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**BRINGING HOME THE HAGGIS:** Rod Macdonald carefully holds the revered haggis as Scots from all over Salt Spring gather with others to celebrate Robbie Burns Day at the Legion's Meaden Hall on Saturday night. More photos, Page A25.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Mud, muck and rain

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Five Salt Spring homes were evacuated over fears of mudslides last week after heavy rainfalls soaked a melting snow pack.

"I asked for an immediate evacuation and they complied," said Salt Spring fire chief and emergency operations coordinator Dave Enfield.

Given the fatal mudslide in North Vancouver last week, the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) is practising due diligence, Enfield said.

"I'd rather you go and take advantage of the province's hospitality, than have us come and pull you out of Trincomali Channel in the middle of the night."

Small landslides and sloughing on Ganges Hill caused three households to relocate from the Devine Drive cul-de-sac on Sunday morning, Enfield said.

"Splits in the pavement and the sidewalk probably run for 70 feet in length," Enfield said.

A fence bordering one house is now hanging in mid-air after the bank fell away below into the clearing of a new subdivision. Other cracks in the earth radiate around the house and driveway.

"It's very dramatic . . . You can see down into one of the fissures that's a foot deep."

**MUDSLIDES A3**

## Sea Gypsies thrilled with new boats

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

A beaming Thai fisherman accepted the first boat provided by Salt Spring fundraising on Tuesday.

Mr. Pean is one of some 65 fishermen from a Sea Gypsy village near Phuket who lost his boat in the recent tsunami that struck southern Asia on Boxing Day.

He received a second-hand boat after islanders Debbie, Tom and Trina Cairns drew his name in a lottery.

The Salt Spring-based Sea Gypsies Relief Fund has already raised enough

money to replace 16 boats. "The faces of the people were amazing," said 18-year-old Trina Cairns in a Monday telephone interview.

"They couldn't believe people were actually buying them a boat and actually caring about them."

The Sea Gypsies live at the lower end of the socio-economic spectrum in Thailand, she said.

"They live on the water and they fish and that's all they do. Buying them boats is like the world to them."

Since Pean still has the engine from his old long-

tail fishing boat, he planned to repair and paint his nearly new vessel, and said he could be fishing with his crew again in three days.

"It's not just buying one boat for one person. It's also jobs for six people right there," she said.

Relief efforts have gained overwhelming momentum in Phuket.

"It's just amazing how clean it looks after such a bad disaster. They've done such a good job."

Another group of Swiss fundraisers helped pay for repairs on about 10 boats so

far and the Thai government sent a group from a technical college to help repair boat motors, Tom said.

The Thai business community also surprised them with anonymous fundraising.

"It was like getting another big donation and we will be able to help one more fisherman because of the generosity of this Thai company."

Debbie and Tom planned to spend Wednesday and Thursday investigating additional boats around the

**SEA GYPSIES A2**

## Proactive policing shows up in 2004 RCMP stats

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

A sneak peak at Salt Spring policing figures could trick you into thinking local crime is on the rise.

Traffic violations, liquor offences and spousal abuse calls doubled this year. Police responses to impaired

driving and assaults grew 50 per cent. And almost every other area of policing shows higher call volumes than past years — but Salt Spring RCMP detachment commander Mike Giles appears fairly contented.

"A lot of it is self-generated proactive policing," Giles

explained last week. The local detachment has been at full strength with eight officers for the first time in several years, he noted.

"It was down as low as five members in 2002."

Total files from 2002 were 2,746 compared to 3,459 in

2004 (a 26 per cent gain).

"When you are under strength, you are just chasing calls. But what they are doing now is crime prevention. We strive to be proactive."

With more officers, the Salt Spring detachment has more opportunities to pursue

strategic goals for community policing, he said.

A key component of local policing goals includes the Salt Spring Community Justice program.

"I would far rather see victim offender reconciliation.

**RCMP STATISTICS A2**

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# SEA GYPSIES GET BOATS

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region for possible purchase. "We are possibly buying eight boats this week, and we are asking the fishermen to look as well. As we find

the boats and they meet with their approval, we will buy them," Tom said.

"Our thanks go out to the islanders who have donated

money to this project. God bless them, they really are making a difference."

In other tsunami fundraising news, two more enter-

tainment-oriented fundraisers are in the works on Salt Spring.

A Cabaret Evening, A Global Effort runs at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night, featuring high-level performers and auction goods.

(See story in the Arts & Entertainment section of this issue.)

Then on February 20 at 2:30 p.m. in All Saints Church, Music Makers of the Anglican Parish present a tsunami relief concert.

"Every penny collected will go via the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund to aid the victims," said Music Makers' Lottie Devindisch.

Performers are now being contacted and the program will be announced closer to the concert date.



**TSUNAMI RELIEF:** Salt Spring-based fundraisers buy boats for Thai fishermen as part of the Sea Gypsies Relief Fund. Shown here, from left to right, Tom Cairns and program helper Garo inspect a boat for Thai fisherman, Mr. Pean, along with Debbie Cairns and Mr. Khai. Photo contributed

# RCMP STATISTICS

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It gives us a far better sense of the likelihood that the offender will not re-offend."

And Salt Spring RCMP would like to "push the envelope" with what is recommended for alternative measures, he said.

"Our conviction rate is not where we're looking. It's our resolution rate."

Giles believes there are no real consequences for minor offences within the court system if people don't reconcile themselves with the community, he said.

"They just take their lumps and move on."

Some 188 cases of theft under \$5,000 were recorded in 2004, consistent from 2003 but up from 2002 (114) and 2001 (119).

"We can't reduce this number except through education and prevention."



**RCMP Sgt. Mike Giles**

Examples of current community policing include officers coaching basketball at the high school, patrolling Centennial Park for liquor offences or holding more roadside seat-belt checks, he said.

Liquor Act offences grew from 139 in 2003 to 331 in 2004. Approximately half those calls resulted in tickets, he said.

"The brunt of the [Liquor Act calls] were at Centennial Park."

Impaired driving responses climbed from 13 cases in each of 1998 and 1999, to a range of 32 to 58 in 2000 to 2003, but hit 86 cases in 2004.

"I think the same number of impaired drivers are on the road as there ever were," said Giles.

A larger detachment and improved road-side screening devices have helped create a larger number of convictions, he said.

"It's an instrument that helps us make our grounds for belief," he said.

Giles finds the impaired

drPolice responses to assaults also grew 50 per cent from 2003 (55), 2002 (48) and 2001 (53) to 84 in 2004.

But Giles said small populations create anomalous statistics that can rapidly grow and shrink.

"With such a small sample group, having a large change is not really fair."

As another example, 2004 traffic violations (576) climbed 68 per cent from 2003 (344), but 2004 vehicle thefts (14) dropped 25 per cent from 2003 (19). Calls for suspicious people or vehicles also dropped from 274 to 129 last year.

"By and large, our numbers are low and they come in waves."

Overall, Criminal Code offences increased in 2004 (312) compared to 2003 (219) but still show a descending trend: 2001 (456), 2000 (615), 1999 (476) and 1998 (748).

Drug offences have steadily crept from 1998 (31) to the present 87 in 2004. Property offences (including theft and break and enter) follow waves ranging between 2002 (170), 2004 (277) and 1998 (344).

And "person offences" (assault and sexual assault) are fairly consistent between 1998 (82) and 2004 (102).

But Giles admits he'd rather see fewer incidents of impaired driving and domestic violence.

The detachment had 18 responses to spousal assault in 2004, compared to seven in 2001 and 22 in 1999.

"It's a fairly constant number. But any return in that area concerns me."

Domestic violence cases are chronically under reported, he said.

"If we were called in 10 per cent of cases, that would be ambitious."

He appreciates assistance from partner groups such as the Transition House, SWOVA and Victims Assistance, whose members provide education and support.

"We'd like to see all cases get reported to us, but we understand the dynamics are complex."

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So there he stood, proud but perplexed. All the options seemed a bit flaky. Then he saw one last tiny flake fall far off in the distance. How beautiful it was drifting all alone, the purest, whitest flake of them all. He set his heart on this one and decided to set the others free as a good will gesture.

He threw them back into the air and dashed off. Just as he reached the spot the other freed flakes began to fall, covering his beloved pure flake. Now surrounded by snow in full flight he sat 'til he was covered himself with snow and frozen in time. So it is each winter season, people build snowmen awaiting the return of the perfect flake.

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**WATER WAYS:** Bruce Thoreson, above, stops traffic on Fulford-Ganges Road as Blackburn Lake overflows onto the highway. At left, a creek covers Blackburn Road.  
Photos by Derrick Lundy, Gail Sjuberg

## MUDSLIDES

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A geo-technical engineer supplied by PEP investigated the Devine Drive site on Sunday.

"His initial assessment was that there is a big fir tree that needs to come out immediately and that is coming out today [Tuesday] and after that, the onus will be back on the land owner."

A home on Tripp Road at Vesuvius Bay was also hit by a mudslide that piled approximately four feet of debris along one wall and dropped a small tree on a workshop roof.

"He's been out of his home since Friday. He's got a fair amount of sloughing of the bank in behind his place."

The homeowner will likely need to build a retaining wall to prevent further erosion above his house, he said.

"Where he was able to walk around the back side of his shop before is now probably four or five feet high in



**FLOAT HOUSE:** A house on Cusheon Lake was swimming in water after the lake rose earlier this week.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

debris to the point that he can't open one door."

A third voluntary evacuation was recommended for a Walker Hook Road resident over the possible failure of a pond berm situated above the house.

Flood waters briefly closed a lane of traffic on Fulford-Ganges Road at Blackburn Lake, Enfield noted.

And flooding at Cusheon Lake raised health concerns about the Beddis Water District supply.

One house on Cusheon Road was standing in water 10 metres (33 feet) beyond the edge of the lake, Enfield said.

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) issued a boil-water advisory for residents who take drinking water from Cusheon Lake on Tuesday, said VIHA spokesperson Wendy Boyd.

"Due to recent flooding, turbidity levels have increased . . . and untreated surface water poses an increased risk of gastrointestinal illness."

VIHA will advise affected islanders when the boil-water advisory is lifted, Boyd said.

On top of some 50 centimetres (21 inches) of snow that fell earlier in the month, Victoria Airport reported over 100 millimetres (four inches) rainfall in the region from January 17 to 22.

## Driver injured after vehicle strikes utility pole

A single patient was taken to Lady Minto Hospital with serious injuries after ambulance and fire crews responded to a single vehicle crash in the 100-block of Robinson Road Tuesday afternoon.

It appears the vehicle

crossed the road and struck a utility pole, said Salt Spring Fire Department assistant chief Arjuna George.

"There were fairly serious injuries," George said.

Fire crews also responded to six other medical calls and five calls related to flooding over the week.

None of the flooding calls required physical intervention from firefighters,

he noted. The department received a record 84 calls over the past 25 days.

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## School finance watch available

School budget critic John Malcolmson has launched a monthly newsletter to provide analysis and commentary on B.C. education funding issues.

Malcolmson attracted local attention when he was hired by CUPE to review the Gulf Islands School District budget in October.

His newsletter called Finance Watch is available online at no cost.

"My overall 'mission' in taking this on is to try and make technical funding issues, which to this point have been understood by a small number of 'experts,' accessible to a wider audience and, in so doing, to stimulate broader reflection and debate on the significance of these issues for the future of our public education system," he said.

A subscription to Finance Watch can be obtained by sending Malcolmson an e-mail (financewatch@shaw.ca).

In related news, CUPE recently published B.C. School Watch. The 118-page book includes a feature on the local school calendar change and the back cover sports a photo of a protest march in Ganges.



**Loco mania Contest 2005**  
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Gulf Islands Driftwood



**NEW HOME:** Freedom Camp stalwart Tomiko Koyama sets up an emergency shelter behind the Core Inn in Ganges on Tuesday with cat Mia. How long the shelter would be in place was not determined at press time.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Trust's mandate garners support from around BC

Ipsos-Reid survey results released Monday show considerable province-wide support for the Islands Trust and its preserve and protect mandate.

