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It's going to be sunny and warm this week with temperatures up to 20 C on Saturday. A few clouds are in the forecast for Thursday, with overnight lows dropping to 5 C that night.



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Pool short \$1.6 million

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's new indoor pool project received a financial "reality check" from architect Alan Roy last Thursday.

While those intimately involved with the project were aware that a "full-service" facility would be a challenge to build with the available \$4.2-million in a climate of skyrocketing construction costs, Roy pegged the shortfall at a daunting \$1.6 million.

As a result, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) is prepared to ask the Capital Regional District (CRD) to hold a June referendum seeking taxpayer approval to spend the \$2-million in recently received infrastructure funds. That would allow the pool to be finished in one phase by next summer. It all depends on feedback received between now and a May 3 public meeting.

"We will be presenting what the architect has come up with and all the cost information we have," said PARC chair Bill Curtin Tuesday. "If the public at that meeting says 'have a referendum' then we will call it and have it."

PARC and the CRD have the legal authority to spend the \$2-million grant, but PARC feels bound by its stated commitment to use the money to lower the tax requisition. Last November's pool referendum approved \$4.2-million in borrowing estimated to cost \$72.29 per year for the average residential property (using 2003 assessments). Applying the \$2-million grant would reduce that annual amount to \$36.43. Spending the \$2 million would maintain the higher tax level.

Curtin said if PARC sees a "clear groundswell" of opinion to use the \$2 million for completing the pool in one

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PUPPY LOVE: Jameson Hengstler puckers up for a big kiss to the cheek of Abigail Tamboline after a night of dancing at Salt Spring Elementary School's Mardi-Gras fundraiser. Story, more photos, Page 17.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trustees vote in favour of four-day week

MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Supporters and detractors made impassioned appeals at an April 13 school board meeting, but Gulf Islands School District trustees voted unanimously to repeat a four-day week next year.

A dozen parents spoke against the motion to adjust the local school calendar.

"I say you have made the wrong decision and you are totally incompetent," said Keep Five Alive Coalition member Mona Fertig.

She questioned revenue figures for international students, asked the board to file a deficit budget and noted a study from Alberta that found lower academic performance among students in a four-day program.

"As a community, we are left with providing enrichment activities for our kids," said Galiano parent Lisa Dugate.

Irene Wright spoke on behalf of families that have been negatively impacted by the four-day week.

"The people with the greatest needs are suffering the most."

But two-dozen students spoke in favour of the four-day week in order to maintain programs, reduce water-taxi travel and provide more opportunities for sports, volunteering and work on weekdays.

"Parents are not the ones who are experiencing the four-day week," said Grade 12 student Michelle Footz.

"If you want to make our

decisions, walk in our shoes first."

Grade-12 student Addi Perkins noted that "kids are adaptive."

And a self-described borderline student who was previously "just barely scraping by" also spoke in favour of the four-day week.

"I don't dread coming to school anymore," said Grade 10 student Chris Abbott, who is now on the honour roll.

Explaining the rationale

SCHOOL WEEK 3

Ascent to Erskine peak purchase begins

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

What does it take to buy a mountaintop?

Charles Kahn, Peter Lamb and the rest of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy are about to find out.

One of the island's most cherished peaks — that of Mount Erskine — has been offered for sale to the conservancy by its long-time owner.

The conservancy has until the end of August to raise the \$650,000 needed for the purchase price and fees.

"We're aiming to raise it all — the only thing that will help, if we can't raise it all, is if B.C. Parks or a major conservation agency comes into it," said Kahn last week.

The 40-hectare (100-acre) piece of land has long been accessed by the public

because of its beauty, incredible vistas and trail connection between Collins and Toybee roads, even though the property is privately owned.

"It certainly is a popular hike," said Lamb.

If it can be purchased by or through the conservancy, the result will be a contiguous 240 hectares (600 acres) of undeveloped land in the

immediate area, encompassing numerous well-used trails.

That includes Crown lands, an Islands Trust Fund park reserve created by a Jack Fisher donation and 20 hectares (50 acres) the conservancy purchased from Martin Williams two years ago. A further adjacent

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Wildfire awareness is urgently needed

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Fire trustees are convinced adopting a \$23,000 plan to highlight the threat of wildfire to the island's homes, businesses and residents will force islanders to take preventative steps before it is too late.

"Knowledge is power," said Ken Lee after a trustee

meeting on Monday evening. "If the people of the island are informed about the reality of wildfire risk to the island, they may get more involved with prevention."

Trustee Lee considered the situation "explosive" and said the sooner islanders get informed, the faster they can minimize risks of wildfire breaking out.

Trustees lent unanimous support to the project and

felt supporting it would address the desperate need to increase public involvement following a disappointing turnout at a wildfire information session held earlier this month.

"We all know that the public has a very laid-back attitude about attending these meetings. The two we held last year were very sparsely attended," wrote fire chief Dave Enfield in his report to the trustees. "The one at hall

number one saw more fire-fighters than the public."

In addition to providing detailed GIS mapping of the island's potential fire hazards, information on access and the creation of a detailed action plan, the program will spread awareness through a series of public meetings.

Newly elected trustee Bruce Patterson admitted past attempts to attract public interest in the issue failed miserably and something

needed to be done before it was too late.

"The advertising is not effective," he said. "Whatever we're doing isn't getting the word out."

Half of the funds for the project will come from a grant provided by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) via the Capital Regional District. The Salt Spring Fire Department will provide the remaining \$11,500.

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School district funding at a glance

* Figures from 2005/06 are estimated only — from the Ministry Estimate of Operating Grant document.

• District financial figures (except per-student funding) are derived from the Final Operating Grant document.

• Staffing data was provided by the Gulf Islands School District. Students and teachers are reported as full-time equivalents (FTE). Note that teachers provide services for adults and international stu-

School Year	Funding	Teachers	Students	Per-student
2001/02	\$14,174,769	109.73	1657.375	\$8,552.51
2002/03	\$13,980,069	106.79	1618.875	\$8,635.67
2003/04	\$13,878,066	101.56	1584.125	\$8,760.71
2004/05	\$13,831,431	102.17	1583.875	\$8,732.65
2005/06	\$13,782,290*	102.17	1516.8*	\$9,086.43*

dents who are not included in the above table.

• Funding for GAAP (Generally Agreed Accounting Principles), adult and international students, and a portion of the 2005/06 grant are removed from calculations

because of various reporting irregularities.

• Above data was used to derive a per-student "funding" number by dividing adjusted district revenue figures by the regular student FTE.

• Based on funding increas-

es of \$533.89 per student since 2001/02 (\$8,552.57 in 2001/02 to \$9086.43 in 2005/06), projected enrolment for 2005/06 (1516.8 FTE) would see a total funding increase of \$809,904. However, the district reports that funding increases are offset by higher costs from a number of inflationary factors (salaries, benefits, supplies and services) of approximately two per cent per year (estimated at \$1,120,000 since 2001/02).

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SCHOOL DAYS

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behind their votes, the five trustees who voted all placed the interests of local students at the forefront of their decision.

"This motion was not made lightly," said Salt Spring trustee Mike Krayenhoff, who chaired a four-day implementation task force and proposed the four-day motion.

"An altered school calendar allows the board to retain programs for our students," Krayenhoff said.

"It is important to have the variety for the kids; the kids who need the tech courses and the art courses, as well as those academic kids who want calculus and literature."

The district said it can save \$350,000 annually from reduced costs in CUPE staff, substitutes and supplies and services.

During the consultation process, Krayenhoff heard people ask for a five-day week, small class sizes, counsellors, libraries and special education assistance, she said.

"To the best of my knowledge, we can't do it all. On four days, we can do a lot more."

Saturna trustee Susanne Middleditch offered to second the motion because she wanted to maintain existing programs, create the least negative impact on students' education and avoid cuts to the high school.

"I didn't see how we could do the five-day week without taking those 17 blocks out of the high school," said Middleditch in a Driftwood interview later.

The district recently received a surprise election-year bonus of \$415,000, but that money could disappear just as easily in the future, she said.

"Next year it could all be taken away from us and we're back to the four-day week again with a crash and burn."

Pender trustee Russ Searle voted for a four-day week to prevent teacher-staffing cuts as a result of a forecast enrolment decline of 67 students predicted to cause a

\$350,000 shortfall next year.

"If we go with the five-day week, we'll lose at least eight teachers and that's a lot of blocks in high school," Searle said. He noted that the Gulf Islands would still reduce teaching staff (by 3.75 full-time equivalents, according to district documents) because of fewer students, even under a four-day week.

Searle said districts like Boundary and another in Saskatchewan have operated four-day weeks for several years without detriments to academic performance.

As a former educator and mental health professional, Salt Spring trustee Judith Boël argued that counselling time and library support are needed in elementary schools.

"If we are serious about early literacy, how can we do that without having libraries open some of the time?"

She also approved of the four-day week because it would minimize class-size changes and the loss of staff and programs.

"If there were more kids than projected, we would have more money."

Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston believes a four-day week will best support specialty areas in the high school, the middle school and class sizes throughout the district.

"I think the kids in this district are getting a better education with what we've got available under a four-day week than what they would get under a five-day week. What we would lose, a lot more people would complain about."

Hingston also spoke directly to detractors of the four-day week during the meeting.

"If we are an incompetent school board, I wish on you another school board," Hingston said. "The incompetency comes from trying to do the best for students."

School chair May McKenzie was absent from the meeting with a reported illness and Galiano trustee Bonnie MacGillivray filled in as vice chair without a vote.

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VISTA ENDANGERED: The well-known view from the top of Mount Erskine could be lost to public access if funds are not raised to facilitate purchase of the 40-hectare (100-acre) parcel through the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. Photo contributed

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80 hectares (200 acres) is protected by a conservation covenant.

If the money cannot be raised in time, the land could be sold and subdivided into five lots, with public access denied forever.

"If we lost that parcel of land, it would just spoil the whole thing," said Kahn.

Some \$40,000 has already been pledged for the effort, but much more must be locally raised before major funding agencies can be expected to contribute.

"Once we have a big chunk of money," said Kahn, "we can go to B.C. Parks and say, 'we've got this chunk of money. What can you do for us?'"

The land is considered of high ecological value, based on the B.C. Conservation Data Centre's Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory. It contains older forest, with trees of 100 years in age or more; older second-growth (trees of 60 and 100 years); and open wildflower meadows.

The property also has wetlands, inland cliffs and bluffs, and Maxwell Creek runs through the property's southwest corner.

"Of special interest is the fact that this property provides Salt Spring's largest

habitat for hairy manzanita, a beautiful shrub and part of a rare plant community in B.C.," notes a conservancy summary of the property purchase proposal.

One of the legendary fairy doors is also on the property, with another close by.

Salt Spring has little public waterfront, observed Kahn — "You don't want to lose the mountains too."

He points to the island's six mountaintops: Tuam, Bruce, Maxwell, Sullivan, Belcher and Erskine.

"Of these, the top of Mount Belcher and Mount Tuam are lost forever and only Mount Maxwell and Mount Sullivan are secure. Mount Bruce is Crown land and could be sold and Mount Erskine is now up for grabs. At best, we can only secure four of six mountaintops. At worst, we might end up with only two."

Kahn and Lamb have illustrated the Mount Erskine purchase needs by dividing a triangle-shaped mountain diagram into blocks of funds — one \$60,000 donor must be found for the "top," followed by two \$30,000 donors and so on — although pledges and donations of any size are desired.

"We need to have solid

financial support from the community if we are going to attract some of the major funders," stressed Lamb. "We need to demonstrate there is enough public support on the island."

Regular outings for people wanting to tour the property will be scheduled soon.

"In the meantime, if anybody wants a tour, I'd be happy to take them up," said Kahn.

The \$625,000 purchase price was negotiated with the vendor, who wishes to remain anonymous, based on a recent property appraisal.

Contributors will receive official income tax receipts, and U.S. tax receipts can also be issued.

Anyone wanting more information or to pledge funds should contact Lamb at 537-4859 (gellam@saltspring.com), Kahn at 537-1899 (ckahn@saltspring.com) or the Upper Ganges Centre conservancy office at 538-0318 (ssiconservancy@saltspring.com). Donation brochures are now available in several public outlets.

Information is also available through the conservancy website at (<http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/conservancy>).

POOL

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phase and with the use of "green" technologies, that option will be considered.

"If they say take that \$2 million and make the 'economy of scale' choice . . . we'll be happy to do that because that is the sensible thing to do."

Conversely, PARC is also prepared to complete the project in phases, likely starting with a lap pool and change rooms, said Curtin.

A finished facility will include a lap pool, leisure pool, hot tub and service building. PARC reaffirmed that its goal remains a complete indoor aquatic centre.

According to a PARC press release, Roy told last Thursday's stakeholders meeting that projected construction costs of just six months ago no longer apply to the current marketplace due to an unprecedented escalation in prices.

The stakeholders group includes PARC, Ssplash, Stingrays swim club, Community Services, Senior Services, Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Daycare Society, Brain Injury Disease and Stroke Support Group, and public-at-large members.

The May 3 meeting will be at GISS at 7 p.m.

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Dust machine blows smoke

A fire at Gulf Islands Secondary School on the afternoon of April 13 forced the evacuation of the school's woodworking shop and caused an estimated \$15,000 in damage.

Firefighters responding to reports of smoke coming from the school commended teachers and students for safely exiting the building before fire crews arrived on scene.

According to captain Dale Lundy of the Salt Spring Fire Department, the fire started in a dust extractor used to clear sawdust and exhaust from the classroom.

Since the machine is located outside the building

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itself, the room sustained only minor water damage but required ventilation once the fire was extinguished.

Lundy said the origin of the fire was still under investigation but suspected the cause could be attributed to mechanical failure of the extractor fan.

The 18 fire fighters had little problem bringing the blaze under control and no injuries were sustained in the incident.

A school board meeting was taking place in the school

gym at the same time.

According to school district facilities manager Dave Henshall, the ventilation system will need to be replaced.

"We're going to get a nice new dust extractor," he said. The dust-extractor system cost approximately \$15,000 when it was installed 10 years ago, he said.

Henshall believes the district will be covered by insurance and hopes a new system will be installed over the summer.

In the meantime, maintenance staff fabricated a temporary dust extractor with a shop vacuum so students can still work on their projects.

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The Board will be entertaining a special resolution at the 2005 A.G.M. – a copy of this resolution can be viewed at the Greenwoods Care Facility.

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Lesotho-GISS links teach compassion

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Whoever said teenage kids spend all their time sleeping and playing video games has obviously not been around Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) recently.

For a dozen students seated around a table in the multipurpose room during lunch break, the priorities are helping orphans in Lesotho get an education, not searching the sofa for the remote control.

Students in the group have done their fair share of volunteer activities, but Amanda Noyes feels this event is especially meaningful due to the sense of connecting with someone on the other side of the world.

“This group lets us feel like we are helping and having a relationship with these kids,” she said. “When the grads graduate, we’ll still have a relationship with those people and it won’t be cut off and won’t be something to forget because we’ll carry it on for a really long

time.”

Community to Community Twinning is helping provide orphans in Lesotho, a small country landlocked by South Africa, with the supplies, motivation and strength to go to school. In the process it’s giving students here on Salt Spring a lesson in reality.

On April 26, speakers from Lesotho will visit GISS to express their appreciation and show teachers, students and all Salt Spring residents how the help is making some of Lesotho’s poorest schools better places.

“I would really like a big turnout because I think the community should be involved,” said island filmmaker Judy Jackson. “I think parents and teachers and anybody that wants to help can make a difference.”

Jackson has spent time in Africa working on films about victims of the HIV/AIDS crisis and is passionate about the cause.

“If you haven’t got a mom and dad and half your friends

haven’t got moms and dads and you can’t go to school, what’s your future?” she asked.

In search of an answer she spent much time researching schools throughout Africa to make sure everything will work successfully.

She said the inspiration for the project followed a presentation given last August by Stephen Lewis, the United Nations’ Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa.

“During his speech, he said the one thing that could really help, because governments are really slow, is community to community action,” Jackson said. “From that moment everyone has been really gung-ho.”

The enthusiasm has inspired dozens of students from GISS and Salt Spring Island Middle School to hold bake sales, school dances, a basketball tournament and a recycling drive.

So far, they have raised \$1,500 and show no signs of letting up.

According to Grade 11

student Morgan Smith, interest in the project was overwhelming right from the start.

“I would say there were many people who wanted to help, but there wasn’t an opportunity or an easy opening,” she said. “We’re organized and now we’re a team.”

The Tuesday event will include a video presentation and speeches, along with traditional African music and dance. Students plan to send letters to the students they are helping, a move Jackson feels is of special significance.

“I think the most important thing will be the letters because one thing these orphans don’t have is love,” she said. “These letters will show that there is someone out there who cares.”

The April 26 twinning event will be held in the GISS multipurpose room at 7 p.m.

More information is available at www.solidsaltspring.com.

Island driver dodges impaired charges

A Salt Spring man agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine and give up driving privileges for three months after he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without due consideration at Ganges Provincial Court on April 12.

Chad Williams evaded two impaired-driving charges when he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge under the

Motor Vehicle Act moments before a trial was about to commence.

Court heard that Williams showed signs of impairment and provided three breathalyzer readings when Salt Spring RCMP stopped him at a roadblock located at Central on April 9, 2004.

Since Crown counsel

David Sissons was not pursuing charges of impaired driving, judge Jeanne Harvey recommended Crown not share breathalyzer readings which could affect her ruling to accept a guilty plea on the lesser charge.

Defence counsel Andrew Tam noted that there were concerns about accuracy of the breathalyzer readings.

Crown counsel asked for a stay of proceedings on the two impaired-driving charges and Williams was given 10 months to pay the fine.

In other court news: islander Martin Lewis appeared in Victoria Provincial Court on April 9 and received a \$400 fine when he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while disqualified.

Burning scarecrow alarms fire department

A routine call turned into something very different for captain Dale Lundy of the Salt Spring Fire Department.

He said Tuesday that the department is investigating the cause of a burning scarecrow found early Sunday morning in the middle

of Stark Road on the island’s north end.

He said the incident appeared to be a prank but claimed it was being treated

as a serious matter considering the threat of wildfires.

Residents with information are requested to contact the local fire department.

Fidler doesn’t survive

In what could be a case of voodoo at work, Lianne Fidler was forced off the island in this week’s Survivor III contest, just as she was overcome by crippling back pain.

But the competition is clearly tight as only nine votes separated Fidler, Bruce Patterson and Judy Raddysh.

Voter K.D. Williams provided this pithy comment: “In the mosaic that is Salt Spring Island, each of these dedicated participants has added unique ‘paving’ to the ‘potholes’ on the island.”

In casting a vote against Valdy, another noted, “Can’t see him making a coconut telephone.”

