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ROWING SCORE: Rowing course instructor Jim Ganley from Brentwood College helps set the pace for participants in a rowing course at St. Mary Lake during the spring break. Seen in the rowing scull are (front to back): Sarah Howe, Miranda Logan-Webb, Nicola Temmel and Meaghen Toole. See story and additional photo on Page 40.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Protest halts gravel trucks

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Continued frustration with an alleged illegal gravel pit operation prompted Stewart Road Residents Association (SRRA) members to create a human roadblock aimed at preventing gravel trucks from accessing the property on Monday afternoon.

"Enough is enough. We are here to make a point and show that what is going on in there is illegal," said Rosey Brennan as she and a dozen other concerned residents waited near the driveway of 177 Jennifer Way for the trucks to arrive.

She said noise produced from trucks and work on the site is a daily occurrence that makes life in the neighbourhood unbearable.

As three trucks approached, Brennan and the other protesters joined hands and prevented the vehicles from entering the property. The roadblock lasted 40 minutes and dispersed shortly after property owner Larry Bader arrived on the site. Brennan presented Bader with what she said was a cease and desist order issued by Islands Trust on February 19, 2004.

Brennan directed Bader's attention to a section of the document which states "Islands Trust staff further takes the position that the processing of rock on the site is not a permitted use under the CD3 zoning of Lot 22."

The document continues to state the Islands Trust will refer the matter to legal counsel for recommendation if the owner fails to "cease soil deposit and removal."

According to Bader, the report is a "greyish area" and he said the removal of stone was being done to provide

Hewitt appointed to ferry authority

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Appointment of a local voice to the B.C. Ferry Authority's board of directors is encouraging some Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (SSIFAC) members to believe a solution for the island's ferry woes may be on the horizon.

"I am very excited about getting appointed to the board," said Doreen Hewitt

after hearing the news. "I have been the chair of the SSIFAC here on Salt Spring and feel I can bring a new voice to the board of directors of the B.C. Ferry Authority."

It is hoped Hewitt's appointment will hasten a plan for improved service to the mainland, traffic congestion in Fulford and the increasing use of the Crofton-Vesuvius route.

"I am representing the people of B.C., not just Salt Springers," she said. "Of course, I will bring the views of Salt Spring to the table but in the context of representing all the people, including tourists visiting from other areas."

While her three-year term with the SSIFAC dealt primarily with wages and schedules, Hewitt claimed the new position focuses pri-

marily on matters of governance. She will replace Marilyn Baker who stepped down for personal reasons.

The self-described "efficiency expert" said her creativity and ability to think outside the box will help the board develop a viable ferry service during a challenging period.

Hewitt played an instrumental role in the **FERRY APPOINTMENT 3**

4-day consultation meetings this week

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

School district staff and administrators fashioned a new consultation process to discuss calendar options with parents, staff and community members for next year.

"One of the recommendations from the implementation task force was that we find another way to consult with our public about the kinds of options we might have," said Gulf Islands

School District superintendent Wendy Herbert.

"We really feel that we needed to address the concerns from last year. We needed to find a different way. We're really hopeful this will give people a chance to have their voices heard."

Instead of a public free-for-all, the meetings taking place this week will be facilitated in small groups that will move from station to station at set times, she said. Salt Spring's meeting is on

Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

The first stage will deliver critical information about the budget and options for how new money from the provincial government can be applied to the district, she said.

"Here we are really comparing a four-day and a five-day week."

Financial discussions will show how the money could be spent in each model, she

said. Information will also be included about school closures, she said.

"With changes in the funding formula a few years ago, it does mean that it isn't financially reasonable for us to be closing some of our schools."

Facilitated smaller groups will discuss best options for the district to consider as they move from table to table, she said.

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Vacation rental bylaws tweaked

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's trustees cobbled together agreement on vacation rental-related bylaws in order to give them first reading on Thursday, but they still remain divided in spirit on some issues.

Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth disagreed on two points: the number of days a permanent resident could rent out their home for short-term vacation rental (STVR) use each year; and whether properties in the Rural Watershed I zone should be given STVR rights.

"I'm not comfortable with the number of days [proposed]," said Lineger in discussing whether it should be a continuous 30 or 60-day period at the March 31 Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting. "I think the 30-day period is easier to manage."

But she agreed to let the proposed 60-day period stand in order to get the bylaw to the public hearing stage.

As regional planning manager John Gauld explained, the LTC could amend its bylaw from 60 to 30 days, but cannot go the other way following public hearing,

without having to present a revised bylaw and hold another hearing.

That's because to switch from 30 to 60 days would be an increase in the use from that aired through public hearing.

Booth said he was not concerned about the number of days since visitors would only be replacing residents for the pre-determined period of time and the impacts would therefore be negligible.

"It's a trade-off; a neutralizing of density."

A similar compromise occurred with Booth's proposal that Rural Watershed I lands be given STVR rights. Lineger disagreed, but was willing to include it for the purposes of public discussion, with the understanding it could be yanked out later without the need to craft a whole new bylaw.

Trustees also directed that a permanent resident — the only ones allowed to rent out their homes for STVR use for the to-be-determined continuous period — must reside in their dwelling for 184 days a year.

"This tries to differentiate permanent residents as opposed to an off-island

owner who has two houses," said Gauld. "Islands Trust legal counsel has reviewed it and is satisfied with the language."

Lineger said Tuesday she had not yet received a lot of feedback about proposed Bylaws 395 and 396 from people opposed to vacation rentals.

"They're still digesting everything," she speculated. "A lot of the opponents have said 'we can live with that.'"

People who currently operate vacation rentals contrary to existing bylaws are more concerned, she said.

"They want to know at the end of the day what they will and won't be able to do."

George Ehring, who chaired the vacation rentals resource sub-committee that first dissected the issue about two years ago, expressed disappointment with the proposed bylaws.

"It's very disappointing that instead of following the Trust's mandate to preserve and protect, these trustees are moving ahead with the commercialization of our neighbourhoods. They're catering to people who want to turn their homes into

hotels, despite the recommendations of the Advisory Planning Commission and the guidelines of the OCP," he said.

"If we're serious about preserving our community, we'll have to elect trustees in the fall who are committed to protecting it."

The proposed bylaws will also let seasonal cottages be used as an STVR, through issuing of temporary use permits (TUPS), if a permanent resident also lives on the property.

TUPS and their associated fees would not be required to rent out one's principal dwelling for the 30 or 60-day period. Gauld said they are "not a very realistic scenario" for regulating STVRs.

Seasonal cottages would then be removed from B&B (or home-based business) use.

Campground density on large properties would also be reduced if the bylaws are passed, although Agricultural Land Commission rules would take precedence for campsites on Agricultural Land Reserve properties.

The bylaws will likely go to public hearing in May.

Survivor III reunion hits the press this week

Ever since the Driftwood's last Survivor game ended with Banana Joe Clemente at the top of the heap, it's been hard to not hope for a chance to do it all again.

In both 2001 and 2002, islanders dove into the Survivor challenge to read the answers of contestants and eliminate one each week with relish.

With Survivor reunions a popular item these days, the Driftwood has launched its

own beginning this week, with six veterans joined by two "rookies."

Castaways for the North Tribe are: John Dolman, the winner of Survivor I, Clemente, Dr. Ron Reznick and Lianne Fidler (the rookie).

South Tribe castaways are Valdy, Bruce Patterson, Shilo Zylbergold and Judy Raddysh (rookie).

While a North Tribe member won both previous Survi-

vor contests, south-end voters have proven a well-oiled machine through recent fire trustee elections.

Castaways are playing for \$500 that will be given to their favourite charity.

One lucky reader and participant will also be rewarded.

After the eight weeks are finished, one ballot will be drawn, with the winner receiving a two-night stay at Poet's Cove resort on Pender

Island.

See pages 20 and 21 in this issue for the castaways' answers to this week's questions, and then fill out the ballot to vote one of them off the island.

Remember — the vote is to "get rid of" the individual, not to vote "for" them.

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4-DAY MEETINGS

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Those groups will then report out to the whole meeting.

Tables will provide information about staffing, school closure reconfiguration, property development and new methods, she said.

"They will have done all of that and then at the facilitated table, the convener at the table will ask, 'With what you've heard, where is the best place for the district to consider spending the money?'"

The process would be a maximum of three hours in length, Herbert said.

"When people move from

one table to another, they will be able to see what the other table has written and add in their own opinions."

Members of the Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC) that oppose a four-day school week are looking for content more than form in the consultation meeting.

"I look forward to seeing the meeting, but I am skeptical as to whether it will make the decisions that the school board is making more transparent to the general public and that they will make better decisions," said ex-trustee and KFAC spokesperson Garth Hendren.

He has seen similar processes used successfully in other settings but emphasized the need to provide accurate information for community members.

"The success is based on the information that you put into it."

The budgetary process is very complex and it's been difficult to follow financial information that has changed weekly, Hendren said.

"They will have to make sure that all their information is accurate, up to date and does not change."

Herbert said information about the consultation pro-

cess will be available on the district website (www.sd64.bc.ca) by Wednesday.

Administrators and board members attended Mayne Island on Monday and Saturna and Galiano Islands on Tuesday.

Further consultation meetings are at Pender Islands Elementary Secondary School at 6 p.m. on Wednesday (today) and at GISS at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The board will also hold a public meeting at GISS at 1 p.m. on April 13, when they will decide whether or not to adopt a local calendar change for 2005/06.

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UNITED THEY STAND: Members of the Stewart Road Residents Association led by Rosey Brenan (fourth from left) prevent vehicles from leaving and entering 177 Jennifer Way on Monday afternoon. Photo by Sean McIntyre

PROTEST

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an area where he could store the equipment used for his Salt Spring Rock Products company.

Bader gave the Driftwood a tour of his land, but insisted no pictures be taken.

"Everybody is interested in what their neighbours are doing," he said on the way to the site. "I do not believe there is a law that says you can't store the tools of your trade."

Bader stopped at the end of the driveway about 200 metres in from the street. A machine moved rock from a hole in the ground to a staging area from where it is transferred into the trucks and removed.

"I've got all sorts of junk all over the island and vandalism is becoming an issue. For somebody who doesn't understand this sort of work it's easy to get upset," he said. "I've got no place to store anything without leaving anything in view."

The square hole is roughly 25 metres on each side and 10 metres in depth. It appears to occupy an area that used to be the side of a mountain.

Bader claimed appearances are sometimes deceiving. He said what angry residents

call a large-scale excavation of gravel is actually part of the site preparation for his future storage area.

"I actually wish all this rock wasn't here," he said. "If this were soil, it would cost a lot less to remove."

In the 14 months since the Islands Trust stated the work was not permitted, no steps have been taken to curtail the operation. This has left members of SRRRA impatient and they are losing faith in the political process.

"Why are they not doing something about it? It makes you wonder whose interests are being served," said member Joyce Campbell. "We are hugely disappointed in the Trust Council. We have tried to work with them but they have been dragging their feet for so long."

Wayne Quinn, the Islands Trust's director of local planning, said from his Victoria office that the Trust has taken its time examining the issue because the consequences of pursuing a judgement in court could cost thousands of dollars and carry on for months.

"You have to pick your battles," he said. "You try to get compliance and failing that you rely on the courts."

He did not rule out making this a court matter and said Monday's protest proved this was an issue of great concern to residents.

"We believe this case to be very high on the radar screen," he said. "We've ramped up our initiative and the Trust Executive Committee will be dealing with the issue."

It was scheduled to discuss that issue on Tuesday, following a Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) decision on Thursday to ask the Executive Committee to give support and funding approval for launching of a legal action.

The LTC also put enacting of a new soil removal bylaw on its work program priority list.

Bader is currently waiting for a decision on an application he submitted to the Ministry of Energy and Mines to obtain approval for a gravel pit on an adjoining lot.

"We are most afraid that he is using that area as a processing plant for the proposed quarry site across the road," said Campbell.

"If this isn't addressed soon, the whole area is likely to become a large quarry site."

FERRY APPOINTMENT

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mental role in the creation of the SSIFAC in order to better address the specific needs of Salt Spring Island residents.

"At the time we thought that the concerns of Salt Springers were different than the concerns of other islanders," she said.

In light of the departure, Robert Jones was elected the SSIFAC's new chair in a meeting held Friday.

"I hope to keep pushing the ferry company," he said. "Their emphasis is on the customers and we have to remind them about what the customers need."

Jones admitted the committee encountered difficulties in the past and continues to suffer a great deal of frustration during B.C. Ferries' transition from a Crown to private corporation.

He wished Hewitt all the best in her new position and added she had much knowledge and experience to contribute.

"She is certainly not there to represent Salt Spring directly but will have knowledge of Salt Spring," he said.

"She will bring a Gulf Islands perspective to the board."

Local survives crash

Christina Estable received the call all parents fear on Easter Sunday when Cowichan Hospital personnel advised that her nine-year-old son Tommy was involved in a car accident near Crofton.

Fortunately he was sitting in the middle of the vehicle's back seat reading to his young friend — rather than on the side — when a large truck with a long trailer went out of control, hit the vehicle he was travelling in and split it in half.

Estable was at a Mount Tuam Buddhist retreat and Tommy was returning from a trip to Tofino with family friends when the crash occurred.

Tommy suffered a concussion and will undergo neurological testing in Vancouver this week, but was otherwise not hurt.

"He was right out," said his mother. "He can't remember anything."

Estable is grateful for her son's protection in the incident.

"He had the good fortune to be personally blessed by the Dalai Lama, and Baba Hari Dass was one of the first people to hold him in his arms as a baby."

Tommy was born at Burgoyne Bay.



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Patterson, Gillies elected as fire trustees

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Four days after voters cast their ballots in Saturday's Salt Spring fire board election, trustee Dan Lee declared Bruce Patterson and Mary Gillies winners during the fire department's March 29 AGM.

Following the meeting, board members also elected Ted Hinds to replace Mike Schubart as chairman.

"I wish to bring the community back into the board and try to get transparency," Patterson said. "It feels good

whenever the public reaffirms their opinion of you."

Patterson and Gillies won the election with 333 and 259 votes respectively.

Candidates David Bartle and Hans Hazenboom received 148 votes each.

Gillies is the first female trustee to sit on the board and trustee Ken Lee said he believes she will add an entirely new perspective.

Patterson said the election of two additional south-end residents would not compromise the board's dedication to providing service to resi-

dents throughout the island.

"When the pager goes off, you do what you've been trained to do," he said. "Issues like policy and training concern everyone on the island and getting people involved in the process means asking people from all over the island to get involved."

Hinds added board members are elected by the entire community and have a mandate to represent everyone regardless of where they live.

"There is no concern

because both people are Salt Springers. They may have concerns about the south end but they have been elected to address everyone on the island," he said.

Although public notice had been issued prior to the election, the process raised some eyebrows when it was learned the results would not be revealed immediately following the election but rather at the Tuesday AGM.

Deputy returning officer Carole Gear said she had "never done anything like

that before," but believed the delay did not affect the legitimacy of the results.

She said the board sought to hold the election on a Saturday because of the difficulties in getting people to work at the polling station during the week.

Although the election committee managed to secure workers, the Easter weekend election attracted only 480 voters. The turnout was considerably lower than the 600 voters who participated in last year's election (not the 1,200 reported in

last week's paper).

Past board chairman Schubart said people with concerns regarding the delay should bring them to the board where they could be discussed openly.

He added the board will seek to strike a committee and gather public insight to review the election process for future years.

Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustees are now Schubart, Hinds, Patterson, Gillies, Don Irwin, Ken Lee and Dan Lee.

24-hour ambulance station staffed

Quicker emergency response time is expected now that Salt Spring Island's ambulance station is staffed 24 hours a day.

"Time is of the essence when an ambulance responds to an emergency call and that's why we are changing the way paramedics on standby shifts are compensated across the province," Health Services Minister Shirley Bond said in a press release.

"Investing \$3 million in a new paramedic deployment model means ambulance stations will be staffed around the clock to enable a faster emergency response, leading to improved health outcomes for patients," said minister Bond.

Under the new model which came into effect April 1, paramedics on a standby shift are paid \$10 an hour while remaining in the

ambulance station. When sent on an ambulance call, their pay increases to the full paramedic rate, which can range from \$20 to \$24 an hour.


Previously, paramedics working on Salt Spring were paid \$2 per hour to carry pagers for on-call coverage and paramedics did not have to stay at the station during their shift.

The new deployment

model is part of a memorandum of agreement approved by the Ambulance Paramedics of B.C. in November 2004.

"Paramedics won't have to drop what they're doing out in the community and get to stations before heading to an emergency, so we are going to see quicker overall response times," said B.C. Ambulance Service CEO David Morhart.

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Norton yields low farming potential

Affordable-housing planners might have harvested a soil report that counters agricultural zoning on Norton Road.

But the Islands Trust is more concerned with proposed development density than whether the property will grow prize-winning strawberries.

Professional agrologist Brian French said the 12-acre Norton Road housing site suffers from "severe soil and land-use limitations," according to a press release from Salt Spring Affordable

Housing Corp.

French downgraded the previous soil rating from Class 2 to Class 5 (on a scale of 1 to 7), improvable to Class 4 with stone picking, irrigation and drainage.

The property was excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve in 1987.

"This report confirms what we have been saying all along about the severely limited agricultural potential of my property," said resident owner Norm Elliott.

Consequently, Elliott believes the present agricul-

tural zoning cannot be supported and that the Residential Neighbourhoods official community plan (OCP) designation is correct.

The new soil report presents a contrast to comments from members of the Norton Road Neighborhood Association, who argue that Elliott's land is agricultural, said Local Trust Committee (LTC) trustee Kimberly Lineger.

"It will all play a part when we go to make our decision whether to go forward with the affordable housing devel-

opment permit or not."

But the kernel for Lineger isn't whether the land is agriculturally zoned, she said.

"The issue comes down to what density do we put down on the property?"

Developers have suggested 26 units on five acres, while Islands Trust planners proposed 15 units, she said.

The matter has been referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, who may or may not be influenced by the soil report when they meet on April 13, she said.

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Biodiesel fuels lower emissions

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Members of the Salt Spring Biodiesel Collective (SSBC) are pumped after receiving their first 1,000-litre shipment of biodiesel fuel which they will offer for sale to the public Saturday.

"We've been thinking about this moment for over six months," said Joan Werner. "In the summer we thought we'd get some biodiesel to make available as a community service to people who want to use a cleaner fuel than diesel and now we've done it."

Biodiesel is an alternative and non-toxic renewable fuel made from combining methanol with vegetable oils, cooking grease or animal fat. Compared with traditional diesel fuel, biodiesel results in dramatically reduced pollution levels.

"It's definitely a step towards lowering emissions and helping the environment. What else can you drive that runs fairly clean?" said mechanic Axel Dollheiser shortly after returning from Vancouver with the fuel. "Once the biodiesel is available, this will be the most accessible thing people can do to lower emissions."

Running biodiesel in a regular diesel engine with no modifications can reduce lifecycle carbon dioxide emissions by 90 per cent while cutting carbon monoxide and particulate matter emissions in half.

The commercial use of biodiesel took off in Germany in 1991. The industry has grown every year and now employs over 19,000 people.

Although it is not yet produced in Canada, the fuel



PUMPING A CLEAN ALTERNATIVE: Salt Spring Biodiesel Collective members Amy Phillips, Axel Dollheiser and Joan Werner pose with 1,000 litres of fresh-smelling biodiesel. Photo by Sean McIntyre

has been available for sale in Vancouver and Victoria for years and Dollheiser believes it to be a matter of time before groups like SSBC spread the word and get more people involved.

