Some, such as chloroform, also contribute to cancer. These toxic by-products are both inhaled and absorbed dermally (via the skin) where they pose the greatest risk to young children, competitive swimmers and those with prior respiratory weakness.

Australian swimming champion Ian Thorpe has discussed

### GUEST COLUMN

this issue publicly, attributing exposure to chlorinated water to respiratory problems which have prevented him from competing in important tournaments. Numerous other top calibre swimmers have developed asthma and must keep inhalers by the pool side.

Recent research from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium found an increased incidence of asthma in a study of 226 children who swam regularly in chlorinated pools (Occupational and Environmental Medicine, 2003).

In some cases the damage was equivalent to that found in heavy smokers. Even people working at the sides of pools, such as lifeguards and instructors, were found to be at risk.

The problem is not chlorine itself, but the byproducts created when chlorine reacts with organic matter to form trihalomethanes,

such as chloroform, or with uric acid, such as urine and perspiration, to form chloramines. Once this reaction occurs, the amount of free (available to disinfect) chlorine is reduced accordingly, and more must be added. Provincial health regulations require a minimum free chlorine residual of five ppm in public swimming pools.

Thus free chlorine needs to be continually added, while the combined chlorine levels continue to build up. This leads to the problems of strong chlorine odor, itchy skin, burning eyes and respiratory irritation, which is all too common in the public swimming pool experience. This need not be the case!

There are a number of technologies available which will break down this combined chlorine, allowing the free chlorine level to be better stabilized, without the constant over-chlorination which is so prevalent in public pools. Of these, low-pressure ultraviolet (UV) light technology is undoubtedly the best for our situation. At

\$25,000 (equipment and installation), it is one quarter the cost of ozone. It is also much safer to handle, does not produce any disinfection by-products, is easy to install and maintain, and will substantially reduce the prevalence of toxic chlorine by-products, especially trichloramine, which is associated with asthma.

Since August, I have been endeavouring to prevail upon PARC to include this technology in Phase 1. Both commissioners Bill Curtin and Peter Lake expressed their sympathy, but said funds were too tight, and that I would be best to approach Ssplash for the funds — which I did. Numerous other concerned citizens approached them as well. Now that Ssplash has agreed to provide \$50,000 (substantially more than is required), I am hard-pressed to understand PARC's reasons for backing down.

Now, it is not my intention to vilify the hard-working volunteer members of PARC commissioners, such as Peter Lake, who are giving extraordinary amounts of

personal time to try to build us the best pool for our budget. His cautious and prudent approach is warranted. Yet I must express dismay that the hostilities between PARC and Ssplash, plus a lack of understanding or concern for this issue, would prevent him from accepting this offer now.

By accepting these funds to install the UV technology, PARC can help end the acrimonious impasse between Ssplash and demonstrate that, though unelected, PARC takes seriously the issues and concerns of the community. It may go a long way to building the trust that Ssplash needs to release the remaining \$200,000.

I would urge you to contact Peter Lake at PARC ([lake@saltspring.com](mailto:lake@saltspring.com)) to ask that PARC accept the Ssplash funds and install UV technology in Phase 1. The health of our community is worth it!

*The writer is a Salt Spring parent and health enthusiast. He can be reached at [mcontardi@telus.net](mailto:mcontardi@telus.net).*

## More letters

### Vegetation management

S. Brady's December 14 letter to the editor raised some points that the B.C. Transmission Corporation (BCTC) would like to respond to.

In order to maintain electrical-system reliability and public safety, BCTC is carrying out a planned "under-the-wire" vegetation management program to remove tall tree and brush vegetation. This planned work is required every three to four years to manage tall-growing vegetation under the transmission circuits.

Owners of property adjacent to the right-of-way were contacted in November and gave BCTC approval to clear all mature timber and previously topped roadside tree vegetation from their property. The work includes full clean-up and debris management.

B.C. Hydro Field Services crews are completing the work

on behalf of BCTC. Over the next few weeks they will be working along the transmission line from Mansell Road through to Rainbow Road.

There are some other areas on Salt Spring Island where vegetation management work is also required. We will be contacting property owners in those other areas to discuss the work early in the new year.

The B.C. Utilities Commission is currently reviewing BCTC's application for the Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project. The commission will hold a town hall meeting on Salt Spring Island at the ArtSpring theatre starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 7.

For more information on the application for the project and the review process, please visit the BCTC and B.C. Utilities Commission websites: [www.bctc.com](http://www.bctc.com) and [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com).

**RAY READ,**  
Vegetation biologist,  
BCTC

### Wood wanted

The community on Salt Spring Island never ceases to amaze me! Whenever one appeals to island residents and businesses for help, the response is typically overwhelming. Earlier this fall, I missed several opportunities due to illness — I just could not keep up with the response.

The Salt Spring Island Middle School woodworking exploratory program depends on regular donations of off-cuts, wood flooring, and plywood from which students may safely and economically gain some preliminary skills and interest in woodworking.

Thanks to many local contributors, our wood bins have been filled with lovely hardwoods, excellent cedar, cabinet grade plywood, and the occasional small box of exotics. With these donated treasures, students have made gorgeous cutting boards, boxes, small

furniture items and turnings. Donated wood means that money usually used for stock material can go towards quality finishes and new tools. Donated wood also means that young woodworkers can experiment with project ideas that, well... just don't work.

So, if your New Year's resolution is to clean out your shop, or your latest shipment of bubinga or black walnut is just not up to snuff; if you've just laid a hardwood floor and can't find a place to store all the off-cuts, or you've got small rounds of recently cut trees lying around, please consider donating your unwanted wood/plywood to help out the kids of SIMS.

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**MITCH HOWARD,**  
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# RANTS & ROSES

## ROSES

A pot full of mistletoe to the Salt Spring post office staff for delivering a handwritten Christmas envelope from an 88-year-old lady in England simply addressed to: Mr. Stephen Glanville, Salt Spring Island, B.C., Canada. Only on Salt Spring and at the North Pole! Santa.

Real kudos to the honest person who saved my Christmas and turned my lost backpack in to the RCMP on the weekend. Thank

you! Happy Holidays. (And thanks to the RCMP too, for being there for this service.)

Belated but nonetheless heartfelt bunches and bunches of fragrant roses to the exceedingly compassionate nursing staff; the cleaning and dietary staff that chose to whistle and sing in my room whilst I either blissfully hallucinated or whined and complained; and the good-humoured, excellent medical team that cared for me during my illness. Thanks especially to Dr. De Kock, for whom exemplary medical care is really just an excuse to practise his stand-up schtick. If one really must be ill, Lady Minto is the place to be. Blessings to all. MH

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**PULL-OUT SECTION**

## Milestones 2005

- A two-year-long drive by The Land Conservancy of B.C. to secure 40 hectares of forest land near Burgoyne Bay reached its goal in early May, following a Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological learning donation of \$10,000 (comprised of two \$5,000 contributions by the CRD and Salt Spring Foundation).
- Support from the Salt Spring Foundation and Victoria Foundation helped cap ArtSpring's campaign to purchase a community piano.
- Ground was broken in early July for a new assisted living complex at Greenwoods.
- A Salt Spring Island Conservancy-driven fundraising campaign resulted in purchase of the summit of Mount Erskine, which will ultimately receive provincial park status.

## Four Stars 2005

- Emergency service workers' aid in the January snowstorm and year-round;
- A paved Stewart Road;
- Altered ferry departure times from Fulford Harbour;
- Purchase of the Mount Erskine summit.

# Storms and stolen cats: looking back on '05



**Salt Spring essentially shut down for several days in January as 54 centimetres (21 inches) of snow fell in a three-day period. Falling trees and branches took out power lines and numerous islanders were without electricity for days. Others were stranded in their homes.**



**A group of islanders calling themselves the Keep Five Alive Coalition pushed for a return to the five-day school week. The community remained divided over the issue, with supporters and opponents, but school trustees voted unanimously to "keep four alive" for the 2005/06 school year.**

**FOUND IN THE DRIFTWOOD ISSUE OF JANUARY 5:** Enterprising islanders were showing compassion, diversity and ingenuity with relief aid for victims of the tsunami that struck South East Asia on Boxing Day. Coin jars appeared in island businesses, some locals were working directly with survivors in Indonesia and Thailand, emergency responders staged a "boot drive" and two fundraising musical events and an art sale had been set.

**JANUARY 12:** Locals were left freezing in the dark during a snow blizzard that ravaged Salt Spring and left thousands without power — some for several days. The storm spurred the opening of Salt Spring's emergency centre, which galvanized volunteers to help stranded people get groceries and medicine. Some 6,800 homes and businesses lost power during the blizzard, in which 54 centimetres (21 inches) of snow fell on the island in a three-day period.

**JANUARY 19:** Salt Spring fire trustees picked satellite phone technology over a controversial cell-antenna option. They opted to purchase two phones that can operate in moving vehicles, rather than lease the Ganges fire hall clock tower to Telus for cell-antenna installation.

**JANUARY 26:** Five Salt Spring homes were evacuated over fears of local mudslides following a fatal slide in North Vancouver the week before. Heavy rainfall soaked melting snow packs, forcing the evacuation of three homes on the Devine Drive cul-de-sac. A Tripp Road house was hit by a mudslide that piled some four feet of debris along one wall; and a voluntary evacuation also occurred at a Walker Hook residence.

**JANUARY 26:** A beaming Thai fisherman accepted the first boat provided by Salt Spring fundraising. Mr. Pean, one of 26 fishermen in a Sea Gypsy village near Phuket to lose his vessel in the tsunami, received a second-hand boat after islanders Tom and Trina Cairns drew his name in a lottery. The Salt Spring-based Sea Gypsies Relief Fund had already raised enough money to replace 16 boats.

**FEBRUARY 2:** MLA Murray Coell announced an infusion of provincial attention for Salt Spring governance and the Islands Trust. Coell said he would free up funds and staff to create a discussion paper on improving government in the Trust Area and especially on Salt Spring.

**FEBRUARY 9:** Amid the snow and rain of January, island weather observer Robert Aston reported an all-time record temperature. Aston, who has kept records on Salt Spring since 1966, said the thermometer hit 16.7 degrees Celsius (62 degrees Fahrenheit) on January 19, for the highest temperature ever recorded in January. A previous high of 15.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in 1984 at Victoria airport on January 4, 1984.

**FEBRUARY 16:** Poets Cove Seaside Resort and Spa on Pender Island was charged with violating the B.C. Heritage Conservation Act after allegedly digging up a midden to make way for a pool and roadway during a \$40-million development of the resort.

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## Accolades 2005

- Salt Spring's **Lynda Laushway** was honoured with a Woman of Distinction Award after being nominated along with fellow islander Ethel Magnus. She received the award in the category of Education, Training and Development.
- Grade 12 trumpet player and pianist **Simon Millerd** was chosen winner of a \$4,000 Kando Award at MusicFest Canada as he performed with GISS jazz musicians at the national festival.
- **Fiona McNinch**, 13, was off to Camp Kiawa in Ontario after her writing entry won a B.C.-wide Girl Guides of Canada contest.
- GISS grads **Nicola Temmel and Addi Perkins** were awarded coveted Millennium Scholarships. Temmel was also appointed as a page in the House of Commons — one of 40 selected from thousands of applicants.
- **Christina Walls** was named first runner-up in the Miss World Canada contest. The 21-year-old was selected from 29 other contestants, and also won the people's choice award through website voting.
- Salt Spring writer **Kathy Page's** novel Alphabet was nominated for a Governor General's award.
- **Susan and Julia Grace** were awarded as Rural Women of the Year 2005 for the South Vancouver Island District Women's Institute.

# Looking back on '05: school woes, elections

**FEBRUARY 23:** Members of Salt Spring's famous Slugs hockey team would be hanging up their skates for the last time, finishing a decades-long sports era. Ice time at Fuller Lake arena had become limited, following a surge in hockey activity on Vancouver Island.

**MARCH 9:** Travel guide writer John Villani lauded Salt Spring as the best art town in Canada, and the ninth in North America.

**MARCH 9:** A new party was set to colour the Canadian political landscape with a rainbow of sass and flair, according to Salt Spring's Robert Osbourne, interim leader of the Pink Party of Canada. "We strive to add more play, frivolity and theatre to the political process."

**MARCH 16:** Funeral services were set for long-time islander Ivan Mouat, who died from cancer on March 11. The 84-year-old was born and raised on Salt Spring, and involved in numerous island organizations.

**MARCH 16:** School secretary treasurer Rod Scotvold painted a grim funding picture at a public meeting, March 9. School trustees later gave notice of motion to adopt a four-day week calendar again next year.

**MARCH 23:** Planning for Salt Spring's indoor pool dove into the fast lane with a \$2-million infrastructure grant, allowing PARC to lower the amount of property taxes for the \$4.5-million project on Rainbow Road.

**MARCH 30:** Some 465 islanders turned out to vote in the fire trustee election — but the results wouldn't be made public until the department's annual general meeting the following Tuesday. Bruce Patterson and Mary Gillies were ultimately named the winners.

**MARCH 30:** Stan Lam was set to retire from his position behind the counter at Harbour Food Market, where he had become an island icon after 22 years as owner of the business.

**APRIL 6:** A local ferry voice would get its say after Salt Spring's Doreen Hewitt was appointed to the B.C. Ferry Authority's board of directors.

**APRIL 6:** Continued frustration over an allegedly illegal gravel pit operation prompted Stewart Road Residents Association members to create a human roadblock aimed at preventing gravel trucks from accessing the property.

**APRIL 20:** One of the island's most cherished peaks — Mount Erskine — was offered for sale to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy by its long-



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**Fritz the Cinema Cat** made headlines when he was taken from his home at Cinema Central by a woman from Richmond who feared for his safety at the busy Central intersection. The cat was returned the following day amid a huge community outcry.

time owner, sparking a fundraising campaign to raise \$650,000 by the end of March.

**APRIL 27:** The fledgling fundraising drive to purchase the peak at Mount Erskine got an early boost with a anonymous donation of \$60,000.