A north and south-end rivalry came through loud and clear in several comments. “North end rocks!” “Go south-end!”

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DIGGING IN: Members of the Norton Neighbourhood Association and supporters gather outside the Baptist Church with spades in hand last Wednesday as members of the Islands Trust's Agricultural Advisory Committee consider a rezoning proposal for a Norton Road parcel of land currently zoned agricultural. The association is opposed to the rezoning and subdivision plan. Photo by Derrick Lundy

School bands top charts at West Coast Jazz Festival

Gulf Islands kids "swing like nobody's business."

Or so said Canadian jazz great Hugh Fraser when talking about the middle school jazz band's superior-rated performance at the West Coast Jazz Festival on Saturday.

At the same event held at Malaspina College in Nanaimo, the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior jazz band earned its highest-ever mark at the annual event — with a 92.5 per cent.

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) music teacher Mitch Howard said the whole event with his extracurricular band of grades 6-8 musicians was "amazing." The kids played extremely well and their soloists were outstanding, he said.

It was the third year in a row a superior standing was achieved. Their 70

mark — with the same out-of-100 scale used regardless of the musicians' age or grade level — put them well above their middle school range, said Howard.

"Seventy is where the Grade 12 bands begin their superior standard," he noted. "For a middle school, anything above 50 is a superior. We smoked 'em."

The other adjudicator was Montreal-based saxophonist Christine Jensen.

"She said she didn't have much to say to help us out at the clinic because we all played music with a capital 'M'."

And for the second year in a row the SIMS jazz band was invited to attend a national festival, although Howard said the cost to take the band to Ottawa next year would be prohibitive.

"It doesn't really matter what score they get but it

is nice to get that validation," he said. "It's nice to hear somebody else — besides me or their parents — say they play well. The adjudicators don't love them."

Other GISS senior jazz band honours saw Simon Miller named Best Senior Piano Player at the festival, while Dalhi Gonthier won a \$735 scholarship towards attending summer school at the Berkley performing arts school in the U.S.

Addi Perkins won \$100 towards a workshop at the Victoria Conservatory and Lindsay Bryan won \$100 for a Malaspina workshop.

This Saturday the SIMS concert band heads to Port Alberni for the Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival.

Poets Cove enters not guilty plea

Owners of Poets Cove Resort on South Pender Island pleaded not guilty to charges of violating the Heritage Conservation Act at a court appearance in Victoria last week.

Charges were laid against the luxury resort overlooking Bedwell Harbour after RCMP uncovered evidence ancient artifacts and human remains were disturbed during construction of a swimming pool in 2003.

This is the first time the Heritage Conservation Act has been used and the maximum penalty for a corporation convicted of the offence is \$1 million.

"This is an important case to watch," stated Robert Morales, chief negotiator for the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group. "The future of all land development projects where there are archaeological concerns in British Columbia may very well be impacted by the outcome of this court case."

The pre-trial confirmation date is set for December 15 and the trial itself is expected to begin in early 2006.

Morales said the delays were not unusual and suspected legal counsel for Poets Cove needed time to prepare its case considering the charge is unprecedented.

Representatives from Poets Cove were not available for comment.

Morales said he hoped the case would confirm the province's cultural heritage is not at the mercy of the ever-increasing pressures of development.

"I hope this case will begin to set out the enforcement of this act in terms of judgments and how we can act as a society to protect these sites," he said.

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Salt Spring's Andrew Lewis will be discussing his support for BC-STV electoral reform at the Mary Winspear Community Centre in Sidney, along with Andrew Petter, Bruce Hallors and Robert Allington. The meeting is in Activity Room 2, from 2-4 p.m. Admission is by donation, with seating for 100.

Lewis is deputy chair of the Green Party of Canada; Andrew Petter is dean of the UVic Law School; Bruce Hallors is vice-president of Fair Vote Canada; and Robert Allington is policy chair of the Democratic Reform Party of B.C.

A mock election will also be held at the gathering, using three local ridings and declared candidates.

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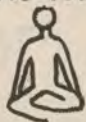
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Election issues simmer for Eggheads

Editor's note: The Driftwood is canvassing some non-political island groups to find what provincial election issues most concern their members.

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Judging from the passionate debate over golf scores and the lunch menu, it seems members of the Eggheads are not exactly holding their breath for next month's election.

Talk of the weather turned to sports, taxes picked up the slack and, in the end, the inevitable came to pass.

The large crowd out to hear a speaker address electoral reform at a recent luncheon event in Ganges confirmed the upcoming May 17 election and referendum was something worth considering.

Bob McWhirter took a short break from selling 50/50 tickets to an endless line of Eggheads willing to try their luck and emphasized why he felt health care and education were the most important issues for him and

those he cared about.

"My grandchildren are going through the education system and I'm going through the health care system," he said with a laugh.

His opinion echoed through the tightly packed Green Room at the Harbour House, though many saw the state of the province's hospitals and schools as no laughing matter.

Despite concern, it was generally agreed the province was on the right track towards correcting the wrongs of the previous NDP government of Glen Clark.

"I think we're headed towards a more sound fiscal policy," said Tom Kennedy. "You've got to pay for services, the money has to come from somewhere and with the economy turning around, one hopes there will also be an improvement in services."

Kennedy believed it was still too soon to pass judgment on the performance of the provincial Liberals.

"I believe the Liberals deserve another mandate to follow through with what

they've begun," he said. "The previous guys were in there for 10 years and four years is just not enough to turn this thing around."

Despite some of the shortcomings and mistakes made by Campbell's Liberals, there was little doubt most Eggheads felt the province was much better off than it was four years ago.

"We are much better off because the economic policies being put in place are better and the decisions being made are more business-like in nature and not predicated by political doctrine," said Nigel Desbottes, a retired Salt Springer who has been an Egghead for five of the 31 years he has lived on the island.

A majority of the Eggheads interviewed agreed many of the hard-boiled Liberal policies had moved the province out of the economic doldrums and "back into business."

Despite overwhelming satisfaction with the current state of the province, the Eggheads are not unanimous in their political views.

Officially, the group remains neutral with respect to the scrambled topics of religion and politics. When it was formed, the group's meetings were a place where serious issues of consequence could be discussed and debated.

In true Egghead spirit, Peter Robinson begged to differ with the dominant attitude.

"I think the polarities in this province are severe," he said. "I would like to see an end to this business of setting one set of the public against another. I think all people should be recognized and respected."

He feared the public interest would be drowned out by the clamorous battle between unruly unions and gluttonous corporations.

Robinson claimed it was important for parties to remember who they represent and he hoped members of the public themselves would not get swept up into the election frenzy and forget about issues that really matter to them.

Prospect of free fill anger residents

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Members of the Stewart Road Residents Association (SRRA) are outraged 100 truckloads of free dirt provided by the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) may

end up in the hands of a private company.

"People who put up with the disruption should receive the benefits of free fill," said SRRA member Rosey Brennan.

"We are concerned that our tax dollars should not be used to provide \$30,000 to \$50,000 worth of free trucking and fill to a single property owner to the exclusion of many other people who are ready to receive the fill."

The material has accumulated as a result of the Stewart Road upgrade project. MOT has requested applications from area residents wanting some of the fill.

According to Brennan, MOT area manager Greg Galpin told an SRRA member on April 4 that a decision had been made and the fill would be trucked to Larry Bader's Salt Spring Rock Products Ltd. site.

Brennan said all area residents deal with the delays and noise from the construction project and there was no

reason why they should not be allowed to receive some of the fill.

She added the prospect of free fill for landowners is a windfall since people could use it for filling holes, landscaping and extending driveways on their property.

She expressed concern the fill may be resold commercially if it is given to a private enterprise.

In response, Galpin denied any decision had been made and assured people no action would be made until the matter had been thoroughly examined in May.

He claimed officials from the ministry went door-to-door at the beginning of March asking people if they were interested in applying for the free fill.

So far nearly a dozen applications have been received, he said.

He reminded people they still had time to apply before the May 2 deadline. Those interested in signing up should contact Galpin at MOT and arrange to get a

"fill permit" from the Islands Trust.

"We will be disposing of fill in a manner that is in the best public interest to the delivery of the project," wrote Galpin in an e-mail to the SRRA. "We will certainly consider the local community needs and our first priority would be to distribute the fill equitably, provided it makes sense to the delivery of the project and for the safety of the equipment operators."

Galpin warned property owners a permit did not guarantee the delivery of fill because there would be a number of factors used to select two or three of the applicants.

"We'd like to be able to spread it around but there are many factors to look at. We can't be sending trucks all over the place."

When asked if he thought providing the fill to a private company was unfair, Galpin said that was a community issue and the matter would be examined during the decision phase.

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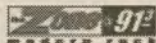
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Trust seeks alternatives for power line proposal

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Residents opposing the proposed upgrade of high-voltage power lines over Salt Spring Island are hopeful letters from local government bodies will add clout to their demands to examine alternatives and perhaps even turn it into an election issue.

In an April 5 letter, Islands Trust vice-chair Tony Law expressed the Trust Executive Committee's desire "to ensure that feasible alternatives to the project have been fully explored prior to submission of applications for regulatory approvals, and that potential effects of the project on the environment and public health be minimized."

Trustees Eric Booth and Kim Lineger, and regional director Gary Holman also sent a letter to BCTC urging consideration of alternatives.

The current proposal is to replace the existing lines with 30-meter towers carrying 12 high-voltage lines over Galiano and Salt Spring islands. The upgrade would increase the capacity of the lines by 23 times.

Opponents to the plan are concerned the upgrade will result in higher health risks and decreased property values due to increased levels of electromagnetic radiation.

In order to proceed, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) must receive approval from the B.C. Utilities Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The BCTC application will be made in June and project opponents are urging the commission to examine all options, including alternate routes and burial of power lines, before the approval process gets underway.

Islands Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams said proceeding with the

application process did not mean BCTC was closed to alternatives, but that applicants are generally hesitant to spend the time and money needed to review new proposals once the regulatory process has begun.

"The further you go down the road, the more locked in you get because you've already gone through so much of the regulatory process," she said.

Adams admitted the letter may not single-handedly force BCTC to reconsider but said it, along with sustained public pressure, could have an impact.

"We see this as one piece of the puzzle," she said. "Public pressure is a big thing, but it never hurts to have a letter supporting the cause."

Members of Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines (IRAHVOL) said despite the slow response from Liberal MLA Murray Coell, the Islands Trust and its representatives on Galiano and Salt Spring islands have been very cooperative.

Daria Zovi, a Salt Spring IRAHVOL member whose family lives along the corridor, agreed the letter is a

positive step, but said the wording could have been "a little more forceful."

She said letters written by project opponents who successfully defeated the original proposal in Delta South and Tsawwassen were "quite passionate."

The dedication of MLA Val Roddick also played a big part in forcing BCTC to bury the cables, she added.

IRAHVOL members wish to set up an independent commission to examine the issue so both the public and politicians many get a clear picture as to what is at stake. Although construction of the project may begin as soon as 2006, BCTC has not approved any plan.

BCTC communications director Moira Chicilo said the proposal is still open to change, as was proven by the recent decision to bury the lines in Tsawwassen.

"We are seriously considering alternatives and are doing an evaluation based on all the available options," she said.

Though the use of underground cables and a different route will not be looked at independently, she said, both are included as alternative proposals to the current plan.

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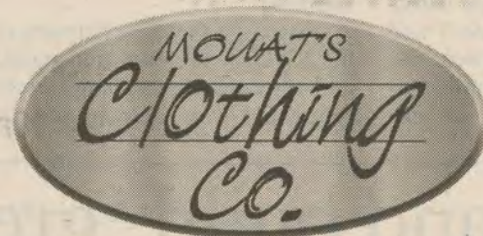
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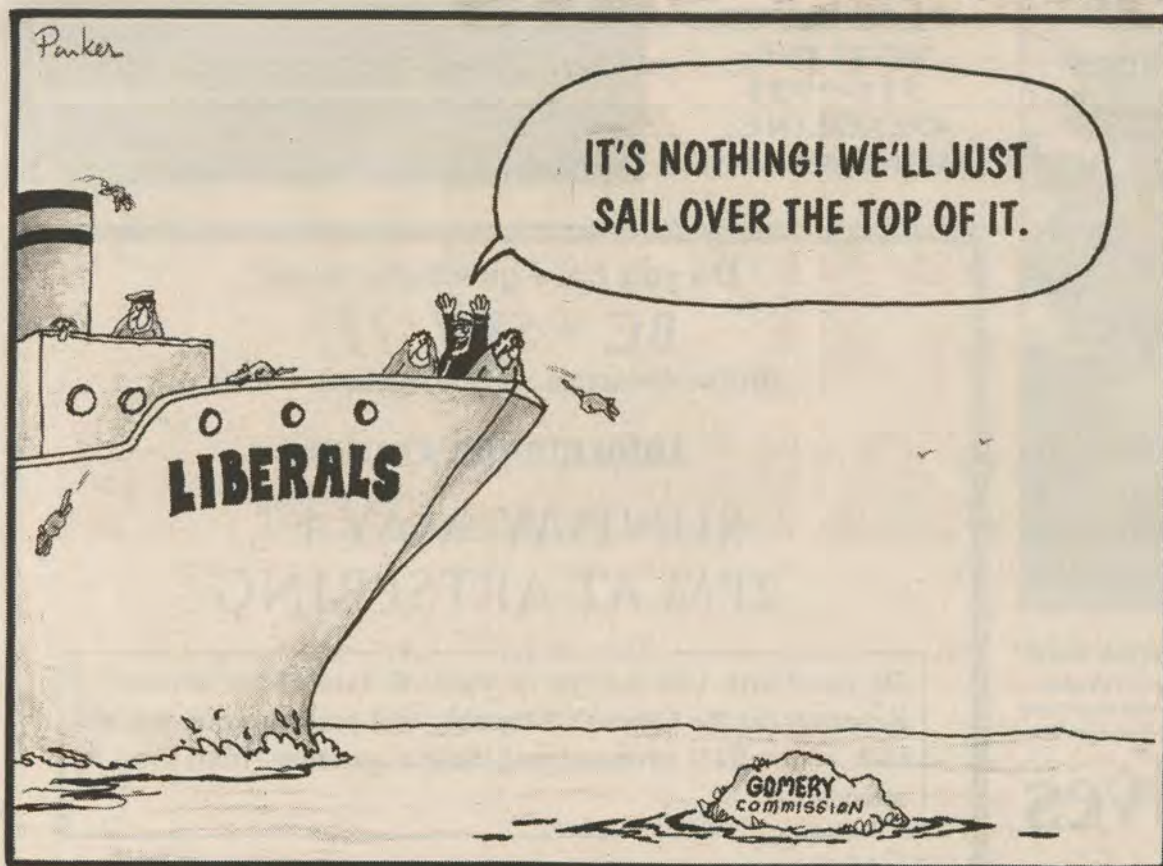
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Leave out dogma

Gulf Islands families face another year of four-day weeks following a motion passed by school trustees on April 13.

The calendar issue has proven to be divisive within the school community, but islanders now need to move forward without harbouring acrimony.

Trustees unanimously stated that they opted to "preserve programs" with the cost-cutting measure that could save \$350,000 annually by shifting educational minutes from five days to four.

In reflecting on the decision and the future, islanders might heed the words of an articulate high-school student, Jacob Schweda, who advised speakers to address the four-day motion, rather than attack individuals who support that motion.

Schweda's comment struck a chord that could resonate through discussion about the calendar-change issue — and perhaps other issues in the community.

Obviously, islanders could be better served if Keep Five Alive Coalition members, school trustees and other concerned parties would discuss issues of quality education without personal attacks, but the altered-calendar issue also needs discussion without fear or malice-driven ideologies.

Many four-day supporters have expressed fear about the future educational environment on the Gulf Islands without the altered calendar. Likewise, four-day opponents have expressed fear over the possible academic or sociological effects arising from the shift.

During public meetings, members from both camps expressed hostility toward opposing views, even though both positions are difficult to support due to a lack of solid facts.

Little research has been done anywhere on the effects of a calendar change on students' education. Local surveys can't do much more than probe whether or not families are "inconvenienced" by such changes.

And while financial figures might appear irrefutable, budgets can be easily adjusted when priorities shift.

Now that we have another year of discussions before trustees revisit the calendar vote, it might be constructive to deliberate the actual merits or detriments of the four-day week in their own right — without the dogma.

Next generation will hopefully change violence statistics

By MYRANDA O'BYRNE

After almost a decade of research and development, SWOVA's ideas about how to address interpersonal, partner and family abuse through "relationship education" with youth have grown into a popular and effective four-year, 48-session program.

Working in partnership with School District 64, the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse group has developed a school-based program for youth called Respectful Relationships.

In the project, topics such as self-esteem, understanding the role of power in intimate relationships, resolving conflicts, setting boundaries, equality and mutual respect, assertiveness, empathy, communications, understanding systemic violence, making decisions, influence of the media and many other components of healthy relationships are discussed.

I recently had the opportunity to observe two SWOVA workshops presented to Grade 9 and 11 classes. What struck me the most about the young people involved was their incred-

VIEW POINT

ible level of awareness regarding the components of healthy and unhealthy relationships.

They understood the difference between personal power and power over. They were able to give a lengthy list of the attributes of what makes a powerful woman and what makes a powerful man. It amazed me that the young women were very aware that thinking for oneself, respecting oneself and others, tolerance, perseverance, and trusting oneself were the first and most important attributes of a powerful woman.

A powerful man was seen as one who was nurturing, respectful, self-aware, cared for others, supportive, people who did jobs that no one else wanted to do. The young men's list was almost identical!

Obviously, these participants of the SWOVA program understood and rejected the typical stereotypes and were able to see the

value of honest and open relationships based on trust and respect.

Throughout the class discussions, students demonstrated a high level of compassionate listening to their classmates as they shared personal insights and thoughts. I was filled with hope that this next generation will work hard to change some of the following statistics.

Prevention of Violence Against Women Week — which runs April 24-30 this year — was proclaimed in March of 1995 due, in large part, to results of the Statistics Canada 1993 Violence Against Women Survey. That survey found that:

- One-half of all Canadian women have experienced at least one incident of violence since the age of 16.

- One in four Canadian women were victims of assault by a spouse or partner.

- Four in 10 Canadian women were victims of sexual assault.

Young single women represent the highest proportion of women who are dating and are at greatest risk to be victims of dating violence.

The Statistics Canada 1993 Violence Against Women Survey found that:

- 16 per cent of all Canadian women (1.7 million) have been involved in at least one incident of sexual or physical assault by a date or boyfriend since the age of 16.

- Half of all women who reported an incident of dating violence were between the ages of 18-34.

- 24 per cent of women 18 to 24 years had been sexually and/or physically assaulted by a date or boyfriend. This figure is 50 per cent higher than the national figure of 16 per cent.