Some 91 per cent of 800 B.C. residents polled in December agreed the Gulf Islands are "a special part of British Columbia," with 86 per cent agreeing they should be protected from overdevelopment.

Support for Trust Area restrictions on activities such as clearcut logging, fish farming and large tourist developments ranged from 58 to 79 per cent.

Trust chief administrative office Linda Adams said the \$6,000 survey was undertaken to gauge perceptions about the Trust area, with an aim to use that information to bolster Islands Trust requests for special legislative consideration from the provincial government.

"In terms of our whole program of making requests to the province about suggestions for additional tools to carry out the mandate, it would be good to have some sort of understanding of whether there was support for the protection of the Gulf Islands," said Adams.

"In most cases the concerns raised by people on the islands are ones that seem to be shared quite broadly in the province. We didn't know the answer to that when we started."

Opinions of Interior residents were particularly surprising, said Adams.

Seventy-two per cent felt — either "somewhat" or "strongly" — that clearcut logging should not be allowed in the Gulf Islands, and 71 per cent said large industrial developments should not be accepted.

"That all helps when we

are suggesting to the province or to other people that there should be a special approach to the islands . . . that it shouldn't be business as usual like it is everywhere else."

Despite expressing their opinions, many respondents did not feel too familiar with the Gulf Islands or regional issues.

Twenty-five per cent described themselves as "not at all familiar," 28 per cent were "not very familiar," 36 per cent were "somewhat familiar" and 12 per cent said they were "very familiar" with the islands.

Adams said using the Ipsos Reid monthly omnibus poll was a cost-effective way to gather data. Polls are conducted on a variety of topics, with the Islands Trust questions added to others.

The survey's margin of error is 3.5 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

## Staff returns to water office after fire

North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) staff will be heading "home" next week, with their old office revamped after a fire struck the spot last fall.

The NSSWD has since been working from the Baptist Church on Lower Ganges Road.

However, the office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, February 2-3 while the move back to 701 Upper Ganges Road takes place.

The office will re-open on February 4.

NSSWD manager Trevor Hutton said the office at

Central now has new lights, floor and paint, and the smoky smell has been eliminated.

A number of papers and records were damaged in the fire.

He thanked his staff and customers for their patience throughout the change.

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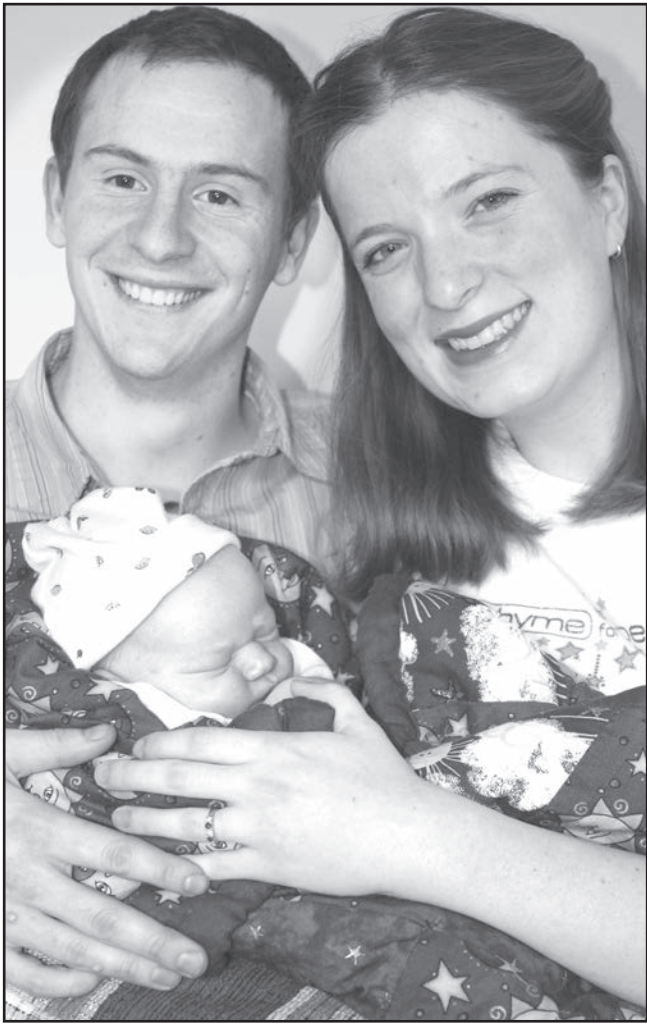

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# Fortuitous numbers for first baby



**FIRST BABY OF 2005:** Maxwell Dennis Kostynuk McKay — the first baby born on Salt Spring this year, — is seen with parents Lindy and Dustin McKay at their island home.

Photo by Derrick Lindy

Salt Spring's first baby of 2005 was born right on time, if a little later than usual to take the number one spot for this year.

Maxwell Dennis Kostynuk McKay was born at home at 8:59 a.m. on Thursday, January 20 to parents Lindy and Dustin McKay.

"He was born on his due date, which was also his grandpa's birthday," said Lindy on Monday.

Maxwell weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces after delivery by midwife intern Julia Allan, with help from registered midwife Terri Murray and registered nurse Jaquie Byron.

"It was a totally normal home birth," said Lindy. "Everything went really well."

If they ever felt nervous, it was during the January 6-8 snowstorm, before they were taken to the home of relatives Dr. Dan Leavitt and his wife Sheira on Saturday the 8th.

"I wanted a home birth, but when the electricity went off and the water went off and there was no way of Terri reaching me, I decided to go to Dan and Sheira's — but we weren't sure how to get down there," recalls Lindy.

Emergency services personnel told Lindy they wanted

to take her down the mountain sooner rather than later, since more snow was forecast.

"I had to walk down our driveway, which was quite a ways, to meet them."

The timely thaw allowed Maxwell to be born where his family intended and with Lindy's parents Maureen and Dan Thulin of Payson, Utah on hand, along with Dustin's parents Dennis and Lorraine McKay.

"He was born on Mount Maxwell but that's not why we named him Maxwell," noted Lindy.

Maxwell was chosen in honour of a deceased church member they respected, while Dennis is the grandfather he shares a birthdate with. Kostynuk is the McKays' original name of Ukrainian origin, which was changed after World War II, said Lindy.

And if numbers have anything to suggest about Maxwell's future, grandpa Dennis McKay has put a few together for consideration.

"I was born on January 20, 1943, and on January 20 [2004], George W. Bush was inaugurated as the 43<sup>rd</sup> president of the U.S."

Welcome to Salt Spring Island, Maxwell!

## Petition-bearing bus has spots available

Some seats are saved on a Victoria-bound bus taking petition signatures to the Legislature on February 17.

The Keep Five Alive Coalition is running the bus when its petition

opposing the four-day school week and cuts to education is presented by NDP MLAs Jenny Kwan and Joy McPhail.

Anyone wanting to book a seat on the

bus should call John at 537-2891.

The deadline to sign petitions online — [www.http://www.keepfivealive.ca/action/petition.shtml](http://www.keepfivealive.ca/action/petition.shtml) — is February 14.

## Galiano fundraising hits \$70,000 for aid

The Galiano community is in serious celebration mode after raising almost \$35,000 at a tsunami relief goods and services auction on Saturday night.

And because of lobbying efforts of part-time Galiano resident Svend Robinson, the Canadian government will double that amount, even though the auction fell after the January 11 deadline to qualify for matching.

"It's going to be about 70 grand going to the Red Cross to build something over there," said an ecstatic Deborah Mckechnie on Tuesday.

Mckechnie spearheaded the event, which was originally slated for January 8 until the blizzard kyboshed those plans.

Some 175 silent and 33 live auction items were bought by an estimated 300 people, who packed the Lions hall.

"I think everybody bought something," she said.

Mckechnie gave huge kudos to Galiano Lions Club members, who donated the hall and bar proceeds, and supported the event.

She also made special mention of former MP Robinson's efforts.

"Svend broke through and got through to the minister," she said.

"He helped us raise another

\$30,000 or \$40,000."

High-selling item for the day was a Keith Holmes painting that sold for \$2,200, with several other items fetching more than \$1,000.

Auctioneer Bill Jones also called for three minutes of silence to observe the January 15 death of Alistair Ross, who Mckechnie described as being "like the mayor of Galiano."

A funeral was held at the North Galiano Community Hall on Tuesday.

"We've just lost someone who was larger than life," she said.

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# Updated Ridge plans continue

Revised plans for the Channel Ridge development are still in simmer mode, with work being done behind the scenes before the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) looks at a revised development permit.

But, said company officials in a recent interview, the basic plan for High-bridge is not as different as some people have assumed after a shift in direction was announced last November.

Besides a change from a resort-style to a more residential development and a downsizing of planned commercial space, the overall look and area still resembles original plans.

More single-family homes are envisioned, but several residential buildings will accommodate two or three families.

A second access road is

also getting a serious look.

"We have definitely recognized there is a strong case to be made for a second road to serve the village," said project team member Don Stenson.

But road access will ultimately be decided by the Ministry of Transportation, he said.

Trail network specifics are a particularly tricky area, with conflicting input gathered from stakeholders and concerns about safety to consider.

"Some people want [the trail network] opened to the world and there's others who don't want anybody else on there," said company shareholder Bryce Chapman.

Project team member David Ehrhardt said sifting through the range of opinions makes trail matters a challenge.

"Is it important to preserve 20 trails or is it important to preserve three trails?" is an example of a question that public input will answer, he said.

Since the Water Preservation Society owns some of the lands in question, the answers won't come simply from the Channel Ridge Properties Ltd., noted Chapman.

When plans are closer to their final form, CRPL hopes to share them in a public forum.

Proposed revisions are now being looked at by the Trust's Advisory Design Panel, but the company is still some months away from returning to the LTC for new development permit approval.

Plans for a major residential and commercial development on part of Chan-

nel Ridge lands were first announced in the fall of 2003.

However, after receiving criticism about promoting the scheme as recreational property, and clarification of LTC bylaws to discourage fractional ownership, a change in direction was announced.

Vancouver developer Jim Rogers is now CRPL president, replacing Thomas Ivanore as development team head in November of 2004.

In December, Ivanore's company Bel-Tar Holdings Ltd. filed a statement of claim against CRPL, Channel Ridge Estate Holdings Inc. and Channel Ridge Environmental Systems Ltd. for \$145,000.

Chapman said the matter was an employee-employer disagreement.

# 'Live free' spray vandals strike again

Salt Spring RCMP are seeking community help after three buildings were spray painted last week.

"Live Free" was found painted on the Ganges branches of the CIBC and the Bank of Montreal sometime over the weekend of January 15. The vacant fish plant on Rainbow Road was also vandalized by spray paint on January 19.

Police believe the recent incidents were both related to previous mischief from November 8 when two vans and three Ganges businesses

were sprayed with slogans such as "Burn Imperialism" and "Cook the Queen."

The most extensive damage on November 8 occurred at the CIBC but the Island Savings Credit Union and the Stone Walrus gallery were also affected.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP (537-5555).

Police have attended several requests for service over the last week, following up on abandoned 911 calls and reports of traffic hazards

related to the recent storms and flooding.

• Sometime between Friday evening and Saturday morning, the Portlock Park tennis bubble door was damaged. When Parks and Rec staff arrived on Monday morning, they found beer bottles broken on the front sidewalk and a number of other items damaged in and around the concession and pool area.

• Early Saturday morning, police dealt with approximately eight youths found at the end of Churchill Road after receiving calls about

partying in the area. Their liquor was poured out and they were asked to move on.

• Shortly after midnight Friday evening, Salt Spring RCMP received a call from a resident in the Grace Point residential complex who heard a male voice calling for help somewhere near the Centennial Park government dock.

Police attended and located a male in the water near his boat, who was unable to get out. An ambulance crew transported the 54-year-old man to hospital where he was treated for hypothermia.