**APRIL 27:** Stewart Road drivers prepared to find an alternate route as a 10-year plan to upgrade and pave the mid-island road was set to get underway.

**MAY 4:** A jammed truck at Vesuvius ferry terminal delayed sailings for two hours and trapped some 25 vehicles aboard the Howe Sound Queen. After two rows of cars disembarked from the vessel, a large cement truck got stuck on the ramp and trapped four

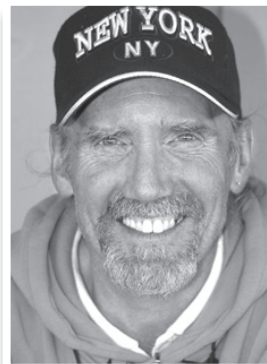
rows of vehicles aboard the ferry.

**MAY 11:** Forty-seven teams in 10 divisions competed in the Salt Spring Youth Soccer Association's annual May tournament, with the local U10 Warthogs grabbing a top spot trophy in its division.

**MAY 25:** Liberal MLA Murray Coell hung onto his Saanich and the Gulf Islands seat in the provincial election, but NDP candidate Christine Hunt was tops among Gulf Islands voters. Coell won the seat (43.9%), followed by Hunt, (37.28%) Salt Spring's Ken Rouleau of the Green party (15.07%) and Democratic Reform candidate Ian Bruce (3.74%).

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## Elected officials 2005



Elected officials making decisions on Salt Spring (at least until the November elections) included, from left, islands trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger, Islands Trust chair David Essig (who retired in December), and CRD director Gary Holman (re-elected).

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## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Dec 28, 2005 to Jan 3, 2006

- WEDNESDAY, DEC 28**
- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ On the Nose (2001, Comedy)** A determined janitor steals a severed head which is rumoured to bring good fortune. *Robbie Coltrane, Brenda Blethyn* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★ Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005, Comedy)** FBI agent Gracie goes undercover once more when Cheryl Frasier and Stan Fields are kidnapped. *Sandra Bullock, Regina King* (2h)
- 10 Shania, une vie en huit albums** Portrait of la vie et carrière de Shania Twain, de son enfance à sa rencontre avec Mutt Lange. (2h)
- 8:00 PM
- 2 Her Royal Affair (2005, Romance)** The heart-wrenching story of the star-crossed lovers, Wallis Simpson and Edward VIII. *Joely Richardson, Stephen Campbell Moore* (2h)
- 7 Mind Over Murder (2005, Suspense)** A top prosecutor awakens from an accident and learns she can hear other's thoughts. *Tori Spelling, Dean McDermott* (2h)
- 13 ★★★★★ As Good as It Gets (1997, Comedy)** An obsessive recluse's life changes when he meets a waitress and befriends his neighbour. *Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt* (3h)
- 24 ★★ The Ghost and the Darkness (1996, Adventure)** An engineer and a hunter set out to kill two lions that have been terrorizing a village. *Val Kilmer, Michael Douglas* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 4 ★★ Heart of the Sun (1998, Drama)** During the Depression, a simple-minded woman is haunted by the priest that molested her. *Christianne Hirt, Shaun Johnston* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 3 ★ Van Helsing (2004, Action)** A famed monster hunter must battle Count Dracula, the Wolf Man and Frankenstein's Monster. *Hugh Jackman, Kate Beckinsale* (2h30)
- 14 ★★★★★ The Woman Next Door (1981, Romance)** Bernard discovers that his neighbour is the woman he had an affair with a year ago. *Gérard Depardieu, Fanny Ardant* (2h)
- 11:25 PM
- 2 ★★★★★ An Affair to Remember (1957, Romance)** A couple falls in love on an ocean liner and agrees to meet six months later in New York. *Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr* (2h)

## THURSDAY, DEC 29

- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ The First Wives Club (1996, Comedy)** A funeral reunites three friends who decide to exact revenge upon their ex-husbands. *Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler* (1h45)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★★★★ Coach Carter (2005, Drama)** A basketball coach keeps his team from playing until they can improve their grades. *Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Richardson* (2h15)
- 10 ★★★★★ Six jours, sept nuits (1998, Action)** Un pilote et sa passagère vivent une aventure inattendue sur une île déserte. *Anne Heche, Harrison Ford* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
- 8 Falcon Beach (2005, Drama)** Young people of various social and economic backgrounds interact at a lakeside resort. *Steve Byers, Jennifer Kydd* (2h)
- 13 25 ★★ Shallow Hal (2001, Comedy)** A shallow man falls for an obese woman when he is hypnotized to only see inner beauty. *Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black* (2h)
- 24 ★★ Full Disclosure (2001, Thriller)** A reporter follows a lead that gets him into a jam with the FBI and a Palestinian group. *Virginia Madsen, Penelope Ann Miller* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 29 ★★★★★ Tea for Two (1950, Musical)** A jazz singer must answer "no" to every question for 24 hours in order to get \$25,000. *Doris Day, Gordon MacRae* (2h)
- 9:15 PM
- 3 ★★★★★ Hotel Rwanda (2004, Drama)** During the genocide in Rwanda, a Hutu hotel manager grants shelter to thousands of Tutsi refugees. *Don Cheadle, Nick Nolte* (2h15)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ The Lord of the Rings (1978, Animated)** A good-natured hobbit embarks on an epic journey to destroy a powerful evil ring. *Voices of Christopher Guard, William Squire* (2h30)
- 11:25 PM
- 2 ★★★★★ Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961, Comedy/Drama)** A writer meets a free-spirited woman who lives an unconventional social life in New York. *Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard* (2h)
- 11:30 PM
- 3 ★★ Ginger Snaps Back: The Beginning (2004, Horror)** Sisters encounter werewolves at a 19th-century outpost in the Canadian wilderness. *Katharine Isabelle, Emily Perkins* (1h45)

## FRIDAY, DEC 30

- 6:00 PM
- 20 ★★ Lake Placid (1999, Action)** A local game warden takes on a mutant crocodile terrorizing a small town in Maine. *Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda* (2h)

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**- Salt Spring Holiday Hours -**  
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Saturday December 31: 7:30am - 6pm  
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Monday, January 2: 7:30am - 8pm

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502	NEWS	390	CBC News: Today	News	News	News			News	News	News	News	Various	Politics	Can. Now	Various	News	Various	
289	KIRO	381	The Early Show	Montel Williams	Price-Right/F Y & R				Young & Restless	News	Bold & B.	WorldTurn	M Golf	W TH TU Guid.	Light	Various	Brown		
288	KOMO	380	M Roses Parade	Regis & Kelly	View/Football				KOMO 4 News	All My Children	One Life	Football	General Hospital	Northwest					
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### Galiano author pumps up intrigue with second stockbroker whodunit

*The Next Ex* by Linda L. Richards, Published by MIRA, 2005, 377 pp., \$8.50.

By **CHERIE THIESSEN**  
Driftwood Contributor

Word on the street is that whodunit addicts can relax. Their next fix is here. *The Next Ex* is just out and positive reviews are just in.

Day trader Madeline Carter, who edgily made her entrance in *Mad Money*, is once again the protagonist and sleuth in Richards' second novel. Most readers will be happy to welcome her back — she's strong-willed, original and knows what she wants. It's always a treat to follow a powerful female through a novel, especially one who does not mirror the qualities of male detectives. There's nothing clichéd about Madeline.

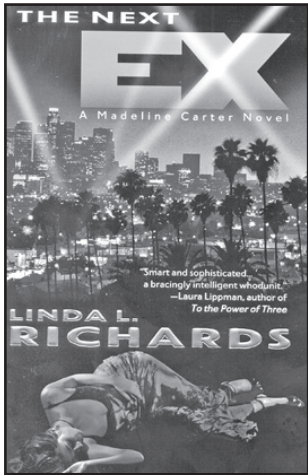
She has been persuaded by a good friend, whose apartment she rents, to teach the fifth wife of a fabulously wealthy movie producer about the stock market. It seems this beautiful wife has some qualms about how long she will last in this role and is therefore already planning her next career.

She doesn't last on any level, however. Her body is discovered by Carter at a glitzy party the doomed hostess was holding, bad news for Carter who was becoming fond of her. Bad news for another reason as well: as the murders pile up, guess who winds up being the prime suspect?

Richards, who lives and works on Galiano Island, is the editor of *January Magazine*, a popular review website she co-founded in 1997 ([www.januarymagazine.com](http://www.januarymagazine.com)). It's not surprising, therefore, that after reviewing hundreds of books, she was finally motivated to write herself.

*Mad Money* was nominated for the Arthur Ellis Award for best first novel, so it was no surprise when she hunkered down to give Madeline an extended life.

But why a stockbroker?



As the feisty trader begins to explain the ins and outs of the stock market to Keesia,

the soon-to-be-dead wife, it's clear that the author herself knows well of what she writes, and she writes of it with passion. On her website, Richard elucidates:

*My father and I are embarking on an outing . . . He has told me we are going to the stock market. I am extremely excited. I am imagining stock: cows and pigs and horses and goats . . . There are no cows. No pigs or goats . . . It is a big room with a lot of men and a lot of shouting . . .*

*As I would later learn, I was on the floor of the old Vancouver Stock Exchange which, as any Vancouverite of long standing will be able*

*to tell you, was one of the most nefarious exchanges of all . . . I was — right there and on that day — bitten by some odd bug."*

Be warned: this is one of those books that can ruin your whole day. It's unput-downable.

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## Crosstalk on crosswalks

I hate our crosswalks. I try never to use them. The idea that a vehicle, or worse, a line of them, has to stop to allow ME to cross the road, offends me.

Chances are very good that if I just wait a few seconds I can cross safely anyway without forcing one or more cars to waste brake linings and fuel stopping and starting just to let ME cross. Bah!

But, more important, what really bugs is the way these white stripes in the road are abused by unthinking, careless, or even stupid pedestrians. And how dangerous these seemingly innocent "safety" devices thus become.

Just watch: how often do you see someone who should know better just step off the curb and into the road without pausing or looking in either direction *just because there's a crosswalk there* (always depending on the "kindness of strangers"). Try that in Toronto, you'll quickly become a rather large grease spot on Yonge Street.

Here's another one: you're motoring along at a reasonable rate of speed and

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approaching a crosswalk. When you're 10 or 12 feet way, some yahoo steps off the curb. You slam on the brakes endangering yourself, your passengers, your car (from the dude following too close behind), and the pedestrian.

Here's what the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act has to say in Section 179, Paragraph (2): "A pedestrian must not leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close it is impracticable for the driver to yield the right of way."

There is no provincial statute regarding my next tip, but many municipalities have enacted "point and cross" bylaws. To wit: before the pedestrian steps off the curb or "other place of safety," he or she must signal intent to cross the road. The signal is usually just raising an arm and pointing ahead. Then the

crosser waits for the traffic to stop and heads on out.

One of the silliest things I've seen is someone simply standing on a curb and waiting, hoping, I suppose, that some good-hearted soul with ESP will get the message: "I want to cross here." What, should everyone stop in the street just because you're standing on the curb? Not me.

Of course there are those angelic souls who stop anywhere and anytime they see somebody standing somewhere near the road — even if there is no crosswalk around.

I hate unlighted crosswalks because they are confusing and unsafe; they breed impatience and carelessness. One of the first things my mum taught me was how to cross a street. I've been doing it for three score and 11 years now — without injury and mostly without painted crosswalks.