- For single women 25-34 years of age, most of whom have been dating for longer periods of time, the percentage ever assaulted by a date is 29 per cent.

In 1999, the McCreary Adolescent Health Survey II found that:

- 35 per cent of girls and 16 per cent of boys between grades 7-12 had been sexually and/or physically abused.

- Among girls surveyed, 17-year-olds experienced the highest rate of sexual abuse at 20 per cent.

- In a 1992 national survey of 3,142 Canadian college and university students, female students reported overall rates of sexual abuse of 45% since leaving high school. A total of 35 per cent of female students said they had been physically assaulted in a dating relationship. Seventeen per cent of males said they had been physically violent towards a date since leaving high school.

Women are more at risk from a man they know than from a stranger. According to the Canadian Crime Statistics, 2000 report by Statistics Canada, male against female violence was the most common type of overall violence but the least likely to involve a stranger.

- In 76.8 per cent of reported cases, the women knew their assailant.

- In 28.9 per cent of the reports, the woman was assaulted by her spouse/ex-spouse.

Prevention of Violence Against Women Week runs April 24 to 30 this year.

The writer is a longtime SWOVA member.

Design and build 'green' pool for now and the future

By ELIZABETH WHITE

The indoor pool is a big project, and PARC has demonstrated good leadership in selecting an excellent design team and in researching advanced water-treatment options to reduce the use of chlorine.

However, I am concerned that efforts to minimize construction costs may result in long-term liabilities. It would be negligent of us as a community, and extremely short-sighted, if we fail to make the indoor pool energy-efficient and water-conserving.

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"Green" buildings do not have to cost a lot more than conventional ones if the green measures are considered at the outset. A U.S.

survey completed a year ago found no statistically significant difference between the cost of LEED and non-LEED buildings.

One method that seems to provide good results in terms of cost-effective building performance involves a "charrette" or design workshop at the beginning of the project. The key players, including the architect, the structural, electrical and mechanical engineers, the project manager and, if already selected, the building contractor, get together for a facilitated workshop.

Resource people with computer modelling capabilities assess costs and performance of various design strategies as they emerge, enabling the best combination of technologies and design options to move forward for fine tuning.

This approach strengthens the project team and enables an optimum solution to be developed. Not a bad thing for an indoor pool, which is probably the most technically demanding environment to build and maintain.

The Salt Spring Energy Strategy recommends that

the energy performance of the indoor pool building be at least 25 per cent better than the Model National Energy Code and that LEED measures be considered. Resources will be needed for detailed computer analysis if these energy standards are to be achieved. Options such as ground-source heat pumps, solar collectors and extra insulation require comprehensive assessment. Appropriate solutions need to be designed into the project from the outset. They cannot cost-effectively be tacked on as afterthoughts.

Various modest federal grant programs may be available, although some funding deadlines have already been missed.

It is increasingly clear that we cannot continue to squander the planet's dwindling resources. Salt Spring is an environmentally conscious community and PARC would have huge public support if it allocated some funds now to ensure that the indoor pool will be designed green, built green and built to last.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident experienced in environmental building issues.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Based on recent findings of the Gomery Commission, do you think there should be a federal election?



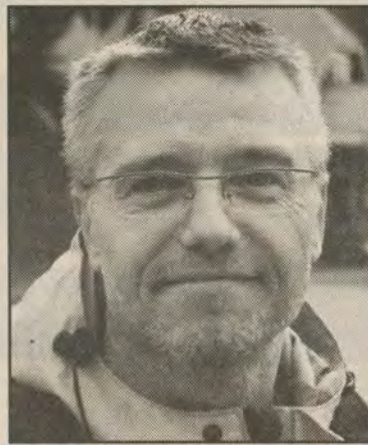
Donald Madsen

I say out with them. The whole thing is very distasteful and a total betrayal of the people.



Cathy Ward

There probably should be. I haven't been following this very closely but the bit I do hear isn't good.



Phil Wallace

No, I really don't believe another election will solve anything. It pains me to say it but I think politics is a dirty game and this was a necessary evil to counter the separatist movement.



Mary Lynn Hetherington

No I don't. We just had an election and this government should be responsible for the actions of the past one.



Crystal Rose

I don't think an election will make any difference because I think all politicians are a bunch of crooks.

Letters to the Editor

Not excessive

At the last Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, the Islands Trust had the first reading of amendments to Bylaw 355 (on vacation rentals), and they will now be subject to a public hearing.

This is needed because the Islands Trust must not abolish or limit vacation rentals. They do not run amuck all over the island, as opponents would like to suggest.

No one has come up with a firm number, but it is likely under 80 total vacation rentals, and certainly no more than B&Bs exist on the island. That constitutes less than two per cent of all housing on the island — that is not excessive.

But the amendments smacked of anti-American and anti-foreigner language . . . suggesting that vacation rentals be limited to permanent residents who live in their house six months of the year. NAFTA will have a field day with this — did anyone in the Islands Trust think of that one? The amendment doesn't follow protocol of the federal government's immigration definitions of permanent resident. No,

they mean people who make Salt Spring their permanent residence, not just Canada. How is that fair?

If I live in Vancouver and own a house on Salt Spring and want to rent it out, I should be allowed to do that. I am paying taxes that support all the services on the island. I am a property owner and I have rights. If your wish is to limit tourist accommodation, excessive water usage, excessive sewer or septic usage and reduce congestion, then ban all B&Bs because they, by definition, are seven times worse than vacation rentals (that rent by the week).

MARY GABLE,
Salt Spring

Short word

Further to letters and articles about short-term vacation rentals (STVRs), I draw to your attention the fact that our island trustees have chosen to ignore the recommendations of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and the community plan.

I am wondering how many man-hours this whole fiasco has cost the Trust planning department over the two years since it was first initi-

ated? Obviously the STVRs represent commercial interests. In view of the fee Ganges Marina has paid towards the cost of work done on its behalf by the planning department, the STVRs should be charged the same fees. I think businesses that engage such time and attention should be required to pay for the time their application takes to process.

I totally agree with Mr. Ehring's condemnation of the proposed bylaws that will allow STVRs on Salt Spring. No notice has been taken of the community plan or of the comments of the APC. Ms. Lineger finds it hard to make up her mind. Mr. Booth seems contemptuous of the whole proceedings.

When will our trustees learn that there is a very short word that makes things absolutely clear. The word is "No!" facilitated by the judicious use of the community plan and the building and subdivision bylaws.

PATRICIA MASSY,
Old Scott Road

Reconsider

We think it is highly inappropriate for the Driftwood

to have selected a trip to Poet's Cove on Pender Island as the prize for its Survivor contest.

Earlier this year, as reported in your paper, charges under the B.C. Heritage Act were laid against the developer for desecration of the archaeological site there, and the case has yet to be resolved.

The resort has been built on an old village site, and the remains of as many as 50 persons were inadvertently dug up with heavy equipment and piled with the surrounding midden material in heaps. The developer is now working with an archaeologist and local First Nations in the process of retrieving the human remains for reburial, but the remains have yet to be re-interred.

An elder from Tsawout First Nation, visiting Salt Spring for Nancy Turner's talk on April 9, said when she heard what was being done by Poet's Cove she had wondered how non-natives would feel if First Nations started digging up the Ross Bay cemetery.

In light of the growing awareness of the importance

in preserving and honouring the ancient heritage of the Gulf Islands, to which past coverage in the Driftwood has contributed, we ask you to reconsider your choice of prize for your contest.

KATE LESLIE, PHIL VERNON and eight others,
Salt Spring

Refreshing

Professor Beehler's April 13 Viewpoint article (Mourning for Pope out of scale with his record) is refreshing, and much needed to remind us that Karol Wojtyla had extraordinary ability and courage, to be sure, but with all-too-human failings.

His reaction to dissent was visceral when his claim of infallibility was questioned. Who can forget his disastrous performance in Central America, when he responded to the gentle expression of Liberation Theology with obvious rage that his commands were being questioned? His shouts of "Silencio! Silencio!" to the multitude, and his furious finger-wagging to his kneeling Archbishop were more shocking and more revealing

than he could have known. I hope that his successor can undo some of the damage, while building on the accomplishments.

ANDREW GIBSON,
Rainbow Road

Admired man

Regarding the late Pope John Paul II. In the Catholic catechism there is a list of "deadly sins."

Pride, covetousness, lust, anger, envy, gluttony and sloth. There is an order to this list, which the Magisterium of the Catholic Church adheres to.

Other sins are forbidden: such as abortion, homosexuality, euthanasia. When we abide by these rules there is a happiness which is hard to describe it is so profound.

Pope John Paul II abided by these rules and that is one of the reasons why between three and four million pilgrims waited for hours to say farewell to an admired leader.

May our next pope adhere to the same rules.

RUTH D. LISTON,
Salt Spring Way

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John Paul II led the world by following his leader

By GREGORY SMITH

"Follow me." Two words hold the key to understanding the message of Pope John Paul II, according to one of his closest collaborators.

But these words, used by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger in his funeral homily, are not John Paul's. They belong to Jesus, who says "follow me" no less than 18 times in the gospels.

The late pope sought no personal disciples. For him, "follow me," meant only one thing: follow Christ.

Many modern heroes cry out "look at me." John Paul proclaimed "look at Him!" Even by means of his personal charisma, the pope directed our attention to Christ. He told those gathered in Toronto for World Youth Day in 2002 to listen for Jesus speaking to them with "his gentle and urgent voice," just like the first disciples.

To even begin to understand the impact and appeal of the late pope, one must turn to look at

GUEST COLUMN

Jesus Christ. If the suggestion sounds odd or pious, it can only be because poor preachers or Sunday school teachers have painted a pale Christ, stripped of his compelling appeal and radical message. John Paul was convinced that his chief task was to reintroduce the world — especially youth — to Christianity's founder.

No words could rival what the pope's actions taught about Christ. John Paul embraced his would-be assassin, accepted disability with good humour, carried on with determination and patience through pain and illness. Right to the moment of his noble and very public death, he was "a living gospel for all to hear," in the words of the mass celebrated in the feast days of apostles.

These actions were not original, but imitated Christ, who forgave his executioners and made

his death a symbol of ultimate victory, much as the dying pope did. Again, John Paul's wordless "follow me" meant only "follow the one I am following."

The lasting contribution of John Paul to the church and the world will not be determined by how well or how often he is remembered. It will be seen in the sprouting of the seeds of faith he planted. In this sense, his work has not ended but is just beginning.

The undeniable sense of loss felt by many of us is greatly tempered when we realize that the good news the pope announced — messages of hope, of peace, of love, and of human dignity — did not originate with him and cannot die with him.

Understanding his pontificate in this way leads to important consequences. If the late pope's appeal comes from his master and not his mastery of communication, then his death does not mean the loss of an irreplaceable figure. If he has shown his successor, other bishops, priests and indeed every Christian the power

of the indiluted gospel, then the phenomena of his pontificate will continue.

Indeed, if he has shown all people of good will the need to live their beliefs and convictions even against strong social currents, then the renewal of societies he championed will continue.

This is the challenge that issues from the life and death of John Paul II: to admire or to imitate?

The challenge confronts, of course, every Catholic. Will we respond by leaving the "cafeteria line" of individualistic faith and embrace the uncompromising doctrines that were the hallmark of this pontificate?

Will bishops and priests of the third millennium be formed by the example of the pope and strive with all their energy to live the gospel without compromise, preaching as much by what they do as by what they say?

No less does the challenge affect other Christian churches, facing ever-greater social pressures on their systems of belief. Will the legacy of Pope John Paul — whom a Protestant friend of

mine called "the best evangelical I ever knew" — encourage them to maintain unpopular positions that are faithful to the gospel's more difficult teachings?

Already there are signs that the Pope's willingness to carry on a humble dialogue with the members of other faiths has borne fruit. The numerous representatives of the Jewish and Islamic communities were impossible to miss in their places of honour at his funeral; will they, too, find the courage to persevere in a difficult task?

He challenged all of us — Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Moslems, Sikhs, and all people of good will — to live our beliefs with greater clarity, consistency and courage. He invited those who suffer, who fear or face death, to live their trials with serenity and purpose, as he did.

John Paul II led — by following.

The writer is former chancellor of the Vancouver Archdiocese, a doctoral student living in Rome and a frequent visitor to Salt Spring Island.



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Look at STV

Don't miss this opportunity to make our province more democratic.

I'm speaking about the upcoming referendum on STV or the single transferable vote system.

Our government did a wonderful thing when it randomly selected people from all walks of life, people of different ethnic backgrounds, ages, etc. to form the Citizens' Assembly.

These people were not politicians and had no special interest motivating them; but they did care about democracy and how our voting system works. They looked into the current system and found it deficient in several respects and chose the STV system over the many different ones they looked into.

The STV system has many advantages over the current system. For instance:

- We would be less likely to swing from one landslide victory for one party to another, so less likely to have successive governments swinging from one extreme to another.

- Even if a voter's first choice was not the candidate elected, the voter's second or third choices could make a difference in the outcome of the election, so each vote counts more.

- Ridings would be larger and each riding would have at least two elected representatives. This means that if one representative was lazy, "sold out" or whatever, there would still be a good chance of having someone decent to represent us. And the representatives might want to pay attention to this situation, and do their best.

One disadvantage is that the STV system is new for Canada. Many people may not have much time to look into it. But please do take the time. We will need the best democracy we can get, especially as our social and environmental problems become increasingly severe. This could be an exciting time of renewal, rather than a dismal sliding into disaster.

There is no formal group to promote the STV that I know of, but there are quite a few individuals who are finding out about each other.

If you would like someone to explain the system to you or your group, please don't hesitate to contact Brenda Guiled (<mail@bguiled.com>, 653-4722), Harry Warner (653-4041), Jan Slakov (537-5251), Joanne Montrichard (537-4510) or Brian Hayward <olddogsbody@yahoo.ca>.

JAN SLAKOV,
Salt Spring

Devastation

As a member of the Stewart Road Residents Association, I joined hands with other protesters on April 4 to stop the movement of dump trucks on and off Larry Bader's property at 177 Jennifer Way. Following our appearance on Mr. Bader's driveway, the trucks went back to work, business as usual.

To clarify why we were there, I will go back five and a half years to when the lots up Jasper Road, the very subdivision Mr. Bader helped develop, were up for sale. At the time, these lots were the most expensive on Salt Spring. Buyers from on and off island bought into what realtor and developer Mel Topping described as a pristine setting, a quiet and peaceful neighbourhood with the "best views on Salt Spring."

Shortly after most of the lots were sold, Mr. Bader applied to the Ministry of Mines for a permit to operate the Stewart Road quarry, a full-scale commercial mine just across the road from these proud new land owners.

To make matters worse, since that mine application, Mr. Bader has been drilling and blasting away the mountainside on his personal residential lot (across the road from proposed mine) at 177 Jennifer Way, under the pretense of "site preparation." More than a year ago Islands Trust told Mr. Bader soil removal and deposit on his land "must cease." Yet the devastation continues.

So now, what we call a "large-scale excavation of gravel" is what Mr. Bader calls his "future storage area." Who is deceiving who?

If Mr. Bader does "actually wish all this rock wasn't here" and if what he needs is flat ground, then why did he

buy the side of a mountain? Is he planning to provide underground parking for his dumptrucks?

"If this were soil," Mr. Bader maintains, "it would cost a lot less to remove." Well, if it were soil, Mr. Bader would still be in contravention to the 1986 Soil Removal Act.

Since early March, I and other neighbours have documented and followed trucks leaving Mr. Bader's property to building sites around the island. Letters to Islands Trust bylaw officer, George Leukefeld, result only in talk of local Trust lawyers serving Mr. Bader an injunction, but nothing further.

Ever since Mr. Bader applied for a mine permit, members of the Stewart Road Residents Association have worked with Islands Trust to develop a new soil removal bylaw. This new bylaw would give Local Trust Committee (LTC) power to regulate mining on the island. Month after month we received assurances LTC would introduce this bylaw.

I hope the LTC will be back on track by next meeting and prioritize the new soil removal bylaw, because I fear this entire Stewart Road valley could one day turn into a huge mining area. And who knows? Maybe it will in your residential neighbourhood, too.

AMY GESSINGER,
Stewart Road

Warning

A warning to people walking dogs on the end of Cranberry Road.

Keep your dogs on a leash and off people's property.

Be very careful.

HARRY and JOAN WALLS,
Toynbee Road

Suggestions

I decided to check it out — what was this room (on the Tsawwassen/Swartz route) that you had to pay \$7 to gain entry to?

Marketing materials I had glanced at appeared to describe a private elitist sort of gathering place on the ferry, with the admission fee only getting you in the room.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that the money didn't just cover entry into the room, but also newspapers, coffee or tea, and light dessert-like snacks. Most importantly, a quiet area to either rest, read or get some work done. Based on a conversation I overheard it also appears there may be a high-speed Internet connection at computer cubicles in the room.

I was disappointed to find that the area isn't quite as quiet as a library, especially when you get two or three men on cell phones and a family of kids fighting over an evidently popular possession. Overall I think the idea has merit, but I would like to see a ban on phone use and family gatherings that involve much talking. I think talking in general should be minimal.

I have a couple of other suggestions as well. A local B.C.-owned coffee company should be contracted for the supply of that beverage, perhaps Salt Spring Coffee Company, as well as locally owned and operated companies to supply the food and tea.

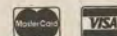
Greater use of non-disposable items such as spoons, knives, plates and coffee cups would be good to see, as would milk and cream in small metal containers rather than the mini disposable ones.

DONN TARRIS,
Salt Spring

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Bad apples

I was at the skate park the other day watching my son and his friends skate.

Several youth standing near me were using foul language and drinking beer. This went on for a good 10-15 minutes before I heard one of them mouth off at one of the skaters. I guess one of the intoxicated punks was looking for a fight.

Unfortunately for them I was there and have zero tolerance for such garbage like that. So I threw myself right in the middle of things before it got too ugly.

The skaters are out having a good time and the trouble makers hanging around the park just to drink and cause problems have no business being there. This group of teens weren't even skaters, and the good group of kids that do use the park take pride in it.

There always has to be a few bad apples to ruin it for others just trying to have a good time. It's these punks that give the skaters and a first-class skate park a bad name in the community. If they were there to skate and have fun with the rest of the kids that would be nice.

However, drinking under age in a public place is not good, and to me is a recipe for disaster. Perhaps the police should take a drive by the skate park more frequently so it would make conditions more uncomfortable for these types to hang out.

More letters

Don't the parents of these kids know what they are up to? It really is upsetting to see kids not even old enough to drive drunk out of their skull at 5 p.m. on a Thursday!

