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PHOENIX ON PHOENIX: Student Phoenix McNaughton paints the playhouse at Phoenix Elementary School as part of an Earth Day spruce-up at the Drake Road school. More Earth Day photos can be found on Page A22.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Funds buoy drive

Donor pumps \$60 grand into Erskine campaign

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy's campaign to purchase the 100 acres containing the peak of Mount Erskine received a major boost last week when an anonymous donor pledged \$60,000.

"We are delighted," said conservancy president Peter Lamb. "This was the lead donation we were looking for."

Additional contributions totalling \$50,000 have already been donated or pledged, bringing the total to \$110,000 after only two weeks of fundraising.

The conservancy hopes it can keep up the momentum created in the first two weeks of its campaign, and that the large pledge and promises received will encourage others to contribute in a major way to the \$650,000 campaign. Campaign progress will be reported on a regular basis on the new Mount Erskine website — www.mounterskine.org.

Campaign leader Charles Kahn was also pleased to announce that author and radio personality Arthur Black has agreed to be the honorary campaign chair.

And starting this Sunday, May 1, the conservancy will

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Ice rink group vies for \$2 million

By **GAIL SJUBERG**
Staff Writer

As islanders get set for a May 3 meeting to determine what to do with \$2 million earmarked for the Rainbow Road pool facility, another group is stepping into the funding face-off circle.

Dwight Jones of the Salt Spring Ice Park Society (SIPS) sought support from the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) Monday night to consider directing the funds toward an ice rink on the same site.

"I think it is an incred-

ible opportunity to fulfill the vision we had 10 years ago with the Salt Spring Ice Park Society," said Jones.

Having managed a hockey association in Vancouver for several years, Jones expressed confidence that a well-managed rink would not lose money.

Under the SIPS plan, the project would not cost the community "a dime" beyond the \$2 million in grant funds required for arena construction.

"Salt Spring is the largest community in Canada without

access to ice sports," he said, "and SIPS can administer curling, figure skating, hockey, public and speed skating from a single sheet of ice. Further, as a non-profit society, SIPS can lease the ice facility from PARC/CRD at cost, with no subsidies and without incurring losses and, in cooperation with School District 64, fully book programming that will ensure fiscal responsibility."

Jones said the district's four-day-week calendar was another positive sign for the project.

"I see an opportunity on

Salt Spring to exploit Friday as an ice sports day," he said.

The PARC meeting set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3 at the Gulf Islands Secondary multipurpose room will likely hear a range of opinions on how the \$2 million should be spent.

PARC chair Bill Curtin said Monday he had received all kinds of "impassioned" feedback from community members about the issue.

In September of 2004,

Report calls mill a 'giant health experiment'

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**
Staff Writer

A scientific review unveiled at a public meeting in Crofton last Thursday outlines serious flaws in the NorskeCanada-sponsored Jacques Whitford report dealing with mill emissions.

"We are disturbed by what we perceive to be the company's ongoing attempts to conceal and downplay the

impact of toxic pollutants coming from its Crofton facility," said Michael Ableman of the Crofton Airshed Citizens Group (CACG). "This report confirms that citizens in the region are unknowingly participating in a giant health experiment."

Scientist conducting the review said the Whitford study contained dozens of problems relating to the collection, handling and pre-

sentation of data used in the report.

Completed by scientists from Vancouver's RWDI and U.S.-based Pioneer Technologies, the new review was commissioned with funds raised at last year's high-profile Clean Air Concert.

CACG members said an independent review was needed since they felt the Whitford results and ensuing Specialists in Energy,

Nuclear and Environmental Sciences (SENES) review process were compromised by a conflict of interest.

According to the Whitford report released in September 2004, emissions from the Crofton mill were found to pose no health risk to people living in the area.

"Norske handpicked the participants, established their own terms of reference, provided their own consultants

and managed the results and how they were publicized," Ableman told more than 100 people gathered at the Community Centre in Crofton. "That's not community process, that's community manipulation."

Chris Waldron of Pioneer Technologies said one major report flaw was its failure to address the numerous ways chemicals released from the

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Driftwood honoured at awards event

The Gulf Islands Driftwood brought home a province-high eight awards from the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association gala awards night in Vancouver Saturday, while being nominated for five more at the national level.

Susan Lundy received a gold (first-place) award for feature writing, for a series on Salt Spring's affordable housing woes.

Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg accepted gold in historical writing for a team project that included research and photos from the Salt Spring Historical Society and archives.

A John Cameron photograph won silver in black & white feature photography for a photo of two swimming girls, as did paper owner Tony Richards for website design of Gulf Islands Online.

Derrick Lundy received bronze honours in colour feature photography for a photo of a Hallowe'en parade fire dancer, while A Day in the Life of Salt Spring won bronze in the special section category.

The Driftwood took two out of three available awards in the black and white ad design. Sales manager Peter McCully and production manager Sandi Poystila earned silver for a Thrifty Foods ad, while Poystila and Rick MacKinnon were bronze winners for a Saunders Subaru 25th anniversary ad.

The paper finished fourth in general excellence in the 4,001 to 13,000 circulation category, only two points out

of second place.

Meanwhile, top-three finalists in the Canadian Community Newspapers Association Better Newspapers Competition have also been announced.

Reporter Mitchell Sherrin is a finalist in feature writing for his story on Ron Puhky's Hereford cow Bovina.

A Day in the Life is up for awards in special section, photo essay and newspaper promotion categories. Gulf Islands Online has also been nominated for an award.

Auction sale of artifact alarms First Nations

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Plans to auction an ancient artifact found decades ago at a midden site near Fulford Harbour have raised concerns about the increasing privatization and commercial sale of First Nations heritage.

"This is a difficult situation," said Robert Morales of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group. "It shows the continuing conflict between the two cultures that carries on far beyond archeology."

In a letter to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, George Abbott, Morales asked that authorities take the matter seriously and treat it as an offence committed under contemporary law.

"We argue that the minister has the legislative authority to seize the artifact from West Coast Estates Ltd., prevent its commercial sale by public auction, and deposit the artifact in the Royal B.C.

Museum in Victoria."

The "seated human figure bowl" is a 50-centimetre-high sandstone figure estimated to be over 2,000 years old. It will be auctioned on April 30 in Vancouver.

Valued at between \$18,000 and \$25,000, the object was discovered in a gravel pit by a Salt Spring resident more than 40 years ago.

Legislation created in the 1960s prevented the removal of such artifacts and ordered the Crown to seize all items collected without a permit.

In 1971, the Crown-owned property was declared an official archeological site and labelled DeRu-044.

Morales admitted the issue is complicated by the amount of time that has passed since the item's discovery, but said the decision may prove significant considering the number of artifacts thought to be held by private collectors in the province and throughout the world.

"West Coast Estates Ltd.

cannot claim the sale of the archeological heritage object is the innocent product of 'ancient losses' as advanced," he wrote. "It is the commercial sale of an illegally collected artifact removed from a provincially protected site under contemporary law."

Morales expressed concern artifacts held in private collections limited First Nations' access to the items and made it difficult for them to assert control over objects that belonged to their ancestors.

He said stricter legislation regarding the sale of the artifacts was an important step towards keeping a large part of First Nations' heritage and culture intact.

"Through the work we are doing, we hope we can repatriate the items back," he said. "We are now working at trying to put together a feasibility study for a museum where these items can come back and go into a controlled

environment."

Ted Pappas, an auctioneer from West Coast Estates, realized determining the rightful owners of the bowl was a "tricky situation" and claimed the auction was the best way of finding a new home for the bowl.

"Knowing who to give it to is a murky area because we don't know who the rightful owner is," he said. "I suggest anyone interested in acquiring the bowl step up and let it be known."

Pappas said members of the Semiahmoo First Nation in White Rock have expressed an interest and are prepared to make a bid.

Pappas discovered the bowl when its owner, Ken Stevens, brought it to an antiques road show in Chemainus.

He said the owner deserved some credit for being in the right place at the right time. Finding the bowl, he said, was comparable to winning the lottery.

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plant could be absorbed by the body.

"The [Whitford] report did not constitute a baseline health risk assessment because it does not evaluate all complete exposure pathways and it also doesn't include sensitive sub-populations," he said. "The report only evaluated inhalation of air, but there are other exposure pathways."

Significant exposure to toxins may also occur through the skin and the food supply, he said.

The Whitford study was also based on average emission rates collected over the course of a year rather than

looking at highest emissions levels.

Project director for RWDI, Kathy Preston, said ignoring the highest emission levels fails to plan for the worst-case scenario and greatly softens the findings.

"By using annual average values, you will underestimate what the peak concentration will be by nearly a factor of two," she said.

Citing a need to protect valuable trade secrets, Norske required scientists taking part in the review to sign a non-disclosure agreement before gaining access to data from the original study.

Richard Stedman, a teach-

er of risk assessment for the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States, said he refused to sign the non-disclosure agreement and was only permitted to see a limited amount of data.

Based on what he did see, Stedman said the report was poorly written and lacked transparency.

"If I were to grade this report, I would not give it a passing grade," he said. "Their goal was to show there were no risks from emissions from the facility but I think the purpose behind a risk assessment is to determine whether there are actual impacts on human health."

The 122-page report is

entirely based on Norske's own data and Ableman said neither he nor anybody else from the public had any way of determining whether the data was accurate.

"If we had full and open access to the facility, to the data and how it was generated, I believe the results would be far more dramatic."

Although representatives from NorskeCanada were invited to attend, Crofton Division vice-president Don McKendrick said he was disappointed that Norske was not asked to take a more active role in the process.

"The right thing to do is to have all the scientists together to discuss the findings," he said. "To have a one-sided discussion is not beneficial for anyone."

McKendrick looked forward to convening a public forum where all scientists from the Jacques Whitford Study, SENES and RWDI/Pioneer reviews could openly discuss the issues "as soon as possible."

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HALL HELP: Michael Curtis burns brush at Mahon Hall as part of an annual spring clean-up event held Sunday. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Lake undergoes continual testing with algal bloom

St. Mary Lake isn't looking its best this spring but authorities are assuring islanders the water is safe to drink.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) manager Trevor Hutton said results of ongoing tests indicate the lake water contains microcystins as a result of an algal bloom.

"It is an algal bloom and

it seemed to peak at the time we had the snow melt and rain runoff," said Hutton.

"We've been doing a series of tests for microcystins and they are there. The initial tests were a little bit high but they are now well within the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines. But we are keeping an eye on it."

Hutton said Vancouver Island Health Authority per-

sonnel are aware of the results and satisfied with the situation as it stands right now.

"The turbidity has increased somewhat in the lake but our filters are handling it so we are getting the same clarity in our finished water," said Hutton.

Lower demand for water at this time of year has been helpful for the filtering process, he noted.

Boating incidents prompt warning

Members of the Salt Spring Coast Guard are reminding individuals to ensure the seaworthiness of their boats after two separate incidents left boaters stranded during the weekend.

Although the incidents in Ganges Harbour and Porlier Pass were considered minor,

coast guard officer Paul Reynolds said better weather usually translates into more boating accidents.

While many of the calls during the summer are attributed to inexperience, Reynolds said inspecting boats after they have spent the winter sitting idle is a

good idea.

He also warned people to make sure they have proper communication equipment in addition to their cellular phones.

"There are lots of areas out there without cell coverage and people take it for granted," he said.

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begin regular hikes to the property, originating at 10 a.m. in the ArtSpring parking lot. Participants should wear hiking boots (and raingear, if necessary) and bring a picnic lunch.

"Although volunteer hike leaders will match each hike to the ability level of those involved, hikers should have a reasonable level of fitness for the steep, 60 to 80-minute ascent to the summit," said Kahn.

One mountain treat that is

especially attractive now is the arbutus-like manzanita shrub, which clings to the rocky peak.

"At the moment, these striking bushes are covered with masses of exquisite white and pink flowers, while many other spring wildflowers are also in bloom."

The Conservancy plans to provide the hikes until the end of August. Anyone interesting in going should confirm their spot on a specific hike by calling the con-

servancy office at 538-0318 (and leaving a voice mail message if necessary) by Friday afternoon of the week they plan to come.

Questions can be directed to the conservancy office or to Charles Kahn at 537-1899.

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PARC passed a motion specifying that federal/provincial infrastructure grant funds would be used to reduce the borrowing total and lower taxes.

PARC publicly re-stated that position last month when a \$2-million grant was instead received through the Provincial Community Development Initiative.

However, Curtin said last week that if the public wanted PARC to take a different action, such as holding another referendum to decide if the \$2 million should be spent on the pool instead of reducing taxes, the commission could change its mind.

Splash, the indoor pool society, believes PARC should spend that \$2 million on completing the pool project in one phase, rather than using it to lower the property tax requisition and only building a scaled-down facility for now.



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Green Party promotes triple bottom line

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

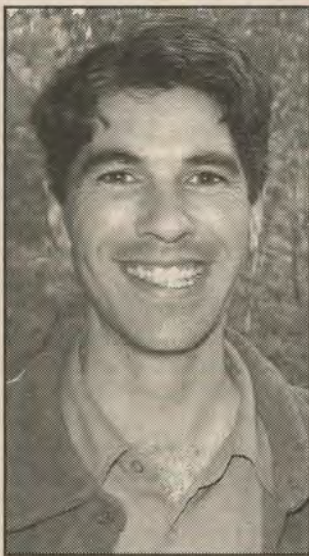
Optimistic supporters and the sounds of some south-end musical talent celebrated the Green Party's vision for the future at a Friday night benefit that attracted islanders to Beaver Point Hall.

Songs of the Earth, a sense of community and the need to work together expressed the thoughts of many participants and segued into issues held dear by the party's Saanich North and the Islands candidate Ken Rouleau.

"We prioritize what we understand to be the real values of our society," he said. "We'll just keep on doing this until people notice."

Since joining it in 1992, Rouleau said the Green Party has asserted itself as a major player in the political game.

A perception the party lacks what it takes to deal with "heavy political issues"



Ken Rouleau

is an easy way for the public, media and the other parties to dismiss the group, he said.

As part of its May 17 election platform, the Greens are focussing on a "triple bottom line," a series of economic and social policies

that support the party's primary emphasis on the environment.

"You've got the environmental, you've got the social and you've got the economic aspect," said the owner of StarBooks in Ganges. "When you run everything through that filter it naturally moves toward the long term and it just makes sense."

Looked at from this perspective, a proper solution to healthcare problems lay not only with providing more money, but also in addressing issues that promote stress on the system, such as poverty and poor diet.

The event followed an announcement by the party's leader, Adriane Carr, stating she would support increased taxes on products such as junk food, gasoline and tobacco products.

Rouleau said revenue raised could be spent on promoting awareness and insti-

tuting programs geared at keeping people healthy, educated and environmentally aware.

"The idea of tax-shifting is about taking from the harmful and putting it toward positive programs. We have a pie in the sky view that we can buy anything we want and throw away as much as we package," he said after an afternoon spent debating election issues on a Vancouver Island radio station. "Those doing damage need to realize it."

According to party supporter Tom Mitchell, the community mindedness of Salt Springers makes the island a perfect place for the Green Platform to take root.

"In the Gulf Islands, the green consciousness is very much alive," he said. "The dilemma is spreading that to other segments in society."

Like many of the party's supporters, Mitchell believes the government should focus

on strengthening the communities through better management of resources and accountability.

He stressed developing businesses that kept money in the local economy and emphasized the need to create more value-added products instead of exporting raw materials abroad.

"It's time to hear the Green voice. The liberal government is talking the talk but it's not really walking the walk."

The party's popularity on Salt Spring makes Rouleau scratch his head when he hears accusation the Green party is responsible for splitting the vote.

"That argument just doesn't fly in this constituency because we placed second in the last election," he said. "Realistically this is our riding and if anybody is going to take the vote it's going to be the NDP."

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NDP warns against splitting the vote

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Four more years of Liberal rule could result if the Greens and NDP split the vote, says Saanich North and the Islands NDP candidate Christine Hunt.

"It's unfortunate because the Greens and the NDP have a common goal and unless we can come together, everybody's going to suffer," said the candidate at the opening of her Jackson Avenue information trailer.

"[The Greens] just don't have enough numbers to put someone in a seat in the legislature and everybody knows that."

She stressed many parts of the Green Party platform are supported by the NDP and said the only way they would be addressed in Victoria is if the NDP is elected.

Hunt said the environment is a top priority and singled out Walker Hook, the transmission line proposal and an increasing demand for fish farm licences as particularly



Christine Hunt

important issues for islanders.

Hunt has long been an activist for environmental and social justice issues. She worked as senior advisor to former MLA and cabinet minister Corky Evans, and as an officer on national and international resource management panels. She has also

been a community development worker and school trustee.

At the election office opening event, Salt Spring resident Fred Powell expressed concern the vote could be split, but remained confident the electorate would realize the weight of their vote before it was too late.

"There is a strong Green presence [here], but I think people will realize that if their vote stands to be lost they will change and vote for the NDP," he said.

For those gathered in the cold rain and heavy wind, putting up with the elements was considered far better than having to deal with another four years of Premier Gordon Campbell.

"After all the things he said he would do and he didn't do, and all the things he has done that he didn't say he would do, I think it's time for a change," said Andy Gibson.

He confessed he was a little biased and said no amount of poor weather was enough to keep a "Tommy Douglas vintage" supporter away from the event.

He was most disturbed by the sale of B.C. Rail, ferry service privatization and

the government's lack of accountability.

He, like many seasoned NDP supporters, displayed optimism in the face of reports the party is lagging in the polls. As the campaign progressed he remained confident voters would see Campbell had gone too far.

"As time goes on, more chances will be coming up," he said. "I don't see why the party can't come through."

Optimism turned to desperation when the prospect of another four years of liberal rule was proposed to Sharon Fulton, a parent and health-care worker who claimed to have felt the cuts of the past four years firsthand.

"As a parent, I have seen education funding go down the toilet and, as a nurse, I am not pleased about my right to bargain being taken away," she said. "I don't want to see another Liberal majority."

At an election event in Brentwood Bay last Thursday, Hunt targeted the state of health care and services for seniors.

Hunt said the NDP "has committed to creating 1,000 new long-term care beds in the first year and 5,000 over the next four years."



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Vouchers are available at the Ganges fire hall and at Island Savings Credit Union.