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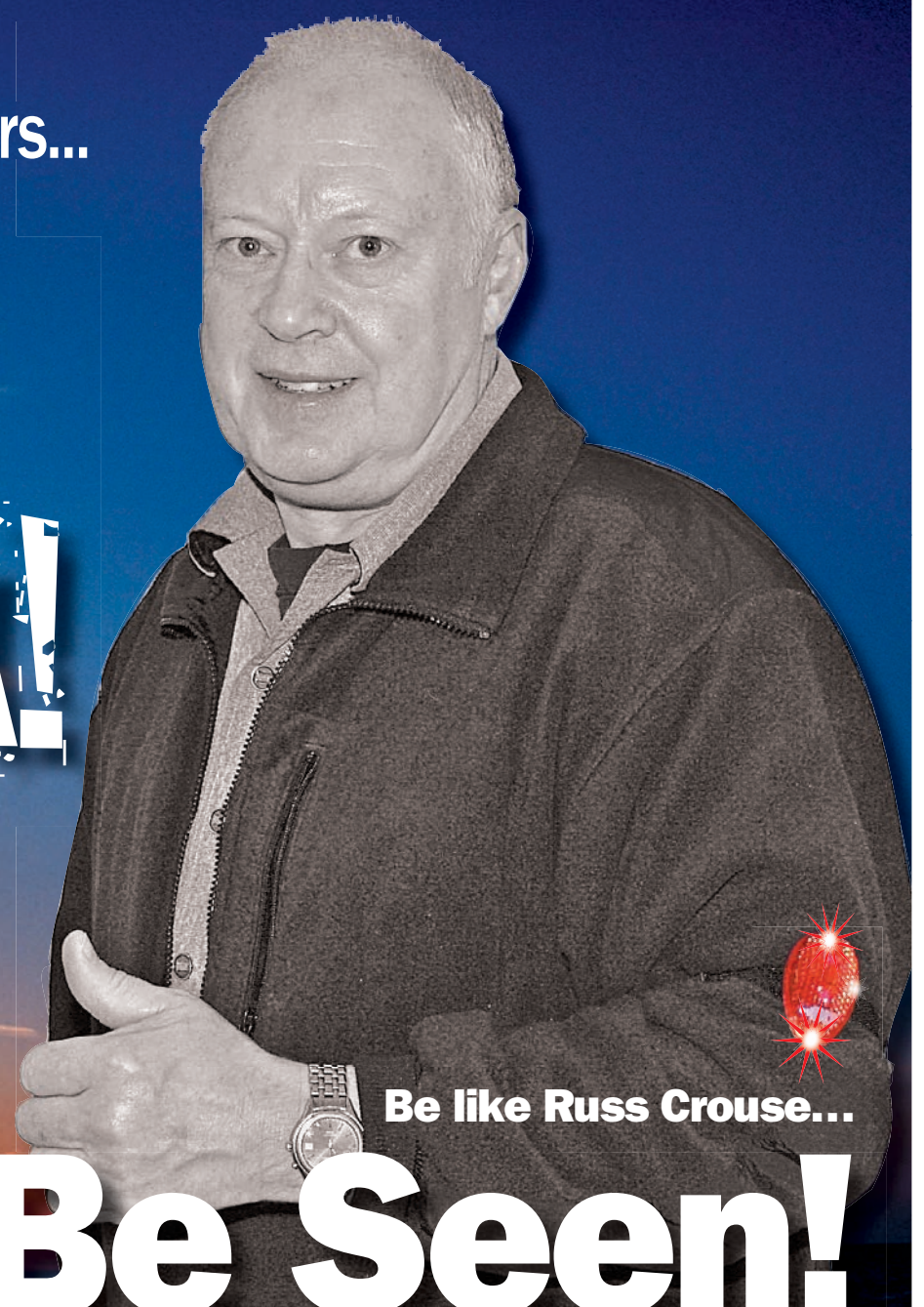
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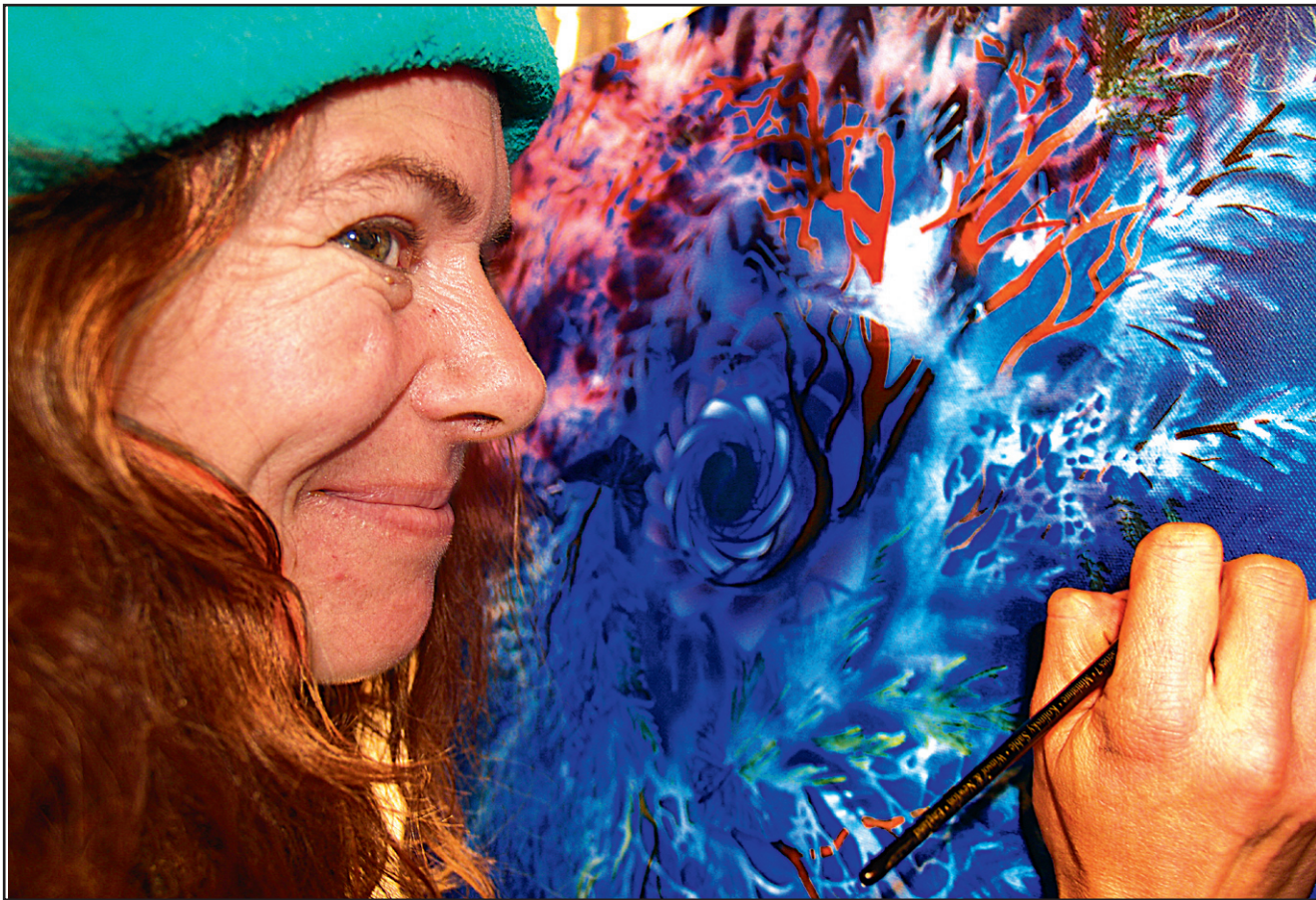
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**EYE TO EYE:** Salt Spring artist Sekoya Dawn paints at the Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair held at Mahon Hall as shoppers took advantage of the community-based event.   
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

## World poetry gala entries accepted

Gulf Islands poets are invited to submit work for the World Poetry Gala set for the Vancouver Public Library in February.

The group, spearheaded by former Salt Spring resident Ariadne Sawyer, celebrates its fifth anniversary on February 24 at 7:30 p.m., but the deadline for poetry submissions is Thursday, January 5.

"This is a call for poetry submissions on the following themes which we feel best describe 'world poetry' values," said Sawyer. "World poetry gala celebration, respect, peace, caring, support, love and compassion. All poetic forms and all ages are welcome."

The poems will form a living wall of verse at the February 24 gala and will be displayed on the library's third floor in the literacy section through February.

To submit a poem, please use the following guidelines:

1. Size 12-14 font.
2. English and other languages.
3. Name and copyright at the bottom of the poem.

Contact Sawyer at [ariadnes@uniserve.com](mailto:ariadnes@uniserve.com) or (604) 526-4729 for more information.

When the poems are received, they will be printed and taken to the library for both the upstairs and gala displays.

The World Poetry Reading Series consists of over 300 poets, musicians and writers from 55 countries, including a strong Canadian component, located in Vancouver. There is also a weekly radio show (World Poetry Café Radio Show) on CFRO 102.7 FM, every Tuesday from 9-10 p.m. Pacific Time. To listen live, go to [www.coopradio.org](http://www.coopradio.org) and follow the instructions.

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Second Story Theatre, the new umbrella title for the GISS theatre department, is

hosting Eugene Ionesco's *The Bald Soprano* with Daniel MacIvor's *Never Swim Alone* and *This is a Play*.

*The Bald Soprano* (featuring GISS students Jordan Roper, Gemma Tunmore, Alex Corley, Sarah Lemky, Joel Eddington and April Mackey) turns logic on its head in a bizarre world where language and time are inadequate tools.

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GISS students used cross casting in MacIvor's poetic exploration of competition and success titled *Never Swim Alone*.

The play pits two long-time friends (Caitlin Cunningham and Emily Myers) against one another in a series of 13 "rounds" of increasing intensity. Each round is orchestrated and scored by a referee (Shawn Lee). In their world of winners and losers

However, instead of hearing the standard theatrical dialogue, the audience is privy to the plagued thoughts of the thespians (Bonn Smith, Stephanie McMahon, Emily Little) regarding the script, their fellow actors and life in the theatre.

Throughout the performance, a disembodied voice (Aaron Poole) completes the journey from realist to surrealism with commentary on creativity and originality.

*Sub\*Script\*Tion* hits Art-Spring at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, January 6-7. (Tickets are \$10 each or \$15 for tickets to see both *Sub\*Script\*Tion* and *Marat/Sade* on January 19-20.)

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SATURDAY, DEC 31
10:35 PM
99 ★★ The Program (1993, Sport) Desperate for a winning team, a coach will do anything to recruit promising young players. James Caan, Halle Berry (1h35)

SUNDAY, JAN 1
6:00 PM
14 ★★★ Beverly Hills Cop (1984, Comedy) A Detroit police officer goes to Los Angeles to track down his best friend's killer. Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold (2h15)

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3 ★★★ Ocean's Twelve (2004, Comedy) Danny Ocean and his gang of thieves must pull off three major heists in Europe. Brad Pitt, Catherine Zeta-Jones (2h15)

13 25 ★★ Vertical Limit (2000, Action) A climber must rescue his sister on top of K2, one of the world's biggest mountains. Chris O'Donnell, Robin Tunney (2h30)

4 ★★★ The Life of David Gale (2003, Drama) An advocate of eliminating the death penalty is convicted of murder and sent to death row. Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet (2h)

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MONDAY, JAN 2
6:00 PM
14 ★★★ Grease (1978, Musical) A leather-jacketed boy and a goody-two-shoes girl fall in and out of love in the 1950s. John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John (2h)

3 ★★ Darklight (2004, Sci-Fi) A secret society trains a young woman to defeat a demon by using her concealed powers. Shiri Appleby, Richard Burgi (1h30)

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 3. Table with columns for time slots (4:00-11:30) and channels (CBC, MC, CITY, KING, CH, CTVCB, GBLBC, KCTS, SRC, KNOW, CITY, BRAVO, HIST, TLC, FAM, A&E, TSN, RSP, KSTW, KVOS, KCPQ, NEWS, KIRO, KOMO, VISION).

TUESDAY, JAN 3
7:00 PM
3 ★ Blood Suckers (2005, Horror) Intergalactic vampire hunters arrive to rid the universe of vampires. Leanne Adachi, A.J. Cook (2h)

23 ★★ Devil's Pond (2003, Thriller) A honeymoon becomes a nightmare when a husband plots to trap his new wife on an island. Kip Pardue, Tara Reid (2h)

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**Simply Organic.**  
 Barry Valentine organ recital, followed by muffic & coffee at All Saints, 10:10 am

**Wednesday Night Live!**  
 Open stage at Moby's Pub. Hosted by Bob Delion, 8 pm

**other activities**

**Seniors Excursion Program.**  
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**thurs. december 29**

**live entertainment**

**Soul Shakedown.**  
 Rockin' soul & blues at Tree House South.

**fri. december 30**

**live entertainment**

**Billie Woods.**  
 Samba, bossa nova at Tree House South.

**other activities**

**Rollerblading to Music.**  
 All ages at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm

**Ganges Yoga Studio Open House.**  
 11-3

**sat. december 31**

**live entertainment**

**New Year's Party.**  
 Dance to Four Twenty from 9 p.m. on at the Fulford Pub.

**New Year's Eve Reggae Bash.**  
 Featuring Cultivators Reunion. Dub Chanter Wassawa from Jamaica and DJ Intrinsic from Victoria. All ages, Beaver Point Hall, 8 pm

**The Sundogs.**  
 New Year's Party at Barb's Buns, 9 pm

**DJ Simone.**  
 New Year's Eve at Moby's Pub.

**New Year's Eve Dine & Dance.**  
 Swing Shift Band at Meaden Hall. Dinner at 7; dancing from 9 pm

**sun. january 1**

**other activities**

**Polar Bear Swim.**  
 Vesuvius Beach. Costume theme: Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire. Prizes! Registration 12:30 pm; plunge at 1 pm.

**mon. january 2**

**other activities**

**Tots' Yoga.**  
 At Ganges Yoga Studio, 2:30-3:15 pm.

**Kids' Yoga.**  
 At Ganges Yoga Studio, 3:45-4:30 pm

**Teen Yoga.**  
 At Ganges Yoga Studio, 4:45-5:45 pm

**Floor Hockey.**  
 Mondays at Fulford Hall, 7-9 pm

**tues. january 3**

**other activities**

**Schools Re-open.**  
 Gulf Islands School District schools are back in session at their regular times.

**Yoga Wall II.** At Ganges Yoga Studio, 9-11 am

**Seniors' Chair Yoga.**  
 At Ganges Yoga Studio, 11 am to noon.

**wed. january 4**

**live entertainment**

**Simply Organic.** Barry Valentine organ recital, followed by muffic & coffee at All Saints, 10:10 am

**other activities**

**Kirtan Singing.** Free at Ganges Yoga Studio, 7-9 pm

**North End Toy Library.** SS Elementary multi-purpose room, 10-11:30 am.



**What's On is online at [www.gulfislands.net](http://www.gulfislands.net)**

**cinema**

- **King Kong** — In 1933 New York, a movie producer coerces his cast and hired shop crew to travel to mysterious Skull Island, where they encounter Kong, a giant ape who is immediately smitten with leading lady Ann Darrow.
- **Chicken Little** and **Water** are both held over for Wed., Dec. 28 and Thurs., Dec. 29 shows.

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**SSTV Cable Channel 12** broadcasts continuously for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3.

**The James Seed Company** — Recently the Salt Spring Historical Society presented a talk by Mary Hogg, the granddaughter of Percival James, a trained horticulturalist from England and the father of four sons who began the seed company. Founded in 1914, the James Seed Co. was an important part of Salt Spring history and once the largest wholly Canadian mail order seed company.

**exhibitions**

- **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** presents select original works by A.J. Casson, Robert Pilot, A.Y. Jackson, Walter Phillips, Robert Lougheed, Robert Genn, Richard Calver, G. Roberts, Nell Bradshaw and Adrian Dingle, beginning Wed., Dec. 28.
- **SS Painters Guild** — paintings done under instruction are shown through December 31 in the **ArtSpring** open space.
- **Deb Hagarty** shows photography at **Moby's** through December and January, and at Jana's Bake Shop.
- **Ella Topaz** shows mixed media work at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- **joji** has paintings at **Barb's Buns** and at **Salt Spring Books** for the month of December.

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## Passages 2005

- Ivan Mouat died at age 84.
- Stan Lam retired from Harbour Food Market after 22 years.
- Deborah Miller retired from 35 years of teaching on the Gulf Islands.
- Ron Reznick and his bicycle shorts were the first casualty of the Driftwood's Survivor III – Reunion. (John Dolman later won the contest for the second time.)
- Santy Fuoco died on April 30.
- Dick Stubbs retired after 16 years in the building inspection biz.
- Popular watering hole Moby's Pub closed on July 11 (and was then re-opened in December).
- Fritz the Cinema Cat was stolen (and later returned) to his home at Cinema Central in August.

