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WHERE'S THE CHAINSAW? Jonah Baker and his mom, Jacquie Byron, try their hands and arms at some old-fashioned wood sawing. The two were among the many islanders who took in activities at the annual Ruckle Farm Day on Sunday. More photos Page 18.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Parents seek last-minute SD influence

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Following a month-long period of consultation, an experimental year of four-day education and endless discussions over inadequate funding, trustees will decide the fate of the school calendar for another year during a board meeting today (Wednesday).

A consultation session held at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) last Thursday offered islanders a last-minute chance to influence the trustees' decisions before they vote on the four-day-week calendar.

At GISS, four-day opponents from the Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC)

manned an information table and scoffed at the consultation process. Administrators provided thick packets of detailed information about how the district is still under financial duress and the benefits of a four-day week.

Meanwhile, some 50 parents and students with questions or concerns tried to share their thoughts.

"I just want to be involved," said Dina Rasmussen, who attended the meeting with her seven-month-old daughter and a two-year-old son.

Rasmussen's eight-year-old son is thriving in the four-day public system, but her 11-year-old daughter is

CONSULTATION 3

Survivor — bike shorts rip Reznick

Dissatisfaction with the provincial health care system may have played a part in the Driftwood's first castaway casualty in Survivor III - Reunion.

Or it could have been Dr. Ron Reznick's bicycle shorts that caused him to attract the highest number of votes and eliminate him from the island.

Readers seized the chance to vote off one of eight participants in the contest initiated last week, and add their quirky comments about clothing and other issues.

"Sorry," wrote one player in voting against Judy Rad-dysh, "Need to get rid of the strong competition in the Betty Crocker bake-off!"

One south-ender who voted to eliminate Survivor I winner John Dolman noted: "I love John [Dolman]. Everyone loves

SURVIVOR 3

Malawi hope planted with Salt Spring seeds

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Two communities and a handful of people who care.

According to visitors from Malawi in Africa, that may be one solution to world poverty.

"You are basically providing hope for humanity," Teddy Phiri told 30 people gathered at All Saints Anglican Church on Sunday afternoon. "There are still poor

soils, poor roads and deforestation, but for our people this is a big change, a big impact."

Phiri was referring to funds provided by the Salt Spring-based Seeds for Malawi program, established in 2003 by the island's garden club.

As part of the local club's partner group, the African Angels Association, Phiri and others are working to eliminate the paralyzing

effects of poverty on rural areas of Northern Malawi, a country located in sub-Saharan Africa.

The country's 12-million residents subsist primarily on agriculture and 85 per cent of the population lives in rural areas.

During an interview before Sunday's event, Phiri explained how HIV and AIDS affected every segment of society in Malawi.

Those hardest hit of all are often the widows and orphans left alone in the epidemic's shadow.

Seeds for Malawi provides assistance to AIDS orphans and widows to grow basic crops. Although beans and corn may not seem like much, Phiri said efforts have reduced hunger in the region.

Before the program began, families had enough food

to last eight months of the year. Now, he said, 35 families, or 100 people, can feed themselves, sell or trade the surplus and begin to lead a more normal life.

The Salt Spring Garden Club initiative has raised more than \$6,300 in the past and currently has \$5,000 in anticipation of the next growing season.

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Eggheads try to crack BC-STV at luncheon

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

A member of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform sought to assure members of the Eggheads Club Monday that a vote for the Single Transferable Vote (BC-STV) was a vote to move democracy forward.

Speaking to the Eggheads over lunch, Jack MacDonald made the trip over to the island from Victoria to inform voters about BC-STV before the May 17 referendum. He said the best way to get people interested in the topic of electoral reform is to make sure they have a

clue as to what the issue is all about.

"A lot of people I respect come up and say, 'What the heck is this? What does it mean? How does it work? I don't get it?'" he said. "I'll tell you that a year ago I would have said the same thing to them because I'd never heard of STV."

During the 11-month process of examining the electoral system, MacDonald and 160 other randomly selected citizens from across the province were given the task of looking at the current First Past The Post (FPTP) system, examining a number

of alternatives and then re-examining the current system.

The process involved meetings, interviewing members of the public, hosting town forums and examining the effectiveness of other electoral systems used around the world.

"It was a very thorough process," he said. "We had to make sure that the cure wasn't worse than the disease."

In response to many in the crowd who expressed little concern for "the disease," MacDonald said he too was uneasy at first.

"This is not a simple thing to go through," he said. "For me, the decision was not straightforward. I was a bit skeptical about this and it took quite a long time for me to conclude that we should recommend this process."

He said a lack of interest was BC-STV's greatest hurdle, but he was inspired by the large crowd of Eggheads in attendance.

The Eggheads group consists of older intellectual

men who gather to discuss current events. The group was founded 25 years ago and is estimated to have 100 members.

"I'm used to standing-room only crowds of five or six people, not 55 or 56," he joked.

Supporters of change are stepping up their efforts to get the word out since BC-STV must receive at least 60 per cent support province-wide to proceed, plus a simple majority in at least 60 per cent of ridings.

"The test is a high one," he said. "The reason it is high is because it is a change akin to a constitutional amendment and requires, therefore, a super-majority to be approved."

MacDonald was born and raised in Victoria and spent more than 30 years in public service. His background is in political science and he admitted his participation in the Citizens' Assembly was partly fuelled by a passion for the political process.

He has taken the BC-STV cause to heart and has liter-

ally written a book on the topic because he feels it stands to address many of the irregularities found in the current system.

He explained even though the BC-STV system is not a purely proportional one, it will address some of the current system's problems that have become apparent during the last two provincial elections.

The three main differences between the current system and BC-STV will be having multi-member ridings, vote transferability and a quota-based requirement to get elected.

The details will depend on the size and number of MLAs in each individual riding but the new measures aim to make government better represent the electorate's diversity. According to MacDonald, a BC-STV situation would make it practically impossible to have an outcome similar to what occurred in 1996 when the NDP won the election despite receiving fewer votes than the Liberal Party.

Similarly, it would prevent the 2001 situation when the Liberals were given a landslide victory not reflected by the popular vote.

Many in the crowd were skeptical about the overall effect of BC-STV and thought increased proportionality would mean more minority governments and decreased decision-making powers.

MacDonald admitted the new system was "likely but not certain to increase the number of parties" and said this would help create more stable coalitions.

He added that fewer policy swings every time there was a change in government would prevent the "yo-yo policy making" which currently hurts the long-term interests of the province.

"The fundamental principle is this will provide a more accurate representation of the way people vote," he said. "If people want a minority government, they will get one. If they don't, they won't. This is the spirit of democracy."

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FOR THE RECORD

George Ehring was incorrectly identified as the chair of a resource sub-committee on short-term vacation rentals in an article last week. Ehring served on the committee but David Wood was its chair.

• The website address for Islanders for Self-Government was also missing: it is www.islandgov.org.

SEEDS BRING HOPE

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It's especially significant in a country where the average annual income is \$220 per family.

During the past two years, Phiri developed close ties with village chiefs and bypassed the challenge of running aid through more traditional yet costlier channels of government.

Phiri is in B.C. on Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) business concerning a joint project between the B.C. Institute of Agrologists and the university in Mzuzu, Malawi. He put on his volunteer hat to visit Salt Spring and give a first-hand account of the work the program has accomplished.

"Some people think vol-

unteerism is attending a meeting like this. They will come and put in the ideas but they will not do the actual work," he said. "Volunteerism cannot be a committee, it takes people who can think together and work together and share."

It is this drive and selflessness that allows the Seeds for Malawi project to be such a success, according to garden club member Susan Evans.

Evans said club members gave it unanimous support.

The group initially sought to send food and goods to Malawi. She was then told the group could best help the local population if they strengthened their agricultural skills and resources.

"We realized they didn't want emergency funding.

They wanted the skills to grow food," she said. "Sending food directly to the people may help address immediate needs, but developing institutions will hopefully provide hope for years to come."

Evans and others in the group have spent time organizing discussion groups, craft sales, seed exchanges and letter-writing campaigns in order to raise money for the program.

Larry Bomford, a Victoria agrologist and economist who has worked in Malawi and neighbouring Zambia with CIDA, helped bring the issue to the attention of Salt Springers. During Sunday's meeting he said the success of the Seeds for Malawi project is symbolic of an increasing trend in foreign aid.

Experience has shown that individuals working with donors and beneficiaries can begin the generations-long process of reversing what Bomford referred to as "the barbarity of rural life."

"I'm hoping that these personal connections between rural communities will help address the issue of poverty," he said. "If you've got connections, strengthen them, savour them and go with it."

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SCHOOL TIME: Local parent Dina Rasmussen and her daughter Annelise Hermann discuss school calendar options with Salt Spring Elementary principal Rineke Jonker during a public consultation meeting held at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Thursday. The board votes today (Wednesday) on whether or not to adopt a four- or five-day-week calendar next year. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

CONSULTATION

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attending Queen Margaret's School off island.

"My son is holding his own but my daughter really needed the change," she said.

Unlike consultation meetings last year when a crowd sat in audience before a central table, there was much less public ranting at Thursday's gathering. People discussed the issues at hand in an intimate and civilized manner.

"We have some choices to make this year and that's what we want to ask you: 'What do we want to put back into the school system?'" asked school board chair May McKenzie.

Some guests called the consultation process a "farce" and many left in disgust.

"In my opinion, we don't need to do this. Just put the money back into the five-day week. Let's get on with it," said Cherry Jensen.

Information packages containing more than 30 pages of obtuse charts and

accounting tables could have simply overwhelmed participants with information. And facilitated conversations may have left some members feeling like they didn't have an effective voice.

"It's the same as last year except they've got arts and craft tables," said CUPE employee Chip Chipman.

But discussions occurring among different tables showed compassion and understanding for differing perspectives. Several people suggested compromises that might forge a middle ground between cost-saving measures and protection of programs and services.

Kathy Iverson spoke in favour of the four-day week because her daughter plays on a provincial sports team, but she expressed concern about elementary students experiencing a long day.

"I'm happy to hear that the four-day week hasn't cut a hole in the boat," said Donn Tarris. "But . . . if we have a substantial number of parents who are suffering, that's not good."

During meetings with parents, Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston praised islanders for showing understanding of both sides of the issue.

"I got to hear a variety of voices," he said.

Shirley Searle, wife to Pender trustee Russ Searle, was one of several people who suggested a middle-ground solution.

"You've got two very polarized groups. If everyone gives up a little, maybe we can find a compromise."

After attending five meetings on each of the islands and a sixth with district staff, trustees and administrators spoke favourably about the new consultation process.

"I think it was far better than last year. I think some people felt manipulated and didn't trust it and left, but once we got started, we had some great conversations," said Salt Spring trustee Mike Krayenhoff.

"It wasn't about agreeing or disagreeing, it was about finding options."

Buchan leaves legacy

Past and future Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students will have easier access to a medical school education thanks to the forethought of a long-serving Salt Spring physician.

Applications are now being solicited for the first Dr. James Buchan Medical School Awards, created by the late doctor's estate.

"Dr. Buchan left a significant amount of capital through his will in trust with the objective of helping to fund the post-secondary schooling of several graduates of GISS on an annual basis," said estate and trust advisor Angus Stewart.

He would not disclose the specified amount.

Buchan, a larger-than-life island character who had no partner or children, died on July 1, 2003.

GISS principal Nancy Macdonald believes the new scholarship opportunities will encourage some youth to consider a medical field career.

"Many of them are aware of the high costs associated with post-graduate work and the enormous time commitment," said Macdonald. "An endowment of this size may also be something to encourage students to eventually return to their own community to open a practice. This inspires a sense of community."

Dr. James Buchan Post-

Secondary School Awards may also be available to full-time university or college students who graduated from GISS, if funds remain after the medical school awards are disbursed.

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SURVIVOR

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John, but he's already won once. The south end will rule this time!"

Admiration was expressed by various voters.

"Difficult choices," wrote another. "All participants are true 'warriors' for Salt Spring Island principles."

Others explained they were "voting to get my favourite charity to win — not based on individuals."

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This week's Survivor feature appears on pages 22-23.

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Tennis players return PARC lob; back at site

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

After a rally of negotiations already lasting two years, the Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) approved plans to replace the "bubble" at Portlock Park with a permanent indoor facility at Rainbow Road during a meeting on April 3.

"We're all happy and cheerful and en route," said SSTA president Jay MacAulay.

SSTA volunteers will take down the bubble on April 16, "hopefully for the last time," he said.

"We lose our ownership and control, which is fine.

We're not in the business of owning and controlling buildings. We just want to play a bit of tennis."

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) applauded the plan as an effective partnership.

"We provide the facility and look after it and they take care of what happens inside," said PARC chair Bill Curtin.

But a proposed facility — initially priced at \$520,000 when negotiations began two years ago — could cost more than \$800,000 before it is completed next year, he said.

"The cumbersome process slowed it down and now that \$520,000 cost has grown to \$702,000 in two years. That's just the building and the concrete. We still have

heat and ventilation to look into."

The most likely alternatives are steel panelled or vinyl-covered framed buildings. But steel has increased in price by 10 times in the last two years, noted Curtin, so that other materials are becoming more affordable.

"It's going to cost us more but we're going to end up with something we're going to like better, that's my guess."

Though the tennis facility will be located at Rainbow Road, it is separate from the pool project, but they both might benefit from economies of scale, noted PARC operations and projects manager Dave Gibbon.

"One being under construction will not be a detriment to the other by any means."

The Capital Regional District will provide tennis facility funding in conjunction with a donation from the SSTA, he said.

SSTA membership unanimously supported an agreement with PARC to manage the proposed building and donate \$150,000 accumulated in a bubble-replacement fund towards the cost of the new tennis building, MacAulay said.

"That bubble that goes up over the court at Portlock, we bought it and own it ourselves and we charge ourselves \$14 an hour to play in there," he said. "Instead of replacing the bubble, we are going to donate that money to PARC and they are going to build a new building."

An architect has given PARC and the SSTA an idea

of what the tennis facility will be like. But details still need to be finalized, he said.

The three parties will meet Thursday to discuss more details.

"It's a net profitable operation. We make money on the thing. So, it won't be like the pool, which will be a constant cost every year. This thing actually covers its own costs."

The bubble was originally purchased by the SSTA in 1991 to provide keen tennis players with a place to play indoors during the winter, MacAulay said.

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Random attack shakes local man

A Salt Spring man is still reeling after being assaulted by unknown assailants near the Kanaka Road Skatepark on April 3.

A day after he endured a three-and-a-half-hour dental procedure to reconnect two parts of his jaw, and was clearly in pain, the individual (who requested anonymity) was pleading for the youth community to advise police if they knew who attacked him.

"Apparently on Monday some kids were bragging about this," he told the Driftwood last week.

The man said he was walking home

from Anise at about 8:30 p.m. after drinking several beers with a friend. He cut through the middle school parking lot and past the skatepark area, when he was aware of two individuals hanging out nearby.

"One of them clobbered me on the side of the head. I said, 'why did you do that?' I don't recall them saying anything in response."

Since he did not arrive home until 9:30, he believes he was likely unconscious for about 20 minutes.

His roommate took him to the hospital, where police were called because

his injuries were caused by a violent incident.

"As a result of the attack with a blow to the head, it broke my jaw. My molar has been removed. Now a titanium plate connects two parts of the jaw together."

Besides the cost of the dental procedure and X-rays, he will suffer financial stress from loss of work and has already been impacted by the emotional trauma.

"It was senseless, random, inexcusable," he said.

The RCMP is investigating the matter.

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Islanders who have moved since they last voted should ensure they are listed at their current address.

Voter registration or confirmation can be done until Tuesday, April 26 through

the following means.

- Use online voter registration at www.elections.bc.ca.
- Visit the Government Agent's office in Ganges where over-the-counter voter registration is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Visit the riding's District Electoral Office at #7-7855 East Saanich Road in Saanich. Phone number is 544-

4400.

• Call Elections BC toll-free at 1-800-661-8683. Operators are available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Four candidates have been nominated in the Saanich North and the Islands riding. They are:

- Ian Bruce, Democratic Reform Party

- Murray Coell, Liberal Party
- Christine Hunt, New Democratic Party
- Ken Rouleau, Green Party

An all-candidates meeting on Salt Spring Island is set for ArtSpring on Monday, May 16 from 4-7 p.m.

Other information is also available on the www.elections.bc.ca website.