"It will be provided at a loss for now but we just want people to know about it and we hope that at some point it will get popular," he said. "If we can get the ball rolling, that's alright."

SSBC members attribute biodiesel popularity in Europe to high gasoline prices, which forced people to study the viability of long-term alternatives.

Coincidentally, the shipment arrived only days following financial analysis firm Goldman Sachs' prediction that oil may undergo a "super spike" to more than US\$100 a barrel.

Dollheiser said everyone he has spoken with expressed interest in the fuel, although

he admitted a major drawback has been the price tag of \$1.45 per litre.

With regular unleaded fuel prices recently surpassing one dollar, future Salt Spring biodiesel users like Ted Bishop are not shying away from making the switch.

"We are environmentalists and we've decided to use biodiesel because we didn't want to burn more fossil fuels," said Bishop, an island-based organic winemaker. "I know it will be more expensive but we don't mind paying a premium because it is good for the world and we wish to support this kind of product."

Bishop said because he and his family emphasize organic farming methods, it seemed hypocritical for him to use traditional fuels.

His plan is to use biodiesel in the farm tractor in addition to a new diesel car recently purchased after hearing the fuel was on its way to Salt

Spring.

"If nobody uses it, the new product doesn't stand a chance," he said.

Much like organic food became slightly more affordable after it caught on with the public, Bishop hopes an increased demand for biodiesel leads to a price drop.

In addition to doing something positive for the environment, Dollheiser added it was nice to begin breaking free of the petroleum industry and chart the course towards an independent energy strategy.

"People on Salt Spring will now get to find out about what all the talk is about," he said.

Biodiesel fuel will be available at Pretzel Motors from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. As the biodiesel venture is a separate undertaking, the SSBC requests that calls not be made to Pretzel Motors.

Burgoyne park expansion welcomed

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Last week's announcement to expand Burgoyne Park is welcome news for conservationists but does not address the dire need to properly manage existing parks on the island and throughout B.C.

The \$1.5-million purchase by the province from the CRD will guarantee the preservation of an additional 151 hectares (330 acres) to the south of the park's existing boundaries and increase the park's size by roughly 50 per cent.

The acquisition comes only a year after the creation of Burgoyne Park and Friends of Salt Spring Parks member Nora Layard suspects the announcement is linked to the May 17 provincial election.

"Elections are always a good time for parks," she said. "The real question is how they will be able to manage the expanded area."

Burgoyne Bay is the newest of Salt Spring's three provincial parks. It was created to protect open grasslands, Douglas fir, historical buildings and First Nations middens.

"This new acquisition will hopefully get B.C. Parks to develop a master plan as to how they will manage the park," she said. "So far there is nothing in place."

Layard claimed recent funding cuts have seen the elimination of facilities and managers. She expressed concern the area would not be managed effectively.

Although exact visitor figures are not collected, she said use of Burgoyne Bay, Mount Maxwell and Ruckle parks has increased. In the Burgoyne area, residents expressed difficulties finding parking during summer months.

Bill Barisoff, Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, said the announcement was entirely coincidental as the ministry intended to expand the parks network

more than a year ago.

The plan aims to create an additional 50,000 hectares (370,000 acres) of park space province-wide via the creation of new parks and the addition of lands to pre-existing ones.

The proposed expansion corresponds roughly to the size of nine Salt Spring Islands.

Barisoff said the current government has struggled to overcome "a \$40-million park maintenance backlog left over from the past regime." He feels the recent purchase is a move towards correcting what has been long overdue.

"This investment by the province will protect some of the most sensitive habitat in the Gulf Islands, including areas that support the threatened Garry oak," Barisoff said.

"To be able to expand Burgoyne Bay less than a year after its creation is evidence that our strong economy is supporting government's plan to expand and protect special habitats."

With the money received from the purchase, the CRD plans to help purchase the Sooke Potholes property near Victoria in conjunction with The Land Conservancy of B.C.

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Thai Sea Gypsies greet their new boats

Thai fishermen waded out to greet a flotilla of new boats that arrived at Riwai village on March 17, thanks to Salt Spring tsunami relief donations.

"What a beautiful sight to see," wrote islander Tom Cairns in an e-mail from Phuket.

He and his wife Debbie have spearheaded the Sea Gypsies' Relief Fund to assist Thai fishermen since the deadly December tsunami.

Cairns calculated that 62 fishermen have been helped by the relief fund so far. And most boats have three to five people employed, he said.

"As I waited for the new boats to arrive yesterday, I saw three fishermen heading out of the village on a motorbike with their daughters on the back dressed in their school uniforms. Their fathers were driving them to school. Without these boats, the kids would not be going to school — for each family must pay to go to school, pay for gas for the motorbike, pay for school lunches, pay for plates on the bike and pay for school uniforms."

All of the fishermen taking their daughters to school that day had



BIG CATCH: Thai fishermen waded out to greet long-tail fishing boats that were built largely from Salt Spring donations for "Sea Gypsies" at Riwai village near Phuket. Photo contributed

received boats from the fund, which enabled them to make money to pay bills and feed their families, he said.

"Salt Spring Island has been the driving force behind our project. Debbie and I want you all to know you have helped these Sea Gypsies recover fully from the destruction the tsunami brought."

After providing three used boats and 13 new boats for fishermen in Riwai, they have almost completed their initial task

to support Phuket area fishermen, he said.

The group has also assisted 10 boat repairs at Koh Lanta, 12 boat repairs at Koh Mook, bought two motors and have ordered 18 other boats for fishermen at Ban Niang and Pak Weep camps.

"We know we can't help every fisherman that lost a boat, for there are over 1,500 boats lost on Thailand's coast, but it is hard to say 'no' to these men who have lost everything they once had."

VIHA board ensures full employment for local grads

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Members of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) guaranteed "local employment" for all graduates of the region's three nursing schools in a low-profile meeting in Ganges last Wednesday.

"We will be the first region to offer all graduates permanent full-time employment with the Vancouver Island Health Authority," said board member Brian Stamp. "It is hoped that difficulties finding work in the area will become a thing of the past."

Stamp said nurses would be able to apply for positions in acute care sites, seniors' and mental health facilities and addiction clinics in health units throughout the VIHA.

It is currently expected that 175 students will graduate this spring from the University of Victoria, Malaspina and North Island College.

"We are addressing the current shortage of health professionals by providing jobs for nursing graduates in communities on Vancouver Island," said Oak Bay-Gordon head MLA Ida Chong in a statement issued before the Ganges meeting.

"The commitment from VIHA complements our government's nursing strategies to make Vancouver Island more competitive and attractive to our own young,

skilled health care professionals."

Despite the current shortages of nurses in the region, board members agreed Salt Spring's facilities and staff continue to excel.

Following a morning tour of the hospital, VIHA president and CEO Howard Waldner said island facilities were a prime example of how health care services should be provided throughout the district.

"We are usually taught that bigger is better," he said. "It's good to see how efficient and organized things can be at a small facility such as Lady Minto."

Waldner added Lady Minto's capabilities continue to improve with the recent addition of a new operating room, its first palliative care suite and the implementation of filmless radiology scheduled for later this month.

Despite advances made by staff at Lady Minto Hospital, Mabel Jean Rawlins-Brennan of the Victoria-based Community Council said Salt Spring faced many of the same health concerns caused by the province-wide rise of homelessness.

"Housing costs have a significant impact on the health of those unable to afford shelter," she said during her presentation to the board. "This is an issue that is on the rise everywhere, including here on Salt Spring."

Rawlins-Brennan asked VIHA members to provide additional support for the Quality of Life Challenge, an independent group set up in 2003 with the mandate of improving the living standards.

"Through a combination of contributions from government and the private sector, the challenge seeks to create low-cost housing and healthier communities," she said.

"Issues of housing and incomes are determinants of health. As such the Health Authority should be seen as a real leadership partner."

Waldner recognized the connection of low income and poor housing conditions with public health and added that programs such as the Quality of Life Challenge were the best way to ensure that VIHA services would not be needed in the first place.

Board member Don Carlow also presented an update from the health quality committee confirming plans to prepare for a global influenza pandemic which, he said, was long overdue.

"If a situation were to happen, we need to be in place to respond rapidly," he said.

Carlow said a plan focusing on anti-viral drugs, vaccinations and "a good robust system of surveillance" is now being reviewed and will be released this summer.

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Acting locally, thinking globally urged during action week on trade

Effects of international trading will be put under a microscope next week as a Global Week of Action on Trade is observed on Salt Spring and around the world.

A local coordinating committee is inviting "all islanders who feel connected to each other and the planet" to "think globally and act locally by buying locally, which supports small producers and businesses and reduces greenhouse gases and our reliance on unfair global systems."

Representatives will

be in the Saturday market with information on April 9, and boards for posting suggestions and comments will solicit input around the island. Two discussion topics will be raised: "How the unjust trading system affects us as individuals and community; and Salt Spring Island alternatives in support of our micro-economy — what is being done and what could be done."

On April 16, all comments and suggestions will be gathered together, with the best ones presented to the media for sharing and pos-

sible action.

The idea of a Global Week of Action came from a trade discussion held in India in November 2003, and was put into action at the World Social Forum in that country in January of this year.

Local action is being coordinated by Eileen Wtewaall (gande@saltspring.com), Marion Pape (marionpape@telus.net) and members of the Wednesday afternoon book club.

Other Salt Spring groups are being asked to support the week's activities, noted Wtewaall.

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DUCK LOVE: James Twaites gives his duck a hug as the two check out the daffodils at Foxglove. Visitors to Foxglove's annual Lawn and Garden Show were treated to lots of kids and their animals as representatives of the Salt Spring 4-H Club attended.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Library board seeks more public input

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Library board members penned another chapter in the quest for a new library by announcing the creation of two initiatives to increase community involvement and develop a solid building plan.

"Despite the fact that much of the year felt like two steps forward, one and a half steps back, and the main issue of site and financing for the project is still beyond our resolution, the committee has developed some interesting prospects for the new library," said Pat Fraser, chair of the library board's long-term planning committee.

Creation of a building or development finance committee and Friends of the Library group were deemed immediate priorities at the library AGM held Thursday at the Ganges United Church.

The finance committee will seek to quell rumours and pursue reasonable scenarios for the site selection and eventual purchase of land for the library.

"It's not the glitz and excitement of a facility

erupting from concrete and rebar foundations," said Fraser with regard to the board's immediate future.

"It is, more accurately, the true foundations for a successful project: sound planning, broad-based research, careful consideration and forward thinking."

Fraser cautioned people to avoid forming conclusions since a site for the library has not yet been selected. She said the board examined every available site in and outside of the core but would not make a final decision without further research.

"We are doing background investigation because there is no point in getting excited or upset about a site that might not even happen."

In the matter of location, the first choice of library members and the community as reflected in the island's official community plan, appears to be a site within the core, she said. "However, the fact is undeniable that public lands owned by the Capital Regional District . . . would be the best deal financially."

Fraser explained the library has cut many services over the past decade, not for

a lack of funds but rather due to a shortage of space.

The library's ever expanding collection of more than 44,000 items, recent expansion to the children's area and computer terminals contributed to space restraints.

While recognizing the increasing complexity of offering services to a varied population, Fraser emphasized the need to develop public support for the new library project.

"The library is taken for granted by a lot of people who are happy as long as there is a door to walk through, shelves with books on them and pleasant people to check them out," she said. "If you want a library that is growing, it has to be changing and should be a vital and progressive part of the community."

Pat Byrne sees the newly formed Friends of the Library as another way to spread the word about the need for library expansion.

Last week, he submitted applications to both the provincial and federal government so the group may obtain status as an official non-profit group.

"I would like Friends of the Library to begin by persuading the community that we need a library," said Byrne. "I would also like the group to help organize events to raise funds for the project."

He encouraged members of the public to contribute ideas and money for a cause aimed at benefitting the entire community.

Board members suggested money be raised through a combination of public fundraising events, government and non-government grants and tax levies.

The meeting also saw the election of two new board members: Tilly Crawley and Duncan Hepburn. Incumbents Pat Fraser and Andrew Peat were also chosen for another two-year term.

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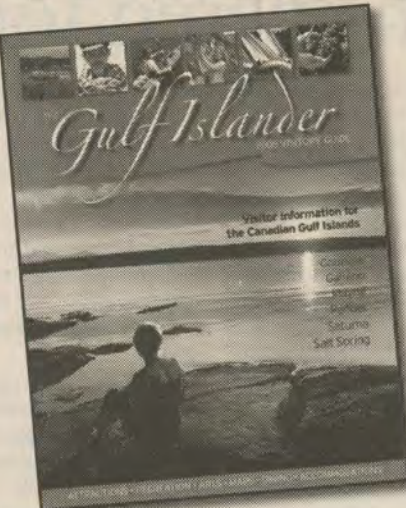
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Vacation rental debate has arrived

Salt Spring residents finally know for sure what is being proposed to deal with the short-term vacation rental issue, with public hearings on bylaw changes likely taking place in May.

In the latest draft, local trustees and Trust staff have appeared to heed the biggest concerns (from vacation rental opponents) as the loss of community through operation of vacation rental homes by non-resident property owners, and the loss of income for islanders involved in the industry (from those same residents.)

The Trust has tried to not take a huge bite out of tourist accommodation spaces and options by eliminating all vacation rentals. Yet they have also made "permanent" residency a condition of being allowed to rent out one's home, which addresses the fear of off-islanders owning multiple STVR homes.

Limiting the amount of time residents may rent out their home as an STVR to only 60 (or 30) consecutive days in one year should also act as a limit to neighbourhood impacts and the proliferation of the practice, since it will be for a set time limit.

But two problems remain the same as ever: monitoring and enforcement of the new rules, if passed, will be a considerable challenge. The fact the STVR use is not legal on Salt Spring did not deter several people in the past. One must assume new rules will be accompanied by a renewed commitment to enforcement.

The other problem is a lack of reliable data to elucidate the real long-term social and economic impacts of any change in accommodation land uses.

Trustees were naturally pressured to "do something" to resolve the vacation rental conflict raging when they were elected two and a half years ago, but it's too bad it couldn't have waited for the creation of a tourism advisory committee or work being done by a new community housing task force.

Still, at least the community has something definite to consider and debate in the next two months. While a blissful consensus is unlikely to be reached, some sense of stability for everyone involved with this issue will be welcomed.

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Support neighbourhood schools/ Fix it even if you didn't break it.

Have pot lucks/ Garden together/ Pick up litter/ Read stories aloud.

Dance in the street/ Talk to the mail carrier/ Listen to the birds/ Put up a swing.

Help carry something heavy/ Barter for your goods/ Start a tradition/ Ask a question.

Hire young people for odd jobs/ Organize a block party/ Bake extra and share/ Ask for help when you need it.

VIEW POINT

Open your shades/ Sing together/ Share your skills/ Take back the night.

Turn up the music/ Turn down the music/ Listen before you react to anger.

Mediate a conflict/ Seek and understand/ Learn from new and uncomfortable angles.

Know that no one is silent though many are not heard/ Work to change this.

By WAYNE HEWITT

The above is a poem from members of the Syracuse Cultural Workers. My daughter found it when researching a university paper on community. I think we could all learn a few things about

building community from reading it.

Communication is usually the problem. People don't listen to what they are saying or to each other. They jump to conclusions and may have totally misinterpreted a situation or conversation. They have their own self-interests at the front of their mind and fail to hear the other party.

Most of us read the Driftwood. Over the past few weeks, we read letter after letter concerning people's views about Salt Spring Island. I know when I moved here almost 15 years ago, the community of Salt Spring could have been described by the words of the poem. What has happened over those 15 years? I used to be able to walk down a street in Ganges and meet many of my friends and neighbours. Today I see many people that I don't know.

My friends and neighbours have moved away because they could sell their house for a high price and the house next door is now either vacant or rented on weekends for most of the year. It is really hard to get to know the people next door because next door really doesn't have a family living in it. It just has weekend visitors.

We have development after development being applied for at the Local Trust Committee meetings each month. Do these developers realize that when they cut down trees for a building site they are actually destroying the environment that made the island so appealing and desirable that they wanted to come here to live? Little by little, they try to change it back to what they left. They destroy the special place they wanted.

When we first bought our property on Salt Spring Island in 1987,

the water in the lakes was very pristine. Neighbours said, "This is the best water in Canada; you can drink it right out of the lake and not get sick." So we did drink it.

Today, Salt Spring lakes experience toxic algal blooms during the summer. Since the flooding of Blackburn Lake in January and the subsequent runoff into Cusheon Lake, there is a permanent boil advisory for people using water out of the lake who have no primary treatment. The Vancouver Island Health Authority states that using surface water for drinking is risky unless it is treated. We don't drink the lake water anymore.

I think we all need to communicate why we live here and what we want this island to be like in the future. Let's start now before it's too late!

The writer is a Horel Road resident.

Ice rink should be considered for infrastructure grant

By DWIGHT JONES

Your editorial titled Pool Pressures (March 23 Driftwood) stated that "most islanders may prefer to see all or more of the legally-authorized funds spent on the pool now."

I agree; the \$4.2 million was authorized by due process after thoroughly canvassing the community. So whether the \$2 million infrastructure grant?

For many years the island has debated the merits and priorities of a pool versus an ice rink. Despite the fact that Salt Spring is the largest community in Canada without access to an ice rink, long-time ice park volunteers stepped aside during the successful pool campaign, and supported the pool initiative. The community knows

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all the more disturbing then, that given the marathon history of the island's longing for a skating facility, you did not deign to mention it as a possible use of the \$2-million grant funds anywhere in three articles on the matter.

Instead, you quote Bill Curtin and Gary Holman debating whether to reduce the assessment, or to introduce geothermal energy as their respective ideas for the funds. "A geo-thermal pool could pay for itself in approximately three years," said Mr. Holman. Very true, but I have a sim-

the \$2 million, and use the heat drawn out of the rink to heat the pool. Share the infrastructure of the pool — change rooms, showers, meeting rooms, reception, staff, concessions, parking — with the operations of the rink, and with tennis and squash courts. Use the rink for curling one day a week and as a concert venue and exhibition hall in summer, if required.

Our youth deserve more than their token skateboard plaza and free rides to Lady Minto. This is a watershed moment that will provide Salt Spring with facilities for families, or one more over-blown spa for our retirement and tourist trap denizens, who already have plenty of places to soak and swim when they show up en masse

omy of B.C. has improved to the point where the school board, women's groups, Mahon Hall and others are getting the funds they have requested. The ice rink gets not even a mention, despite the disastrous season our national game had this winter.

Let's consider a few things:

1) If the rink is not built now, it will never be. The land is there on Rainbow Road, but will soon be made useless for a rink. If the dry ground is not retained for the ice surface, then it cannot ever be built in the lower reaches of that wet property, without severe permafrost problems.

2) Ice rinks rent for \$250-\$300/hour in Vancouver, and teams would love to visit us from there. Imagine how our

efit from a few warm bodies during our ghost-town winters.

3) Volunteers working within non-profit societies (a Salt Spring athletic club?) are best at programming and supervising such facilities. Rinks do not lose money like pools do; as the former president of a 1,500-member adult hockey association, I can assure you that not one dime of subsidy is required. The carpenters on this island will finish that rink with their bare hands if necessary, and put up bunkhouses for change rooms.

4) It is reasonable to expect that the school board might faintly recognize figure skating, hockey and curling as suitable school sports and will purchase significant daytime hours, leaving non-school hours to high-revenue adult rentals and weekend

adult hockey is a healthy private business in Canada.