# Experts at pre-election environment forum

A look at the state of B.C.'s environment and future directions unfolds on Tuesday, February 8, with a guest-speaker-filled forum at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Chris Rolfe, executive director and former staff lawyer of West Coast Environmental Law, and Dr. Michael McGonigle, professor in the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria, will provide background information

and analysis about directions taken by the provincial government in the past few years.

B.C. political parties have also been invited to send an environmental expert to the forum, with two confirmed so far.

They are Ken Rouleau, Green Party candidate for Saanich North and the Islands, and Marco Procaccini for the New Democratic Party.

Procaccini is editor of the Columbia

Journal and vice-chair of the Provincial NDP's Standing Committee on the Environment and a Sustainable Economy.

The event, which begins at 7 p.m., is sponsored by the Salt Spring Coalition of Concerned Citizens and is an examination of issues in advance of the May 17 provincial election.

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# Dog laws get more bite

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaws regarding dangerous dogs were revamped last year, but local laws don't discriminate against certain breeds, said CRD bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser.

"We treat every dangerous dog the same, regardless of breed," said Brunnwieser.

Four dogs have already been declared dangerous on Salt Spring.

He hasn't been notified about special breeds — like pit-bulls moving from Ontario — and he is not particularly concerned about Moxie, a puppy rescued from "death row" in Windsor, Ontario. (See separate story.)

"If the dog is a problem, we'll know about it," he said.

"It's not the breed so much. I don't know why they single out the breed in Ontario."

Under the new CRD bylaw, a dog can be declared "dangerous" if it attacks, harasses or viciously pursues a person, he said.

Any canine can also be declared dangerous if it attacks another animal, including other dogs, cats or domestic livestock.

Previous "vicious dog" legislation did not have provisions for grey areas, like dogs that attacked other dogs, he noted.

"We're not going by the breed. It doesn't matter what it is. I've declared a Jack Russell Terrier dangerous."

Now, if a dog is found to behave dangerously, the owner can be fined \$100 for possession of a dangerous dog, fined another \$100 for allowing a dog to roam at large and the owner must buy a dangerous-dog licence (\$100) and keep the dog muzzled on a leash when it is off the owner's property.

"If it has already bitten someone before, we seize the dog and it is subject to destruction."

Dogs that have been declared dangerous in other communities will also be considered dangerous in the CRD.

"We do not want to endanger the public," said Brunnwieser.

Owners of dangerous dogs can also now be subject to convictions under the Criminal Code, he said.

"We have a bit more bite now. So we can bite back."



**READY FOR SCHOOL:** Diane Tremblay, left, and Judy Clark staff the Salt Spring Community Education table at Salt Spring Elementary School as course sign-up takes place Friday and Saturday. The organization can be reached at 537-0037.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Death-row pit bull finds a new haven on Salt Spring

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Historic destination for draft dodgers, freed slaves and seekers of an alternative lifestyle, Salt Spring has become home to a new breed of refugee.

Moxie, an eight-week-old pit-bull puppy, recently flew to Salt Spring from Windsor, Ontario to escape a certain death sentence.

Some 50 pit bulls were killed by the Windsor-Essex Humane Society after the city developed breed specific legislation in October.

In response, Natalie Kemeny co-founded Advocates for the Underdog, an orga-

nization that finds homes for dogs threatened by new legislation in Windsor.

Her group already rescued approximately 40 dogs in November and December. But so far she has placed only one dog in B.C. — Moxie, who now lives with islander Stephanie Reynolds.

"We've had a lot of people from B.C. e-mail us," Kemeny said.

Despite enthusiasm from dog supporters in the province, Kemeny encourages islanders to explore options closer to home before they contact her to adopt a dog from Ontario.

"Absolutely, you can save

one of our dogs, but there are dogs like this all over the country," she said.

"I don't want to put any community in B.C. in jeopardy for saving their own dogs."

Windsor is the latest of some 27 communities around Canada that have developed breed-specific legislation banning pit bulls.

In B.C., pit bulls are already prohibited in Fort Nelson and must be muzzled around Vancouver, Coquitlam and Nanaimo.

Pit-bull attacks prompted the province of Ontario to consider banning the dogs with Bill 132 currently under review.

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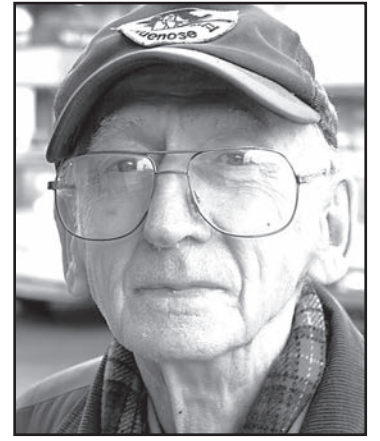
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Power failures went on several days and a generator was shared by several families at Southey Point.

We've grown soft now with heat most of the time and unused to any hardship.

**SANCHIA SEWARD,**  
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### Ethical loans

Helping others is something Salt Springers are good at, and we've had a lot of chances to practise being helpful lately, what with tsunami relief efforts and the already famous cold snap

of '05 that left some of us freezing in the dark.

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**PAT BARCLAY,**  
Salt Spring

**MORE LETTERS A10**

## Four-day week survey obstructs clear view of the facts

By **KATHY PAGE**

The Driftwood's January 19 headline that "'Feel-good' survey shows support for the four-day week" strikes me as startlingly inaccurate.

In the first place, this was not a survey in the proper sense of the word, as the school board itself admits; in the second place, it shows over a third of the population feel they have been negatively affected by the four-day week.

There have been concerns about the content of the survey and the method of distribution since its inception. I made several queries myself and as I understand it these and the questions the KFAC rep on the four-day task force asked were ignored by the board. An independent assessment of the survey was ignored by the task force.

Patricia Reichert, an independent survey professional offered to answer questions regarding her evaluation but the response was dismissive and the survey was pushed through

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and went out regardless.

So what was wrong with it? The questions were addressed to a variety of different categories of people, all of whom have a substantially different relationship to the change in the school week: teachers, students, administrators, parents, support staff. To date, their responses have simply pooled together to make one statistic, and so, for example, the answers from parents and students (students were by far the majority of respondents to the survey) are not distinguished in the results.

One question asked whether the lengthened school day had affected respondents negatively or positively. Thirty-two per cent responded negatively while 36 per cent responded positively, whereas 24 per cent responded with no change.

Any decent survey would

provide a figure as to how many of the positive and negative and no change responses to the four-day week were from students and how many from parents, how many from teachers etc. Other districts' surveys (for example Rocky View in Alberta) have done this and revealed a strong positive bias to the four-day week from students and teachers, with far more negative feelings from the parents.

We all know that given the choice many children would choose to eat pizza every meal every day, and, likewise, it is probable that many high school students would vote for a three-day weekend. The adults in their lives may take a longer view, but the information our school board has chosen to gather prevents us from a clear view of the facts.

The distribution of the survey has been very patchy. A total of 1,579 people from the Gulf Islands responded to the survey, which was sent to parents and students in the schools. Some, but not all, of the 375 parent

respondents had a chance to fill out one questionnaire per child at home and then their children also answered the same questions at school. So in some cases (but not all) a family of four answered the survey eight times, whereas other parents did not receive a survey at all. This uneven method of gathering information is misleading and the results are therefore not valid.

I would add that the wider community, who are taxpayers too, were not consulted at all.

A survey must be methodologically sound in order to collect valid and reliable data. However, I want also to point out that even under these conditions, it is clear from the response to the survey that a very significant number of people are unhappy with the four-day week. These are likely to include those people least able to compensate for educational deficit and least able to afford the loss of income or increased costs associated with the four-day school week.

Again, a decent survey would have shown us that, but we are reduced to making assumptions. This carelessness in gathering information and completing research is in keeping with the board's previous research techniques (they carried out vital research into the four-day week only after voting it in).

Over 7,000 written comments accompanied the returned surveys. Apparently these comments will be up on the school board website "soon," and someone will be hired to write an executive summary of them. But whether the comments will be listened to is another matter: in the Coast Mountain district, 73 per cent of parents were against the four-day week in their schools, but their board continued with it anyway.

The fact is we are living in a political culture where education has been devalued and expected to perform like a business, which it is not, and boards are starved of funds.

Here in the Gulf Islands

the four-day school week looks set to be ushered in for a second year after a nominal "consultation and evaluation" process of which this farcical survey was a major part.

However, the four-day school week remains a burning question here and in other rural districts in B.C., where there is pressure to introduce it as a cost-saving measure with no educational justification whatsoever.

Does a community that pays gross school taxes of over \$8.8 million to Victoria not have the right to give their view as to whether or not this was the best decision for our community and for education?

At present, the concerned citizens' only option is to write a letter of protest to Minister of Education Tom Christensen, P.O. Box 9045, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, B.C., V8W 9E2. E-mail: [Tom.Christensen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Tom.Christensen.MLA@leg.bc.ca).

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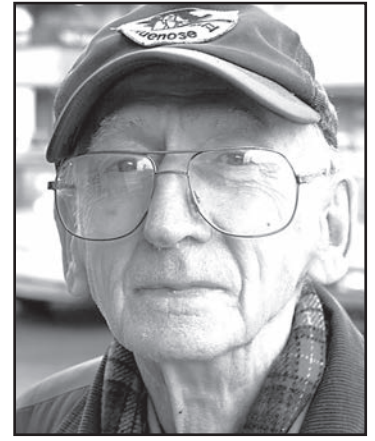
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Power failures went on several days and a generator was shared by several families at Southey Point.

We've grown soft now with heat most of the time and unused to any hardship.

**SANCHIA SEWARD,**  
Salt Spring

### Ethical loans

Helping others is something Salt Springers are good at, and we've had a lot of chances to practise being helpful lately, what with tsunami relief efforts and the already famous cold snap

of '05 that left some of us freezing in the dark.

This week brings yet another opportunity to help, when, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Kairos group, Jo and Keith Jamieson of Victoria visit Ganges on Thursday night.

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But you don't have to take my word for it. Come and hear Jo and Keith Jamieson on Thursday, January 27, at 7 p.m. in the United Church upper hall.

I'm told they give "a stunning presentation."

**PAT BARCLAY,**  
Salt Spring

**MORE LETTERS A10**

## Four-day week survey obstructs clear view of the facts

By **KATHY PAGE**

The Driftwood's January 19 headline that "'Feel-good' survey shows support for the four-day week" strikes me as startlingly inaccurate.

In the first place, this was not a survey in the proper sense of the word, as the school board itself admits; in the second place, it shows over a third of the population feel they have been negatively affected by the four-day week.

There have been concerns about the content of the survey and the method of distribution since its inception. I made several queries myself and as I understand it these and the questions the KFAC rep on the four-day task force asked were ignored by the board. An independent assessment of the survey was ignored by the task force.

Patricia Reichert, an independent survey professional offered to answer questions regarding her evaluation but the response was dismissive and the survey was pushed through

### GUEST COLUMN

and went out regardless.

So what was wrong with it? The questions were addressed to a variety of different categories of people, all of whom have a substantially different relationship to the change in the school week: teachers, students, administrators, parents, support staff. To date, their responses have simply pooled together to make one statistic, and so, for example, the answers from parents and students (students were by far the majority of respondents to the survey) are not distinguished in the results.

One question asked whether the lengthened school day had affected respondents negatively or positively. Thirty-two per cent responded negatively while 36 per cent responded positively, whereas 24 per cent responded with no change.

Any decent survey would

provide a figure as to how many of the positive and negative and no change responses to the four-day week were from students and how many from parents, how many from teachers etc. Other districts' surveys (for example Rocky View in Alberta) have done this and revealed a strong positive bias to the four-day week from students and teachers, with far more negative feelings from the parents.

We all know that given the choice many children would choose to eat pizza every meal every day, and, likewise, it is probable that many high school students would vote for a three-day weekend. The adults in their lives may take a longer view, but the information our school board has chosen to gather prevents us from a clear view of the facts.