Maybe they should take up skateboarding so they would have something better to do.
BANANA JOE,
Salt Spring

No garbage

A great big thank you to all our friends and supporters of the Lady Minto Hospital Thrift Shop.

Without you we could not do all the marvellous things we do for the hospital. The donations we receive from you are appreciated. Without the donations we could not continue to provide the service to the community.

Our volunteers receive your donations and sort through them and put out only the items that are acceptable to the community. You, as part of Salt Spring, have the opportunity of purchasing very good merchandise at a very reasonable price. The proceeds go to purchasing items for the Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods.

Lately we have been receiving truckloads of leftovers from garage sales. This Sunday there was a load dumped at the shop. There was an old microwave, filthy underwear, bro-

ken lampshades and numerous other items that were absolutely disgusting. We cannot include any of these items in the articles we offer to you, the public.

The volunteers, who are all friends and neighbours of yours on Salt Spring, ask who is it that is leaving their garbage for the volunteers to handle? Our volunteers cannot be asked to sort through garbage that uncaring people drop off at our shop.

We have signs that say **NO DONATIONS** after 4 p.m. daily and on Sundays. Only clean items are acceptable. No furniture, no electrical items. The culprits who are guilty either cannot read or do not care.

We are disappointed that a few very uncaring people are spoiling the Thrift Shop philosophy. Many of our volunteers are very dejected that you, the public, care so little for us.

On the other hand it is exciting to open a bag that is full of goodies that we may put out in the shop for the public's approval.

There will always be donated items that must be discarded. This we understand, but truckloads of garbage should go to the dump and not be left on the doorstep.

This is a plea. Please, now that garage sale season is upon us, take your garbage to the dump and not to the

Thrift Shop.

To our many friends and supporters, please continue to bring us all that good stuff that you have in the past — we appreciate your donations. We look forward to seeing you at the shop.

To those who leave their garbage for us to handle, all I can say is: Take your garbage to the dump where it belongs.

Anything other than clean articles is a cost to us and not a donation.

MARY NEIL,
Chairperson,
LMHA Thrift Shop

Other side

Three cheers for Rodger Beehler who wrote in Viewpoint (April 13) the other side of Pope Paul II.

I wonder if he knows that Pope Paul II, who preceded the late pope, was apparently murdered after a short time in office because he was soft on birth control and wanted to get the huge wealth of the Vatican down to the poor people. Two no-nos.

BRISTOL FOSTER,
Salt Spring

Surprising?

In the last issue of the Driftwood, Nick Hodson commented that Trustee Lineger was "surprised that she had received little feedback from those opposed to vacation rentals" and that he found it "hardly surprising."

I, too, find it hardly surprising but for different reasons.

Being an eternal optimist, it is my belief that she got very little feedback because the numbers of those opposed are not as large as she — and Mr. Hodson — believes. One has hope that common sense will win out and that before the door has permanently closed on the short-term vacation rental option on Salt Spring there will be a groundswell of support for allowing people to rent their homes for less than 30 days and for however many weeks they wish to do it.

That the regulations being suggested would eliminate virtually all the existing short-term vacation rentals is a travesty of justice and unnecessarily punitive. Few of these homes were bought solely for investment purposes and few permit more than six people to occupy them. Most are owned by soon-to-be retirees who have decided to rent their secondary residence (and for some their primary residence) to cover the escalating costs of maintaining them and paying the taxes. They employ property managers, gardeners, cleaning staff and a host of tradespeople, and pocket very little, if any, of the money they get for the rentals.

Restricting them from renting their homes short-term will not make these houses available for affordable long-term rental (a) because they

and their friends and families use them, and (b) because they have large mortgages. If they are forced to sell, and many of them will be, their dreams of retiring to a peaceful and friendly community will be shattered. Because most of these houses were expensive, they will not be sold cheaply, either, which will not solve the affordable housing problem.

Those who wish to eliminate or drastically curtail short-term vacation rentals (and thus prevent families from enjoying Salt Spring Island) because there are some few who abuse the right to do so, remind one of the teacher who punishes the entire class because one naughty child causes a ruckus.

That there should be some standards for this home-based business as there are for many others is reasonable and few home owners would object. The Islands Trust should be working toward that; they should not be imposing unnecessarily harsh restrictions that will adversely affect many home owners and service workers.

One of our clients likened the Salt Spring "solution" to this perceived problem to cracking a peanut with a sledgehammer.

CHERIE SPENCER,
Pender Island

Peoples' choice

I present the trustees of School District 64 with the 2005 Peoples' Choice Academy Award for Best Supporting Roles in the Disaster Movie, "The Four Day School Week."

MONA FERTIG,
Ganges

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ELECTION/REFERENDUM

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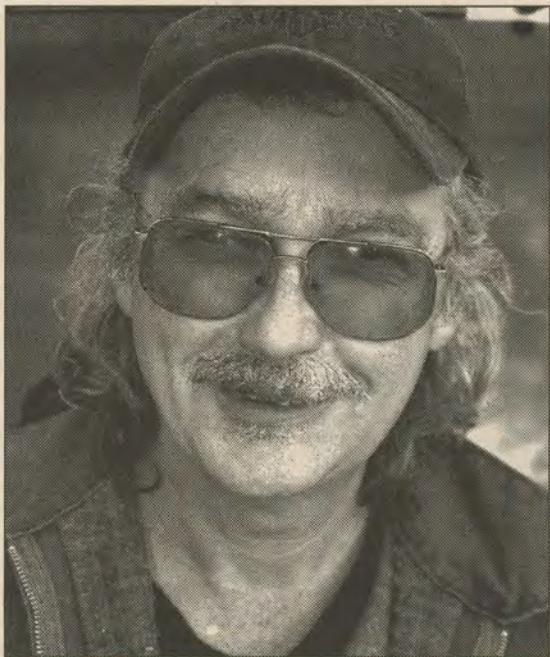
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DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Perhaps you could come up with a more positive activity than stealing a non-profit's sandwich board that cost money and took a volunteer two hours to make. I know... why not take a hip hop class instead of stealing our marketing tool!

Andrea Rabinovitch, Stagecoach School of Performing Arts

ROSES

A bouquet and a tube of muscle linament to the following volunteers who made Hip Hop Till You Drop such a rousing success: co-producer Shelley Smith and her family Dave, Morgan and Bonn; drivers Lindsey Neville, Laurie Blakely and Lewis MacKay, Kim Tuttle, Sally Dailly, Chris Malcolm; sound guru Sue Newman and Ramesh Meyers; Jean and Debbie Elwell; Lee Sigmund and Sonia Langer, DJ Dylan Davies aka Ethereal Flare, Liz Vaeson and the Excalibre gang for being such amazing dancers and nice kids; teachers Joanne and Alex-how-much-fun-was-that?; the SSI b-girls and b-boys who supported the endeavor.

Roses to Bob from Victoria. Thank-you for help at Mrs. Clean. It was very kind of you. We were able to be home earlier than planned. B&S

There aren't roses enough in this world to say thank you to Gordon Lee and

Gavin Kyle, Lee and Son. Thank you for providing the warmth in my life. MM

Roses to everyone who stopped driving near Foxglove last Tuesday a.m. — and especially to Adrian English who pulled over and sprinted after my tiny, terrified dog running up Fulford-Ganges Road. He caught her and left her at the vet clinic, where I caught up with her! TS

Roses to all of our dedicated and hard-working volunteers at Transitions Thrift Store. We appreciate your commitment and skills.

Tons of roses to the kind strangers who donate to the Copper Kettle. You guys make all the difference. Tons of roses to Barb's Buns for their donated bread, and one billion roses to Cherie at the Copper Kettle.

A huge bouquet of non-allergenic unscented flowers to the staff of Lady Minto Hospital and another to the Bessie Dane Hospice volunteers for easing the transition during the loss of our father. The secret's out; they are not really people, but angels.

A bouquet of sweet roses to Susan, who has lovingly taken Lizzie, Cy's little white dog, into her family.

Roses to the "mystery" islander who returns the Salt Spring Conservancy's broom puller ASAP to #201 Upper Ganges Centre. Roses

also to anyone who has borrowed a puller for "free," who now makes a donation to the campaign to purchase Mount Erskine.

Thank You
 To everyone who participated in the Driftwood's Women in Business Gala Event!
 We look forward to seeing you all again next year!
 Driftwood

More letters

Need VRs

Recently it was noted by the tourism council in B.C. that part of the NDP's budget cuts, should they get into office, would be \$43 million that would come from tourism marketing.

On Salt Spring, it seems both the Salt Spring Conservancy and NDPers want to stem tourism and one way of doing so would be to eliminate vacation rentals. They have been consistently writing the Islands Trust and the Driftwood complaining almost every week about only one specific abuse by a homeowner (see last week's letter from Nick Hodson).

Aside from the clear exaggeration that vacation rentals ruin a neighbourhood, the premise to eliminate all because of one or two specific incidents is ludicrous.

Vacation rentals are needed because the island economy is based on tourism and without tourist accommodation for families, we won't have an economy, which means we won't have jobs.

Chamber of Commerce statistics show that those coming here just for a day trip don't spend very much money. Stores in town and the artists make money off tourists that stay overnight or for several days.

We only have two hotels and about seven resorts commercially zoned for accommodation that can handle families. B&Bs aren't family friendly because they rarely have room for a family.

So as an island, are we prepared to turn away families who want to visit? How is that fair to the businesses that have sustained them-

selves through the hard times until we finally got to a critical mass of visitors that spend enough money now to keep us going through the winters?

We need vacation rentals as much as B&Bs and other forms of lodging. They don't hurt the neighbourhood and they certainly don't overtax resources (the house was built with a permit, so it is expected a family will be living in it and using water and septic — whether that family is full-time resident, or vacationer).

The homeowner is paying several forms of tax to have the right and privilege of utilizing resources — s/he has the right to them.

So naysayers go home. Allow vacation rentals to exist without limitations.

JON EHLY,
 Salt Spring

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Reburial ceremony plants better relations

By SEAN MCINTYRE
 Staff Writer

A recent burial of ancient remains found on a Salt Spring worksite demonstrates the protection of First Nations' sites and development can co-exist.

"This is a perfect example of how the handling of human remains can be done respectfully. Instead of plowing through, they're trying to compromise," said Phil Vernon of Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation (SSIJAR). "There have been other cases on the island where, whether or not they knew, developers went ahead and destroyed the remains."

The March 31 burial ceremony followed the discovery of human remains by an equipment operator clearing



RESPECTFUL BURIAL: From left to right are Mae Sam, Linda Thomas, Harry and Patty Underwood, Phillip Joe and Gabriel Sam offering prayers for the well-being of a departed ancestor. In the foreground is the screen used to check through the midden material.

Photo contributed

stumps on the site of a Fraser Road development near Ruckle Park.

In this case, everyone concerned made an effort to treat the remains as respectfully as possible and the appropriate individuals were contacted, said Vernon.

According to one of the developers, Jane Durante, the idea behind the entire project was to preserve part of the natural beauty that made the area so attractive in the first place.

The Lyoness Estates group of owners learned of the midden site after the archeological survey in 1993. As a result, some of the plans were altered to minimize the impact of development.

"Right from the get go, we were aware the process was to have an archeological report and a map of the midden site," she said. "The land has a spirit and we feel that the midden site confirms another civilization felt the same way about the land as we do today."

Durante said treating the remains and the site with the respect it deserves caused some minor delays, but has not changed the project's anticipated July completion date.

Morley Eldridge, an archaeological consultant for Victoria-based Millennia Research was hired by Lyoness Estates to assess the project.

Though many developers may shy away from addressing the issues when they arise for fear of unanticipated delays and costs, he said dealing with concerns up front is the best way to prevent long-term difficulties.

Treatment of remains in this instance reflects a much broader mental shift when it comes to dealing with the history and culture of the area's First Nations people.

"The First Nations people have become much more vocal," he said. "When I started working as an archaeologist, they were extremely repressed individuals."

Eldridge said the change in mindset has altered the

way First Nations sites are perceived.

No longer viewed as obstacles to development, there is an increasing sense ancient sites contribute to the shared history of the area's inhabitants.

"Middens are sensitive areas and should be seen as any other non-renewable resource. Some of these sites date back thousands of years and once they are destroyed, the stories they tell are gone forever," he said.

"The First Nations communities involved have commented that they are very happy everything has been treated so sensitively," he said. "They feel this is the way things are supposed to proceed."

Tsawout elder Harry Underwood attended the burial ceremony and said he was impressed to hear that an effort was finally being made to show some respect for native history.

"People are more tolerant of native concerns and they ought to be," he said. "The whole place is native, it's all burial grounds. A greater number of people have died than are living now."

Despite Underwood's optimism, he added further educating of the public needs to be done since the increasing number of developments in the Gulf Islands has not been matched by a corresponding increase in the number of reported archeological sites.

The best way to see a continued awareness, he said, is to keep speaking with and educating people to make sure they are aware of what they're moving around under the soil.

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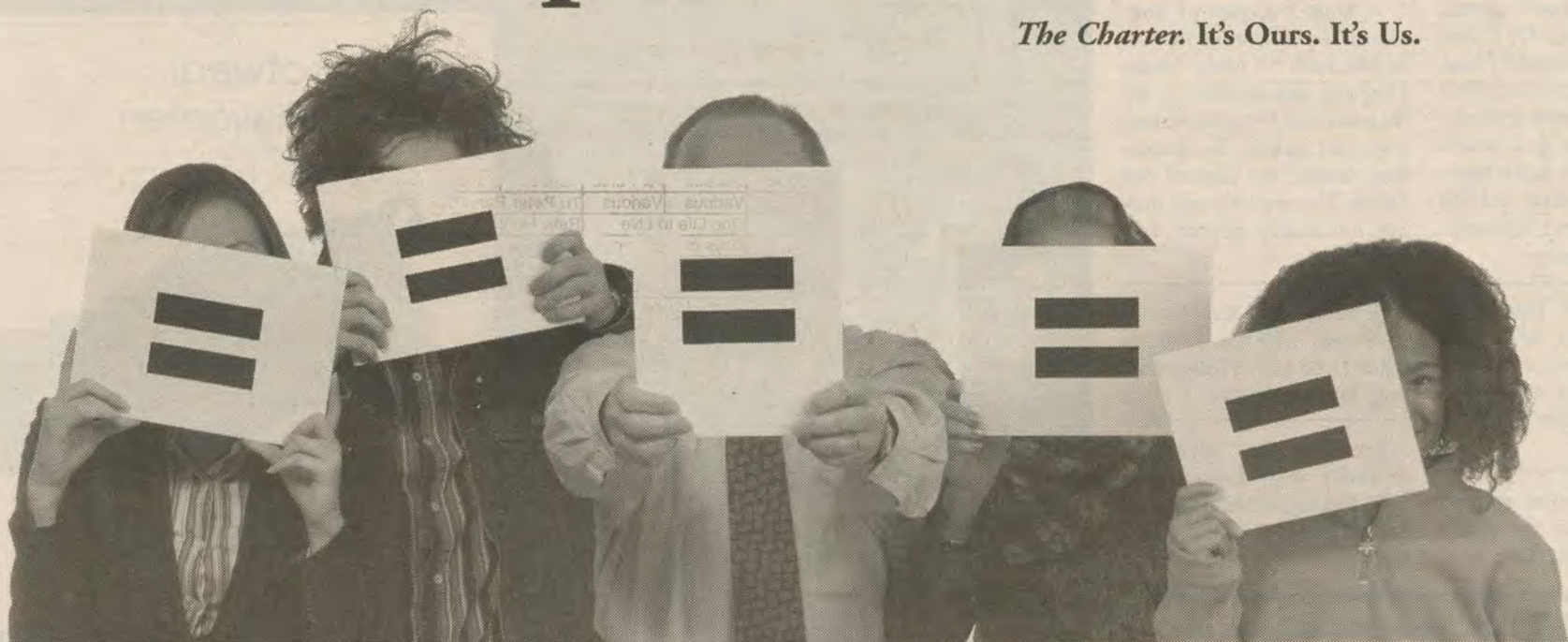
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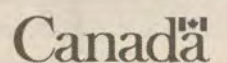
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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Apr 20, 2005 to Apr 26, 2005
- WEDNESDAY, APR 20
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★ **Beyond Borders (2003, Romance)**
A married woman joins in the fight against famine in Ethiopia and falls in love with another man. *Angelina Jolie, Clive Owen* (2h15)
- 8:00 PM
- 24 ★★ **Almost an Angel (1990, Comedy)**
A criminal who almost dies in an accident realizes he must make a big change in his life. *Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 4 ★★ **Grass (1999, Documentary)**
A look at the history of the American government's war on marijuana in the 20th century. *Woody Harrelson, Harry S. Robins* (2h)
- 13 ★★ **Half Baked (1998, Comedy)**
Four friends in New York must sell a stolen batch of pot to help a friend get out of jail. *David Chappelle, Jim Breuer* (2h)
- 19 ★★ **Addams Family (1991, Comedy)**
A greedy lawyer tries to plunder a family's fortune by planting an impostor in the home. *Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia* (1h40)
- 9:15 PM
- 3 ★★ **The Favourite Game (2003, Drama)**
A master seducer's unresolved childhood issues prevent him from having a relationship. *Michèle-Barbara Pelletier, J.R. Bourne* (1h45)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **Autumn Tale (1998, Romance)**
A sophisticated bookseller becomes determined to find a mate for her lonely friend. *Marie Riviere, Béatrice Romand* (2h15)
- 11:00 PM
- 3 ★ **Breakin' All The Rules (2004, Comedy)**
After getting dumped by his fiancée, a man finds success as the author of a break-up book for men. *Jamie Foxx, Peter MacNichol* (1h45)
- 11:30 PM
- 2 ★★ **Once Were Warriors (1994, Drama)**
A Maori family copes with a violent father and life in a poor urban ghetto. *Fena Owen, Temuera Morrison* (2h)
- THURSDAY, APR 21
- 8:00 PM
- 14 ★ **Breakfast of Champions (1999, Comedy)**
The portrayal of a midwestern town that is home to a group of neurotic characters. *Bruce Willis, Albert Finney* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **High Roller: The Stu Unger Story (2003, Drama)**
The personal demons of three-time poker champion Stu Ungar overshadow his achievements. *Michael Imperioli, Renee Faia* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
- 2 ★★ **Chasing Freedom (2004, Drama)**
A lawyer takes on a pro-bono case to help a young woman who has fled from the Taliban. *Juliette Lewis, Layla Alizada* (2h)
- 24 ★★ **Operation Delta Force II: Mayday (1997, Action)**
A group of terrorists take over an ocean liner with 3,000 passengers on board. *Michael McGrady, Dale Dye* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **Dark Blue (2002, Action)**
A cop's personal code of justice begins to change after a number of violent incidents. *Kurt Russell, Scott Speedman* (2h)
- 13 **Camp Hollywood (2004, Documentary)**
The residents of a legendary Hollywood hotel are seen through the eyes of a Canadian comic. (1h30)
- 19 ★★ **Adventures in Babysitting (1987, Comedy)**
A babysitter takes the kids she's caring for on a wild adventure through downtown Chicago. *Elisabeth Shue, Maia Brewton* (1h30)
- 23 ★★ **Star Runner (1990, Drama)**
A young man gets a job at a stable, where he gets caught up in his boss' secret past. *Andrew Thurtell, Alison Bruce* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **The French Lieutenant's Woman (1981, Drama)**
The story of a romance between a gentleman and a tainted woman in Victorian England. *Meryl Streep, Jeremy Irons* (2h30)
- 11:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **Daredevil (2003, Fantasy)**
A blind man, whose other senses are enhanced, becomes an acrobatic superhero. *Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner* (1h45)
- 11:30 PM
- 2 ★★ **Maelstrom (2000, Drama)**
After plunging her car into a river, a woman encounters a man who helps her deal with life. *Marie-Josée Croze, Bobby Beshro* (2h)
- FRIDAY, APR 22
- 6:00 PM
- 14 ★★ **The Tuskegee Airmen (1995, War)**
The first squadron of African-American combat fighters in WWII battle against prejudice. *Laurence Fishburne, Cuba Gooding Jr.* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ★★ **Coffee and Cigarettes (2003, Comedy)**
A series of short vignettes, as characters discuss topics while smoking and sipping coffee. *Roberto Benigni, Cate Blanchett* (1h45)

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DANCE ON: At left, a group of youngsters have their dancing clothes on for Salt Spring Elementary School's Mardi-Gras fundraiser. Above, Patrick Owen takes a close look at the lights. Photos by Derrick Lundy

Wickershams add to fundraiser shindig as elementary school raises \$11,000

Families from Salt Spring Elementary (SSE) raised the roof with a Mardi-Gras fundraiser that collected approximately \$11,000 on Thursday.