## Looking back

**JUNE 1:** Salt Spring Island trustees did an about-face on proposed vacation rental bylaws following a jam-packed public hearing. If passed, only people living on Salt Spring for 184 days per year would have been able to rent their primary dwellings to tourists for a 60-day annual stretch. Instead, trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth instructed staff to do what was necessary to make a limited number of temporary use permits available for people wanting to operate vacation rentals.

**JUNE 8:** Valedictorian Rebecca Dixon gave her speech to students, friends and family as 140 students in the Gulf Islands Secondary School class of 2005 attended grad ceremonies at the high school.

**JUNE 15:** More than 100 people applauded architect Alan Roy's plans for the indoor pool, but PARC's decision to cut out the leisure pool for now churned up lots of controversy.

**JUNE 29:** Despite an April plan to construct an indoor tennis facility at the Rainbow Road recreation site, PARC decided at a June meeting to instead build a permanent, soft-shell structure on two existing courts at Portlock Park.

**JULY 6:** Salt Spring was shocked by the pending closure of Moby's Marine Pub. The pub was set to close the following Monday, allowing new owners to focus on marina and retail development potential at the site. Anise Restaurant and Inn quietly closed the same week.

**JULY 20:** The purchase of a seven-bedroom character house on Dean Road marked the first acquisition by the Salt Spring Land Bank Society, and was being praised as a major step towards alleviating the island's affordable housing shortage.

**JULY 27:** Sailing to and from Salt Spring became more expensive as B.C. Ferries implemented a fuel surcharge on all its routes.

**AUGUST 3:** Salt Spring Islanders were horrified and outraged by the "theft" of Fritz the Cinema Cat. The community cat, which officially belongs to Cathie Newman, was taken overnight by a



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY/GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD



Above, Barry Edwards, manager of Moby's Pub, sits at an empty table after the long-time, popular watering hole closed its doors in early July. At left, dignitaries attend a ground-breaking ceremony for a new assisted living facility at Greenwoods.

woman from Richmond, who felt his home at the busy Central intersection was unsafe.

**AUGUST 3:** A big chunk of money (\$125,000) donated by the Nature Conservancy of Canada ensured the \$650,000 goal to purchase the peak of Mount Erskine would be met.

**AUGUST 17:** The process of acquiring bids for an indoor tennis structure by PARC had come under investigation by the CRD, following a complaint by island resident Mike Best. A week later, the district announced it was satisfied with the process, and let the bid by Cover-All Pacific stand.

**AUGUST 24:** Students from the Class of 2005 broke academic records at Gulf Islands Secondary School when the Ministry of Education reported provincial-exam results. Local students qualified for 25 provincial scholarships, up from a 2002 record of 17.

**AUGUST 31:** A plan to convert the former fish packing plant on Rainbow Road into a 27-unit affordable housing complex took a step forward as local trustees gave first reading to the project, launched by property owners Richard and Rose Murakami.

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# Tempests resolved, recurring, regressing and revived

## Cell-out

Fire trustees pulled the plug on the installation of a Telus cell-antenna on the fire hall after some sizzling hot, community-wide debate.

## Keeping four alive

**JANUARY:** Four-day school week survey gets 1,579 responses, with 59 per cent giving it the thumbs up, 17 per cent remaining neutral, and 21 per cent giving it two thumbs down.

But the Keep Five Alive Coalition found a fresh target with the survey, calling it "quasi-scientific with no real validity."

**FEBRUARY:** Four-day opposer Pete Williams finds a school board bylaw that

requires the school board seek parental approval for calendar changes through a vote. But school board chair May McKenzie dismissed the discovery, saying the 1994 bylaw is old and outdated, superseded by 2002 legislation. The bylaw was later turfed by a unanimous vote.

**FEBRUARY:** A 1,000-signature petition calling for a return to the five-day school week was introduced to the Legislature by opposition MLA Jenny Kwan . . . and then tabled. Some 20 KFAC members rented a bus and met with Kwan to hear it read in the House.

In the meantime, an analysis of the 7,000 comments collected from the four-day school week questionnaire by Saturna business consultant David Cheslow indicated that the extra day off appeared to be balancing added stress related to longer

school hours.

**APRIL:** The school board fashioned a new consultation process to discuss the four-day issue which, instead of a public free-for-all, would be facilitated in small groups moving from station to station at set times.

Five-alivers scoffed at the process, and some guests called it a "farce" and left in disgust.

Amid impassioned pleas from some quarters the following week and positive speeches from the other camp, the school board voted unanimously to repeat the four-day week in September.

## Power to the people

**FEBRUARY 2:** The British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC)

announced a public info meeting to discuss a proposal to upgrade transmission lines from Delta to Vancouver Island via Galiano and Salt Spring. Opposition to the plan sparked two new acronyms: IRAHVOL (Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines) and TRAHVOL (Tssawassen Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines).

**MARCH:** IRAHVOL and TRAHVOL opposition forced BCTC to review its plan. The Islands Trust and CRD jumped into the fray with letters to BCTC urging consideration of alternative plans.

**JUNE:** More than 200 people took time out from gardening on a sunny Saturday afternoon to attend a question and answer session held by BCTC at ArtSpring.

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# Looking back on '05

**SEPTEMBER 7:** Former Salt Spring lawyer Jonathan Oldroyd submitted court testimony describing a complicated juggling act of properties, mortgages and loans, involving his own assets and \$2.1 million of estate funds.

**SEPTEMBER 14:** Salt Spring's first "public" merging of gay and straight communities exceeded the expectations and dreams of its organizers with a full-house panel at ArtSpring, a dance, film festival and Ruckle Park picnic.

**SEPTEMBER 28:** Teachers province wide took the first tentative steps in a dispute with their employers, withdrawing some services such as the writing of interim reports.

**SEPTEMBER 28:** Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee gave the green light to an affordable housing development on Norton Road in the hopes it would alleviate a "worsening housing crisis."

**OCTOBER 12:** B.C. teachers walked off the job in what ultimately amounted to a two-week closure of schools.

**OCTOBER 19:** The Local Trust Committee "deep-sixed" the development plan at Ganges Marina after numerous public meetings and debate.

**NOVEMBER 2:** Islanders rallied around Salt Spring resident Josip Budimcic after he was branded a "war criminal" in a front-page story in the Victoria Times Colonist. Budimcic was unable to speak in his own defence before he consulted with his lawyer after accusations were made public that he'd tortured and executed prisoners during war in the former Yugoslavia. He submitted a written statement to the Driftwood the following week, outlining the circumstances around the "false accusations."

**NOVEMBER 16:** The Driftwood published a record 18 pages of letters as islanders fought to express their opinions on forthcoming election issues. At the same time, 25 people attended the only official public event dissecting a library referendum issue — which would consider purchase of a piece of property in Ganges for a future library building.

**NOVEMBER 23:** Salt Spring voters spoke, re-electing Gary Holman as CRD director, sending Peter Lamb and George Ehring to the Islands Trust, and returning Mike Krayenhoff and Charles Hingston, along with newcomer Wolfgang Temmel, to the school board. Just over 54 per cent of islanders said "yes" to the library question, agreeing to purchase the land in downtown Ganges.

**NOVEMBER 30:** Saanich-Gulf Islands federal election candidates were already on the campaign trail, following passage of a non-confidence motion in the House of Commons and a dissolution of Parliament. Declared candidates included incumbent Conservative Gary Lunn, Liberal Sheila Orr, the NDP's Jennifer Burgis and the Green Party's Andrew Lewis.

**NOVEMBER 30:** Moby's Pub was set to reopen under the new ownership of Barry Kazakoff and partners.

**DECEMBER 7:** A 36-year-old man from Comox was killed in a collision on Upper Ganges Road. The same week two girls were hit while walking on the crosswalk at the base of Rainbow Road, sparking cries for better road safety.

**DECEMBER 21:** Local RCMP arrested a 28-year-old island man after he allegedly shot an acquaintance in the hand with a 22-calibre rifle following an argument.

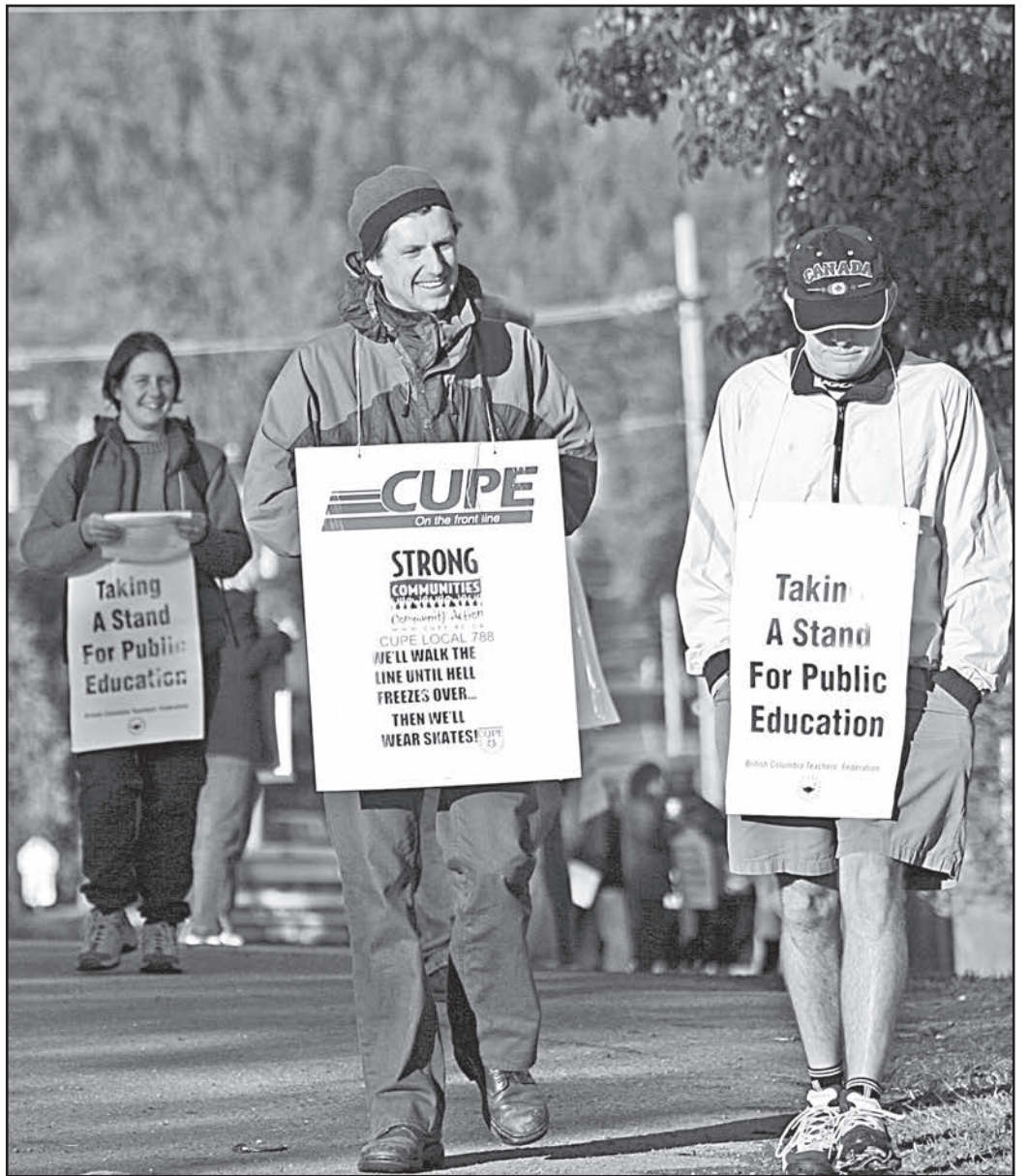


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**CUPE workers joined teachers on the picket line during a two-week strike in which teachers demanded smaller classes, additional funds for special needs students and a salary increase.**

## Opinion 2005

in no particular order were: Helen Hinchliffe, Tom Pickett, Chris Dixon, Virginia Newman, Nina Raginsky, Mona Fertig, Jack Hallam, Kathy Page, Ben Goodman, Maggie Schubart, Brian and Janet Finmore, Timothy Hume, Nancy Wigen, Dwight Jones and Richard Moses.

- The two people apparently writing the most frequently in 2005 were Jan Slakov and Ron Milton.

- The Driftwood ran 888 letters on a variety of issues in 2005.
- Opinion pieces in the InDepth, Viewpoint and In-response spaces amounted to more than 100 additional "letters."
- Names appearing most frequently at the bottom of letters (excluding elected officials and election candidates)

## Tempests 2005

### Treading water: pool

A March infrastructure grant announcement of \$2 million turned out to be the start of pool pugnacity when an April reality check by architect Alan Roy indicated the island's dream pool was already boasting a \$1.6-million shortfall. This churned up a community storm over the spending of the grant, which some wanted put towards the pool facility, while others held PARC to its promise of reduced taxes.

(The following week, the Salt Spring Ice Park Society announced it had a better idea — put the \$2 million into an ice rink on the same site.)

In June, PARC decides to chop the leisure pool component from the indoor pool plan, bringing costs back down but pushing Ssplash into a frenzied whirlpool.

To this end, Ssplash makes waves at the CRD board in September,

requesting it force PARC to spend the referendum-authorized amount of money (and build the leisure pool), rather than returning infrastructure money to taxpayers.

The CRD listened politely and viewed a 2,067-signature petition brought to another meeting, but ultimately upheld PARC's position.

By the end of the year, machinery had actually pushed around some dirt on the property, and it appeared construction — sans leisure pool — was underway.

### Plans, going and gone

Plans to develop a portion of Ganges Harbour took a step forward in early July when revised Bylaw 404 received first reading.