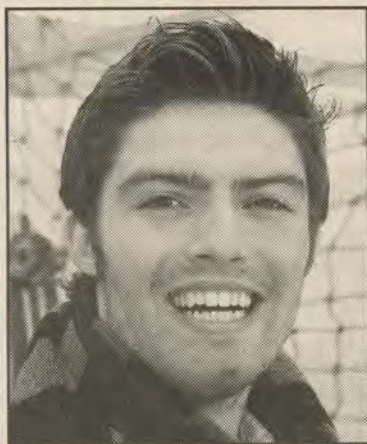
Of course there is only one way to find out if what I'm saying holds water. Poll the community one more time and ask them if they would approve appending a rink with that \$2 million, which is less than half the cost of the pool. Just give us a roof, some compressors and a little concrete. We'll take it from there.

I would live satisfied with any result — but I know that there are many here among us who dare not let that happen. They know what we, as Canadians, will say.

Let's make sure we say it anyway — this is our chance to put an integrated recreation centre together that will serve all of our families for generations.

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We asked: *What do you like best about the Saturday market?*



Matt Burt

I like getting a soy chai latte first thing in the morning.



Nancy Wood

I think it's great that I can participate in the market even though I've come in from Victoria.



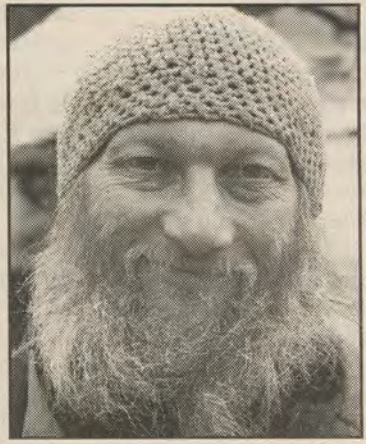
Jop Briet

It's my first time here and I am really impressed with all the interesting food that's available.



Beth Balderston

I think the fashions, the fabrics, the wonderful colours and smells make it a special event.



Paul Beckman "Palu"

The market is a festive atmosphere and a time for islanders to make right livelihood.

Letters to the Editor

Submerge them

I am writing this letter to garner support to have the B.C. Transmission Corporation's (BCTC) two new 230-kilovolt circuits rerouted from their current plan over Salt Spring to an all-submarine route directly from the Lower Mainland to Vancouver Island, completely bypassing Salt Spring.

My concerns are primarily the potential health risks for my children. BCTC claims that the wires will be safe, but a careful analysis of the existing studies relating electromagnetic fields to childhood leukemia reveal a concerning trend.

Consider this comparison: Let's say you can choose from one of two taps of water. The water from the first tap had significantly increased the risk of childhood leukemia in most epidemiological studies, but an absolute cause-effect relationship had not been conclusively proven.

Some scientists believed it was most likely safe. They all agreed more study was necessary to be certain. All

the scientists agreed that water from the second tap was safe. Which one would you drink from? Would you have BCTC force feed your children water from the first tap? Rerouting would guarantee no increased risk to our children.

Do they really think it's safe? Consider my proposal to set up a summer camp for the children of politicians, the executives of BCTC, B.C. Hydro and B.C. Utility Commission. Heck, the parents can come too. It would be an all-inclusive and completely free vacation—nothing but the best—except the sleeping arrangements and fun activities would take place under two 230-kv transmission lines.

How many parents would send their children? How many would admit it was because of concern for their children's health? I'll bet you wouldn't vote for or trust any of the parents who did send their kids, would you? They don't live near where these transmission lines are proposed, so they don't care. It's just the almighty dollar they're concerned with, not our children.

To have the plan changed

to an all sub-marine route we need the help and support of the whole community. Please visit IRAHVOL's web page at www.iraivol.org for info on how to help. Sign our petition and write to our MLA, Murray Coell, our Premier Gordon Campbell and to BCTC, and tell them we deserve an all-submarine route through the Gulf Islands.

TED BISHOP,
Norton Road

Squash squash

It was entirely predictable. Now that the pool is approved, there is a call to add other amenities. The push for squash courts at the new rec centre should be stopped in its tracks. It will be challenging enough to build the pool within budget without adding other facilities. Adding costs to an already increasing tax burden for the basic pool does not make a lot of sense.

Urban amenities (like squash, tennis and others) should be supported by private enterprise, not public funding.

For example, the fact that

an excellent fitness centre (an urban amenity) exists on Salt Spring Island is a tribute to the business acumen and initiative of its owner and the demand and willingness to pay by its users. Squash should be treated no differently. If private initiative can make it happen and users pay for it, then it will find its place in island life.

Several attempts to create a squash facility on Salt Spring using private capital have failed, largely due to lack of interest. So, why use public funds? We should treat all discretionary amenities in the same fashion.

We have to stop using our property taxes to pay for turning Salt Spring into a Vancouver suburb. I expect many who moved to Salt Spring did so to escape the urban lifestyle. So why turn our island into something that we left behind?

BEN GOODMAN,
Salt Spring

4-day support

As a mother of four lovely children born and raised on Salt Spring, I couldn't agree more with Susan Lundy's timely opinion piece regard-

ing the four-day school week.

Rather than go on about all the reasons why it has worked out so positively in our family, as most of our viewpoints are shared in Susan's in-depth, I will simply add our affirmation.

My kids now are 12 to 22 years of age, and having been involved actively in my children's education here for the past 18 years, from the Little Red Schoolhouse through the high school, maintaining great connections with many of the kids, I feel I have the experience to add a voice of reason.

Two of my kids are in the middle school now and I teach a group of 13-year-old girls after school one day a week, as well as work two other jobs when my kids are in school. Since they were born, I have chosen to be home when my kids are at home and have never regretted it.

Although sometimes things have been quite frugal as a result, my older children have told me that they've always felt they had a rich life. Indeed, they have been my most rewarding creative work in progress!

I find it ironic that some of the main spokespeople against the four-day week no longer have children in any school here but seem to have the time and energy for this cause to voice their considerable writing talents. Ask the kids! They love it and yes, many of their parents have seen too much homework and not enough time for their children to simply be children.

And here, on this island where many of us have come to escape the "rat-race," spend more time in nature and nurturing our own personal creativity, we want our own children to be inside closed doors being programmed for the nine to five? Come on!

So many people wish they could spend more time with their family. Here's an opportunity to do just that. The quality of education could use improving—and if a four-day week can relocate funding to do just that—why are we wasting precious time protesting when we could be spending it with the kids!

TEMA DAWN,
Salt Spring

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Tax levy procedure followed and justified by LTC

By ERIC BOOTH

I am responding to Hornby Islander Tony Law's opinion piece last week entitled "Trustees' unorthodox process led to tax levy qualms."

For all intents and purposes, the STL or special tax levy did not exist until two years ago when I pointed out to Trust Council that under the Islands Trust Act a Local Trust Committee (LTC) can request a STL.

As a "newbie trustee," all I did was actually read the act's legislation and say, "Hey, here's another way tax equity could actually be achieved." Well, as you know, my tax equity proposal was defeated, but the awareness of STLs didn't go away.

So in December, upon my urging, Trust Council developed and adopted a policy regarding how/when/where STLs can be

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used. The policy says prior to a Local Trust Committee (LTC) proposing a special levy, it has to meet a number of criteria. Tony states that Kimberly and I "followed neither the letter nor the spirit of (the) policy... which was circulated to all trustees in January."

I take extreme exception to this charge. In fact, I would counter that the "spirit" of the policy, to allow Trust communities, like Salt Spring and Hornby, to tax themselves for local projects that council does not approve in the base budget, was certainly not given the support one would, perhaps naively, expect by all members on council, including Tony.

As far as the timing of

the process, I can't for the life of me see another way the STL could actually have occurred. In sequential order, we had to publicly announce that we may be putting a STL forward for the Community Viz project, which we did at our February LTC meeting, and hear feedback from the public, of which there was none, other than "if that's what it takes, do it."

Next, we had to propose the project to council. Council had to deny our request for funding, which they did. We, the Salt Spring LTC, had to create a resolution without meeting for the STL, then propose the STL to council. Finally, council had to approve the STL. That's the order in which the policy reads and that's the order in which it occurred.

I believe Tony's sense "that most trustees were left feeling quite uncomfortable

about an extremely off-the-cuff process," may be true, however, there was not one of the trustees who didn't vote in favour of the STL policy and, while this was their first experience with it, guess what? It actually worked as intended and it didn't take forever to happen.

Now, Tony claims that Salt Spring "has been allocated three quarters of the money budgeted for local planning projects and also has the significant non-monetary value of a well-staffed, on-island office—an object of envy for those of us on outlying islands!"

Well, considering since I first brought forth the tax equity issue Salt Spring taxpayers have "over contributed" over \$2 million, let's put the "three quarters of the money" and "object of envy" line in true perspective. First, the total Salt Spring planning projects amounted to only \$41,000

of \$89,000 = 46 per cent as opposed to 75 per cent, an exaggeration of 63 per cent!

Next, as I stated in my previous article, according to a report done by Trust staff last year, Salt Spring already overpays taxes in excess of \$450,000 a year to the Trust. This means that you could say Salt Spring taxpayers picked up the entire \$89,000 tab for the entire Trust Area and still overpaid by \$360,000. Isn't that really generous of council to "give us back" \$41,000 of the \$450,000? Give me a break already. Now, tell me again who exactly should be envious of this situation?

I believe this also underlines the "spirit of resource allocation" that denied Salt Spring the \$10,000 for the Community Viz project in the first place. Council could very simply

have recognized that our request amounted to asking for a total program request of just 11 per cent of the \$450,000, instead of continuing to ignore the existing tax inequity.

Taxation without representation has been often referred to as tyranny, and I guess that's where, for some members of council, the words which are sometimes used to define "unorthodox" may be applicable to my fight for tax equity—unconventional, non-conformist, heretical, untraditional, personal, revolutionary. In the political arena, as I continue to press council to increase efficiency and reduce taxes to a fair level, I'm proud to wear any or all of those colourful adjectives on behalf of my Salt Spring Island constituents.

The writer is a Salt Spring Local Trust Committee trustee.

More letters

Plecas' platitudes

I read the Sean McIntyre piece (March 30 Driftwood) relating Mr. Plecas' views on electoral reform and the referendum on whether to replace our voting system with the BC-STV.

Being as we are now close to the May 17 referendum, what is at issue is the relative merit of the two contestant voting systems. Yet Plecas beats around the bush, crying wolf and making other utterances, none of them addressing the issue at hand.

The facts please, the facts and reasoning. "Plecastitudes" will not do.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
Salt Spring

Fine officer

We just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the help we received from Const. Jeff Swann of the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

When we got to our small holiday cabin near St. Mary Lake on March 25, we saw immediately that someone had broken in and was living there. The intruder had left piles of garbage in and outside the building and had used and damaged many of our supplies and possessions.

Constable Swann arrived quickly and his kindness and skilful handling of the situation made a potentially very distressing incident much, much easier. We were

so grateful for his excellent advice and his prompt action.

Even though Jeff had only an hour left before his vacation started, he was able to identify the perpetrator, find him in Ganges and talk to him.

This man, who suffers from an acute bi-polar disorder, asked to come and apologize to us.

With our permission, Constable Swann brought him to our cabin and facilitated this exchange in a way that was fair and respectful to the man with the mental illness and also reassuring and helpful for us.

Salt Spring Island is very fortunate to have a fine officer like Jeff Swann doing such compassionate and important work in the community.

BRUCE and LAUREL SAUNDERS,
Victoria

Real threats

The religions of the world appear to me to be the greatest of all threats to the survival of humanity.

Any one of the different gods may order his followers to brutally coerce or destroy non-believers and, ultimately, if he deems it necessary, employ weapons of mass destruction to do so.

Concurrently, religions severely impair the thinking ability of their followers. Faith is substituted for reason. Sadly, this dumbs down

followers for the onslaughts of many politicians with their "spin doctors" and "manufactures of consent."

GORDON BARNES,
Salt Spring

Another site

A little background on the history of the Peace Park, as a follow-up to the March 30 article about the library.

About 1990, Salt Spring joined communities across Canada in designating an area of land to be a peace park.

Local members of the national organization Voice of Women for Peace initiated this project. The location was approved by community groups who had an interest in this area: Salmon Enhancement, parks board, CRD and ArtSpring.

The federal government suggested that 12 trees be planted, one to represent each province and territory. By the time our Peace Park was dedicated, Nunavut was about to become a territory, and Salt Spring had the honour of being the first in Canada to plant a 13th tree.

Kathy Reimer had the "Peace Rock" transported to its location and the plaque was donated, as were benches and trees by islanders, and many people were involved in planting and caring for the park.

Some trees were planted in memory of the Japanese families who had lived on the island, and others for

friends who had been active in the peace movement.

Each year a commemoration is held in the park to recognize all victims of wars.

This usually is held on August 6, Hiroshima Day.

This tranquil little corner of Ganges is welcomed by many as a place to relax or take part in a special event.

The Peace park is very much part of our community, so let's look for another site for the library.

MARG SIMONS,
Fulford

Welcoming gardens

On Friday the first goldfinch of the year arrived in my garden. First the beautiful song, then the flash of golden wings as he flew down to land on my birdbath.

I am amazed at this fragile little creature returning over thousands of miles from winter in Mexico to, hopefully, nest here on Salt Spring.

But I have a pang of anxiety. It's the season when people are tempted to spray, scatter or spread various toxic chemicals on their lawns and gardens.

The advertisements are so enticing, the garden magazines so inspiring, if only we would use this or that product.

But read carefully. A lot of fertilizers also contain herbicides, which are lethal to birds, bees, frogs and butterflies and maybe also to soil organisms, as well as beneficials such as lacewings and ladybird beetles.

The very plants we kill — dandelion, chicweed, wild cress, etc. — are the foods most important, not only to goldfinches, but to all our lovely songbirds.

The unripe seeds are the "milk" they feed to babies in

the nest, and these little ones are most vulnerable.

So please, please, people, let your lawns and gardens be safe, healthy, welcoming places, not only for our tiny visitors, but for pets and children too, by avoiding these chemicals.

NANCY WIGEN,
Fernwood

Bigger picture

Although most of us like to believe that Salt Spring is a community of like-minded, peace loving folk, it seems that for some people the old adage "shoot first, ask questions later" is still a fact of life.

I refer to an incident involving my very good friends' two Jack Russell terriers and the people who shot them dead.

These two much-loved family pets were kept confined by a fenced yard when not in the house or out on supervised walks.

This particular occasion was the first time they had escaped and run loose. An accident.

Unfortunately, freedom went to their heads and they headed up hill and down dale and ended up in the Wright Road area where they assaulted some chickens and were shot.

Now, whilst according to the letter of the law the property owner was within his rights, most people would agree that the morally correct course of action would have been to restrain the dogs, call the animal control officer and hold the owner responsible for the loss of livestock.

If this had been two pit bulls tearing the throat out of a sheep, and I was unable to restrain them without fearing for my life, I may well have been tempted to shoot them myself (all supposing I was

the sort of person to keep a loaded gun handy).

But this was two small, friendly house pets that undoubtedly had done something wrong, but not something that should have garnered them execution without trial.

The property owner neglected to inform the animal control officer of his actions, although through the grapevine the Reid family heard the dogs had been shot and arrived at the farm to ask what had happened. They met with a bald-faced lie.

Then Mr. Reid, who has a disability, proceeded to spend hours trekking through the bush on a continued search for the dogs.

The property owners finally admitted what they had done and produced the bodies of the dogs.

The Reids are heartbroken, but at least they now know what happened and have been able to bury their beloved pets.

I know it can be hard for people who consider animals to be merely moneymaking commodities to understand the feelings that some of us have for our animals.

Our own dogs are very much part of the family and I can well imagine how I would feel if my two had been killed in this way.

Makes me think about the bigger picture — what hope is there for world peace if people feel justified in using deadly force before having a rational discussion between all those involved.

I'm hoping that the people who shot the dogs feel at least a prick of conscience for the enormous grief and heartbreak they have caused the Reid family.

MANDY SPOTTISWOODE,
Long Harbour



CAPITAL
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUILDING REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW

Take Notice that the Capital Regional District Board (CRD) intends to adopt **Bylaw No. 3265, Building Regulation Bylaw No. 4, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2004**, at its meeting on Wed., April 13, 2005 to be held at 1:30 p.m., 524 Yates Street, Victoria, BC.

Bylaw No. 3265 amends Bylaw No. 2990, **Building Regulation Bylaw No. 4, 2002**, and affects the Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands electoral areas of the Capital Regional District. Bylaw No. 3265 will come into effect on May 31, 2005. The intent of this bylaw is to:

- increase building inspection fees by an average of 5%
- add a \$500 fee for removing a notice that has been placed on title
- comply with the new Sewerage System Regulation which requires that a registered professional certify that an appropriate sewerage system has been constructed

For more specific details, a complete copy of Bylaw No. 3265 may be inspected at the CRD offices listed below, from April 6 to April 13, 2005:

- Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC (Mon.- Fri., 8:30-10:00 am, 10:30 am-Noon, 1:00-4:30 pm)
- Building Inspection Office, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road (Driftwood Centre), Pender Island, BC, (Mon., Wed., Fri., 8:30 am-Noon; 1:00-4:30 pm)
- Building Inspection Office, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC (Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm)
- Building Inspection Office, 2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC, (Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm)
- Administration Department, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, BC, (Mon.- Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm)

The bylaw may also be viewed on the Internet at:
<http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/buildingregulat/> Select Bylaw No. 3265.

Questions regarding the bylaw may be directed to Seamus McDonnell, Environmental Services, telephone 250-360-3096, or toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3096.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2005

Carmen I. Thiel
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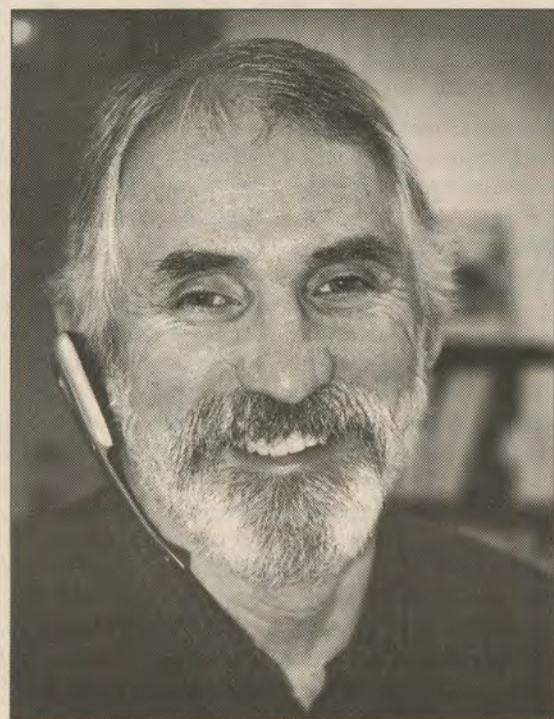
Refreshments will be served

Guest Speaker — Steve Somerset from BMO Nesbitt Burns, SSI

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Name: **HERB BURNETT**
 537/538/653: 537
Occupation(s): Bean counter; human being.
Hobbies: Philosophy, philanthropy, philology, flatulence.
Home finished/unfinished: Finished, but don't tell Dick.
Favourite read: John Steinbeck, Mohandas Gandhi and Shilo Zylbergold.
Best thing about SSI: Our friends!
Worst thing about SSI: The corner at Crofton Road, Park Drive and Lower Ganges Road.
Best place to kiss on SSI?: At the submarine races.