"It was a blast," said SSE parents advisory council (PAC) co-chair Cindy Rabson.

Some 250 people attended a dinner, silent auction and all-ages dance with Zydeco blues masters Gary Comeau and the Voodoo Allstars, Rabson said.

"Gary called me up and said he'd had the biggest turn-out he's ever had at Moby's Friday and Saturday night because of the people who had come and seen him at the fundraiser."

In addition to the dance and auc-



Musician Gary Comeau gets the crowd hopping in the Activity Centre last Thursday night. Photo by Derrick Lundy

tion, the SSE PAC raised money with a raffle, dance-a-thon pledges, and a generous donation of \$5,000 from Jill and Grover Wickersham.

"He upped it. Last year it was \$2,500 and this year he's given us \$5,000."

Rabson noted that the Wickershams are U.S. citizens who don't even have children attending the school.

"I know Grover does a lot to help the community."

The PAC will use the funds to provide sound-field systems and enhance theatre and music programs at the school, Rabson said.

"It will basically give the kids some really strong artistic supplements now that they are on a four-day week."

La Soirée Francophone will highlight French programs

With a theme of "I am Canadian" and a colourful "Wall of Fame" to welcome visitors, a celebration of school district French programs takes place on Thursday, April 28 at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Students from both the French immersion and core French programs at GISS and the middle school are involved in the two-hour Soirée Francophone extravaganza, which includes skits, music, displays, and a bistro.

It runs from 7 to 9 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

The Wall of Fame featured at the entrance of the multipurpose room will display pictures and a Canadian rant/poem by all students enrolled in district French programs.

Activities include displays, songs and music in student booths from 7-8 p.m. in the multipurpose room, and skits presented from 8-9 p.m. in the theatre room.

A bistro with roving entertainment will be open upstairs and sweets and beverages will be available for sale.

For the younger set, a "Resto-Ado" will be open on the main floor, providing juice and sweets in a fun atmosphere.

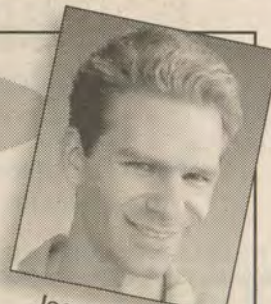
Student involvement is high for this annual event. Between 20 and 30 per cent of District 64 students are enrolled in French immersion every year, and many more take core French as their second language at GISS.

The soirée also provides an opportunity for younger language students to interact with high school students.

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De Niro falls while others rise in Fockers



Jason Tudor

One of those movies that is badly made and yet somehow completely entertaining, Meet the Fockers is the sequel to the incredibly successful Meet the Parents.

In the first film, Gaylord Focker (Ben Stiller) and his girlfriend Pam Byrnes (Teri Polo) visit Pam's family. It was a disaster: meek mother Dina (Blythe Danner) is fine, but ex-CIA agent and rabid traditionalist Jack (Robert De Niro) is too scary for words.

This time around, marriage is in the air, and Gaylord brings the Byrnes down to Florida to meet his own parents—the awkwardly named "Fockers." Crazy ensues. Bernie (Dustin Hoffman) and Roz (Barbra Streisand) are not only Jewish, but ultra-flaky hippie types, and Roz's career as a sex therapist for seniors doesn't exactly mesh with the Byrnes' WASP-y conservatism.

Meet the Parents was a love it or hate it affair, your reaction presumably having entirely to do with whether you like Stiller's "I'm so embarrassed" or De Niro's "I'm stoic and oh so tough" shticks. Liking the former but not the latter, I thought it was pretty funny but not as good as it could have been.

With Meet the Fockers, though, the filmmakers have turned the De Niro dial way up. It's sad to see how the mighty actor falls. Though Bob presumably made a huge chunk of change for this awful, awful performance, I think his Travis Bickle would rather be run over by his own taxi than take credit for it.

Strangely enough, everyone else in the film is fantastic. Hoffman continues to show himself to be a great comedic actor. In I Heart Huckabees, he

was the therapist you wish you had; here, he's the touchy-feely, always positive dad you always wanted.

Streisand is similarly good, though a bit under-used and seemingly in the running for a bit on Saturday Night Live's old "Coffee Talk" sketch.

In the scenes with Streisand and Hoffman, the film rolls along as merrily as can be. Even the editing seems better, the camera hopping back and forth in snap-quick dialogues between weirdo parents and an always exasperated son.

But, when De Niro appears, Meet the Fockers tries amazingly hard to make him out to be a monster. Even though it's a silly comedy, you can't help but wonder just why any of the other characters ever puts up with him. If he was my dad, I would've eloped to Vegas years ago.

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**Viking events
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Islanders can expect to see Vikings marauding through Ganges on Saturday, April 30, but the sight shouldn't cause panic.

The Heathen Freehold Society's fourth annual May-day celebration makes its Ganges debut with games, a maypole dance, costume parade and traditional Nordic feast.

Dedicated to the modern revival of the old traditions of the Nordic and Germanic tribes, the Heathen Freehold Society celebrates the third anniversary of its founding with a special itinerary geared for children and parents.

"The local kids have been great. They rocked the hall last year. Natural Vikings!" said Freehold spokesman Dan Miller in a press release.

"This year we've moved the event to Ganges to make it easier for island single parents and families to participate."

The celebration will commence at Peace Park, across from ArtSpring, at 4 p.m. with a special treasure hunt similar to the modern Easter bunny. A mask-making workshop will create original animal masks to be worn by participants in the later parade. A Maypole and circle-dance will follow, before the whole party of kids and creatures form the Viking Parade.

The parade begins at Peace Park, Seaview and Jackson, at 6 p.m., heads to Fulford Ganges Road, past the fire

hall onto Lower Ganges Road to conclude at Mahon Hall, location of the Nordic feast.

The ceremonial potluck feast, planned for 7 p.m., is modelled after the ancient tribal traditions of the Nordic tribes and includes a special toasting ceremony.

More folk dancing is scheduled after the feast, followed by poetry readings and story telling.

"Story telling and poetry was a sacred art to the Germanic people," Miller said, "not to mention our love for music and dancing."

A musical and poetic open-stage rounds out the evening starting about 9 p.m.

There will also be door-prizes and a contest for the best Viking or Medieval costume. Admission to the feasting hall is by donation and people should bring a food-bank donation and a potluck dish.

"Closing ceremonies include a poetic tribute to the Anglo-Saxon Gods whose names are still used for most of the days of the modern week: Twi, Woden, Thunor and Frea. The Norse knew them as Tyr, Odin, Thor and Freyr."

Miller said the group hopes to celebrate May-day in Ganges every year as a fun cultural event geared towards the kids.

For more information, check the Heathen Freehold website at <http://bc-freehold.org/> or call Dan Miller at 653-9575.



ZEN ARTS: Roshi Shinzan Miyamae helps Julia Milton with some Japanese calligraphy at a Zen arts day held last Saturday at ArtSpring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Zen intro evening
sits next Monday**

When Peter Levitt put a few posters up inviting people to attend an Introduction to Zen Practice workshop a few years ago, he was shocked to see 45 people come through the doors.

From that evening, a weekly meditation group focusing on Soto Zen-style medita-

tion as taught by Dogen in Japan some 800 years ago, was formed and still runs.

Levitt is offering the introductory talk again, this time on Monday, April 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.

After that session, participants will be welcome to join the regular Zen meditation group.

Weekly sessions include sitting and walking meditation, a brief period of chanting and a dharma talk led by Levitt.

People wanting to attend Monday's event should call 537-9783.

Levitt has published a number of poetry and Zen-related books, and edited *A Flock of Fools*, *Ancient Buddhist Tales of Wisdom and Laughter from The One Hundred Parable Sutra*, along with master calligrapher Kazuaki Tanahashi.

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Theatre group seeks smaller show space

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Members of Graffiti Theatre say the absence of a venue for alternative and experimental theatre is preventing the island from developing a thriving theatre scene.

"We've started tailoring what we choose to produce to fit the space rather than doing what we had originally intended," said Graffiti Theatre's artistic director Yvonne Adalian. "When we have done shows that fit our mandate we are playing to 50 or 60 people and nobody enjoys it because artistically it just doesn't work."

Since its inception in 1997, Adalian said the company has sought to become a progressive artistic force in the community, but high rental costs and the large size of existing venues have not helped the types of "alternative" plays the group is interested in performing.

"When ArtSpring opened, everyone was just thrilled to bits that we had this fabulous space and for the first while it was just an enormous relief that we didn't have to make a theatre," she said.

"As time went on we realized that the space was of limited use to us in terms of our mandate and the type of theatre we want to do."

Adalian said the time has come for Salt Spring to find a venue that could house a modest theatre geared for small crowds.

This "black-box" type of theatre would not be intended for the company's larger productions it successfully stages at ArtSpring, but would be sufficient to "nur-

ture and create theatre" at the community level.

Executive director of Graffiti Theatre, Amanda Spottiswoode, explained the main advantage of a black-box theatre is its flexibility for theatrical and community potential. She could not imagine needing the space seven days a week and hoped other groups could also find a use for it.

"With the way Salt Spring is developing and all the different cultural things that are going on, I really think the time is coming where an alternate performance space is needed," she said. "There are other groups that I think would find it useful for dance classes, workshops and all kinds of things."

Spottiswoode stopped short of asking for an entirely new building and said their efforts are focussed on finding an existing empty space in reasonably good condition.

"We are not talking about building anything, we want to see this happen in our lifetime," she said. "We are talking about finding a space that exists and renovating it."

The ideal spot would be similar to that held by Off Centre Stage in the old Valcourt centre on Lower Ganges Road during the 1980s and early '90s.

"New plays were presented there and it was a place to try your stuff and develop theatre," said Adalian.

All options are being considered.

Anyone with ideas is asked to contact Yvonne Adalian at 653-0033.



UNDER OVER: Khalela and Rael Reif are among those enjoying various dances as the fiddle music pumps up the action at last week's Mahon Hall barn dance.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

BRIDGE TRICKS

On March 28, John Jefferson and Bob Morrisette were first, followed by Irene Hawksworth and Jill Evans.

Third were Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt, and fourth, Joan Conlan and Isabelle Richardson.

On April 4, George and Flo Laundry came in first. Then it was Ima Krayenhoff and Patricia MacFarlane, with Tilly Crawley and Lynn Thorburn in third place.



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Sources: SWOVA website: www.saltspring.com/swova
Province of Nova Scotia Family Violence Prevention Initiative website: www.gov.ns.ca/coms/files/fvmap.asp

Mooney spots available

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Who has been the most influential person in your life far — and why?

My wife Hilary because she allows me to be a big kid (which is most of the time).

What slogan would you create for your tribe?

"Our competition is none, because we're tribe number one!"

CHARITY: LMHF

JOHN DOLMAN



Favourite Sport:
Tennis

What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe?

Two years ago I took archery lessons at the Rod & Gun Club. Also, I was the one who brought the Zippo from week one.

Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?)

My father, because it's from him I get my love of movies.

What slogan would you create for your tribe?

There is no "I" in Tribe.

CHARITY: FOOD BANK

LIANNE FIDLER



SECOND VOTED OFF!

In a surprising show of strength the South End Tribe has taken a commanding two to nothing lead to see who will be the last Castaway left on Salt Spring Island.

One of our two rookies, Lianne Fidler has become the second castaway to have their torch extinguished! It was close though, only 9 votes separated Lianne Fidler, Bruce Patterson and Judy Raddysh. Comments from Islanders included "Sorry, but your snake would eventually be eaten!", "She is not working as a team", "Since Fulford lost it's planes, we've learned to fight the North anyway we can" and "South end Rules".

CHARITY: RE-CYCLING

DR. RON REZNICK



FIRST VOTED OFF!

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!"

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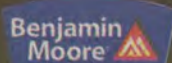
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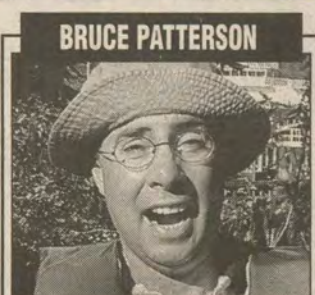


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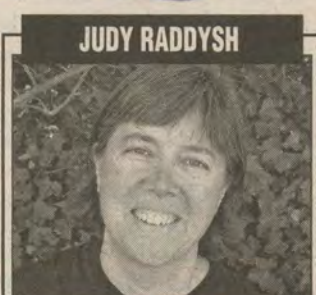
SOUTH END TRIBE



BRUCE PATTERSON

Favourite Sport: Trying to watch three TV shows at the same time.
What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe? Both my parents were born and lived all their lives on islands. I also was born on an island (SSI) and have lived all my life on an island. So I guess you could say island life is normal to me. This sense of calm I would pass on to my fellow survivors, reassuring them they are not truly marooned. If this failed I'm fairly good at reading ferry schedules.
Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?) My father Bob Patterson. He was a community-minded person who believed that everyone should be involved in working toward the betterment of the place you call home.
What slogan would you create for your tribe? To preserve and protect.

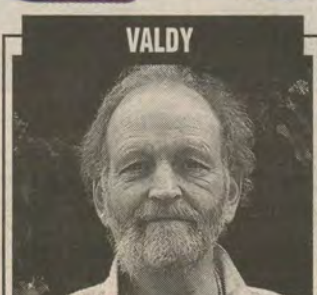
CHARITY: LMHF



JUDY RADDYSH

Favourite Sport: That's a tough question, but basketball would edge out soccer for me.
What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe? Our basketball team would be the champions of the island series.
Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?) Willem. He finds such joy in every minute of every day.
What slogan would you create for your tribe? No matter what happens, it's all good.

CHARITY: GICEL



VALDY

Favourite Sport: Downhill skiing for a singular sport; volleyball for team games.
What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe? I'm really good back-line, support, a willing apprentice with some journeyman skills, and I sing in tune.
Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?) My wife Kathleen Horsdal, obviously. I've spent more time with this fun, helpful, brilliant, beautiful woman than any other human on the planet, or off it, to my recollection.
What slogan would you create for your tribe? Contemporary logistics solutions

CHARITY: LITERACY



SHILO ZYLBERGOLD

Favourite Sport: Demolition kayaking.
What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe? I play a strong game of Scrabble.
Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?) I owe everything I am today to my kindergarten teacher, Miss McLeod, at Ogden Street Elementary School. It was through her that I learned I could get a lot further in life if I wasn't tripping over my own shoelaces.
What slogan would you create for your tribe? Goofers Unite!

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Minke whale tale continues as skeleton finds home

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Long into the future, islanders might tell fantastic tales about how they once witnessed a pod of orcas ravage a minke whale in the shallow waters at the mouth of Ganges Harbour. Three years after the legendary event, remains of that same minke whale have resurfaced to offer another chapter in the saga.

Even when the event was a fresh gash in the fabric of normal Salt Spring life — with blood in the water and a pack of circling dorsal fins — researchers flocked to Ganges from all over B.C. to join locals gawking at the spectacle.

And the minke whale that beached itself along Grace Point in October 2002 had an uncanny way of gaining attention for a considerable period after it was killed and devoured by four orcas.

Islander Gene Bellevance recovered the whale carcass floating in the harbour and towed it toward Prevost Island with his hand-made aluminum barge until unfavourable weather forced him to cut his line in Captain's Passage, where he cast the whale back into an uncertain future.

Almost a year after the incident, local veterinarian Malcolm Bond attended Prevost to care for lambs and spotted the carcass when it



AN EDITED TAIL: Only bones remain from a minke whale that was killed in Ganges Harbour by orcas in 2002. The intact carcass was recovered and cleaned by islanders Tony and Felicity Robinson to be sent to Malaspina University College in Nanaimo for display.

Photo contributed

attracted an "unkindness" of feasting ravens (to use one of those curious plurals).

But Secret Island resident Tony Robinson had previously found the foundering carcass in a Prevost Island bay a few months after the attack.

"My dog and I were out one day and here's this thing floating," Robinson recalled. "I gingerly got hold of the line that was left on its tail and pulled it in."

And then Robinson devel-

oped a long-term plan.

"I've been keeping an eye on it and looking after it. As it was breaking down, I took the bones and took them home," he said. "I've got a lot of time into this thing."

He meticulously cared for each yellowing bone, letting natural decomposition processes work away until he could remove and clean individual parts with a pressure washer. The carcass looked disgusting and it smelled vile, he said.

"Even my dog wouldn't come close to it."

But once he'd started the task, he couldn't leave the project unfinished, because he'd made a commitment, he said.

"The skull, it would have taken two men to pick it up. But I have a crane and my wife Felicity and I struggled it into our aluminum boat."

There was still a lot of flesh on the skull when he got it home, so he put the whale head into a cargo net

and immersed it back into the ocean for more decomposition.

"My wife thought I was nuts," he said.

And Robinson has even questioned his own sanity.