The distribution of the survey has been very patchy. A total of 1,579 people from the Gulf Islands responded to the survey, which was sent to parents and students in the schools. Some, but not all, of the 375 parent

respondents had a chance to fill out one questionnaire per child at home and then their children also answered the same questions at school. So in some cases (but not all) a family of four answered the survey eight times, whereas other parents did not receive a survey at all. This uneven method of gathering information is misleading and the results are therefore not valid.

I would add that the wider community, who are taxpayers too, were not consulted at all.

A survey must be methodologically sound in order to collect valid and reliable data. However, I want also to point out that even under these conditions, it is clear from the response to the survey that a very significant number of people are unhappy with the four-day week. These are likely to include those people least able to compensate for educational deficit and least able to afford the loss of income or increased costs associated with the four-day school week.

Again, a decent survey would have shown us that, but we are reduced to making assumptions. This carelessness in gathering information and completing research is in keeping with the board's previous research techniques (they carried out vital research into the four-day week only after voting it in).

Over 7,000 written comments accompanied the returned surveys. Apparently these comments will be up on the school board website "soon," and someone will be hired to write an executive summary of them. But whether the comments will be listened to is another matter: in the Coast Mountain district, 73 per cent of parents were against the four-day week in their schools, but their board continued with it anyway.

The fact is we are living in a political culture where education has been devalued and expected to perform like a business, which it is not, and boards are starved of funds.

Here in the Gulf Islands

the four-day school week looks set to be ushered in for a second year after a nominal "consultation and evaluation" process of which this farcical survey was a major part.

However, the four-day school week remains a burning question here and in other rural districts in B.C., where there is pressure to introduce it as a cost-saving measure with no educational justification whatsoever.

Does a community that pays gross school taxes of over \$8.8 million to Victoria not have the right to give their view as to whether or not this was the best decision for our community and for education?

At present, the concerned citizens' only option is to write a letter of protest to Minister of Education Tom Christensen, P.O. Box 9045, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, B.C., V8W 9E2. E-mail: [Tom.Christensen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Tom.Christensen.MLA@leg.bc.ca).

*The writer is an author and concerned parent.*

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**Challenge on**

In conjunction with Salt Spring Islanders Tom and Debbie Cairns, who are currently in Phuket, Thailand, and the Community Gospel Chapel, Branch 92 of the Legion has started a fundraiser for the Sea Gypsies project.

For \$2,500 a fishing boat can be purchased and we have a "jar on the bar" for donations.

We are almost halfway there and would challenge any group on Salt Spring Island to hold a similar fundraiser and raise \$2,500 before we do.

How about it?  
**JIM BALLANTYNE**,  
 Branch 92 Legion  
 president

**Poor job**

I desire to comment upon the snow removal done by Mainroad South Island Contracting.

I've lived on Salt Spring over 20 years from 1981

till now and acknowledge seldom having received so much of the white stuff and praise them for such a good job on all the roads which go directly to the ferry terminals and to the areas around Mouat's compound.

But they did extremely poor removal on most residential areas and they did an extremely poor job on Maliview Drive, not at all upon the left hand side of Fer De Lance, nor the right hand, plus many other areas.

This was no doubt a probable cause of damage or possible loss to that of many vehicles, for which they should take full responsibility toward repairing or replacing and that says nothing about the responsibility for any physical injuries.

**W.M. DALE**,  
 Fer De Lance Road

**Untimely**

It was with great astonishment and disappointment that I heard about a holiday

to Vancouver and Whistler by a princess of the Thai Royal family.

Considering the devastation the tsunami had done to Thailand, its people and many visitors, this Canadian visit is both untimely and incredibly lacking in taste.

The worldwide outpouring of grief and the subsequent donations of money, time, supplies, etc. have shown to me that it truly is a world reaction and demonstrates a desire to help all those affected by the tsunami.

It would appear that this one particular royal is not overly concerned if she can put her holiday before her duty to her people.

Let them know how you feel.

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## Letters

### Democracy

For those of you still interested, let me tell you what happened on November 24, 2004, in case it should happen to you.

I had to take a day off work in order to attend the particular Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting that was scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. More than three hours into the meeting, when there is but a handful of interested parties left in the room, and the chair has excused himself in order to catch a ferry, the representatives of the Vancouver Island Health Authority finally make their case.

Of course it makes better business sense to go up instead of creating a bigger footprint for the assisted living complex next to Greenwoods. There were objections from the residents and it was suggested that because of such generated interest, perhaps there should be a neighbourhood meeting before making a decision.

Needless to say, we were not afforded any more opportunity to address this issue and the variance was granted by the LTC. Is this democracy at work? Isn't the purpose of our bylaws to enforce the will of the people?

Two stories was deemed acceptable in maintaining the quaintness of Salt Spring. Another three-storey apartment building would be contributing to the strangulation of what makes this a unique and desirable place to live.

This huge building and consequent density increase has been allowed despite democratic bylaws and residents speaking out. I am still waiting for a response from the Islands Trust as to why they feel that the use and enjoyment of our land will not be substantially affected by this building.

**N. TRANTER,**  
Blain Road

# RANTS & ROSES

## ROSES

To the mysterious snow plower who cleared our driveway last Thursday (January 13). A bouquet of rum roses from Patti and Jim on North End Road. Come and collect your bottle of rum, please!

One long-stemmed, perfumed, perfect rose of thanks to the person who found my purse forgotten in a GVM cart. Integrity and honesty is alive and well on Salt Spring.

A long overdue dozen roses to Robert Owen and all the staff at ACE Courier for their excellent service. Robert always make sure that I get my stone no matter how much it weighs and is always there to make sure all my deliveries get to my customers on time every time.

A large bunch of roses for the two men from Telus who stopped on Duck Creek hill (Sunset Drive) in the rain, and changed the wheel on our van.

Roses to all those people who removed snow and ice from in front of the mailboxes, making delivery and pick-up of mail so much easier.

Dozens of amazing young rosebuds to Norma Thompson for being such an important element in the growth of my young rosebud. Today, she is such a beautiful blos-

som. Without your nurturing love and support, I might have pruned her at the neck when she was 15. LVS

A big bouquet of roses to the chap who pushed my car off the ice in front of Imagen, and to the woman at Stitches for the loan of the shovel!

Rose bushes to Tracey, Phyllis and all the wonderful young people who helped us seniors in the snowy season.

Many thanks to Dave and Cathy Thomas who helped us during the snow storm and power outage. Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic.

Roses to Edith Sacker for her long-time support for the establishment and development of our Planned Parenthood clinic. How much we will miss her support after she moves to Victoria cannot be measured in roses.

A 4X4 full of roses to Barbara, the home-support scheduler, who worked her "weekend off" to get workers to clients when they were needed the most. Also, to her husband Phil, who transported a few of us around in the snow. From the health workers and clients.

Beautiful pink and red roses to Ocea Skrodolis. You are the love and light of my life, and I thank you for being a huge support to me with your gentle nature and enormous understanding. You are the best daughter a momma could have.

Belated roses by the bushel and peck, and hugs around the neck for Teija and Peggy, the new owners of Barb's Buns, for opening up the lost and found late on Christmas Eve, and saving an absent-minded, insulin dependent diabetic. J&MO

Two large bouquets for two of our Salt Spring neighbours: One who lives across the road for clearing snow and trees from our driveway. The other lives miles away but he got us to the ferry so we could get our flight. Thanks, Doug Underwood. Many, many roses. Brenda & Allan



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## Prince George police say missing woman may have come to island

The Prince George RCMP detachment is seeking help to find a woman who may have been headed to Salt

Spring in May 2003.

According to Const. Rob Robertson, Marsha Chantelle Bennett, from New-

foundland, was tree planting in the Prince George area in May of 2003 when she left for the town of Oliver or Salt Spring Island.

Bennett is 28 years old and described as 5'4" and 130 pounds, with blue eyes and light hair. She wears contact lenses or glasses.

People with any information concerning the whereabouts of Bennett should contact the Prince George RCMP at 561-3300 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

The RCMP file number is 2004-26168.



Denise Akerman is off to Waikiki for the Pro-Bowl after winning a contest.

## Akerman beats Boomer for trip

A Salt Spring woman beat "Boomer" and the odds to win a free trip to the Pro-Bowl in Waikiki next month.

Denise Akerman decided to try her luck after her partner Shawn Coward bought a Black and Decker power tool that came with the contest description.

After signing up for the North America-wide competition online, she predicted the point spread and winners of weekly NFL football games sent to her by e-mail. "I just did it for the fun

of it," said Akerman, who insists she doesn't know much about football.

However, Akerman examined game and injury reports before making her choices, which obviously topped the predictions of NFL commentator and former quarterback Boomer Esiason.

Akerman and Coward will spend a week at the Marriott Resort and Spa in Waikiki, attend a "tailgate party" and meet the players event, and see the February 13 football game.

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## Nature club plans include AGM, trail work

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On February 24, the social evening will feature Ron Hall showing slides of the colourful canyons and arches of Utah and Arizona.

We will look at Bryce, Zion and Canyonlands, as well as Valley of the Gods, the Petrified Forest and the Painted Desert, and some other interesting areas nearby.

Trail maintenance: Since many of our island trails have been blocked by downed trees, branches and brush, the trail coordinators are planning a series of clean-ups in March and April.

Those dates will be forth-

coming in the monthly announcements. In the meantime, some clearing will be done by work crews.

### Ramblers

February 1: Margaret or Geoff Allen will lead a ramble through Dunbabin Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

February 8: Shall we try a third time to do that ramble along the south side of Burgoyne Bay? Centennial Park at 10 a.m., or meet Harold Page at the Burgoyne Triangle at 10:15.

February 15: Liz Armour has kindly permitted us to ramble down through her farm to the sand spit where the birds will be nesting later in the season. Dick Pattinson will lead us. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

February 22: To Mount Belcher on a route that suits ramblers, with Jack and Betty Sharp leading. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

### Walkers

February 1: Nancy Braithwaite will lead us on a moderate walk from Mereside to Sara Road and back. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. South-enders meet at the top of Mereside at 10:15 a.m.

February 8: Ron Hall will lead an easy walk from Eagle Ridge to Long Harbour. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

February 22: Join Carol Williams for a semi-rugged walk on the Jack Foster trail. Meet at Portlock Park at 10 a.m.

### Hikers

February 1: Off island today

with Simon Rook to Lantzville Hill (Near Nanaimo) for a moderate hike.

This will be Simon's third attempt to lead us on this new hiking trail, which has great views. Carpool to leave Portlock Park at 8:30 for the Vesuvius ferry at 9 a.m.

February 8: Join Zeke Blazecka on a varied and interesting hike starting from Isabella Point.

Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to meet up with the south-enders at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

February 15: With Alan Clews in charge we'll hike around Mount Maxwell, starting from Armand Way. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

February 22: Today Charles Kahn will lead us on a mystery hike in the Mount Erskine area. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

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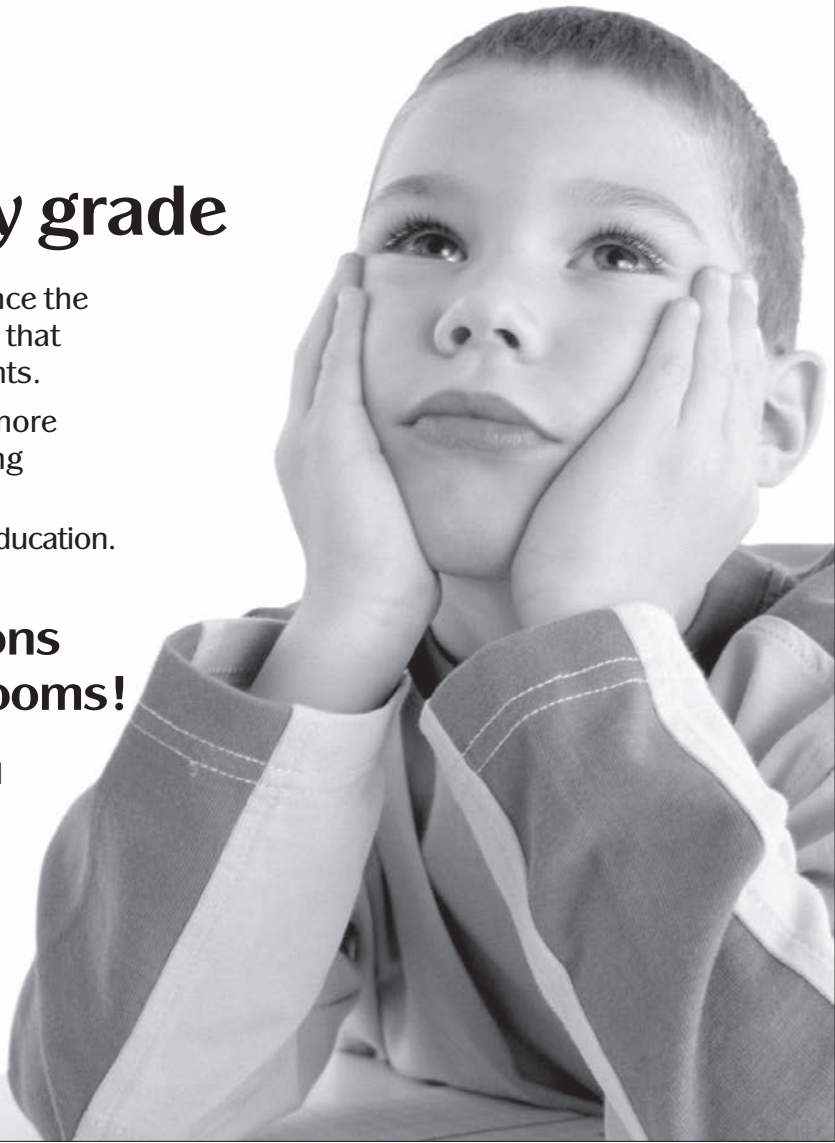
Now the government is considering imposing even more restrictions on our ability to bargain for better learning conditions.

It's a bad deal for students, for teachers and for public education.

### Mr. Campbell, it's time for solutions not more problems in our classrooms!

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# THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Jan 26, 2005 to Feb 1, 2005

- WEDNESDAY, JAN 26**
- 6:00 PM  
**14** ★★ **Where the Spirit Lives (1989, Drama)** A young Blackfoot girl is taken from her reserve and relocated to an English settlement. *Michelle St. John, Anne-Marie MacDonald (1h45)*
- 7:00 PM  
**3** ★★ **Love, Sex and Eating The Bones (2003, Comedy)** A porn addict discovers love is stronger than fantasy when he meets a girl of his dreams. *Ed Robinson, Mark Taylor (1h45)*
- 8:00 PM  
**24** ★★ **Canadian Bacon (1995, Comedy)** The President of the United States declares war on Canada in an effort to get re-elected. *John Candy, Alan Alda (2h)*
- 8:45 PM  
**3** ★ **My Baby's Daddy (2004, Comedy)** Three young men grow up quickly when their girlfriends become pregnant at the same time. *Eddie Griffin, Anthony Anderson (1h30)*
- 9:00 PM  
**4** ★★ **The Kitchen Party (1997, Drama)** A group of teens come together for a party and find themselves confined to the kitchen. *Scott Speedman, Laura Harris (2h)*
- 13** ★ **Sorority Boys (2002, Comedy)** Kicked out of their dorm, three students dress in drag and move into a sorority house. *Barry Watson, Harland Williams (2h)*
- 19** ★★ **Weekend at Bernie's II (1993, Comedy)** Two men use a corpse to frantically track down hidden money in order to clear their names. *Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman (1h30)*
- 10:00 PM  
**14** ★★ **Harrison's Flowers (2002, Drama)** When a journalist goes missing, his wife travels to Yugoslavia looking for answers. *Andie MacDowell, David Starhain (2h30)*
- 10:15 PM  
**3** ★★ **Ned Kelly (1970, Biography)** The story of the legendary 19th-century Australian outlaw, whose story outgrew his life. *Mick Jagger, Sue Lloyd (2h)*

- THURSDAY, JAN 27**
- 6:00 PM  
**14** **Murdoch Mysteries: Poor Tom is Cold (2004, Mystery)** When Const. Wickens is found dead, Det. Murdoch refuses to believe his protégé committed suicide. *Peter Outerbridge, Colm Meaney (2h)*
- 7:00 PM  
**3** ★★ **Dirty War (2004, Thriller)** The fictional story of a successful terrorist attack in London and its aftermath. *Dorian Healy, Louise Delamere (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM  
**24** ★★ **Courage Under Fire (1996, Drama)** An officer investigates the death of a female Captain nominated for the Medal of Honor. *Denzel Washington, Meg Ryan (2h)*
- 8:30 PM  
**3** ★★ **The Bone Snatcher (2003, Horror)** A group of miners make a grisly discovery while searching for missing co-workers. *Scott Bairstow, Rachel Shelley (1h30)*
- 9:00 PM  
**13** ★★ **Event Horizon (1997, Sci-Fi)** In 2047, two men are sent to investigate a spaceship that vanished seven years earlier. *Laurence Fishburne, Sam Neill (2h)*
- 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)*
- 29** ★★ **Wuthering Heights (1992, Romance)** A young orphan boy plots his revenge against the family who raised him as their servant. *Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche (2h)*
- 10:00 PM  
**3** ★★ **Frida (2002, Biography)** The life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, who channelled her personal pain into her work. *Salma Hayek, Alfred Molina (2h15)*
- 14** ★★ **Poetic Justice (1993, Drama)** A beautician writes poetry in a book to express everything she can't share with others. *Janet Jackson, Tupac Shakur (2h15)*

- FRIDAY, JAN 28**
- 6:00 PM  
**14** ★★ **Dead Ahead: The Exxon Valdez Disaster (1992, Docu-Drama)** An expose of the events surrounding the 1989 oil spill and a look at the damage that ensued. *Christopher Lloyd, Rip Torn (2h)*
- 7:00 PM  
**3** ★★ **Hellboy (2004, Sci-Fi)** A demon grows up to become a defender against the forces of darkness. *Ron Perlman, John Hurt (2h)*
- 7:30 PM  
**19** **Going to the Mat (2004, Family)** A blind boy takes up the sport of wrestling and learns the importance of self-acceptance. *Andrew Lawrence, Khleo Thomas (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM  
**11** ★★ **A Rather English Marriage (1998, Comedy)** The unlikely friendship between two widowers is threatened by the arrival of a woman. *Tom Courtenay, Albert Finney (2h)*

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# What's On This Week

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<b>live entertainment</b>	<b>other activities</b>	<b>live entertainment</b>	<b>live entertainment</b>	<b>live entertainment</b>	<b>other activities</b>	<b>other activities</b>
<p><b>Simply Organic.</b> Barry Valentine organ recital, followed by muffin and coffee, at All Saints, 10:10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Bernard Primeau Montreal Jazz Ensemble.</b> ArtSpring, 8 pm; Garry Oaks wine-tasting, 7 pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday Night Live!</b> Open stage at Moby's, 9 pm</p>	<p><b>Karaoke.</b> Hosts Tom Hooper and Matt Johnson at Shipstones, 8 pm</p> <p><b>Talk on Ethical Investing.</b> Oikocredit presentation at United Church, 7 pm</p> <p><b>SS Trail &amp; Nature Club.</b> AGM at Meaden Hall. Doors at 5, potluck supper 5:30 &amp; meeting at 7 pm.</p> <p><b>Women's Basketball.</b> Thursdays at GISS, 6:30-8 pm</p> <p><b>GISS Drama Dept.</b> Fantasy &amp; Reality play-building. ArtSpring, 7pm</p> <p><b>Prenatal and Mom &amp; Babies Yoga.</b> Thurs. at Ganges Yoga Studio, 11 am-noon.</p> <p><b>Keep Five Alive Coalition.</b> Meets at GISS, Room N108, 7-9 pm</p>	<p><b>Charles Wilton &amp; Friends.</b> At The Local, 6 pm.</p> <p><b>Interchill Records DJs.</b> Stirred not Shaken sophisticated lounge music. Shipstones Taproom &amp; Lounge, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>A Cabaret Evening, A Global Effort.</b> Tsunami relief benefit with 9 pm auction at Beaver Point Hall.</p> <p><b>Live with Gene Grooms.</b> Sustenance for the Soul. Shipstones Taproom &amp; Lounge, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Vintage Lounge with DJ Matt J.</b> Rare &amp; classic jazz, soul &amp; R&amp;B. Shipstones Taproom &amp; Lounge, 7 pm</p> <p><b>Gary Preston Trio.</b> Sunday Dinner Jazz at Moby's, 7 pm</p>	<p><b>The Clinic.</b> Planned Parenthood services at #102-340 Lower Ganges Rd. on Mondays, 4:30-6:30 pm</p> <p><b>Women's Basketball.</b> Mondays at SIMS, 7-8:30 pm</p> <p><b>Eckhart Tolle Meditation Group.</b> Meets Mondays at SS Yoga Centre, 7:30-9 pm. Info: 537-8773.</p>	<p><b>No events planned at this time.</b></p>
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<p><b>Acupuncture De-Tox.</b> Wednesdays at Community Services, 7-9 pm</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.</b> Meets at Lions Hall, 3 pm</p>		<p><b>Rollerblading to Music.</b> Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm</p> <p><b>Meat Draw &amp; Dinner.</b> Fridays at the Legion.</p> <p><b>Boys &amp; Girls Club.</b> Spring registration at SS Pentecostal Assembly, 9-11 a.m. Info: 537-0009.</p>	<p><b>Indigo -- the Movie.</b> See it on SSI. Call 537-8911.</p> <p><b>Reproduce Your Art Digitally.</b> Workshop with Andrea Palframan. 1-6 pm. 537-9935.</p>	<p><b>Tai Chi &amp; Qi Qong.</b> Beaver Pt. Hall, 12:30-3 pm</p>		

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# Talent showcased at dance night

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**  
Driftwood Contributor

The florist shops were busy last Wednesday and Thursday as fans of the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Senior Dancers lauded the students after their final showing entitled 'Jazzifyin'.

Family, friends and rows of smitten fellas, crowded ArtSpring to cheer the gorgeous dancers through their 14-piece concert complete with a jazz band and lovely MCs Natalia Day and Jazz Dine.

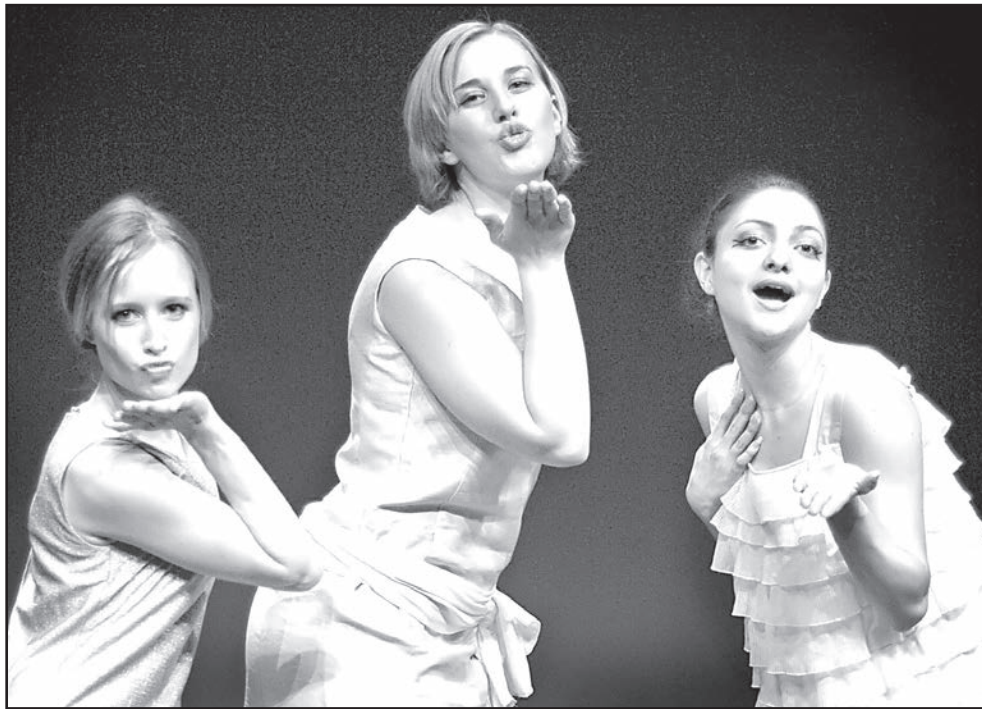
The pieces, mostly choreographed by the dancers, showcased their enthusiasm and talent.