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Fire calls attended

Firefighters were called to the scene of a burning complaint in the Fulford area early Sunday evening. Fire crews determined the source of the smoke was a small campfire that had been set under the bridge along Isabella Point Road by Fulford Harbour. Upon their arrival, crews noted the fire was unattended and they suspect it was started by campers in the area.

On the afternoon of April 11, the fire department

911 FILE

ment responded to what was originally thought to be a hazardous materials call from a south-end resident. Material found on the beach turned out to be debris from a weather balloon and was not deemed harmful. The fire department recommends people not handle unfamiliar or "mysterious looking" debris and substances.

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A youth hit the end of a crime spree when he met judge Jeanne "Hammer" Harvey in Ganges Provincial Court on Tuesday.

"I'm reasonably fair. But if you cross me, I'll hammer you. That's why they call me 'Hammer' Harvey," the judge said.

She imposed house arrest when the 15-year-old islander (name withheld under the Youth Criminal Justice Act) appeared for a bail hearing related to a number of crimes that occurred between March 25 and April 11.

The youth was charged with break and enter at Vesuvius Store, Salt Spring Island Middle School and a residence on Long Harbour Road. Items stolen included jewellery from the residence, cigars and candy from the store and up to \$1,000 in

cash from the school.

Vans were allegedly stolen from Kings Lane and Upper Ganges Road.

A police report indicated that efforts to steal the second van on a third occasion failed because the engine was already seized from a previous joy ride.

The youth was also charged with possession of stolen chainsaws and bicycles.

Arrests constitute a breach of probation from a previous matter. He will appear in court on May 10.

Police are still investigating the incident and more charges are pending, said RCMP Const. Jeff Swann.

"This is just the first bundle of charges."

More youths will likely be charged in connection with the incidents.



GANGES RENO: Jeremy Milsom "holds up" the "cactus" building on Hereford Avenue as the structure undergoes a renovation.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Radio group records 'first step' webcast

Radio Salt Spring made its debut Saturday when a 90-minute program produced by Richard Moses and Charles Buchwald hit cyberspace.

Members of the long-simmering Gulf Islands Radio Broadcasting Society, Moses and Buchwald decided to temporarily bypass the challenges of setting up an FM radio station by creating a webcast.

"I actually recorded the thing on a cassette tape in my living room," said Moses.

"Buchwald took the tape and fed it to his computer, which then sent the show to his server in New Jersey, of all places, where it sits 24 hours a day and waits for somebody to punch it up."

The program can be found at <radiosaltspring.org>.

"Sure the listenership

will be limited to folks with computers, sure you won't be able to listen in your car, sure, when it starts it won't even be 'live,' but it will give us all a taste of radio, will provide some warm-up, some practice against the day when a transmitter will be turned on and a signal from a tower will reach just about everybody," said Moses.

He stressed the webcast is only the first step, with live programming for the net accomplished once a "studio" and minimal equipment is acquired.

The group's long-term goal is still to set up an FM radio station for the Gulf Islands.

Moses invites those interested in becoming involved in the project to contact him at moses@uniserve.com.

Barn dance Friday

A "foot-stompin', yee'hawin' good time" is promised at a Spring Barn Dance at Mahon Hall on Friday night.

Salt Spring's Fiddleworks group has organized the all-ages event with called dancing by Marian Rose from Vancouver, plus live music from the Fiddleworks Ensemble, with Jaime RT and friends.

"Yumalicious" treats and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Music begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission at the door for

the April 15 event is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids and \$15 for families.

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Stakeholders meetings dissecting pool options

These are busy times for PARC staff and volunteers as planning for the Rainbow Road recreation complex and the new indoor pool ramps up.

Formal approval by the Capital Regional District (CRD) board for the appointment of Alan Roy Architect Limited (ARAL) as the prime consultant for the indoor pool has kick-started processes for designing and building the facility.

Currently, PARC and ARAL are engaged in developing a schematic design for the pool.

POOL BEAT

Earlier this month, PARC invited stakeholder groups to meet with Alan Roy to discuss the needs and hopes of the Salt Spring community for an indoor pool.

A broad range of community perspectives were offered at the first session last week with attendance by many island interest groups, including representatives of the local swim team, seniors, Ssplash, Community Ser-

vices, Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwoods and Salt Spring Co-op Pre-school.

The forum provided an invaluable opportunity for the design team to collect input on the basic design of the pool tanks and change room configurations.

A second stakeholders meeting takes place this week to discuss some of the mechanical and construction options such as pool construction technology and water sanitization — both subjects discussed briefly in prior articles.

Heating/energy options

such as geo-thermal technology and heat recovery systems are also on the agenda and will be discussed in upcoming articles.

The stakeholders meetings are proving to be a very successful opportunity for constructive information exchange as community groups educate themselves on the issues and provide input into decisions.

While these discussions are going on, ARAL and the design team are costing out various alternatives for design features and building options, developing a

“shopping list” to be presented to the public in early May.

The list will provide the information that will facilitate the decisions on which combination of features will provide the most cost-effective pool solution for the community.

Since the finite budget for the project will not fund all of the features desired by various stakeholders, some hard choices will have to be made.

As we head into the period of tough choices, all relevant information, the schematic

design and the “shopping list” list will be made available to the community.

Public information meetings will be held to communicate the issues and to get as much input as possible on how the community wishes to spend its limited budget.

It is vital that your opinion be heard. Please make yourself familiar with the technology options and choices that are being discussed and provide your input so the next stage — detailed planning of selected systems — will be as informed as possible.

NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 26 at the Masonic Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

As required by the Letters Patent of the District the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.
2. To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District.
3. To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year.
4. To elect one Trustee for a three-year term.

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Trevor Hutton
General Manager

‘Publisher for a day’ essays up for \$10,000 in bursaries

Community newspapers will award some of the highest scholarship bursaries in B.C. and the Yukon again this year.

Every high school graduating student in B.C. and the Yukon is eligible for the \$10,000 B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association (BCYCNA) and B.C. Press Council scholarship, making it one of the

most accessible scholarships currently available.

For the fifth year in a row, the two organizations have come together to bring much-needed funds to students seeking post-secondary education.

Scholarships of \$5,000, \$3,500 and \$1,500 will be awarded to the three students who best answer the question, “If you were publisher

for a day, how would you change your community newspaper and why?”

Students must submit a 500-word essay to their community newspaper by April 29, when one local finalist will be chosen.

The finalists’ essays will then be forwarded to the BCYCNA, where the top three scholarship winners will be selected.

Doggie bags puzzle sewer workers

Islanders are cautioned not to flush dog droppings after Capital Regional District (CRD) workers found a large number of plastic “doggie bags” at the Burgoyne Bay Liquid Waste facility.

“It seems a bit odd to me,” commented CRD engineer Gary Hendren.

“People shouldn’t put [plastic] in the toilet in the first place because it will probably plug up their plumbing.”

It’s not good practice to

put any kind of plastic down plumbing of any kind, he said.

Workers at Burgoyne were puzzled to find lots of plastic wrappers from toilet paper rolls and plastic bags containing dog feces in the contents of septage from the Channel Ridge sewer septic tanks.

“Maybe they have some sort of program on Channel Ridge where you are not allowed to leave dog feces on the ground and people

pick it up dutifully.

“But rather than disposing of it in another manner, they are flushing it down the toilet.”

The Burgoyne facility had no trouble dealing with the plastic and it will be transported over to Cobble Hill with solids for composting, he said.

“They will have to screen the material anyway before it goes out, so the plastics will come out at that time,” Hendren said.



NOTICE

New Sewage Disposal Regulation (Health Act)

Please be advised that effective May 31, 2005, the existing provincial Sewage Disposal Regulation will be repealed and replaced with the new Sewerage System Regulation.

Impact of this change on the existing permit process:

- Permits issued after May 30, 2004 to construct, install, alter or repair a sewage disposal system will no longer be valid for one year. They will expire on May 30, 2005.
- Existing permit holders must have the sewage disposal system completely installed, inspected, and approved for use by an Environmental Health Officer on or before the permit expiry date.

Effective May 31, 2005:

- Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) staff will no longer routinely review the sewerage system plans and specifications, conduct initial site investigations, or conduct final inspections of installed sewerage systems. Staff will maintain sewerage system files and provide health hazard abatement enforcement when necessary.
- Effective May 31, 2005, if an authorized person wishes to construct, install, alter or repair a sewerage disposal system, the legislation will require that plans, installation reports and maintenance plans be filed with VIHA. Only registered practitioners or professionals may design, file plans and install sewerage systems. Property owners will no longer be able to file plans, design or install their own systems. The Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC will administer the registration of designers and installers. Certified courses are provided by the Westcoast Onsite Wastewater Training Centre at Royal Roads University.

The new regulation is available on the Provincial Government web site at www.qp.gov.bc.ca. A list of registered practitioners in your area will be available at your local Health Authority, Health Protection and Environmental Services office.

For more information, contact VIHA at the following numbers:

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A Tour of Balsam House will follow

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FUNDRAISING AUCTION: Clockwise from top left, students Becky Acheson, Rebecca Dixon, Lucas Parker and auctioneer Arvid Chalmers get set for a grad class fundraiser. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Grad auction set

Islanders can pick up a treasure or two, take in some local performers and relax over tea and dessert at a Friday night fundraising auction evening.

All funds benefit alcohol-free celebrations for the 2005 graduating class of Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

The April 15 event runs from 7 to 10 p.m. in the GISS multipurpose room.

Featured performers are YJP, Lisa Maxx and Lloyd English.

A silent auction will be set up, while the entertaining Arvid Chalmers will lead the live auction.

Turbid St. Mary water scrutinized by district

North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) is awaiting test results of water samples from St. Mary Lake, which has experienced more turbidity than normal at this time of year.

NSSWD manager Trevor Hutton said it appeared the lake underwent an early spring turnover.

"The turbidity has gone up quite a bit," he said.

Hutton said the NSSWD office has received several calls about the subject.

He also noted that the lake level is high at this point.

"It's excellent right now."

Last April the lake was at a record low level for that time of year.

Dr. James Buchan Medical School Awards

Under a trust under the will of Dr. James Buchan, provision is made for annual awards to former students of Gulf Islands Secondary School who are attending an accredited medical school on a full time basis. The trustee may review a variety of criteria including:

- Academic excellence
- Financial need or
- Leadership qualities and school/community involvement.

This award may be renewable in subsequent years, should the student wish to re-apply. The value of the awards may vary.

Dr. James Buchan Post-Secondary School Awards:

In the event that there are excess funds after the making of the awards mentioned above, further provision is made for annual awards to graduates of Gulf Islands Secondary School who are enrolled in a full time program at university or college.

The Trustee may review the same criteria for both awards. Final deadline for applications (letter, resume, transcripts of marks, letters of reference and income information) is May 16, 2005 to the Counselling Office at GISS.

Amnesty brings human rights films to island

The Amnesty International (AI) Travelling Film Festival comes to Cinema Central next Saturday.

Three double bills showcasing key human rights themes will be shown at noon, 2:15 and 4:15 p.m., with film discussions held afterwards.

This year's festival includes, at noon, *Rebel without a Pause*, a documentary about Professor Noam Chomsky and his views in a post 9/11 world, together with *In Whose Interest*, an eye-opening look at U.S. foreign policy over the past 50 years.

At 2:15 p.m., *Iraq: Healing the Past, Forging the Future* will be shown alongside *Death in Gaza*, a riveting and thoughtful look at the life of youth on the streets of Gaza. Tragically, Emmy award-winning director James Miller was shot and killed by an Israeli tank during the making of this film.

Dreaming of Tibet follows the arduous journey of Tibetan exiles over a 19,000-foot Himalayan pass, through the eyes of three extraordinary Tibetans.

The struggle for women's basic rights in post-war Afghanistan is examined in *Daughters of Afghanistan*. Salt Spring's chapter of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan will be on hand for post film discussion.

Don Wright, AI's regional coordinator for the B.C. and Yukon region, will be on hand to answer questions pertaining to the human rights issues addressed by the films, and to lead the formation of an AI action circle on Salt Spring Island. Interested parties are invited to meet at Raven Street Café at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Tickets are available at the door prior to each screening on April 23. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and 30 minutes prior to each double feature.

Admission is \$6 per double bill, or \$12 for the full day.

Refreshments and snacks will be available between showings.

A complete schedule with film descriptions is available by visiting www.amnesty.bc.ca or calling 537-2959.

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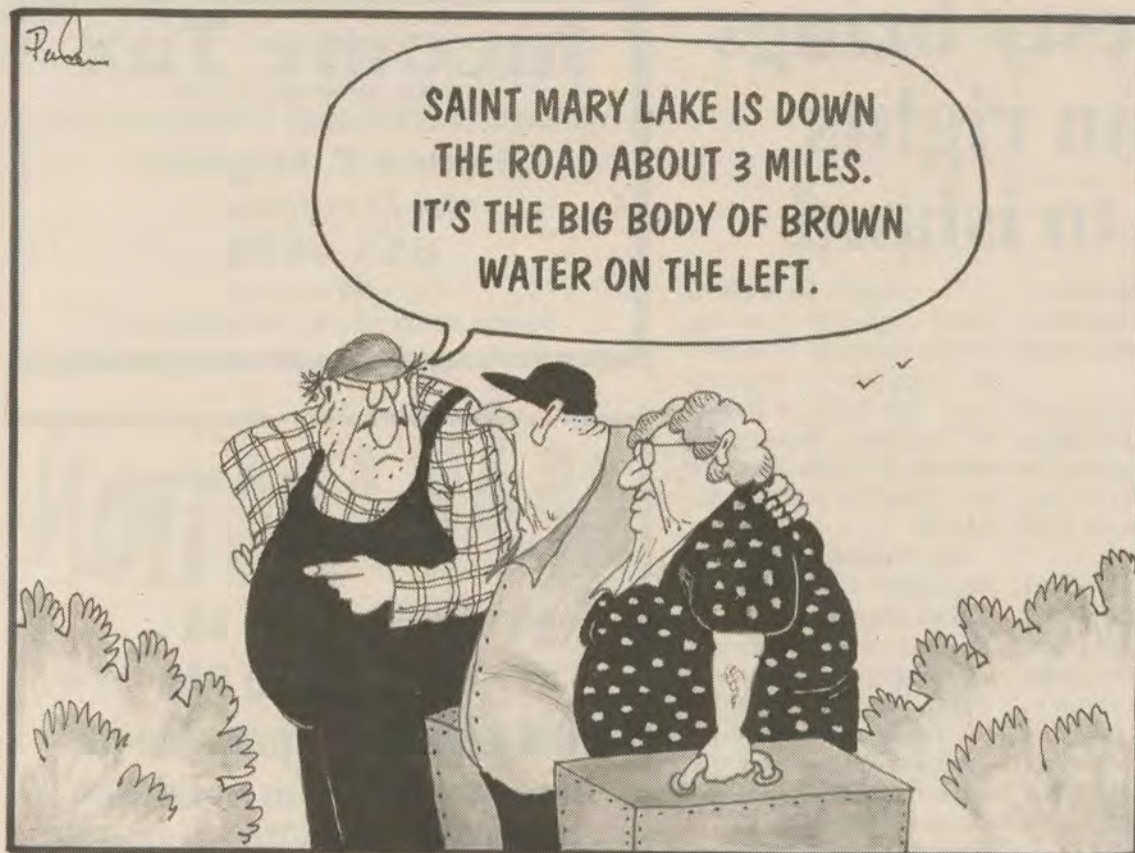
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Skilled populace needs more than estates

News that Dr. Jim Buchan chose Gulf Islands youth to benefit from his estate while enhancing the healthcare field in general is both exciting and encouraging for the local educational community.

Applications for significant funding awards to be granted to former Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students attending medical school are now being accepted.

More general post-secondary awards may also be disbursed annually from the fund.

As friends noted at the time of his death in July of 2003, Jim Buchan was generous to a fault — even if he didn't want people to know about it — so it's not surprising he directed the creation of such an endowment fund.

He was also supportive of young people in his life, and some might say that part of him didn't want to ever "grow up."

With post-secondary education costs continuing to climb in B.C., financial awards such as those created by Buchan's estate are unfortunately even more important.

Raising barriers to college and university attendance in the province seems antithetic to government claims that a more skilled and literate population is desired.

According to a November 2004 Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives report called Financing Higher Learning: Post-Secondary Education Funding in BC, tuition fees rose 76 per cent on average (adjusted for inflation) since a tuition fee freeze was lifted by the present government in 2001.