In September, about 70 people attended a three-hour information session on the proposal, which would involve infilling of a 597-square-metre area of Ganges Harbour to facilitate construction of

a 1,533-square-metre building for accommodation and residential units, retail space and parking. A commercial lot across the street would be rezoned for multi-family residential use.

Later the same month, trustee Kimberly Lineger decided to extend a public hearing after more than 200 people crammed into the Baptist church and the two-hour meeting had to stop so Local Trust Committee chair David Essig could catch a ferry. The following week, trustees tabled their decision after several hours of meeting, again so Essig could catch a ferry.

When the LTC finally bowed to public pressure and pulled the plug on the project in mid-October, developer Robyn Kelln said the marina would now be developed under current zoning. This meant two waterfront lots would be put on the market, and plans for a hotel next to the middle school would proceed.

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# GREAT VOLUNTEERS *of* SALT SPRING



## Marilyn Marshall

### Stats

- Full name:** Marilyn Marshall
- Lived on Salt Spring:** 21 years
- Spouse/kids/grandkids:** Two sons
- Likes:** Music, gardening, people, food and gatherings
- Dislikes:** Apathy
- Future ambitions:** To live in a peaceful world
- Words of advice:** "To dare is to lose one's footing momentarily. To not dare is to lose oneself." (Soren Kierkegaard)

## Activist passes the volunteer baton

By MITCHELL SHERRIN

Staff Writer

Salt Spring's Marilyn Marshall has established a distinguished reputation as a local peace and social-justice activist with years of volunteer work in a number of island organizations.

"I speak up when I see injustices in the community — dogs, children and the poor," she laughed.

Her connection to volunteerism began when she was invited to help out in classrooms by a fellow parent when her children first started school 15 years ago, she said.

"If you have a child in the school system, you have to be involved in more than just a homework way."

She joined the local parents' advisory council (PAC), moved on to the district PAC and represented parents at the Gulf Islands School Board for the past six years until her youngest child graduated in the spring of 2005.

"It's time for someone else to carry the baton," she said last week.

Marshall gained great respect for local school trustees by watching them wrestle with issues to provide a quality education system for island students, she said.

"Most people don't see the struggle and personal sacrifice that goes on behind those doors."

And schools need parental input to create the best educational system possible, she said.

"We have to be a visible presence at that table."

Along with her struggles to support education on the islands, Marshall has also been recognized as a visible member of Salt Spring's Concerned Citizens Coalition (CCC), the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (CVOWP), the Crofton Airshed Citizens Group, the local NDP club and Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation.

"You can't just sit at home and say, 'I'm fine here,' when there are all these tragedies going on."

She worked with the CCC to bring the public eye to changes that occurred after the B.C. Liberal government came into office and she found that CVOWP drew attention to worldwide issues, she said.

She's always had an interest in the environment, but became a vocal opponent to the Crofton pulp mill when the company applied to start an



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**VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER:** Marilyn Marshall holds a plaque that was given to her for organizing the local Terry Fox Run between 1992 and 1995. She got involved in the event because Terry Fox is one of her heroes.

alternative fuels trial in 2004.

"They put this ad in the paper saying they wanted to burn tires, coal and railway ties. That was unacceptable. Kids are breathing the air."

Marshall even took the helm of organizing the local Terry Fox Run from 1992-95 and was the person responsible for moving the route from Ganges to the north end of the island.

And Marshall is particularly opposed to warfare.

"War is a ridiculous waste of life, she said. "I want to see the money that is put into war put into peaceful things like ending hunger — even here in Canada."

Now that she's moved on from DPAC, she's also found herself stepping back from other

volunteer activities. Part of that change in focus stems from a serious car accident that forced her to re-evaluate her priorities last year. Another factor in her life is new romance, she said.

"I just want personal happiness now."

But it's unlikely she'll stay away from issues of peace or social justice if the need should arise again, she winked.

"I still have all my connections. If they need something, they'll call me. If I can do it, I will. If I can't, I'll find someone who can."

And she urges islanders to take on the volunteering challenge.

"The community needs you. Volunteerism is very fulfilling and the community needs volunteers; otherwise it can't function."



*You can't just sit at home and say, 'I'm fine here,' when there are all these tragedies going on.*

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# Students raise over \$780 for orphans

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

With the final figures all added up, Sierra Lundy and Kai Fishleigh could hardly believe their eyes.

They were so surprised to have raised \$784 in a December funding drive, they decided to add up the numbers one more time.

For the past month, the 12-year-old students — along with Rhys Hardy and others in their class at Salt Spring Island Middle School — have been collecting cash, clothing and supplies for orphans living in East Timor.

Sierra and Kai also spread the word among players on their Peninsula soccer team and collected enough money to buy four soccer balls for a youth soccer team in East Timor.

Sports Traders on Salt Spring threw in an additional ball, and the girls also collected shoes for the Timorese soccer players and school supplies for the orphans.

Sierra will deliver the funds and supplies in person during an upcoming trip to the orphanage with her mother Susan and sister Danica.

Before they leave, they will pack two huge suitcases filled with orphanage-bound clothes, toothbrushes, dental floss, shoes, pens, pencils, notebooks, stickers and five brand new soccer balls.

Students in Martin Thorn's Grade 6/7 French Immersion class at Salt Spring Island Middle School were inspired to get thinking about how students here on the island could help children on the other side of the globe.

According to Kai, the whole thing just took off right from the start.

"I never knew how much fun it could be to help," she said. "Everyone was really interested in getting involved."

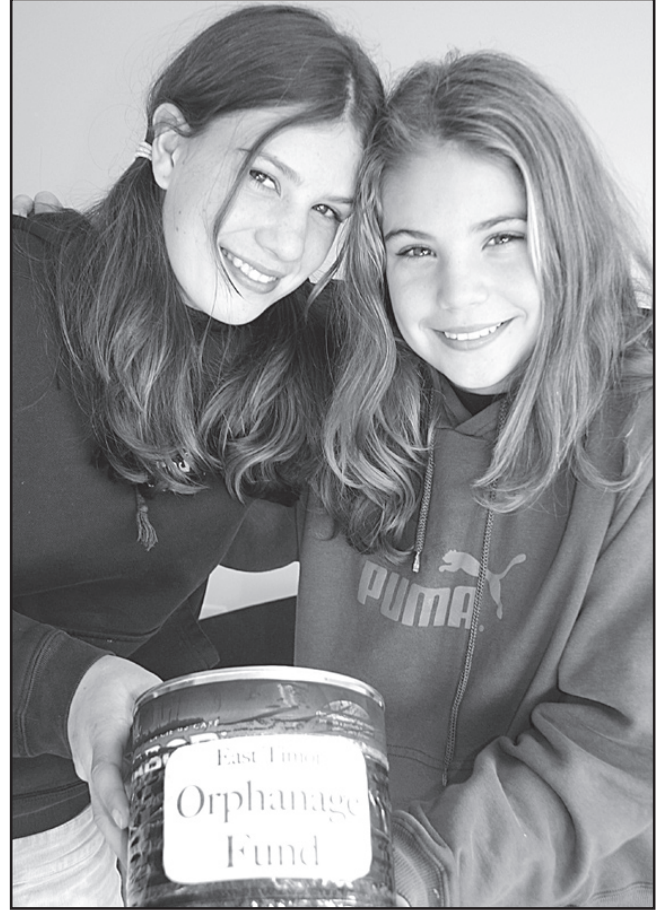
The class sold popcorn and several students sat outside Ganges Village Market, collecting funds. They also raised money at a "notluck" dinner (instead of a potluck), where the class chose not to eat dinner and donated funds instead.

For \$20, people in East Timor can buy 50 kilograms of rice, \$35 will purchase enough fruit and vegetables to feed 20 children for a month and \$1 can provide five litres of drinking water.

After raising \$416 in their class, the students managed to raise an additional \$268 from donation boxes placed at GVM, Salt Spring Books, Island Star Video and the Driftwood.

Salt Spring Books then gave an additional \$100.

Both girls were overwhelmed with the amount of money islanders donated to the cause.



**FUNDRAISERS:** SIMS students Kai Fishleigh, left, and Sierra Lundy helped spearhead a class effort to raise money for an orphanage in East Timor.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

East Timor is on the eastern end of the Indonesian archipelago. It is a region that has been ravaged by decades of war and poverty.

"Before this started, I

didn't really know much about poverty," said Sierra.

"While I was looking through all the clothing and donations, I realized just how much richer we are compared to those people."

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**ANNIVERSARY TOAST:** Beacon Employment Centre in the Ganges provincial building celebrated its first anniversary with an open house last Wednesday. Employees pictured are, from top left, Jeff Jones and Penn George; manager Donna Lafranchise, centre front, and Suzanne Archer, right front. Building co-owner Rose Murakami is at left front.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



## Cy Peck did the Black Ball route

### 45 years ago

• Salt Spring's ferry, the Cy Peck, was on loan to the Black Ball ferry line to augment service between Horseshoe Bay and Langdale over the holidays after the regular ferry for that run broke down.

### 40 years ago

• Members of the "finally-formed student band" presented their first public concert.  
• The CRD passed a bylaw to prohibit abandonment of cars on roadsides.

### 35 years ago

• Local teachers and school trustees agreed to a 7.71 per cent raise. Gulf Islands School District also cut \$40,545 from the operating budget for 1971.

### 30 years ago

• Gulf Islands School District trustees cited shortage of space as their rationale when they considered a plan to take over Mahon Hall for school use only.  
• Islanders heard plans to add 24 campsites and parking for 75 cars and 10 trailers at Ruckle Park.  
• Salt Spring's subdivision bylaw was given a final reading at the CRD board meeting after two years of preparations.

## DOWN THE YEARS

### 25 years ago

Salt Spring received a \$2-million grant from the provincial government for the Ganges sewer project.

### 20 years ago

• The provincial government ordered the CRD to conduct an investigation into supplying water to the Arbutus Beach subdivision at Cranberry outlet.

### 15 years ago

• A peace vigil was held in Centennial Park regarding a January 15 deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

### 10 years ago

• Jasmine Holdings contemplated legal action in a bid to get a development permit from Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee for a 14-unit townhouse project on the corner of Upper and Lower Ganges roads.

### Five years ago

• A mysterious blast on Mount Tuam led officials to question Dorman Timber Ltd. about possible WCB violations on Texada Land Corporation property.

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# Hickford earns missing perpetual disc trophy at Boxing Day Classic

Islanders topped the podium among some 44 disc golfers who attended the Boxing Day Classic Tournament at Mout Park.

Ted Hickford had the best island disc golf score and nearly won the whole event.

Todd Orlaw, of Victoria, beat Hickford on the fifth hole of a playoff round after the two competitors in the open-masters division tied with a 92 (16 under par).

Orlaw also won the ace pot with a one-shot wonder on hole #13. And islander Scott Chapman placed third in open masters (93).

Tourney organizer Tanya Van Ginkel won the open women's division (116) followed by Kristy Lee (118) of Victoria.

Salt Spring's Joah Chlopan won the advanced men's division, followed by Eric Vanderwekkes (94) and Dean Crouse (97), who tied with Kerry Davis of Victoria.

Islanders Jeff Grant (100)

and Nic Futter (102) placed first and second among advanced men.

And Gordon Murphy, also of Salt Spring Island (103), tied for third among advanced masters with Peter Fennel (Pender), behind Dan Walker (98) of Campbell River and Keith Chevrier (102) of Victoria.

Amateur women from Victoria took the top two spots: Sonya Bird (122) and Leslie Chevrier (130), while islander Noah Hughes (112) placed second among amateur men after Al Johnson (107) of Victoria.

Dave Wicks won the novice division (113) and scored a non-paying ace, while Scott Earl placed second (118) with only one week of experience in the game.

Slegg Lumber donated a fleece for the tourney winner, while organizers Chapman, Crouse and Van Ginkel handcrafted trophies for each division.



**TROPHY HOUNDS:** Disc tourney organizers Scott Chapman and Tanya Van Ginkel display hand-made trophies presented at the Boxing Day Classic.

"Ted Hickford would have won the perpetual trophy for best island score if we had it," said Van Ginkel.

Apparently, Bryden Smith didn't return the trophy after he won it in 2003, she said. "Dean Crouse was supposed to get it last year."