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ISLAND PICS

More letters

No limits

This back and forth on vacation rentals is appalling. What don't you understand about losing jobs when no one is allowed to rent a home for their family? What is it that businesses can't comprehend about the fact they will be denied hundreds of thousands of dollars from tourists if the tourists can't stay anywhere and leave the island the same day (or don't come at all)?

Vacation rentals are not commercial accommodation (see the Supreme Court decision in Ontario where it was noted they are just the same as bed and breakfasts).

All five kinds of accommodation (B&B, VR, hotel, resort, campground) are needed on Salt Spring if the island economy is going to be sustainable and vibrant.

Vacation rentals use less water than B&Bs, they don't ruin the neighbourhood and they provide much-needed work for the service corps in garden-

ing, housekeeping, hot tub maintenance and building renovations.

Limiting vacation rentals to 30 or 60 days, outside the watershed areas only to permanent residents is tantamount to shutting them down.

To the Islands Trust: Re-think your stance — do not limit vacation rentals in any way.

DAVE DUCKWORTH,
 Fulford-Ganges Road



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ROSES

A bundle of roses to Peter Prince and Salt Spring Cable for considering allowing volunteers to participate in the production of local programming and editing. CT

Roses to family, friends, neighbours and others who aided in the search and ultimate recovery of Caliente and Spartkis.

Many pink roses to all those who have donated to the Ray Newman Fund over the past years, so that we could donate \$1,000 to the music programs at GISS and SIMS. V&SN

Big bunches of roses to Owen Berwell and his trail-clearing crew, Mark Haughey and friends, Charles Kahn

and all those other folks who have been clearing our trails after the big snow. Thanks for the hard work — it is appreciated. JG

The rose last week regarding fuel shortage was actually meant for Dar, not Dan.

Bouquets of beautiful ivory roses to Christian — the ultra-talented sitar player who created magic by tingling our ears during our love ceremony. S&A

I wish to thank workers at the Ganges Post Office. I mailed a big homemade Easter card and some mementos to my grand-daughter in Vancouver. Then my daughter discovered I had sent it to her old address. I called the post office for help and the girl who answered was so nice and courteous, saying

she would do her best to find it. Later she called to say it had been found. I'd like to thank them by sending the biggest bouquet of pink roses and a posy of heather. BK

A ghost rose for the rancher who, instead of exercising his right and shooting two loved family pets, could have made another choice and done the right thing by capturing them and calling the owners.

A scented yellow rose for David Beneteau for his commitment and time in designing and maintaining Keep Five Alive's website.

Roses are red/ violets are blue/ Bevan's the best hairstylist on the West Coast/ not number 2. Thanks, J&H.

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Garner Road density transfer gets first public look

A plan to transfer one density from the bank created from the Burgoyne Bay parklands to a large Garner Road parcel was given first reading by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) on Thursday.

Resident Elizabeth Nickson has applied for a density transfer rezoning, in conjunction with the donor property owners: Province of British Columbia, Capital Regional District and Nature Trust of B.C.

It would facilitate the splitting of an 11.47-hectare (28.34-acre) property into two lots.

The proposal faced opposition at the LTC meeting from Salt Spring Water Preservation Society president Maxine Leichter.

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She said that without accurate data on the island's current population and water supply, density transfers should not be contemplated. Leichter also said they should be reserved for cases of public benefit.

However, trustees reminded people that withdrawing densities from the "bank" established through new bylaws and a public process in the past two years was not the same as increasing the population potential.

"This does not increase density," noted trustee Eric Booth. "It takes it from the [Burgoyne Bay] park and puts it somewhere else. Is it an appropriate place to put the density? We'll see."

Trustee Kimberly Lineger concurred and addressed the "public benefit" issue.

"I think the community benefit in this case is Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park."

When the provincial government agreed to contribute \$20 million to the purchase of the lands from Texada Land Corporation, negotiators suggested some of the funds could be recouped through the sale of the 73 densities attached to the 188 hectares (470 acres) of land.

The Advisory Planning Commission recommended approval of the Nickson application subject to inclusion of creek covenants, which have been proposed with a minimum 15-metre setback area.

The LTC's new Environmental Advisory Committee will review the application, which will also be sent to various government agencies for comment before a public hearing is held.

In other LTC news:

• Trust staff will try to come up with a cost recovery agreement to compensate the Trust for extra staff time needed to deal with Ganges Marina's proposals to develop its lands.

Trustees agreed at a past LTC meeting that work on the application had passed the threshold for the \$4,000 in fees received from the company.

Trustee Booth also requested a Trust-wide summary of applications that have gone into cost recovery in the past three years.

• Lineger said she had "egg on her face" after learning the cost of renting the Greenwoods Foundation bus to transport islanders to the Trust-wide Community Forum in Nanaimo on February 26 was actually \$925 and not the \$500 budgeted.

About 10 people used the bus. The bill will be paid out of the LTC's expense account.

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RCMP seek hit and run info

Police are treating an April Fools' night hit and run as no laughing matter.

They are currently looking for any information as to who may have caused damage to a vehicle parked on the side of Maliview Drive in Fernwood.

The incident did not result in any personal injuries.

• While on a routine patrol along Atkins Road during the early hours of April 2, RCMP officers discovered a vehicle had driven through a fence and collided with a hydro pole.

The 23-year-old male driver was issued a 24-hour prohibition from driving and a violation ticket.

Police reported that nei-

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ther the driver nor the passenger sustained injuries.

The vehicle was towed from the scene and the 27-year-old passenger was arrested for being drunk in a public place and "lodged for safety until sober."

Fire news

Members of the Salt Spring Fire Department responded to reports of a propane leak at the portable fill station beside Save On Gas in Ganges.

The incident occurred at

12:18 p.m. on March 31 and fire officials were required to keep people in the area at a distance while crews assessed the potential danger.

"We had units respond and, after surveying the situation, we realized the leak was subsiding so there was no cause for an evacuation," said deputy chief Dan Akerman.

The cause of the leak is currently under investigation.

Fire chief Dave Enfield used the switch from daylight savings time as an opportunity to remind residents to check the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Dance raises cash for SSE

Kids and parents will be hopping to zesty roots and blues when Gary Comeau and the Voodoo Allstars hit Salt Spring Elementary (SSE) for a Mardi Gras Danceathon fundraiser on April 14.

Vancouver-based Comeau & Co. will bring their own blend of Acadian-style zydeco (Comeau is from Nova Scotia) to swamp, roots and bayou blues.

Some of their recent accomplishments include radio specials, sound-track features on Hollywood films and rave reviews from the blues festival circuit.

Live entertainment will be combined with a full dinner of lasagna and Caesar salad catered by students from Gulf Islands Secondary School, with a generous addition of baked goods prepared by SSE parents.

A silent auction of more than 40 items includes a five-course dinner for two at Hastings House, a round-trip flight to Vancouver from Salt Spring Air, tickets for two to events at ArtSpring, a \$200 makeover at Studio 103 and a hot rock massage at Salt Spring Lodge.

"Even the coffee will be good," said SSE parents advisory council (PAC) co-chair Cindy Rabson.

The PAC at SSE hopes to raise \$10,000 for a sound-field microphone system to put in every class and to augment the school's music and arts programs, she said.

Fundraising will be greatly assisted since Grover Wickersham has offered to match up to \$5,000 with a donation. Last year, Wickersham contributed another \$2,500 to the school for their last fundraising event, Rabson noted.

Admission for the all-ages event costs \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids (children under four are free) and \$25 for families.

The danceathon event runs 3:30-8:30.

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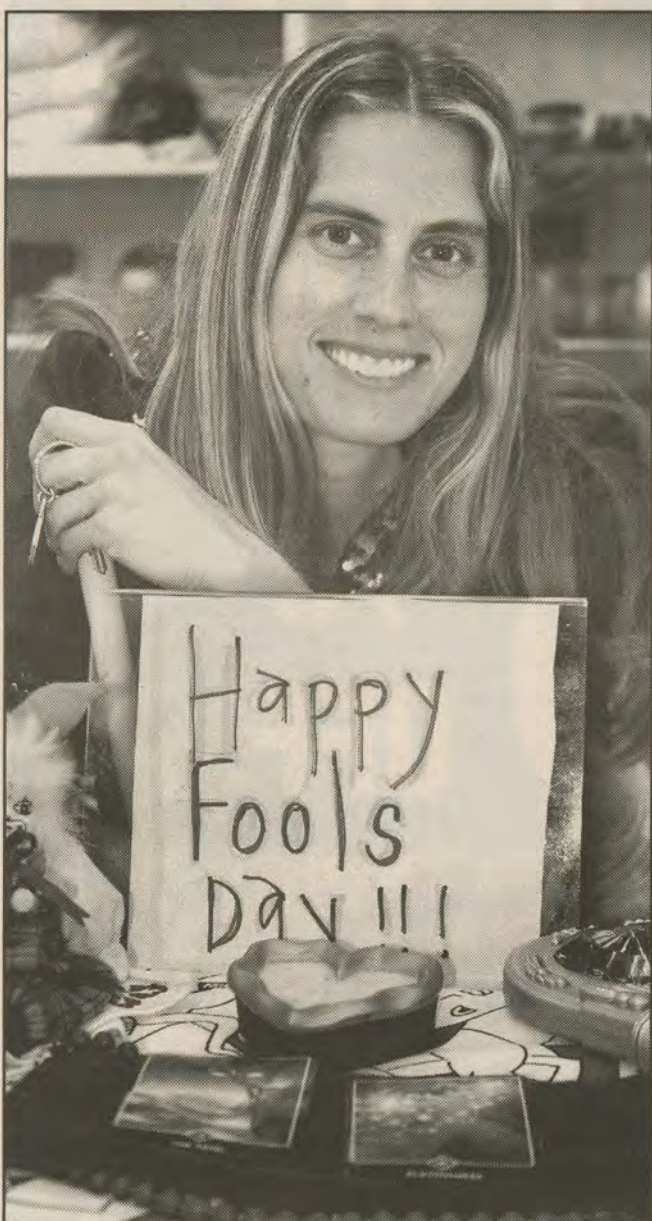
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APRIL 1ST: Christina Antonick sets up an April Fools' Day shrine at the Transitions Thrift Shop. In other April 1 events, a "for sale" sign went up at ArtSpring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Part II of the chlorine-free myth

This is the fourth of a series of articles where PARC is examining some of the decisions to be made and factors to be considered in the initial design phase of the indoor pool.

To reiterate from last week's article, public pools in British Columbia cannot be "chlorine-free."

The Public Health Act mandates that a certain level of chlorine, expressed in parts per million, must be maintained in the pool. All water treatment systems utilize chlorine to some degree.

Last week the Pool Beat article briefly discussed "conventional" chlorine treatment and salt-water treatment. Ozone and ultraviolet are the other two treatments that can help reduce chlorine use, which PARC will ask the engineering team to research and cost out.

The primary action of chlorine treatment is to kill bacteria, viruses, molds and their spores, thus reducing the risk of transmission of stomach, skin and respiratory tract infections to bathers.

Ultraviolet (UV) treatment has an important secondary action — it initiates photochemical and photo-oxidation reactions, which destroy chloramines, a range of compounds responsible for unpleasant smells in pools. This is particularly impor-

POOL BEAT

tant for indoor pools where features such as water slides and waves give a greater surface area for the release of chloramines into the air. UV reduces the chloramines burden, making the atmosphere more pleasant.

Converting oxygen (O₂), through electricity, to ozone (O₃) effects ozone treatment of pool water. The shelf-life of ozone is limited and must, therefore, be manufactured and used on-site. This is done through ozone generators that convert oxygen in the air to ozone. As with salt-water and UV treatment, ozone generation makes the pool atmosphere more pleasant.

The smell one gets in swimming pools is due to a large extent to chloramines — the result of a reaction between chlorine and the uric acid in the pool produced from perspiration and urine. The greater the bather load, the more chlorine has to be used to maintain the required "free" available chlorine.

A good ventilation system can help, of course, with the result of increased energy costs unless a heat recovery system is used. A heat recovery system will, however, add to the initial capital cost.

The electrolytic generation of chlorine (salt water treatment) is thought to be effective in reducing odour because at the point of dissociation the chlorine is intense enough to oxidize the chloramines. The use of ozone and ultra violet are attempts to further oxidize the chloramines.

At PARC's request, the Alan Roy engineering team will cost out these alternatives. Within the mandate

to build the best pool possible with limited resources, PARC will look into the feasibility of adding a secondary pool treatment at a later date when funds to do so may become available.

PARC invites your input. Please write to us at PARC, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI, V8K 2M3 or parc@saltspring.com

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Self-government group hits web and hosts BC-STV forum

Islanders for Self Government (ISG) now has a website to inform people about its activities.

ISG's mandate is to lobby for more effective governance on Salt Spring Island, and to attempt to educate islanders on good governance.

"We see the website as a resource for people wishing to know more about the activities of our organization in lobbying the provincial government for a future

vote on incorporation for the island," said Susan Russell of ISG in a press release.

The website includes the group's correspondence with Murray Coell, Salt Spring's MLA and the Minister of Communities, Aboriginal and Women's Services. It also contains Driftwood articles regarding local governance.

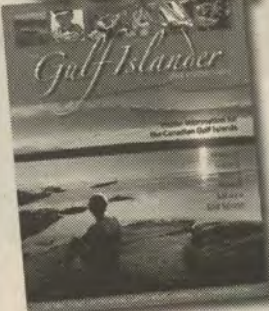
One of ISG's next activities is to host a May 1 forum with Dr. Ken Carty, from UBC's Political Science

Department, who was recently the director of research for B.C.'s Citizen Assembly.

Carty will present background information and a non-partisan approach to the upcoming referendum on the B.C. Single Transferable Vote.

Islanders wanting to learn more about the activities of ISG are welcome to contact any of the members listed on the website for more information, in order to engage in debate about governance on Salt Spring Island.

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By Sandy Barclay

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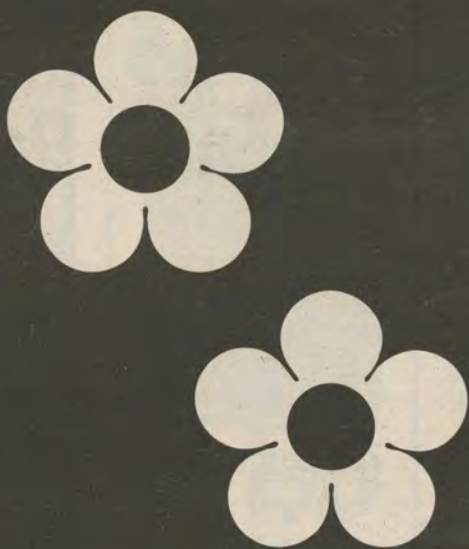
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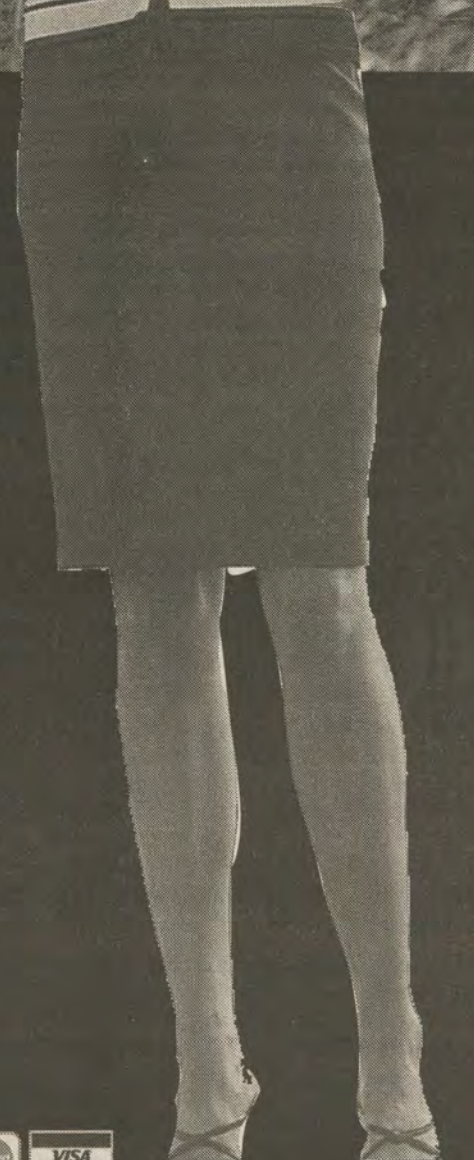
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- 7:00 PM
3 Lakefront (2004, Drama) An alcoholic widower encounters trouble with a wife-beating neighbour and a seamy love affair. *Dennis Cutts, Julie Reitzel* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
24 ★★ That Thing You Do (1996, Comedy) Tom Hanks directs this musical comedy about a 60s rock group and their brush with fame. *Tom Everett Scott, Liv Tyler* (2h30)
- 8:30 PM
3 ★★ Girl Next Door (2004, Comedy) A teenager's dreams become reality when a former porn star moves in next door. *Emile Hirsch, Elisha Cuthbert* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
4 ★★ In His Father's Shoes (1997, Drama) A boy gets magic shoes enabling him to travel back in time and possess his father's body. *Louis Gossett Jr., Robert Richard* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
13 ★★ Red Dragon (2002, Thriller) An FBI agent seeks help from his arch-nemesis, Hannibal Lecter, in order to stop a killer. *Sir Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton* (2h30)
- 10:30 PM
19 ★★ Funny About Love (1990, Comedy) A man leaves his wife and quickly takes up with an enthusiastic college student. *Gene Wilder, Christine Lahti* (1h30)
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★ Macaroni (1985, Drama) A weary American executive returns to Naples and rediscovers people from his past. *Jack Lemmon, Marcello Mastroianni* (2h)
- 10:30 PM
3 ★★ A Man Apart (2003, Action) A government agent seeks revenge upon the new leader of a powerful drug cartel. *Vin Diesel, Juan Fernandez* (2h)
- THURSDAY, APR 7**
- 6:00 PM
14 ★★ Possession (2002, Romance) Researchers fall under a passionate spell while researching two Victorian poets. *Gwyneth Paltrow, Aaron Eckhart* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 Lies and Deception (2004, Mystery) A widow hires a private detective to investigate the mystery of her husband's death. *Mädchen Amick, Andrew Walker* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
24 ★ Mosquito Squadron (1970, Action) An RAF pilot begins a mission to find and destroy a missile being built by the Nazis. *David Buck, David Dundas* (2h)
- 8:30 PM
3 ★★ The United States of Leland (2003, Drama) A writer examines the life of a young man's experiences in a juvenile detention centre. *Don Cheadle, Ryan Gosling* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM
18 ★★ Fubar (2002, Comedy) Two men from Calgary live a rock n' roll life while dealing with their fear of mortality. *Paul Spence, David Lawrence* (2h)
- 9:30 PM
19 ★★ Pretty in Pink (1986, Romance) A girl from the wrong side of town becomes involved with a popular, wealthy young man. *Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy* (1h30)
- 10:00 PM
29 ★★ Shooting the Past (1999, Drama) A London mansion housing a huge library of rare photos gets a new American owner. *Liam Cunningham, Lindsay Duncan* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★ Affliction (1997, Drama) A constable investigates a suspicious accident as his personal life disintegrates. *Nick Nolte, James Coburn* (2h15)
- 10:15 PM
3 ★★ Dawn of the Dead (2004, Horror) Survivors of a worldwide plague take refuge from flesh-hungry zombies in a shopping mall. *Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames* (2h)

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Mr. Tom O'Connor
O'Connor Project Planning
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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Re: Professional Opinion on Soils and Agricultural Capability for Norm Elliott Property Described as: That part of the West 6 Chains of Section 5, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, lying to the north of the Lower Ganges Road

Further to our on site meeting on March 9, 2005 at the above described property, I provide herewith my professional opinion on the soil conditions and agricultural capability of the property. I also discuss the suitability for agriculture of climatically adapted crops and uses. This opinion is based on a site inspection of the property, observing ground conditions from recent clearing activity, digging hand exposed test pits and observing surrounding land uses. Photographs of the property are included in Appendix A.