When presented to Island Escapades, Sports Traders and B Side Clothing in Ganges, they will be applied towards the price of helmets there.

As explained by program coordinator Mel Sumner, "the first 50 purchasers will also receive from the dealer, at the time of purchase, a copy of an autographed picture of Tony Hawk, who is considered the Wayne Gretzky of the skateboarders."



HEADS UP: From left, firefighter Jamie Holmes, program co-ordinator Mel Sumner, Shriner Don Cunningham and recycling depot head Peter Grant come together to help skaters like Leon Sturgeon purchase helmets. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Skaters who already own a helmet may also receive a picture by showing his or her helmet to one of the dealers.

"It is the goal of this group of generous donors to soon see a helmet on every user of the skatepark," said Sumner.

The only catch is that people using the vouchers must agree "to wear it at all times while using the skatepark."

Legion history project now under way

Islanders receiving calls from telephone solicitors requesting funds to support a Commemorative History Book for the B.C. and Yukon Legion organization can be assured it is not a "scam."

Local Legion ladies auxiliary president Kathryn Holm said the B.C./Yukon

Command of the Royal Canadian Legion is printing its first-ever commemorative history book highlighting Legion history and activities. Holm is writing the Salt Spring contribution for the project.

She said the telephone solicitation process sees a

letter sent to people who express interest in donating during the phone conversation, with payment requested through the letter.

Holm said 20,000 of the booklets will be printed to mark Year of the Veteran, which is planned for release by Remembrance Day.

More information can be obtained toll free from the Legion at 1-866-340-8387 or by calling Holm at 537-8754.

Stewart Road faces 6 weeks of closures

Drivers accustomed to travelling along Stewart Road will need to find an alternate route when access to the road is restricted between May 2 and June 15.

"If people can live with this it'll be the quickest and easiest way to finish the work on time," said Ministry of Transportation area manager Greg Galpin.

Stewart Road will be closed between Horel Road and Jasper Way from Monday to Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Galpin said every possible effort was made to minimize inconveniences while ensuring the safety of motorists.

"Without the road closures, there would be long delays throughout the summer," he said. "Although a three-minute wait doesn't seem like much, it seems like forever when you're not going anywhere."

He added the nature of the work made it difficult to determine exactly how long actual delays would be.

Minor blasting and the sheer volume of earth that needs to be removed to complete the project also made road closures necessary.

Galpin anticipated the \$600,000 project to pave and widen the road's final gravel section will be completed by June 15.

Residents in the area were assured access to properties located along the section of road in question will be permitted.

Liquor sales watched

Members of the Salt Spring RCMP are warning residents to keep an eye out for the increasing problem of individuals selling liquor to minors.

"It's been ongoing for a while," said Corporal Dave Voller of the Salt Spring RCMP. "I'm sure it's a year round thing, but you see it most during the summer when liquor sales go up when the weather gets better."

Individuals convicted of selling liquor to minors, or "bootlegging," are liable to a penalty of between \$500 and \$2,000 and the possibility of six months in prison.

Although Voller said

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tracking down bootleggers was complicated by youth who are unwilling to divulge their sources, he said people can help address the problem by looking out for warning signs, which include people purchasing unusual amounts and brands of liquor.

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Rookie Raddysh plucked from island

Survivor III voters have shown no mercy for the "rookies," as Judy Raddysh got the boot this week, following Liane Fidler's

departure seven days earlier.

But those voting against Raddysh in the fun Driftwood contest laced their

cruelty with kindness.

"Island longevity and a balancing of [north-south] teams necessitates removal of a fair maiden," explained one voter.

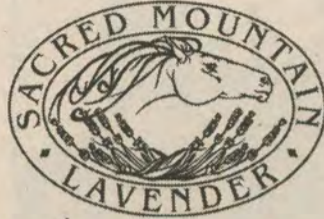
"Sorry, your gumboots just don't cut it, even though we love you!" stated another.

Bruce Patterson proved that owning a high-profile business can in fact be a detriment to one's chances of survival, as one of his south-

end compatriot's made a complaint while voting for his demise.

"For his embarrassing selection of refreshments. Bring back Stewarts!"

Raddysh and Fidler were the two new contestants this year, while the remaining players — Valdy, Bruce Patterson, John Dolman — and early casualty Ron Reznick were part of Survivor I and Survivor II.



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Miller reaffirmed as ferry union president

A leadership crisis at the helm of the BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union (BCFMWU) has ended.

Following a wave of support from union members, Jackie Miller agreed to resume her post as union president only weeks after handing in a letter of resignation.

Union spokesman Greg Dow said a disagreement between different factions in the union led to the move.

"As a result of binding arbitration and the Ready award, a minority of officers were unhappy with regard to the outcome and demanded her resignation," said the BCFMWU's Greg Dow.

In October 2004, arbitrator Vince Ready's decision stipulated that union members would receive no pay increases for three years.

In short, he said, workers were concerned Miller had ceded too much responsibility.

Based on these negotiations, a small group in the union expressed disappointment and began an unrelenting campaign of personal

attacks aimed at Miller's personal and professional integrity, said Dow.

After several months of dealing with these blows, he said, the stress became too much and Miller simply decided she'd had enough.

"Thankfully there was a large outpouring of support internally and outside of the union after the resignation was handed in."

As for the critics upset with Miller's past performance, Dow said the differences would be overcome in time.

He hoped smoother relations among the union's executive members would allow the BCFMWU to spend more time dealing with what are viewed as the potentially disastrous consequences of the new Coastal Ferry Act.

Miller will resume her presidency on May 2. She was not available for comment.

Chris Abbott, who filled in as acting president during the three-week period, will resume his duties as vice-president.

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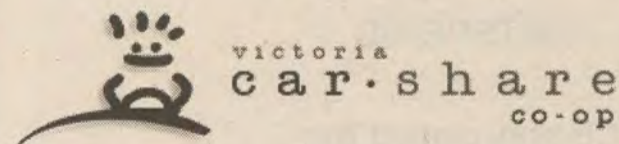
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Scientists probe sky above Saturna

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Spotting a green laser over the night sky of Saturna Island is not a sign of imminent alien invasion, part of an election ad or a new lamb-barbequing technique.

Scientists from Environment Canada are currently conducting air-monitoring research on Saturna using two high-tech mobile laboratories named RASCAL and CRUISER that are chock full of interesting gadgets.

A quick glance at the Environment Canada website (www.ec.gc.ca) shows photos of boxy white Winnebagoes crossbred with Martian landers.

"Essentially they are motor homes that we've converted into science labs," said researcher Kevin Strawbridge.

And one research technique used aboard RASCAL (Rapid Acquisition Scanning Aerosol Lidar) might be spotted from Salt Spring, as scientists shoot a laser high into the troposphere to measure air-quality and map their findings with a telescope.

"At night time, if we are operating, it's probably visible to people within 10-15 kilometres from here," said Strawbridge.

"They would see a thin, green, pencil beam going through the sky. It's fairly intense because it's a fairly

bright light source being the power it is."

The research caravan began a trek across Canada in February with its first stop in Golden. Almost the entire community of Golden saw the laser in action, he said.

"They thought this was unbelievable seeing this laser beam in the sky above them."

The laser is part of a device called LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) that bounces light off particles in a manner similar to the way radar bounces sound waves off objects, he said.

"When the light hits very small particles, which we call particulate matter or aerosol particles, some of the light is scattered back and that tells you where the particles are and how much of them are there," Strawbridge said.

Using LIDAR, he can create three-dimensional maps of the atmosphere to an elevation around 12 kilometres into the cirrus cloud deck, he said.

"So far it's been very interesting. We've seen a lot of long-range transport that comes above you. A lot of times, the pollution that comes across from the mainland gets separated from you guys."

But at this time of year, the Gulf Islands can even receive trans-Pacific pollution from Asia, he said.

"In March when we were at the University of B.C., we

saw an event that persisted for three days that impacted the area from pollution that comes right across the Pacific."

The CRUISER vehicle (Canadian Regional and Urban Investigation System for Environmental Research), operated by fellow researcher Jeff Brooks, samples air at ground level and identifies the chemical characteristics of particles, Strawbridge said.

"The data he's been showing is pristine air, except for the odd time a ship plume has drifted into the area."

The two main instruments aboard CRUISER are an aerosol mass spectrometer, which provides information on the size and chemical characteristics of particles, and a proton-transfer reaction mass spectrometer which identifies volatile organic compounds related to smog development.

Saturna makes an interesting site to collect data because of the complex topography around the local shallow air mass called the marine boundary layer, Strawbridge said.

"Two dominant winds meet head on and essentially create a stagnation pocket over this region."

He's observed air pollution from Vancouver skirt around the Gulf Islands because the two air masses don't blend.

"It helps you because the stuff above doesn't mix, but it also traps pollutants in the

shallow marine boundary layer so concentrations from local sources can be high."

And Environment Canada maintains a permanent air-monitoring site on the island because of the unique spot.

"It's the only one in B.C. A lot of background measurements are made there: typical aerosol concentrations, ozone and all these traditional things."

Environment Canada and Health Canada will ultimately evaluate research results from CRUISER and RASCAL to better understand human exposure levels to particulate matter and ground-level ozone (smog), the most significant sources of these pollutants, and the health risks.

Strawbridge and Brooks will be on Saturna until May 8 or 9 and plan to return later in the summer.



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All-candidates, STV in spotlight

Candidates and issues come into focus on Sunday when an all-candidates meeting and BC-STV forum run at ArtSpring.

The forum on the proposed new electoral system, which runs from 2-4 p.m., features guest speaker Ken Carty.

Director of research for the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, Carty will present a non-partisan look at the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system and answer questions from the audience.

The forum is sponsored by Islanders for Self-Government.

Then at 5 p.m., also at ArtSpring, four candidates running in the North Saanich and the Islands election race will meet with islanders at an all-candidates meeting.

They are Ian Bruce, for the fledgling Democratic Reform B.C. party; incumbent Liberal MLA Murray Coell; Christine Hunt, NDP; and Ken Rouleau, Green Party.

Audience members will be able to ask questions to one or more candidates.

David Borrowman is the event moderator. B.C. voters will be given a referendum ballot on the STV choice in

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The Driftwood and Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring the all-candidates meeting.

with Michael Contardi

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"We use every square inch of space here," explains Jane, as we tour her 6000 square foot greenhouse, which produces butter, red leaf and green leaf varieties to supply Salt Spring year round. "This kind of intensive agriculture is highly efficient," she continues, "The water is continuously recirculated and we keep the greenhouse full with 10 different ages of lettuce growing continuously." Jane plants and harvests weekly throughout the year, striving to have as small an ecological footprint as possible. I learn that the entire operation produces only a small bag of waste material per month.

Outside are three large pools for rainwater collection, which are pumped, along with high quality plant nutrients, into the lettuce troughs. "We col-

lect enough rain in the winter to take us through to the end of the summer, thereby avoiding the use of our community water. Controlled environment growing like this has become quite important in areas that suffer from ground water contamination and drought conditions," says Jane.

We talk about the ecological impacts of transporting produce hundreds or thousands of kilometers to market, the importance of regional food self-sufficiency in the face of dwindling oil supplies, and the widespread loss of small scale family farms to large agri-business multinationals.

As we head back Jane remarks, "It's a pleasure to walk across the lawn in the morning to the greenhouse. I enjoy my work and the constant challenges it provides. I'm also grateful that people on Salt Spring appreciate fresh, local, and healthy produce!"

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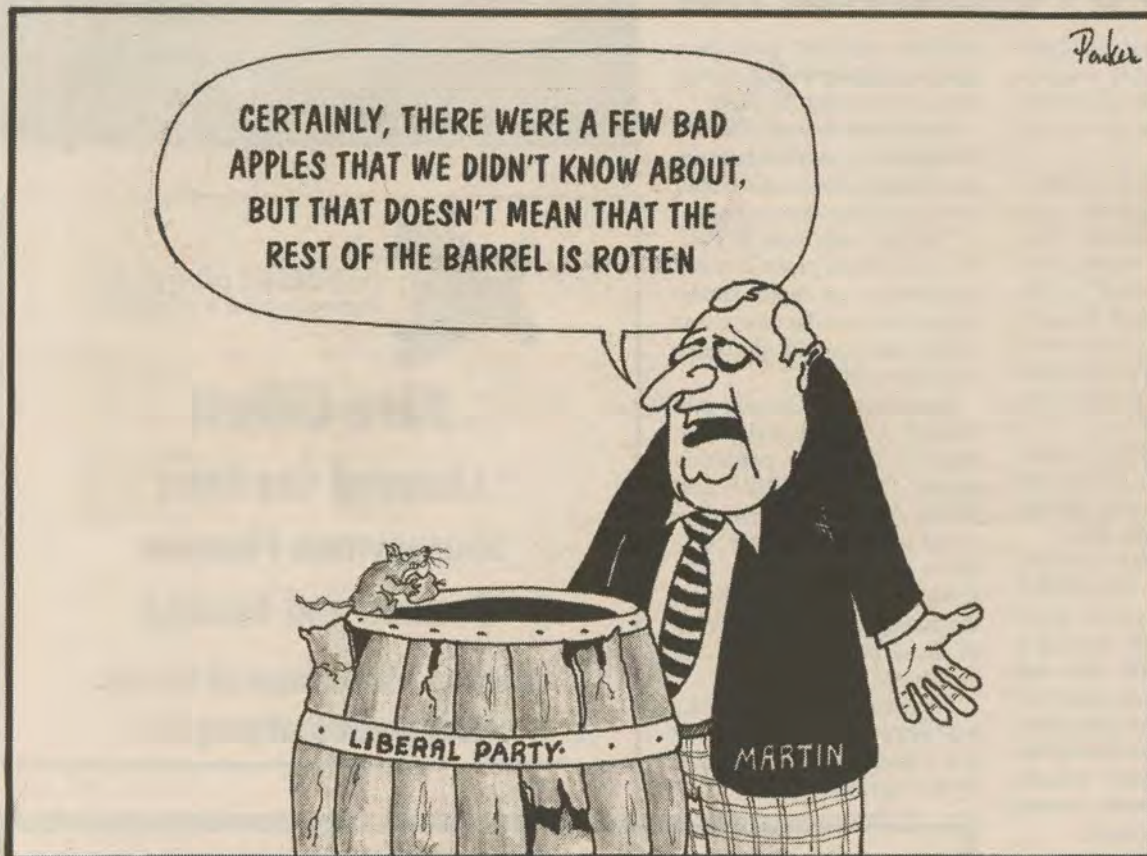
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Abolish voter apathy

With the feverish drama of the national political arena overshadowing a comparatively plodding provincial election, it would be easy to stay tuned to the Gomery stage and let May 17 slide by.

But gradually declining voter turn-out rates and interest in public affairs generally is surely a contributing factor to what created the sponsorship scandal in the first place.

If your electorate doesn't seem interested enough to turn up to vote, why would they care if \$250 million of their money ends up in the hands of the ruling party's friends?

While it's a stretch to take that kind of statement too seriously, those in power do regularly gauge public interest in what they are doing and respond accordingly, either consciously or unconsciously.

What is unfortunate is that most people find it difficult to be distracted from their daily lives unless dragged away by outrage. That means relatively uncontroversial government, which the national Liberal party delivered for so many years, trundles along without much critical examination until it hits a crisis point.

A majority may still view the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral system that is the subject of a concurrent May 17 referendum with confusion and suspicion — and likely turn it down as a result — but it does offer a potential partial solution to the issue of public apathy.

Minority governments and coalitions can make governing a more challenging and messy business, but they certainly crank up both public interest in government and accountability on the part of its participants.

UBC political science professor Ken Carty, who was the research chair for the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform that recommended the B.C. STV system, is at a Sunday afternoon forum at ArtSpring, where any and all questions on the electoral system topic will be welcomed.

We urge islanders to take advantage of the chance to talk with Carty from 2 to 4 p.m.

They can then attend the all-candidates meeting in the same spot at 5 p.m. to see and hear Saanich North and the Islands candidates live in the flesh before marking their ballots on May 17.

PARC has money to build pool if it stops 'shell game'

By DARLENE STEELE

Is PARC playing a shell game with the community?

On April 14, community representatives at the PARC stakeholders information meeting were told Salt Spring could not afford a full-service indoor pool, even with all the money raised to date by the tax increase (\$4.2 million), the gift from the provincial government (\$2 million), Rotary gift (\$25,000), pledges from Slegg and other companies and individuals (unspecified but likely in the \$500,000 range), Ssplash money of \$200,000-plus and the money PARC says it has set aside (which reps said was the paltry sum of \$63,000). This totals \$6,980,000.

But PARC said it had only \$4.2 million to use to build the indoor pool. Alan Roy and PARC then went on to say that due to rising construction costs the full-service indoor pool would now cost an extra \$1.6 million, money PARC

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says we do not have.

Ssplash has several real concerns about this situation. PARC alone established the \$4.2-million amount of tax required to build the indoor pool, refusing any community input in the decision-making process.

They had a report from Alan Roy dated July 14, 2003, which was a preliminary set of pool plans and costs. There were six options presented by Alan Roy at that time. Option #4 is virtually identical to the plan presented by Alan Roy at the last stakeholders meeting! It was costed out in 2003 at \$4.275 million. So in 2003, PARC knew a similar pool would cost \$4.275 million yet they proceeded to underestimate the cost of the same

pool in today's market.

When PARC put out the request for proposals calling for bids on the design and construction of the indoor pool they used the \$4.2-million figure. Five architects, including Alan Roy, applied and presumably all said they could build the facility for that price. Where are the other bidders? Can they still build the facility for \$4.2 million or under? Have construction costs increased that much in two months?

Ssplash still wants PARC to pursue a federal/provincial infrastructure grant, as we believe we can still get a future grant. We did not get the infrastructure grant in the last round of federal/provincial funding because we were too late; the funds had already been dispersed.

There is a new infrastructure grant program in the works. Let us please apply at the start of the

new program.

Splash was under the impression, since the infrastructure program was a "matching funds" program, that in order to have applied for the last infrastructure grant, PARC had to have \$1 million in its "piggy bank," which the federal/provincial governments would then each match. So on March 17, 2005, when we heard that we did not get an infrastructure grant, we were under the belief that PARC had \$1 million held in abeyance till we found out about the infrastructure grant.

Yet at the April 14 stakeholders meeting, when PARC was asked how much they had to put into the indoor pool, they said they had \$63,000. This did not compute.