## Driftwood HOCKEY POOL

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1.	Baker Brent	226	365	591	50
2.	Langdon Jack	247	342	589	46
3.	Neufeld Rick	244	344	588	40
4.	Speed Glen	259	328	587	36
5.	Tamboline W	251	335	586	36
6.	Field Marilyn	258	325	583	42
7.	Dekleer Rene	239	341	580	36
8.	Johnson Liam	243	335	578	32
9.	Eyles Gail	231	343	574	36
10.	Langdon Jocelyn	225	348	573	36
11.	Johnson Cam	229	339	568	33
12.	Marmorstein Yoni	225	338	563	40
13.	Hoban Rypawn	237	325	562	39
14.	Butler Janet	236	325	561	38
15.	Eyles Tobin	213	345	558	39
16.	Lam Ramona	248	310	558	39
17.	Lam Huy	241	316	557	40
18.	Newton Norma	215	332	547	36
19.	Moldon Dennis	233	314	547	30
20.	Luke Kevin	228	318	546	36
21.	Eddie Cole	222	323	545	41
22.	Tamboline Philip	218	326	544	36
23.	Hardy Mike	229	315	544	32
24.	Charlebois Jason	223	320	543	32
25.	Eyles Evan	217	325	542	29
26.	Lynch S	235	305	540	42
27.	Hitchcock William	223	316	539	35
28.	Anderson Dennis	225	312	537	34
29.	Steele John	205	327	532	35
30.	Doerksen Hank	218	313	531	40
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32.	Smith Donald	229	300	529	37
33.	Gillham Jerome	228	297	525	34
34.	Smith Shirley	209	314	523	36
35.	Reinholdt Kim	230	293	523	44
36.	Courtney John	219	301	520	45
37.	Shaske Ed	177	342	519	33
38.	Lynch Brian	228	290	518	49
39.	Watson Tracey	209	309	518	40
40.	Huser Christian	239	279	518	34
41.	Byron Josh	227	290	517	35
42.	Hoban Lind-e	219	297	516	41
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63.	Shantz Lorne	192	295	487	41
64.	Longeau Fiona	203	282	485	40
65.	Field Owen	182	295	477	37
66.	Shantz Colleen	180	296	476	45
67.	Shaske Lucy	193	281	474	43
68.	Hosie Kate & Kare	199	273	472	38
69.	Thomas Emma	178	294	472	37
70.	Watson Bradley	190	282	472	32
71.	Gillham Jeffrey	199	273	472	36
72.	Liquor Store Staf	190	282	472	40
73.	Hitchcock Dorothy	182	289	471	37
74.	Laycock Bob	207	263	470	44
75.	Brown Kevan	203	266	469	32
76.	Reinholdt Rocket	185	283	468	31
77.	Shaske Ed	192	276	468	39
78.	Sloan Randy	194	273	467	36
79.	Jensen Jackie	193	273	466	39
80.	Nolan Elizabeth	196	270	466	48
81.	Weir Jacob	174	292	466	38
82.	Lynch Steve	192	274	466	53
83.	Torok Sah-Ryan	200	259	459	25
84.	Coles Shelley	164	287	451	31
85.	Coles Don	179	271	450	30
86.	Marleau Deanna	165	285	450	43
87.	Doerksen Mona	167	277	444	38
88.	Courtney Scannett	181	262	443	32
89.	Temmel Max	181	259	440	30
90.	Irwin Jaspar	175	264	439	45
91.	Baker Jonah	185	250	435	40
92.	Ellis-Stairs Tila	165	254	419	37
93.	Coles Shelley	163	253	416	27
94.	Bosnell Elsie	159	246	405	37
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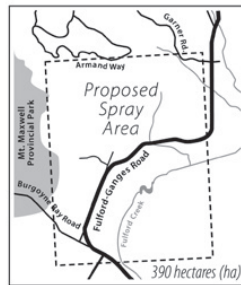
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## APPLICATION FOR PESTICIDE USE PERMIT

Application # 402-0651-2006/2006

Applicant:  
Forests Practices Branch,  
Ministry of Forests  
and Range  
PO Box 9513  
Stn Prov. Govt  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 9C2



The Ministry of Forests and Range has applied to the Ministry of Environment for a permit to use *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *Kurstaki* (commercial formulation Foray 48B) to eradicate an isolated infestation of Gypsy Moth (*Lymantria dispar*) in the area shown. Up to four aerial applications are proposed between April 15 and June 20, 2006.

Copies of the permit application and maps of the proposed area may be viewed at:

Islands Trust Salt Spring Office  
1- 500 Lower Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC

A person wishing to contribute information about the site for the evaluation of this application for a use permit must send written copies of this information to both the applicant and the regional manager of the Pesticide Control Program at the following address within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

Integrated Pest Management Program  
Ministry of Environment  
Lower Mainland Region  
10470-152 Street  
Surrey, BC V3R 0Y3

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# Hiking club looks at busy month and AGM

The Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club annual general meeting and potluck luncheon will be on Thursday, January 26 at the Legion's Meaden Hall. Doors and bar will be open at 11:30 a.m., with food to be served just after noon. Please bring your favourite dish; kitchen ovens will be available to heat food. The meeting will follow the meal and elections will be held for the new directors. Every member is invited and

urged to attend. A last reminder that the 2005/2006 membership fees (\$17) are due. After December 31, 2005, the fees will be \$20. Membership cards for paid-up members will be available at the AGM. Following is the January schedule for three groups. There is no nature event scheduled for January. **HIKERS** JANUARY 3: Simon Rook will lead us on a strenuous

hike on the new Cogwheel Trail and hopes for no snow or fog this time. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. JANUARY 10: Lynn Thompson will lead on a moderate hike in the Reginald Hill/Indian Reserve Area. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45. South-enders will join up at the parking lot near the Reginald Hill development at the end of Morningside Drive at 10:05. JANUARY 17: Led by Fred Powell, we will do an easy to moderate hike in the Channel Ridge area. Meet at 9:45 at Portlock Park. JANUARY 24: Kees Visser will lead on a moderate hike looping from Peter Arnell Park to Bryant Hill Park. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45. South-enders may join up at the top of Stewart Road in Peter Arnell Park at 10. JANUARY 31: Alan Clews will lead on a strenuous hike circumnavigating Mount Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45. **WALKERS** JANUARY 3: Meet at 10

a.m. at ArtSpring to select today's trip and leader. JANUARY 10: Bud Williams will lead an easy walk around Baker Road, finishing with lunch at the golf course. Meet at Portlock Park at 10. JANUARY 17: Owen Benwell will lead on a moderate walk near the top of Mount Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 10. JANUARY 24: A moderate walk through the ecological reserve around Mountain Road with John Flanagan. Meet at ArtSpring at 10. JANUARY 31: Nancy Braithwaite will lead on a moderate walk from Mereside Road to Sarah Way and back. South-enders meet at top of Mereside Road at 10:15. **RAMBLERS** JANUARY 3: We will have a leisurely start to 2006 with coffee at Barb's Buns, followed by a ramble in Dunbabin Park with Margaret Allen leading. This will end about the right time to take our lunches to the Legion where it will be

warm and dry. Meet at Centennial Park at 10. JANUARY 10: Harold Page will lead a ramble to Merganser Pond. Meet at Centennial Park at 10, or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20. JANUARY 17: A nice level ramble through the Centre School property at Blackburn Road with Mickey Lyytikainen leading. Meet at Centennial Park at 10. JANUARY 24: Kathy Darling will lead a ramble through the extensive Spindrift Resort property. Meet at Centennial Park at 10. JANUARY 31: A ramble at the Little Red School House is planned with Tony and Eva Pedersen leading. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m., or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20. **NEW MEMBERS** Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 537-2332 or Fred Powell (president) at 537-4739, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in.

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# 2006 soccer events planned

By MALCOLM LEGG  
 Driftwood Contributor

Here's more soccer news as we head into 2006.

## Class 4 referees' clinic

From January 6-8, we will be holding a Class 4 referees clinic open to all youths aged 14 and older, as well as adults who wish to become referees.

The Friday night session is from 6-9 p.m., while Saturday/Sunday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course teaches all aspects of refereeing, comes with materials and enables referees to do all youth matches.

Register for this course through B.C. Soccer at www.bcsoccer.net. For further details contact Malcolm Legg at 537-4970 or e-mail at mlegg@saltspringsoccer.com.

## Cup play

B.C. Cup play will start for some of our

teams in January/February.

District Cup will start in March with the final on the first weekend of April.

Our teams will also participate in tournaments in Victoria (mostly Mini and Euro) put on by the league, while off-island teams will probably compete in the Cowichan tourney in late April.

## Windsor Plywood/Thrifty Foods Challenge Cup

The weekend of May 6-7, 2006 will see our association hold its showcase event, the Challenge Cup, which will see teams visiting from Vancouver and Vancouver Island compete against our teams for trophies.

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The film focusses on the running story of River, one of the ship's crew who had once been experimented upon by the Alliance in order to create a powerful and controllable human weapon. She had escaped with the help of her brother, and

the two are on the run.

The Alliance wants her back. Not only is she their test subject, she may have psychically heard secrets about all sorts of evildoings. Now a dangerous yet polite secret operative is on his way, hoping to catch her before she reveals a particularly horrific detail.

If you haven't seen a Whedon-written show or movie, you're really missing something. His ability to mesh humour, action and drama while always bringing a fresh angle to genre material is unsurpassed.

His trademark rhythm goes like this: establish dramatic situation, push it to the edge and then pull back with a quick quip by one of many characters, then repeat. It's a style that at once mocks and celebrates pop culture, and has garnered him a massive fanbase of (generally) nerdy types both male and female.

If you're a Firefly fan, as I am, you've already seen the film in the theatre and may have popped an artery talking about it afterwards with your similarly dorky friends. Honestly, the way in which Serenity takes storylines built between the ship's nine crew members and molds them into the emotional fabric of this slam-bang action adventure means absolute rapture for those in the know.

Will the uninitiated like Serenity? As long as you're into sci-fi, I think definitely so. The film's first 15 minutes do an exceptional job of giving us the critical details. It'll seem silly at first, but if you just let go a little and relax, Whedon will pull you right into his world. And what a wonderful, crazy, scary, funny, and exciting world it is.

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**NEWMAN, PHYLLIS** Barbara (nee Beech), born November 24, 1914 passed away December 21, 2005. Predeceased by her husband Harry, who died Dec. 20, 1983, and also her sister Gladys Brodie and brother Cyril Beech. She will be sadly missed by her three children, Terry (Linda), Barbara, Sheila (Collin), and grandchildren Kristy, John (Niki), Sarah, Elisha, Kyle & Mitchell, and great granddaughter Alyssa and many nieces, nephews and friends. Phyllis was a true pioneer having been born on Salt Spring 91 years ago. Her last few years were a struggle but through it all she never complained. A special thank you to Dr. Jan McPhail, her friends and neighbours, and to the many home support caregivers who's help was greatly appreciated, allowing her to remain in her own home. A service will be held on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005 at 1pm at All Saints By The Sea. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Mental Health Association or Charity of Choice.

9 SEASON GREETING

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A chance to dance! New pre-registered session for Wise Elders with Leslie DeAthe. Jan. 18 - March 8, 8 wks. \$75 including tax. 537-2444.

TOTS, KIDS, TEENS YOGA

Classes resume Mon., Jan. 9, 2006. Drop ins welcome or purchase pass cards. Check www.gangesyogastudio.com for schedule details, or collect a printed schedule at Ganges Yoga Studio. 537-2444.

SENIORS CHAIR YOGA

Suitable for anyone who wishes to increase strength, flexibility & balance. Good for developing concentration! Senior discounts available. Ganges Yoga Studio, 537-2444.

YOGA BEGINNERS

Beginners welcome at most classes. Call for details. New beginners classes start in March 2006. 537-2444, Ganges Yoga Studio.

20 COMING EVENTS

**WINTER MARKETS** at Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney. Sundays 9-2, January 8 through to February 26. 656-0275.

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.

**BANDE GRANDE** at Beaver Point Hall. Sat., Jan. 7, 8pm. \$10, food by Rogue Café.

**SEVEN STARS Tai Chi Club** Schedule starts January 10 as follows: Yang Forms Tuesdays @ 1pm - 2:30pm & 6pm-7:30pm. Chen Practice Tuesdays @ 2:30pm-3pm & 7:30pm-8pm. All levels welcome to all classes. Special Introduction to Tai Chi Sunday 15, 1pm - 3pm. Call for information & registration 537-5667 Web: www.cedarlanestudio.com



**South End Nia for the New Year!**  
New Classes Start **Wed., Jan. 11 7 - 8:15 pm**  
The Gate House

\* Do something good for your Whole Self!

Nia is a spirited blend of Dance, Martial and Healing Arts such as Yoga that benefits Body, Mind, and Spirit.

Nia is taught in 33 countries by 1,538 certified teachers.

\* Come find out why it is flourishing worldwide!

Nia is adaptable to all body types & shapes.

No prior experience/training is necessary.

Discover how much fun it can be to get yourself happy, healthy and fit. You will leave sweating and smiling!

Your very first Nia class is free!

For more info call Arleen 653-9235

For Ganges classes call Leslie 537-0884



20 COMING EVENTS

## The Gatehouse

190 Reynolds Road

### JANUARY CLASSES

Yoga, Meditation, Feldenkrais and Nia  
653-4308 for schedule and information



### Winter Yoga

Classes begin January 16

**Monday**

9 - 10:30am

11am - 12:00pm

4 - 5:30pm

(Jan. 9, 16<sup>th</sup> only; recommencing on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Tuesday**

7 - 8:15pm

(Please phone 537-5190 for info or to pre-register)

**Wednesday**

8:45 - 10:15am

4 - 5pm

7 - 9pm

(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Ganges Yoga Studio)

**Friday**

9 - 10:30am

11 - 12:30pm

**Sunday**

11:30 - 1pm

(at Ganges Yoga Studio in Grace Point Square, 537-2444)

3:30 - 5:00pm

Satsang - Spiritual songs and readings

Please call or check our website to confirm class availability.

537-2326 or www.saltspringcentre.com

Drop-in yoga classes - \$12  
SSCS Alumni and Qi Gong - \$10  
Seniors - \$8  
All other classes are free

Mixed Levels - Kishori Hutchings  
Seniors Yoga - Celeste Mallett  
Beginner/Mixed Levels - Dorothy Price

Qigong - Purna Ma

SSCS Alumni Class - Rupert Adams  
Gita/Sutra Study - SSCY Staff  
Kirtan - SSCY Singers

Mixed Levels - Ingrid Hauss  
Gentle Yoga - Ingrid Hauss

Intro to Yoga - SSCY Staff

Satsang - Spiritual songs and readings



Prevention Services

### The Birthing Woman Prenatal Classes

Please join us in 2006

**Tuesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>**

5 - 7 pm

in the Meeting Room behind Lady Minto Hospital

Register at the Health Unit or call Chris at 538-4880 for more info

Fee: \$25

Drop-Ins Welcome

### Traditional Martial Arts School

• KARATE  
• TAI CHI

• KOBUJUTSU  
**All Saints by the Sea**

Call for your FREE one week membership

537-0234

25 EDUCATION

**RUDOLF STEINER** study group. Wednesday nights, 7:30pm. North end. Call 653-4184.

**BE AN INTERIOR DECORATOR** with our home-study course. Learn design principles and how to start a successful business. Call 1-800-559-7632 for a free brochure. www.sheffieldschool.ca.

**A NEW CAREER?** Train to be an Apartment/Condominium Manager. Many jobs! Job placement assistance. All areas. Government registered program. Information/brochure: 604-681-5456 / 1-800-665-8339. www.RMTI.ca.



### For Sale

Original painting by Canadian artist **Graham Herbert**. This beautiful art work entitled "Token of Passage" can be viewed at the Salt Spring Island Conservancy office by calling 538-0318, or on the Conservancy website at: [http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/conservancy/graham\\_herbert\\_painting.html](http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/conservancy/graham_herbert_painting.html)

All proceeds from the sale of this donated work go directly to the work of the Conservancy in preserving the natural environment of Salt Spring Island.