1. **Qualifications and Experience**

This letter report was prepared by Brian M. French, P.Ag., an Agrologist with over 25 years of professional experience and qualified in soil survey, agricultural capability assessment, soil physics, land drainage, irrigation, agricultural land development, and land reclamation. A resume of experience is included as Appendix B.

2. **Current Conditions**

This property was excluded from the ALR in 1987. There is an existing home on the north portion of the property. The owner intends to develop the southern portion of the property for affordable housing applying a density transfer from the northern portion to the southern portion. The southern portion of the property was recently logged and cleared.

3. **Surrounding Land Use**

3.1 **North:** A narrow strip of forested land, in the ALR;

3.2 **South:** Craft brewery and vineyard, in the ALR;

3.3 **East:** Residential lots, out of the ALR;

3.4 **West:** northwest is forested land, in the ALR and southwest is mobile home park, out of the ALR.

4. **Soils**

The soils on this property were developed from stony marine till parent materials. Surface textures were sandy loam grading to loam and clay loam in the subsoil. The organic matter content was very low except in the disturbed duff layer at the surface which has been inevitably disturbed by the clearing activities. The rooting depth was severely restricted at the 50 to 60cm depth by the very hard, impermeable till subsoils. Drainage was also restricted by the impermeable subsoil and almost all drainage was by overland flow. Stoniness was a severe limitation on this property with common boulders exposed at the surface and very common cobbles and stones in the soil matrix. The soil water holding capacity was moderately low due to the restricted rooting depth and high stone content. The topography was gently sloping with slopes 5 to 10% in a south aspect.

5. **Agricultural Capability**

The unimproved agricultural capability of this land was Class 5APD improvable with stone picking, irrigation and drainage to Class 4DW. This rating is made according to the MOE Manual 1, 1983 for Land Capability Classification in British Columbia. Excerpts from the MOE Manual 1 are included as Appendix C.

The improvement by stone removal is technically feasible but removal of the significant volume of stones would reduce the available rooting depth above the impermeable subsoil. This would result in a decrease in available rooting depth and increase drainage problems. Therefore, major stone removal activity would not result in any significant improvement in capability. Irrigation would improve the aridity limitation to the Class 3A level but the shallow soil conditions would still retain some limitation requiring frequent irrigation to maintain adequate moisture conditions. Water would need to be stored in a reservoir in order to provide summer water supply. Other, more severe limitations remain at the Class 4 level.

6. **Agricultural Suitability**

On Salt Spring Island, pasture and hay are the primary agricultural uses. Vineyard use has been established on climatically favorable sites with south and southwest exposures well away from the ocean. Intensive crop production is not found on Salt Spring although field crops and vegetables could be grown on some of the organic meadows and bottomlands. Intensive non-soil bound livestock and poultry agriculture is unsuitable due to transportation limitations. Small fruits and berries such as strawberries and raspberries can be grown on well drained sites and blueberries could be grown in the organic meadows. Horticultural uses such as in-ground nursery stock, container nursery and bedding plants are possible under suitable soil conditions.

For the subject property, the severe soil and land use limitations restrict the range of possible commercial agricultural crops. The most suitable agricultural use would be permanent pasture. Hay production would be difficult because the stones would continue to rise to the surface and damage haying equipment. While a vineyard has been established on the property to the south, the plantation has not been in long enough to see if it will thrive. For the subject property, the restricted drainage would be a major concern for grapes. Experience on Vancouver Island has shown that wet soil conditions leads to severe root problems with grapes and early dieback or loss of vines. We do not recommend planting grapes on poorly drained soils in this climate region. For similar reasons, strawberries and raspberries are not suitable for this site. Vegetables are not suitable due to the stony soils and poor drainage.

Intensive non-soil bound livestock production is unsuitable due to the surrounding urban land uses. In-ground nursery stock production is unsuitable due to the stony soils and shallow rooting depth. Container nursery stock could be developed on this site with establishment of a trafficable surface of wood chips or gravel.

7. **Impact Issues**

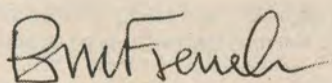
The lands in the ALR to the south could be buffered with a berm constructed along the south boundary and vegetative plantings on the berm. Drainage from the proposed housing development would need to be controlled by detention ponds or other means of attenuating flows in order to prevent increased drainage flows on downstream lands.

8. **Conclusions**

The exclusion of this property by the Agricultural Land Commission in 1987 was justifiable based on soils, agricultural capability and surrounding land use issues. The property has very low potential to support any sort of commercial agricultural enterprise and at best, it could be developed as a small tax break hobby farm supporting a few animals. The intensive housing development, particularly on the west, would preclude any sort of intensive livestock operation or crops requiring regular spraying or crop protection from birds. ALR lands to the south could be protected from impacts by berming and drainage attenuation.

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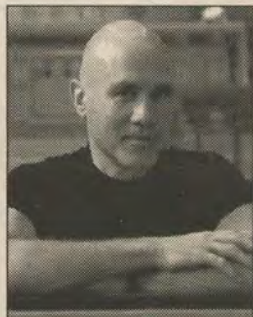
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HEART OF THE PHOTO: Deb Hagarty is surrounded by some of her photographs as she prepares for a debut exhibition at ArtSpring April 7 through 14.
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Transformation through island life reflected in Hagarty photo exhibit

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Everything changed for Deb Hagarty when her 16-year-old daughter Kara was killed after being struck by a car in a crosswalk three years ago.

"Death is this line," she explains, slicing the air with her right hand during an interview. "Everything is before or after the world changed."

Part of the "after" was a sight-unseen move to Salt Spring six months later, following the suggestion of her friend and islander Lynda Grindle Blanchette.

"In this place of huge grief, she came and spent a week with me. She said 'you should come to Salt Spring' and I said 'yes.' I really wanted to come to a place where I was unguard-

ed — because people didn't know the story.

"No one knows, or seems to know, what to say to a friend in heartbreak. Big grief is hard to see and there is no comfort to offer in the face of big pain."

Rather than letting severe loss squeeze her heart shut, Hagarty says she learned to open it wide instead.

What she now calls her "gift of heart" is manifested daily through her relationships with friends, family and as a caregiver to elderly people and in palliative care, a new career she loves.

"I came to Salt Spring with this heart and my life is totally transformed."

Then last year Hagarty suddenly decided she wanted to try taking pictures, despite having never owned a camera. Her partner Den-

nis Beamish was a serious photographer in his earlier years, so helped her track down the right equipment online, including a wonderful Leica zoom lens.

She has been amazed by the results.

"I don't know anything about photography, but I can take photographs that will make you go 'oh'."

This week islanders can see what she means at her debut ArtSpring gallery exhibit called "the way I see it," which opens Thursday, April 7 and runs through the 14th.

It consists of 84 large photographs, mainly of Salt Spring scenes, with some depicting the Tofino area.

While having a photography show after one year of shooting may seem bold, it fits right in with Hagarty's philosophy of living life fully and with her arms and heart ready to give and receive each day.

"I can be as much as I want," she explains, "because it's a gift my daughter gave to me forever."

Hagarty decided to proceed with the exhibit, "just to practise my 'I can.'"

She has been encouraged in her pursuit by family and friends and with success in Salt Spring Fall Fair photography classes. She won several ribbons and trophy for best entry in classes 1-16.

"I have never won a ribbon in my life," she says. "My toes were tingling."

One of the fair images was taken at Long Beach last year where she went to mark her daughter's birthday with a Wiccan ritual. But because she wasn't yet familiar with the equipment, some of the photos unintentionally came out "blue."

"That blue mistake won the best photo award."

Hagarty is doing her own printing, Beamish has made the frames and she is also producing a line of cards.

Everyone will be welcomed to the show — and may even get a bonus hug along with the pleasure of seeing the island through Hagarty's fearless eyes.

Folkies need to commit to Charlie King concert

Islanders can hear Boston folk legend Charlie King at a local house concert on May 3 if enough tickets can be sold in advance.

Organizers Phil Vernon, and Deb and Harry Burton need 30 people paying \$15 each for a living-room-type venue in order to book King.

The concert falls on the same day as Pete Seeger's 86th birthday. Seeger has called King "one of the finest singers and songwriters of our time."

"Charlie King has been at the heart of American folk music for over 40 years," states his website. "His songs have been recorded and sung by other performers such as Pete Seeger, Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, John McCutcheon, Arlo Guthrie, Peggy Seeger, Chad Mitchell and Judy Small."

King will be accompanied by Ken Wallace, a singer, accordionist and songwriter.

"Interested folkies need to get on board and commit to coming out that Tuesday evening," said Harry Burton.

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ISLAND HISTORY: Longtime islander Val Gyves, who is part of a Salt Spring pioneer family, is seen at the piano at St. Paul's Church. Her ancestors were involved in construction of the historic church, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Hip hop pros slam down on Salt Spring

This weekend sees bluerobin productions and the Stagecoach School of Performing Arts host master teachers Joanne Pesusich and Alex Pesusich for a weekend of hip hop and break dancing at Mahon Hall.

The duo, from Vancouver's Groove Street Productions, have performed as dancers for the Backstreet Boys, Kool & the Gang, Prince, Lauren Hill, Will Smith, Toni Braxton, Foxy Brown and more.

The April 9-10 event is open to kids, teens and adults, at both beginner and intermediate levels. On Saturday evening, there will be a Freestyle Jam with DJ Ethereal Flare (aka Dylan Davies), which begins at 7 p.m. and is free to participants and \$5 for guests.

The evening begins with Jo and Lexx evaluating Urban Vibe and classes from the Excalibre Studio in Vic-

toria as they perform their works-in-progress for the competition season.

Afterwards, the fun begins as the DJ spins the grooves and dancers from the workshop, including the teachers and Urban Vibe, show off their stuff.

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Folk dance fest returns

Following on the success of last year's first Salt Spring Island Folk Dance Festival, organizers are doing it again in a few weeks' time.

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The program will feature Russian, Scandinavian and Romanian folk dances taught by excellent teachers:

Alexandru David and Mihai David, both of Los Angeles, and John Campbell of Portland.

Throughout the festival people will experience the lively music of Gammel Dansk, a six-member Vancouver ensemble.

The flyer can be downloaded at <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/scandi/SaltSpringFolkDanceFestival.pdf>.

Interested Salt Spring Islanders who can't free up an entire weekend for the

festival are invited to attend the evening feast, performances and dancing to live ethnic music on Saturday, April 30.

While no fee is charged, a contribution of food for the potluck dinner is requested.

Attendance should be confirmed by calling Rosemarie Keough at 653-4993.

Last year some 115 people participated, which was considered maximum capacity.

Folk hero Hannam at StarBooks this Thursday night

Entertaining folk clubs across B.C. with his grassroots musical stories, John Wort Hannam marks the half-way point in his Western Canadian tour with an appearance at StarBooks on Thursday night.

Described as "blue collar roots" music, Hannam states emphatically, "I wasn't born blue blood, I was born blue collar."

His voice has been called warm and embracing with lyrics that spotlight the loves, hopes and everyday struggles of hardworking and low-income people, fishing communities and folks still living the old farmer ways.

"Epic and so beautifully crafted and sung, John's lyrics leave you with a sense that you have just touched the pulse of Canadian living, past and present," notes a StarBooks press release.

Throughout his 10-year journey of music writing and touring around the country, Hannam has won many music awards and grants.

He has played the side-stage at the Juno Awards, can be heard on CBC Radio and innumerable university stations, and has been one of Canada's musical ambassadors in the U.S. and, most recently, in Australia.

Hannam plays at the Gasoline Alley bookstore on April 7 at 7 p.m.

The event is a benefit for the Green Party. For more information, call 537-2633.



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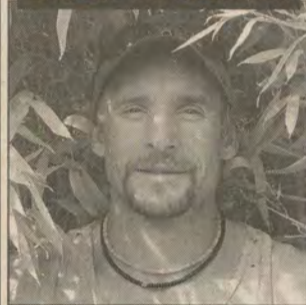


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"BANANA" JOE CLEMENTE



Name: 'Banana' Joe Clemente
Age: 40
Occupation: Parks and Recreation maintenance worker
Hobbies: Growing palm trees and other subtropical plants
Favourite colour: Black, sometimes yellow
Favourite food: Oysters
Your Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Lady Minto Hospital Fund, because eventually everyone on this island is going to use our hospital.
You are about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? Like I said before, all I'd need are my pruners and I'm set.
If you could win first place in the fall fair for an entry, what would it be? My home grown bananas of course!

CHARITY: LMHF

JOHN DOLMAN



Name: John Dolman
Age: 43
Occupation: Co-owner Island Star Video
Hobbies: Movies, Tennis, Golf, Gardening
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite food: Anything Thai
Your Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Salt Spring Island Food Bank. I think it's a very worthy cause.
You are about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? A Zippo lighter. If you've ever watched the show SURVIVOR, no one ever knows how to make fire.
If you could win first place in the fall fair for an entry, what would it be? The Zucchini 500. Sounds cool!

CHARITY: FOOD BANK

LIANNE FIDLER



Name: Lianne Fidler
Age: 41
Occupation: Mail courier
Hobbies: My daughter says I'm the Volunteer Queen
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite food: Belgian Chocolate
Your Community Betterment project or Charity and why: I am totally into saving the environment any way I can. I got hooked on the recycling project that Brenda Guiled headed up. Does anyone have a pick-up I can borrow? I have about 30 bags of recyclable plastics under my house!
You are about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? A good-sized pocket knife.
If you could win first place in the fall fair for an entry, what would it be? I like to draw and be creative and I used to bake for a living so I combine the two hobbies and make kids cakes for fun, so I think I would like to win the Best Decorated Cake.

CHARITY: RE-CYCLING

DR. RON REZNICK



Name: Ron Reznick
Age: Only my hairdresser knows for sure
Occupation: Body mechanic
Hobbies: Weightlifting, cycling, running after my children and annoying Jean and Tracey in my office.
Favourite colour: Salt Spring Green
Favourite food: Sam's chicken wings
Your Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Housing for the homeless
You are about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? Bicycle shorts
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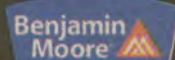
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BRUCE PATTERSON



Name: N Bruce Patterson
Age: 46
Occupation: Village Store Manager
Hobbies: Going to meetings.
Favourite colour: Anything other than black & blue.
Favourite food: Free.
Your Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. It's simply the best hospital in the world.
You are about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? A shovel. It's just the handiest tool. Jam it into the ground and it's a pole. Use it for chopping and of course digging.
If you could win first place in the fall fair for an entry, what would it be? The zucchini race. So much fun.

CHARITY: LMHF

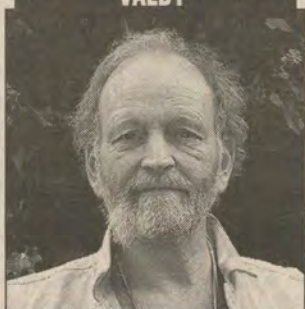
JUDY RADDYSH



Name: Judy Raddysh
Age: Some days older than others...
Occupation: Teacher, principal & head bug collector at Fulford Community Elementary School
Hobbies: Watching soccer, enjoying nature.
Favourite colour: Purple - especially the shade that appears first thing in the morning sky.
Favourite food: Chocolate.
Your Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning (GICEL) because, as E.B. White (the author of Charlotte's Web) said, "I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority."
You are about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? A complete set of nature identification guides.
If you could win first place in the fall fair for an entry, what would it be? It's a lifelong dream to win a Betty Crocker bake off....

CHARITY: GICEL

VALDY



Name: Valdy, as my father had the same name, I've chosen a single moniker, handler for marqués & DVDs.
Age: 59 years old, likely past the half-life threshold.
Occupation: Musical variety presenter and performance apprentice.
Hobbies: Wood butchery.
Favourite colour: When not seeing red over avoidable blunders, I favour green in all its hues.
Favourite food: Spiced garlic mashed potatoes supporting poached, smoked whitefish.
Your Community Betterment project or Charity and why: To encourage literacy, which I see as the road to world peace, for if we make informed decisions, we can avoid some confrontations, and if we can communicate, we can make informed decisions, and if we can read and write, we can communicate, and if we're not bullied into thinking we're limited and incapable, we can learn to read and write.
You are about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? I'll choose a solar powered water purifier, and if that's too exotic, I'll take a 20-kilo stash of waxed dental floss.
If you could win first place in the fall fair for an entry what would it be? Most abundant garlic, although I might miss the entry deadline by minutes, as I do sometimes leave things until they are pressing, and possibly might miss planting the garlic bed in the first place.

CHARITY: LITERACY

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD



Name: Shilo Zylbergold
Age: A couple of licks short of 8 (in dog years)
Occupation: Professional rock dweller.
Hobbies: Ukelele, acting, gardening, writing columns for newspapers until they fold.
Favourite colour: Anywhere in the rainbow.
Favourite food: Roasted peanuts in the shell.
Your Community Betterment project or Charity and why: There are any number of worthwhile, ongoing community projects deserving our support. For something different, however, I would like to see a small, funky, community theatre (does anyone remember Off Centre Stage?) where local groups could risk staging performances without losing their shirts.
You are about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? The Queen of Nanaimo.
If you could win first place in the fall fair for an entry, what would it be? Best 300-year-old Scotch whiskey.

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Tony Blair? Pass. Russia’s

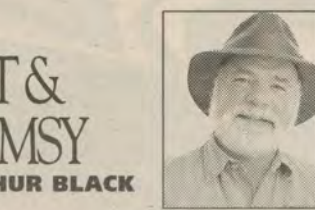
lemur-eyed Putin? No thanks. Italy’s slap-happy scandal magnet Silvio Berlusconi? Forget it. George “the world is my oil well” Bush? I don’t think so.

Ottawa may operate on a narrow spectrum that ranges from timid to hapless, but given the morons and madmen the rest of the world endures, that’s not so bad.

T’was ever thus. The pages of history are littered with homicidal megalomaniacs who rose to positions of power and proceeded to ladle out grief and misery by the bucket.

Alexander the Great, Attila, Genghis Khan — all guys you didn’t want to get on the wrong side of. Cleopatra, the Borgias, Napoleon. Various British kings and Spanish queens. Not a few Popes and sundry Caesars, including Nero who murdered his own mother and installed his horse in the Roman Senate.

And there are millions of people still alive who remember when monsters named Mussolini, Hirohito and Hitler lurched upon the



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earth. Ceausescu. Pol Pot. Saddam Hussein.

The beat goes on. South America has groaned under its Perons and Pinochets. And poor Africa is still raddled with genocidal thugs who rule by terror and grind their own people in the dust.

Look around. We could be living under Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan fruitcake, who sponsors terrorists, writes incomprehensible “best sellers” and once deported Palestinian refugees, telling them to “walk back to Palestine.”