The Rehearsal choreographed by the dancers (Ann-Scarlet Cooper, Delie Lohmann, Jenna McBride, Danielle Girard and Jasmin Coffey) explored the meeting of ballet bun with hip-hop slouch.

With Cooper showing her ballet chops and the four other girls surrounding her, they used interesting choreographic skills like inversion where the ballerina's arms paralleled the hip-hoppers' legs.

More sophisticated than some, the piece was further enhanced by a clever choice in music — Aphex Twins — that used both musical genres associated with the dance styles.

Ann-Scarlet Cooper's pointe solo showed huge progress from last year with some truly difficult movements performed well. Rising to pointe on one leg repeatedly needs a very strong body and Cooper's



**ON STAGE:** Three members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School dance troupe — Jenna McBride, Delie Lohmann and Ann Cooper — rehearse for their ArtSpring concert.

efforts were rewarded with much cheering.

Blue, choreographed by Delie Lohmann and featuring Lohmann, Jasmin Coffey and Jenna McBride, was a delight with charming grins and a real sense of physicality.

We enjoyed Amber Reid's abilities with Christina Penhale's Poisin Paradise last year, but this time it was expanded to include 14 dancers. A well-rehearsed crowd pleaser, especially with the front row filled with boys, hair featured prominently, as did the sexy moves.

The second act was an interesting endeavour in chronicling the evolution of jazz dancing from jazz's African roots to the 1920s

onto the '50s. Not always accurate, but always fun, the dancers clearly enjoyed themselves.

I was disappointed there was no '70s disco, an era filled with great dances like the hustle and the bump, and seeing the psychedelic sixties would also have enticed.

The group chose to use the popular social dance forms of the day, rather than theatrical jazz dance started by innovator Jack Cole. Maybe next time we'll see Bob Fosse's oeuvre.

The concert ended with teacher Sonia Langer's Indigo Blues. Able to move large numbers of bodies through space and showcase the dancers' learned technique, Langer's choreogra-

phy allowed the dancers to let loose within a structure communicating their hard work and joy in movement.

Those same composition skills evident in Langer's work need to be explored more in the students' own choreography.

Choreographing phrases of movement instead of more static poses, using steps linked together for transitions, and expressing themselves through a more creative movement vocabulary can push the choreography so that it matches the freshness of the performers.

# Cabaret-auction event set to benefit relief in Thailand

Interchill DJs, fire spinners and belly dancers are just some of the performers set to present A Cabaret Evening, A Global Effort at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night.

Islander Andrea Russell has brought together a hot-pot of talent and Eclectic Auction items, with all proceeds benefitting the most affected areas of Thailand.

Russell is heading to that country in February to vol-

unteer with rehabilitation.

"Rebuilding efforts will be documented and shared in April 2005 so that some of the images of devastation from the tsunami can be replaced by those of hope and growth, and the local community will see the direct results of the ground-level assistance."

Auction donors include Salt Spring Island books, Eight Branches, Joy Toyz, Play Poi Studio, Cocoa God-

dess, Coco Loco, Tigress, Tune Up Your Life, Stunning Dunning and many more.

Russell is also selling a signature jewellery piece for \$2,500, with the entire amount given to the Thai region of Khao Luk, "where it originated in spirit and form."

The auction begins at 9 p.m., with dancing all night.

For more information, call Russell at 537-2866 or e-mail rowanlee@telus.net.

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Sam, his older brother, and a couple of friends scheme to invite George on a fictional birthday trip down the river and then exact an embarrassing revenge, but everything goes wrong. Sam's friend Millie hears of the plan and balks, and it seems as if everything is off. But a vicious game of truth or dare turns ugly, and before you know it, tragedy strikes.

It may seem that I'm letting slip the major turns in the plot, but first-time director Jacob Aaron Estes isn't aiming at any kind of a thriller. Instead, Mean Creek is all about the complex realities of teenage psychology.

In the typical revenge plot, the differences between good

and bad guys is clear. However, the characters in Mean Creek are so well observed that our sympathies for one or another shift regularly.

Initially, we side with the quiet, introspective Sam against the ugly and fat George. But George quickly proves to be both charismatic and talented, and we can't help but feel sorry for him. Meanwhile, we also feel sorry for the group's supposed ringleader, whose anger and cruelty hide a deep sadness over the death of his father.

Even Millie, who at first seems like the typical highly empathic sensitive girl, shows a vindictive side.

By the time we get to the truth-or-dare sequence, the complexities of the group have led to an incredibly volatile situation. One kid sides with another, then hears something he

doesn't like and changes sides immediately.

This kind of cinema, so organic and real, would not be possible without a competent cast. Fortunately, Mean Creek has a truly game list of young actors. Not a single scene feels forced, and sequences that in other films might be melodramatic are instead subtle in their power.

However, due to the aforementioned focus on character rather than story, don't watch Mean Creek expecting to have a message smacked over your head. In a film like this, meaning has to be eked out from the spaces between the plot's major turns and twists.

Then again, films like this sometimes appear to be hinting that they contain no meaning after all — and can anything be more frightening?

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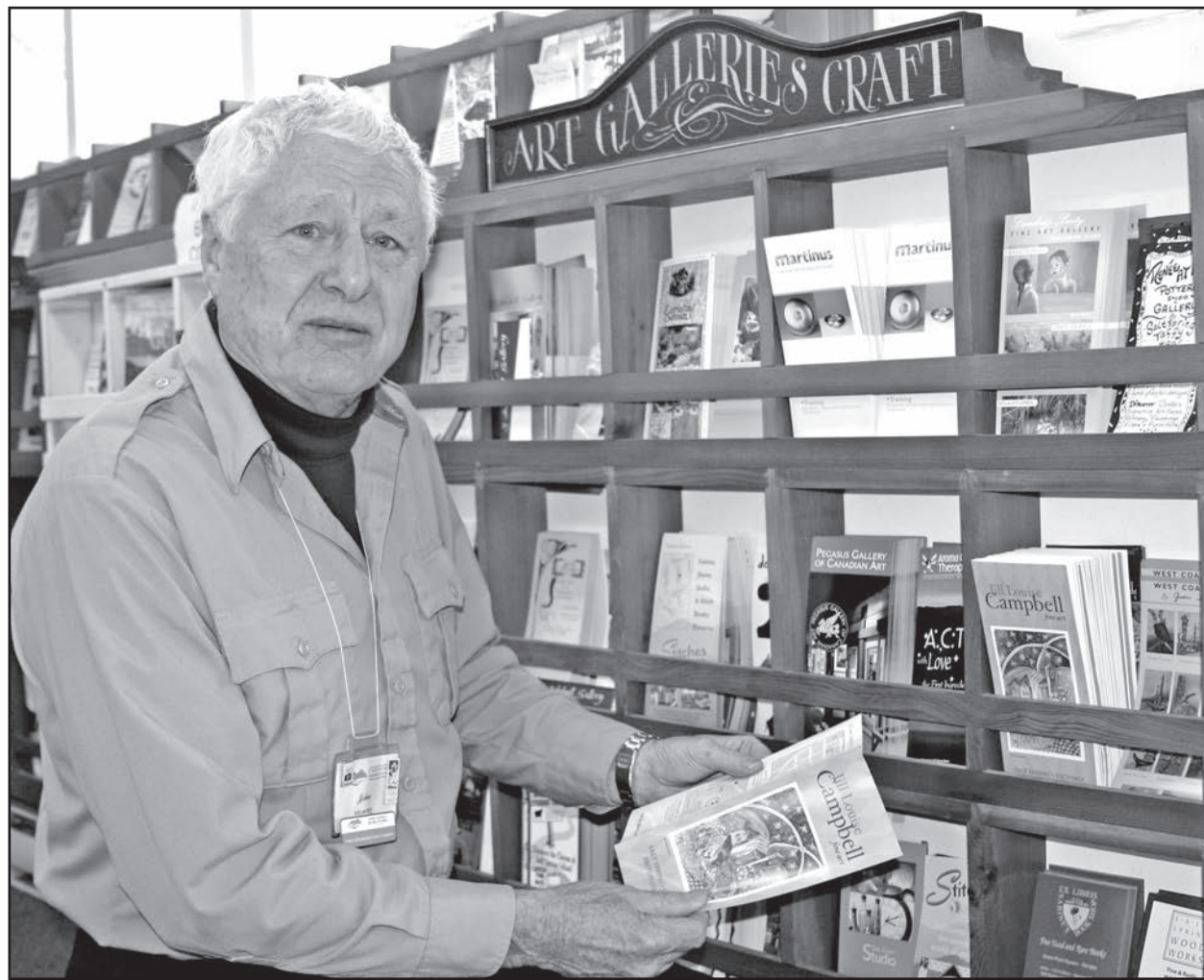
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## The Chamber looks back and looks forward

The past year offered much of what makes life on Salt Spring so fascinating, frustrating and life-enhancing. A community economic development forum in February saw stake holders highlight affordable housing, sustainable tourism and water as top drawer issues on the island. The parking Study, steered by Scott Iverson involved volunteer resources and shared contributions to problem solve Ganges and Fulford Villages' parking situation.

Preparatory work began on the planning of Tourism Association of Vancouver Islands' (TAVI) annual general meeting that is scheduled to be held on Salt Spring in May. A multitude of Island businesses supported the swimming pool drive. The Crofton Airshed group's informed lobbying and wonderful fund raising concert were most notable. Our Island meat-producing farmers undertook to seek a means to provide their organic products prepared on-island. The One-

Tonne Challenge brought awareness to making a difference here and now. A wildly successful Fall Fair encouraged us to celebrate our island values. Groups have formed around the issue of self-governance for the island. Community choirs, theatre and school performances inspired and moved us. The Chamber looks forward to sharing the results of the Tourism Survey undertaken with Malaspina College. We also look forward to contributing to the Tourism

Management Plan as it is formulated this year. We pledge to continue to be an informed voice that speaks to the economic health of our community in harmony with our environmental and cultural values. The Chamber wishes to publicly thank our very capable Manager, Perry Ruehlen for her hard work on our behalf this past year.

Peter Allan  
President, Chamber of Commerce

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The Visitor Info Centre could always use more volunteers! Our volunteers work one shift per week for

3 - 4 hours, depending on the time of year. It is a great opportunity to learn more about your community and to share what you already know with visitors and locals. If you are interested, or have expressed interest in the past, please contact Perry at 537-4223, or drop by the Visitor Info Centre and introduce yourself!

## Calendar What's Up

**February 7**  
4 pm board meeting,  
Harbour House Hotel

**February 10**  
Business Breakfast  
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# Deft acting in monologues show

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

A bare-bones presentation of The Susan Smith Tapes offered powerful monologue performances at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) last weekend.

In the headline act, Pandora Morgan gave a riveting portrayal of real-life character Susan Smith, who drowned her two children in 1994.

R.M. Vaughn's play is told from the perspective of Smith as an inmate who wants to set the record straight after her story was splashed around TV talk shows.

Given the disturbing nature of the subject matter, the play is a challenging piece for audiences, let alone actors.

And Morgan deserves kudos for sharing an unflinching picture of Smith that showed compassion and authenticity.

Presented at the GISS dance studio without the usual trappings of a stage or theatrical lighting that separate an actor from the audience, Morgan seemed to thrive on the interplay with her cell-mates.

Under her guise, Smith was shown as a self-loathing, emotionally disturbed and yet surprisingly sympathetic protagonist.