We have since learned that PARC applied for the federal/provincial grant intending to use the tax money voted for in the November referendum as its "matched funds" contribution. This is not

what we were led to believe.

The provincial gift of \$2 million was given to Salt Spring for the indoor pool facility. It was given without strings attached to help us get started in building the indoor pool. That is what we need to do. We need to take our gift from the province and start the work on the pool now.

We do not need or want another referendum that costs \$11,000 to hold. That money could purchase equipment for the indoor pool. We need to proceed ahead. Construction costs are continuing to rise. If we do not act now we will once again be priced out of the market.

We need PARC to stop game playing and get on with building our indoor pool facility using the money we now have at hand. Carpe diem — seize the day.

The above was written for the Ssplash indoor pool society board.

Will Salt Spring end up drowning in a \$10-million pool?

By BEN GOODMAN

It should come as no surprise that the \$4.2-million pool has now become the \$5.8-million pool, ("Pool short \$1.6-million, April 20 Driftwood), apparently within just six months of the original estimate.

What will another six months bring — further increases? And the \$500,000 covered tennis courts have now become the \$800,000 tennis courts.

It is the nature of these types of public projects that they take on a life of their own. After all, there are no serious implications to cost overruns on public projects. No one gets fired, no one loses their job, there is virtually no accountability. The

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on to bail the project out.

Further cost escalations on this project can reasonably be expected. While some may scoff at the headline of this article, I believe this \$10-million figure is well within reach before we have seen the end of the project. We already have agitation for squash courts and a request to re-visit the subject of ice rinks. All it will take is a poorly attended referendum and these projects will also be approved.

PARC should act with integrity on this issue.

ed strength of character by seemingly agreeing to stick with their earlier pledge to offset the borrowing with the \$2-million grant. There is no need to take this subject back to the community. We have had enough referendums on this issue (at a cost of many thousands of dollars each time we have one). By the way, are the pool supporters prepared to include the following question on any new referendum: "Do you still support the need for a covered pool — yes or no?"

I suspect that many who formerly supported the pool may have second thoughts. And with this large increase in cost estimates, many who did not bother to vote before

say a definitive "no."

We should not be sidetracked by all of the arguments to spend more to achieve a "green" pool. Much of the technology is new and unproved. To manage the risks on this project (already high judging by the new cost estimates), it makes no sense to be chasing green rainbows.

Our community is at risk of jeopardizing more legitimate requests for taxpayer support by continually going after funding for questionable projects. We have yet to see in our 2005 tax bills the increases from our ever-increasing property assessments and the reality of the current cost of pool borrowing. And it seems that each

raiser for some project or other.

Tax increases and fund-raising efforts may just be beginning to lose their appeal to members of our community. Fatigue is setting in among the taxpayers, so that when we really do need financial support from the community for a project that is very critical, it will fail.

The pool has been studied to death. If we must have a covered pool (and this question in my view has yet to be examined in a rational manner) then PARC should hold to its earlier commitment. Keep the cost within our means (i.e. \$2.2 million) by building a lap pool and change rooms.

beyond the lap pool should go through a rigorous justification process and should only be considered when the following criteria have been met:

1. This more modest project has been brought in on budget.
2. Level of usage justifies having an indoor pool at all.
3. Operating costs are sustainable and covered to a large extent by user fees. Then and only then, should we be looking at any further public project spending.

By taking this position, PARC will show leadership in the community and demonstrate that they can be taken at their word.

The writer is a Salt Spring taxpayer.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What does Earth Day mean to you?*



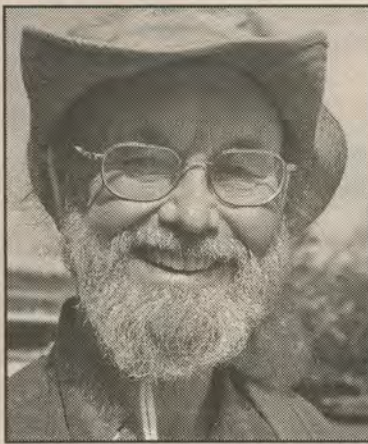
Kelly Armstrong

It means drivers should pick up more hitchhikers.



Terrance Trytten

Conservation, thinking about population issues, trying to control development and learning to coexist with the natural world.



Mickey McKinney

Ecology and doing right by the Earth. I try to do this all year so the actual day isn't that important.



Lori Quesnel

It's just another day to me.



Daisy Voaden

Getting back to nature and getting away from modern technology.

Letters to the Editor

Commitment

Last week's Driftwood headline confirmed what many of us have feared all along — the pool project faces a huge financial shortfall — currently estimated at \$1.6 million.

This is attributed to skyrocketing construction costs and, indeed, no one would dispute that construction costs have greatly increased. However, they did not suddenly rise the day after the pool referendum last November. The building materials suppliers on the island will tell you that rapid cost escalation began at the beginning of last year. While the actual increases could not have been predicted, the fact that prices were skyrocketing was well known and should have been considered in any responsible project cost estimate.

We also read that Bill Curtin, chair of PARC, is considering a referendum to ask us to allocate the \$2 million government infrastructure grant to cover these extra costs. In the build-up to the referendum, PARC assured us that the grant, if received,

would be used to offset the property tax levy for the pool. The pro-pool lobby also used this as an incentive to get people to vote yes.

Now we are being asked for a large increase in taxation to cover the shortfall. There is still no assurance that this amount will be enough. If such major miscalculations are being admitted within five months of the referendum, what are we to expect over the next year or so?

There is a public meeting at 7 p.m. at GISS on May 3rd when the reallocation of the infrastructure grant will be discussed. Those interested in holding PARC to their commitment should attend because it is possible that without a strong community voice the reallocation could be done without a referendum.

ALAN MARTIN,
Beaver Point Road

Keep policy

Salt Spring residents need to know that an effort is underway that would weaken current protection for our drinking water lakes.

These lakes are already stressed due to increased

phosphorus from human activities. We see the results of this in the many algal blooms that occur, including some that produce substances toxic to humans and wildlife.

Currently, the Islands Trust Policy (Section 4.4.2) says that Local Trust Committees must assure that neither the density nor intensity of land use will be increased in areas known to have a problem with the quality or quantity of fresh water.

Salt Spring has put in place watershed zoning in areas where water quality protection is needed. Under the current policy, in these areas, no increased density is allowed.

Recently, Islands Trust Council has directed their staff to draft a new wording for Section 4.4.2. The trend of the suggested rewordings is to allow increased density if it can be shown that no negative effects will occur. This seems like a reasonable idea, if it were possible.

However, increased density will always have a negative effect on water quality because of the activities associated with persons living there, even persons with the best of intentions.

These activities include tree cutting, land clearing, road paving, gardening and construction site activities. All of these increase erosion and/or phosphorus runoff into streams and lakes. Septic systems also contribute phosphorus, with the amount depending on proximity to the stream or lake, and the performance of the system.

The idea that increased development could occur within the watersheds of our drinking water lakes with "no negative effects" is totally unrealistic. Our local Trust staff doesn't have the time or training to evaluate or monitor activities proposed by developers that claim to mitigate these negative effects.

Neither should neighbours, community members and environmental organizations be placed in the role of evaluating and monitoring these activities. We have a good rule now that doesn't take a lot of government time to enforce.

Please write to our local trustees by writing or coming to their meeting on April 28 and ask them to leave 4.4.2 exactly as it is.

MAXINE LEICHTER,
Salt Spring

Seize chance

The people of B.C. have an excellent opportunity on May 17 to make the results of future provincial elections much more representative of the voters' wishes and to avoid such fiascos as the election of 2001 where 58 per cent approval resulted in the winning Liberal party getting 97 per cent of the seats in the Legislature. Then there was the immediately preceding election, when less than 50 per cent approval translated into a majority for the New Democratic Party.

The upcoming opportunity to which I refer is the referendum on BC-STV as proposed by the non-partisan Citizens' Assembly for Electoral Reform. This referendum, if rejected, is unlikely to be repeated any time soon, and seems to be our best and only hope to achieve fair election results where every vote counts. It might even restore voters' faith in our governments.

One fervently hopes that this opportunity is seized with alacrity by as many voters as possible.

BRIAN RADFORD,
Dukes Road

No position

With regard to the letter called "Need VRs" from Jon Ehly in last week's issue, let me make it perfectly clear once again. The Salt Spring Island Conservancy has never taken any position on the issue of vacation rentals!

While individual members of the conservancy have every right to express their personal views on this or any other matter, this must not be interpreted to mean that they are endorsed by the board of directors. Perhaps Mr. Ehly should have had the courtesy of checking with us before publicly criticizing a dedicated, volunteer-run organization that is working hard to preserve and protect the island environment.

A public apology would be appreciated, and a donation to our Mount Erskine acquisition would also help to heal the wound. There are brochures all around Ganges, or call our office at 538-0318.

PETER LAMB,
President,
SSI Conservancy

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Rural atmosphere has nothing to do with farmland ratios

It was lovely to see last week's Driftwood photo of the Norton Neighbourhood Association group all bunched together, all incensed over a proposed affordable housing project.

It was lovely to see such a rainbow of humanity represented, from pensioners brandishing snow shovels to children barely old enough to read clutching protest signs. What fun.

I am sure that all those lovely people have nice warm cozy homes to go to, where they can gather around the kitchen table enjoying a nice cup of chamomile tea and give themselves slaps on the back for a job well done. Another skirmish in the fight to keep the 26-home affordable housing project mired in stalling tactics.

And I am pretty certain these same people have never experienced the joy of commuting to Salt Spring from Duncan or Victoria five days a week — a day that begins before 5 in the morning and ends back home somewhere around 7:30 p.m., just in time for a lukewarm dinner and flop into

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BY PETER VINCENT



bed, only to repeat the whole soul-destroying process the next day. If they had walked a mile in those shoes, this brave little gaggle of faux farmers would have been even smaller.

Of course, no one would willingly choose this commuter lifestyle. There is simply no affordable housing on Salt Spring. Zero. It is why the RCMP detachment is having a tough time putting boots on the ground. It is why families are leaving. It is the reason behind declining enrolment in the schools, which in turn decreases funding, resulting in a four-day school week. That is the hard reality of no affordable housing.

I am not speaking of low-cost housing — a vaguely Dickensian world of bleak dormitories and line-ups at a soup kitchen. Norton Road is about decent three-bed-

room detached homes with a little yard going for around \$200,000, affordable for teachers, nurses, ferry workers, middle management up and comers — the kind

of families that will move here and stay here, who will shop here, fill the schools and use the future pool. The kind of people we need on Salt Spring.

So why all the foot stomping about the Norton Road project? It is perfectly located within walking distance of town, schools, hospitals. All the government seals of approval have apparently been given to this, from highways to sewer to water. An independent soil guy with over 25 years experience has deemed the land good for nothing but a few scruffy barnyard animals. This ain't Butchart Gardens, folks.

"Keep Salt Spring Rural?" This project is by a strip mall, a stone's throw from two big upscale townhouse projects, a short crawl to the Legion and rubbing shoulders with the Brinkworthy mobile

home park. Rural? Please.

It's coming on two years since this project first found its way onto the Trust's table. The owners of the project, 20-year residents of Salt Spring, have patiently jumped through hoop after hoop, sending it here and there, to this committee and that committee, until there are no more committees left. It seems to fit every criteria needed to justify giving it the green light.

Our two Salt Spring trustees, Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger, are not fools. In fact, in my opinion, Salt Spring is very fortunate to have them. I have sat through a number of marathon Trust meetings and marvelled at the dispassionate self-control both showed in the face of special interest groups grabbing the spotlight, espousing their own "colourful" views of what Salt Spring should look like. And yet despite all the merits of the Norton Road Project, the trustees continue to dance.

This is wild conjecture, but could it be a matter of self-preservation? If you have future, more "grandiose" political aspirations,

and your support base is largely made up of those who espouse "no growth, no way, no how" on Salt Spring, you may well be cutting your political throat by approving this project.

But there are times when you have to put principle in front of personal interest. In the long run, you will gain the respect from all sides of the political spectrum. It is time to do the right thing.

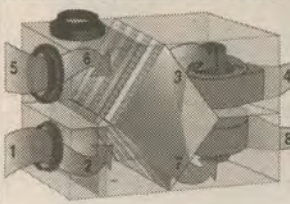
If you will allow me to wax even more poetic, try this on for size. Rural atmosphere on Salt Spring has little to do with farmland ratios. It has everything to do with the spirit of giving, of helping out your neighbours. It is embodied in the "Roses" section of this newspaper, with volunteerism, with welcoming newcomers, with projects like ArtSpring and preserving Mount Erskine.

I am sure the people holding up the pitchforks and placards in that picture instinctively know this. And I am sure members of the Local Trust Committee know this. It's time to start living up to our reputation.

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Some reality

I would like to express my dissatisfaction with any decision the Parks and Recreation Commission might make that fails to take the government grant and employ it (as was understood during the last referendum) to reduce the tax burden that will be created by the indoor pool.

This was the understanding during the referendum and PARC will be committing a fraud to do otherwise. Holding another referendum is throwing money away. It must come from somewhere, i.e. the taxpayer, and quite frankly I am very troubled by those who cannot make a hard decision and must always seek public approval.

The taxpayers of this island have been hit recently with added burdens, i.e., ArtSpring, and now the Salt Spring Conservancy wants funds to save Mount Erskine, the latter, in my opinion, being a more relevant cause.

When will this nonsense of bleeding the taxpayer

stop? We are a limited population. My suggestion would be to build an outdoor pool with the ability to enclose it when the tax base increases. Kindly get some reality in decision making!

JIM GOOD,
Walker's Hook Road

Love dogs

We need to clarify the confusion caused by our April 20 letter to the editor warning people walking their dogs at the top of Cranberry Road. We are not concerned with dogs on our property — we are dog lovers.

JOAN and
HARRY WALLS,
Toynbee Road

Say yes

The voters of British Columbia have been given an historic opportunity by way of a referendum to reform our electoral system.

I believe it is time for us to end our vicious cycle of polarized "winner takes all" politics and embrace a system based on consensual decision making.

Some 160 of our fellow citizens were chosen randomly from across our province to make a case for staying as we are or to change our electoral system. These citizens spent 11 months educating themselves, listening to experts from around the world, holding 50 community forums, reviewing over 1,600 submissions from fellow citizens, having substantial deliberation and they finally arrived at a recommendation in a "146 to 7" vote that our province would be best served by reforming our electoral system to a BC-STV system! This was a phenomenal undertaking by ordinary people.

The question is: Do you have faith in the consensual decision of these 160 non-partisan fellow citizens, whose only motive was to provide us with the opportunity to choose a new electoral system that would better

serve our province, or do you believe the "better the devil you know" pundits whose primary goal is to preserve the existing adversarial, winner-take-all, party-controlled system that has given us the frustrating choices we face today?

My money is on the extraordinary ordinary fellow citizens who have given us a clear and thoughtful recommendation.

Please do not squander this historical opportunity. Vote yes for BC-STV.

WAYNE FRASER,
Salt Spring

Shocking

I was sickened to the core to read in the April 13 Driftwood ("Random attack shakes local man") about the vicious, unprovoked attack on a Salt Spring resident near the Kanaka Road Skatepark.

I don't know, having lived here for only eight months, whether or not this is a common occurrence, but I was still somewhat surprised that the report didn't receive a more prominent billing.

Certainly in England, my home country, this type of incident seems to crop up with disturbing regularity. I think I may have harboured the naïve delusion that by moving to a remote Canadian island we might altogether escape the "yob" culture that stains Britain's streets.

The fact that we've met so many exceptionally open and friendly people here just serves to make it all the more shocking.

I know the old adage concerning tar and brushes, but it's difficult not to feel a certain deep disappointment.

MATTHEW SERMON,
Blackburn Road

Soil rumour

In the context of her highly critical letter to the Driftwood of April 13, Anne Macey is insinuating that the owners of the Norton Road Affordable Housing site may have, either deliberately or otherwise, stripped off the top soil and removed it from the property and/or destroyed it during clearing operations, thereby denigrating the property's agricultural capability.

I want to say clearly and

emphatically that it is untrue that the indigenous soil has been removed from this property or unduly disturbed during site clearing operations. It is what it is — Class 5.

The fact is, years ago the property was incorrectly rated Class 2, probably due to old, small-scale maps and data bases, which included large regions and multiple properties that were not site specific. This has been acknowledged by members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

It is only by undertaking an analysis of the soil conditions of a specific site that an accurate agricultural capability rating can be made. Until three or four months ago, this site was a woodlot as far back as anyone can remember.

If you want to disagree with the professional opinion of an accredited professional agrologist with 25 years of experience, a person who is required by law and professional ethics to be objective and use due diligence, that's your business. But in so doing, use extreme care that you know the facts and you are not perpetuating rumours that may cause harm to the reputation of honourable people.

TOM O'CONNOR,
Salt Spring

Disingenuous

The April 13 opinion piece by David Borrowman drawing an analogy between the Canadian federation and the Islands Trust is to say the least disingenuous.

Ontario has indeed the largest population and therefore the widest tax base of all the provinces and as a "have province" contributes to its provincial partners in the federation. It also has the most members of the House of Commons and one could not imagine a government cabinet without ministers from Ontario.

Salt Spring Island, on the other hand, has the same number of representatives as the smallest island with no guarantee of any position on the executive of the Trust.

More discussion?
JOAN MCCONNELL,
Leslee Drive

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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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Andrew Brown, Interim C.E.O.
Gulf Islands Intermediate Care Society

More letters

People power

Our island is so beautiful that sometimes I have to pinch myself to check if I am dreaming.

The pinch reminds me that our island faces an overwhelming number of threats to her future health. One of the most critical we are facing today is the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project (VITRP).

BCTC is planning to replace the equipment that is at the end of its lifespan with much larger transmission lines (and poles) through the centre of Salt Spring Island for operation in 2008. The power transmitted over the new lines will be over a billion watts, 23 times more power than transmitted over the existing lines. While we need to get power to the "big island," this option is completely inappropriate to deliver these projected power needs.

There are a number of concerns with this proposal. These include aesthetics, electro-magnetic pollution, social and economic conditions, property depreciation, tourism impacts, noise, environmental issues and fire risk.