34 NOTICES

### Salt Spring Island Public Library Association

### Notice of General Meeting of Members

A General Meeting of members of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association will be held

**January 12, 2006**

beginning at **4 pm** at the **Mary Hawkins Memorial Library**  
129 McPhillips Ave., Salt Spring Island, BC

Business to be conducted:  
**Appointment of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2005**

25 EDUCATION

### Come and join our dynamic learning environment!

Salt Spring Centre School has spaces in our grade 1/2 and our grade 3/4/5 classes for January '06

✳ Five days a week

✳ Affordable tuition

✳ Work Exchange position available

Phone for more info. 537-9130

"We learn by doing"



**55 HELP WANTED**

**AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN.** Journeyman, 3rd. 4th year Ford experience with certifications preferred. Excellent compensation/full benefit package. Opportunity of a lifetime. Email: employment@kinglandford.com. Fax 867-874-2843. Hay River, NT.

**CALGARY GM DEALER-SHIP** requires Parts Person, Service Technician, Controller. Excellent salary, benefits, state-of-the-art facility. Apply in confidence: CMP-Classic Automotive, 1313 - 36 St. N.E., Calgary, AB, T2A 6P9. Email: mvercammen@cmpclassic.com. Fax 403-207-1033.

**COOK, CASHIER / STOCK** person & bartender needed. Housing provided. Couples welcome. Contact Cheryl at 867-699-4301, or fax resume to 867-699-4327. Ft. Providence, NWT.

**CHEAPER THAN SCROOGE** - Telephone Reconnect! First month of phone service only \$24.95 + connection fee! Everyone approved! Phone Factory Reconnect - Where talk is cheap. 1-877-336-2274; www.phonefactory.ca.

**BE 1ST IN B.C.!** Established Canadian adult toy home party company expanding. Consultants sell fun, sexy educational products / lingerie. (Sm - 5X) Experience / car an asset. info@BonniesBedroom.ca.

**ADCO POWER LTD.**, an electrical/mechanical contractor, is looking for welders, pipefitters, electricians and field supervisors for various camp jobs in the Northwest Territories. The positions are 2 weeks in and 2 weeks out (84 hrs/week) - but flexible. Transportation provided from Edmonton. Please submit resumes by fax complete with telephone number to Senior Operations Assistant, 780-466-8086.

**BEACON Community SERVICES**

**ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED & LOOKING FOR WORK?**

**ARE YOU WORKING LESS THAN 20 HOURS A WEEK AND NEED MORE INCOME?**

- Do you need more than seasonal work?
- Are you finding it difficult to manage financially with part time pay?

Either drop by the office or call to make an appointment & talk with staff at:

**Employment Centre**  
Beacon Community Services  
343 Lower Ganges Road - Suite 206  
537-5979

Open: Monday - Friday  
10 AM to 3:30 PM

We can tell you about the services available to assist you in getting back to work or increasing your existing paid hours.

**60 WORK WANTED**

**J/M CARPENTER/CONTRACTOR** available for work. Additions, renovations, sun decks, new construction, etc. Quality and integrity. References. 537-2820.

**WELDER FABRICATOR/** maintenance person looking for full time work. Moving to be closer to my daughter. 604-722-0775.

**TWO EAGER VERY HARD-WORKING HANDYMEN**

- Clean up, Recycling & Hauling your junk to the dump
  - Chainsaw Work/Firewood
  - Alder & Brush Clearing
  - Gardening & Maintenance (mowing and trimming)
  - Fencing • Welding
  - Carpentry
  - Painting & General Labour.
- COURTESY ESTIMATES. REASONABLE RATES. 653-9101**

**Services**

**116 CLEANING**

**Colin's Window Cleaning**  
• Interior • Exterior  
• Business • Residential  
**537-1856**

**117 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 537-5664.**

**IS YOUR life affected by someone's drinking?** Call Al-Anon at 383-4020.

**ALANON/ALATEEN** A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 537-2941, 653-4288 or 537-4909.

**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.

**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



**Salt Spring Island FOUNDATION**

Your Community Foundation

**Even \$10 will help!**

You can help your island community by contributing to the SSI Foundation's community endowment fund. Every tax deductible donation received—large or small—is placed in this fund, and each year the interest earned is distributed to a wide range of island charitable organizations. About \$80,000 in grants is distributed each year to over 25 organizations. Send your donation to the SSI Foundation at Box 244, Ganges PO, SSI, B.C. V8K 2V9. If you would like additional information, contact Bob Rush at 537-2501 or email ssifoundation@saltspring.com.

**156 RENTALS**

**PARTY TIME RENTALS**

From **TENTS to UTENSILS**  
• NO GST • LOWEST PRICES  
• BEST SERVICE  
*Pick ups at Love My Kitchen*  
Susan or Joy 537-4577  
537-0909 cell  
partytimerentals@telus.net

**Merchandise**

**300 ANTIQUES**

**ARTS & CRAFTS** furniture: solid oak settee/sofa, desk, & bookshelf. Original, exc. cond. Approx 100 years old. Looks like Stickly. 537-1466.

**310 BUILDING SUPPLIES**

**CEDAR LUMBER** for sale. All sizes. Custom cutting available. 538-8733.

**322 COMPUTERS**

**COMPUTER PROBLEMS?** Set-ups, Installing Software, Tutoring, Internet. Troubleshooting. Yes, we make house calls days/evenings/weekends. \$30/hr. Over 20 years exp. Phone Robert. 537-2888. Arvana Consulting.

CALL **BOB McIvor** for hardware, software and networking support. We do housecalls. 537-2827 or (cell) 701-8022. Please go and back-up your important data now!

**HEWLETT PACKARD** computer, keyboard, monitor and printer. \$100. 537-4093.

**302 APPLIANCES**

**APPLIANCES**

**Kitchenaid, Whirlpool, Frigidaire, Maytag & more!**

**LARGEST SELECTION ON SALT SPRING ISLAND**  
**537-2111**

**310 BUILDING SUPPLIES**

**SEE US FOR A FAST QUOTE ON ALL YOUR BUILDING REQUIREMENTS!**

- Flooring
- Heating
- Eaves
- Plumbing
- Roofing

For all your building requirements, large or small!

**SLEGG LUMBER LTD.**  
804 Fulford-Ganges Rd.  
537-4978

**330 FOOD PRODUCTS**

**CALDWELL'S OAKSPRING FARM Since 1882**

Currently available:  
• FREE RANGE GRAIN-FED PORK  
• FRESH CUT LUMBER  
**537-5380 or 537-2152**

**335 FURNITURE**

**SOLID MAPLE** drop leaf table, 42" round with 2 matching chairs. Exc. cond. \$150 537-1466.

**TEN CUSHIONED** (back and seat) dinner table chairs. All ten, \$250 or \$30 each. Tel. 537-0990.

**340 GARAGE SALES**

**LIONS GARAGE Sale:** Fridays & Saturdays only 10 am - 12 pm. Many household items. Note: We no longer offer pickups. We do not accept appliances. Drop-offs accepted only on Fri. & Sat. morning. Please, no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave.

**343 HEALTH SUPPLIES**

**SHOPRITE SCOOTER** (electric), older model. "Blondie's" cute as a button, works good. New battery baskets. Care/parts booklets. \$800 firm. 537-1649 aft.-eves., lv. message.

**350 MISC. FOR SALE**

**TEACHING FREELANCE** writing. Free e-mailed newsletter: rbrunt@saltspring.com. 537-4713. The North American School of Outdoor Writing.

**ET CETERA:** smaller in size, same excellent service! 537-5115. See our ads in the new Lions Directory.

**ANTIQUÉ CLEARANCE Sale.** SSI Antiques is reducing stock to relocate. At least half of stock must be sold. Great deals on fine furniture. Saturday, 10am - 3pm or by appointment. Merchants Mews, Unit 21 - 315 Upper Ganges Rd. 537-7861.

**REFLECTIVE DRIVEWAY** signs, big 4 inch letters, better than the rest. Multi-coloured vinyl graphics at competitive prices. Call 537-1833.

**EXPERT CLOCK** repair and restoration - antiques my specialty. Free estimates, reasonable rates. Free house calls for shut-ins and heavy clocks. Mark's Clockworks, 537-5061.

**350 MISC. FOR SALE**

**EXPERT WATCH** repairs by certified watchmaker. Located between Crofton and Duncan. Serving the Cowichan Valley over 25 years. Call L.D. Frank - Jeweller and Watchmaker, 250-748-6058 (Duncan).

**STORAGE TANKS:** water, septic, sewage-holding (polyethylene). Ecological Systems: sewage-treatment plants, effluent filters. Visa, Mastercard, American Express accepted. GIS Sales & Rentals, call 653-4013.

**PLAN NOW** for summer water shortages. Roof-top collection, above ground and in-ground storage tanks, bulk water. Isles West Water. 653-4513.

**HEAVY CANVAS** punching bag, louvered mahogany bi-fold, small kitchen table, double sofa bed, wheels microwave cart, wooden storage shelving unit. 538-1601.

**HITACHI VHS.** Pentax SFXn camera and various accessories. Sanyo 8 mm camcorder. Relosys Dimer digital camera. Yamaha keyboard. 653-9549.

**BERNINA SEWING** machine with stand & all accessories including walking foot. Serviced by Sawyers, \$350. 537-4093.

**MANUKA HEALING** Honey from New Zealand, UMF 20+, \$25.95, UMF 10+, \$20.95, 250 grams. 653-4127.

**CAMERAS** (OLDER & newer, no plastic ones), interesting photographic accessories and old photographs wanted to buy. Call 653-4639.

**HOT TUB** for sale. Four person, free standing, good condition. Rebuilt pump, new heater, \$1300. 537-5147.

**USED WALK-FIT 4000** tread mill, \$125. New, Body Rider, BR1800A elliptical exerciser, \$75. New top quality American National waveless waterbed mattress & liner, cost \$580 US asking \$400 Can. GE Potscrubber portable dishwasher \$50. 537-5046.

**INVENTORY SALE** - Glass shelving, mirrors, float glass, sealed window units, vinyl and aluminum windows. New and used, assorted sizes - Fantastic prices. Gulf Island Glass, #3 -327 Rainbow Road, 8 am - 4:30 pm Mon.-Fri.

**TRANSFER HOME-MOVIES** to DVD. Super 8, 8mm, 16mm, film & D8, HI-8, 8mm & mini-DV tapes. Call for estimate. Check our website: www.saltspring-sound.com. 537-0065.

**TELUS MULTI-TRADE** manufacturing equipment auction. www.ableauctions.ca. 604-313-4448

**REACH BEYOND** your community! Place a 25-word classified in 105 BC & Yukon newspapers for only \$395. Call this newspaper for details, or phone 1-866-669-9222. www.communityclassifieds.ca.

**AT LAST!** An iron filter that works. IronEater! Fully patented Canada/U.S.A. Removes iron, hardness, sulfur, smell, manganese from well water. Since 1957. Phone 1-800-BIG IRON; www.bigirondrilling.com.

**SALT SPRING MINI STORAGE**

347 Upper Ganges Road  
"When convenience and security matter"  
**537-5888**

**351 MISC. WANTED**

**FIBERGLASS OR aluminum** dinghy. Reasonable. 537-2887.

**370 PETS/LIVESTOCK**

**CLASSICAL DRESSAGE** Lessons. Your horse only. \$35/ hour. Ann Watson, 653-4184.

**FARRIER SERVICES**

*Barefoot Hoof Care.*  
**KAREN ELY 537-7111**

**379 FREE/RECYCLABLES**

**SALT SPRING Island** Recycle Depot is located at 349 Rainbow Rd. We are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. This service is operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Please call The Recycle Depot at 537-1200, or Community Services at 537-9971 for information on materials accepted for recycling.

**379 FREE/RECYCLABLES**

**FREE IF you pick up:** White porcelain toilet and tank, no seat. Bag of IAMS adult cat food, only one cup used, resealed. Three inkjet printer cartridges, black ink, for Epson Stylus Color printer 480/500/640. New (two MIP) 537-3883.

**WORKING DISHWASHER.** Got a new one from Santa! Also Charcoal speckled sofa couch. 537-2129.

**THIS COLUMN** is designed for free recyclable items only (no animals). There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads can be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday 4 pm.) or by phone 537-9933, fax 537-2613 or email driftwood@gulfislands.net.



**RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES**

Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight. Boxes located at:

- Pharmasave
- Bank of Montreal
- Bank of Commerce
- Island Savings Credit Union
- Gulf Islands Optical

**390 WEBSITES**

**SALT SPRING Music** is on the Internet at www.saltspringmusic.com. Hear song samples before you buy. Pay by cheque or credit card. More than 40 CDs available.

**Rentals**

**490 WEBSITES**

**REAL ESTATE** listings for the Gulf Islands are viewable anywhere in the world with Internet access. www.gulfislands.net.

**500 APT/SUITES FOR RENT**

**AVAILABLE JAN 1** - close to town. Sunny, brand new two bedroom basement suite. Full kitchen, bathroom, laundry \$1000 per month, includes hydro & water. NS. Long term preferred. Phone 537-1748 or 537-1603.

**510 COMMERCIAL SPACE**

**OFFICE SPACE** available. One 4 room suite and one 2 room suite suitable for professional, studio or retail/workshop use. Home Design Centre, 320 Upper Ganges Road. Inquiries 537-5340.

**LANCER BUILDING**  
Office Space Available  
**250-537-6468**

**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

**ST. MARY LAKE,** 2 bdrm cottages, fully furnished, NS, N/P, avail. Oct. 1 - Apr. 1, from \$600 per mon. plus util. Phone 537-2585.