And Morgan took full opportunity of the role to explore a range of fascinating subject material, including: maternal loss, wisdom gained through error and the unreliable weaving of a per-



**DISTURBING SUBJECT:** Pandora Morgan takes the role of Susan Smith (in The Susan Smith Tapes) as Gulf Islands Secondary School presents a series of monologues at the high school.

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sonal narrative.

Within the Smith persona, Morgan lovingly described buckling in the young children before driving them into a lake, she dryly dropped offhand acidic remarks

about her media accusers and presented a heroic sense of fated naivety.

Her impassioned acting in the extended piece was tinted with deft nuances to provide a mature, compel-

ling and completely convincing performance. It will be a likely treat to catch her next performance.

Though confined to a solitary monologue, Morgan wasn't alone in standout acting.

As an opener for the one-act Smith play, Sarah Penhale shared a fabulous hysterical-breakdown scene from Ann-Marie MacDonald's play Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet).

Playing Constance Leadbelly, Penhale blitzed through a madcap moray of post-graduate-student ravings during a monologue set around a moment of waiting to talk to the university dean.

The sampled scene was hilarious, including musings over an appendix bottled in a baby-food jar, and Penhale's acting begged for a full production of the play.

Similarly, Jordan Roper gave an impressive presentation of a brief scene from Mark Leiren-Young's play Shylock.

Roper's world-weary manner was charming in his depiction of the character John Davies, an actor slighted for his convincing portrayal of the Shakespearean villain from The Merchant of Venice.

The monologue allowed Roper to deliver delicious deadpan wit while ruminating over racism and the allure of antagonist acting roles.

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## Volunteers toasted with Anise music

Members of a Salt Spring non-profit group who are on their way to Africa will get a "sunny" send-off on Friday night.

The Sundogs will perform at a farewell party for the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID) volunteers set for Anise Restaurant and Inn.

The Sundogs, who perform country and rockabilly, will begin playing at 9 p.m.

Other special musical

guests will also be featured.

Anna Calligari, Gary McNutt, Melanie Furman and Heather Martin-McNab are heading to South Africa and Lesotho to volunteer on grassroots projects.

David Walker of the Sun-

dogs notes the musical evening is not a benefit.

Gail Meyer left for a volunteer position in Kenya on Saturday.

Another islander, Bonnie Dalziel, is off to Afghanistan to help women in the Kabul

area build a successful clothing business. Her work is sponsored by the Salt Spring Voice of Women for Peace group.

Dalziel's send-off party was held Sunday afternoon at Lions Hall.

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| Saturday Jan 15 | Live with Allison Dunn  |
| Sunday Jan 26   | Vintage Lounge with DJ MattJ<br>Rare & Classic Jazz, Soul, and R&B        |
| Thursday Jan 20 | Karaoke with Hosts Tom & Matt   |
| Friday Jan 21   | Interchill Records DJ's<br>Stirred not Shaken: Sophisticated Lounge Music |
| Saturday Jan 22 | Vintage Lounge with DJ MattJ<br>R&B, Hip Hop and 80's Gems                |
| Sunday Jan 23   | Vintage Lounge with DJ MattJ<br>Rare & Classic Jazz, Soul, and R&B        |
| Thursday Jan 27 | Karaoke with Hosts Tom & Matt   |
| Friday Jan 28   | Interchill Records DJ's<br>Stirred not Shaken: Sophisticated Lounge Music |
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"We wanted a fresh new look to the website, plus the addition of a number of new interactive features," explains Paul Gravett, executive director of ArtSpring. "At the same time, we wanted to ensure the site remained as user-friendly as possible."

Tony Richards of Trincomali Multimedia, ArtSpring staffer John Wakefield and graphic designer Mark Hand collaborated to design and build the new site.

The calendar of events is now more complete and covers a longer time period, and clicking on underlined words

leads to further information.

Direct access to the ticket centre and theatre-seating plan is also available, and regular mini quizzes will offer a chance to win free tickets to upcoming events.

"Tony [Richards] volunteered to build on our ideas and produced an amazing website. The response has been terrific," says Gravett. "People have even stopped me on the street to talk about it!"

The website address is [www.artspring.ca](http://www.artspring.ca).

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# Quest for excellence spurs musicians

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**  
Driftwood Contributor

The GISS Music concert belied the age of the performers by offering variety and artistry. Two nights would have ensured that a greater number could have enjoyed the music as did the sold-out crowd last Monday night.

Bruce Smith led a dizzying number of bands, orchestras and choirs, proving that Salt Spring has some truly devoted parents and very skilled private teachers. It is Smith's quest for excellence, however, that pulled these disparate musicians into a cohesive whole.

Astoundingly, each individual was usually included in more than one endeavour. Singers were also violinists. Violinists played soprano saxophone. These kids are not just talented. They are multi-talented.

Starting in blackout tuning up, the senior Jazz Band was hit with lights, designed by Marv Coulthard, when the first note sounded. Tuning Up, by Toshiko Akyoki, featured six soloists who set the standard.

The syncopation of the rollicking song supported the improvised solos. Showing a level of sophistication that jazz music requires, the musicians let the music flow, an ability that comes with much practice.

Knowledge of great jazz players

infused their own solos. These youth understand the context of the music that they're playing.

A clever transition followed with the entire Junior Jazz rhythm section switching with the seniors, as the rest of the band exited, without dropping a beat.

Holding the beat down in Kenny Dorham's Blue Bossa was Luke Giefing on drum kit and Devan Banman on congas. Their duet of changing riffs and grooving together showed chops galore.

Smith, not satisfied with three-part harmony in his choirs, challenges the students with very difficult five- and six-part harmony. Their listening skills and ability to maintain pitch is no doubt the product of relentless rehearsal.

The Concert Choir was right on the mark with two songs: Dindirin, Dindirin and You Can't Do That. Flawless harmonies sung by the large group melded their voices as one. Using dynamics from loud to soft, forceful to gentle, while focussed completely on Smith's direction, they offered a rich tapestry of sound.

Watching Smith conduct The Chamber Choir through fine renditions of Cremus and Schweelo Eele was as fascinating as watching a modern dancer perform a gesture score. His body

movement enabled the choir to realize the potential of the music.

A moment during the Jazz Choir's singing of the Ella Fitzgerald classic Miss Otis Regrets pointed to Smith's demand for accuracy and his sense of humour in getting it. The choir, led by Gwen Temmell, started to modulate into the stratosphere getting further and further away from the melody.

Smith simply stopped it and, in the second try, Temmell sang a song of such simple emotion and elegance, backed by supremely difficult harmonies, that the audience choked up.

Another choir performed a great arrangement of The Beatles' Can't Buy Me Love and a funny Carmen San Diego of the children's program fame.

The Chamber Orchestra played two pieces: the Albinoni Concerto ending the first act and the Haydn Trumpet Concerto with the very accomplished Brad Cronin as soloist ending the second act. The Albinoni was thrilling. With the trumpet section led by the irrepressible Simon Millerd from the lighting booth at the back of the house, they surrounded us with sound that took our breath away.

Let no teenager complain of having nothing to do on Salt Spring. These young musicians prove that there's plenty to do with the guidance to do it!



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This incredible combination of instruments enhanced by the acoustics of All Saints church will be enough to pull anyone out of the February blues.

Dawn Hage is no stranger to the concert stage.

Having obtained her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Alberta in 1980 and completed a Masters degree in music from Northwestern University, she played in the trumpet section of the Edmonton Symphony for 12 years, taught trumpet at Alberta College and

was very busy as a freelance soloist, clinician and chamber musician.

A founding member of the brass trio Triceratops, Hage also performed with the Alberta Baroque Orchestra, The Richard Eaton Singers, the Winnipeg Ballet Orchestra, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra and the Old Strathcona Town Band.

In 1993, Hage, husband Murray Hunter and their children Jesse and Ben packed their bags and headed to Salt Spring to enjoy island life and a more rural environment for the kids to grow up in.

Over the past 11 years, Hage has been busy as a trumpet instructor and soloist both on Salt Spring

and throughout Vancouver Island.

She became music director of the Salt Spring Concert Band in the fall of 1999 (the year after third child Daniel was born) and is enjoying her sixth season of music making with the ensemble.

Barry Valentine has enjoyed many years of rich and varied musical experience and is astonishingly versatile both as soloist and accompanist at the organ.

Having successfully launched the Music and Munch recital series in 1996, he has played for countless performers, including choristers, vocal soloists and instrumentalists.

Musical selections will span the years from 1700 to

1960, giving Hage the opportunity to play both the Bb and piccolo trumpets.

The organ/trumpet duo will perform such well-loved favourites as Pachelbel's Canon and Jeremiah Clarke's Suite in D, which includes the famous Prince of Denmark's March.

In addition, they will be playing the lesser-known but stunningly beautiful Aria by Flor Peeters, and a work by Hovhanness called Haroutin, that is modern and yet ancient in its tonalities.

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# Islanders nurture tsunami relief at Saturday concert

Salt Spring relief efforts continue to bear fruit for tsunami victims in South East Asia.

Following a generous harvest of donations last week, the bounty continued with the Salt Spring Musicians Tsunami Relief fundraising concert at Fulford Hall Saturday.

Some 25 musicians gathered in nine different bands to perform a four-hour set that harvested over \$1,500 for the Canadian Red Cross.

"Everything went really smoothly, given the number of performers," said organizer David Walker of the Sundogs.

"It was a very eclectic and varied program."

Music styles included everything from Sundogs rockabilly, to authentic rock by Donnie McDougall and Bill Henderson, African drums, sitar with viola, and jazz and R&B offered by Under the Sun.

Performers included the above, plus: Jamie RT, Jack and Lefty, Stephanie Rhodes, Harry Warner, Christian Paul-Tatonetti, Laurent Boucher and Iroko.

The evening highlight for Walker was seeing islanders come together to offer assistance to another community. "People pitched in to make it all happen."

He was impressed by the efforts of everyone offering goods or services for the event, in addition to those who donated cash.

"Finally, thank you a million times for everyone who braved the rain to make it down and support the event."

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# New Yorker Lavin knits witty tunes at folk club's upcoming concert

For people who can't squeeze a trip to New York into vacation plans this year, the folk club crew has brought New York to the island instead.

True-blue New Yorker Christine Lavin is the February 7 Salt Spring Folk Club (SSFC) act, with opener Alan Miceli.

Last year Lavin released her 16th solo album: Sometimes Mother Really Does Know Best, with cuts like What Was I Thinking? (when she bought that bad dress), the Tacobel Canon, Planet X and You Look Pretty Good

for Your Age, interspersed with hilarious song introductions and dialogue with the crowd.

Lavin's music has imprinted North American culture with concepts such as the Sensitive New Age Guy, the allure of bald men and getting in touch with one's "inner bitch."

Commenting on the woman's trademark wit, SSFC board member Kathleen Horsdal has christened Lavin "America's answer to Connie Kaldor."

Lavin has won one NAIRD award, two New York Music Awards, five ASCAP composer awards and the Kate Wolf Memorial Award.

In 2001, Backstage Magazine named her Outstanding New York Singer/Songwriter Of The Year.

Lavin's music has found its way into children's books, theatrical productions and



Christine Lavin

the Advancement of Science.

She'll land on balmy Salt Spring following a show two days earlier in Anchorage.

Horsdal said Lavin is currently interested in knitting.

Classical guitarist Miceli is well known on the island for his captivating solo performances and two CD releases: The Spaces Between and Errington Way.

His music has been heard on CBC Radio's North by Northwest, Disc Drive and Fresh Air, and Echoes in the U.S.

Miceli's music has also been featured on the documentary A Legacy of Peace.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m., but doors open earlier with light suppers and refreshments available.

Tickets are \$15 and on sale at Salt Spring Books, Stuff 'n' Nonsense and Acoustic Planet Music.