While this proposal affects the whole island, the businesses and residents that will suffer the most are within 350 metres from the centre of the right-of-way. This includes uptown Ganges; the hospital, RCMP, Greenwoods, commercial properties, a campground, the bowling alley, daycare, Brinkworthy, the Legion, etc.

Our official community plan is clearly against this kind of development. "B.C. Hydro is asked not to increase the current flow in its transmission lines that cross Salt Spring Island . . ." states Section C.5.1. Our CRD and Trust officials are on our side, but against such a huge corporation, this has not been enough.

We want a win-win solution. There are alternatives that must be explored; re-routing the line to an all-submarine route, for example.

There is hope. This year the community of Markham in Ontario defeated Hydro One and Delta had the BCTC change the VITR plans for their portion of the right-of-way. Surely our islands can do the same?

What can we do to stand up to this corporate giant who stands to make billions off of our defaced and endangered community? Please visit www.IRAH-VOL.org. Sign the petition. Write some letters to your MLA, the premier and MP. Do whatever you can, this project will impact generations for 60 years.

I don't want to pinch



Name: ISABELLE DE LAUNIERE
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Occupation(s): Being a mom.

Hobbies: Playing with my children, gardening, designing my home.

Home finished/unfinished: More unfinished every day.

Favourite read: Alexander David-Neel and The Hobbit.

Best thing about SSI: Its natural beauty, the beaches and the people.

Worst thing about SSI: Getting off the island.

Best place to kiss on SSI?: Anywhere.



DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

myself again in 2008 and find that I am in a living nightmare.

JOHN WAKEFIELD,
Upper Ganges Road

Wake up

Recently the Islands Trust held a meeting and apparently decided to allow vacation rentals, provided the owner registers with the Trust, can only rent during a 60-day window and the owner lives in that house virtually all the time . . . not too many hoops to jump through!

This smacks of Gestapo tactics. Why should the owner report into the Islands Trust that they are renting their own house? B&Bs don't "check in" with the neighbours or the Trust when they have guests!

And why does the owner have to be a permanent resident in that home? He paid for the house, he is paying taxes on the house and he has rights as a fee simple property owner — he can use water, as much as he wants, and if he wants to rent his house, he can.

Why differentiate whether the rental period of someone staying in the house is a minimum 30 days, or must serve breakfast and host the guest, or register the name with the Islands Trust and only have a 60-day window?

The Ontario Supreme Court has ruled that vacation rentals are not considered commercial uses of one's house. They are treated the same as B&Bs, and should be since both do the same thing: provide accommodation for a guest, the money from which pays the mortgage.

Vacation rentals are needed for the economy and should be welcomed. The Islands Trust doesn't have the jurisdiction to tell us what we can and cannot do

with our own homes on matters of this nature.

JONATHAN SMITH,
Vesuvius Bay Road

Mean spirited

I have been growing more and more troubled by the problems our seniors are facing.

We are seeing a mean-spirited, uncaring character rising to replace what was a compassionate and just society. The provincial government has slashed social assistance. The most vulnerable citizens in our society are abused and ridiculed as lazy bums, and punished. Food banks and soup kitchens can hardly keep up.

Health care slashed and services cut, the sick and the old are getting sicker and dying before their time.

The new "Fair-Pharmcare," complete with stigma of a means test for seniors, has been introduced.

Young people are being led to believe that the Canada Pension Plan is going bankrupt and won't be there when they retire. Their resentment of current pensioners and those about to become pensioners is fertile ground for intergenerational conflict.

Many Canadians express support for massive reductions in social programs in order to get a tax cut to line their own pockets. They don't know who will suffer

as a result and they don't seem to care.

The media are full of stories about crime, vicious acts, violence against the elderly, people hurting people.

In the past, seniors have often sounded warning bells to the policy makers. Don't cut social spending, we said. If deficit reduction is crucial, make the tax system more equitable, we said. Invest in all of Canada, not just the wealthy.

Obviously the seniors were right, and I think it could get a lot worse if we don't do something to stop those who think they can cut social deficits or cut taxes at the expense of the most vulnerable citizens of the province.

On May 17 make your vote count.

(Adapted from One Voice)

I was hungry and you found a committee to investigate my hunger

I was homeless and you filed a report on my plight

I was sick and you held a seminar on the situation of the underprivileged

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(Author unknown)

RONALD MILTON,
Salt Spring

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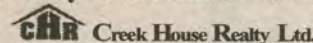


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RANTS

Rants to the absolute idiot who decided to vandalize one of the two beautiful native arbutus trees that grow along side the boardwalk at Centennial Park. Perhaps you were testing out your new knife when you sliced more than half a dozen large strips of bark from the trunk and branches. What was running through your tiny brain at

RANTS & ROSES

the time? It really upsets me to see vandalism, but when it happens to plants it sickens me. Arbutus are a very unique species and it is Canada's only native broad leaf evergreen tree. It's too bad you didn't fall out of the tree while you were up there slicing away with your knife. It probably would have rattled your pea brain around in that nearly hollow head of yours and knocked some sense into you. Banana Joe.

recent passing, she reminds those who knew and loved her what was best about the Salt Spring pioneering community.

Roses to the man from Old Scott Road who picked me up from Long Harbour on Thursday afternoon and brought me home. Can you see if my money belt (passport and all) is in your vehicle? Kim (538-0246)

Bunches and bunches of bunches of old-fashioned roses are sent to a very special woman and friend, Jancie Dodds, for contributing so very much for the Salt Spring Elementary School fundraiser on April 14. You created such a beautiful display for the silent auction (along with your helpers). We can only say thank-you once again and tell you how impressed and appreciative we are for all your efforts.

A "pungent" bouquet of kalmia augustifolia to all our garden nymphs. Your generosity still lingers! L&SR

Hundreds of bright green roses to all the wonderful

musicians, artists, business-ees and volunteers who made our Earth Day celebration such a success. And a long-stemmed pink rose to Leslie N. for organizing the event. What an amazing community we have here. KR

Roses and thanks to House Piccolo, Admirals Seafood, Calvin's Bistro and the Harbour House for supplying food at Alan Redpath's wake. Special heartwarming thanks to Jim Burrows and the staff at The Local. Redpath family.

A big farewell bouquet of roses to Gabrielle and Brian Grady. Your willingness to help and support your community, your friends, complete strangers and even stray furry critters will be greatly missed. Thanks for everything. JB

Our heartfelt thanks to all our fellow Salt Spring-ers, who believed in us and enabled us to purchase boats for the fisherman who lost their boats during the tsunami in Thailand. T&DC

ROSES

A thousand roses and a thousand thank-yous to Cathie and Cec Newman for what seems like almost a thousand acts of kindness over this last year. You have helped us through challenging times. I&CL

A spinnaker full of roses to Irene Gibbs for sailing us around the world and helping SSplash raise funds for an indoor pool.

A dozen celestial, rambling roses for June Stevens and her family. In her life and

More letters

STV site

Someone in Ontario sent me this website. If you can open it, it provides an excellent understandable explanation of the BC-STV voting option — something I just couldn't get my head around!

www.citizensassembly.bc.ca/public/extra/animations.xml

If you can't open it start at www.citizensassembly.bc.ca and download the flash micromedia program — about two minutes.

KEN LEE,
Amblewood Drive

Fingers

Knowing what a thoughtful and considerate populace we have on our little island paradise it is inconceivable that anyone would think their free time is any more valuable than the next person's.

This leads me to believe there is a huge portion of our

population who are mathematically challenged due to the fact that so many people run 11, 12, 17 or more items through the "10 item or less" line in our grocery stores.

I plan my shopping around that line. If I have 11 items I decide which one I don't need. So in an effort to help those intellectual unfortunates, I would like to remind them 10 is how many fingers the average person has.

FRANKLIN SCOTT FLETCHER,
Salt Spring

Go green

The writ has dropped and now is the time to consider in this riding who you will elect or re-elect.

On the one hand, you can vote for the incumbent, on the other hand, you can vote for the second strongest provincial party from the last election in this riding, the Green Party. The candidate for the Greens here is Ken Rouleau from our own Salt Spring Island. Historically this riding is small "c" conservative (thanks Saanich North!). This riding provincially has never elected an NDP MLA. Why start now? Put every vote possible behind the Greens again and send Murray packing.

More voters in the last provincial election voted Green in this riding than any other. Make a statement, be different and, while you are at it, vote "yes" to electoral reform. Vote yes to STV. It will change your life for the better.

Visit www.greenpartysgi.ca and check out the forum, contact Ken Rouleau directly at

kenrouleau@greenpartysgi.ca or call him at (250) 537-9390 for more information to make your decision.

JAMES FALCON,
Salt Spring

Fine tuning

I was heartened to read the letters in the paper these last few weeks about vacation rentals.

This is a time for responsible decisions.

The gentleman who lives next door to a home that may house up to 18 people has cause for concern.

On reading proposed Bylaw #395, it surprised me to learn we currently have laws "on the books" to deal with his dilemma and perhaps all the others as well.

A short-term vacation rental is defined. Conditions for its use are specified regarding parking, number of bedrooms, water and sewage availability, and limitations within the watershed.

The means to deal with Mr. Hodson's concern is currently available to the law enforcement. They need only use it.

Success for any venture requires fine tuning. Fine tuning means dealing with problems as they arise. Effective solutions are found with responsible and respectful action. The attempt to exterminate the many for the poor behaviour of the few has never gained satisfying results.

This may be likened to the rotten apple spoiling the barrel. If, however, you deal with the rotten apple as it turns, you will have apples all winter.

WENDY BEATTY,
Vesuvius



CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Highland Water and Sewer Local Service Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the Highland Water and Sewer Local Services committee will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fernwood Elementary School Library.

For information please call: 1-800-663-4425

GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK RESERVE INTERIM MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

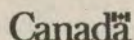
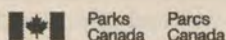
Notice of Public Consultation

As required by the Canada-British Columbia National Park Establishment Agreement, Parks Canada has prepared *Interim Management Guidelines* to guide the management and operations of Gulf Islands National Park Reserve of Canada until a full Park Management Plan is completed and approved. The proposed *Interim Management Guidelines* have been prepared with input from interested First Nations, island community members, locally and regionally elected officials, various users groups, and the Park Advisory Board.

Parks Canada invites you to read a copy of the proposed *Interim Management Guidelines* and to let us know if you are in agreement with the recommended direction. Copies of the *Interim Management Guidelines* are available at the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve of Canada administration office at 2220 Harbour Rd., Sidney, BC, or by request at HYPERLINK "mailto:gulfislands@pc.gc.ca" gulfislands@pc.gc.ca or (250) 654-4000.

Open Houses will be held at the following locations and times to provide opportunities for the public to informally discuss the *Interim Management Guidelines* with Parks Canada. A short presentation will be made at the beginning of each Open House.

<p>Pender Islands Thursday, April 14, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. St. Peter's Anglican Church, 4703 Canal Rd.</p> <p>Saturday, May 14, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Rd.</p>	<p>Salt Spring Island Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave.</p>
<p>Saturna Island Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Community Hall, 104 East Point Rd.</p> <p>Saturday, June 25, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Community Hall, 104, East Point Rd.</p>	<p>Nanaimo Saturday, June 4, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Coast Bastion Inn, Malaspina Rm., 11 Bastion St.</p>
<p>Mayne Island Sunday, May 8, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Rd.</p>	<p>Galiano Island Thursday, June 9, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. South Island Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Rd.</p>



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Journey to Mythica set to go

A mystical journey with travellers, fabled characters and magical sisters entrances ArtSpring audiences this week as Stagecoach theatre school students perform.

Mythica is an all-original show by Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts' Mainstage Program running April 28, 29 and 30 at 7 p.m.

This year-end production features student actors, singers, musicians and crew working together to create a mystical journey to Mythica.

The script was written by senior student Ayase Kay and school administrator and designer Simon Henson. School voice instructor Nina Holldorf donned her composer's hat with additional music composed by Monik Nordine.

Directed by Sue Newman and choreographed by Robbyn Scott, followers of the Stagecoach stream of youth thespians will once again be transported into a world where bright and eager performers play.



REHEARSAL TIME: Ayase Kay, right, and Una Conradi work on a scene from the upcoming Stagecoach theatre school performance of Mythica, which runs this weekend at ArtSpring. Photo contributed

"At many different stages of their training and experience, these students have learned technical and artistic

aspects of theatre, as well as the time-honoured value of working together," states a Stagecoach press release.

Tickets for the show are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids at the ArtSpring ticket centre (537-2102).

Elvira Clare shares her spiritual sounds

Singer, songwriter Elvira Clare will perform at Music and Munch on Wednesday, May 4 with a moving program titled A Journey of the Heart.

Clare's songs are contemporary with folk overtones and descriptive of life's journey from a spiritual perspective.

"The richness of her voice resonates with depth of feeling and one is not so much aware of being at a performance, but of entering into a place of tranquility and grace," notes a Music Makers press release.

Her *Daybreak in My Soul* CD has been highly acclaimed as "a deeply inspiring offering" and is considered a meaningful contribution to describing the way of transformation and its inner dynamics.

Venerable Tenzin Palmo writes: "Elvira Clare's lyrics are inspiring, and her beau-

tiful, clear prayerful voice opens the heart."

Rabbi Gelberman says, "Her melodious songs are as timely and beautiful as they are meaningful and inspiring."

In addition to songs from her CD, Clare will also sing the well-known spiritual *Kumbaya My Lord* and in Spanish the familiar and loved *Guantanamera*. She will accompany herself on the guitar and the dulcimer.

Elvira has lived a number of years as a contemplative. Over the years she has been a student and proponent of East/West interfaith exchange and study and is the co-founder of a multi-faith contemplative community called The Forest of Peace Community on Salt Spring where she resides.

Elvira also gives workshops and retreats, combining her music with talks on contemplative prayer and meditation.



THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC LINE-UP

Thursday April 28 Karaoke with Hosts Tom & Matt 8pm

Friday April 29 Interchill Records DJ's 8pm
An outer space lounge affair

Saturday April 30 Guitar/Sax Duo: Mowbray & Wall 8pm
Latin Jazz Standards

Sunday May 1 Vintage Lounge with DJ Matt J 7 pm
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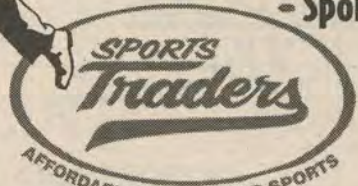
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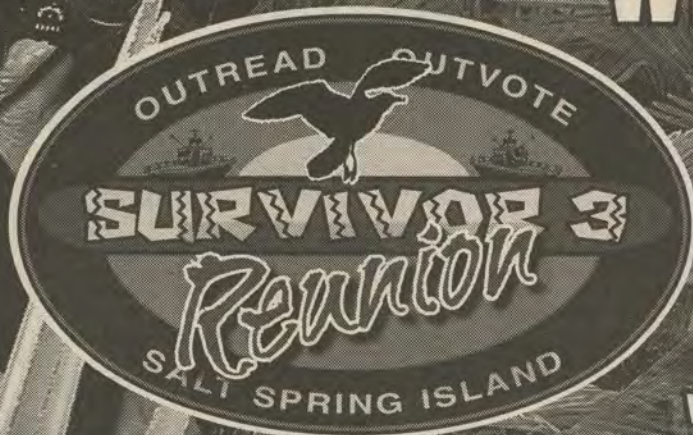
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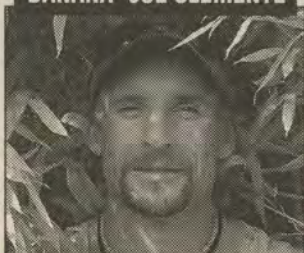
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NORTH END TRIBE

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What is your favorite song?
"Rooster" by Alice in Chains
What is your favorite TV show?
Hawaii Five-O and Gilligan's Island (For real!)
How would you amuse yourself on the island?
Teach myself how to juggle with coconuts or bananas.
If your children were to inherit one quality or trait from you what would you hope it would be and why?
Don't take life too seriously and be nice to everyone you meet.
Complete this poem:
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue,
I'm stranded on this island,
Oh, what will I do?
After I harvest the fruit
I'd squish it to juice
I'd let it ferment
So we could all hang loose!

CHARITY: LMHF

JOHN DOLMAN



What is your favorite song?
"Book Of Love" by Peter Gabriel, from the Shall We Dance Soundtrack.
What is your favorite TV show?
The Amazing Race.
How would you amuse yourself on the island?
Weekly potlucks. I've been told other islands do it.
If your children were to inherit one quality or trait from you what would you hope it would be and why?
A sense of humor, if you have a good one life's not that bad.
Complete this poem:
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue,
I'm stranded on this island,
Oh, what will I do?
Maybe catch fish,
Maybe eat fowl!
At least on this island
There's no Mr. Howell!

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 its 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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BALLOTS ARE COUNTED EACH MONDAY MORNING (AFTER 10AM)

Each week our castaways will be required to complete a number of tasks (answer questions). Check the answers each week to see how your favourite castaway is doing! Then cast your vote at any of the businesses on this page. One lucky reader who casts a ballot will win a weekend for 2 at Poets Cove, Pender Island!

All decisions will be made by the TRIBAL COUNCIL at the Gulf Islands Driftwood and will be announced. One lucky reader who casts a ballot will win a weekend for 2 at Poets Cove, Pender Island!