Scraping up a few extra thousand dollars each year may not be difficult for individuals supported by their families with means, but acquiring that extra money through working more or increasing one's debtload are the main options for most students.

In a time when the province and country faces a skills shortage in a number of areas, and perhaps most critically in the health care field, access to training and education should clearly be made easier, not more onerous.

Substantial bursaries are not available to everyone, nor will they often be created by generous, public-minded people like Jim Buchan.

Mourning for Pope out of scale with his record

By RODGER BEEHLER

Should we mourn Pope John Paul II?

As the litany of praise and sadness issues from political leaders and pious faithful everywhere, my own answer to this question is, no.

This was a man who pronounced the use of condoms morally wrong, even when used as protection against HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, as well as when used to prevent procreation in a world where millions more die each year from malnutrition, unclean water, inadequate shelter and medical care, ethnic and religious violence, and war.

One of the pontiff's biographers, the Roman Catholic John Cornwell, openly acknowledges that this position alone of the pope's has condemned innumerable Catholics to death.

Along with Mother Theresa (she of the dying street beggars in India, who at the first sign of illness checked herself into Swiss hospitals), John Paul II regard-

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ed feminism as akin to abortion in iniquity. He went so far as to declare his ban on women priests an article of infallibility; something he apparently also wanted to do regarding the ban on contraception, but was persuaded from doing so. He chastised clergy who extended their pastoral care to homosexuals, and from the moment he ascended the chair of Peter, determinedly opposed Latin American priests whose Liberation Theology called for more attention to the poor than loving them and accepting that they'll always be with us.

It was alright for Karol Wojtyla to take on politically the goddess Stalinists in Holy Mother Poland, but Sandinista priests and others in Central and Latin America who opposed CIA-sponsored murder

and U.S.-trained and supported regimes that made war on their own people lacked understanding of the church's true commitment to "freedom," and were unclerically "political."

A fervent supporter of Mariolatry (devotion to Christ's mother) and other superstition-ridden "shrine and image" practices — only Stalin, a Polish journalist has noted, had more statues erected to him in his lifetime than John Paul II — *Il papa* was infamously lax in his response to the recent child sex abuse revelations within the church, and showed his appreciation of an American cardinal who actively covered up child abuse in the U.S. church by appointing him to a comfortable position in Rome. A "Holy Father," I think it fair to say, the departed pope was not.

A passionate opponent of John XXIII's Vatican Council reforms, John Paul's papacy has relentlessly returned the church to a monolithic bureaucracy wherein

all authority reposes in Rome and local congregations have as much say in the beliefs, dogmas and officialdom of the church as the Communist Party faithful did in the Soviet Union. This, in an institution whose origins saw bishops elected by the local laity, all bishops equal collegially, and no doctrine of Petrine infallibility (a centuries-later accretion rather of the type of President Bush II's doctrine of "pre-emptive war").

Karol Wojtyla showed courage in his prelate's career in Poland. No one denies him that. (Though as someone who spent six weeks in Poland in 1962 and a further week in 1968, I regard this courage as frequently exaggerated. Stalinist Poland was not Stalin's Russia.) What Wojtyla showed as pope, however, was, in my judgment, a self-aggrandizing *hubris* and an obsessive intolerance of critical judgement among theologians, clergy or parishioners. (His entire outer skin was insulated with yes-male and yes-female

Polish religious.)

Graham Greene is on record as remarking that John Paul II had a lot in common with Ronald Reagan; both products of theatricals (the young Wojtyla acted in amateur theatre and later wrote at least one play performed in the 1950s). I think there is a lot in this comparison. Both men traded heavily in the sentimental appeal and gesture. Both were often out of their depth intellectually. (The pope's forays into "philosophical theology" are best passed over in silence.)

Furthermore, both are wholly conceivable as zealous and unquestioning acolytes of whatever ideological orthodoxy they happened from birth to be immersed in: Americanism, Catholicism, Capitalism, Communism, Israeli fascism, Islamic fundamentalism. Take your pick.

The writer is professor of philosophy emeritus at the University of Victoria. He resides on Salt Spring Island.

Wright Report promotes meaningful teacher bargaining

By RUSS SEARLE

By his own admission, the president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, J.C. Levesque, hasn't read the Wright Report on the Teacher Bargaining Structure Inquiry (March 23 Driftwood article.)

Had he done so he would have discovered that Don Wright, who was a Deputy Minister of Education during the last NDP administration, was not recommending either a regionalization of bargaining or trying to "give all the rights into BCPSEA hands."

What the report does recommend, as anyone who takes the time to read it will see (it's on the government website, Ministry of Skills

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Development and Labour), is three key principles:

- Teachers must have an effective voice in influencing the terms and conditions of their employment.

- There must be sufficient transparency so that proper accountability can be established.

- We need to find the ability to engage in true dialogue about how to make a good school system even better.

To do this Wright recommends a transition process which will establish accountability for all parties by pub-

lishing the positions of both the employers and the union, and which will hold the provincial government responsible for funding. He also recommends a separate forum be implemented, attended by all concerned parties, to formulate education policy.

As for the B.C. Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA), he states, "I feel strongly that it would be unfair to blame BCPSEA for the lack of bargaining success . . . the conditions necessary for successful bargaining have not been present, and this has more to do with the willingness . . . of the teachers and the provincial government to make provincial bargaining work than it has to do with

. . . BCPSEA as a bargaining agent."

What he means is that the provincial government in the past has intervened (interfered?) in bargaining, while the union, knowing this was likely to happen, has been unwilling to engage in meaningful bargaining.

The government, no matter which party is in power, has intervened because a shutdown of the education system is politically unpalatable. The union, on the other hand, has acted out of political self interest because it wants to return to a scenario where the provincial union can whipsaw individual districts to get the deal it wants.

The latter and very expensive situation is why even the

union-friendly NDP enacted the Public Education Labour Relations Act in 1994.

This act established BCPSEA as the bargaining agent for the employers and the BCTF as the agent for the teachers. However, due to the BCTF complaining loudly, the NDP's resolve failed them at this point and they didn't put in a transition process to ensure meaningful bargaining happened. Don Wright has suggested a way this can occur.

Regarding BCPSEA running to the government, the only time one of the two bargaining agents refused to bargain was in 1998 when the BCTF ran to the provincial government and said they wouldn't bargain with

their employers. The school districts, through their agent BCPSEA, have always been willing to bargain.

J.C. Levesque is simply parroting the BCTF political party line. Fortunately for all of us, the vast majority of teachers take their job seriously and eschew the political machinations of their union.

If any of my daughters turned in a report without researching it properly, I have no doubt they would receive, and deserve, a failing grade. It's too bad the public can't grade politically motivated teacher association presidents the same way.

The writer is Pender Island's school trustee.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What is the most important issue in the upcoming provincial election?*



Andrea Metzger

I think it's all about the youth, education and healthcare. I'm about to become a mother and I think these issues are fundamental.



Diana Jones

I still think healthcare is important because so many people need help and have to wait.



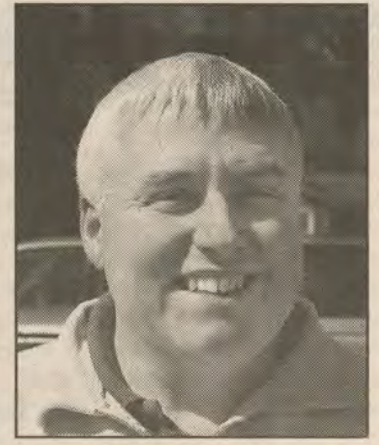
Brett Gadke

It is definitely the environment. It is never mentioned by any of the parties but is the basis of our own existence.



Marianne Banman

The government should focus on ethical, moral, human rights issues and the truth.



Gary Utter

Funding education and healthcare are important. I think funding happens seasonally based on elections not consistently based on need.

Letters to the Editor

Not low-impact

Kimberly Liniger was reported in last week's Driftwood as being surprised that she had received little feedback from those opposed to vacation rentals.

This is hardly surprising. After the vote by the trustees last summer to completely remove stand-alone vacation rentals from the discussions and allow the existing bylaw to stand, most of us thought the matter was settled. The first we heard that it was being revisited was in the March 30 Driftwood.

Whilst I sympathize with the intent of allowing permanent residents to rent out their properties while they are on vacation, giving consent for 60 days is basically saying that your home can be converted to a commercial enterprise for the whole of the summer season. How on earth can you regulate whether it's 60, 70 or 80 days, particularly as it appears that there is to be no permit required?

All of the arguments

concerning impact on the neighbourhood, invasion of privacy, noise and water use — particularly in the summer months — all still apply to the idea of a 60-day use.

The property next to us now advertises accommodation for up to 18 people. This is hardly what Eric Booth terms a neutral trade-off. How would you feel facing the prospect of a summer with 18 different people every week as your neighbours, with all the attendant noise, traffic and invasion of privacy? The advertised rent this year is \$6,400 per week — hardly a low-impact, home-based business — more of a motel!

**NICK HODSON,
Scott Point Drive**

Road lines

This matter has been written about before, but the advent of the summer increase in population on our island seems a good time to do something about increasing the safety of all of us.

I refer to the markings on our roads and in the town where they have all but vanished. They are worn out so

that at night or in the rain they are of no help to the driver or pedestrian.

Crossings and guidelines on the main roads have all but vanished. Isn't it time someone got out paint and whatever it takes to make it clear where it is safe to cross and safe to drive?

**ELIZABETH FOSTER,
Meyer Road**

Student solution

Ask any student in the public school system, "Have you ever heard the word 'gay' used in a derogatory way?" and the answer will almost always be "yes."

To hear for yourself, simply spend an hour walking down the halls of a local high school; you might be shocked at the frequency and intensity with which homosexuality is used as an insult.

For those of us who attend Salt Spring and Gulf Islands schools as students, part of daily life is dealing with homophobia (the fear and often loathing of homosexuals), and it has gotten to the point where many of

our peers have stopped recognizing this as a concern and have integrated sexual orientation as another appropriate reason for discrimination. In short, gay-bashing, whether conscious or not, has become normal.

Not all of us were willing to stand for this, however, which is why three concerned students, with the cooperation of our principal, began a group whose mandate is to protect all students from homophobia, and encourage a learning environment where everyone can be themselves. Named the Gay-Straight Alliance (or GSA), this inclusive club is open to all members of the student body and meets regularly to discuss issues revolving around sexual orientation. Results of our efforts have been mixed. A poster campaign supporting tolerance initially faced some opposition, and many members of the GSA are immediately dismissed as homosexual (even though the group works to promote discussion and understanding between individuals of different sexual orientations).

However, on the other hand, many enthusiastic individuals have become involved, and it seems we are slowly making progress. We hope that other members of the Gulf Islands community will become involved, and we invite everyone to attend one of our weekly meetings.

For more information, please contact the Gay-Straight Alliance at giss_gsa@hotmail.com
**JACOB SCHWEDA,
CLARE LANNAN,
GISS Gay-Straight Alliance**

Unclear

Re the April 6 "Decision is clear . . ." advertisement from the Norton Road developer.

How can the decision be clear when it is the consultant's professional opinion that intensive crop production is not found on Salt Spring Island?

Is all that good local produce sold at the Saturday market all summer long a figment of our imagination? How did the land concerned become downgraded from a Class 2 agricultural classification to Class 5 — could it have had anything to do

with the use of heavy equipment or removal of top soil by the developer? Yes there are stones, lots of them, but as the majority of farmers in Canada will tell you, stone picking is one of those traditional farm practices that has been carried on for generations in this country.

What else didn't the consultant like? Rooting depth restricted to 60 cms — no problem for the lettuces and carrots; organic matter low — a good composting program will fix that; drainage problems and a need to irrigate in summer — no different from any other farmland on Salt Spring.

This gently sloping land with its southern aspect should never have been removed from the ALR. At a time when islanders are asking for more locally grown food and the Salt Spring Community Energy Strategy has identified the need to increase local production, why does it make sense to plant 26 houses on land which could be used to grow food?

**ANNE MACEY,
Old Scott Road**

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Skyrocketing fuel costs will propel public out of denial

The love/hate relationship I share with my SUV has taken a decided turn for the worse. The time has come to vacuum out the dog hair, wipe the nose prints off the glass and put this 5000 pounds of gas-guzzling manhood on the block.

I do this with great reluctance, as this Land Cruiser has seen me through the worst blizzards, up and down the steepest grades, and has bounced over Salt Spring's meanest potholes without missing a beat.

The turning point came last week, when it cost me a hundred bucks to fill up the gas tank. As I was counting out the twenties, I had what alcoholics refer to as "a moment of clarity." These prices aren't about to go away. This doesn't appear to be a momentary spike sparked by a bomb rupturing an Iraqi pipeline or the impending nation-wide strike in Venezuela.

No, we are on an uphill climb, inexorably heading for that \$100 per barrel of oil milestone. Some highly respected analysts, such as Goldman Sachs, are predict-

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ing we are at the beginning of a "super spike," culminating at \$105. If that occurs, we will all look back at \$1.10 a litre at the pumps with a nostalgic tear.

For those sitting on immense nest eggs, or pulling in six-digit salaries, a 25 or 50 per cent rise in gas prices at the pump is not a concern. For those fortunates, an extra hundred bucks a month is chump change.

But to many, including myself, it is a concern. I plan to dust off the bike and ride to work whenever I can. To a single mom living in the south end, who has to get to her \$12-an-hour job in Ganges, and get the kids off to school, the price hike will be catastrophic.

Despite all the warning signs that we are in for a major energy crunch, most soldier on in an optimistic fog of denial. Business as usual. Many are convinced that

the auto makers have stockpiled all sorts of miraculous gizmos that will give us a hundred miles a gallon, and turn all those gas emissions into mother's milk. It's only a matter of time before we will be able to trot into Canadian Tire and pick up one of these for \$49.99. Not going to happen.

Others believe that good old American ingenuity will come to the fore. Some computer geek working in a back office of Ballard Power will perfect the Holy Grail — a hydrogen fuel cell capable of replacing the internal combustion engine. Not going to happen.

Like every other commodity, energy is heir to the slings and arrows of supply and demand economics. China has come crashing into the 21st century with a vengeance, with an unabated hunger for energy. China is now competing head to head with countries like Japan and the United States for the world's remaining stores of oil.

It's starting to get ugly. Last week Chinese students stoned the

Japanese embassy in a carefully orchestrated dog and pony show, which may well prove to be a precursor of some very tense times to come.

Presently, China is using only one 10th the per capita electricity of the average industrialized country. Just imagine what will happen when the 1.3 billion Chinese start shopping for fridges, big screen TVs, and yes, cars. General Motors, Ford and Volkswagen have all set up plants using recycled factories from the 1980s, without a thought to the outdated emission controls inherent in this old technology. China has welcomed them in.

Beyond the obvious economic reasons for selling the SUV, I am slowly developing an environmental conscience. Much to my surprise, the "One Tonne Challenge" has nothing to do with Jenny Craig. Each gallon of gas my car uses up, only 20 per cent of the energy makes it to the wheels. The rest goes up in heat, and that gallon of gas releases five pounds of carbon into the atmosphere! My trusty SUV is one of 750 millions cars on

the road worldwide. Do the math.

Scientists have been warning us of impending disasters wrought by global warming, with the temperate zones becoming drought-plagued deserts and low lying coastal communities submerged as a result of melting polar ice caps.

The Bush administration has pooh poohed such alarmist talk. According to a New York Times article, Bush's own Environmental Protection Agency was forced to cut and revise so much of its report on global warming that the agency sent out a memo advising that the report "no longer accurately represents scientific consensus on climate change."

Rather than committing to conservation and higher efficiencies, the Bush administration continues to pursue a policy of feeding the seemingly inexhaustible North American energy appetite by hunting down new energy sources, the latest being in Alaska wildlife refuges. It's going to take \$100 a barrel for the public to smell the coffee.

Don't believe me? Buy my SUV. I dare you. I double dare you.

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No net gain

Clarification is needed regarding the provincial government's announcement that Burgoyne Park has been expanded. (April 6 Driftwood article.)

While technically the province has added to Burgoyne Park, the land in question was purchased from the Capital Regional District (CRD) and was already protected as part of the original purchase agreement with Texada in 2001.

So in fact there has been no net gain in parkland on Salt Spring as a result of this announcement.