**SUNNY SOUTHEND** home. 3 bdrm, fresh paint, carpets, satellite. Long term \$950. Phone 653-4458.

**1 BDRM CABIN.** Private, like new, WD. Beaver Point area \$700 plus util. Available Jan 1. 653-4557.

**3 BEDROOM DUPLEX** mid-island. Hardwood floors, fresh paint, woodstove. Avail. Jan. 1, long term. References, N/S, N/P \$900/month 537-4319.

**3 BEDROOM DUPLEX,** Jan. 1, \$825, Malivue. Kids & pets welcome. 537-2650 before 9pm.

**PENDER ISLAND** - Beautiful ocean & valley view home. Cute & cozy. 1 yr. old. Hardwood floors, huge loft, 2000 ft. wraparound deck, many windows & skylights, 1/2 acre lot in Magic Lake, long term tenant pref. with refs. \$850/mo. 604-277-6694.

**SOUTH END,** 1 person cabin for rent. NS, NP \$500/mo. 653-4244.

**JAN. TO MAR.,** 3 bdrm house. Furnished, ocean view, walk to ferries & shops in Fulford Village. ADSL. \$1400/mo. (1 - 3 months avail.), NS, NP 653-4810.

**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

**SMALL HOUSE,** excellent condition, end of Byron Rd. 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bthrm, W & D, Mt. Baker view from deck. NS, \$950/mo. Available Jan. 1. Call Val 537-9531.

**FULFORD VILLAGE,** rustic & secluded cabin in the woods, woodstove, wood incl., clawfoot tub, has hydro, \$995, NS, cats ok, 604-255-5230. Avail. immed. CHARMING, 600 SQ. FT. cottage, wrap-around deck, french doors, skylights, W/D, wood/elec., with separate studio. Avail. Jan. 1, \$850, long term, N/S, N/P. References. 537-2294.

**ST. MARY Lake,** 1 bedroom, long term, NS, no dogs, suits 1-2 mature & quiet persons, references, \$750 + utilities, Jan 1. 537-5681.

**530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION**

**ROOM FOR rent:** \$330, incl. hydro in large heritage house, share with other low key responsible tenants. 10 minute walk from Ganges. 653-4573.

**535 SITUATIONS WANTED**

**HOUSE SIT** or short term accommodation. Mature, competent Bowen Island artist considering purchasing a home on Salt Spring seeking a 1 to 3 month stay at minimum cost or as an exchange. Good with animals. Samantha 604-947-2254.

**540 WANTED/RENTALS**

**LOOKING FOR** property to put my 1992 mobile home. I am a long time S.S. resident working in home care support for our elderly. I can pay \$275/mo. as pad rent & I've been at my current Vesuvius location for 6 years. If you can help please call 537-8764.

**690 WEBSITES**

**ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION** for the Gulf Islands is a mouse-click away. www.gulfislands.net.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:**

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING** Friday, 5 pm

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING** Monday, 4 pm

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY** Tuesday, noon

**PHONE: 537-9933**

**FAX: 537-2613**

**Driftwood**

**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

**ROYAL Property Management Ltd.**

- |  |   |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| <b>69053 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm Home<br>1.5 bthrm appl<br>shared dwelling<br>NS NP \$1150.00                                       | <b>68182 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm twnhse<br>furn 5 appl.<br>Summerside<br>pool/exercise facil.<br>NS NP<br>\$2500.00 + util   | <b>72935 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm twnhse<br>unfurn 5 appl.<br>Summerside<br>pool/exercise facil.<br>NS NP<br>\$1675.00 + util | <b>78953 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm exec Home<br>upp. level has 2 bdrms,<br>fireplace, balcony,<br>shared laundry<br>sm. pets OK, NS<br>\$1000.00 + util    | <b>68182 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm twnhse<br>furn 5 appl<br>Summerside<br>pool/exercise facil<br>NS NP<br>\$2200.00 + util        |
| <b>72934 South End</b><br>3 bdrm furnished<br>school year lease<br>harbour view<br>5 appl NS NP<br>\$2175.00 + util                  | <b>72935 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm twnhse<br>unfurn 5 appl.<br>Summerside<br>pool/exercise facil.<br>NS NP<br>\$1675.00 + util | <b>78953 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm twnhse<br>unfurn 5 appl.<br>Summerside<br>pool/exercise facil.<br>NS NP<br>\$2200.00 + util | <b>77429 Mid Island</b><br>updated 60 x 10<br>mobile home<br>2 bdrm 2 appl<br>long term lease<br>onsite workshop<br>not included<br>NS NS \$900.00 + util | <b>79462 Mid Island</b><br>1 bdrm + sun room<br>modern home<br>unfurn 5 appl<br>view Sansum Narrows<br>NS NP<br>\$1900.00 + util |
| <b>68910 Mid Island</b><br>2.5 bdrm 2.5 bath<br>exec twnhse<br>5 appl NS NP<br>school year lease<br>harbour view<br>\$2100.00 + util | <b>79465 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm twnhse<br>unfurn 5 appl<br>Summerside<br>pool/exercise facil<br>NS NP<br>\$1675.00 + util   | <b>79464 Mid Island</b><br>60 x 12 mobile home<br>2 bdrm 5 appl<br>unfurn NS NP<br>\$885.00 + util                            | <b>68183 Mid Island</b><br>2 bdrm twnhse<br>furn 5 appl.<br>Summerside  | <b>69391 Mid Island</b><br>manufactured home<br>60 x 20 unfurn<br>4 appl woodstove<br>NS NP<br>\$885.00 + util                   |

See these Homes at www.royalproperty.ca

**537-5577**

**805 AUTOMOTIVE, REPAIRS**

**AIR MILES**  
are here!

**PAYLESS**  
*We Value the Island*  
**COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS**  
Unleaded Fuels • Diesel Tires • Batteries • Accessories  
537-4554 or 537-9300  
Monday-Saturday 8 am-7 pm  
Sunday 9 am-6 pm  
Corner of Rainbow Rd. and Jackson Ave.

**AUTO BODY REPAIRS**

We are qualified to do your job fully guaranteed  
**Irwin Collision Repairs Ltd.**  
115 DESMOND CRESENT  
537-2513  
ICBC shop VALET  
Accredited Collision Repairs

**855 TRUCKS/4X4S**

F150 1994 1/2 TON V8 Super Cab. Good condition. New Brakes & Battery, 2 wheel drive. Reduced to \$5000 OBO. Wendy or John 537-5856.

**856 BUSES, VANS**

1994 MAZDA MPV seven passenger van, very well maintained, recent transmission. \$3950. Phone 537-4536.

**900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

**GOTTA SELL** your car, truck, boat, RV, trailer or motorcycle? Advertise it in the Driftwood for 8 weeks at only \$32.95. (private party ads, 20 words, 1 vehicle per special, must be prepaid.) Call 537-9933 for details.

**SHAKES N SHINGLES.** #1's, #2's, & #3's. 18" & 24". Taper-sawn, Resawns, Barns & Perfections for Roofs & Sidewalls. \$85 to \$225 a square, tax included. CSA APPROVED & Warranted. Phone 653-4458.  
**NEW BABY?** Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Andrea 537-8464.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Too Late to Classify ads are accepted until 12:00 pm Tuesday at the rate of \$11.75 for 20 words or less and 45 cents for each additional word. The Driftwood cannot be responsible for errors or omissions as these ads may not be proof read because of time constraint.

**NORTON ESTATES.** Homes in the \$225 - \$250,000 range for those living/working on SSI. Contact Trish @ 537-1033 or email: info@ssahc.com

**GULF ISLANDS Optical.** 50% refund on the cost of your eye test when you purchase a full set of frames and lenses. Lancer Bldg. 537-2648.

**Sudoku! Answers**

3	8	2	1	9	4	7	6	5
7	9	4	2	6	5	1	3	8
1	6	5	3	7	8	4	9	2
8	4	1	7	3	9	5	2	6
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11 Prepare an invoice  
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## This Week's Horoscope

Please note that Michael O'Connor's  
Horoscope did not arrive in time for  
publication deadline.

 <b>Bélier</b> <b>ARIES</b> An important week in several areas that affect your surroundings. This is a week that demands you be ready to act on professional goals.	 <b>Balance</b> <b>LIBRA</b> You have incredible things in store for your professional life. You are heading towards marvellous places, so this is very good.
 <b>Taureau</b> <b>TAURUS</b> You are able to achieve a balance in your sentimental life. You need someone who will take good care of you. You are able to better organize your life.	 <b>Scorpion</b> <b>SCORPIO</b> This week you will learn to know yourself better. You are heading someplace where this will be useful. You will be happy with what you encounter.
 <b>Gémeaux</b> <b>GEMINI</b> The moon will bring you incredible things. You no longer know what to think. This requires a lot of consideration.	 <b>Sagittaire</b> <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> You know what really matters to you. You are in a period of reorganizing your life. All will become clear.
 <b>Cancer</b> <b>CANCER</b> A week where you think about travelling. You want to see new things. You feel sure of yourself, which is a good thing.	 <b>Capricorne</b> <b>CAPRICORN</b> You are evolving towards things that are close to your heart. You know what will bring you happiness. This will use a lot of your spiritual energy.
 <b>Lion</b> <b>LEO</b> You may be drawn towards people who love you. It's possible to make changes with awareness of your work goals. You want to live exuberantly.	 <b>Verseau</b> <b>AQUARIUS</b> Don't be too complicated. You are living through a period of change. You want to be at peace with yourself.
 <b>Vierge</b> <b>VIRGO</b> You still have deep feelings about things. You know what is good for you. Neglect nothing. This is beneficial for you.	 <b>Poissons</b> <b>PISCES</b> You have extraordinary things to discover. You are well on your way. The planet Mercury increases your need to understand it all.

# Calling all babies born in 2005

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# Virgin ears soak up vintage, countercultural R&R music

When you turn 35, something happens to the music. Gene Lees

I know whereof Mister Lees speaks. I remember, as a tadpole in the '50s, lying on my parents' living room floor watching a dreary succession of unfunny comedians, corny musical acts and lame-o jugglers, clowns and animal trainers on a television program called The Tommy Dorsey show. Typical Sunday evening in the 1950s.

But then. Here is the host, Tommy Dorsey introducing this weird-looking performer wearing a white sports coat and a duck-tail haircut. He has a guitar, which he commences to flail as he begins to sing.

My life is changed forever.

I'd never seen or heard anything like it. I couldn't have been more galvanized if I'd stuck my privates in a light socket. Me and thousands of others. I was watching the TV debut of a musical phenomenon called Elvis Aaron Presley.

That was the big shock of that Sunday evening. The secondary tremor was the reaction of my parents who were also watching. They hated him. They were angry, abusive even.

"What does he think he's doing, the clown," scoffed my father. "Can't even understand the words he's singing," said my mother.

And my revelation, even as a chubby pre-pubescent was: they don't get it.

Flash forward a half century. A couple of kids I know are listening to some rapcrap on a CD from some guy named 50 Cent.

"That's not music," I snort. "That's doggerel. And illiterate doggerel at that."

The kids' eyes roll in unison and I have another revelation. Omigod, I think. I've become my Old Man.

Well, maybe. But let me introduce you — here in the sixth year of the 21st century — to David Zeke, a high-school student who's not quite old enough to drink, drive or join the armed forces, but seriously into music. What kind of music?

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The Who. The Beatles. Early Neil Young and vintage Dylan.

Music, in short, that's old enough to be his grandfather.

And it's not just David Zeke — all his buddies at Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, Washington are into this Paleozoic rock and roll too. They've formed a group called the Classic Rock Appreciation Society. They meet every Friday afternoon to talk about and listen to the music they love.

Pink Floyd. Jethro Tull. Led Zeppelin.

"I'm a classic rock guy," says 16-year-old John Jaskot, one of the club members. "It all started in sixth grade when my sister played 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by Queen for me, and I was like: Whoa! I started going through my Dad's records. Now I listen to Jethro Tull with him. My whole family does — including my brother, who's six."

What about the current music scene? Hip hop, Global? New World?

Not for these guys. You won't be hearing Eminem at a meeting of the Classic Rock Appreciation Society. Zeke's take: "The music industry has turned into a factory that's just churning out stuff."

John McDermott, a music industry watcher, agrees.

"Music is countercultural again," he says. Kids don't think it's their parents' music; they just view it as cool music that's not sold to them by MTV."

Such talk must be music to John Densmore's ears. Densmore is the man who played drums on Doors classics like Light My Fire, People Are Strange and Break On Through (to the Other Side). And yes, he's still alive. And kicking plenty.

Multi-national corporations have been knocking on Densmore's door waving multi-million dollar

cheques and begging for the right to use Doors songs as soundtracks to peddle real estate, pick-up trucks and toothpaste.

Densmore's telling them all to take a ride.

"People lost their virginity to this music," says Densmore. "I've had people say kids died in Vietnam listening to this music, others say they know someone who didn't commit suicide

because of this music."

Recently Cadillac waved a \$15-million offer under the noses of surviving Doors band members in exchange for the use of "Break On Through" to sell luxury SUVs.

Densmore told Cadillac to stuff it. "Onstage, when we played these songs, they felt mysterious and magic. That's not for rent."

Good on ya, Densmore. Thanks to geezers like you — and newbies like David Zeke — Neil Young may have been right when he sang:

"My my, hey hey. Rock and Roll is here to stay."

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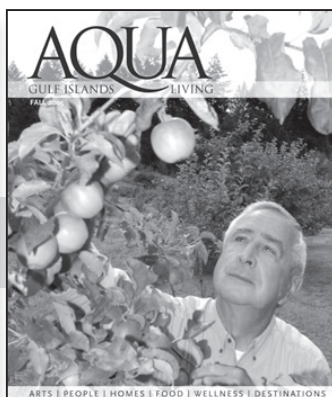
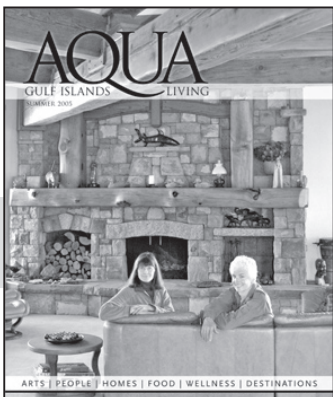
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