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Apr 27, 2005 to May 3, 2005
- WEDNESDAY, APR 27**
- 6:30 PM
14 ★★ Johnny (1999, Drama) A gang leader convinces his followers to participate in dangerous scenarios. *Chris Martin, Kris Lemche (1h30)*
- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ In Enemy Hands (2004, War) American prisoners on a U-boat are forced to join their German captors in a fight for survival. *Til Schweiger, William H. Macy (1h45)*
- 8:00 PM
24 ★★ Beverly Hills Cop III (1994, Comedy) A Detroit cop is sent to a theme park to find two murderous car thieves. *Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold (2h)*
- 8:45 PM
3 ★★ Strip Search (2004, Drama) People find themselves imprisoned for their thoughts in a society obsessed with security. *Glenn Close, Maggie Gyllenhaal (1h)*
- 9:00 PM
4 ★★ Killer Bees (2002, Action) A truck accident causes the sudden release of deadly killer bees in a small town. *C. Thomas Howell, Fiona Loewi (2h)*
- 9:15 PM
13 ★★ Sweet Home Alabama (2002, Comedy) A New York designer is set to wed the mayor's son, but first she needs to end her current marriage. *Reese Witherspoon, Candice Bergen (2h)*
- 9:45 PM
19 ★★ Chaplin (1992, Biography) A portrait of comedian Charlie Chaplin, from his Hollywood success to European seclusion. *Robert Downey Jr., Dan Aykroyd (2h20)*
- 9:45 PM
3 ★★ A Problem With Fear (2003, Comedy) A highly phobic man volunteers to test a warning system that alerts the wearer to danger. *Paulo Costanzo, Emily Hampshire (1h45)*
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★ The Cup (2000, Comedy) Teenaged monks in Bhutan arrange to have a satellite dish to watch the World Cup. *Jamyang Lodro, Neten Chokling (1h45)*
- 11:30 PM
2 ★★ Little Cheung (1999, Drama) A nine-year-old delivery boy searches for his brother in the streets of Hong Kong. *Yuet-Ming Yui, Wai-Fan Mak (2h)*
- 11:45 PM
3 ★★ Wilder (2000, Action) A detective uncovers a series of murders that are linked to a big pharmaceutical company. *Pam Grier, Rutger Hauer (1h45)*
- 11:45 PM
14 ★★ Oedipus Rex (1967, Drama) In pre-war Italy, a man learns that he's destined to kill his father and marry his mother. *Silvana Mangano, Franco Citti (2h)*

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- THURSDAY, APR 28**
- 6:00 PM
14 ★★ The Seven-Per-Cent Solution (1976, Mystery) Sigmund Freud joins forces with Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson to solve a mystery. *Alan Arkin, Vanessa Redgrave (2h)*
- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ Sugar (2004, Romance) In the 1980s, a young man finds himself in the underbelly of Toronto's gay community. *Andre Noble, Brendan Fehr (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM
2 Jinnah on Crime: White Knight, Black Widow (2003, Mystery) A Vancouver reporter investigates the mysterious death of a flamboyant stock promoter. *Dhirendra Miyanger, Christian Bocher (2h)*
- 8:30 PM
4 23 ★★ Sweet Home Alabama (2002, Comedy) A New York designer is set to wed the mayor's son, but first she needs to end her current marriage. *Reese Witherspoon, Candice Bergen (2h)*
- 8:30 PM
24 ★★ Broken Arrow (1995, Action) A heroic co-pilot must stop an insane pilot who has stolen two nuclear warheads. *John Travolta, Christian Slater (2h30)*
- 9:00 PM
3 ★★ Man On Fire (2004, Action) A former assassin swears vengeance on those who kidnapped the child he was protecting. *Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning (2h30)*
- 9:00 PM
13 ★★ Little Men (1997, Drama) The tale of two kids, one the recipient of a kind benefactor and the other on the run. *Mariel Hemingway, Chris Sarandon (2h)*
- 10:00 PM
19 ★★ Big Top Pee-Wee (1988, Comedy) Pee Wee Herman joins a circus troupe as they put on a really big show. *Paul Reubens, Valeria Golino (1h30)*
- 10:00 PM
29 ★★ Stand By Me (1986, Comedy/ Drama) Four friends set out on an adventure to look for the missing body of a local teenager. *Wil Wheaton, Corey Feldman (2h)*
- 10:00 PM
13 ★★ Don't Look Now (1973, Suspense) A grieving couple meets a woman who insists that she sees their dead daughter's spirit. *Julie Christie, Donald Sutherland (2h)*

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THURSDAY, APR 28
11:00 PM
Lakefront (2004, Drama) An alcoholic widower encounters trouble with a wife-beating neighbour and a seamy love affair. Dennis Cutts, Julie Reitzel (1h30)
11:30 PM
My Dog Vincent (1997, Comedy) Three young men take the first steps from youthful goofiness to tentative maturity. Chuck Campbell, Gavin Crawford (2h)
FRIDAY, APR 29
7:00 PM
Fahrenheit 9/11 (2004, Documentary) A look at the events surrounding 9/11, and how the Bush administration used it to push its own agenda. (2h)
10:00 PM
Ennemi de l'Etat (1998, Drama de suspense) Un jeune avocat de Washington devient l'objet d'une véritable chasse à l'homme. Jon Voight, Gene Hackman (3h)
11:30 PM
Beautiful Girl (2003, Comedy) A girl who does not fit society's vision of perfection decides to enter a beauty contest. Marissa Jaret Winokur, Mark Consuelos (1h30)
8:00 PM
Parenthood (1989, Comedy) Modern-day parents face the age-old dilemma of trying to raise their children properly. Steve Martin, Dianne Wiest (2h)
11:00 PM
Nicholas and Alexandra (1971, Biography) A chronicle of the Russian leaders at the time of the great revolution in Russia. Michael Jayston, Janet Suzman (3h)
10:00 PM
Spider-Man (2002, Action) A student becomes a spider-like superhero after he is bitten by an unusual spider. Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe (2h30)
9:00 PM
Perry Mason: Case of the Fatal Fashion (1992, Mystery) A malicious fashion magazine editor is murdered and a lawyer must defend the accused. Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale (2h)
9:00 PM
11'09'01 (2002, Drama) A collection of short films on the effects of September 11th as the event was felt across the world. Maryam Karimi, Vladimir Vega (2h15)
9:45 PM
Pretty in Pink (1986, Romance) A girl from the wrong side of town becomes involved with a popular and wealthy young man. Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy (1h30)
10:00 PM
How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying (1967, Musical) A cynical reporter changes his views while covering a story in Vietnam. John Wayne, David Janssen (3h)
10:30 PM
Summer School (1987, Comedy) A high school teacher dreaming of a Hawaiian vacation is assigned to teach summer school. Mark Harmon, Kirstie Alley (2h)
11:15 PM
Johnson Family Vacation (2004, Comedy) A family's cross-country trip to their annual family reunion turns into disaster. Cedric The Entertainer, Vanessa L. Williams (1h45)
11:30 PM
Ordinary People (1980, Drama) An older son's accidental death strains relationships within an affluent family. Timothy Hutton, Mary Tyler Moore (2h)
11:30 PM
The Joy of Sex (1984, Comedy) Believing she has only weeks to live, a virgin decides to 'do it all' before she dies. Michelle Meyrink, Cameron Dye (2h)
SATURDAY, APR 30
6:00 PM
The Green Berets (1968, War) A cynical reporter changes his views while covering a story in Vietnam. John Wayne, David Janssen (3h)
6:30 PM
Le patient anglais (1996, Drame de meurtres) Une infirmière soigne un pilote blessé ayant connu un grand amour tragique. Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche (3h30)
7:00 PM
Dick Tracy (1990, Comedy/Drama) Big Boy Caprice is reuniting the mob and Dick Tracy must stop him before it's too late. Warren Beatty, Madonna (2h)
8:00 PM
Warm Springs (2005, Drama) Franklin Roosevelt seeks a miracle cure for his paralysis in the backwoods of Georgia. Kenneth Branagh, Cynthia Nixon (2h)
8:00 PM
Seeds of Doubt (1996, Drama) A reporter starts a crusade to free a convicted murderer, whom she believes is innocent. Peter Coyote, Sten Eirik (2h)
9:00 PM
Miller's Crossing (1990, Crime Story) A Prohibition-era gangster gets caught between warring mobs and divided loyalties. Gabriel Byrne, Marcia Gay Harden (2h30)
9:00 PM
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Fantasy) Upon learning that he has magical powers, a boy enrolls in a boarding school for wizards. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson (3h)
9:00 PM
In the Bedroom (2001, Drama) Parents face tragedy after their son falls for a woman with a manic-tomped ex-husband. Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei (2h30)
10:00 PM
Walking Tall (2004, Action) A retired soldier sets out to clean up his hometown, despite the dangers to his family. The Rock, Johnny Knoxville (1h30)
10:00 PM
Excess Baggage (1997, Comedy) A young woman takes her own kidnapping to get the attention of her millionaire father. Alicia Silverstone, Benicio Del Toro (2h30)
10:00 PM
Dirty Harry (1971, Action) A San Francisco police inspector must track down a sniper who is terrorizing the city. Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino (2h)
10:00 PM
The Green Berets (1968, War) A cynical reporter changes his views while covering a story in Vietnam. John Wayne, David Janssen (3h)
10:30 PM
Love Rules! A wedding turns into a complicated extravaganza when family and friends get too involved. Joseph Lawrence, Marilu Henner (1h30)
10:30 PM
Taking Lives (2004, Thriller) An FBI profiler tracks a serial killer who takes on the identity of each new victim. Angelina Jolie, Ethan Hawke (2h)
11:00 PM
Hannah and Her Sisters (1986, Romance) A family begins to fall apart when a woman's husband falls for her beautiful sister. Woody Allen, Mia Farrow (1h45)
11:00 PM
The Enforcer (1976, Action) A San Francisco detective and his female partner try to foil a terrorist extortion plot. Clint Eastwood, Tyne Daly (1h45)



WALL ART: Fulford Elementary School students are seen with their latest mural.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

3rd mural beautifies school

Fulford Elementary unveiled its latest whole school art project Monday, with butterflies on flowers giving the school an even greater connection to the environment.

"We're getting to look a lot more like a nature school, which is our focus," said project coordinator Johanna Hoskins.

Fulford artist Karen Reiss and Hoskins worked with all children in the school to create colourful clay butterflies for the outdoor

mural endeavour.

The butterfly project adds to the fish and sun murals undertaken in the past two years.

Fundraising and donations always boost the project, but this year the school also benefitted from an ArtSmarts grant.

The program is funded by the ArtStarts organization, and provides grants to fund artist-in-the-classroom activities that give kids hands-on arts experience.

Voices join country-wide chorus

On Monday, May 2, students from Salt Spring Elementary School will participate in Canada's first nationwide celebration of school music programs.

Music Monday was created by the Coalition for Music Education in Canada to celebrate the galvanizing power of music and demonstrate how that power is rooted in school music programs.

From 10 a.m. Pacific time to 2:30 p.m. in Newfoundland, schools from coast to coast will simultaneously take their music program outside into the open air and perform A Little Music, a

short concert piece written specifically for this event.

Music Monday is made possible through a network of supporters of music education, including Pinchas Zukerman, music director of the National Arts Centre, Bob Ezrin, 2004 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee, and Ross Porter, president and CEO of JazzFM.

Educators, artists, music makers and parents all agree that music education has a positive effect on children's emotional and intellectual growth, notes a Music Monday press release from Myranda O'Byrne, who

is involved with the local effort.

"Music education improves academic achievement, behaviour and attitude. When children learn how to make music, their self-confidence improves, their creativity expands and their ability to work with others increases."

Parents, friends and relatives are invited to come and enjoy the concert, which will take place in the playground of Salt Spring Elementary at 10 a.m. Students are encouraged to wear red and white clothes, symbolizing the colors of the Canadian flag.

Graffiti takes on dramatic reading

After the success of Graffiti Theatre's presentation of *The Visit* last month, the company is ready to present a reading of Jean Giraudoux's madcap fantasy *The Madwoman of Chaillot*.

Set in Paris between the two world wars, it is the story of an eccentric proprietress of a cafe who successfully rids the world of greedy businessmen.

"The Madwoman of Chaillot is a wonderful play," noted director Yvonne Adalian, "depicting the reality of a predatory, dehumanized modern society, balanced by a playful, paradoxical and downright quirky world of fantasy."

Adalian said it is Giraudoux's most frequently produced play outside of Europe and has been described as a "lyrical madcap paean to life, nature, and joy."

Using a full cast, *The Madwoman of Chaillot* will play Friday, April 29 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m. at historic Mahon Hall.

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Much like *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, *House of Flying Daggers* follows the Chinese storytelling style of "wuxia pian": lots of somber romantic melodrama set amongst a time of warriors and ancient politics. You know the look: gravity-ignoring but bloodless martial arts set to moody music in gorgeous locales.

This story is set in the 10th century, and involves a plan by a local regime to eliminate a threat to their power called the House of Flying Daggers. One of their members will be captured and then "rescued" by someone who will escort her as she goes back to the group, and the regime's troops will follow right behind.

However, things are never so simple: a new love blossoms, an old lover reappears and another conspiracy rears its head. Before you know it, we have a good old-

fashioned Shakespearian love triangle.

House of Flying Daggers is gorgeous, simply put. The vivid greens and blues of the competing organizations' uniforms are simply stunning when placed in the context of the various naturalistic but somehow unreal landscapes (in this case, actually, the Ukraine).

And when things are in motion, well, here's where the film really shines. The fighting is as exciting as always, this time with a few Matrix-y computer-generated flying weapons (usually daggers, of course) to spiff up the proceedings.

An early scene involving our heroine playing dozens of drums from 50 feet away with just the sleeves of her dress is jaw-droppingly awesome in its rhythms.

Speaking of looking great, the

three lead actors are absolutely dead perfect in difficult roles. The toughest job goes to Zhang Ziyi (the little impetuous pout from *Crouching Tiger*), who may have the most arresting face in contemporary cinema. Somehow, in the midst of all this exquisite fabric, dynamically flowing landscapes and whirring blades, Ziyi manages to hold our stare without even delivering a line.

However, as is the case with so many of the flashier Asian films, Western audiences may find the melodrama overbearing and the story underwhelming. I'm not sure if this is a result of us not understanding what is surely a bevy of cultural nuances in such films, or the fact that the Asian world isn't as jaded about cinema as a whole. It could be both, it could be neither. It's hard to tell without seeing things from the other side.

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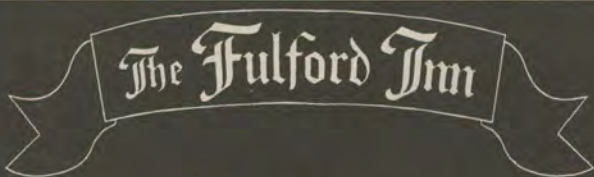
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Non-stop activity at arts centre in May

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

Spring has sprung at ArtSpring, and this May features a stunning array of activities. There is something for everyone, from election primers to animation cels.

Islanders for Self-Government presents Dr. Ken Carty of UBC's Political Science Department and the director of research for the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, who will present an overview and answer questions on BC-STV. Donations at the door. May 1, 2 p.m.

• Catch the All Candidates Debate for the upcoming provincial election. The four candidates have been invited to attend. Presented by the Driftwood and the Chamber of Commerce. Sunday, May 1, 5 p.m.

• May is a month known for its abundance of flowers. Bringing the garden's delights to ArtSpring, Florabundance is an exhibition of paintings by Susan Haigh, set in a lush display garden created by The Plant Farm. The art and garden show takes place May 2-8, with Susan's work also displayed in the open space gallery till the end of the month. Opening reception is May 2, 7 p.m.

• Salt Spring Singers pres-

ent Meditations — Poetry in Song, a collection of meditative songs and Faure's Requiem with guests the Honour Choir. Mitch Howard conducting. May 6 and 7, 8 p.m.; May 8, 2 p.m.

• Celebrate! a showcase of Salt Spring dancers, including the Stagecoach School of Performing Arts Dance Program in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, and modern. Special guests are Robbyn Scott directed by Helen Walkley, The Crush Crew, Sue Newman's adult/teen classes and Fernwood's Forte Choir directed by Mary Rockliffe. Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m.

• R.S.V.P. is a student-created production by the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts. This fully scripted show, complete with music and dance, features a powerful exploration of freedom and constraint, reflecting on issues of conformity, isolation, friendships and related teenage issues that we know will engage audiences. Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.

• Maggie Geezer and sexologist Dr. Luth host "Sex Tips for SaltSpringers." Featuring comedians Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers, who comment on life through their many popular characters. May 13 and 14, 8 p.m.

• May 17-23 will feature an exhibition of the work of two new artists, Lynda Crawford and Ellie Topaz. Both artists work in an energetic way using mixed media. The works are large and promise to be very exciting.

"We are still working on the theme for our show which has much to do with myth, magic, landscape and poetry," they say. The Vernissage reception is on Thursday, May 19, 6 p.m.

• Vancouver Island continues to be recognized as a premier island destination. Tourism Vancouver Island's goal is to inform, educate and entertain delegates, celebrating our accomplishments and preparing for the demanding future ahead. Tourism Vancouver Island Conference and AGM 2005 is co-presented by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. May 17-19.

• Salt Spring Writes host Sandi Johnson with readers Tony Bruce, Arthur Black, Derek Lundy. Proceeds to Salt Spring Writ-

ers & Friends Scholarship. Wednesday, May 18, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door.

• Explore some of the most interesting homes that Salt Spring Island has to offer with the Salt Spring Home Tour on Sunday, May 22. A self-guided tour map will lead enthusiasts through homes that feature unique architectural designs, lovely furnishings and beautiful settings. As in past years, the locations for this year's tour will be kept secret until the day of the tour.

• Cels from the Vault is 60 animation cels, backgrounds, single-frame blow-ups, and three ongoing films-on-video, plus Waxworks Creative 1971 Time Warp installation. Lorne Moore — 16 years with NFB Canada, three years at Waxworks. May 26-30.

• Tuned Air presents Estonian composer Arvo Pärt's Te Deum for chorus and string orchestra, perhaps one of the most sublime compositions of the 20th century, mixing traditional Gregorian chant forms with Pärt's own brilliant compositional talent. A moving image backdrop created by Genie award-winning filmmaker, Brian Nash, is featured. May 28 8 p.m., and May 29, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Ticket Centre at ArtSpring (100 Jackson Avenue), call 537-2102, email tickets@artspring.ca or visit www.artspring.ca.

Singers offer respite from global sadness with inspirational show

By LILLIAN MACK
Special to the Driftwood

We began the year of 2005 trying to cope with one of the world's most tragic natural disasters.

The loss of so many people at one time was almost impossible to comprehend. A few months later we lost a pope and a prince. Global sadness has touched us all in some way.

Given the circumstances, it seems timely and fitting that the focus of the Salt Spring Singers concert this spring is on "meditations."

The Singers will perform a selection of moving and inspirational music designed to strengthen and lift the spirit. We all know that beautiful music has the power to calm the soul and cause us to reflect on the beauty around us.

Music selected by director Mitch Howard for the Meditations — Poetry in Song concert is exceptionally beautiful and moving. The concert's main feature will be the Fauré Requiem. Unlike most requiems written to mourn a loss, Gabriel Fauré wrote his in celebration of life.