"I keep looking at myself and thinking, 'Why did I do that?' Originally, I thought, 'There's my retirement. I'm going to sell this to some university and make a few bucks out of it.' But then I find out that that's illegal."

Up until two years ago, he could have still sold the bones for a tidy profit, he said. But he believes new laws created in the Species at Risk Act makes sense.

"If you were going to be able to [make a profit from selling whale parts], then a lot of people could say, 'Let's go out and kill a whale and sell it.'"

But he still needed to find a home for the treasured minke skeleton after he recently sold his home on Secret Island.

He contacted Jim Borrowman, director at the Whale Interpretive Centre in Telegraph Cove, and Borrowman arranged to find a home for the whale bones at Malaspina College.

"Tony and Felicity managed to keep every piece, which is a real challenge," Borrowman said.

Borrowman's been collecting skeletons of marine

mammals since 1978 and houses a collection of some 25-30 items on display at the centre in Telegraph Cove.

"It's very interactive. Kids can touch the bones."

And since Borrowman already has a minke skeleton at Telegraph Cove (his first project, as it so happens), he suggested taking the remains to Malaspina because he knew they were looking for a baleen whale specimen.

"As sad as it was for that whale to get caught and eaten, it will make a lot of people happy," Borrowman said.

And Borrowman even transported the bones from Secret Island to Nanaimo on his 60-foot boat after he cleared the plan with the Robinsons.

"They are going to be teaching about all this stuff, so it's going to good use," Robinson said.

The skeleton will also be on view for the public with a plaque indicating it was donated by Tony and Felicity Robinson.

"By the time they've got it cleaned up and reassembled, it will probably be two years."

And Robinson doesn't even want to know how much he could have earned for his labours, if he'd had the opportunity.

"That would just be torturing myself, wouldn't it?"

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Housing door opens for Earth Day event

Award-winning rammed earth builder Meror Krayenhoff speaks on housing and environment issues at an ArtSpring talk on Friday night.

The Earth Day event will focus on three aspects of construction: what's not working, how we're trying to fix it and what's possible for the future.

Krayenhoff will address current housing woes such as rot, mould, toxic off-gassing, electromagnetic fields and consumptive resource extraction. He will follow this with some practical solutions to fix problem houses, based on his 30 years of experience as an environmental builder.

In the final section of his talk, Krayenhoff will address his true passion, notes a press release.

"He believes that houses in the future need to be built using some basic principles, thus avoiding current housing problems. Krayenhoff will illustrate these basic building principals with images of the rammed earth homes he has built for clients on Salt Spring Island."

Admission to the talk, which begins at 7 p.m., is by donation.

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Recipes are still being accepted for the Salt Spring Community Cookbook being published by the Driftwood. "Cookbooks produced by community newspapers have proven very popular," said Driftwood publisher Penny Sakamoto, "and make great keepsakes for families."

People should send contributions either by e-mail to driftwood@gulfislands.net, or drop them off at the Driftwood office by Thursday, April 21.

Please include a recipe title, your name with a daytime phone number and an explanation of why the recipe is special for you or your family.

Contributors also have a chance to win one of two \$50 gift certificates.



ON THE BLOCK: Britta Rustad holds a hand-painted flower pot by island artist Randolph Parker, as the Gulf Islands Secondary School grad class holds a fundraising auction at the high school Friday night.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Fun events mark Earth Day

The Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning is taking registrations for its Earth Day Celebration set for Friday, April 22.

Activities include a guided kayak trip in and around Ganges Harbour with Island Escapades, a nature session with Robert Bateman, an Earth walk at Ford Lake with Judy Raddysch and Cate McEwen, wildlife drawing with Donald Gunn, a discussion of area First Nations history with Chris Arnett and explorations of the intertidal zone in Fulford Harbour.

Morning activities run at Fulford Community Nature School from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an afternoon games celebration for all participants from 2 to 3:30. Cost is \$10 for the day or \$25 for the kayaking session.

Parents or teachers can also participate in the morning session by attending a talk by Dr. Peter Carter on Environmental Children's Health, or a guided walk through the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve, led by Andrea LeBorgne and Kate Leslie of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

For more information and to register, call 539-0619, or e-mail gicel@gulfislands.com and include your first and second choice of morning activity.

All Outer Islanders are invited to "camp out" at the Fulford gym on Friday night. There will be an astronomy session, a campfire and sing-along, and dinner will be served by the Fulford Nature Club.

Good, bad, beautiful bugs on tap at talk

Salt Spring's own expert entomologist Linda Gilkeson presents her rescheduled bug talk on Saturday, April 30.

Bugs: The Good, The Bad and The Beautiful will be held at Meaden Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Gilkeson will discuss beneficial insects, pests and butterflies found in our area. Attendees are encouraged to BYOB (bug) to the event.

"If there is something bugging you, Linda may be able to help identify the culprit and possibly provide information on what it eats, its life cycle and what can be done to encourage or organically control it in your home or garden," notes a Salt

Spring Island Conservancy press release.

Gilkeson earned her Ph.D. in Entomology from McGill University in 1986, with research focussed on the use of biological controls for aphids using the native aphid midge.

In part due to her research, the midge is now widely sold commercially to control aphids.

In addition to a rewarding career with the B.C. government, Gilkeson co-authored three books on organic pest management and has contributed numerous articles to magazines.

She is currently president of the island's garden club and has just released her new book Year-Around Harvest.

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Thanks to our partners: Harbour House (Ann Ringheim and staff) and the Chamber of Commerce (Perry Ruehlen and Julien LeClef). We also welcomed the participation of our non-profit guests, the SPCA and Transition House.

We enjoyed the performance of Alan Miceli and our masters of ceremonies Peter McCully and Rick MacKinnon. A big thank you to Driftwood staff Eva Kuhn and Claudia French for their assistance in organizing the event, and all Driftwood staff and contributors who worked on the section.

A special thank you to guest speaker Joyce Carlson, who traveled all the way from Powell River to join us for a night to remember. Plus the over 130 women in business from our community. We enjoyed the conversation, the laughter and the company.

Shall we say, same time, next year?

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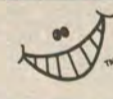
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Providing a little entertainment (from left) are: Candace Snow, Rick MacKinnon, Peter McCully and Christa Rogers.



Driftwood publisher Penny Sakamoto is with guest speaker Joyce Carlson.



People enjoying the Women In Business gala are captured in a mirror at the Harbour House Hotel.



Seen here are Josselin Johnson and Kelly Kazakoff.



Mary Lou Bompas and Simone Lamers take part in the gala event.



Raffle winners' names are announced.



Andrea LeBorgne and Perry Ruehlen enjoy the event.

At left are Margaret Mots and Carolyn Maycock; while below is Peggy Barron, and below right are Sam Bourdin and Cathy Ward.



Pauia Stewart holds a bouquet of flowers.



Andrea Rabinovitch and Karen Shergold check out the food.

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SIMS releases honour roll

The following Salt Spring Island Middle School students have achieved an academic standing of A or B in all of their core subjects for the second term reporting period.

Corey Abbott, Sara Anstis, Rosalie Baldwinson, Emily Bishop, Courtenay Bolton, Sierra Bodreau, Samantha Bowen, Ella Bronstein, Eleanor Brouard-John, Nicholas Bruce, Kaitlin Brunt, Samantha Brunt, Liam Budd, Ryan Clemente, Sara Cobanli, Zoe Cocker, Monique Comeau, Silken Conradi, Alex Crandall, Sean Cunningham, Patrick Cwiklinski, Shannon

Davenport, Elizabeth Fennell, Kaitlin Fraser, Kieran Frey, Katie Goeujon-Mackness, Rudy Gummeson, Callum Gunn, Dylan Hatchard, Noah Havelaar, Melissa Henderson, Colleen Hillis, Lind E Hoban, Natasha Hollingsworth, Kate Hosie, Christopher Howe, Ben Hunter, Rebecca Hylands, Delaney Johnson, Seanna Johnston, Ayase Kay, Glen Keough, Joshua Kilbourn, Ryan Kopetzki, Sonja Kornelsen, Aaron Kyle, Tyann Loyola, Danica Lundy, Sarah Lundy, Sierra Lundy, Peter Luttmner, Malcolm MacPhee, Jeremy Marchi, Elisha Mathis,

Geoffrey McFarlane, Logan McLeod, Clea Mihalik, Robyn Millerd, Margo Milton, Grace Morgan, Olivia Morgan, Tilly Morgan, Nick Ogilvie, Britney Oswell, Nicole Pal, Alice Paveley, Keegan Pearson, Meredith Raddysh, Kelly Retallack, Erica Rimmer, Alison Roach, Emily Rothwell, Emma Rowlandson-O'Hara, Oliver Schnare, Sofia Sherrin, Cameron Sutherland, Erica Tarissan, Teagan Taylor, Quinn Temmel, Danielle Topaz, Danielle Toth, Walker Tottman, Deena Whitcutt, Kyla White, Sal Wiltshire, Emily Wypkema, Braden Young.

Garden club hosts David Tarrant

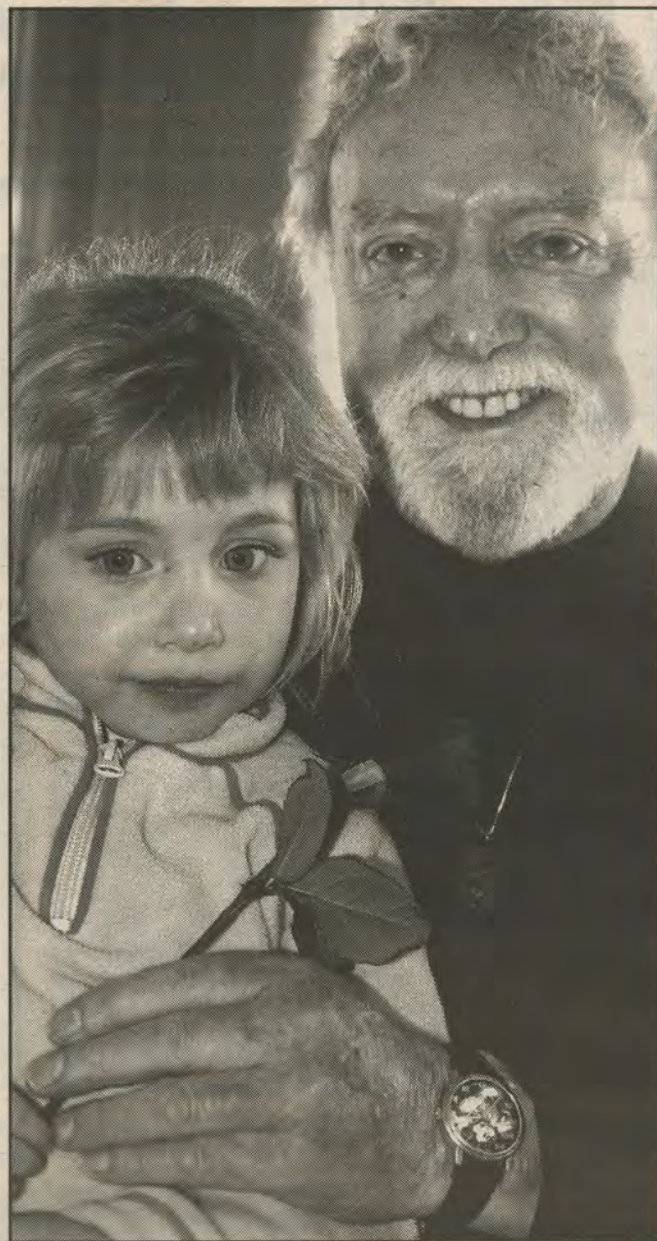
The Salt Spring Garden Club once again hosts award-winning television host, international lecturer, writer and horticulturist David Tarrant when he visits the island on Wednesday, April 27.

Back after five years, Tarrant's lecture takes listeners behind the scenes of his TV program *Chasing Spring around the World*.

Tarrant is well known as the host of the popular CBC weekly series *Canadian Gardening*, which ran very successfully for almost two decades. He is currently public relations and programs coordinator at UBC Botanical Gardens, and leads horticultural study tours to exotic locations around the world.

In addition, he has authored many books and is a Fellow of the Garden Writers Association of America. New members are welcome. Cost for non-members is \$5.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



ROSE FOR ALEX: Rowan Wales offers a rose to Alex Mitchell as a crowd of well-wishers help the well-known islander celebrate his 80th birthday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

ECU seeks helpers

People wanting to enrich their lives with a small investment of time may want to consider volunteering at Lady Minto Hospital's Extended Care Unit (ECU).

"The reward you get is way more than what you give," said ECU activity coordinator Barb Brindamour.

"Most people who come in to volunteer talk about how much they get back. It is just so rewarding."

An open house tea is set for this Friday, April 22 at 2 p.m. for people who would like to drop in and perhaps consider volunteering.

People don't have to make a weekly commitment. Even once a month or an individual taking on one special event each year would be much appreciated, said Brindamour.

"It's just so important to have more people coming and sharing with our residents."

Opportunities include:

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- Reading to residents;
- Playing piano or organ;
- Gardening;
- Bringing children or well-behaved pets;
- Helping with holiday occasions;
- Organizing special-occasion decorating;
- Doing crafts with residents.

The hospital will supply materials needed for craft projects, notes Brindamour. People may also want to give presentations on their travels or other interesting activities, or be involved in special meals.

"We're really open to offers of what people want to do," she said. "We can accommodate just about anything."

The Hospital Auxiliary women who serve tea and visit with residents are a big part of the ECU volunteer family.

"Because we are so small, it really is like a family," said Brindamour.

Anyone wanting to discuss how to fill the ECU's need for volunteers should call Brindamour at 538-4809 or come to the tea on Friday.

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Sun salutations are a series of 12 movements where the sun and earth are symbolically honoured.

"For those who want a more practical approach to life, donation boxes will be made available for the plant and seed sanctuary of the island and for Seeds for Malawi," said Mallett. "We wanted to do something that is Earth based and close to home and something further away."

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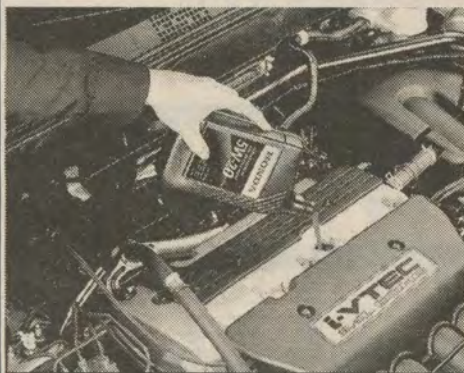
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MUSCLE MAN: John Quesnel, of The Muscle Car Garage, holds up a pair of rare rally rims off a 1967 Camaro. The island man's business is taking off. See story, Page 30. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Muscle car guy shines with eBay car parts biz

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

John Quesnel's workshop has all the accouterments you'd expect from someone obsessed with automobiles: shelves of Haynes and Chiltons manuals, tools all within easy reach and auto-memorabilia hanging on the walls.

But it also contains a pile of Canada Post weigh-bills, packing boxes and eBay transaction records, detailing things like a dash panel being sent to New York and a steering column to Illinois.

Since 2002, the islander has been restoring and selling sought-after parts for older American vehicles through the wildly successful online auction.

The business — called The Muscle Car Garage — lets Quesnel use years of acquired knowledge and skills, especially when it comes to beloved classic

cars from a bygone era.

"It's definitely a passion, or a disease," he laughs, "depending on how you look at it."

Quesnel grew up on Salt Spring into a mechanically inclined family, where he learned to do vehicle restorations and then became even more familiar with the business by working at the local auto parts store.

One of his friends in Victoria, who bought cars from Quesnel and sold the parts on eBay, suggested Quesnel do the same — and it has definitely been worth the effort.

Pointing to a gleaming Ford disc brake kit with newly painted cherry red backing plates, he explains, "I could sell the dirty brakes, but because I've cleaned them up, I get my labour out of it."

He can buy a rusty, worthless Ford from the 1970s,

take off the in-demand parts — many of which can be used on several models and years of vehicles — and restore them to prime condition.

Most items are bought by U.S. customers, although he has also shipped to countries like Norway, Denmark, Sweden, China, Japan and Australia.

Parts for late '60s General Motors vehicles, like Chevilles and Novas, are among the most popular, he said, although he does a lot of business with Fords.

Chrysler parts fetch good prices because of their relative scarcity, he notes.

Managing eBay demands can be challenging, and with between 15 and 50 e-mail inquiries coming his way daily, he's often working on the computer past 10 at night.

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Studebaker ahead of its time

By MARV COULTHARD
Driftwood Contributor

I often look at the styling of cars as a piece of art. Some like it, some don't.

Some artists paint what they want to paint and some paint specifically to the market. Some artists are lucky and paint what they want and it happens to be what the general public wants.

Often, after an artist has passed on, his or her artwork becomes popular and valuable. One can spend hours, days, or even years trying to predict what the public will buy.

This, I leave up to the marketing specialists. I know what I like in art and this includes old cars.

Many cars from the 1920s and '30s era did not sell well. Was it styling, price, engineering, comfort, safety or any combination of these and other factors?

The Cord, for example,

was a wonderfully styled car. Reasonably priced and an engineering marvel. It was front-wheel drive with the transmission right out front. A little unconventional for a made in America car. Was this the reason for its demise?

Today they are rare and their market value is, of course, considerably higher than the original cost (not including inflation) compared to products from more common manufacturers like Ford or GM. To me it seems that the demise of many companies was strictly due to styling.

An example that comes to mind is the Studebaker. Post World War II, practically all cars had what is called a "bustle back" or "torpedo back." The roofline went in one continuous curve from the top of the windshield to the rear bumper (torpedo) or the curve only had a small bump from the rear win-

dow to the trunk. All cars had a long hood to house the engine.

I can remember being out travelling one day with my folks and spotting a car that had a long hood and a matching long trunk, with almost matching front and rear wraparound windshields.

Dad told me, "That's the new Studebaker. It's ugly."

He was driving a new 1947 Nash (with a torpedo back). It was not until two years later that Ford followed the Studebaker with somewhat the same styling and Chev and the rest were to follow in 1950/51/52.

Now for some reason — and my guess is it was due to low sales in 1947-48 — Studebaker had a hard time keeping up with a very competitive market and never did recover. The company lasted until the mid '60s but never really sold a great number of cars in comparison to its competitors.

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MUSCLE CAR BIZ

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But Quesnel isn't complaining about how much work he has to do.

"You get out what you put into it," he says. "It's really universal. It applies to everything."

Then there's the recycling aspect of the business, where scrap aluminum is taken to the recycle depot once or twice a month, used oil is accepted by the auto parts store and the "carcasses" are transported off-island.

But Quesnel doesn't only dismantle cars and use e-

Bay. He also does restoration work for other people and has three personal projects on the go.