Or how about North Korea’s Kim Jong II? A dumpy little creep with permed hair, platform shoes and designer sunglasses who arranges elaborate orgies for himself (of food and women) and orders billboards erected that declare “Our Great Leader Is Always With Us” and “We Are Happy.”

And all the while his people starve, sometimes to the

point of eating grass.

Yeah, Ottawa’s looking pretty good — and I haven’t even got to Saparmurat Niyazov.

This is a chap you perhaps haven’t heard of, but the people of Turkmenistan (population 5 million) know him only too well. He’s their self-appointed President For Life — no annoying and inconvenient four-year terms for Niyazov — and you can tell he really loves his job by the way he keeps issuing decrees.

Last year he instituted a national holiday in honour of the muskmelon. He also commanded a university student who was reading a speech praising him to get her gold teeth removed and replaced with white ones. “Here is the Health Minister,” Niyazov said, waving at one of his flunkies. “He will give you white teeth.”

The guy gets weirder. He has banned beards and listening to car radios. He has declared opera and ballet illegal. He has ordered television show hosts not to wear makeup because, he says, he has difficulty distinguishing heavily-made-up males from females.

But that’s the little stuff.

President Niyazov dreams much bigger than that. He has already declared that his citizens will remain adolescents until they are 25. Youth in Turkmenistan officially doesn’t end until 37. Old age kicks in at age 85.

Oh yes, and he’s also ordered an ice palace to be built so that Turkmenistani children can learn to ski.

Did I mention that Turkmenistan is nine-tenths desert? It is one of the hottest hellholes on the planet where summertime temperatures routinely hit 125 degrees Fahrenheit. It is also dirt-poor and a stranger to the concept of air-conditioning.

An ice palace should work out just swell.

So by all means speak out about the idiocies of Ottawa and the poltroons and prevaricators who befoul provincial politics. Write incendiary letters to the editor. Call up the local open mouth radio show and vent your spleen ‘til you run out of breath.

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Island hosts haiku weekend and writer

A “haiku weekend” unfolds on Salt Spring April 9-10, with special guest speaker Michael Dylan Welch.

Welch has been writing haiku since 1976, and has published his work in hundreds of journals and

anthologies in 11 languages — most recently Turkish.

He is vice president of the Haiku Society of America, and director of the Haiku North America conference slated for September 21-25, 2005 at Centrum in Port Townsend, Washington.

Welch has been correcting myths about haiku in workshops for a dozen years, and lives with his wife and son near Seattle.

As Welch explains, “Haiku is a brief poem, capturing a moment of deep perception of nature, or human nature, using the techniques of pause, or juxtaposition and seasonal reference.”

“Haiku gives readers feelings, and shows human existence amid nature. Not all haiku are about beauty, but they are always about what is real. On reading a good haiku, we are mentally and emotionally moved to

experience what the poet experienced, yet do so without being told what to feel. We simply see it, touch it, taste it, hear it, and smell it through the words.

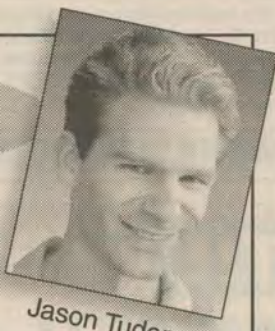
“You can compose haiku well by writing about things themselves rather than your reactions to those things.”

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Sideways offers ‘perfect’ cinematic representation of human feelings



Jason Tudor

In Sideways, Miles (Paul Giamatti) is a middle-aged schoolteacher, balding, single and depressed. His love for fine wine could either be explained as a hobby or simple alcoholism.

His friend Jack (Thomas Haden Church), an ex-actor and man’s man of a man, is getting married, so the two take off on a whirlwind weekend trip through Northern California’s wine country.

Jack’s on the pre-wedding prow and quickly lines himself up with Stephanie (Sandra Oh), a woman from a winery. Miles is interested in her friend Maya (Virginia Madsen), but his inability to jumpstart any intimacy combines with his anger at Jack, and the two find their longtime friendship falling apart.

Director Alexander Payne has been given a strange place in American film culture. He’s a dedicated humanist whose

films are often derided for being misanthropic, a director of comedies that many mainstream viewers find simply depressing. I stand by my love of his Election and About Schmidt as uplifting but realist tales of quiet American struggle, and Sideways is even better than either of these.

In fact, Sideways is my favourite film of 2004, though we are still wading through a few late-arriving competitors. If asked to explain why, I just point to a particular dinner sequence where Miles — stressed about being on a dinner date for the first time in a long while — gets right smashed.

Every aspect of this scene is dead on. Point-of-view camera shots express the building excitement of a great four-way conversation, even as the image ever so slightly shimmers and unfocuses to mimic the good old alcohol buzz. Even time becomes

fuzzy, and the mix of sounds degenerates into utter confusion and hints at a most unfortunate upcoming phone call.

It’s quite simply a perfect cinematic representation of certain feelings that we’ve all felt, achingly tinted with alternating giddiness and apprehension.

This, along with a luxurious and sexually-tinted late-night conversation about just why fine wine is so enticing, is proof that not only is Payne one of the best directors in contemporary American film, but Sideways is his masterpiece.

I hesitate to toot the horn too loudly, for this is certainly no crowd-pleasing Hollywood comedy. It’s simply a bittersweet tale of a man whose life hasn’t gone the way he wished, but is finding out that it is never too late to give love another shot.

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Black makes Leacock shortlist

Arthur Black has again been shortlisted for a prestigious literary award.

The Salt Spring writer's latest book — *Black and White and Read All Over* — made the shortlist from a list of 49 books nominated for the 2005

Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour.

The Leacock prize, honouring the legendary Canadian humourist, author and educator who died in 1944, has been awarded annually since 1947.

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BUDDIES: Youngsters, from left, Stevie Hoesel, Lindsay Wickersham and Sophie Douglas spend some time enjoying each others' company. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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New ArtSpring piano gets warm Rogé endorsement

By GAIL SJUBERG
 Staff Writer

ArtSpring audiences are now quite accustomed to seeing world-class performers stride onto the arts centre stage, but they're not often privy to one of them "breaking in" a brand new instrument.

Last Wednesday night those attending the Pascal Rogé concert were eager to hear both this renowned artist and the Steinway Model B recently purchased by the Island Arts Centre Society.

Would it really make a difference to the listeners' experience? Or perhaps, more importantly, would it ensure continued visits by the calibre of artists we're now so used to seeing?

Rogé treated the crowd to magnificent playing, of course — and to a rare entire evening of all French compositions from the late 19th and early 20th century.

Rogé did not speak between pieces, except to briefly introduce his first encore — Poulenc's homage to Edith Piaf. So when he volunteered his opinion of the Steinway it was all the more astonishing.

"It is one of the most inspiring pianos I have every played," he said with emotion before dedicating the second song to the instrument and clearly pleased with a chance to play it one more time that night.

The audience erupted with exclamations and applause upon hearing the commendation from a pianist considered the greatest living interpreter of French music.

His ArtSpring repertoire was a generous sampling of Fauré, Ravel, Satie and Poulenc in the first half, with Debussy's Preludes Book II comprising the second half.

Unfortunately, with no breaks between pieces and no chance to see the program in the dark, it was not possible to identify each song or movement.

But it was immensely pleasurable to sit back and be enriched by cascading colours and images evoked by the music from Impressionist and Post-Impressionist French composers.

Rogé also performed on Thursday night to a house that had long ago sold out, prompting the second show the night before.

ArtSpring should be commended for arranging second performances when possible for those occasions this season when demand was so high.

Fundraising for the Steinway continues, with more information available through ArtSpring at 537-2125.

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Our apologies to all of you who were on our 2001/2 guest list, and didn't receive your invitation this year. Our "old-time clients" got lost by "new-time" technology. Please join us.

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

ISLANDERS in FOCUS



Donna and Walter Niemy, and Tannis and Dave Wightman shared good cheer and good laughs.



Pat Tripp and Jim Ganderton reminisced about their days in the RCAF.



Dave Bartram and Donna and Scott Eichel were in attendance.



Les Price helped organize the evening.

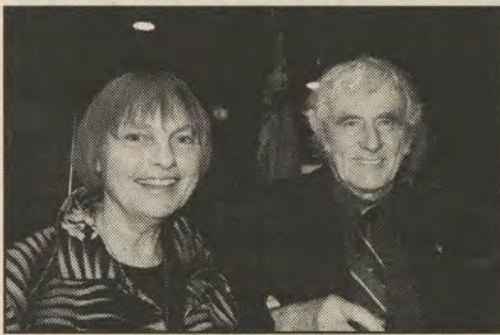


Dorothy and John Catley shared memories of previous celebrations.

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Sean McIntyre



Syd Burrows shared stories of his time in Germany.



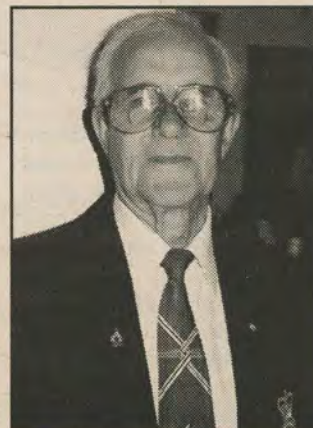
Roy and Margot Martin were looking forward to the dancing.



Bert McCann said he was glad to be anywhere with old RCAF friends.



Roy Lamont and Judy and Glen Willett shared a laugh before sitting down to eat.



Ernie Donnelly said the evening was a night to remember.



Betty and Tom Burrige enjoyed meeting with friends.



Doug Fraser sampled some of the fare.

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For Local SALT SPRING ISLAND ENTERTAINMENT check out What's On, page 26. Also online at: www.gulfislands.net. To advertise in the Gulf Islands Driftwood call Peter or Rick at 537-9933.

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Church door blessing first of St. Paul's anniversary events

A blessing of newly installed doors at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Sunday afternoon was the first of several events planned to mark the church's 125th anniversary.

Geoff Swift Construction personnel used the previous doors as a model to replace the original ones damaged

by a vandalism incident last year.

"It could not be a repair job — it had to be a replacement — and they certainly used the same style for historical accuracy as much as possible," said church administrator Emily Hepburn.

Congregation members are also looking at restora-

tion projects, an open house and a Solemn Mass with Bishop Richard Gagnon.

"An anniversary does not only mark the date a significant event occurred," notes Hepburn in press material. "It celebrates all that has transpired and grown out of that occasion over the years."

And since there have been many special occasions celebrated at St. Paul's since its consecration, the congre-

gation is collecting photographs and stories that will help preserve its history.

Of particular interest are photographs of the church's interior — anyone with photos or memories of events celebrated at St. Paul's is urged to contact Hepburn at ourladyofgrace@saltspring.com or leave a message at 537-2150.

In recognition of the historical significance of St. Paul's, church members are

focusing on two restoration projects, involving cemetery upgrades and the stained glass window at the front of the church.

According to Hepburn, a major portion of work on the cemetery upgrade has already had some assistance from Patrick Beattie, and a series of work bees is planned to finish the project.

An open house is planned to occur during this year's Fulford Day on August 13, while the Solemn Mass is set for September 10.

St. Paul's was founded in 1878 under the direction of Father Gustave Donckele, the first Gulf Islands Catholic priest, who used to row to Salt Spring from Cowichan to say mass in parishioners' homes.

The church was built between 1880 and 1885 on land donated by Horace John Shepherd, a non-Catholic.

The Hawaiian Catholic community did most

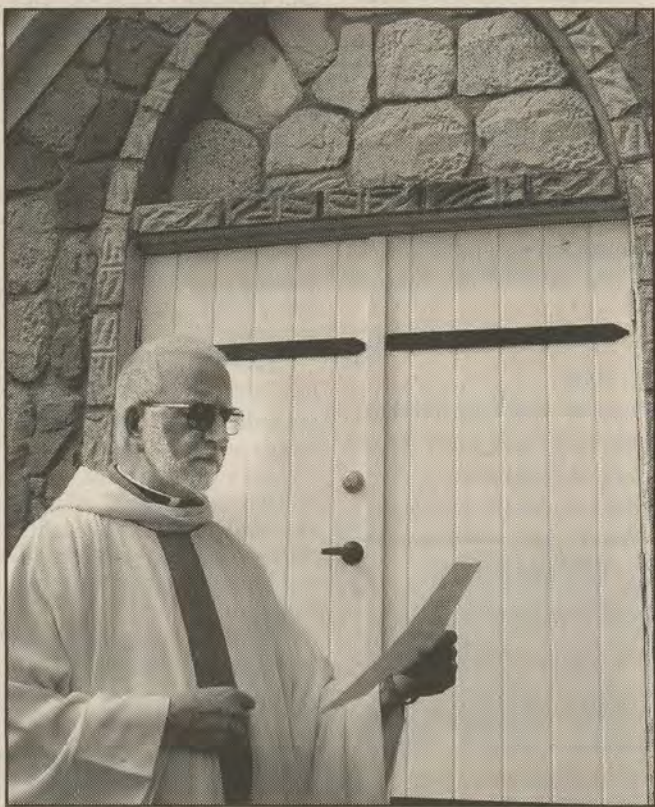
of the construction along with assistance from the Cowichan people and a number of Fulford valley residents, including Joseph and Ted Akerman, John Maxwell, John King, Dick Purser and Michael Gyves.

E. J. Bittancourt, who had the first store in Vesuvius, also helped.

Father Donckele oversaw the transport of lumber, the original doors, the bell and a stained glass window from Cowichan by dugout canoe to Burgoyne Bay, and then by ox-drawn stone-boat through the valley.

St. Paul's was consecrated by Bishop J. B. Brondel on May 10 in 1885.

"Since then," notes Hepburn, "St. Paul's Church has stood near the head of Fulford Harbour as a symbol of God's presence and a tribute to the faith of the early settlers and the dedication of Father Donckele."



NEW DOORS: At left, Father Jules Goulet oversees a church service at the 125-year-old St. Paul's on Sunday before he and the congregation step outside to bless the church's new doors (above). A memorial mass for Pope John Paul II was held at Our Lady of Grace Church on Tuesday.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Seeds for Malawi project discussed at tea

An informal and relaxed tea event is promised when Seeds for Malawi hosts several guests from Malawi and Victoria on the afternoon of Sunday, April 10.

The public will have an opportunity to meet people involved with the Ministry of Agriculture in Malawi, the B.C. Institute of Agrologists and the African Angels Association (AAA) — the partner organization of Seeds for Malawi, which is a Salt Spring Garden Club project.

The event runs from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea as an open house and tea, with a more struc-

tured session between 2 and 2:30. That's when Teddy Phiri, a land-use professor of urban and rural planning and founding member of the AAA, will answer questions.

According to a Seeds for Malawi press release, the main purpose of AAA is to improve the lives of AIDS-impacted households (widows, orphans and the infected) in an isolated rural area.

The association works with the local community to develop and coordinate programs such as an AIDS widows self-help group.

Local churches and the Ministry of Agriculture are

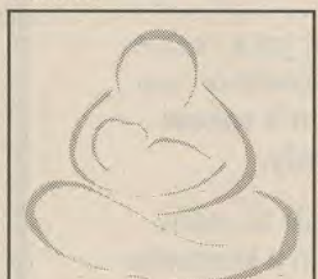
involved in this project and the traditional chief donated land for the gardens.

In addition to the gardens program, which Seeds for Malawi funds, AAA programs include school fees for orphans, micro-credit to assist women in starting small businesses, and home-based care for AIDS patients.

In addition to Phiri, guests will include Jean Phiri from Malawi (no relation to Teddy Phiri), and Larry and Mary Bomford from Victoria. Jean Phiri does gender sensitivity training within the Ministry of Agriculture in Malawi, focusing on a large staff of extension workers.

Larry Bomford, outgoing president of the B.C. Institute of Agrologists, has worked on a CIDA-funded rural development project in Malawi for several years.

The Salt Spring Garden Club's grassroots connection to Malawi resulted from the Bomfords' link to Malawi.



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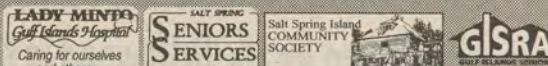
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CENTRE PLANTS: Dan Jason and his daughter Naomi check out new tomato plants at the Salt Spring Centre after taking a tour of the gardens. The centre held an open house at its Blackburn Road location last Saturday. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*

Island teacher retires on the 'crest of a wave'

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Retired teacher Deborah Miller is feeling a burst of renewed energy now that she's wrapped up 35 years of teaching on the Gulf Islands.

"I've never had a spring in the garden, so it was a bit of a compelling thing when the option came up. I hope my students and parents will forgive me."

Miller taught her last day at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) on March 17 and now she's busy gardening, painting her house and planning camping trips across the country and journeys to Mexico and Australia.

"In my mind, I see lots of bright bits of lightness in my time of teaching," she said.

SIMS principal Kevin Vine told her she was riding the "crest of a wave" by leaving teaching while she is still positive, thoughtful and enjoying life, she said.

"That's exactly what I like too. I'm not sick, I'm not unhealthy and I've got other things in the works."

Retiring as the most senior teacher in the Gulf Islands, she recalls when she was first starting out and met legendary island educator Florence Hepburn.

"I remember saying glibly, 'Who would teach for 35 years in one district?' — I



Deborah Miller

guess I would. It was too nice a place to leave."

Miller taught biology and English at Gulf Islands Secondary School for 25 years before she helped develop a transition program for Grade 8 students and then moved to SIMS.

"In the end, I thought 'change is good.'"

As one teaching highlight, she initiated an Environmental Studies course in the early 1990s that allowed her to integrate many subjects, she said.

"It's never been a boring job. It's always interesting."

But the greatest highlight of teaching has been meeting interesting young people, she said.

"I feel honoured to be part of their life."

It's tough to estimate how many students Miller taught but she figures she wrote 640 report cards per year at GISS (approximately 16,000 reports over 25 years) plus another smaller batch of reports at SIMS over the last 10 years.

"One of the neat things about being a teacher on a small island is that you get to see that life carry on."

And while she will be out of the classroom, she plans to keep contact with youth as a member of the Salt Spring Conservancy education committee.

"I'll move over and leave some room for other young blood."

Her island home has been a constant base from where she has ventured to pursue professional development and travels with her three now-grown children and partner (fellow biologist and educator) David Denning.

"Salt Spring is an amazing place to be centred from."

An upcoming trip to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia will include her bike, kayak and camper van, she said.

"We'll hit a lot of national parks and provincial parks. David's got seabirds on the brain and Newfoundland's seabirds are gone by September."

Lewis, Rogers win Toastmasters contests

Andrew Lewis won the recent Salt Spring Toastmasters club-level speech contest and will compete next at the district level.

Lewis won against strong contenders with a speech on how the economic system is depleting the planet.

The district competition is followed by a division contest, all leading to the international competition, which will be held in Toronto this year.

Salt Spring Toastmasters also had an evaluation contest, another facet of the international competition.

Bob Rogers won that contest and will also go on to the district level.

With the exception of statutory holidays, Salt Spring Toastmasters meet every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at ArtSpring.

Anyone is welcome to join the group.

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Book store display highlights homeopathy health treatment

Local homeopaths are marking Homeopathy Awareness Week with a week-long educational display at Salt Spring Books.

The April 10-16 display is one of many international events held to celebrate the 250th birthday of Samuel Hahnemann, founder of homeopathy.

"Although most health conditions require the expertise of a trained homeopath, tens of thousands of people have learned to use homeopathy to treat minor problems at home. When used properly, homeopathy provides an effective, non-toxic and inexpensive alternative

to many over-the-counter medicines," said homeopath Karin Beviere in a press release.