The Singers will also per-

form two versions of the 23rd Psalm, one arrangement by Bobby McFerrin and the other from the Requiem by John Rutter. Both are unique arrangements of one of the most beloved psalms.

Water Night by Eric Whitacre and MLK by Bob Chilcott are two poems about night and dreams sure to evoke memories of their own.

Traditionally the Salt Spring Singers choir performs in different languages. This year we will sing Bogorodytse Dyevo by Rachmaninoff in Russian, and Dirait-On by Rilke in French.

It wouldn't be a Salt Spring Singers concert without a few light-hearted fun songs that we love to sing to the delight of our audience.

Once again our guests will be the incredible Honour Choir, whose fresh young voices and beautiful faces are sure to touch the heart strings of all. To top it all off, both choirs will be accompanied by Jennifer Howard at the piano. You can't ask for more inspiration than that combination.

The Salt Spring Singers perform the Meditations concert at ArtSpring on the evenings of Friday-Saturday, May 6 and 7 at 8 p.m., and a matinee on Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m.

The writer is a member of Salt Spring Singers.

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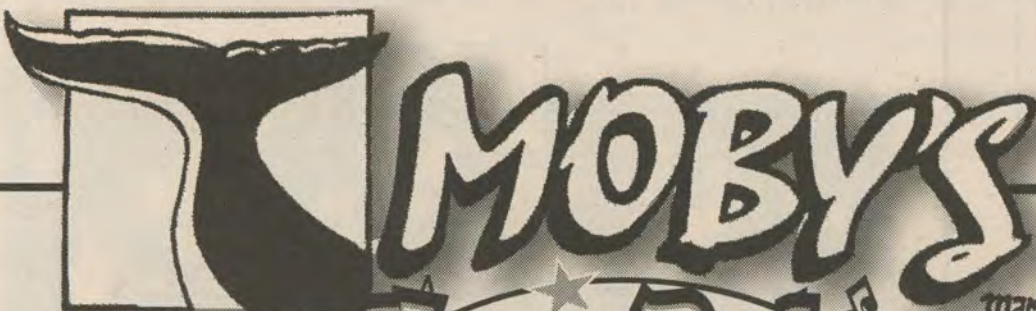
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TEA FOR TWO: Candy-striper Aunabeth Ross-MacLean and Annie Hassell check out a new Lady Minto Hospital cookbook, as the Extended Care Unit holds an open house and tea Friday afternoon.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

More is 'Maryier' at annual concert

The sixth annual Mary and Harry Williamson Performing and Literary Arts Scholarship fundraiser is ready to roll this year at Mahon Hall on Saturday, May 7.

"We are calling this year's event The More the Maryier — for many reasons," said co-organizer Cherie Geauvreau.

First, the variety show line-up includes a record seven scholarship applicants, three returning winners and 14 other artists and groups from the community.

Second, the committee wants to give out more scholarships "to our deserving, hard-working grads," she said.

"Third, we want to expand the memorial aspect of the scholarship fund to include some more 'dear and departed' Salt Spring Islanders so that people in our community can contribute to the fund in anyone's name."

Joan Raeside, Ray Newman, James Wilkinson, Liz Martin and Adrien Town are being added to the "memorial marquee" this year.

MCs for the evening are Arvid Chalmers and Dustin Bragg Van-Wyck.

Performing grads are Ann Cooper, Zoe Guigueno, Simon Millerd, Kayla Weber, Aleesha Bird, Caitlin Bishop and Lindsay Bryan.

Returning winners Amitai Marmorstein, Ed Perkins and Jekka Mack will also grace the stage.

Other performers are Sue Newman, Women of Note, Peter Prince, Fiddleworks, Monik Nordine, Dawn Luker, DanzKids, Geauvreau, Annie and the Roadhouse Gang, Janette Grey, Oscar Riley, Jan MacPhail, Kate Bragg and Shylo Zylbergold.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 at the door.

King, Wallace on stage

Islanders can celebrate Pete Seeger's 86th birthday on Tuesday, May 3 when Charlie King and Len Wallace perform at Lions Hall.

Friends for over 25 years, King and Wallace sing to celebrate the extraordinary lives of ordinary people.

"With accordion, guitar, sweet harmonies and incendiary lyrics, they write and perform songs with heart, humour and musical skill," explains a press release.

And both have connections to the legendary folk-singer Pete Seeger.

King was nominated by Seeger for the Sacco-Vanzetti Social Justice Award, which he received in November 1999.

Wallace has been making heads turn on the folk scene in both the U.S. and Canada since his 1986 Lincoln Center feature performance with Seeger. Since then, he has booked festival and club dates across Canada, including the Mariposa festival, Toronto's Big Squeeze, Owen Sound's Summerfolk and the Regina Festival in Saskatchewan.

"He plays like a demon and sings like an angel," says the Victor Music Review.

King has been at the heart of American folk music for over 40 years. Honours include an "Indie" award for one of the top three folk recordings of 1984 and the Peacemaker Award from the War Resisters League in 1998.

Quoted in their press release: "We cover a broad emotional landscape in our concerts. The stories we sing take the listener on a journey of humour, heartache and hope. They honour struggles for justice, hope for a better world, a history not found in textbooks. What we most value in a song is the way it helps us see an old reality in a totally new light."

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• Students for 2005/06 •

Here is an idea of just a few of the students we will be welcoming in September



Christina is from Germany; she is 16 years old. She enjoys horseback riding, painting and drawing, and she loves to cook. Christina is looking for a family who is warm-hearted and shares her same interests. She is also learning Chinese and would be happy to be placed with a Chinese student.

Maki is from Japan. She is 16 years old and she would like to be with a family with young children. She likes to play basketball and she plays the piano. She would prefer a vegetarian diet. She describes herself as cheerful and tidy.



James describes himself as "an individual man." He has been playing the Cello for six years and enjoys computer work and graphic design. He mountain bikes and skis and works on his school paper. He is turning 17 this year and is from Berlin.

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Local artist Susan Haigh offers islanders a lush garden of bursting colours, supple textures and organic compositions with a show titled Florabundance set to blossom at ArtSpring on May 2-8.

Islanders might recognize Haigh's work from previous Alliance of SaltSpring Artist (ASA) shows at ArtSpring and outdoor garden exhibitions featuring her oversized oils and acrylics of colour-saturated flowers on canvas.

"Flowers I do big. Landscapes I do small. I don't want to do anything the way it really is," she smiled.

After holding outdoor shows of nature-inspired paintings, Haigh decided to bring living gardens into the gallery for a new artistic experience.

"At the last show, rain threatened and a cold wind made its presence felt, seeding the idea of change for the next exhibition," Haigh said.

So she collaborated with Jeff Savin to bring flowers from The Plant Farm local nursery indoors to complement her work.

"I'm attracted to colour and I have a great respect for nature," Haigh said.

One 24 X 48-inch oil painting of bulging tea roses, titled Rosaceous, weighs heavy with opulent hues and sensual shapes that even suggest a heady scent.

"I see compositions and I have to paint them," she explained.

In many cases, as in Rosaceous, Haigh is acquainted with the actual plants she portrays from visits to island gardens.

"I just love those roses as they age," she said. "That's a



HAIGH HARVEST: Local artist Susan Haigh shares an exhibition titled Florabundance, which combines her paintings with living plants from The Plant Farm nursery at ArtSpring on May 2-8.
Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

lot of colour in one plant."

Art and nature go hand-in-hand for Haigh after an upbringing that involved sailing around the world as a child, being a parent and gardening work within a continual thread of sketching, painting and craftwork.

"I liked the idea of putting seeds in the ground and growing things you can eat." She finds particular challenges in trying to capture the palette of the natural world on the canvas.

"Greens in particular can be tricky."

And her floral compositions are active and immediate. Describing one of her hexagon-framed paintings she quipped with appropriate flourish, "That's not a quiet little tulip. It's open for business."

Another painting titled Jacaranda Glory depicts a flowering morning glory

twined around an exotic jacaranda in a slow-motion dance that Haigh witnessed during a recent visit to New Zealand.

Conversely, her landscapes offer more distance both in subject matter and immediacy of action.

A narrative lower frame of shrubs and wildflowers opens into undulating fields and a crown of forest with rolling hills in the background of her Cypress Hills painting that also mirrors ocean backdrops seen in West Coast landscapes.

"In the distance, it's Alberta, Alberta, Alberta," she mused.

Another landscape titled Parua Bay wedges flat, abstract, geometric shapes into a scene of distant mountains and a fashion show of preening plants in the foreground.

Haigh works predomi-

nantly in oils rather than easy-to-manage acrylics out of a desire for richer colour.

"Acrylics end up flat for me... Oils blend so nicely."

Now Haigh is experimenting with different frame shapes to accent compositions in new ways.

"Hexagons accent certain things and lessen the broad expanse of sky," she said. "They are like portholes."

An 18-painting series in hexagonal frames don't literally connect, but they hint at a figurative link, she said.

"It's the interlocking nature of the shape and the interconnectedness of all things."

Haigh's Florabundance show runs in the Bateman gallery at ArtSpring May 2-8 with additional works in the lobby until the end of the month. An opening reception will be held on May 2 from 7-9 p.m.

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SPCA Biscuit Fund saves frost-bitten Otis

A two-year-old cat with frost-bite-damaged ears has benefitted from the B.C. SPCA's "Biscuit Fund."

"Otis" was brought into the Salt Spring Island shelter by a concerned resident who noticed the male cat's damaged ears and bleeding nose, said local SPCA branch

manager Jena Peori.

Close examination revealed that Otis was suffering from severe frostbite and required amputation and reshaping of the top part of both ears — a \$500 operation.

"His surgery went really well," said Peori Monday.

SPCA branches receive hun-

dreds of sick, injured and abused animals each year that need urgent and often expensive emergency care, she explained.

The Biscuit Fund was created to ensure that local shelters can respond to those emergency situations.

"One hundred per cent of all the

donations received through the Biscuit Fund are spent on veterinary care and rehabilitation," said Peori. "There are no administration costs."

Fund donations can be made directly to the local BC SPCA shelter or on-line at www.sPCA.bc.ca. To mail a cheque, send to the BC

SPCA Biscuit Fund at BC SPCA, 1245 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1R1. For more information, phone 1-800-681-7022.

To read about animals that have already been helped by the Biscuit Fund, visit the SPCA website at www.sPCA.bc.ca/help/biscuitfund.asp.



FISH TALES: Lady Minto Hospital volunteers Ellen Karpinski and Brenda Akerman are joined by others as they check out a new fish tank donated by Allen Cunningham on a metal stand given by Ross Walker. The women were at an Extended Care Unit open house and tea, which urged people to help out by volunteering in the ward.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trail, nature club events set

Editor's note: as there is only space available for the first week of the May Trail and Nature Club schedule, the remainder will run in next week's Driftwood.

RAMBLERS

MAY 3: Kathy Darling will lead a ramble at Duck Creek. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

WALKERS

MAY 3: Join Nancy Braithwaite on a moderate/easy walk through Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve.

Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m., and the south enders can meet us at the corner of

Stewart and Jasper Road at 10:15.

HIKERS

MAY 3: An off-island trip with Kent Anders and Simon Rook leading us on a moderate hike to view the wildflowers on the Harewood Plains near Nanaimo.

Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. for the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry departure.

As a reminder, there will be an April social event at the United Church, which will be on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Del from the Duncan Hikers will give a talk about some Vancouver Island hik-

ing trails. There will be no May social event.

There will be a second trip to Prevost Island, open to all Ramblers, Walkers and Hikers, on May 17. If there are enough registrants before May 10, departure will be at 9 a.m. from the Ganges water taxi dock, with return from Prevost Island at 3 p.m.

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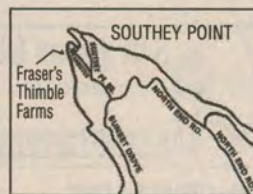
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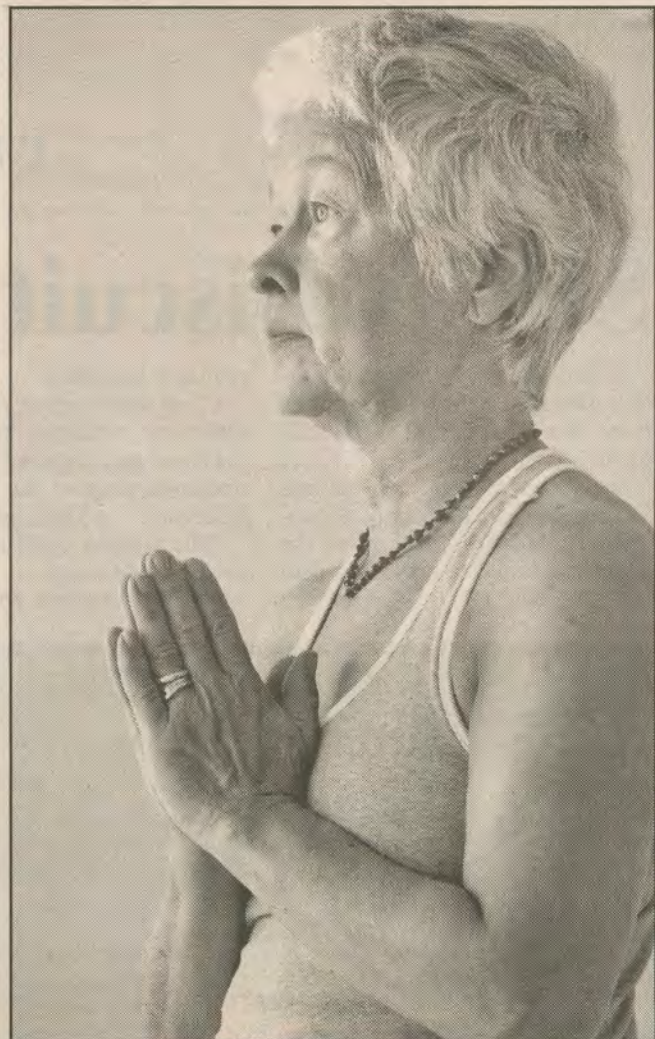
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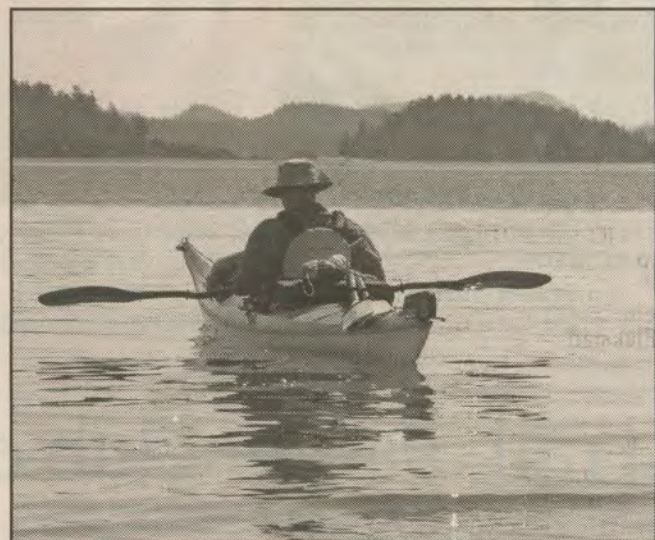
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Gulf Islands Secondary School students marked Earth Day by walking to school last Thursday.
Photo by Mitchell Sherrin



Cynthia Benson participates in an Earth Day "salutation to the sun" at Ganges Yoga Studio.
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At left, Sal Wiltshire prepares for an Earth Day kayak trip with Island Escapades, while above, a paddler slides out to sea in Ganges Harbour.
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**Island woman takes on
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Shannon Johnston is embarking on a long walk with others so that breast cancer victims like her friend Christine Craig may have a speedier road to recovery.
The Salt Spring fitness and pilates instructor is teaming up with her sister to tackle the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, a 60-kilometre Vancouver walk that takes place over two days this summer.
In order to attend, Johnston and her sister must raise \$4,000 in pledges.
Johnston has set up six different events, where islanders will get something in exchange for their donations.

The first event is a Ganges Village Market BBQ set for this Friday and Saturday.
Then on Sunday, May 1, Johnston will lead a pilates class at Ganges Yoga Studio from 1-2 p.m., for a minimum donation of \$10.
On Wednesday, May 4, she offers a "Kick Cancer's Butt" kickboxing class from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School, for a minimum \$5 donation.

The same kickboxing class runs at North End Fitness on Thursday, May 5 from 6 to 7 p.m.
Johnston suggests that rather than spend money on a Mother's Day bouquet or gift, people might want to consider donating to the cause in honour of their mother.
GVM will also host three more BBQs — on May 6, 7 and 21.
All proceeds will go towards breast cancer research. More information is available on the website www.endcancer.ca (log in to Shannon Johnston) or by calling 537-2129. Donations can also be made online.



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BREAKFAST WITH DAD: Islander Bryan McCrea (at left) is hosting a series of free pancake breakfasts with his daughter Devyn (who turned one on Friday) and his dad Paul. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

Pancakes flipped for dads, kids at drop-in

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

If the stomach is the way to a man's heart, a free pancake breakfast could be just the trick to lure fathers of young kids out for a new Just Dad and Me group that starts Saturday, April 30.

The new program is pretty simple. Family Place provides a free tasty breakfast and a safe play environment for kids aged 0-6 to take their dads (or other male caregivers). Nobody needs to pre-register or pay a fee, they just show up, eat and hang out — that's it.

"There's no therapy or support group or anything. It's just a safe, fun place for men to spend quality time with their children," said Family Place coordinator Ragnhild Flakstad.

And with classic tree-fort charm, moms are not allowed — but uncles, granddads and other men are welcome.

As father of two girls, Devyn (who turned one on Friday) and Sydney (aged six), Bryan McCrea was unpacking a new griddle in preparation for the cooking gig. He's been involved with Family Place for five years and he's keen to cook-up stacks of pancakes, grill some sausages and brew a pot of strong coffee on Saturday.

Asked why he volunteered to cook breakfast for the next 10 weeks, he shrugged.

"It's Saturday morning pancakes and a place for the kids to play, what could be

wrong with that?"

And thanks to a donation from McCrea's own dad, Paul, the breakfast will even feature sausages.

"I recruited Bryan because he's such a great father and he's a great pancake cooker," Flakstad said.