He bought a 1975 Mercury Maverick because its parts fit the more popular Mustangs of that era.

"Then I thought, 'why not make it resalable for not a whole lot of money?'"

He's done the bodywork, restored all the aluminum and stainless steel trim, and given the car a rich blue paint job — turning it into a

classic of its own.

A 1968 GMC pick-up truck is also getting his attention, along with a pumpkin-orange '68 Camaro.

Besides being able to make a decent living doing what he loves through eBay sales, Quesnel is also happy to be able to work from home with his family — wife Jennifer and young sons John and Daniel — nearby.

The Muscle Car Garage can be reached at 537-2768 or muscleguy178@yahoo.com.



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Mon., April 4 Special Olympics: Jason Newport, 161, 170; Terry Swing, 158; Stuart Elliott, 158, 140; Mahjor Bains, 224, 193; Jim Beck, 205, 152; Gloria Dale, 142.

Mon., April 4 Circus League: Connie Hardy, 217, 249-612; Harald Repen,

203; Ken Strike, 224; Gladys Kelsey, 211; Don McMahon, 226.

Tues., April 5 Seniors: Jim Glenn, 234, 214-609; Angela Anderson, 212.

Wed., April 6 Special Olympics: Sharon Way, 141; Jason Newport, 165; Mahjor Bains, 169.

Thurs., April 7 Legion League: Jeff Swann, 203.

Mon., April 11 Special Olympics: Naomi Van Pelt, 205; Jason Newport, 241, 163; Mahjor Bains, 163, 213; Carlos Manzano, 156, 201.

Mon., April 11 Circus League: Connie Hardy, 216; Don McMahon, 205; Lance Leask, 210, 234-600; Ken Strike, 257; Ron Cunningham, 253.

Tues., April 12 Seniors: Rita Dods, 211; Ken Robinson, 249; Reg Winstone, 209; Barb Howell, 200; Carol Kaye, 216.

Wed., April 13 Special Olympics: Gloria Dale, 140; Stuart Elliott, 169; Mahjor Bains, 223; Carlos Manzano, 170.

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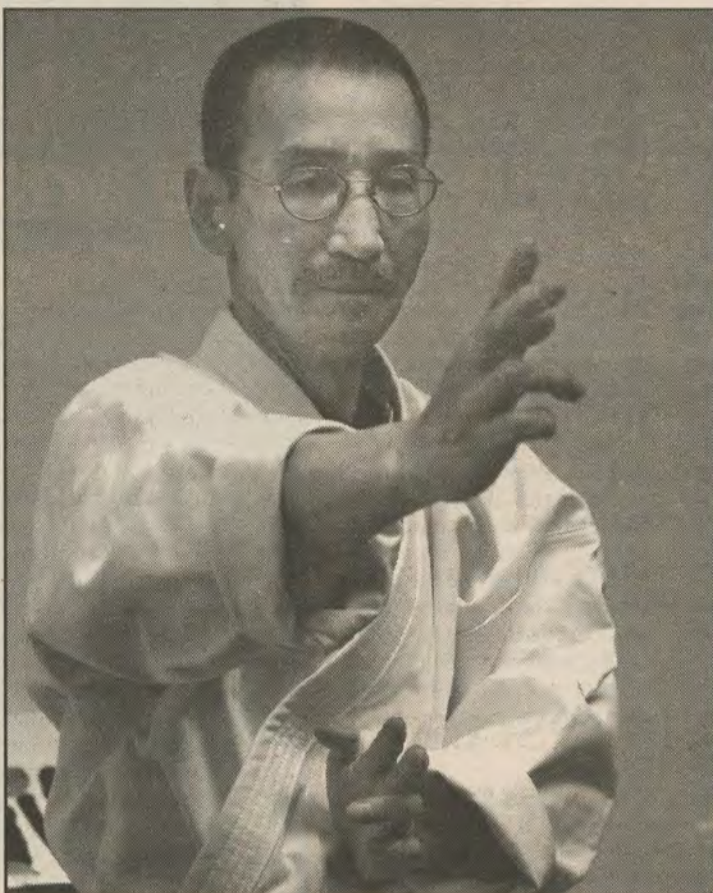


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KATA FORM: Koyabu Sensei demonstrates a kata during a karate demonstration with students of Brenda Guiled as various Zen arts activities took place at ArtSpring all day Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Pony club achieves at quiz events

Fifteen members of the Salt Spring Island Pony Club competed in the B.C. Islands Regional Quiz against 180 Vancouver Island pony club members in Sidney on Saturday.

The local team repeated last year's achievement of high placement in standings.

Out of three Pee Wee teams:

Second place went to Cassidy Fraser, Brenna McIntyre, Olivia Kornelson and Nima McDuff.

Out of 20 D-level teams (approximately 100 members):

First place went to Samantha Charlton, Sierra Boudreau, Katy Curtis and Teighan Gajek.

The team of Kaitlin Fraser, Marina Holding and Alanna Hillis earned sixth place.

In D-level individual standings, Kaitlin Fraser finished second, Samantha Charlton, third, and Boudreau, fourth.

Out of 15 C-level teams (approximately 60 members):

The third-place team was Julianna Sliwowska, Sonja Kornelson, Dakota Van Hulebush and Colleen Hillis.

In C-level individual standings, third place went to Sliwowska and eighth place to Kornelson.

For the second year in a row, Sliwowska earned a spot on the team representing the region in a national quiz competition in Ottawa later this year.

Thanks were given to coach Wendy Charlton and parents who helped with the study session.

Flash crosses the line with time to spare in Round Prevost race

By **BOB JONES**
Driftwood Contributor

It was a grand day for the Round Prevost re-run sailboat race on April 10, with nine boats testing the wind before the noon start.

It was one of those days when you know you should reef the main before the start but you do not see anyone else doing so and you keep it all up. At the gun, JJ Flash was well away with her cast of thousands and managed surprisingly well to hang onto her very large main. By Second Sister, Westwind and Soul Dancer had put a reef in the main and Electra

had caught up with the fleet, having been caught on the wrong side of the start line at noon.

Phil Hume with Yeoman elected an anti-clockwise rounding of Prevost and parted company with the rest of the fleet. At Peile Point there appeared to be lots of wind coming out of Navy Channel so Alacrity put a reef in the main and eventually a couple of rolls in the headsail as well.

Despite coming out of the east it appeared to be Westwind's wind. She stormed down the backside of Prevost with her new 153 per

cent headsail looking quite grand. (Watch for a significant rating change).

Electra and Alacrity were duking it out at close range when something let go on Electra, forcing a quick tack on both boats. Alacrity was caught with her headsail on the wrong side and managed a quick test of the cockpit drains while dead in the water. Pity.

When the rain came in about 2 p.m., it killed the wind, making for a slow run in for Classy Lady and Oracle, who we were delighted to see out and we hope they enjoyed themselves.

Needless to say, the Flash took line honours by a substantial margin and was also kind enough to take the times for the rest of us. Westwind held off Alacrity and Electra was not able to make up any distance on the homeward leg.

Full results can be found at www.saltspringsailing.ca where there is also a crew sheet for racers looking for a boat to ride.

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ON THE BALL: Tyler Cocker leads a pack of FC players as a Bays United opponent appears to bounce a ball off his backside in a recent game at Portlock Park. This week, the local squad played Chilliwack in the first of its A-cup matches.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

FC peaks for provincial ascent

Wrapping up another season on a high note, Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men just keep finding new heights.

"It's been a slow, steady climb. We've got to be happy with it," said FC captain Chris Jason.

The islanders wrapped up their season with a respectable 3-1 loss to Chilliwack in their first showing at the A-Cup provincials on Sunday.

"It's kind of a 'one step at a time' kind of thing. Hopefully next year, we can go a little further."

After their second year in Div.1, Jason believes the team placed more emphasis on getting to the provincials than they did on their performance at the tournament.

"We had four games in a row that we had to win and we kept winning and we cli-

maxed with making it to provincials. We were just happy to get to there and we didn't know what to expect."

Chilliwack fielded a quick team with a different playing style than teams in the Vancouver Island league, Jason said.

"They just kept running and running," he said. "I think we'd fare a lot better if we played them again, because we know how they play the game."

Down 3-0 in the first half, Salt Spring clawed their way back into the game with a gritty effort that led to a goal by Jeremy Morrison.

"In the second half, we came out on fire," said Jason.

Applying more physical pressure, the islanders had a goal called back on an off-side call early in the second and they hemmed Chilli-

wack into their own end.

"We brought the game to them and they were getting nervous," he said.

"We continued to pressure and basically just ran out of time."

Jason thought that Tom McCole and Jordan Haenen had particularly outstanding games.

"Everybody else was on par with what I expected but those two guys worked harder."

Now, the islanders will take a break for a week before they begin training for the local May tourney, he said.

Salt Spring FC finished the season ranked fourth in the Vancouver Island division (seven wins, six losses, three ties) while they placed eighth (5 10 2) during their first season in Div.1 last year.

Local off to B.C.s

Another Salt Spring soccer player is provincial-bound this summer.

U14 player Meredith Raddysh helped her lower island metro team take an overtime win Sunday against West Vancouver — a team that had previously beat her squad in league play.

Raddysh's metro team — formed following try-outs last summer — plays in a league that includes 16 teams from the Lower Mainland as well as upper and lower Vancouver Island.

The record for Raddysh's squad was the best of all lower island metro teams, according to her mother Judy Raddysh.

Sunday's win, which secured the team a berth in the A-cup provincials, also places the team in a position to take first or second place in cup play next weekend.

Raddysh — who plays defence on her team — is one of a total of nine island youth now heading to provincials with their off-island select and gold teams.

The A-cup provincials for Raddysh's team takes place in Burnaby at the end of June.

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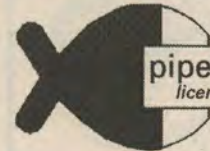
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Ribbons shower on April Rain

A team of riders from Salt Spring's Pringle Farm collected pom-poms of ribbon during a B-level competition at the Saanich Fairgrounds on April 10.

Sacha Kazakoff and her pony April Rain won overall high-point pony of the show.

As a rider under age 10, Kazakoff placed first in several western tack events: hunter, pony pleasure, road hack and pleasure rider. She also placed first in English pleasure pony and hunter pleasure pony.

The duo placed second in the western tack championship, second in the basic seat equitation for riders 12 and under, second in English pleasure for 12 and under riders, and third in hunter pleasure championship.

Jody Pringle, riding TR Cinabarr, won two high points. The team won high point junior rider (12 and under) and the overall high-point horse of the show. They won firsts in three championship classes and all the under age-12 classes, including western tack, equitation, hunter pleasure and road hack.

As a senior rider on TK Bronson, Patricia Lockie missed high point senior

rider by one point. The team won all senior rider classes (English pleasure, road hack, hunter pleasure and equitation divisions) and second in all open and championship classes.

Pringle and Lockie also won the pairs class on Bronson and Cinabarr.

Tara Holmes, riding her purebred Arabian mare SS Kasette, placed second in several categories in the under-12 age group: pony with tack, hunter pleasure, hunter pleasure with tack and English pleasure pony. She also placed third in the

walk-trot pleasure category for under-12 riders.

Sydney Sinclair and her horse LR Shadow Boxer had a great start to their year, said trainer Andrea Pringle.

"Shadow Boxer was the baby horse of the group and showed off his great potential in his classes."

The B-level event was a warm-up to start off the show season, Pringle said.

The team plans to send eight riders to an A-level event in Vancouver on April 21. The next open B-level show will be on May 8 at the Saanich Fairgrounds.



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5 BIRTHS

PROUD PARENTS Travis and Sandy Guedes would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace. Born on March 30, 2005, weighing 4 lbs. 9 oz. Many thanks to midwives Maggie, Terri, and Lorna, and all the nursing staff at VGH.

It's a Boy!



A long-awaited welcome to Keith Henry

Born on April 8, 2005 at home. Keith weighed 5 lb, 1.5 oz. Son to Monica Ritenour & Rick Underwood. Baby brother to Timothy Ritenour, Karen & Clayton Underwood. Grandson to Becca & Kees Dekker and Bert & Bernice Underwood. Becca had the honour of cutting the umbilical cord. There are no words to express this wonderful home masterpiece.

6 DEATHS



William John Earwaker passed away on April 13 at the age of 94. He will be sadly missed by Lynne, his wife for 63 years, his children Jack, Donna, and Debby, his grandchildren Bill, Jason, Jennifer, Torie, Rob, Jackie, Tracy and Steven, and his great-grandchildren Hollie, Trent and Aidan. His hobby was working with wood, and he was a perfectionist. He built his home at the end of Beddis Road on Salt Spring Island and filled it with restored and refinished furniture. He was happiest when he was busy! He loved to entertain family and friends, play cards, and had a great sense of humour. He was an outdoorsman - beachcombing and hiking all over Salt Spring. He loved his red pick-up truck, his cats, roast beef, and the Fall Fair, but more than anything else he loved Salt Spring - to him it was another name for Heaven. All are invited to celebrate his life on April 23 in the United Church on Salt Spring Island at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow. Special thanks for the love and support of Dr. Woodley, and the staff and volunteers at Greenwoods and Extended Care.

6 DEATHS

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STEVENS, JUNE (Bennett). June was born on Salt Spring Island June 1, 1922 and passed peacefully into God's garden surrounded by her loving family on April 18, 2005. June is predeceased by her husband Peter; survived by her beloved son Demetri, his wife Reayane and daughters Steffany and Rande, also her sisters Evelyn Lee and Mary Mollet, her brother John Bennett (Ellen), goddaughters Carol Simpson and Anna Moncey, honorary goddaughters Elizabeth Lee and Lynn Brand, many nieces and nephews and a wealth of wonderful friends. June will be remembered for her kind and generous spirit, her sense of humour that never failed her, or us, to the very end, her spectacular flower gardens, her love of picnics and music, her devotion to family and her passion for purple. We thank her for Christmas grab bags, blackberry jelly rolls, dollar pancakes, a door always open and the tea always on. The family thanks Dr. Berg, Dr. Ryan, the community nurses and the nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their gentle care in her final journey. A memorial tea will be held May 7, 2005 in the Fulford Hall OAP room at 2:00 pm.

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7 IN MEMORIAM

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20 COMING EVENTS

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6 DEATHS

MacLeod, Elizabeth Monk
1914 - 2005

Liza passed away peacefully on Salt Spring Island, April 13, surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her husband Bob; her children Jean (Francois), Jennifer (Weldon) and Tony (Susan); grandchildren Andre, Olivier, Thomas, Anthea, Leon and Ian; and great-grandchildren Tareq and Leon Jr. Liza was a true citizen of the world: she was born in Dalhousie, India, was educated there and in England, and married Bob 63 years ago in Cairo. She took pride in the fact that each of her three children was born on a different continent. Liza will be lovingly remembered as wife, mother, grandmother, friend and mentor to many. She was a teacher, business woman, world traveler, and avid reader who had a book on the go to the very end. A memorial service will be held at the United Church in Ganges (111 Hereford Ave.) May 14, 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful home support workers: Drs. Crichton, Crossland and Shklanka, and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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WALKING THE path. Labyrinth workshop, April 30 - May 1. 4 groups. 10 am - 1 pm or 3 pm - 6 pm both days. Call 537-8911 or ceclia@saltspringwellness.com.

20 COMING EVENTS

GO FISH! Sea Gypsies Relief Fund, open house, slide show, and information evening with Tom and Debbie Cairns, at the Community Gospel Chapel, Sunday, May 1, at 7 pm. Hear about their continuing work replacing fishing boats lost in the tsunami.

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When the war ended, he joined the Royal Canadian Airforce and served across Canada and with NATO during the cold war in defence of Europe. Leaving the RCAF in 1970 because he disagreed with the integration of the Canadian Armed Forces, he worked in Europe for four years and later in Calgary.

Cy and Eleanor moved to B.C. in 1979 and bought Sidney Natural Foods on Beacon Avenue. While living in Sidney Cy served two terms as an Alderman on the Sidney Council. He loved politics. All levels.

Following the sale of the Health Food Shop in 1992, he and Eleanor cruised and travelled the world a great deal, until Eleanor became ill. They then moved to Salt Spring Island to be near their three daughters.

Cy was a passionate man who loved life and accomplished much. He had a quick wit and was a forward thinker for his time. He embraced learning and was always into discovering and mastering new and interesting things. He could fix anything. He was a prize-winning ballroom dancer, a professional photographer, and a trophied rifle marksman. Cy loved gardening and cooking, and he was a fabulous gourmet chef and wine connoisseur. He was a man of strong opinions and enjoyed a challenge. He will be sadly missed.

Cyril leaves behind a legacy of love: his wife Eleanor; daughters Cheryl Relph (Stephen), Pamela Christie-McGinn (Bob), and Valerie Nielson (Dudley); grandchildren Melanie Dashwood (Steven), Ananda Relph, Dayva Caldwell (Dan), Sunya Relph, Jeremy Miller (Erin), Cassidy Turner, and Emily Miller; great-grandchildren Jake, Crystal, Harley and Zoe of Parksville, and Hope, Sarah, Charlie and Harry of Salt Spring; also his little white dog Lizzie, who gave him great joy and comfort in his final years.

He was pre-deceased by his first grandson Heath in 1978.

No funeral at Cy's request. Cremation. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Greenwoods, Hospice, or Lady Minto Hospital.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

The Lunar North node is currently in Aries the ram. Aries is a Cardinal Fire sign and is symbolic of tremendous force and action. Aries is also the sign of new beginnings, pioneering initiatives, assertive and even aggressive action. Aries is often likened to lava spewing forth from fissures in the earth's crust. This raw life force can be seen as beautiful yet violent as well. Over the past few and over the next few weeks the planet Saturn, which is currently in Cancer, is in a very powerful aspect with the Lunar Nodes. What this implies is some very assertive and potentially aggressive and violent action. Beginnings and ending of all kinds are very likely under this influence and will affect every level of life and society. Change, especially sudden and assertive change, often implies facing fears and this is seldom easy. Perhaps recognizing that there is a natural rhythm and purpose at play will ease tensions and inspire respect as well as the courage and willingness to accept.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Spring is in mid stride now and thoughts are turning to the growing season. Buds on the trees signal us to plant bulbs in the ground. This can be taken literally and/or metaphorically. Bulbs are perennial and signify longer-term plans. You are on the threshold of expressing a whole new aspect of your personality. A bold and rebellious mood vies with some feelings of uncertainty, especially on relationship fronts. This, too, will pass soon so plan your gardens.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

Sometimes change occurs slowly and sometimes suddenly; either way change occurs. Moving with change with courage and confidence can be challenging, yet move we must. Sometimes moving forward requires that we move inward as well, at least in spurts and bouts. How to do this with awareness is the key. This is where guidance and instruction have their place. Ultimately, the guide we all seek is within - the soul's voice in the heart. Sit in silence to listen within.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

The month before the Sun enters our own birth sign is generally a time for retreat. This inward turning need not be total, yet it is a good time to slow down, reflect, perhaps sleep a little more and dream. All the while, you find yourself pushing for change or at least to take new initiatives. Changes in your perspectives and attitudes find you restless for stimulation and exchange. You can chalk it up to spring fever, but there is more going on. Breathe in the new season!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

All being well, new initiatives are now launched and underway. Bringing your personal style and creative vision to your projects is the call now. This implies cooperative efforts and team work balanced with individualistic efforts. This is a good time also to plan and design for future phases of the project. You may find that your inventiveness is particularly strong now. You have reason to feel excited if now outright hot and bothered. Persevere!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

The time has come to assume a lead role once again! You are in the mood to make some realistic moves and you want recognition for your efforts. Thinking more independently yet also expansively is a big part of the plot. This includes making efforts to open your mind to see your own attitude, perspective and approach more objectively. It is hard to see things in ourselves and in others. However, being willing to do so is ideal. All claims of leadership must be balanced with responsibility.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)

Entertaining new beliefs and values implies religious and cultural interests now. Relationship beginnings and endings are central features and travel could be a part of the scenario. Since the primary relationship is with one's self, in the fullest sense of the term, you may have reasons to look deeply within. Accepting what must be in order to express your authenticity is at issue. Cycles begin and end as a natural process: trust the flow!