The display will feature books, posters, handouts on using homeopathic remedies, and a free draw for a First Aid kit donated by Dolisos Canada.

"Homeopathy Awareness Week is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn a bit about homeopathy, to be encouraged to try acute remedies for the first time and to learn about who is practicing homeopathy on the island," says participating homeopath Phyllis Coleman.

Also in the spirit of Homeopathy Awareness Week, Natureworks is now offering 10 per cent discounts on the purchase of single homeopathic products to customers who become members of the West Coast Homeopathic Society.

This non-profit organization serves to promote public awareness and understanding of homeopathy in Canada and to encourage informed use of homeopathic products.

For more information on Homeopathy Awareness Week, contact Beviere at 653-4841, or visit www.wchs.info.



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Lali has a passion and dedication for Natural Medicine and believes in the body's ability to restore balance and health naturally. In her Chinese Medicine practice she also has a keen interest in sports injuries and muscle-skeletal, acute and chronic disorders.

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2nd health seminar added

Due to the overwhelming response from "pro-active, health-conscious Salt-Springers," all seats for an April 7 Health and Wellness Seminar with Dr. William Code have been reserved.

However, Dr. Code has agreed to offer another free health and wellness seminar at ArtSpring the following morning at 10:30 a.m.

Registration is at 10 a.m.

Complimentary tickets can be reserved for the second seminar by contacting the ArtSpring ticket centre at 537-2102.

"We are living in an ever-increasing toxic environment, and illness is on the rise," notes event organizer Patti Taylor.

"Hear Doctor William Code, MD, FRCPC, diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1996, share his com-

plimentary personal journey to wellness through diet and nutrition. Learn how you, your families and loved ones can focus on nutrition-based rather than drug-based interventions for good health and wellness."

Taylor also asks that anyone who has reserved seats for the events but cannot attend to phone her if possible at 537-0798.



GRAVITY WORK: Bones for Life instructor Anna Haltrecht assists Pat Duke with movements using pressure against a wall, while Linda Quinn practises the same in the background.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Bones for Life program introduced with free class

If we don't look after our skeleton, it could let us down one day.

But a local dance and movement instructor has a plan for ensuring blood and nutrients flow freely to our bones and keep them strong.

A program offered on Salt Spring by Anna Haltrecht gives people a chance to optimize the state of their skeleton so they can rely on it for the rest of their life.

Haltrecht is holding a free trial class of Bones for Life on Monday, April 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. in her Cats Pajamas Studio at 104 Langs Road. People should bring their own mat or blanket, although some mats are available.

"For some people, running and jumping and vigorous movement is not so easy," said Haltrecht. "Bones for Life has developed all sort of interesting movements and fun things to do with safety."

Part of the program focuses on developing a "dynamic and springy" walk, which encourages blood flow and skeletal rejuvenation like more physically demanding activities.

Weight is added in a variety of ways to maximize the effects of gravity and the movements are diverse enough to keep the interest level high.

"It inspires trust of the

bones and freedom of the joints . . . and vigorous movements with ease."

Bones for Life was developed by Ruthy Alon, with whom Haltrecht has studied as recently as last September. Alon based her program on the teachings of Moshe Feldenkrais.

Regular classes, which run Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m., cost \$100 for 10 classes, or \$12 per drop in session.

For more information, call Haltrecht at 537-5681.

She also teaches Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement classes on Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. Haltrecht is a guild-certified Feldenkrais teacher.

'Salt of the earth' community celebrated at Ruckle Farm Day

Salt Spring's agricultural roots are brought to the surface on Sunday, April 10 with the annual Ruckle Farm Day event.

It's a day to celebrate old-time skills, our community, and the people and animals involved in farming.

The Vancouver Island Draft Horse Club will demonstrate ploughing of the land the old-fashioned way, and a blacksmith's "shop" will be set up.

Salt Spring 4-H Community Club members will bring some of their animals to display, and offer goodies and coffee for purchase.

"This is real Salt Spring," said event organizer Sidney Brannan. "The real, salt of the earth Salt Spring."

Gwen Ruckle has for years been on hand to talk about the history of her family's farm, but is unfortunately too ill to participate this year.

Still, said Brannan, Ruckle

Farm Day "certainly honours the spirit of the Ruckles and all they did down there."

The log-sawing contest that was such a hit last year will return, Artie Howard will be making butter and kids can enjoy the pony rides. Lions Club members will be flipping and frying burgers, and other surprises are in store.

The day is free and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking will also be free.

Deadline set for grant requests

Registered charitable organizations wanting to apply for a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation have until April 30 to complete their applications.

Twice each year, in May and October, the foundation approves grants to a number of local groups.

Last year a total of \$70,000 in grants was approved.

"As the endowment fund

increased significantly in 2004, the foundation will be able to distribute up to \$80,000 this year," states a press release.

Charitable organizations interested in applying for a grant before the end of the month deadline should obtain a copy of the guidelines by contacting Bob Rush (537-2501 or rush@saltspring.com) or Tom Toynbee (537-

2860 or yt@saltspring.com).

The Salt Spring Island Foundation supports a wide range of worthy charitable organizations by investing the financial donations — however large or small — of thoughtful citizens in a permanent endowment fund. Income generated by the fund is distributed each year, so that all donations are truly "a gift that keeps on giving."

Discipline workshop at Family Place

A Family Place workshop will help participants learn to set boundaries with their children and consider the differences between discipline and punishment.

Facilitated by child care consultant Frances Thomasset, with Victoria Child Care Resource and Referral, the 90-minute workshop takes place next Wednesday (April 13), beginning at 1 p.m.

It runs free of charge and child care will

be available.

According to press material, the workshop will look at ways to set limits for young children, "while assisting them in learning self-discipline through parent and caregiver intervention."

It will also include discussion about discipline and punishment.

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In the footsteps of Pierre Berton — Take the National Dream

Ken Mackenzie, a Salt Spring islander and a transportation historian of long standing, is scheduled to lead two trans-Canada rail excursions from Toronto to Vancouver this year. The spring trip is from May 22 to June 3, while a fall trip runs from September 25 to October 7. The itinerary sees two nights each spent in Toronto, on the train in private accommodation, in Lake Louise, Banff and Vancouver, and one night each in Jasper and Kamloops.

By KEN MACKENZIE

For the 13 days of these trips from Toronto to Vancouver, whilst looking after all the heart-stopping logistics of getting my flock across Canada safely, I will regale the group with utterly fascinating stories connected with the route.

How on earth did Canada build all its railways? Why? What do the railways do now? What was the railways' role in keeping Canada out of the clutches of those to the south of us?

What is British Columbia's role as the world moves towards globalization and continentalism loses its lustre? All of these questions

will be addressed without us suffering the major inconveniences of those who went before, the railway dreamers, their financiers, their builders, their workers and their historians! We will also hear some of their stories.

The spring itinerary sees the group starting in Toronto on May 22. Sightsee the following day (and perhaps discover why Toronto, for all its other attributes, never became a transportation hub until people could fly).

Board VIA Rail's *Canadian* train for first-class service to Jasper — and quickly learn just how big Canada is and how complex its geology as we toil north and eventually west across the Canadian Shield. Understand how the members of the Group of Seven got their inspiration.

We will wonder about the effect of current mining finds on the future for Canada's freight railways, given their dependence on older mining efforts, for iron ore, gold, nickel and silver and so on.

As we head into Winnipeg and one of Canada's loveliest, largely untouched heritage union railway stations, we learn of the problems of building into Canada's north — neither muskeg nor mountains, nor cold, nor indigent populations, could eventually halt that progress — but the lowly mosquito nearly did! And for what purpose? What were the economics of building into Hudson's Bay?

As we cross the stable interior we will wonder at our ancestors who first settled the land and imagine their struggles with nature, the environment, railway business, politi-

cians and each other.

Short line railways? Producer hopper cars? The Canadian Wheat Board? NAFTA? Freight rates, freight rates, freight rates? All of these will be put into context as we head due west and make our smooth climb into the Rockies.

Smooth climb? What about the stories of the monumental task of building through the mountains? How come the CPR did not follow the suggestion of its chief engineer (and surveyor) Sandford Fleming, and choose the easiest route through the Rockies, but settled for a more onerous route — a route that challenges the CPR to this very day and may yet drive it into the arms of its arch-competitor?

The once proudly public railway, Canadian National, followed Fleming's survey by way of Jasper and has laughed all the way to the bank since. Meanwhile, wonder at Canada's possession of three true transcontinental railways while the United States has yet to have one.

We then spend some rest time exploring Jasper and Lake Louise and Banff, overnighting in all three of those marvellous towns. Learn the geology and the history of development in national parks, and decide which might be the way Salt Spring goes.

Then it is on to Vancouver by the two-day Red Leaf Service on the Rocky Mountaineer train. Besides watching the spectacular scenery, learn of that railway's success, and wonder at how the two established railways, CN and CP, failed at passenger rail service. Spend the night in Kamloops and get a hint at the answers to that question. Continue on from Kamloops to Vancouver on the Rocky Mountaineer the next day. Its onboard attendants will continue their commentaries as we head for the Fraser Canyon and Vancouver. Thereafter I will extol the virtues of Canada's largest and most dynamic port, and explain why it is bulging at the seams.

We will connect all the dots in Vancouver as we realize just what impact Canada's



Trains symbolize big dreams



One of Canada's natural winter scenes



Ken Mackenzie lectures on the train

geography has had on our transportation problems and how we have conquered them — and what the future holds for us.

Two careers do battle in my approach to this talk. First, as a transportation historian with numerous publications, a sense of urgency was not my friend; time and tranquility guided me hesitatingly towards glimpses of truth. Then, as a polemical journalist, with a large number of columns on maritime history published in trade journals with deadlines, I had to jump into my topics with both feet.

"Hear the real picture" then became his motto. Thus in my talks soundly grounded in history, listeners will see reflected current news and concerns — with dabs of opinion thrown in.

In talking of railway history in Canada and the role of all involved in it, issues such as the talk of a north-south transcontinental railway linking Alaska to the United States will be covered.

Why stop at Alaska? Why not step across the Bering Straits and link up with the

Trans-Siberian Railway — a railway, incidentally, that gave all right-thinking British enthusiasts in Victoria a fit in the 1870s.

As the group approaches the West Coast — Jean Barman's *The West Beyond the West* — we will look at the history of the port of Vancouver, link it with various geopolitical theories (anyone now remember Halford Mackinder?), wonder at the impudence of the port of Halifax hoping to cash in on the sudden congestion on the Vancouver docks, not to mention the covetous of Prince Rupert.

By no means can this sparse selection be considered restrictive. I can be easily sidetracked, so bring your own questions and opinions for airing as we cross two-thirds of Canada.

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GOALIE STRETCH: FC soccer player Dion Hackett, left, helps warm up keeper Jono McDonald as the Salt Spring team prepares for a game at Portlock Park on Sunday afternoon. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Chlopan clinches amateur disc title

Salt Spring disc golfers took more than their share of winnings at the Duck Golf Series Awards on Pender Islands Sunday.

"Five out of 24 trophies came to Salt Spring," said local disc golf enthusiast Gordon Murphy.

Following amazing performances at the final tournament of the 11-event series on Pender, Ted Hickford won the overall Grand Masters title and Joah Chlopan won the overall Amateurs title.

In the Pender event, Chlopan actually hit the fourth best score of the tourney with a 202 (41 under par 243) after three rounds of 27 holes in the two-day event. Chlopan also tagged one of five Salt Spring aces at the event.

"He was on fire," said Murphy.

Chlopan's score even pushed him into the lime-light for a nine-hole showcase round with the top four players in the Open Pros, Open Masters and Advanced Masters, where Chlopan placed third.

Among older players, Hickford shot a 205 (38 under par 243) to polish up another trophy from Pender and seal his hold on the Duck Golf series.

Hickford started his first nine holes at Pender with eight birds and an ace for 10 under par.

"That's phat," said Murphy.

Salt Spring also swept the amateur podium at Pender when Eric Vanderwekken placed second (217). His finish at Pender placed him third overall for the Duck Golf Series.

Meanwhile youth sensation Braeden Simmonds hit a 226 to take third place, Mike Boughton carded a 237 for fifth, Dustin Chamberlin placed eighth and Dennis Murray (244) bagged two basket aces.

Riding on earlier wins, Tanya Van Ginkel placed second among Open Women in the Duck Golf Series after she shot a 270 at Pender.

Scott Chapman placed seventh among Open Masters at Pender (220), pegged an ace and snuck into the top-10 spot for the series.

Murphy tied for fifth in the advanced masters at Pender and placed third overall within the series.

Some 97 disc golfers hailing from as far away as Bellingham, Cortez Island and Calgary attended the Duck Golf finale.

Morrison sets five-goal FC record

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring FC's Jeremy Morrison rattled Powell River Villa with five goals during an 8-0 drubbing at Portlock Park Sunday.

"I can't even remember the order of the goals," said FC's Division-1 captain Chris Jason.

"We just poured it on and took it to them."

The home crowd shared "oohs" and "aahs" as if they were spectators at a fireworks event when Salt Spring scored seven goals in the first half.

"After the third goal in 10 minutes, one of the defenders said to Jesse Fisher 'That's it. It's over already.' So they had given up already by that time."

Left with no substitutes and down a man after they'd played the previous day, Powell River had nothing to play for in their final game of the season, Jason said.

"There was no meaning for them to play it."

Observing from the sidelines after he took a seven-game suspension for "violent conduct" on March 12, Jason believes there were numerous stars in the FC line-up.

"It was tough to see someone who wasn't playing well."

But he singled out Jordan Haenen, Jason Moulton and Tom McColm for strong play.

"Jeremy was obviously the 'man of the match' with the five goals. That's a record for

us that will probably stand up for a while."

Adding to Morrison's tally, Mark Nordine, Tyler Cocker and Stephen Severn each scored goals.

"Tyler was running up and down the wings really well and Stephen was hustling everything down."

FC was also fortunate to have Harrison Jason out on the field since his disciplinary hearing for a 30-game suspension (violent conduct against a referee) is under review by the Vancouver Island Soccer Association.

"He played a really good game in the back line, kept his mouth shut and didn't say anything."

The two Jason brothers are scheduled for a hearing on

Saturday to determine the outcome of their multiple-game suspensions.

And Salt Spring FC is looking good as they head into the home stretch of the season tied for fourth with 7-6-2 for 23 points.

If they can collect one more point to secure fourth place, they will go on to the Provincial Cup.

"We've got a lot of young faces and a lot of young guys. We definitely have some momentum going."

The islanders will play Bays United White for their last game of the season at Portlock Park at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday.

"We're still looking for at least a tie next weekend to put us through to the provincials."

Island-based rower Williams honoured

Barney Williams was honoured along with his 2004 Olympics silver-medal rowing crew at the 32nd Annual Canadian Sport Awards (CSA) at a gala event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on March 29.

Williams won the Part-

ners of the Year award with fellow Men's Rowing Four team members Cam Baerg, Tom Herschmiller and Jake Wetzel.

The island-raised athlete also recently rowed with a crew of eight from Oxford University to win a histor-

ic annual match up against their rivals from Cambridge on the River Thames.

Williams plans to compete in the World Cup in England at the end of May before he returns to B.C. to train with the Canadian team in June.

Other CSA winners includ-

ed Male Athlete of the Year, Kyle Shewfelt, gold medalist on the gymnastics floor exercise at the 2004 Olympics, and Female Athlete of the Year, Chantal Petitclerc, five-time gold medalist in Wheelchair Track at the 2004 Paralympics.

Sara Simpson nets Premier's sport award

Salt Spring field hockey star Sara Simpson was honoured with a Premier's Athletic Award on Friday.

A first team All Canadian among CIS Women's Field Hockey in 2004 and 2003 from her play with UVic, Simpson is also a member of the national women's team that placed third at the 2004 Pan American Cup in Barbados.

Simpson was named among 76 of British Columbia's top athletes for their outstanding achievements in sport last week.

The UVic Vikes completed the 2004-2005 regular season with a record of 5-3-1 and finished in second place in Canada West.

Some of Simpson's past highlights as a field hockey forward include: Canada West First team All Star from 2002-2004, 2002 Silver at BC Summer Games, 2002 CIS Female Athlete of the Week, 2002 Canada West Female Athlete of the Week.

As a member of Team Ontario's field hockey squad, Simpson also won the silver medal at the 2002 Canada Summer Games.

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Provincial soccer team nod for youth

Keegan Pearson will be spending lots of time on ferries and buses in the next six months, but it will be done in the pursuit of his favourite sport — soccer.

Twelve-year-old Pearson of Salt Spring was last week chosen to play on the U-13 provincial boys soccer team, one of only two players from the Vancouver Island region.

"There were only five guys from Vancouver Island and only two invited back," said his father Doug Pearson.

Keegan spent three days at a West Vancouver soccer camp where final selections were made.

Making the provincial team means Keegan will become even more familiar with the Lower Mainland, since provincial team practices are held there.

The team is also scheduled to play in San Diego, Seattle and Oregon, with more details to come.

Keegan has played soccer on Salt Spring since he was four years old. This season he has been playing with a Peninsula gold team.



B.C. PLAYER: Salt Spring U-13 soccer player Keegan Pearson was selected to play on a provincial soccer team.
Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Laing runs for and through cedars in Sunday fundraiser

An island runner and hair stylist embarks on a 10-kilometre forest run this Sunday while raising funds for an Eco-Trust Canada cedar tree conservation campaign.

"They focus on the loss of the cedar tree on Vancouver Island," said long-time Salt Spring resident Juliette Laing.

"Eco-Trust Canada works with First Nations groups and local communities to build a conservation economy, one that is environmentally sustainable in the temperate coastal rainforest of B.C."

Laing is taking pledges for her run, which is being done for Earth Month and

in conjunction with one of her salon product suppliers — Aveda.

Laing will undertake one of her favourite runs, which leaves from her place on Wilkie Way and traverses a trail through Mount Belcher over to Mount Maxwell and back.

"I thought it was really appropriate to do that particular run," she said.

Laing could have joined a related running event in Victoria but thought it made more environmental sense and for the cause to run in her forested neighbourhood, which is home to numerous cedar trees.

"It's such a positive thing

and is very uplifting, and when it is for the environment it is really nice to be doing something that is outside."

Anyone wanting to contribute can call Laing at 537-9542.

Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$15 or more.

People can also see her off at 10 a.m. on Sunday from her home at 296 Wilkie Way.

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STACY-LINDA MIRIAM (MacDougald) at Clearwater, B.C. passed away on March 13, 2005 after battling brain cancer for almost eight years. Left to mourn are husband David, son Daniel (Kimberley), daughters Christy and Jennifer, granddaughter Laura, sisters Sandra (Jay), Joanne (David), Pam (Hugh) and Nancy, and many more family and friends. Service was held at St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Sechelt, B.C. on Saturday April 2 at 2 pm. Donations to the B.C. Cancer Agency or the Dr. Helms Memorial Hospital, Clearwater, BC would be greatly appreciated.

UPPER, CARL James - Carl, a long time resident of Niagara Falls, passed away March 2, 2005 at Lady Minto Hospital after a brief illness. Carl is survived by his loving and devoted children, William and Helen. We were honoured and proud to call him Dad for he has taught us what is right, what is wrong and what is truly valuable in this life. We will miss him dearly but we find comfort in that he will always be in our hearts. Carl is also survived by his ten grandchildren: Chris, Rachel, Rebecca, Amy, Matthew, Adam, Amanda, Joshua, Richard and Victoria and his ten great grandchildren: Ava, Olivia, Patience, Kendle, Tiah, Erick, Debbie, Alex, Christian, and Amelia. On behalf of all our family we would like to sincerely thank the staff of Greenwoods Care Centre and Lady Minto Hospital for their gentle and compassionate care in Carl's final days. He was a proud member of Legion 51 in Niagara Falls. May he rest in peace with our ancestors.