She urges kids to invite their dads out for brunch and McCrea suggests that moms might like to push the boys out the door for the chance to sleep in on Saturdays.

In addition to the sausage donation from Paul McCrea, Family Place received funding for the Just Dads and Me program from the Ministry of Early Childhood Development.

"There's a movement in B.C. to promote fathering in communities," Flakstad said.

She pointed to significant research about the benefits of quality connections between males and young children, but McCrea laughed it off.

"You mean they've done studies to find that men have higher self-esteem from spending time with their kids?"

To McCrea it seems about as obvious as maple syrup on pancakes.

The Just Dad and Me program runs at Family Place (behind the Community Services building at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road) from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays for 10 weeks starting on April 30. For more information, call Rags Flakstad at 537-9176.

Therapeutic fundraiser invites riders

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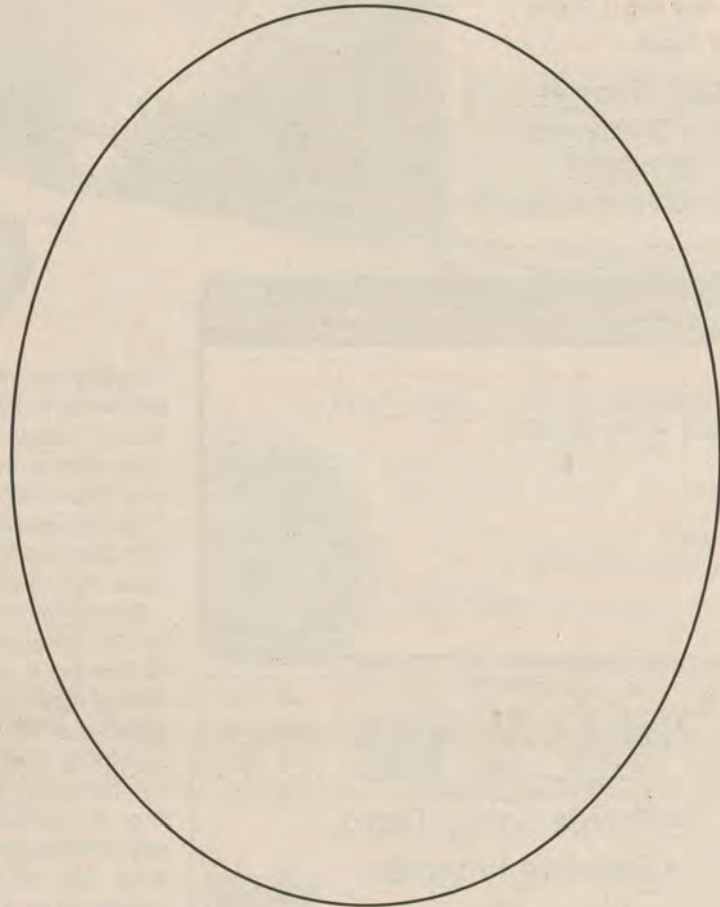
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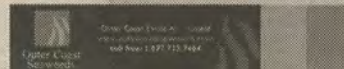
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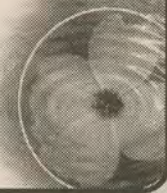


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<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Simply Organic. Barry Valentine free organ recital at All Saints at 10:10 am, followed by muffin and coffee.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Acupuncture Detox. Wednesdays at Community Services, 7-9 pm</p> <p>SS Seniors Services Society. AGM at SS Seniors, 2 pm. New executive elected.</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Open Mike Night. With Randall Raymond at Fulford Inn.</p> <p>Karaoke with Matt & Tom. At Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 7 pm</p> <p>Mythica. Stagecoach Theatre School play at ArtSpring, 7 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>La Soiree Francophone. French programs celebration at GISS multipurpose room, 7-9 pm</p> <p>SS Weavers & Spinners Guild. Meets Thursdays at ArtSpring, 10:30 to noon.</p> <p>SS Local Trust Committee. Meets at Baptist Church (note new location), 3 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Interchill Records DJs. Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 8 pm</p> <p>Mythica. Stagecoach Theatre School play at ArtSpring, 7 pm</p> <p>The Madwoman of Chaillot. Dramatized reading presented by Graffiti Theatre. Mahon Hall, 8 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Nia Class. Fridays at Ganges Yoga Studio, 11 am to 12:15 pm</p> <p>Awareness Through Movement. Feldenkrais Method classes Fridays at Cats Pajamas, 10-11 am</p> <p>Weekend to End Breast Cancer. Fundraising BBQ at GVM.</p> <p>Youth Chess Club. Fridays at the Ganges fire hall, 10-11 am</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>House Party. With 'Mummy T' at Moby's, 9 pm</p> <p>Auntie Kate. And band at the Fulford Inn, 9 pm</p> <p>Mythica. Stagecoach Theatre School play at ArtSpring, 7 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Bugs: The Good, the Bad & the Beautiful. Linda Gilkeson talk at Meaden Hall, 7 pm</p> <p>SS Garden Club. Spring plant sale at Farmers Institute, 1 pm</p> <p>Nordic Festival. Maypole & activities at Peace Park, 4-6 pm; Viking parade at 6; Nordic Feast at Mahon Hall, 7 pm</p> <p>Just Dad and Me. Pancake breakfast drop-in for dads or male caregivers and their kids aged 0-6. Family Place, 10-noon.</p> <p>Weekend to End Breast Cancer. Fundraising BBQ at GVM.</p> <p>CFUW. Speaker is Sue Staniforth, on following the whales from Newfoundland to the Galapagos. Lions Hall, 10 am</p> <p>Folk Dance Festival Fulford Hall</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Vintage Lounge with DJ Matt J. Shipstones Taproom & Lounge, 7 pm</p> <p>Marty Franklyn Trio. Moby's, 8 pm</p> <p>The Madwoman of Chaillot. Dramatized reading presented by Graffiti Theatre. Mahon Hall, 2 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Ride-a-Thon. Fundraiser for SSI Therapeutic Riding Association. Leaves 121 Wright Rd. at 11 am. 538-1846.</p> <p>Mount Erskine Guided Hikes. Every Sunday. Pre-register through SSI Conservancy at 538-0318.</p> <p>Stow Lake Farm. Open House & Plant Sale. Food, contests & demos. 11-3.</p> <p>Seeds for Malawi. Project Fundraiser. 813 Beaver Point Rd., 1-4 pm</p> <p>By-donation Pilates Class. For Weekend to End Breast Cancer. Ganges Yoga Studio, 1-2 pm</p> <p>Sea Gypsy Relief Night. Slide show & presentation with the Cairns family at Community Gospel Chapel, 7 pm</p> <p>BC-STV Forum. With Ken Carty. ArtSpring, 2-4 pm</p> <p>All-Candidates Meeting. ArtSpring, 5-7 pm</p>	<p>activities</p> <p>SS Toastmasters. Mondays at ArtSpring, 6:30 pm. 538-1931.</p> <p>Music Monday. SS Elementary whole school outdoor concert. 10 a.m.</p> <p>SSI Knitters Group. Meets at Stitches (Rainbow Rd. entrance) at 7:30 pm</p>	<p>activities</p> <p>Charlie King & Len Wallace. Folksingers perform at Lions Hall, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Nia Class. Tuesdays at Ganges Yoga Studio, 11 am to 12:15 pm</p> <p>Indoor Pool Meeting. Give direction to PARC at GISS multipurpose room, 7 pm</p> <p>Abattoir Feasibility Study. Meeting at Farmers Institute, 6:30 pm</p>

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What is your favorite song? The Canadian National Anthem. It always makes me puff up with pride when I hear it being sung, especially after a World Cup hockey tournament or the Olympics.
What is your favorite TV show? Extreme Makeover Home Edition. With all the mindless crap on TV I find that a group of people going out and rebuilding a family who needs a new house in seven days a very positive message. Basically saying "good things can happen to good people".
How would you amuse yourself on the island? I would gather my fellow castaways, break up into focus groups and have daily meetings. The purpose of the meeting would be to develop a community plan to ensure our way of life. This plan here after would be called the O.C.P.
If your children were to inherit one quality or trait from you what would you hope it would be and why? Children? What children? I'm wayyyy too old to have kids now. If I was to have children I hope they would inherit my sense of humor. Sometimes you just have to laugh at life.
Complete this poem:
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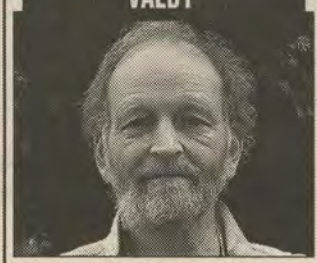
JUDY RADDYSH



THIRD VOTED OFF!
Northerners voted with vengeance this week! Out voting the southerners three to one, Judy Raddysh becomes the latest castaway to be tossed off Salt Spring Island and the second of the two rookie castaways. It seems alliances are forming and voters are voting in blocks to protect their favorites. Case in point, John Dolman enjoyed immunity receiving the lowest number of votes this week while second highest was Bruce Patterson. As a matter of fact if a good sized family from Southey Point had of voted Patterson off he would have had his torch extinguished, and Judy would have stayed another week.
The Tribal council's favorite comment on the ballot this week in voting Judy off was "I like Bananas more than I like Raddyshes!"

CHARITY: GICEL

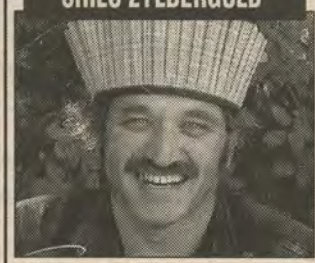
VALDY



What is your favorite song? Song for Bernadette, written by Leonard Cohen, preferably sung by Jennifer Warnes.
What is your favorite TV show? It's a toss-up between the news and the weather.
How would you amuse yourself on the island? Dream of, Plan, Gather for and Do Entertaining and Enlightening projects.
If your children were to inherit one quality or trait from you what would you hope it would be and why? I fervently hope they develop their voices, that they develop a comfortable medium of expression through song, chant, stand-up or theology, and do so with joy.
Complete this poem:
Roses are Red/Violets are Blue,
I'm stranded on this Island,
Oh, what will I do?
Roses are for Life,
Violet's a Refraction, I say
Stranded together creates
a Communal Reaction, eh?

CHARITY: LITERACY

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD



What is your favorite song? Gotta be Procol Harem's "Whiter Shade of Pale" as performed the 200 Kazoo Orchestra.
What is your favorite TV show? If somebody produced "Government - The Extreme Makeover", I would watch.
How would you amuse yourself on the island? I would do the same thing some people do on Salt Spring: see how quickly I can develop and subdivide the island into an exclusive suburb (irony intended).
If your children were to inherit one quality or trait from you what would you hope it would be and why? Hopefully not my nose or ears. I should think the ability to laugh at oneself could maybe be a good thing to pass on to future Zylbergoldians.
Complete this poem:
Roses are Red/Violets are Blue,
I'm stranded on this island,
Oh, what will I do?
O what would I give /For a slice of orange,
But as you see I'm stuck,
And nothing rhymes with orange.

CHARITY: COMM. THEATRE

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Chamber launches women in business network

By PERRY RUEHLEN
Administrator

As I listened to Joyce Carlson at the Women in Business Gala last Thursday, I looked around the room and realized the Driftwood had found and recognized an important segment in our business community – businesswomen. The Chamber is proud to acknowledge the contribution women make in Canada and specifically the positive impact Chamber businesswomen play in our local economy. I was surprised and pleased to learn the significant impact that women entrepreneurs are playing in our overall economy. Upon doing a little research I learned that women led firms provide jobs for 1.7 million Canadians and are creating jobs at four times the rate of the average firm. In fact, this is more jobs than the Canadian Business Top 100 Companies. Additionally women own and or operate nearly one third of all firms in Canada and the number of women led firms are increasing at twice the national average. The 2001 Census reported that “women entrepreneurs grew by 8%, while their male counterparts grew by only 0.6%.” That would mean that for every additional self-employed man in Canada from 1996 to 2001, there were almost seven women starting a new business. These statistics are impressive and illustrate the importance of businesswomen to the local economy. As a benefit to our members and all business women in the community, the Chamber of Commerce is pleased to begin a bi-monthly networking for women. The first networking event will take place on Thursday May 26th from 6-8pm at the Harbour House Hotel and the cost will be \$5.00 per person and there will be appetizers and a paid bar. Any ideas for a name for the group and a guest speaker will be entertained. Please RSVP to the Cham-



Photo by Derrick Lundy

ORIENTATION: Tourist Info Centre volunteer Perry Ruehlen, left, and Chamber of Commerce administrator Janet Andersen give directions to Alabama visitor Sandi Lynn last week.

ber of Commerce by May 13th at 537-4223. The chamber is pleased to recognize the women featured in the Driftwood's Women in Business that are chamber members. And I invite you to contact the Chamber of Commerce and learn more about our benefits and the reasons these businesses are members.
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Calendar What's Up

May 1

All candidates
ArtSpring 5pm

May 2

Board meeting

May 12

Business Breakfast Club

May 17

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Hosie hits new heights

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's Anna Hosie is bound for the Canadian Open U18 Volleyball Championships after her team netted a bronze in the provincials.

"It's been such a good learning experience and also a good confidence builder," said the Grade 12 student from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

"It's definitely been worth the travel time," Hosie said.

She earned a bronze when her club team, the Nanaimo Mariners, played a solid series at the B.C. Championships in Burnaby on April 16-17.

"A lot of them have been playing together since Grade 8 or 9. So me joining in has been really cool."

Islander Jesse Johnston-Hill also made the team but had to bow out with an injury early in the season, Hosie noted.

Prior to this year, Hosie played the setter position but she played power for GISS and switched to middle for the Mariners.

"As middle, you're responsible for stealing the blocks and really quick hitting."

The middle position required learning a lot of footwork, she said.

"It took a lot of training on my own time to do that."

But her love of the game inspired her to adapt to the changes and attend off-island practices twice a week, she said.

Beating the Parksville Heat was a highlight of the B.C. Championships after Nanaimo lost their previous four encounters with the team, she said.

"We were so excited to play that nothing could stand in our way."

After the match, Parksville players described Nanaimo's defence as a vacuum; "every hit they got was sucked up," she said.

The Mariners went on to beat the Prince George Kodiaks in the quarterfinals but lost the semifinals to the B.C. Olympics of North Vancouver (who came second to the Fraser Valley Blitz in the final).

A consolation final saw the Mariners prevail over Vancouver's Black Thunder.

"They were also really good. But again, we just pulled it out of the hat and had an amazing energy level."

And now Hosie is bound for Moncton, New Brunswick for the Canadian Open on May 6-8 where the Mariners will be seeded in the top tier among some 50 teams competing.

As another highlight to the upcoming trip, the Mariners will stop in Montreal and play an exhibition match with the College Bois de Boulogne team.



VOLLEY CHAMP:
Salt Spring's Anna Hosie is off to the national volleyball championships, after her Nanaimo team took bronze at provincials.
Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

Last disc ace nailed

One of the last frontiers was crossed at the Hart Memorial Disc Golf Course when Andrew McLean hit an ace on hole #6 earlier this month.

All other holes on the course had previously been aced (including an incredible shot on hole #16).

McLean didn't think too much of hitting the suspended-tonal pole on hole #6 with a 200-metre shot through a narrow lane.

"Somebody else must have

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already done it," he said.

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Scorpions teams earn kudos

Competing in a range of soccer, track and golf events, athletes from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) made a strong showing over the past week.

• Players on the Scorpion senior girls soccer team hope to keep their winning streak alive as they head into two regular games and a tournament this week.

They've already expressed dominance on the field with four straight wins this season.

Most recently, GISS waxed Woodlands by a 5-1 score at home on Thursday and quashed Kwilikum 7-1 in front of a home crowd on April 19.

"It was a well rounded effort by everyone," said coach Lyall Ruehlen.

The Scorpions opened the

season with a 4-2 win over Brentwood before the spring break.

"The only good game we've had so far has been against Brentwood... the other ones have been blow-outs."

In addition to punctures versus Woodlands and Kwilikum, GISS blasted John Barsby Secondary School with an 11-0 rout earlier in April.

GISS played at Ladysmith on Tuesday (results not available at press time) and they travel to Nanaimo for a game against Ballenas (also undefeated) on Thursday.

"We have a good test coming up," Ruehlen said.

Scorpions senior girls will attend a three-day tourney in Campbell River immediately following their game against Ballenas.

• Junior boys placed second in the Mid Island Championships after a shoot-out loss to Frances Kelsey following a 0-0 tie.

"Anything can happen in a shootout," said coach Doug Pearson. "There was some pretty good shooting going on there."

After a win and a tie in league play, GISS earned a 7-0 win over Chemainus in their first game at the Mid Islands.

Tavis Morton scored a hat trick while Colby Little and Rusty Fedberg each scored two goals.

Jordan Borth had the shut-out in both games.

GISS could still have a shot at entering the islands with a rematch against Frances Kelsey if they can win the league.

• Undefeated junior girls Scorpions had two 6-0 wins

last week and they have only one more game left before they hit the Mid Islands tournament on May 5-6.

Following on four league wins, GISS routed Duncan Christian School on Thursday, but the exhibition game was nothing special, said coach Kristi Kallip.

She was more impressed with the previous home game win over Frances Kelsey on April 19.

"Defence was literally on the ball," Kallip said. "Midfielders ran their hearts out."

Kayla Gromme sunk four goals while Kristi Lee scored two.

Playing in net for the first half, Lee also shared the shutout with Jen Akerman.

And Kallip gave Katie Severn a special mention for "tireless playmaking."

GISS faces Shawnigan Lake on Thursday.

• A small team of athletes from the Gulf Islands made a strong showing in a Richmond track meet on April 20.

Salt Spring's Sarah Proctor won the senior girls' 1,500-metre run with a time of 4:55.0 at the Kajaks High School Meet.

Fellow islander Lowell Rockcliffe placed second among junior boys in the 1,500-metre run with a time of 4:21.6.

Earlier this month, Proctor placed ninth among women in the 1,500-metre event (5:03.42) at the Simon Fraser University Open.

• Players on the GISS golf team also placed second at a tournament in Cedar last week.

Grade 9 student Stephen Greenwood was a highlight player in the event, noted Ruehlen.



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The girls gained lots of ground with successful base stealing.