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)

The lunar north node in your relationship sector suggests taking new approaches to experience the harmony you desire. Where do you give too much and where too little is a good place to start. Expectations and righteousness are sure to perpetuate problems. Mutual respect implies deep empathy. The trick of perception is that we think we see things as they are, while in fact, we see things as we are. This sort of realization is the road to harmony.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

The desire for a stable and healthy relationship is a growing dream. The trick here is to realize that successful relationships without imply a successful relationship within. This kind of realization is not traditional in our culture yet is gaining increasing recognition. Inner relationship, in turn, is a spiritual process but not necessarily a religious one. It is not a question of being right and dogmatic, but one of being happy. Learn to love yourself and others will love you back accordingly.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

Creating a reliable and stable place for yourself in the world continues. If you are having difficulty doing so then it may be time to examine some deeper issues. In any case, facing fears of one kind or another is likely. While this process has been underway for at least a couple of years, it may be at a boiling point now. Your challenge probably includes acknowledging vulnerabilities and learning how to make them into strengths. Proud defence is not stable. Alternatives or ultimatums!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

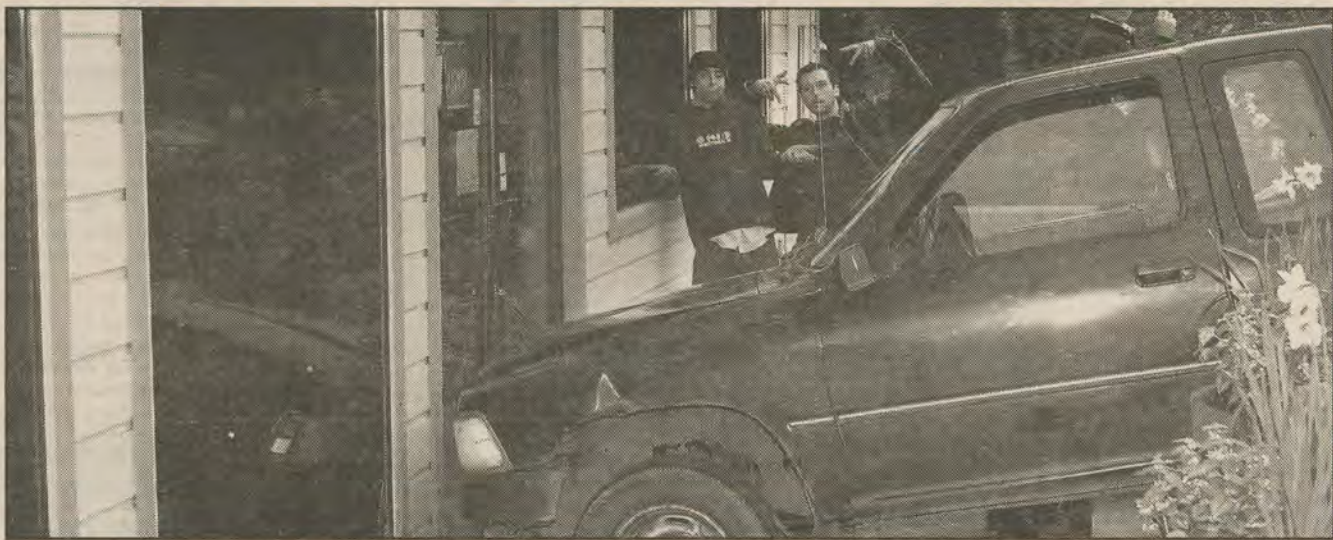
Creating your reality according to your unique style continues. For the sake of harmonious relationships this implies balance with inner and outer authority. Rather than simply push others to see your point of view, push yourself to see your own point of view more clearly, and theirs as well. This is the kind of work that brings true reward. Cooperation is ideal yet does not merely imply surrender. Rise to the challenge to ride the delicate balance gracefully.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

You are a builder and an inventor at heart. You love exploring new ideas and meeting new people. Gathering the creative talents and genius of others into a grand orchestration of achievement is seventh heaven for you. The time has come to drive home with your plans. It is important to be direct in your communication yet be aware of being harsh and aggressive. A keen focus balanced with a forgiving attitude and approach is ideal.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Taking initiatives to create a whole new set of values for your lifestyle and direction is now in focus. You want to break free from socially-inherited ego patterns. Building a more authentic, versatile and effective style implies changes of priorities and attitudes. Intend to be thorough in your approach. This suggests patience, determination, vision and follow-through over the next few years! Tune in to your real needs in light of the bigger picture over the long-term.



DRIVE-THRU BEER AND WINE: The driver of this truck got to the Harbour House Cold Beer and Wine Store a little faster than she intended last Thursday evening. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Visiting organist brightens St. Mark's Day

Anglicans will celebrate St. Mark's Day, beginning with Choral Evensong at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, followed by a free organ recital the following day.

Both events will take place at St. Mark's Church on the hill at Central and will enable parishioners and friends to enjoy the newly acquired organ.

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SPRING HAS sprung at Coastal Currents! Beautiful new things for home & garden arriving daily. Many reductions on old stock. Come & check us out on the corner of Hereford & Jackson.

NEW HOURS - Salt Spring Winery will now be open Saturdays & Sundays from 12 - 5 pm.

FOR RENT - Sunny Vesuvius' Waterfront Cottage, Long Term, Available June 1 or sooner. \$650 includes water, hydro and W/D. For a single, quiet, non smoker, no pets. 538-1601.

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VOLUNTEER WEEK is April 17 - 23. Celebrate this week by becoming a volunteer at Lady Minto Hospital's Extended Care. Everyone is invited to a volunteer tea at the Extended Care Lounge. Friday, April 22 at 2 pm. Phone Barbara at 538-4809.

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MARKET UMBRELLA, white, 8' diameter, no stand, free. Also free, Epson 850 printer, was working, ran out of ink. 537-1358.

FREE: BATHTUB. Singer treadle sewing machine cabinet. 250-360-0369.

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FOR RENT: Newly renovated 1 bdrm cottage near Ganges. A nice spot to be. NS, no dogs, references. Available May 1. \$750 + util. 537-4489.

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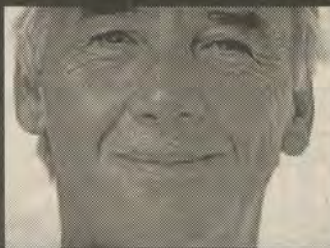
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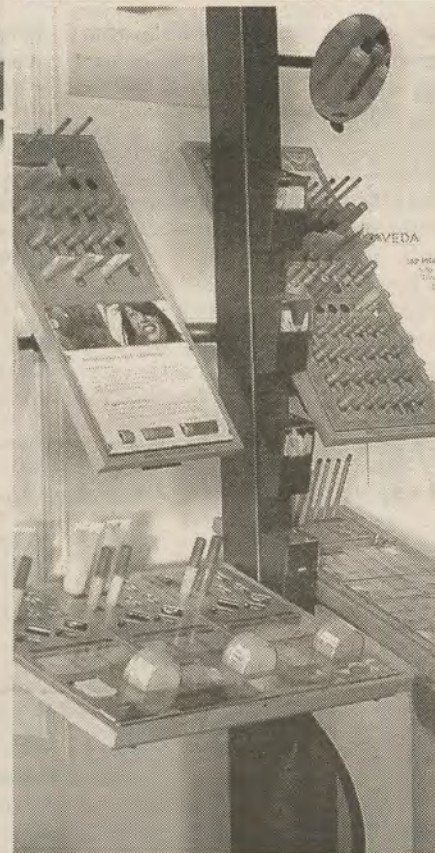


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Casey McKerrell – Hair Traffic Controller / Fashionista / Aveda Advisor in Training

The newest member of our team, Casey is keen to learn, has a natural professional attitude, and loves make up and fashion. She is excited to be attending the Aveda Institute for cosmetology in September. With her confidence and style, we are sure that she will grow into a wonderful stylist.

India Baldwin – Hair Traffic Controller / Aveda Advisor / Super Model

India joined our team last fall, and since then has shown an incredible growth. She fully embraces the Aveda concept, and is also excited to be attending the Aveda Institute in September to study esthetics. India has an amazing ability to work efficiently, professionally and with a smile.

Miss Julie – Senior Stylist / Visionary / Whirlwind Extraordinaire

When Julie completed her training at the Aveda Institute she joined the Paul Da Costa team in Victoria. She received pureprofessional education in Minneapolis to work as an Aveda Color Specialist on Vancouver Island introducing the Aveda Color to new salons. Upon returning from Africa, Julie found her way to Salt Spring and after just one year of working at Studio One Julie has established a very loyal clientele.

“Sweet” Corinne – Owner / Head Stylist / Fearless Leader

After graduating from the Aveda Institute, Corinne returned to Amsterdam to complete an eight year stay in Europe. She worked for two years in a high-end salon, developing her precision cutting skills. Corinne has been living and working on Salt Spring Island for two years. Here she sees the possibility of establishing a strong foundation from which the rest of her dreams can grow.

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Your Invitation

We have a few exciting things happening this month. April 3rd and 4th Corinne joined Casey and India to attend the “Face to Face” Aveda make-up education. Here we learned product knowledge, application techniques, color matching and some really great tips for working with the all natural make-up line.

★ We would like to invite ladies from the grade 12 graduating class to join us on Saturday the 23rd of April for a “Pre-Grad Girls Night.” This is a free event where we will help you choose your make-up colours, teach you how to apply, and let you experience your finished look. Please RSVP as soon as possible as there will be limited space available.

★ April is Earth Month, and with Aveda this year we are raising money and awareness to “protect our power plants.” We are asking our clients to sign a petition that Aveda will be sending to the UN to call for stricter enforcement of laws with regards to the illegal trade of endangered species.

★ On Sunday, April 24 we will be hosting a day of “appointments for the earth.” Come by for organic snacks, half price haircuts, hand and scalp massage and \$10 make-up applications with 100% of the proceeds going to Eco Trust Canada. Last year we raised \$350, this year our goal is to raise \$500.

United position thwarts Selects

A clash of titans during the Doug Day Cup semifinal saw the Salt Spring Selects finally face their match.

"It was the most intense game we've had all year," said Selects coach Dave McColl. "I've never seen them play that full out for that long."

Top ranked in Division 2, Lakehill United took a 1-0 win over Salt Spring's Div.-3 women at Royal Athletic Park on Friday.

"The other team was first to the ball and really aggressive. They weren't as fast as us but they played really smart and they were well

positioned."

Lakehill scored in the first 10 minutes, but Salt Spring played one of their best games, McColl said.

"It was the first time in this whole season that we haven't scored a goal."

McColl was impressed by the Lakehill netminder's performance.

"Their keeper was unbelievable. She controlled the whole back end of the field. She stopped everything. We had shots on her but she was really good."

Salt Spring threw relentless attacks at Lakehill, he said.

"We were right in it until the last minute."

Salt Spring strikers were covered by multiple checks and Lakehill's positional play kept the islanders hustling to follow the ball.

"Our midfielders, I can't believe how hard they played."

Salt Spring keeper Becky Acheson made numerous saves and the defensive core shut down many chances.

Jenny Kerr even resumed her role as sweeper for part of the match, even though she had just removed pins from a broken hand. But after a ball struck Kerr on

the injured hand, her sister Kelly filled in as sweeper.

"If something broke down, she had to be there, and she was."

Following the cup final, where Lakehill lost by 2-0 to Gordon Head's Div.-1 team, Salt Spring was ranked third with four wins and a loss in the tournament (10 goals for and two against).

"We can't wait until the May long weekend [and the Challenge Cup on Salt Spring]. . . We'll be playing even better teams. So it will be interesting to see how they react to that. I think they'll play even harder."



MARKET FOOD: Xiang Xu serves up some delicious-smelling pot stickers in the Saturday Market in Centennial Park. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Mike Best bowls perfect 300 game

Islander Mike Best hit a rare accomplishment by collecting 12 strikes in a row for a perfect 300 score in 10-pin bowling at Duncan Lanes last week.

"Bowling a 300 is a lot of luck and very little skill," said Best.

He hit his stride with the last Wednesday night men's league game of the season.

And even though Best played 10-pins as a youth, the top-level tennis coach had just returned to bowling last year after a 31-year break.

"The funny thing is that I've bowled

better as a senior than I ever did as a teenager."

Best thanked several coaches who guided him after his long bowling hiatus. Duncan Lanes staff Sam Gammie and Brent Pinnel (two of the top players in B.C.) helped him regain consistency, while Bob Willis of Evergreen Lanes in Nanaimo added some ideas as a fellow left-handed player, Best said.

He also attributed part of his success to Chemainus chiropractor Danny Dares, since Best suffered back spasms the morning of his game, which were

alleviated with an adjustment.

Another asset was some friendly rivalry with another bowler who hit a string of five strikes in the same match.

"I happen to be a pressure bowler," Best said.

Duncan Lanes has had only one other 300 score in the last year, said manager Mike Frehlick.

He sees an average of one or two perfect games each year. And after bowling 24 years himself, the closest he's come is a 299, Frehlick said.

"It's a pretty good accomplishment."

WELL-USED PAWS ARE THE MOST IMPRESSIVE

Why do you figure Michael Jackson wears that white glove so much?

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I think I know. I think it's because the hand that's in the glove is close to half a century old and beginning to look it.

And Michael Jackson, AKA The Neverland Kid, simply couldn't stand the rest of the world knowing that his hands look old.

He's not the only one trying desperately to turn back the biological clock. Hair dyes and wrinkle creams are selling as never before. Wave after wave of new diet fads wash over the populace. You see people signing up for Pilates and tai chi lessons. Jumping in the pool for

AquaFit classes. Wheezing around gymnasiums with their fellow aerobics fanatics.

All in an effort to slam the door on Father Time.

And then there's the knife. In 2003, U.S. surgeons performed nine million cosmetic surgeries, ranging from botox injections to liposuction and not forgetting chemical peels, dermabrasion and microphlebectomy — which is a fancy word for stripping out varicose veins.

Fountain of Youth pursuers are getting their lips inflated and their bums trimmed;

their boobs fluffed up and their tummies sanded down. Not to mention ear tucks, eyelid nips and extra-chin removals.

The latest surgical fad? The hand job, so to speak. Folks are lining up for "hand-lifts," a reconstructive procedure that removes liver spots and injects fat cells to smooth out wrinkles on the customers hands. A proper hand-lift will set you back somewhere between five and six grand, depending on the toniness of your surgeon/specialist.

And you'll need to hire someone to turn the pages of *Vanity Fair* for you while you're recovering — it can take six months for the hands to "settle," as the cosmeticians say. Even then there might be a teensy-weensy bit of scarring to contend with.

And oh yes — you'll need to check in with your surgeon for a wee tune-up

(more injections, possibly some "colour" adjustments) every six months or so.

But hey — look at the upside. You come out of it with hands as smooth and soft as a papoose's posterior. Why, those hands will look like they belong to an 18-year-old mademoiselle of leisure.

Might seem a little incongruous if they're attached to the arms of a senior citizen, but what the hell — wear long sleeves.

Or not. My hands are even older — and older looking — than Michael Jackson's, but I'm kind of fond of them. For one thing they are indisputably my hands and nobody else's. There's that purple seam that runs across my right index finger between the first and second knuckles. Picked that up opening a can of dog food back when I was a pup. My left thumb is still crooked

from that time I pitched off a toboggan and jammed it into the frozen turf four or five decades ago, and one of my knuckles bears a dime-sized scar from a clumsy fist fight way back in Grade 11.

And then of course there are the wrinkles. My hands have more seams and creases than an unironed bedspread, but I don't mind. I earned those wrinkles packing snowballs and paddling canoes; pounding nails and washing dishes. I like my hands just the way they are.

But they're not the most impressive set of dukes I ever saw. Those belong to a senior citizen brother-in-law of mine whose hands have done more things in this life than most. And they show it. They are big and red and beefy. They don't look like the kind of hands you would find hoisting a Wedgwood china tea cup or conduct-

ing a symphony orchestra. Nevertheless they are a spectacular pair of paws.

Here is some of what his daughter, Adrienne, wrote about her father's hands:

"His hands have always fascinated me . . . they have built homes to shelter family and friends, held every tool imaginable with confidence and skill, tinkered cold, silent engines to life and knuckle-danced their way across countless kitchen tables to entertain a mesmerized child.

"With fingers like thick sausages and the grip of a grizzly, his handshake reveals the strength and integrity that define his utter being. His hands are the book of his life. Their wrinkles and blisters, their nicks and scars are the words in his wonderful tale."

Michael Jackson, eat your heart out.

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FALL FAIR FOCUS

Battle of the Breeds
By Sandy Barclay

In addition to the horse events at the Fall Fair, this year's Horse Show will include what is called the Battle of the Breeds. Teams will consist of 4 riders and 4 horses of a breed. English and Western tack is allowed. You are allowed horses and riders from off island. There will be 6 events held over the 2 days of the Fall Fair. Each team will enter 2 rider/horse members for each event. The events include: Pairs, Cone Driving, Advanced Pleasure, Jeopardy Jumping, Barrel Racing and Pleasure Trail. Actual course details will be available the day of the event. Points and prizes will be awarded for each event. The team at the end with the most points will be awarded prizes, money and a trophy. So start getting your team assembled and watch The Driftwood for more details.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!