The good news is that the

Sooke Potholes will be protected as a result of the provincial infusion of money to the CRD.

NORA LAYARD,
Friends of
Salt Spring Parks

More tolerant

This past Sunday, a group of friends and I were travelling in my van, returning from a soccer tournament on Vancouver Island.

We had a great day, so we were coming home happy and tired, not foreseeing the welcome that was awaiting us at the ferry terminal in Fulford.

What happened was that on the same ferry, a fellow

islander was travelling, perhaps feeling as if he was on a mission to save something.

Even though there was no yelling or fights or any activities of the kind that ferry personnel would have to intervene in, the person thought that I was drunk behind the wheel.

He didn't come and talk to me to verify my condition, but he or she decided on their own to call the RCMP.

So there they were, waiting for us as if we were a group of terrorists trying to infiltrate the island. We were pulled over to the side of the road.

The constable on duty

asked us to step out of the vehicle and, when he saw that we were all adults and no one was obviously intoxicated, he very politely and apologetically explained that he had received a call from another passenger of the ferry who thought that we were drunk.

He had to do a routine check for open liquor containers in the van and, after finishing the search and turning up nothing, he requested that I take a breathalyzer test.

The officer then apologized and sent us on our way.

This letter is intended for

the person who made the call and to let him know that he didn't save any lives that day.

If he thinks that I am stupid enough to drive drunk with seven other passengers in my vehicle, then he is wrong.

People like you are also welcome to live on this rock with everyone else, but we just request that you adjust a little bit to not be so self-righteous, to be a bit more tolerant and compassionate and not rush to judge others without investigating.

This way you may become a better person and this island a better place for all of us to live. Thank you.

ANTONIO ALONSO,
Cottonwood Road

Human vices

I couldn't disagree more with Gordon Barnes that religion is the "greatest of all threats to the survival of humanity" (Real threats letter, April 6 Driftwood).

True religion, whether Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Islam or other, is not characterized by blind devotion and fanatical ideology, nor can it be used as a justification for war, oppression or violence.

In fact, the great religions of the world have all contributed to the great philosophical, moral, and legal ideals throughout the ages, and are embodied today in human and civil rights legislation, as well as form much of the legal underpinnings of our society.

Religion, properly understood and practised, imparts humility, compassion, wisdom, discipline, and every

other quality that is noble and good in human beings. Aligning with a higher power allows us to see the world from a grander perspective than our own petty desires, to overcome the greatest adversities and endure the gravest hardships, and ultimately to see and treat every being as part of ourselves.

It is not religion that has led humanity to the precipice — rather the human vices of greed, selfishness, fear, ignorance, apathy, fanaticism and the insatiable desire to control.

These are, to my understanding, conditions intrinsic to the unenlightened human personality, and which will continue to wreak havoc on humankind, until they are overcome by virtue.

It is especially this desire to possess and control life, married to the fanatical "religion" of free market global capitalism, which is the cause of the desperate situation we are faced with today.

The "god" of this tautology is money, the clergy are the politicians, central bankers and corporate executives, and their guru/saint is Milton Freidman.

Their great commandment — "Thou shalt do no thing which hinders the profits of corporate shareholders."

Unfortunately, too many of us are sitting sheepishly in the pews, listening to the choir of corporate media and waiting to be "delivered." This is not true religion, it is collective insanity.

MICHAEL CONTARDI,
Salt Spring

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Thank You Hans



Hans Hazenboom

We would like to thank Hans Hazenboom for contributing to the Salt Spring Island Fire Department over the past 28 years.

Hans became a volunteer firefighter in 1977, and served 18 years as a member of the Board of Trustees.

With Hans' help firefighting and safety gear was upgraded to the high standards the firefighters enjoy today.

Thanks for keeping us safe Hans!

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Share rides

Gas prices are rising and may never come down again.

We all want to save money and reduce our production of greenhouse gas. Hitchhiking into town instead of driving is a great way to do this.

However, I have an idea that could make getting into town car-free more reliable and efficient.

Specific "ride-sharing" sites could be established at major intersections far from Ganges, such as where Stewart Road meets Beaver Point Road and where North Beach Road meets North End Road.

Each site could be marked by a flag or a coloured pole. People who "hitch-hiked" from these marked sites would do so with the understanding that they would pay

the driver a small sum (one dollar?) in exchange for getting a ride into town. These markers would be very inexpensive to set-up.

I think this system would increase the amount of ride sharing on the island. It would also decrease the length of time it takes for car-free people to get into town, as more drivers would stop to pick up riders if they knew they were going to get a bit of gas money.

I am not proposing that these ride-sharing sites replace normal hitchhiking, that would continue as usual, it's just that if you were standing beside a ride-sharing marker you would be declaring your willingness to chip in for gas.

I think this is an idea with many benefits.

I am seeking feedback and support to take it further. If

you have input or comments please e-mail saltspringride@hotmail.com or call me at 653-0083.

AARON HANDFORD,
Salt Spring

Misleading

We would like the opportunity to correct a couple of errors that appeared on the front page of the Driftwood last week. In the article "Hewitt appointed to ferry authority" there are two serious errors that are very misleading.

In the third paragraph, the grammar used allows the sentence to be read as if the appointment of Ms. Hewitt will hasten the traffic congestion in Fulford. Her appointment will not in any way hasten the traffic congestion.

The Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (SSIFAC) is trying to elimi-

nate the traffic congestion in Fulford Harbour. SSIFAC has sent a letter to the Salt Spring trustees asking that a committee be formed that would deal with the traffic issues in the village of Fulford Harbour and the ferry terminal.

We would also like to point out an error concerning "wages."

Maybe your reporter meant to write "tariff or fare increases" — these words should have been used in the sentence.

The SSIFAC has not ever dealt with wages and that is not part of the committee work.

They only represent the concerns of the people of Salt Spring Island and take them to the staff at B.C. Ferries Services.

At least two public meetings are held each year to

listen to the concerns of the people. B.C. Ferry Services staff attend these meetings and try to answer the questions and come up with solutions.

The SSIFAC committee met with president David Hahn almost a year ago to discuss issues concerning the through fare and Route 9A.

The committee members are as follows: Robert Jones (chairperson), Janice Har-

kley, Bruce Patterson, John Wellingham, Brian Denton and Gary Holman (CRD director).

Please watch the newspaper for the notice of the next meeting. It will be held in the very near future.

BOB JONES,
SSIFAC chair, and
DOREEN HEWITT,
BCFSI board member

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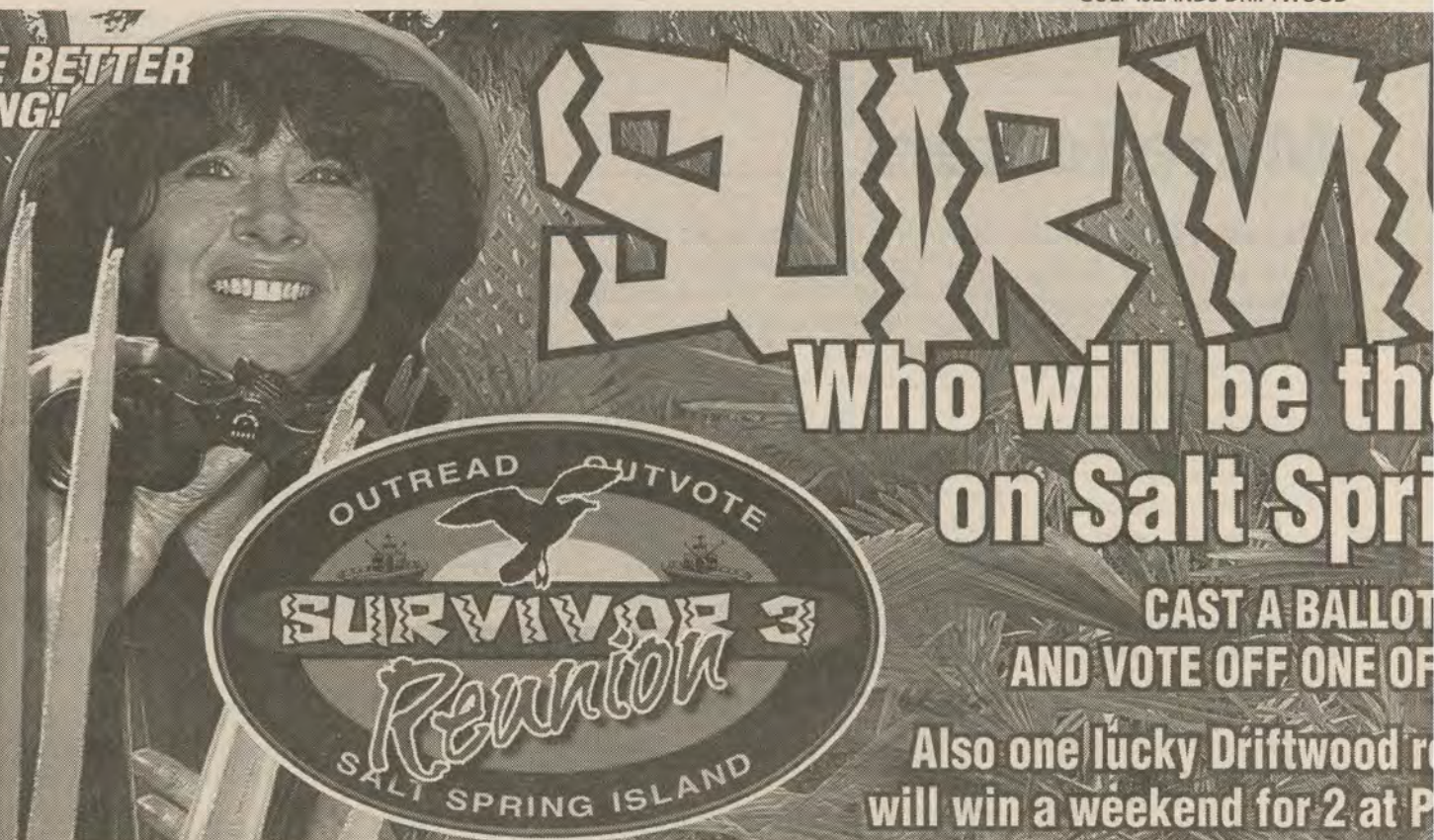
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What's your lucky number? 13
If you had to spend the summer shipwrecked with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be? Without a doubt, Mary Ann, because her banana cream pies look delicious!
Who is your favourite Salt Spring Islander and why?
My wife Hilary, because we have so much fun together (and she puts up with me!)
Describe an annoying habit you have that is likely to get on the nerves of the other castaways.
Trying to find reasons why we should stay rather than leave, and never wanting to sit still.
What part of your daily routine will you miss the most and the least while being a castaway?
I'd miss spending time with my wife and kids, but what I wouldn't miss is washing dishes, cooking dinner, vacuuming, making beds, cleaning the house, etc. (Seriously I don't really do all of those chores, but it sure sounds good, doesn't it?)

CHARITY: LMHF

JOHN DOLMAN



What's your lucky number? 11
If you had to spend the summer shipwrecked with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be? Ginger. Why Ginger, you may ask? She's a movie star and everyone knows I'm a fan of the movies.
Who is your favourite Salt Spring Islander and why?
My favourite Islander is Tim because he has a really big heart, and puts up with me.
Describe an annoying habit you have that is likely to get on the nerves of the other castaways.
Some people say I have a tendency to talk too much. Or tell really bad jokes.
What part of your daily routine will you miss the most and the least while being a castaway?
I'll miss waking up in my own home, but I won't miss having to work on Sundays.

CHARITY: FOOD BANK

LIANNE FIDLER



What's your lucky number? 2
If you had to spend the summer shipwrecked with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be? Gilligan, because he makes me laugh and he always has some pretty creative gadgets in the works. He would definitely be handy to have around, as long as you could keep him away from his own work.
Who is your favourite Salt Spring Islander and why?
That's easy, but I have two favourites. My daughter, Tara and my son, Aidan.
Describe an annoying habit you have that is likely to get on the nerves of the other castaways.
I rarely let anyone finish a sentence. I have a hard time not interrupting.
What part of your daily routine will you miss the most and the least while being a castaway?
I think I will miss my walks around town and, talking to all the people I meet. I don't think I will miss trying to find a parking spot in the afternoon.

CHARITY: RE-CYCLING

DR. RON REZNICK



Dr. Ron Reznick's Torch has been extinguished!
Islanders love their doctors, as one voter wrote, "Town needs a doctor, so cast him off first!" Another Islander wrote "On a deserted Island what good's a doctor without a tv?"
Fashion sense also prevailed in the voting as one voter wrote "I don't want to see him in bicycle shorts ha ha ha!" Another comment was "Too straight", and another was honest when they wrote "I would like to see John Dolman win!"
Remember, when you vote off a castaway your name is also entered to win a weekend for two at Poet's Cove on Pender Island.

CHARITY: HOMELESS HOUSING

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Apr 13, 2005 to Apr 19, 2005

WEDNESDAY, APR 13

- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **A Mother's Testimony** (2001, Drama) An ex-convict's mother's suspicions are confirmed when her son is arrested for murder. *Kate Jackson, Chad Allen* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM
- 24 ★★ **Foul Play** (1978, Comedy) An innocent woman is wrongfully accused of murder and only one detective believes her. *Goldie Hawn, Chevy Chase* (2h30)
- 8:45 PM
- 3 ★★ **Gingersnaps 2: Unleashed** (2004, Horror) A fugitive struggles to delay a beastly transformation while being stalked by a werewolf. *Emily Perkins, Katharine Isabelle* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM
- 4 **Tunnel** (Action) Two men battle for their lives as they search for \$200 million dollars in diamonds. *Mark Camacho, Audrey Benoit* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 13 ★★ **Not Another Teen Movie** (2001, Comedy) A popular high school jock attempts to transform an ugly duckling into the prom queen. *Chyler Leigh, Chris Evans* (2h)
- 19 ★ **I'll Do Anything** (1994, Comedy) An unemployed actor becomes the sole guardian of his estranged six-year-old daughter. *Nick Nolte, Albert Brooks* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **The Closet** (2001, Comedy) A psychologist convinces his neighbour to pose as a gay man so he can keep his job. *Daniel Auteuil, Gérard Depardieu* (1h30)
- 10:30 PM
- 3 ★★ **Nowhere in Africa** (2001, Drama) A German Jewish refugee family adjusts to a farm life in 1930s Kenya. *Juliane Köhler, Merab Ninidze* (2h30)
- 11:30 PM
- 2 ★★ **Ma saison préférée** (1993, Drama) Estranged siblings realize they must cooperate to help their dying mother. *Catherine Deneuve, Daniel Auteuil* (2h)
- 14 ★★ **Au Coeur du Mensonge** (1999, Drama) A teacher is increasingly unsettled by a town's suspicions during a murder investigation. *Sandrine Bonnaire, Jacques Gamblin* (2h15)

THURSDAY, APR 14

- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **Apt Pupil** (1998, Suspense) A high school student befriends a former Nazi war criminal and then blackmails him. *Brad Renfro, Ian McKellen* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **Spirit** (2001, Drama) A young woman suspects that her new house is haunted by a ghost who needs her help. *Greg Evigan, Elisabeth Moss* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM
- 2 **Open Heart** (2004, Drama) A nurse finds the courage to take on a hostile administration and a powerful doctor. *Megan Follows, Raoul Bhaneja* (2h)
- 14 ★ **Thunder Point** (1996, Thriller) An Irish terrorist is hired by the British to protect the daughter of a murdered man. *Pascale Bussières, Alan Thicke* (2h)
- 8:45 PM
- 3 ★★ **See Grace Fly** (2003, Drama) The story of Grace McKinley, a brilliant 38-year-old woman with schizophrenia. *Gina Chiarelli, Paul McGillion* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM
- 13 ★★ **Lola** (2001, Drama) A troubled woman must choose between her past or a new life in a self-assumed identity. *Sabrina Grdevich, Colm Faore* (2h)
- 19 ★★ **Dragonslayer** (1981, Fantasy) A sorcerer's apprentice must save the kingdom from the grips of a terrifying dragon. *Ralph Richardson, Peter MacNicol* (2h)
- 29 ★★ **Judgment at Nuremberg** (1961, Drama) An American court in occupied Germany tries four Nazi judges for war crimes. *Spencer Tracy, Montgomery Clift* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **The Lord of the Rings** (1978, Animated) A good-natured hobbit embarks on an epic journey to destroy a powerful evil ring. *Voices of Christopher Guard, William Squire* (2h30)
- 10:30 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)
- 11:30 PM
- 2 ★★ **Kevin of the North** (2001, Comedy) A young man must participate in a dog sled race in order to inherit property in Alaska. *Leslie Nielsen, Natasha Henstridge* (2h)

FRIDAY, APR 15

- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **The Heist** (1989, Crime Story) When an ex-con is released from prison, he seeks to even a score with his former partner. *Pierce Brosnan, Tom Skerritt* (1h45)



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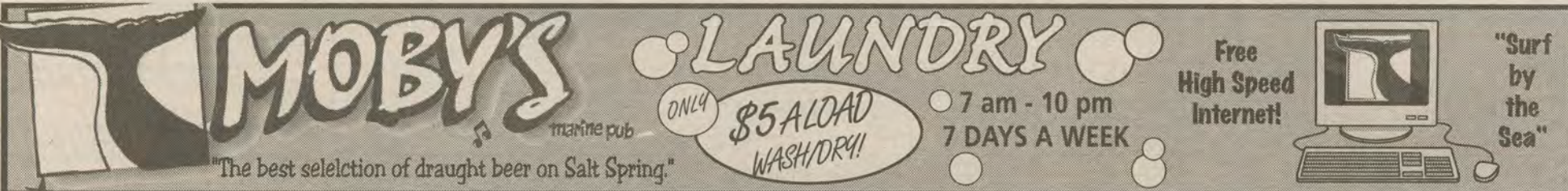
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TIME OUT: Martin Labelle takes a rest in one of his handmade chairs, which he was selling — along with planters — at the Saturday market in Centennial Park last weekend.
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Zen Arts weekend features karate

A few spots are left in the Zen Arts Weekend, which has evolved into a rich Saturday-only program.