• Salt Spring's Island Star Bantam team (15-16-year-olds) took a win and a loss in a double header against Cordova Bay on Sunday.

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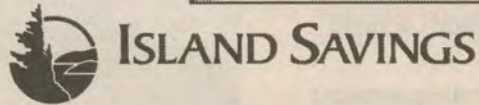
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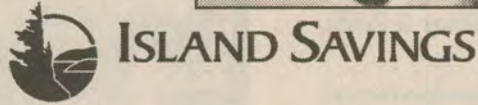
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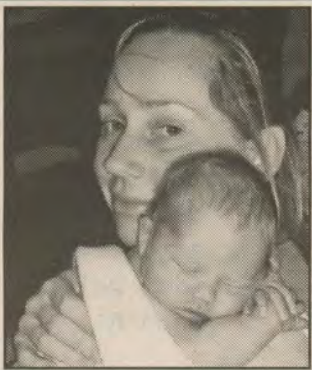
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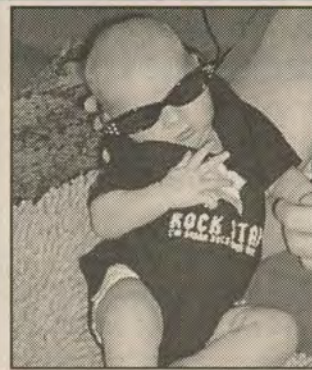
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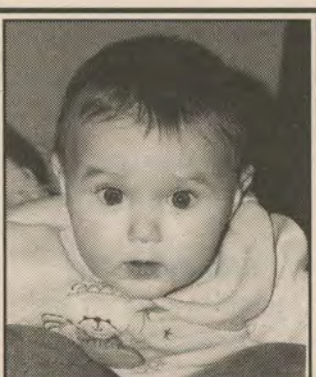

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6 DEATHS

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NEWSTEAD, RALPH (Lieut. Cmdr. Rtd.), February 4, 1922 - April 24, 2005. Predeceased by his wife Janet. Survived by his second wife Pearl, his daughters Jan and Betty, his son Bob (Pat) and grandchildren Chris and Heather (J.T.). Ralph was active in his community through the Gizeh Temple, Arion Choir and Amateur Radio. A memorial service will be held at the All Saints by the Sea Anglican Church, Salt Spring Island, at 2:15 pm, Friday, April 29, 2005. Many thanks to Dr. David Woodley and all the wonderful people at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island. In lieu of flowers, donations to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation or Shriners Children's Hospital are greatly appreciated.

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THE BIGGEST bouquet of red roses to all the wonderful RCDC Good Dog Walkers Society and to the Quarry Dr. crew for all of your generous and loving support during Heidi's illness and passing. Thanks also for all the visits, flowers, cards, food, hugs, love and for the generous financial support toward the vet bill. Thanks to Gloria and Elizabeth for the beautiful service. I know that Heidi was watching and playing and cuddling with all of you. Love, Lorna. **LYNNE EARWAKER** and family would like to thank all the wonderful neighbours and friends who were so kind and thoughtful with all the baking and flowers and cards. Also, to the people who attended Bill's service, I appreciated that very much. Where but on Salt Spring would this happen.

8 CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
 The family of Cy Relph would like to thank the staff of Lady Minto Hospital for the above and beyond care and compassion shown to Cy on his many visits to the hospital. In particular, the exceptional nursing care, and sensitivity and support shown to him, and our whole family in the last week of his life, helped to make his passing a richer and more bearable experience. Our deepest thanks to Dr. Benloulou for his medical expertise, personal attention and his hugs, and to Dr. Jan MacPhail who appeared just when we needed her most. We are all so fortunate in this Island Community to have such an amazing community facility such as Lady Minto Hospital. Thank you to the Bessie Dane Hospice volunteers who appeared every night at midnight and sat with Cy so we could rest. You all know who you are. You gave him comfort in those dark hours and he was never alone.



Splash applauds all the volunteers and businesses who helped make Sailing Around the World a great success: including the Central Hall Society, Flowers & Wine; Ganges Village Market; Moonstruck Cheese; Salt Spring Island Cheese and all the people who splash around to make these events happen.

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.
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 Deadline: May 15
 Call 537-9606 for info or email celia@duthiebookcases.com

Gulf Islands Community Arts Council

Abattoir Feasibility Study Presentation
 Farmers Institute Tuesday, May 3 6:30 pm
 All Meat Producers welcome and should plan to attend.

Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Nomi "Sat Guru" Lyonns
 May 14, 2005
 10 am - 3 pm



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10 CELEBRATIONS

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20 COMING EVENTS

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

Public Dane Foundation and Hospice

Annual General Meeting
 Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30 pm
 SS Seniors Services Building
 Members only please

The More the Maryier
 2005 Mary & Harry Williamson Scholarship Fundraising GALA
A Variety Show in Two Acts
 May 7, Mahon Hall
 Doors open 6:30 pm
 Start 7:00 pm
 \$10 at the Door

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20 COMING EVENTS

Gardeners' Weekend Extravaganza

 hosted by the S.S.I. Garden Club
Spring Plant Sale
 Saturday, April 30, 1 pm at the Farmers' Institute
Seeds for Malawi Project Fundraiser
 813 Beaver Point Road
 Sunday May 1, 1 pm - 4 pm

20 COMING EVENTS

THE PLANT FARM
Annual Rhodo Bloom
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20 COMING EVENTS

GANGES - THE WEEKEND GUIDE
BEST EVENT: "GARAGE SALE DAYS"
WHAT: Clothing, Footwear, Gifts, Jewellery, and Homeware
WHEN: Friday, April 29, Saturday, April 30, Sunday May 1 • 9 am - 5:30 pm
WHY: 'Cause you love saving money
WHERE: **MOUAT'S CLOTHING CO. and OLD SALTY**
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 ArtSpring Gallery
 May 2 - 8
 10 am - 5 pm
 Opening Reception
 May 2, 7 - 9 pm
 Show of Susan Haigh's paintings continues in ArtSpring Lobby until May 31

Pool Information Meeting
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29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: HAND knitted scarf in Ruckle Park. Owner may claim at The Driftwood office, 537-9933.

FOUND: CORDLESS phone (no base) at Vesuvius Bay Rd. Owner may claim at The Driftwood office.

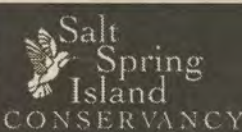
FOUND: ONE silver earring at Portlock Park playground. Owner may claim at The Driftwood office.

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AGM May 13, 7 pm

Salt Spring Island Conservancy members are hereby notified of the Annual General Meeting at Lion's Hall off Drake Road, Ganges, at 7:00 pm on May 13, 2005. Members will elect new directors for 2-year terms. The Board proposes 2 resolutions for membership approval: 1) increase in membership fees of \$5 in each category and subcategory of member; and 2) award of Honourary Life Membership to former director and treasurer Susan Evans. Dr. Rob Butler, author of "The Jade Coast", will present a slide show "The Web of Life."

34 NOTICES

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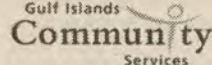
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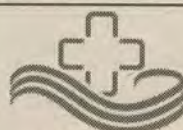
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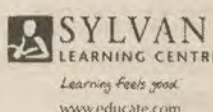
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8 MULTI-FAMILY, Saturday April 30, 9 am - 2 pm. Woodhall Place (Park & Swanson). Rain date Sunday, May 1. Please no early birds.

9 SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE Moving sale Saturday, April 30, 10 am - 4 pm. Everything must go. Furniture, rototiller, motorcycle, many toys, horse items, and much much more. 195 Sharp Rd. 538-0151.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Taurus time is a time for nature to spring forth with great beauty and fragrance. We just so happen to live in a part of the world where the seasons match perfectly with the signs of the Zodiac and their seasonal correspondences. On one hand, Taurus represents smooth, slow and sensual behaviour. On the other hand, Taurus can be a mover and a shaker planning and building things to last. With the Sun and Venus currently in the sign of the bull and Mercury and the Moon soon to follow we may well feel inspired to do some of both. The coming New Moon in Taurus will reveal nature in her full budding splendour. Enjoy!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Building upon new foundations continues. An internal review of who you are and what you actually want is keeping you busy within your own heart and mind. Consequently, your energy and enthusiasm may not be as high as usual and escapist tendencies may be prevalent. This is a good opportunity to focus within and break through inner fears conjured by your mind and emotions. Make every effort to see the bigger picture of your life yet remain present in the moment.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
With the Sun now in Taurus you should feel the urge to take pioneering initiatives. A bold and revolutionary mood is on the rise. Forging in a new place in the world at this stage of your journey is increasingly obvious. Joining forces with others is probably the way to go for now at least. Your willingness to entertain a variety of ideas and approaches before actually committing to any one of them is likely. Take your time with your choices.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
Big dreams are brewing in your mind. You want to feel healthy, independent and secure all at the same time. You are ready to learn how to do what you feel you need to; why and what are already clear. You are open to learning new things and meeting new people who can appreciate your visions. Your momentum will increase as the month progresses, especially mid May. Keep your ideals alive with trust and confidence that learning how now is the way to go!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)
Exciting possibilities continue to bubble to the surface. You are suddenly ready to break through all lines of resistance whether they are coming from within or without. Your confidence may still not be all that you would like it to be and will take another month to kick into high gear so exercise patience. Making investments of one kind or another should be increasingly obvious to you. It may take until mid July to feel very confident - plan for it!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)
Your power in the world is rising steadily. Although it may not seem as you thought it would. Genuine service of one kind or another is the mark of true leadership, especially for you. Leo is the sign of the ego which, at best, represents creativity, romance, fun, play and everything else that symbolizes a child of God. Negative ego reflects a superior or inferior attitude and feels and thinks essentially separate from people, divinity or creation in general. Lead with love!

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)
Cultural and spiritual events are gaining your attention. You want to feel more love in your life and it may come from deep feelings of appreciation for the miracle of life as well as for all the efforts people make to create culture. The beauty of the season with all the budding colors of nature is another great source of inspiration for you. If you are very busy or too much in your

mind, take some time out to simply walk, spring in the beauty and smell the flowers.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)
Establishing a whole new platform of power in the world continues. Currently, this process includes your willingness to let go of things, expectations, habitual approaches and perhaps even certain relationships and dwelling places. Learning how to be both more assertive in and more attentive to relationships is part of the plot. Remembering that the primary relationship is with your own soul will help perpetuate authenticity. Make your moves!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)
Building upon new relationship values continues as a central theme. What does having it all mean to you? Security balanced with freedom and mutual respect is the timeless recipe for success in love. Does being more playful appeal to you? Let your imagination guide you to explore the possibilities. Striking a line between authentic self-expression and true friendship is a riddle to solve. Consider that the first true friendship begins with one's self.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)
Building upon a more stable, healthy and reliable lifestyle continues. Your destiny now includes the process of creating a life that reflects truth. Forces are probably working to push you out of patterns and ruts which you have come to identify as authenticity. Is your lifestyle a reflection of reactions or defences that lay buried in your subconscious? A sincere and honest approach to such questions may bring about surprising answers. Intend to see fully and clearly.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
An innovative and inventive mood is at the core of your creative expressions these days. While designing and building new structures of one kind or another is likely, the real focus may be upon re-creating yourself. The key is to re-evaluate who you are, what you truly want and how you can begin. While you feel the necessity to make certain decisions and commitments you also feel reluctant. Relax into things as they are for now, plan and prepare to make bigger decisions later.

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)
You are in the mood to take constructive action to build upon a more authentic self-expression in the world. Some of your actions may seem radical to others and there is more to come. Acting from the guidance of inner authority is the mark of a true spiritual warrior as inner authority always holds the highest vision for all concerned and is not swayed by ego desires. Learning to love truly and deeply does involve others yet from a place of heart guidance.

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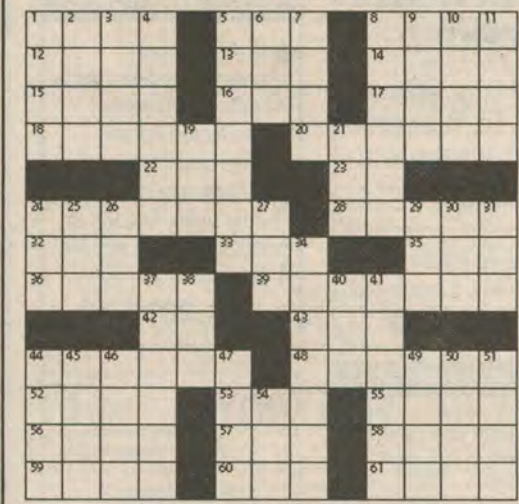
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8:00 am*	9:00 am
10:00 am	11:00 am
12:00 noon	1:00 pm
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By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner



- ACROSS**
1 Swedish rockers
5 Vessel
8 Bull
12 Cow
13 Identity
14 Jai
15 And the rest
16 Romanow or Rogers
17 In, in Iberville
18 Categorize
20 Hay mow items
22 Roman 1002
23 You and I
24 Skunk
28 African country
32 Exploit
33 Neighbour of Mich.
35 Tombstone letters
36 Motif
39 Sow
42 PM preceder
43 Pitching stat
44 Wolf
48 Went to the plate
52 Organic compound
53 Compass pt
55 Derby, e.g.
56 Boundary
57 Hosp. pressure points
58 Ventilated
59 Mail
60 I finisher
61 Above zero
- DOWN**
1 Not ashore
2 Time honoured sandwiches
3 Prejudice
4 Composure
5 Dizziness
6 Back when
7 Trifles
8 Horse
9 Mounted soldier
10 Told all
11 Snake sound
19 Coastal feature
21 Tote
24 Severed
25 Bat wood
26 Communal effort
27 Tolkien tree people
29 Carr creations
30 Nothing
31 Mime
34 _____ is yet to come
37 Croquet item
38 Civil defence org.
40 Deadly sin
41 Persian ruler
44 Wail
45 China preceder
46 Records
47 Pig
49 Cat
50 Beige

Answers to last week's crossword

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x 8:00 am	8:30 am
9:00 am	# 9:30 am
10:00 am	11:10 am
11:40 am	12:10 pm
n 12:40 pm	1:10 pm
1:40 pm	2:15 pm
3:00 pm	3:30 pm
u 4:00 pm	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	5:30 pm
6:00 pm	6:30 pm
7:00 pm	8:10 pm
8:40 pm	9:10 pm
9:40 pm	10:05 pm
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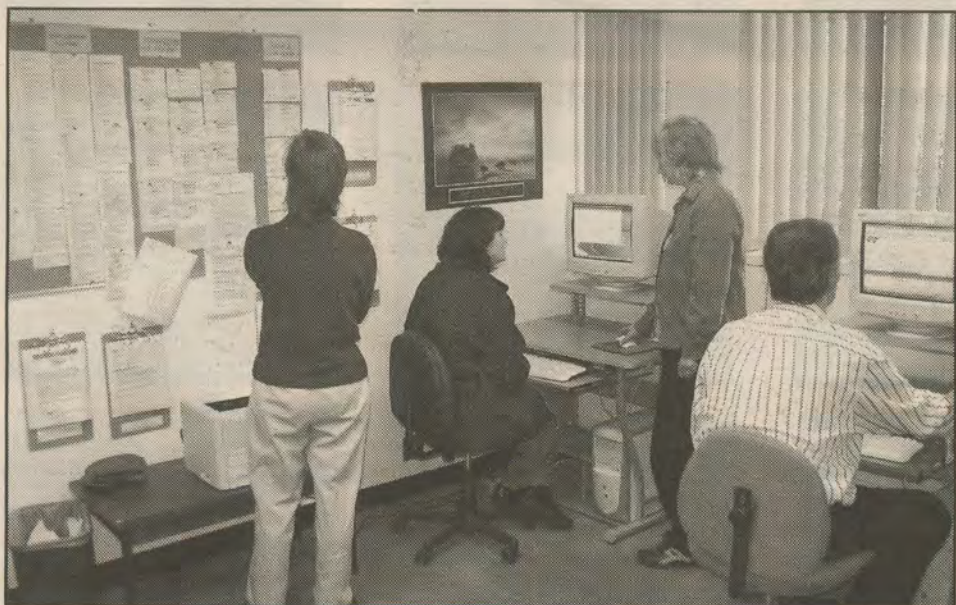
Centre helps with employment opportunities



Chris Rowand, Employment Counsellor.



Karen Gregor leads a workshop.



Penn George assists a client with computer help.

Gulf Islands Community Services (GICS) opened its doors on Salt Spring last November. It is a non profit agency that operates under the umbrella of Peninsula Community Services, which has offered Employment Services, Volunteer Services, Home Support Services, and Counselling Services to the Saanich Peninsula and Southern Gulf Islands since 1974. With the addition of the Salt Spring office, the agency is now able to offer a higher level of Employment Services to island residents.

Since 1982, Human Resource & Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) has funded Employment Assistance Service Agreements, which have provided Employment Services to Salt Spring. In this program an Employment Counsellor came to Ganges only once a week and workshops were just offered when there were enough people who needed or requested career exploration interventions or job search

strategies. Now, with an office on the island and three part-time staff on site, GICS is able to offer Salt Spring residents an array of services that had previously required a trip to Sidney.

With a job board with local postings, a phone, computer access, and training information, the Employment Resource centre is open

is a pilot project funded through the HRSDC, which will run to August 2005. This project's purpose is to determine the need for employment services on Salt Spring and was undertaken because a need for expanded job search services had previously been identified. HRSDC will review the targets and results at the end of the agreement to determine the future use and need of employment services on Salt Spring.

Gulf Islands Community Services is managed by Donna Lafranchise, Employment and staffed by

Chris Rowand, Employment Counsellor, Karen Gregor, Workshop Facilitator, and Penn George, Resource Centre Advisor and Reception. It is a federally funded agency that operates out of the provincial government building on Lower Ganges Road and is open weekdays from 10 am to 3:30 pm. For more information about programming, call 537-5979, email pgeorge@communityprograms.ca, or visit www.communityprograms.ca.

The services are available free of charge

to all Canadians and is available free of charge. Employment Counseling is also available, and it includes information for training, wage subsidy, self-employment, and job search support. The centre also presents workshops, which deal with career exploration, job searches, and job maintenance. These services are available free of charge and are the only programs of their kind on Salt Spring.

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- training
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