REUSCH, DOROTHEA passed away peacefully on April 2, 2005 at the age of 89. She is survived by her twin brother Henry Swift, daughter Lynne Partridge, son Ron Reusch and his daughters Kristina, Samantha, Katie, and Sarah. At Dorothea's request, there will be no service.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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Application deadline:
April 30, 2005.

For application information please call Celia 537-9606 email:
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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Mount Belcher Improvement District
Thursday, April 21, 2005
7:00 pm

Salt Spring Sailing Club
at bottom of Douglas Road

Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2005
7:00 pm
at the CLUBHOUSE

By order of the Board
Debbie Cade,
Secretary to the Board

**Barn Dance**

Mahon Hall
Friday April 15
6:30 pm

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25 EDUCATION

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LOVE ANIMALS? Veterinary Assistant Program. Classes start April, July, October. Start a new career. Call today! Granville Business, 1-800-661-9885 or 604-683-8850. Website: www.veterinary-assistant.com.

29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: CELL PHONE, Fulford Harbour. 653-9620.

STONE: 2 PALLETS of stone delivered in error. Please contact me if you have a proof of purchase at 537-9350.

FOUND: SHORT HAired ginger tabby with white bib. Neutered male, young, found in Brinkworthy. Call SPCA 537-2123.

LOST: RED & black backpack, near Island Savings on Tues., Mar. 29. Please call 537-9938 or drop off at 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd. No questions asked.

FOUND: LADIES family ring in Ganges Village Market. Must be able to identify. Ask at Lotto Centre.

FOUND: SET of keys on mailbox at Beddis & Douglas. Owner can claim at The Driftwood Office.

32 MEETINGS**SSI Historical Society**

Regular Meeting,
2:00pm April 13,
2005 at Central Hall

Mouat Family History

Sue Mouat &
Tom Toynebe

May 11, 2005
AGM

Archives Program

"See a Visual History of Salt Spring Island"

~ All Welcome ~

Tea/coffee to follow.



School District #64
(Gulf Islands)

A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, will be held at Gulf Islands Secondary School, Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 1:00 pm
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B.C. Special Olympics

Salt Spring Local 6J
Annual General Meeting
April 20, 10 am
All Saints By-The-Sea

Guest Speaker:
Nina Watts
"Why participate in Special Olympics?"

34 NOTICES**Calling all grandparents!**

The Driftwood's annual celebration of Grandchildren will be published in the April 27 newspaper. It's one of our most popular features! Bring in a photo of your grandchild or grandchildren for this special issue. Just \$9.99 plus GST. All grandkids featured will be entered in a random draw for prizes from Island Savings and Ganges Garment Company. Call 537-9933 for details.

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PERSONAL ASSISTANT/office help required with basic book-keeping and computer experience. Applicants should be proactive with good management and communication skills. 20 hrs per week with a possibility of full time. Please call 653-9797.

COOKS REQUIRED. Apply with resume to Cafe El Zocalo or call 537-9911.

GAS ATTENDANTS PT/FT. Must be able to work afternoons, evenings and weekends. Apply in person with resume to McColl's Shell.

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EXCEPTIONAL ANIMAL lovers needed to help clean and socialize cats and rabbits. 1 - 3 hours a week. Also foster homes needed. SPCA 537-2123.

FEMALE ATTENDANT and companion for a young adult requiring assistance in home and community. Previous experience working with people with disabilities desirable. Submit resumes by April 15 to 1644 North Beach Road, SSI, V8K 1A8.

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PENINSULA COMMUNITY Services requires casual, certified Community Health Workers for Salt Spring Island. If you have care-giving experience in lieu of a certificate, you are encouraged to apply. Vehicle required. Fax resume to 537-9969 attention Ann MacKinnon.

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The Directory will be printed in flyer form and be made available in early June 2005 at the PARC office, at the Chamber of Commerce Info Centre, through the Welcome Wagon and on both PARC's website and PARC's telephone fax-back system.

There is NO CHARGE to be included in this Directory. Simply call the PARC office at 537-4448, and we will take your information. Office hours are Mon to Wed, 10am-2pm, and Thur 8:30am-4:30pm (closed 1-2pm). Space IS limited.

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- self employment
- training
- job search techniques

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Services

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.

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

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117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Alcoholics Anonymous Services Meetings

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Galliano 539-2222

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122 DAY CARE

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340 GARAGE SALES

YOUR OFFICIAL GARAGE SALE LOCATOR MAP

1 LIONS GARAGE Sale: Fridays & Saturdays only 10 - 12. 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.

2 108 DRAKE ROAD. Household stuff. Sunday, April 8, 10 am - 1 pm. No early birds.

3 APRIL 10, 10 am - 1 pm, 261 Cranberry Road. Household, antiques, collectibles, toys and more. No early birds please!

4 SIZING DOWN Sale. Saturday, Apr. 9, 8 am, 117 Murrelet. Lady's bike, roller blades, household articles. Too much to list. Rain or shine.

5 PROCEEDS TO fund a young man to go back to YWAM in Australia! Stuff from the garage, the basement & the yard. Also, some collectibles, 3 oak dining chairs, microwave. New Christian books, 15% going to Asher. Rain or shine. 601-A Rainbow Rd, April 9, 9 am - 3 pm.

6 SPRING CLEANING Event! Garden, household, furniture & more. 10 am - 3 pm, Sat., Apr. 9, 172 Juniper Pl (off Rainbow Rd.) Early birds will be fed to my 2 shih tsu dogs, "Killer" & "Butch".

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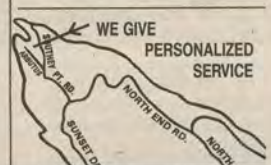
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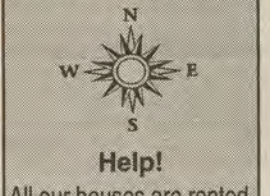
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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Mercury turning retrograde on March 20, the onset of spring, has created its own kind of delay to the season. With unseasonably warm weather back in February, here in the west anyway, perhaps Mercury retrograde has put the season back in sync with the traditional norm. Mercury goes retrograde three times a year for about three weeks. All the planets retrograde but Mercury is the most frequent and the most famous, or infamous as the case may be, due to its rapid 88 day orbit. Over the course of the retrograde period, the planet retraces its steps measured in degrees of longitude. Once it turns retrograde again, as with Mercury on April 12 at 12:46 am PST, it must then resume its forward motion and it takes almost as much time to return to the degree of longitude that it was at when it initially turned retrograde. This is what I call the shadow of the retrograde. While it is not as potent as the retrograde period itself, it does have its influence. Rejoice - Mercury is direct again and it will be completely clear of its retrograde shadow on April 30.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A pioneering and rebellious mood continues. Inspired by romantic ideals and notions, you may be oblivious to the concerns and objections of others. While it is your right to follow your own path, you may wish later that you were open to advice and guidance. Alternatively, it may be your destiny to go where you or others you know have not gone before. Dreams and fantasies do have their place, yet reality can be harsh. Think twice, act once!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

Who are you? What do you believe and value? Where did you form your perceptions and attitudes and are they working for you? These and other such deep questions may be throbbing in your mind. On more practical levels, where do you fit in the world and how can you best express your visions and passions in the market place? Honouring the fact that you are a unique and perhaps even exotic creature is a good place to start. Peace!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

Awakenings to ambitions, impulses and needs that you may not know you even had are now in the spotlight. Whether you are aware of it or not, a whole new journey has begun for you. Education of some kind is a likely part of the plot and probably travels as well. Reaching out beyond your familiar sphere, whether in mind and/or in body, is important. While the outer world has much to offer, you may gain more by exploring the mysteries of your own heart, the portal of your soul.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

Summoning the courage and confidence to initiate new projects continues. Plans and projects of possibility may be enough for now. You will be ready for larger steps and measures in June. For now, begin to assess who you might want to include in your plans. Drawing upon the skills and resources of others may be necessary for success. Often we must clear the old to proceed. This may include literal renovations and/or limiting attitudes. Plan to go for it!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

The stars for you now spell expansion, rebellion, culture, art and innovation. This is a very good time to explore and experiment with new approaches. Gathering new knowledge, skills, tools and techniques is also likely and will become more apparent by next week. At deeper levels, you are attracted to the inner mysteries and workings of things. This may well include consciousness and perception. Let your mind roam freely.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)

Letting go of old habits and behaviour patterns glued together by beliefs and security needs continues. This unravelling process is very natural, like autumn and winter clearing the past in preparation for spring. Whatever is happening in your life now, stop and ask: what is the advantage in the situation? There is always an advantage when imagination and heart combine to perceive. Anchor into your soul centre and trust the process.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)

Deepening the quality of your relationship with yourself and others continues. As the sign of the scales you are very sensitive. The key to understanding the scales is that in the dynamic of life they are seldom in balance - their static state. Although states of balance and equilibrium are ideal, they are only aspects of the flow of the drama of life. One of your greatest lessons in this regard is empathy. Think with your heart and feel with your mind!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

Tending to your whole health and welfare continues. It is likely that pioneering initiatives are needed in this regard. It also implies coming to know yourself better as the individual you are. Can you confidently say that you know exactly who you are? Life is quite complex. Moving beyond the illusion of thinking we know and awakening to the mystery of the journey makes life exciting. As old Al Einstein said, "Imagination is greater than knowledge."

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

Coming to know your needs and priorities at this point in your journey continues. This implies a certain amount of creative self-discovery. To begin, you may have to make the effort to break free of habitual self-concepts, perceptions and beliefs. You can do this creatively, especially when an enthusiastic attitude is in place. Look to the quality of your offering above and beyond returns and you will strike the golden bell of inspiration!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Awakening your inner warrior continues. The battle is to maintain poise, equilibrium and harmony as well as to uphold justice for all, tend to the needy and fend off negativity. Such dramatic attitudes may seem excessive; however, the true spiritual warrior is ever ready and recognizes that death is ever in pursuit. Yet, the spiritual warrior also knows that the soul life is everlasting and turns to this truth as the greatest prize of all. Anchor the spiritual in the material.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

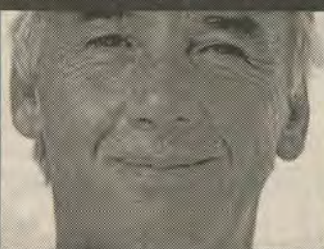
Initiating new momentum's projects and dreams continues. Whether you are simply interested in improving certain aspects of your personal life or business or your humanitarian heart is in pain over all the suffering in the world, you are in the mood to take deliberate and forceful action. Romantic dreams and notions do have their place and sometimes they are the very thing we need to act out of a vision so avoid the cynicisms of materialistic attitudes disguised as realism.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Taking initiatives to build upon a whole new self-image continues. This trend is strong now yet will continue for over a year so persevere with confidence. Mottos like, "The past does not equal the future" and "The point of power is in the moment" may be useful. Since energy goes where attention goes (put that on the affirmation list as well) continue to set your sights on honouring and outlining you abilities, capacities and qualities.

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ROSS McILVENNA had repaired marine and small engines and did sales for 25 years on Salt Spring Island. He came to the island and bought the marine division Ganges Auto Marine from Jack Reynolds and called it Ross & Ganges Marine & Equipment, working out of Gasoline Alley. He then moved to the end of Ganges Harbour and renamed the business Harbour's End Marine & Equipment and, with partner Jim Pavey, formed Salt Spring Marina.

Years ago Ross was appointed the first small engine instructor at Cariboo College in Kamloops. He later converted his Spanish house into Eltoro's Steakhouse, and it's still Kamloops' finest restaurant, called Storms. Later Ross, with partner Terry Reeb started

Ross the Boss is Gone...

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Run. They then set the records for running a stock snowmobile on top of the water for 15.9 miles. To this day that shop still operates as Ross & Terry's, although both Ross & Terry moved on to their next adventure more than 26 years ago.

On Salt Spring at the marina Ross bought the Salt Spring Lands & Salt Spring Insurance building from the Grace Point location, moved them to Harbour's End and rented a portion to

the Driftwood newspaper for 10 years, later selling Harbour's End Marine and then Salt Spring Marina to Dick Durante & Associates which built Moby's.

Ross & Jo sailed their 38' Cross Trimaran, called Corazon De Oro, to Mexico and explored the sea of Cortez for 3 years. Upon returning they formed Ross The Boss Marine & Equipment, and after a successful 12 years they are now into the next phase of life, passing the business on to our apprentice Nick Williams.. Ross had put through many apprentices in his day and for the past 4 years Nick has been great. Born on Salt Spring, he joined Ross at 17, working after school and Saturdays. He graduated high school and won 2 major bursaries. He topped his class at B.C.I.T. for 4 years running. Nick has now formed Mid-Isle

Marine & Equipment, and is out to give the best service and selling the best products possible. Of course, Ross will be there giving free advice to Nick and his customers.

It's great to see a young lad with that much ambition. Mid-Isle Marine is located 5 minutes south of Ganges on the Fulford-Ganges Road across from Garner Road. Nick will continue with the same lines as Ross did, with Jonsered chain saws and weed eaters, makes of Husquavarna, and of course the Nissan outboard motors, the Maytag of the industry. They take a lickin' and keep on running. Just like Ross, Nick will be giving the best prices in BC on marine and accessories.

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Strokes set in Learn to Row program at St. Mary Lake

Rain didn't deter local adults and youth from having a blast with a Learn to Row program at St. Mary Lake during spring break.

Some 18 local youth and another group of 13-15 adults participated in the program, said Salt Spring Island Rowing Club member Sarah Stoffelsma.

"All I've heard from the adult camp and the youth

camp was good things," Stoffelsma said.

"It was very rainy during the week but everyone kept up good spirits."

Rowing coach Brian Carr and high school students from Brentwood College hosted the Learn to Row program, she said.

"It's a huge learning curve," Stoffelsma said. "It's a natural motion but it takes a while to learn."

Brentwood College also held their own training camp on St. Mary Lake over the week, she said.

Salt Spring's rowing club will hold an inaugural club row on Wednesday at 6 p.m. (today).

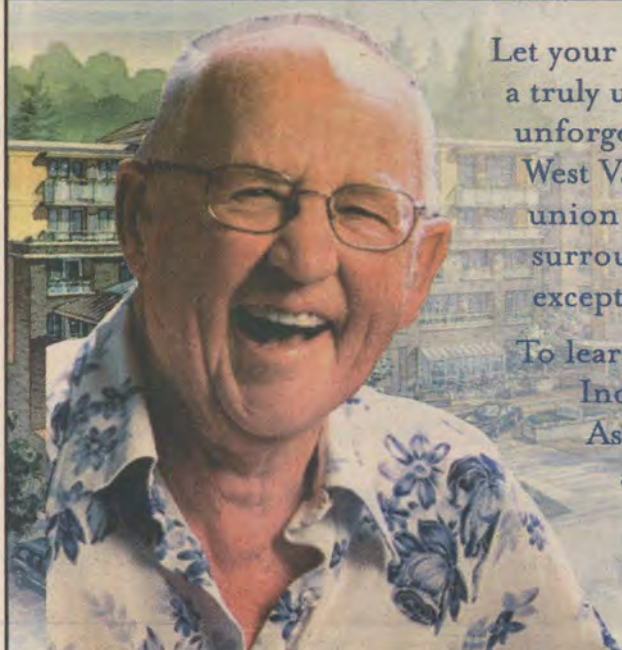
"We just want to go out to have some fun and get some memberships."

The club will be holding more Learn to Row programs in the summer, she said.



WORK ON WATER: Rowing students, from back to front, Meredith Raddysh, Owen Reid, Ted Ritson and Isaac Raddysh learn new skills as they participate in a spring break rowing program led by Brentwood College instructors. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Karate club seizes awards

Seven members of the Salt Spring Island Karate Club (SSKC) competed and did the Island proud by bringing home trophies and medals from the third Jimmy Mac Karate Competition at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney on March 19.

"It is nice when such a small unknown club as SSKC can go to a competition and walk away with so much hardware," said Chris Denbigh.

He placed first in kata and first in sparring for men's green belt, Paul Ceysens

placed second in yellow belt kata, Kristin Peebles placed third in green belt kata, Leslie Wiens placed first in kata and third in sparring for orange belts, and Eric Abbott placed third for sparring in his green belt division.

Black belt Chris Barclay placed third in sparring but the highlight of the tournament for him was to judge the age 14/15 blue and brown belt sparring division with 200 spectators.

"There were hundreds of competitors and so many spectators that the centre did not seem large enough

at times," said club member Steve Hunt.

It was hard judging, said Barclay. "Those boys were ruthless."

Prior to the event, SSKC was also honoured with a visit from third-degree black belt Sensei Greg Turnbull of Victoria, who instructed about 30 students on the technical aspects of karate, provided demonstrations of advanced katas and self-defence techniques and gave a talk on the essence of karate and preparing for competition.

'Magnificent Seven' defeated

Salt Spring's Masters C-Division Old Boys were compared to stars from a heroic cowboy film when a depleted squad faced Bays United for a 5-0 loss at Central Park on Sunday.

"The 'Magnificent Seven,' led by Graham Tweddle in the Yul Brynner role, strolled out onto the field... confident that reinforcements in the shape of Jim Witherspoon would appear over the horizon — much like the Seventh Cavalry in the cowboy movies of old — to ensure victory," said coach Fraser Hope.

Old Boys player Antonio

Alonso blamed the change of clocks for the much depleted bench, said Hope.

"If it were not for the dedication of Mike McCormick tearing himself away from a long-planned family outing and Jim racing over the Malahat, Salt Spring Old Boys would have suffered the same fate as the Division 5s and forfeited the game," he said.

Faced with a daunting task, Hope chose a conservative strategy and kept all eight players behind the ball with orders to conserve energy in an attempt to frustrate an 18-

man Bays team, in hopes of a no-score draw.

"All went well for the first 20 minutes with Old Boys comfortably holding the Bays' attack, but a well-executed headed goal began to drain the energy from tired legs."

Despite the score, Jack Braak had a great game in goal and the entire squad (as listed above, plus Paul Sinclair, Campbell Blair and Don Brown) must be congratulated for an effort that went well beyond the call of duty in their efforts on the field and in turning out for the team, Hope said.

Top bowling scores listed at Kings Lane

High scores in recent bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation were:

Monday, March 21 Special Olympics: Mahjor Bains, 170, 181, 224; Carlos Manzano, 161, 145; Jason Newport, 142, 171; Stuart Elliott, 214, 142; Jim Beck, 173.

Monday, March 21 Circus League: Lance Leask, 203, 210, 605.

Tuesday, March 22

HIGH ROLLERS

Seniors: Jim Glenn, 228, 201; Carol Kaye, 230, 623; Clara Hicks, 202.

Wednesday, March 23, Special Olympics: Jason Newport, 148; Gloria Dale, 152; Mahjor Bains, 227; Joanne Sandberg, 140; Carlos Manzano, 143.

Tuesday, March 29 Seniors: Roger Brunt, 239; Rita Dods, 223; Harald Repen, 220; Jim Glenn, 212, 258-618.

Wednesday, March 30 Special Olympics: Stuart Elliott, 151; Naomi Van Pelt, 172; Mahjor Bains, 180.

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