Participants will do meditation, soft karate, calligraphy, ikebana (flower arranging), haiku and tea ceremony.

To register or for more information, call Peter Levitt at 537-9567.

As a bonus part of the day, Salt Spring Shorei-Kan Karate school will give a one-hour evening demonstration in the Bateman Gallery.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the public is invited to watch island children and teens show their katas (one-person "patterns"), bunkais (two-person katas), kumites (two-person sparring), torites (rolls and take-downs), and bo (long stick) subjects.

Shorei-Kan is a traditional, non-sport, life art. Shorei-Kan means "house of politeness and respect." Koyabu Shihan (teacher of teachers) is coming from Vancouver to take part in the demonstration, as are several of his black belt students.

His student, Brenda Guiled of Salt Spring, opened the island dojo three years ago.

"The purpose of the demonstration is to show memorized forms and, more importantly, to celebrate how everyone works and learns together," said Guiled. "It will be conducted in the spirit of an Okinawan party."

The demonstration is by donation.

Geauvreau, Brooks, Fertig read for Salt Spring Writes

Salt Spring Writes' third reading of its 2005 series runs Wednesday, April 20 at ArtSpring.

Hosted by Maureen Moore, it features local writers Cherie Geauvreau, Brenda Brooks and Mona Fertig. Geauvreau, who was born in Windsor, Ontario, has been published frequently in literary journals and anthologies. Her forthcoming book is called *A Collection — Sixty Poems: 1994-2004*.

Past works include *Even the Fawn Has Wings*, 1994, *A Place To Move The World*, 1996, *A Salt Spring Suite & Bestiary*, 1998, *Fat Tuesday*, 2002 and *So Far, Nothing Is Happening*, 2003.

Brooks is the author of two poetry collections: *Somebody Should Kiss You and Blue Light in The Dash*. She has appeared in anthologies

in Britain, Canada and the U.S. and is currently working on a new collection of poems. Her first novel, *Gotta Find Me An Angel*, has just been published by Raincoast/Polestar this spring. She has lived on Salt Spring for many years.

Poet Fertig started the Literary Storefront in Vancouver, Gastown, and was its director from 1978-1982. She also produced Vancouver Poetry, a poetry show for Co-op Radio 1975-76, and was founding member of the Federation of B.C. Writers, founding member of the B.C. Book Prizes, B.C. rep for P.E.N. Canada and the Writers' Union of Canada's BC/Yukon rep from 2001 to 2003. In 1990 she started (m)Other Tongue Press.

She has published more than 12 books and chapbooks of poetry and her last

book, *Sex, Death & Travels*, was voted the Number One Book of 1998-99 in Top Ten Poetry Books. Her first novel "spiritbeach" was completed last year.

The event, which begins at 8 p.m., is a fundraiser for creative writing scholarships for Gulf Islands Secondary School students. Admission is \$5.

The Salt Spring Writes series is co-organized by the Salt Spring Public Library Association, with associate sponsors The Canada Council for the Arts, The Writers' Union of Canada and Salt Spring Celebration of Canadian Writers. The final reading in the series will take place on Wednesday, May 18, and will feature host Sandi Johnson and writers Tony Bruce, Arthur Black and Derek Lundy.

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J. Mitchell spring opening: you know it's going to be good

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Contributor

It's not just the market starting or the shaving of legs that heralds in the spring. A sure sign of summer beckoning was the J. Mitchell Gallery season launch soiree. Last Friday night it was the place to be for the groovy, the gorgeous and the talented.

Announcing the 2005 show season, the party allowed the plebes and potential buyers to mingle with the artists who were mostly in attendance. The work, as always, was of a high calibre.

Judy Mitchell represents 43 artists from Salt Spring and the outer islands. Their work ranges from pottery to sculpture in various mediums, from small oils to large fabric arts. The one criterion is excellence as discerned by Mitchell's superb taste.

Lynn Demers' Buddha is simply gorgeous. Made of soapstone, the reclining rotund figure is carved so that a lighter ring has been brought out to circle the head like an inner halo. The sensual lines of the curves, the subtle colour of the buffed stone and the accessible nature of the subject encourage a tactile experience, one that Demers, standing guard by her creation, discouraged. Politely suggesting that rings and other protuberances could mar the surface of the soft stone, I suppressed my urges.

Her show runs with Galiano fabric artist Lea Mabb-



J.D. Evans is seen with her latest paintings "Decrescendo."

ley's work from May 13 to May 25.

Living in a land so filled with natural beauty, it's consistent that our artists should create with either found objects from nature — Bruce Botts' driftwood animals — or represent it in

landscapes like J.D. Evans'. Those colours and shapes

create a look to the gallery that is very West Coast.

Jerry Davidson's contribution to this show (his own show runs with sculptor Gerda Lattey's from June 10–22) is refreshingly non-organic. Francesca in Space uses colours not found in nature on a mannequin the artist discovered on a cross-



Above is Bruce Pearson with his bronze sculpture; above right, Nick Hodson displays his wooden hat.



Photos by Derrick Lundy



Above left is Jerry Davidson with his painting "Francesca in Space," while above right, Lynn Demers and Uma Meyers enjoy the show.



Canada trip.

He was walking down a street in Winnipeg and commented that he would like to find a mannequin — he enjoys using them as subjects and also as precursors to a live model. As he turned the corner there was "Francesca" seated outside a vintage clothing store. Photos were taken and now here she is suspended in a blue background.

With her festive gear and flowered gypsy skirt hiked up her slender model's thigh,

she seems both vulnerable and in-your-face. Painted skilfully with a sense of humour, it not only brightens a room but also brightens your day.

Elias Walkan from Galiano creates wood sculpture from single-unit pieces glued together into organic shapes, suggesting that the artist is not unfamiliar with higher mathematics. Indeed, he was a math major at Stanford, explaining the precision of the mind-boggling structures.

As a piece of sculpture, Tsunami, created before the most recent tsunami disaster, is stunning. Rolling curves seem to defy the fragility of the sticks creating a powerful statement of both beauty and destruction.

I'm excited. Going into Judy's is like going into your favourite candy store when you were a kid. You never know what will delight and inspire but you always know it's going to be good. J. Mitchell Gallery is located at 3104 Grace Point Square.

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Primer's filmmakers know what they're doing

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Primer is a perfect example of how having a big budget has little to do with successfully making a good film. Made for \$7,000, and set in only a few locations using the bare minimum of speaking parts, it's essentially a stripped down sci-fi mindbender with complexity to spare.

As the film begins, two young entrepreneurs are tinkering with some strange device in their home garage/engineering lab. We're not even sure what the device is supposed to do before it starts showing promise as something else — something that will change the face of human existence.

That's all I'm going to say about the story, because to say another word about the story would kill much of the suspense. Okay, okay, I give up. As they say on the Internet when they talk about a film's plot points, "spoiler alert!"

The device, in fact, allows anything inside it to go back in time. It's not long before the designers are building bigger ones that fit a person, and before you know it, the movie degenerates into a huge mess of twisted timelines, multiple identities and maybe a heck of a headache.

In a typical Hollywood sci-fi film about time travel, there is a considerable amount of exposition (read: characters explaining complicated plot points to another character just so the audience understands). In Primer, though, the filmmakers have decided to go all ambiguous on us.

There is no exposition. Even worse, the rules entrenched in traditional filmmaking are completely ignored. Scenes stop and start at what seem to be awkward times, and character point of view is frequently confused. I don't even want to think about the possibility that the film has been "temporally fractured," i.e. the events on the screen don't actually happen in the order they're shown.

By letting you know this now, I'm saving you maybe two or three of the seven or eight times you'd have to see Primer in order to really figure it out. Even the director seems bewildered, revealing in interviews that he has "theories" about what happens at certain points.

Is Primer a good movie, or simply confusing for confusing's sake? I think the former — because even if the plot is confusing, the acting, cinematography and pacing is top notch. It's safe to say that the filmmakers know what they were doing.

If you found Memento a piece of cake, and think David Lynch is kids' stuff, you've found your match.

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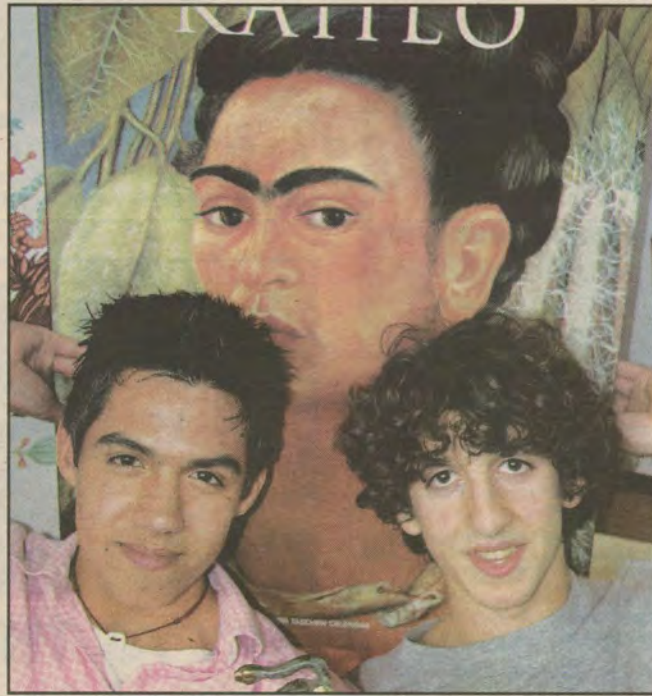
Galitcha, performing at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday, April 16, invites audiences to experience a host of musical sensations — from heartfelt devotional and love songs to compelling lively dance tunes.

Alternating between French and English, the performers explain the meaning of songs sung in the Punjabi, Urdu and Hindi languages, while taking audiences on a musical journey from one end of the emotional spectrum to the other.

Galitcha is vocalist Kuljit Sodhi (also on dolki) and Chris MacLean, also on guitar, harmonium, dulcimer and gopichand; Linsey Wellman on saxophone, flute and oboe; and Neil Golden on tabla, dhol and percussion. combine to create a culturally diverse Canadian sound.

The all-ages, no-alcohol show presented by SirBassa Sounds begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 at the door.



GISS: Cultural diversity was celebrated in a wash of colour at the high school Monday afternoon. Seen here, from left, are visiting Thai students Siriporn Laosomboon, Sucheera Seenumpetch and Poonysa Sornchangwat; Jesus Morales Moran and Yoni Marmorstein celebrating Mexico; and Eri Yoshikawa of Japan.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Bits of limelight still open for Mary show

Plans for the 2005 edition of Mary's Matinee are unfolding as they should, but there's still time for a few performers to get on stage for the May 7 event.

"We've got about 13 acts so far, so there's not a ton of space left over, but if anybody feels they have a piece — of comedy, music or stage — they should give us a call," said co-organizer Arvid Chalmers.

Contact Cherie Geauvreau at 537-1027 or Chalmers at 537-2182.

Chalmers said "dearly departed performers" Ray Newman and James Wilkinson will also be honoured this year, along with Mary Williamson, for whom the matinee/matineve fundraising variety show was initiated in 2000.

Two scholarships for high school students pursuing careers in the performing arts will ideally be granted through funds raised this year.

Guild winners named

Nancy Wigen was the Viewer's Choice winner in the Salt Spring Painters Guild's Spring Show and Sale, which wrapped up at ArtSpring on April 3.

Tied for second place were Dennice Stambuck and Bernice Wood, with Heather Pottinger in third place.

Pen-and-ink sketches of their homes will be done for three draw winners from Salt Spring: Ellen Karpinski, who will enjoy a Dennis O'Connor drawing; seven-year-old Norees Gasper, who won a Deirdre Tessman drawing; and John Pickering, who will receive a Heather Pottinger drawing.

Bruce Taylor of Courtenay will enjoy a Trish Morgan drawing.

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DAY AT THE FARM



Enjoying a Sunday at the annual Ruckle Farm Day were, clockwise from top left, Amaranta Williams-McAllister with a "singing" goat; Andrew Currie and Jazzie Griffiths working with Belgian horses "Sam" and "Daisy" to plough the field; George Brewer playing the accordion during a break from blacksmithing; and Maya Neufeld-Boucher holding a bunny.

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Derrick Lundy



Ecological management on Salt Spring

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A bountiful harvest of 100 ethnobotany enthusiasts packed Lions Hall to hear university professor Dr. Nancy Turner share stories about traditional plant uses from the Gulf Islands region on Saturday.

Even though Turner is a published author of many books, a recipient of the Order of B.C. and a fellow of the Royal Society, she was stunned to see so many islanders attending her lecture on a sunny Saturday.

"I'm just overwhelmed by the warmth of people and the spirit of community on Salt Spring," she said.

The Victoria-based envi-

ronmental-studies lecturer opened her talk with thanks to First Nations guests representing distinguished Tsawout elders such as Elsie Claxton, who was one of her own teachers.

Turner spoke about the ecological management of common local plants in a manner that inspired a similar vein of respect for traditional teachings.

She touched on a mixture of first-hand accounts, historical findings, storytelling and traditional songs to convey her messages.

"It's like drinking the forest," Turner said, describing a 10-bark medicine she'd tasted after collecting samples of local trees like

casara, willow, arbutus and crab apple with Claxton.

And Turner noted that First Nations medicines required more than just knowledge of the ingredients.

"Special people knew how to do it properly."

They knew when, how and where to collect resources sustainably, how to prepare various poultices and balms, and what to say to express appropriate reverence for the gifts of nature, she said.

While discussing salmonberries, she shared a local First Nations song that included the call of the Swainson's thrush.

"I've stood in the middle of a salmonberry patch and I could swear the Swainson's

thrush are making those berries grow," she said.

She even described a traditional cure for paralytic shellfish poisoning (copious quantities of Oregon grape) that could have been helpful to Captain George Vancouver, who lost a crew member to the fatal toxin.

Turner shared findings that First Nations farmers tended their resources in ways that were not initially recognized by Europeans.

"People worked to create optimal conditions," she said.

She described how "clam gardens" were tended by rolling rocks down beaches, berry bushes were pruned to enhance growth and meadows were burned to encourage growth of root vegetables. In this region, people might even mark out claims to resources with cedar stakes. But since Europeans couldn't see neat gardens with familiar walls, they didn't acknowledge land claims, she said.

Turner's fondness for all aspects of the local ecosystem was evident throughout her talk.

Showing a map of geo-climatic zones, she pointed out the tiny sliver of the Coastal Douglas Fir zone in B.C.

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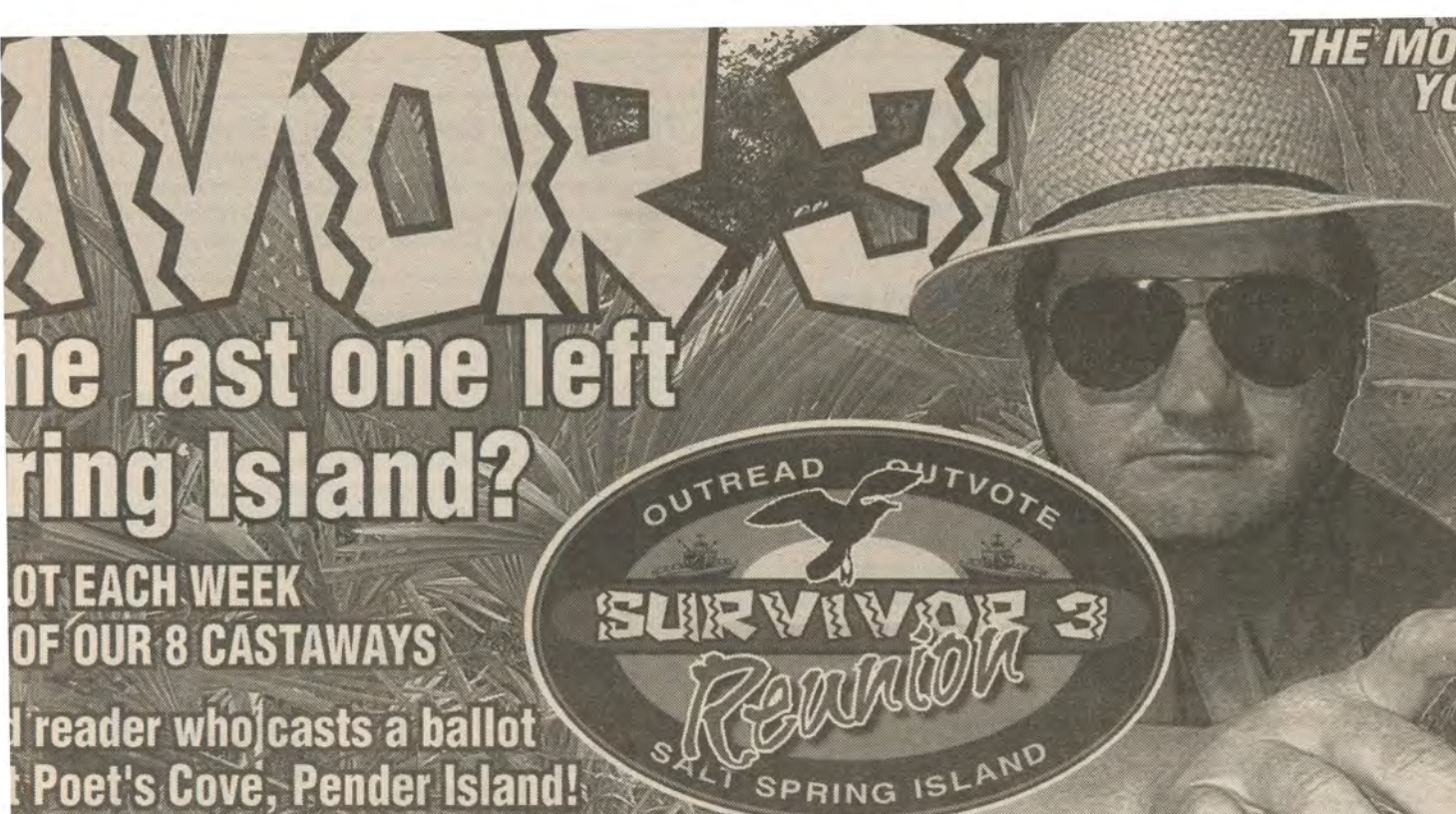
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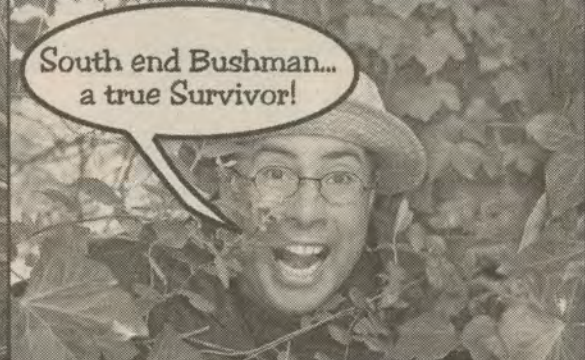
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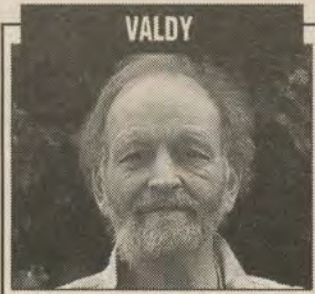
BRUCE PATTERSON
What's your lucky number? The one that wins the lotto.
If you had to spend the summer shipwrecked with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be? The Skipper. I'm starting to look like him.
Who is your favourite Salt Spring Islander and why? Nell Bushby. She is one of those unsung heroes who works quietly behind the scenes, and for the last 29 years has been the secretary for the Fulford Harbour Water District. I've had the pleasure of working with her for the last 12 years and Nell's dedication and devotion to the community has been an example to me.
Describe an annoying habit you have that is likely to get on the nerves of the other castaways. Let's see. I have so many. I would say snoring. For some reason it annoys some people.
What part of your daily routine will you miss the most and the least while being a castaway? I would miss morning coffee, and will not miss listening to the PA system of the Skeena Queen every morning.

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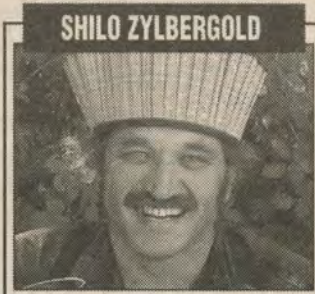
JUDY RADDYSH
What's your lucky number? 105 - the number of kids at the school.
If you had to spend the summer shipwrecked with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be? Definitely Gilligan! I'd have a hard time spending a whole summer without kids around, and he's the most kid-like of the whole crew.
Who is your favourite Salt Spring Islander and why? The soil delivery guy from Foxglove. He's helping replenish the earth, and he cooks great dinners.
Describe an annoying habit you have that is likely to get on the nerves of the other castaways. I can't imagine they'd mind me being in charge, so I can't think of anything that would annoy them.
What part of your daily routine will you miss the most and the least while being a castaway? Driving a carload of teenagers to soccer practice in Victoria. It takes tons of time, but they're such great company!

CHARITY: GICEL



VALDY
What's your lucky number? 60 (3x4x5) - because I'm an optimist at 59.
If you had to spend the summer shipwrecked with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be? Gilligan himself, because it was his show, his island and he has a good heart.
Who is your favourite Salt Spring Islander and why? The late Gordon Ruckle, for his sense of fairness, his work ethic, and his support for his neighbours.
Describe an annoying habit you have that is likely to get on the nerves of the other castaways. I yawn a lot, and I procrastinate, although I'll never put off a good yawn.
What part of your daily routine will you miss the most and the least while being a castaway? Most I'll miss contact with my wife Kathleen, as she is a big part of my ongoing survival. Paperwork will be my happiest daily loss, and I mean the shuffling of paper, not the reading or writing.

CHARITY: LITERACY



SHILO ZYLBERGOLD
What is your lucky number? 23,472
If you had to spend the summer shipwrecked with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be? Considering the show was filmed about 50 years ago, I would choose any one of the characters who wasn't pushing up daisies.
Who is your favourite Salt Spring Islander and why? At the risk of sounding sucky-poo, she is my wife, Jane. If you know her, you know why.
Describe an annoying habit you have that is likely to get on the nerves of the other castaways. I like to crack my neck vertebrae to the tune of "The William Tell Overture."
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Photo by Derrick Lundy

San Francisco activist offers voice workshop

San Francisco-based social justice activist, percussionist and workshop facilitator Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney will lead island participants in a three-hour workshop on Saturday, April 23.

According to a press release, the workshop is for those inspired by the power of individual and group voice.

"Vocal styles from around the world and healing sound techniques will be used to get in touch with one's own dynamic energy and help participants explore the range of expression available to them through the human voice and heart. With the use of spoken word and hands-on rhythm, people will enjoy the playful, skillful spirit of invoking energy as a collective group."

Mooney has led and facilitated Reclaiming events in the San Francisco Bay area for many years.

A performance artist and a djembe master, he excels in the areas of trance work and raising energy in large groups and is well known for his Rhythm Laboratory classes in his home community, where he teaches the use of body, voice and percussion in magical practices.

World-renowned activist and *Spiral Dance* author Starhawk says of him: "Alphonsus weaves magic by drumming in the street. He is a gifted drummer, musician, performance artist and camp teacher."

The workshop is a fundraiser for a new Sacred Arts Guild, an earth-based magical arts collective germinating on Salt Spring.

Next Saturday's event takes place from 1-4 p.m. at Lions Hall and costs \$30-\$60 with a sliding scale.

For more information, call 538-0094.

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History, special events in Channel 12 line-up

Saltspring TV's Spring Broadcast Launch comes to Cable Channel 12 Tuesday, April 19 at 5 p.m.

The spring line-up will premiere with a Gyves Family History program, featuring Chris Arnett interviewing Val Gyves and Dorothy Dodds (nee Gyves), who share their recollections of a childhood growing up in the Burgoyne Valley, and

information on the interactions between the first settlers and the First Nations people during Salt Spring's early days.

Archival photos inform their conversations in this program produced by Peter Prince.

New programming includes talks presented by the Salt Spring Historical Society, Salt Spring Conser-

vancy, youth choirs performing at ArtSpring in March, highlights from the April 10 Ruckle Farm Day, readings by local poets and writers, and much more.

Past programming on SSTV has featured acclaimed speakers (local and visiting), documentaries and community events such as the fall fair, the oldtimers reunion, the grad ceremony

and Sea Capers, local musicians, comedy, student performances, ArtSpring shows and special programs such as Salt Spring Live.

For information on what's playing each week, check the Cable TV listing in the Driftwood's What's On section. For more details call SSTV community program director Peter Prince weekdays at 537-1335.



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People are encouraged to bring the following, if possible: window washing tools, vacuums, rags, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, hammers, paint scrapers, gloves and spray bottles.

The event will take place rain or shine.

Stackhouse and Berkowitz light up Vancouver gallery

Salt Spring Island photographers Chris Stackhouse and Seth Berkowitz are exhibiting at The Exposure Gallery in Vancouver, beginning Saturday, April 16.

Entitled "Nocturne," the show features night photographs by various photographic artists.

Some of Stackhouse's nocturnal photographs were featured in his solo exhibition last June at ArtSpring and in the July Photographers' Guild Show, also at ArtSpring. Numerous nighttime photographs are presented in a special grouping on his website.

Berkowitz, well-known portrait photographer and owner of Galleons Lap Gallery on Park Drive in Ganges, recently displayed nocturnal photographs by Chris Stackhouse as well as works by Stephen Friedman, Janet Dwyer and others.

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Unitarians host regional service

Salt Spring's Unitarian Fellowship hosts the annual All Vancouver Island Service on Sunday, April 17, with Sowing Seeds the theme of its guest speaker.

Sponsored by the Vancouver Island Unitarian Committee, the service runs at Fulford Hall at 1:30 p.m.

"Unitarians' long history of social justice, environmentalism and inclusion is a pretty great match with Salt Spring's activist-oriented community," says Sharon Fulton, Salt Spring's Fellowship president. "Our island is

a perfect place to share our Unitarian Fellowship. Come and see what we're about."

The "Sowing Seeds" service will be led by Karen Fraser Gitlitz, a member at large on the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) and intern minister of the Unitarian Fellowships of Kelowna and Kamloops.

"The sowing of seeds is an act of hope, an act of trust in the universe," said Fraser Gitlitz. "Thinking about sowing seeds reminds us that although we are all at different stages of life, whatever

we are now, we started out small in the beginning. Small actions and small beginnings can lead to great happenings."

The Salt Spring Island Unitarian Fellowship came into being in the fall of 2003, when one newspaper advertisement led to a surprising turnout of 25 people at the first gathering. The group moved to its present home, the south wing of Fulford Hall, last fall.

"Our fellowship is growing by leaps and bounds," said Fulton. "There is a lot

of excitement about sharing how far we've come with people from all over Vancouver Island."

Special guests will include an a cappella women's choir called The Pickup Sticks, from the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, and Sara McEwan, director of Unitarian Services, western region.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Anne Marshall at 537-9650 or e-mail Sharon Fulton sfulton@telus.net.

Around-the-world slide show makes splash

SSplash hosts a slide show and wine and cheese fundraising event at Cinema Central on Wednesday, April 20.

Sailing Around the World, a slide show presentation by Irene Gibbs, illustrates her experiences during an amazing 10-year, around-the-world sailing adventure.

The event, which begins at 7 p.m., will include door prizes, featuring a six-hour tour on the original sailboat with lunch

included. Irene and John Gibbs made the voyage of their dreams when they left B.C. in 1978 to go east around the world in their 45-foot yacht the *Docent*.

The Gibbs sailed through the Panama Canal, across the Atlantic, stopped at the Azores, and sailed on through the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal towards Hong Kong and the Philippines. They experienced typhoons and tornados and managed a stop at Pal-

myra, an uninhabited atoll 1,000 miles south of Hawaii.

A highlight for the Gibbs was Papua, New Guinea and the talk will centre on that section of their 10-year adventure.

Tickets for the show are \$10 and available at Curves, Pharmasave downtown or at the door. Proceeds go towards the indoor pool. For more information on the event, contact Wendy Rosier of Ssplash at 653-4034.

SALT SPRING SNIPPETS

At the recent Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary-Pacific's AGM in Richmond, Ellen Reid was awarded a Commendation for Professional Service for her volunteer work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 25 on Salt Spring.

Reid has served as crewperson, deputy unit leader and training officer, and organized many boating safety sessions for schools in the Gulf Islands.

Bovina dies

The Driftwood learned that Salt Spring's great Herford matriarch Bovina, possibly the oldest cow in Canada, died peacefully at her Fulford Valley farm in January at the age of 27.

"That cold snap was too much for her," said farmer Ron Puhky.

According to one method of translating ages, Bovina lived the equivalent of 163 human years.

Baker honoured

Salt Spring's Birgitta Baker will be honoured for her service to a community charitable agency at the 33rd annual Rose Cologne Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Elks Country Club in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania on April 17.

As a doctoral student in leisure studies at Penn State, Baker has also acted as a counsellor for the past two years with the Centre County Women's Resource Centre, where she accompanies residents to medical facilities, district courts and a shelter. She also serves as a hotline-crisis counsellor.

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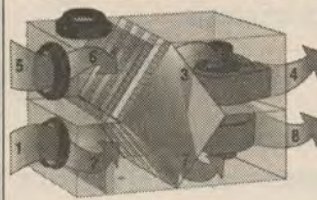
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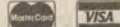
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SOCCER MOVES: Salt Spring FC players Jay Moulton (#13 left) and Tyler Cocker (#17) are in the air as they help the local squad battle Bays United to a 0-0 tie at Portlock Park on Saturday.

Photos by Derrick Lundy (left) and John Cameron

Braak keeps FC in the big game

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring FC Division-1 men's team members can thank a spectator for helping them earn a berth in the A-Cup provincials with a 0-0 tie against Bays United White on Saturday.

"It would have been nice to go for the win, but we'll take the draw," said FC captain Chris Jason.

Tied for fourth place in the Vancouver Island Soc-

cer League with one game remaining, FC needed at least one point to advance to the provincials next week. But the local team was almost forced to forfeit when they couldn't field a referee in their match against Bays.

"The rules are the rules and if a referee doesn't show up, it's up to the home game to provide an official, which can be anybody in the crowd who is not directly related to one of the teams," Jason said.

However, FC recruited would-be spectator Jack Braak as a referee when he was spotted as a certified official.

"Jack Braak ended up doing a terrific job. There was no hard contact so it was a good game to referee."

FC players were initially concerned that Bays could file a protest, but both teams played a clean game and Braak seemed to make all the right calls.

"I don't think they will bother protesting because there was nothing to protest."

Salt Spring played a "mellow kind of game" to avoid conflict, Jason said.

"We didn't want to make the game out of hand so there was room for protest."

Salt Spring held their own in the first half and exerted the bulk of the pressure.

"When it came to the second half, and it was zero-zero, we knew we could be in trouble if they got a goal."

Bays cultivated some late chances that struck posts and just cleared the cross bar that had the crowd gasping.

"There was the feeling that we weren't going to get a goal. That's what I felt watching from the sidelines."

Jason commended Tom McCole for standout defensive play.

"Every tackle it seemed like he came out with the

ball. And he was up and down the wing too."

With the tie, Salt Spring will face Chilliwack in the first round of the provincials on the mainland next weekend (time and location not available at press time).

"We won the B Cup two years ago. But this one, we're definitely the underdogs," Jason said. "We like being the underdogs, there's not a lot of pressure."

But FC will have a few more men available. Mark Nordine completed a one-game suspension resulting from his third yellow card of the season and Jason appealed a seven-game suspension for violent conduct, which was reduced to the three games he's already missed.

At some point in the next three weeks, Harrison Jason's appeal of a 30-game suspension for violent conduct against a referee will be heard by the B.C. Soccer Association.

Players off to A-Cup provincials

Wins at two games in Nanaimo on Saturday have spring-boarded six Salt Spring U12 soccer players into the provincial A-Cup championships in July.

All six players represented the lower Vancouver Island region on select teams at Saturday's games.

Both the girls and boys' U12 teams played the top upper island regional teams, with

the winners securing berths in the provincial event.

Playing for the boys' Victoria United team, Salt Spring-based defenders Kevin Brown and Rhys Hardy helped their team secure a 2-0 win over Nanaimo Coastland.

On the girls side, forwards Kai Fishleigh, Grace Morgan and Tilly Morgan, as well as mid-fielder Sierra Lundy, helped take Victoria United

Blue Flames to a 1-0 victory over Nanaimo Rep A.

The U12 A-Cup teams were selected from the Lower Island Soccer Association academy, which held try-outs in October and has met weekly in Victoria since that time.

The U12 A-Cup leg of the provincial soccer championships runs July 8-10 in Victoria.

Karate students make the grade

Several students at Salt Spring Traditional Martial Arts were promoted during a karate grading in Mill Bay last month.

"It was a tremendous grading," said black-belt sensei George Guhl. "They made me proud."

Murray Hunter advanced to second kyu and Nico Lohmann was promoted to

style karate.

Alan Gear, Chris Perrins, Oban Gilbert-Stone, Sasha Gilbert-Stone and Thea Stone were all promoted to sixth kyu, he said.

Guhl's instructor, black-belt Douglas Mortley (of Mill Bay), helped judge student development for the grading exam.

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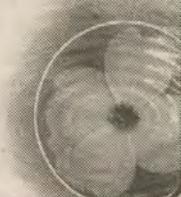
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Legg reunites with Old Boys

Islanders were busy collecting memories instead of hardware when a distilled group of Salt Spring Old Boys held a reunion of sorts during the over-40 Bill Drew Memorial Tournament in Sidney last weekend.

"It was like an Old Boys home day," said coach Fraser Hope.

The main highlight of the weekend saw Old Boys founder Malcolm Legg rejoin the team at Blue Heron Park after a lengthy absence.

"Malcolm changed his shirts from referee's black to the Old Boys' red, white and black."

Another familiar face, Sandy Rankin, joined the team for the final match of the tourney when he saw the team playing while he was cycling in the neighbourhood.

"We could even draw upon our farm team — Brian Bays from Victoria — to help us out."

But Salt Spring only won one of four games.

"As always, the Old Boys play well against the good teams and not so good against the poorer teams."

On Saturday, the Old Boys took a 2-0 loss against Cordova Bay and a 1-0 loss

against Campbell River, "Despite Antonio [Alonso]'s great effort in goal," he said.

Sunday saw Salt Spring play against "the class of the tournament" in a 3-1 loss against Vic West.

"The goal against Vic West was from Graham Tweddle, who slotted it in from the six-yard box."

The Old Boys then wrapped up their performance with a 2-1 victory over Sooke with goals from Chris Cottrell and David Norget.

"Now we're in training for the May weekend tourney," Hope said.



BATTER UP: Callysta Boyd of the Patterson's team winds up for a hit in coach pitch baseball action now under way on Salt Spring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Hot soccer start for junior girls

Junior girl Scorpions from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) made their presence felt when they kicked off their soccer season with two wins last week.

The Scorpions visited Cowichan with a 4-1 sting on April 5 and spread a little more venom with a 6-0 crusher against Brentwood on Thursday.

"The girls had nice, crisp, clean passing," said coach

Kristi Kallip.

"We had the whole team playing great together."

Kayla Gromme scored three goals against Cowichan for a hat trick while Katie Severn added the fourth marker.

"It was a downpour of a day," Kallip said.

But Thursday saw a different kind of precipitation in Brentwood when Gromme and Severn each tallied another goal and GISS

added a deluge from shots by Jen Akerman, Jess Harkema, Kate Parker and Hannah Snetsinger.

"Jess Harkema got one from almost midfield with a powerful kick," Kallip said.

Megan Robinson and Sammy Bird captained Thursday's game for their mutual birthday, she noted.

Akerman and Kristi Lee took the net in both games and shared the shut-out Thursday.

Bridge tourney finishes season

Another winter of bridge was concluded on March 24, with a luncheon at the 19th Hole Restaurant at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

Forty ladies of the Alice Hammett Ladies Bridge Group enjoyed a social luncheon and the awarding of prizes to the season's top scorers.

Irene Hawsworth and Jeanne Verville won first place and the trophy. Runners-up were Joyce Scott and Gladys Campbell.

Third place winners were Joan Conlan and Florence Laundry, and Giselle Harstall and Rita Balachandran won the fourth prize. Betty Ball and Joan Hodge won the prize for the most small slams, and the single day high score was won by Conlan and Laundry.

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Handball penalty clinches Selects semi-final berth

Salt Spring Selects Women's Division-3 team pulled a coup to advance to the Doug Day Cup semi-finals after they beat a Vic West Div.-2 squad by 1-0 in a quarter-final match at Royal Athletic Park (RAP) on Sunday.

"They finally got to play in a game because all year long none of the games have been even. They've all been lopsided in our favour," said coach Dave McColl.

Undefeated throughout the season (the Selects didn't even take a tie), Salt Spring was the only club to field a Div.-3 team in the quarter-finals after round-robin play reduced the 35 starters to eight finalists.

"The girls were saying, 'That was fun. We had to try as hard as we could.' And I'm like, 'Just score some goals, would you?'"

McColl found the game nerve wracking. Salt Spring has speed and skill but Vic West plays a powerful physical game, he said.

"They went hard into every tackle and finished their checks," McColl said.

Salt Spring still mus-

tered numerous break-aways but the Vic West netminder converted shots into scoring opportunities for her own team.

"Their keeper was unbelievable. She saved them."

In the end, the game was decided by a penalty kick after a freak handball accident.

"A shot came in and went off the cross bar. Then it went straight up in the air and a defender on their team caught it. I don't know if she thought it was out of bounds, or what," McColl said.

Everyone was stunned to see the player holding the ball with both hands in the six-yard box, he said.

Val Cunningham, who just returned to the team after a trip to Europe, took the penalty shot and put it off the keeper and into the corner of the net.

"There's not a player on the field who didn't play well," McColl said.

Missing five starters to injuries and absences, he found replacements who stepped up to the task.

"Kathleen Sinclair came on down in left

defence and shut down that side."

Filling in for her sister Jenny Kerr as sweeper, Kelly Kerr covered the rear in both a figurative and literal fashion.

Keeper Becky Acheson even pulled out an acrobatic save after a ball went through her hands.

"It was just frantic," McColl said.

He's never seen anyone sprint as hard as Sara Proctor and Thea Wood did during the match.

"I bet Sara and Thea ran 15 miles in that game."

With four straight wins and a goal ratio of 10-1, Salt Spring is ranked second among the four teams remaining in the Doug Day Cup. They also won Div.-3 league with 15 straight wins (81 goals for, four goals against).

The Selects will face top-seeded Lakehill United Div. 2 in a semi-final at RAP on 6 p.m. at Friday.

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Love Cathy, Geoff, and Chris

8 CARD OF THANKS

ONCE AGAIN a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make Ruckle Park Farm Day happen. What a wonderful community of kids and adults!

20 COMING EVENTS

PAINTING CLASSES (water colour or acrylics): new sessions Apr. - Jun. Beginners & intermediates welcome. Call Val Konig 537-9531.

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

KIDS' YOGA
Schedule change: Classes now on Monday, 3:45 - 4:30pm, \$30 for 5 classes or \$8 drop in. Phone 537-2444, Ganges Yoga Studio.

FAMILY YOGA
Next class April 17 at Ganges Yoga Studio. Come and join in the fun.

BY VOTING for your favorite cast-away, you could win a weekend for two at Poet's Cove on Pender Island! Play Survivor III "Reunion" in this week's Driftwood.

KIDS 'n ART
There is still room. Fulford Community Nature School Society is offering an 8 week session of workshops exploring clay for ages 6 and up. Adults are welcome too. Fridays from April 8 to June 10. For more information and registration please call Johanna at 653-9383.

INTRODUCTION TO Zen Practice. April 25, 7 - 9 pm. Everyone welcome to join us for an enjoyable and informative evening where you will learn to practice Zen. Location and information: Peter Levitt, 537-9783.

GRAD AUCTION. Friday April 15, 7:00 - 10:00 pm at GISS Multi-Purpose Room. Fun... music... refreshments... silent auction and auctioneering by our own fabulous Arvid Chalmers. Feature Performers: YJP, Lisa Maxx, Lloyd English.

THAI CENTRE OPEN IMPORTS
Thai Centre Open Imports Massage classes. 150 Leisure Lane. 537-1219.

CELEBRATED EARTH Day with the Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning and the Fulford Elementary School. Friday, April 22nd, from 10am until 3:30pm. Please call 539-0619 or email gicel@gulfislands.com for more information and program registration.

COME SEE THE MOVIE "END OF SUBURBIA"

Thursday, April 14 at the United Church, 111 Hereford Ave. (by donation). Followed by a discussion with Ken Roulou, Green Party Candidate for Saanich North and the Islands. Call 537-2633 or 653-9390 for info. Authorized by Brian Finnermore, Financial Agent, 653-4630.

ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK is coming! Attend gallery walks, performances and exhibitions in your community from April 24-30. www.bcartsweek.ca.

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

20 COMING EVENTS

CHRISTINE HUNT BC NDP candidate for Saanich North and the Islands

invites you to her Information Centre Opening
110 Jackson Ave. in Ganges
Friday, April 15, 2005
4 - 7 pm • Refreshments

Come by and meet Christine!
Authorized by David Olsen, Financial Agent, 250-655-2940

Stagecoach Theatre presents
Mythica
"Entertainment for the whole family"
ArtSpring April 28, 29, 30 7pm
Adults \$12 Kids \$6 ArtSpring box office

RECREATION INSTRUCTORS

Don't Miss This Opportunity!

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) plans to print an updated Directory of Local Instructors who currently provide or are planning to offer programs to the public that are oriented towards leisure recreation. PARC reserves the right to jury the courses listed.

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.

Letter to the editor? Press release?

What's On calendar event?
Send it to news@gulfislands.net.

20 COMING EVENTS

4th Nordic Festival of the Young-Year SAT. APRIL 30

4PM - 6PM: MAY-POLE @ ARTSPRING
PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES
• EASTER-BUNNY IS BACK for one last treasure hunt!
• MASK MAKING - Animals, characters and creatures!
• MAY-POLE & CIRCLE DANCE - Weave in summer!
• FUN AND GAMES!

6PM: 1st GANGES VIKING PARADE
Old-time costume parade through the streets from ARTSPRING to MAHON HALL!

7PM: FEAST @ MAHON HALL
SACRED POTLUCK FEAST, FOLKTALES, FOLKDANCE & SUMMER CEREMONY
See us at Market, or email contact@bc-freehold.org
More info on the web http://bc-freehold.org

Heathen Freehold Society of British Columbia

20 COMING EVENTS

graffiti
A Dramatized Reading of The Madwoman of Chailott by Jean Giraudoux
Directed by Yvonne Adalian
April 29 at 8:00 pm
May 1 at 2:00 pm
At Mahon Hall
Admission by Donation

SAILING AROUND THE WORLD

Irene Gibbs shares the adventure of a lifetime.
Wed. Apr. 20, 7 p.m.
Cinema Central
Tickets \$10 at Curves & Pharmasave (downtown)
Sipping and slides... for Ssplash!
Win a day cruise and lunch aboard the world-circling yacht "Docent".

OPEN HOUSE

Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool

April 16, 10 - 12
110 Aldous Road (Behind Middle School)

Registration for Sept/05 is now in progress. If your child will be turning 3 or 4 this year, don't miss the opportunity to meet our exceptional teachers and view our unique setting.

Natural Building Workshop Series

Taught by Adam Perry of Hobbit Homes - a professional Cob/Natural Building contractor

TOPICS COVERED:
• Cob • Earth-based plasters
• Light-clay • Earthen floors

DATES:
Choose weekends or weekdays
April 15th through the end of May

COSTS: (Groups of 5 or more are FREE)
1 - 2 days: \$75
3 - 4 days: \$50
5+ days: FREE!
So the longer you stay, the less you pay and the more skills you get!

Please call 537-8442 for more information.

20 COMING EVENTS

Earth Day Talk

Friday, April 22
ArtSpring 7 pm
Environmental Builder Meror Krayenhoff
"Housing: What's Working, What's Not, and What's Possible"
admission by donation

Barn Dance

Mahon Hall
Friday April 15
6:30 pm

\$5/Adult, \$2/Kid, \$15/Family
at the door
presented by Fiddleworks

- Foot Stompin' YeeHawin' All-Ages Fun & Called Dancing
- Live Music By Fiddleworks with Jaime RT & Friends
- Yummy Treats & Refreshments

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



Gulf Islands Community gicac Arts Council

Post-Secondary Bursary in Music, Visual or Performing Arts 2005

Students who are currently attending a recognized post-secondary institution in Canada and intending to continue their studies in the coming year are invited to apply for the above bursary worth \$1000.00. Applicants and their immediate families should be normally resident in those Gulf Islands within the administrative area of SD 64.

Application deadline: April 30, 2005.

For application information please call Celia 537-9606 email: celia@duthiebookcases.com or visit the website for an online application. www.gulfislandsartsCouncil.com

Portfolios, tapes, video, etc. will be required for jurying.

CLASSIFIED HOTLINE
537-9933

20 COMING EVENTS

Earth Day Celebration at Beaver Point Hall Friday, April 22 at 8 pm. Come dance to the music of some of Salt Spring Island's great musicians. \$10 tickets at the door (advanced sale at Star Books in Gasoline Alley). There is also a silent auction of beautiful art objects. Auction benefit for Green Party candidate Ken Roulou. Doors open at 7 pm for viewing art up for auction. Authorized by Financial Agent Brian Finnemore 537-1005 or 653-4630 for info

25 EDUCATION

JEWELLERY CLASSES, beginners silver smithery workshop, starting now. All ages, Andrea 537-2866. BECOME AN INTERIOR DESIGNER. Learn about focal points, furniture layout and more. Call for the free brochure. 1-800-267-1829. Quality of Course. www.redesignschool.com. PENNY WISE JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP for women. The winner will receive a total of \$2,500 to study journalism in the eight-month journalism certificate course at Langara College in Vancouver. Visit www.bccommunitynews.com for details. Deadline: April 29, 2005. A NEW CAREER? Train to be an Apartment/Condominium Manager. Many jobs! Job placement assistance. All areas. Government registered program. Information/brochure: 604-681-5456 / 1-800-665-8339. www.RMT1.ca. GO WILD IN OUR CLASSROOMS! Train to be an adventure guide. Nine-month Outdoor Recreation & Ecotourism Certificate. College of New Caledonia, Valemount, BC. 1-888-690-4422; www.cnc.bc.ca/valemount.

29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: BOATS, St. Mary Lake, aluminum boat and paddle boat. Call Gus 537-8730. LOST: SAMSUNG cellphone at Fulford Harbour on Good Friday. 653-0049. EXTREMELY MISSED white husky and 9 mo. old black lab cross. Missing since Apr. 6. Any info at all please call 537-5256. FOUND: KID'S prescription glasses in green case at Sat. Market. Owner can claim at The Driftwood office.

32 MEETINGS

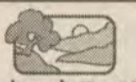
British Columbia Special Olympics winning at life. B.C. Special Olympics Salt Spring Local 6J Annual General Meeting April 20, 10 am United Church. Guest Speaker: Nina Watts "Why participate in Special Olympics?"

29 LOST AND FOUND

KEYS FOUND at party some time ago. Claim at The Driftwood. LOST: ORANGE mooring buoy, "Galatea", Fulford Harbour. Steve Phillips, 653-4609. FOUND AT entrance to Beddis Beach, Monday, Apr. 11, prescription glasses. Owner may claim at Driftwood.

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

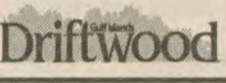


Islands Trust NOTICE

The offices of The Islands Trust, Salt Spring Island, will be closed Thursday, April 14, 2005. Regular office hours will resume at 10 am, Friday, April 15, 2005. We apologize for any inconvenience.

REGULAR ADVERTISING DEADLINES

DISPLAY ADVERTISING Friday, 5 pm CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING Monday, 4 pm TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY Tuesday, noon PHONE: 537-9933 FAX: 537-2613



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55 HELP WANTED

ENERGETIC STUDENT - full-time summer job assisting at luxury B&B. Own transportation & accommodation required. Call John 537-2776. SOLACE AROMATHERAPY & Tea seeking energized and experienced part-time sales help for retail shop in Fulford. Please apply in person or call 653-4688. THE FISHERY is looking for a senior salesclerk for its busy Ganges seafood market. We're seeking a self-motivated team player with experience in retail, product & supply ordering, superior customer service skills and cash register operation. Knowledge of fish is preferred but we're willing to train the right person. If you have the skills above, we have the job for you! Bring a resume to The Fishery, 151 Lower Ganges Rd. or email it to fish@saltspring.com. 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. THE WINNER of Survivor III "Reunion" will win \$500 for their favorite charity. You could win a weekend for two at Poet's Cove on Pender Island! Vote for your favorite castaway in this week's Driftwood. 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. FLAGGERS WANTED (traffic control), will train and certify right applicant. Must have phone and car. Phone 537-2300. FUN, INTERESTING, easy way to earn extra income hosting visitors this spring/summer. Contact doriphore@hotmail.com or 604-708-8479. THREE EXPERIENCED life drawing models male/female for half-day Pender Island Art Gathering in late May. Basic inter-island ferry expenses also paid. Space still available for working Sculptors, Painters & Illustrators to participate! Registration inquiries welcomed by email at jerome@cablelan.net or call 250-539-5565. CALVIN'S LOOKING for line cooks. Apply in person at the Restaurant. CASUAL LABOUR required. Must have valid drivers license and reliable truck or van. Involves some heavy lifting. Come in to see Andrew or Tracy at Ganges Floor Coverings - 122 Lower Ganges Road. FULFORD INN now hiring kitchen helper and a line cook. Full-time. Drop resume to chef

55 HELP WANTED

DAGWOOD'S DINER is now accepting applications for full & part-time servers & cooks. Training provided for suitable applicants. One page hand written resumes should be dropped off at Dagwood's, 350 Lower Ganges Rd. COOKS AND/OR servers needed at the 19th Hole restaurant at SS Golf & Country Club. Drop off resumé at the restaurant.

SALTSPRING SOAPWORKS Requires full-time help for our busy order desk. Great long-term position for energetic person. Linda 537-2811. APPLY YOURSELF! Do you like bubbles? Meeting new people? Join our sales team in a fun friendly downtown shop. Amber 537-2701. PART-TIME Service man for portable toilets. Must be physically fit and have clean driving record, flexible work schedule. 653-9502. EXPERIENCED PORTABLE CRUSHER personnel required for immediate employment. Loader operators, ground hands, tower operators, and Lo bed drivers. Work is mostly north of Edmonton. Fax resume to 780-766-3344. PHONE DISCONNECTED? It's your lucky day. Call now to get re-connected at the cheapest price! We can beat any resellers price. Call Easy Reconnect 1-877-446-5877.

RON HODGSON PONTIAC, St. Albert, Alberta seeks an experienced technician. Submit resume to: Dr. Del Bouck, Director of Organizational Development, Ron Hodgson Group, del@ronhodgson.com. CARGILL FOODS currently has evening opportunities available for a registered nurse with special interest in health promotion and injury illness prevention. Flexible hours. Competitive wages and benefits. Apply to: Health Services Coordinator, Fax 403-652-8459. Email: katie_robinson@cargill.com.

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60 WORK WANTED

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 WANTED: MEN'S bicycle. It is OK if it needs some fixing up. 537-2840.
370 PETS/LIVESTOCK
 CANADIAN PURE bred colt. 8 months, bottle fed, handsome and mellow. Great lineage \$6000. 653-9516.
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 HEALTHY AND CUDDLY, multi-poo puppies, male and female, black/brown, white with black spots, \$450 ea., available shortly, incl. shots and vet check. 653-9898.
 MY ELDERLY dog died a few weeks ago. If anyone has to leave the island or move to a smaller place please call 537-2903. There is a big play area but no fence. Not a large dog nor a tiny one.

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 GARBERATOR, GOOD condition, white crown molding. 537-2922.
 FREE ORGAN. Excellent shape, 537-2984.
 BEIGE SOFA in very good shape, 2 seater. Long chest of drawers, wooden. 537-2796.
 12 FT. PATIO DOOR (center slider). Double glass, good condition. Carolyn 537-5735.
 18 CU. FT. Kenmore chest freezer. You pick up. 537-8807.
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1 BDRM COTTAGE, rural setting, close to Ganges. Equipped kitchen, shared laundry. NS, no dogs. Avail. May 1. \$750 plus util. References 537-4489.

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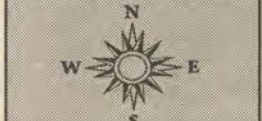
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Canadiana Crossword
Fields of Bruises
By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner

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5 Meters
9 Religious belief
12 Gouzenko, for one
13 Folk singer Guthrie
14 Sleep stage
15 BC Place locale
17 Extreme anger
18 Mountain lake
19 Medusa, for one
21 French river
23 Fonda or Eyre
24 Sheltered
25 Biblical "to that man"
29 Coastal feature
30 Much, to Mario
32 Showy parrots
33 McMahon Stadium locale
35 Bradley or Khayyam
36 World scourge
37 Sandpiper
38 Taylor Field locale
41 Kind of rlv.
42 Talipot palm leaf
43 Coastal region
47 Major marble
48 Aces
49 Had on
50 Largest deer
51 Listen!
52 Medical school subj.

DOWN
1 54 to Flavius
2 Turkish title
3 Molson Stadium locale
4 Esoteric
5 Deity
6 Ervin, breezily
7 Ritzy
8 Skydome locale
9 High school subj.
10 To do with flying
11 Augury
16 Mineral source
20 Essex contemporary
21 Astronaut Garneau
22 It's after inter?
23 Summer months
26 Ivor Wynne Stadium
27 Iraq neighbour
28 Marketplace, for short
30 Mainmast platform (nautical)
31 Consecrates
34 Cheerful, in Cherbourg
35 Frank Clair Stadium locale
37 Hack or chain chaser
38 A way to learn
39 Israeli airline
40 Gaze in amaze
41 Hive
44 From, in Fabreville
45 Geological time period
46 Soak

Answers to last week's crossword

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Over the past week or so destiny has sounded a call for you - did you hear it? It spoke of increased independence. What this means specifically depends on you and your current life situation. There are a myriad of ways that we can express our independence. There is a rather revolutionary tone to it, mixed with the urge to realize certain ideals. If you are not clear what it is yet, then perhaps the Full Moon in about a week's time will bring into full view.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

Amidst the depths of soul searching you are beginning to feel your feet on the earth again. Confusions linger, yet questions are being formed. One of them concerns your place in the world now. Somehow things have changed. It may take a little while before your full strength returns. Still, you are in the mood to make some alternative moves and directions. Be patient with your progress as it may take several months before your full energy returns.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

The process of awakening to a whole new aspect of yourself continues for you as well. It seems that many people are undergoing measurable changes in their self-concept and participation in life. All this change is a natural feature of the evolutionary force in life, which itself is not so simple. The key is to simply work with the process. We all live in a web and are not separate from one another or life as we are conditioned to believe. Flow along cooperatively and faithfully!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

Making moves to initiate new prospects in your public and professional life continue. Some big dreams and plans may be brewing in your mind. In certain respects you want to act independently, while in others the focus is upon a team effort. In any case, you are eager and ready to get going. There is reason to believe that you will really like what is being built. You may feel a little uneasy about the prospects, yet this will change soon.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Participating in new cultural expressions continues to keep you happy. In one way or another you are making waves. Maintaining confidence in the performance of others may require that you look deeper at what is going on. Besides, there are probably too many details to handle things your self. Letting go of old foundations, approaches and attitudes will keep you in the flow. Intend to participate in the drama of life with full appreciation of the efforts of others.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)

Purging the old to make way for the new continues. This evolutionary dynamic requires that you participate in the process. Health and wellness may be the most important theme for you now. The next year or so is particularly important in this regard, so tune in and make efforts to adjust your attitude and choices according to your specific needs. Yours is the sign of health and this is the one area of your life that requires your attention and respect.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)

Defining your individual needs and rights as well as those of significant others in your life, particularly your mate, continues as a central theme. What are your ideals and are they realistic? Your willingness to cooperate and negotiate is the key. Of course it works both ways and where others are unwilling then you may have to go for no deal. Your leadership includes taking initiative and following through with diplomatic agreements.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

Bringing your visions, beliefs, needs and attitude into clearer focus so that you can actualize your goals continues as a central theme. Dreaming is a healthy sign; otherwise life may be reduced to drudgery and cynicism. Dreams need not be grand or impressive to others; dreams can be very personal. Perhaps you simply dream of knowing yourself better and/or experiencing and expressing yourself in ways that you have not before. Clarify your dreams.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

Rendering some form of meaningful service is a core life theme for you. However, you have every right and reason to make your offerings a reflection of your unique creative vision. That you have to earn that right is where the outer reality comes into the picture. This is where desire can help. Brainstorming for creative possibilities in this regard may be necessary now. Rather than push for what you want just aim your mind and let the magic help you to help others!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Getting in touch with your authentic self continues. This self acts according to inner guidance and is less prone to outer influences. While the latter does have its place, it must fall in rank below inner authority for one to realize true success. Unfortunately, the opposite often occurs because our culture does not honour the cultivation of inner authority perhaps due to fears of anarchy or something. Step beyond such false notions and connect within.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Bringing your accumulated wisdom down to the level of every day reality continues. This may include plans and projects that have been brewing in your mind. Creating more beauty and harmony in one form or another is likely. You will probably need help to succeed in your goals, so reach out as you can for assistance. This is a good time to activate a network of communications and contacts. Create a realistic plan to build your vision.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Breaking new ground so that you can more fully express another level of your skill and expertise continues. Having more power and influence as well as the returns that usually come along with them is a core motivation. This is a good time to tune into what is hot and current and/or to be open to guidance and advice in this regard. Patience remains a key word for you now so cultivate with joy and faith. Above all, follow through with your plans.

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 Best thing about SSI: The old farmers and the pagans.
 Worst thing about SSI: The price of land and condos.
 Best place to kiss on SSI?: In front of the barn in the soft sunset light.

DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

Island unnecessarily taxed extra due to publicity stunt

By **DAVID BORROWMAN**
 Should we really believe Eric Booth's contention that Salt Spring is overtaxed within the Islands Trust?

Taxes here are fair. Every property in the Trust area is taxed at the same rate, whether on Salt Spring or distant Gambier. Salt Spring gets more service than any other island. We have a local office, and it pumps some of our tax dollars back into the local economy.

Mr. Booth perversely ignores that the Trust is a federation. There is a good comparison in the federal sphere.

Ontario intones loudly that equalization payments to other provinces are crippling its economy. But the reason Ontario raises so much tax revenue is not that the rest of Canada is greedy, but that Ontario's economy is so large. Tax revenue from that province is inevitably vast, even when Ontarians are taxed at the same rate as other Canadians.

British Columbia has long benefitted from the relative wealth of Ontario and Alberta (and even Saskatchewan, but no doubt only briefly), so perhaps we should not be too quick to condemn the federal idea. The Trust works the same way and Salt Spring is our Ontario.

True, Canada could change policy and return all of Ontario's taxes in that province. This would be a policy of letting the rich

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get richer and the poor get poorer. It would have the effect of giving individual Ontario residents the advantages of the Canadian federation at a discount price. The country might survive, but such a policy would do terrible damage to the federation. Even Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty seeks to recover only a portion of transfer payments, not to wreck the whole system. Eric Booth's Salt Spring-first strategy would cripple the Islands Trust. This would be appallingly short-sighted.

It is very wrong for Eric to be derisive when Trust Council gives Salt Spring 75 per cent of this year's program money. For him the amount is paltry, but it is everyone's money, and for the small islands the amount is huge.

The current controversy over taxation was generated by Eric Booth and Kimberley Lineger's performance at Trust Council over the Special Tax Levy for the Community Viz program. As a member of the Trust Fund Board, I have recently met several members of council, and found them furious with Booth and Lineger.

Both are members of the Financial Planning Committee, where neither of them raised Salt Spring's \$10,000 request to fund Community Viz.

Both approved the budget at the committee stage, and approved it again as late as the morning Trust Council opened.

Their Special Tax Levy requirement came as a surprise to council and staff,

including the local Salt Spring staff. When the money was in fact found during council, the Salt Spring trustees nonetheless insisted on going ahead with a local tax levy. Above all, it was too evident that this newest display of official hurt feelings from Salt Spring was a fabrication designed to embarrass Trust Council.

Salt Spring Island will now be taxed an extra \$10,000, apparently to pay for a propaganda stunt.

Mr. Booth now takes extreme exception to the charge that he did not follow procedure (April 6 Driftwood), and goes on to detail how the tax levy (properly) came about.

But Mr. Booth is disingenuous: proper procedure concerning the special tax levy cannot hide the fact that it was unnecessary.

The chairman of the Financial Planning Committee is Tom Johnstone, a Saturna trustee and long-time head of the provincial assessment authority. He is a highly capable judge of tax matters. He was last to change his vote (in favour of Salt Spring's special tax levy) and was duly sneered at by Eric Booth for his consideration (March 16 Driftwood).

Mr. Booth should not claim that the Special Tax Levy "for all intents and purposes . . . did not exist . . ." until he brought it to the attention of Trust Council. Council is well aware of the provision, which it last considered for use on Bowen Island in 1999, before Mr. Booth was a trustee.

The writer is a former local trustee, and currently a provincially appointed member of the Islands Trust Fund Board.

RANTS & ROSES

ROSES

Fragrant roses to those who use unscented dryer strips and fabric softeners. Your neighbours with asthma and respiratory problems thank you immensely! The fragrances are toxic, see the Canadian Lung Association website for info.

Roses to Susan and Julia of Moonstruck Cheese for the lovely Jersey milk which Art Howard turned into delicious butter at the Ruckle Park Farm Day.

Bunches of roses to Mike and Tiffany. Thanks so much for all your help; it is greatly

appreciated. B

Roses to SWOVA's volunteer board of directors. Your skills and guidance are greatly appreciated! CA

Thanks to all staff and volunteers at ArtSpring! You have been so professional and accommodating. Your facility is definitely a great place to have an event. PT

A bouquet of big red roses to midwives Terri Murray and Maggie Ramsey for welcoming me into their practice, graciously sharing their wisdom, and nurturing my development as a midwife.

A bouquet of spring tulips to all the mothers, fathers and babies who have so generously invited me into their lives. And a bouquet of gorgeous daffodils to Pauline Foley for everything she does to make all of our lives so much easier. JA

Roses to the woman who takes the time and effort to remove graffiti where she finds it. On April 6, it was the post box outside GVM. RP

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Golfers on the greens

Poor weather may have shortened the 18-hole ladies group's first outing of the year on April 5, but golfers at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club did manage to get in nine holes.

Brett Savin was low gross winner with a score of 48,

while Lynda Joyce had the runner-up low gross score of 50. Patricia Simpson had the top low-net score (25), while Bev Menzies was runner-up, also with a 25.

Putt pot winners were Janet Butler and Marie Hopkins.

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