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<b>live entertainment</b>	<b>other activities</b>	<b>live entertainment</b>	<b>live entertainment</b>	<b>live entertainment</b>	<b>other activities</b>	<b>other activities</b>
<p><b>Simply Organic.</b> Barry Valentine organ recital, followed by muffin and coffee, at All Saints, 10:10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Bernard Primeau Montreal Jazz Ensemble.</b> ArtSpring, 8 pm; Garry Oaks wine-tasting, 7 pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday Night Live!</b> Open stage at Moby's, 9 pm</p>	<p><b>Karaoke.</b> Hosts Tom Hooper and Matt Johnson at Shipstones, 8 pm</p> <p><b>Talk on Ethical Investing.</b> Oikocredit presentation at United Church, 7 pm</p> <p><b>SS Trail &amp; Nature Club.</b> AGM at Meaden Hall. Doors at 5, potluck supper 5:30 &amp; meeting at 7 pm.</p> <p><b>Women's Basketball.</b> Thursdays at GISS, 6:30-8 pm</p> <p><b>GISS Drama Dept.</b> Fantasy &amp; Reality play-building. ArtSpring, 7pm</p> <p><b>Prenatal and Mom &amp; Babies Yoga.</b> Thurs. at Ganges Yoga Studio, 11 am-noon.</p> <p><b>Keep Five Alive Coalition.</b> Meets at GISS, Room N108, 7-9 pm</p>	<p><b>Charles Wilton &amp; Friends.</b> At The Local, 6 pm.</p> <p><b>Interchill Records DJs.</b> Stirred not Shaken sophisticated lounge music. Shipstones Taproom &amp; Lounge, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>A Cabaret Evening, A Global Effort.</b> Tsunami relief benefit with 9 pm auction at Beaver Point Hall.</p> <p><b>Live with Gene Grooms.</b> Sustenance for the Soul. Shipstones Taproom &amp; Lounge, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Vintage Lounge with DJ Matt J.</b> Rare &amp; classic jazz, soul &amp; R&amp;B. Shipstones Taproom &amp; Lounge, 7 pm</p> <p><b>Gary Preston Trio.</b> Sunday Dinner Jazz at Moby's, 7 pm</p>	<p><b>The Clinic.</b> Planned Parenthood services at #102-340 Lower Ganges Rd. on Mondays, 4:30-6:30 pm</p> <p><b>Women's Basketball.</b> Mondays at SIMS, 7-8:30 pm</p> <p><b>Eckhart Tolle Meditation Group.</b> Meets Mondays at SS Yoga Centre, 7:30-9 pm. Info: 537-8773.</p>	<p><b>No events planned at this time.</b></p>
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<p><b>Acupuncture De-Tox.</b> Wednesdays at Community Services, 7-9 pm</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.</b> Meets at Lions Hall, 3 pm</p>		<p><b>Rollerblading to Music.</b> Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm</p> <p><b>Meat Draw &amp; Dinner.</b> Fridays at the Legion.</p> <p><b>Boys &amp; Girls Club.</b> Spring registration at SS Pentecostal Assembly, 9-11 a.m. Info: 537-0009.</p>	<p><b>Indigo -- the Movie.</b> See it on SSI. Call 537-8911.</p> <p><b>Reproduce Your Art Digitally.</b> Workshop with Andrea Palframan. 1-6 pm. 537-9935.</p>	<p><b>Tai Chi &amp; Qi Qong.</b> Beaver Pt. Hall, 12:30-3 pm</p>		

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**ODE TO A HAGGIS:** At top, Legion ladies serve up the haggis, which is later "piped in" by Jan MacPhail, Boyd Shaw, Peter McCully and Rod Macdonald. The haggis revering took place at the annual Robbie Burns Night, Saturday at Meaden Hall.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



## Library hosts nickel sale

Salt Spring's public library is getting set for a massive book sale that will see books sold at the rock-bottom price of five cents per volume.

From February 1 to 19, novels, mysteries, romances, travel, computer, children's and reference books, Canadiana, self-help, women's issues, literature, collectors' items and more will sell for only a nickel, while back issues of magazines will be taken away for free. Harlequin Romances will see new homes at a cost of 10 for a nickel.

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## Student ready for Ottawa trip

A Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) student is heading to an Encounters With Canada week in Ottawa to get a taste of her potential career choice.

Laura Stewart was selected to attend the Journalism and Communications theme week from March 13-20, where she will explore a range of journalism career choices, immerse herself in Canadian studies and meet like-minded youth from across the country.

"I'm really excited about getting to go,"



**Laura Stewart**

said Stewart last week.

While in Ottawa she will visit radio and TV stations, a newspaper office, and Parliament. She will attend a national press conference and enjoy a couple of university campus tours, and participate in group discussions and related activities.

Events centre around the Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre, where 11 theme weeks are offered.

"Anybody can find a week that will interest them," she said.

Stewart has received funding support from GISS and the Salt Spring district of the Girl Guides of Canada. Anyone wanting to assist Stewart in this way can contact her at 537-9695 or littleowa@hotmail.com.

Stewart will also boost her journalism experience by writing a youth-GISS column and stories in future issues of the Driftwood.

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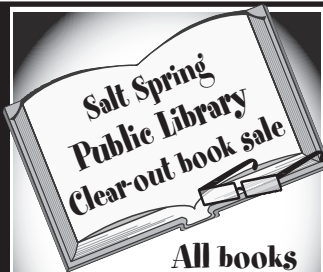
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The day is designed for people whether they are in or outside of a relationship.

Bronstein, MSW, and Caplan, MA, are registered clinical counsellors with private practices on Salt Spring.

Bronstein has been a therapist for 24 years, trains counsellors and works with many couples.

Caplan specializes in work with men.

They lead relationship workshops together, and currently lead sessions focusing on using theatre to integrate hidden resources.

The event takes place at the Baptist Church on Lower Ganges Road.

Register through Continuing Education at 537-0037.

## HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high scores in bowling league play.

Circus League, Monday, January 17: Ron Cunningham, 212; Margaret Baker, 218.

Special Olympics, Wednesday, January 19: Jimmy Beck, 150; Jason Newport, 168.

Legion League, Thursday, January 20: Russ C., 220; Ken A., 205, 213, 226/654; Jason B., 234; Stu F., 245; Dennis H., 226, 208.

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors, December 14: Jim Glenn, 242; Roger Brunt, 249; Carol Kaye, 201.



**COOKIE MONSTERS:** Members of the Girl Guides of Canada organization were out in force at Ganges Village Market last weekend, selling their ever popular Girl Guide cookies.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Wright traditional societies talk fills hall and then some

By KATE LESLIE  
Special to the Driftwood

Islanders filled Lions Hall to capacity on Friday night to listen to 2004 Massey lecturer and Salt Spring resident Ron Wright.

Wright talked about the environmental track records of large, historical civilizations from around the world, and the environmental record of hunting and gathering societies in the Americas and elsewhere.

Drawing from the examples of the Romans, the Maya, the Incas and others, he demonstrated that over-exploitation of the environment makes big farming-based populations near their natural limits particularly vulnerable to fluctuations.

"We [humans] are now living beyond what the land

can support, even without climatic surprises," he said.

But he cautioned against stereotyping hunter-gatherer societies as "primordial environmentalists."

While some say that extinctions coincide with climatic upheavals, Wright said "the evidence against our ancestors is overwhelming" that as hunter-gatherer societies migrated into previously uninhabited areas, big game species died out.

Furthermore, he said, the much-idealized egalitarian hunter-gatherer societies of the American plains were but "former farmers who had lost their lands" and split into smaller groups after their civilizations were devastated by small pox and influenza at contact.

Still, Wright did not deny

that we can learn from traditional societies.

As an illustrative example, he described how archaeological studies of the ancient fields of Lake Titicaca, Peru, resulted in a return to traditional agricultural practices and to much greater yields.

Wright's talk was co-hosted by Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation (SSIJAR) and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

Event organizers would like to apologize to those who came out for the talk, but were turned away at the door due to insufficient space.

Another opportunity to see Wright takes place on February 16 at ArtSpring, where he will read from his book called A Short History of Progress.

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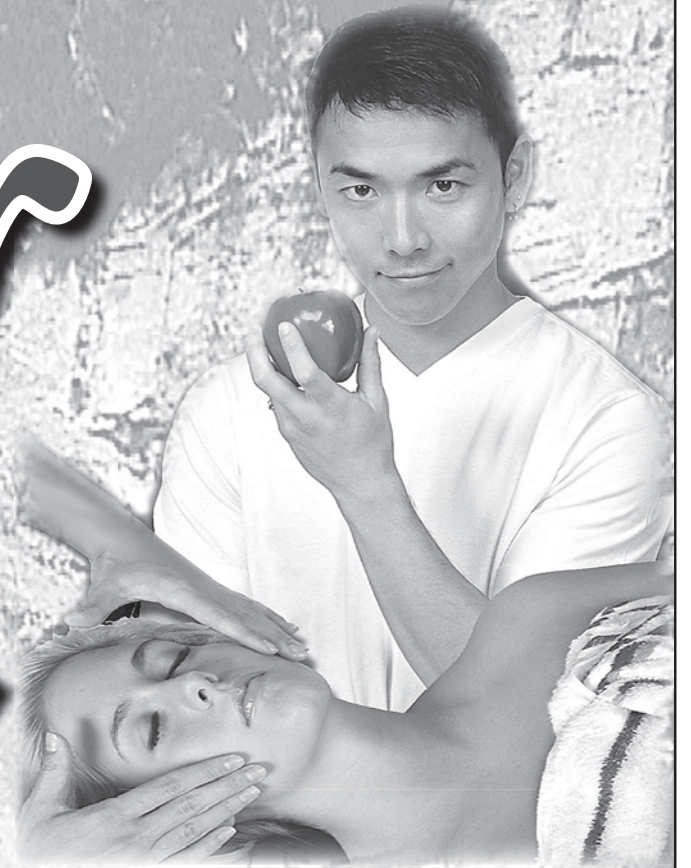
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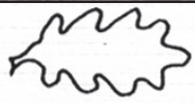
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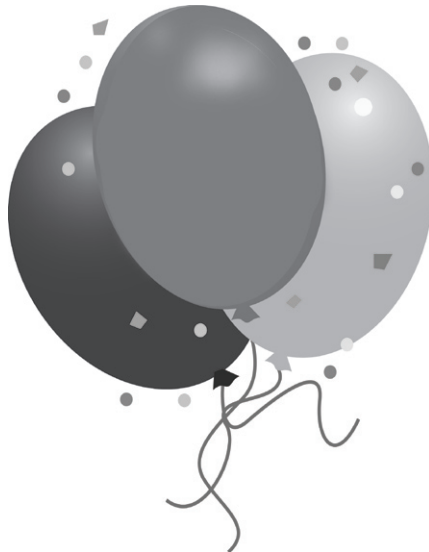



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## Davis takes on top Canadian players

Salt Spring's Cardin Davis challenged the vaunted Canadian Women's soccer team in Vancouver Sunday.

The 14-year-old islander assisted a goal against the World Cup team that features international stars such as Christine Sinclair, Kara Lang and Brittany Timko.

Davis' teammates came from the National Training Centre, the U14 provincial team, and a few Metro-league teams, said Cardin's mother Kathy Davis.

"The boys lost 4-2 but it was a really good game with lots of chances on both sides and not a bad result since the boys are only 14."

Kathy Davis was surprised by the women's playing style.

"The women were really

physical and a number of them were bigger than a number of our boys. They also had their full squad there. It was an exciting game and fun to see them close up and really fun for Cardin," she said.

The Canadian Women's World Cup team is holding their training camp in Vancouver from January 20-30.

They are hoping to build on success after a fourth-place finish at the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup.

As an additional tidbit, Cardin's brother, Tyler Laitinen (who plays in Division 1 for Salt Spring FC), also faced many of the same players two years ago when Victoria United U21 won an exhibition match against the national women's team.



**HOCKEY DAY ON SALT SPRING:** Students at Phoenix Elementary School enjoy some time outside, playing hockey.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Juniors swamp visitors

The junior girls Scorpions beat Shawnigan Lake 42-14 in basketball action at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on January 18.

"The girls are developing both their team play and their individual skills as the season progresses," said coach Elly McKeague.

Megan Cameron did an excellent job pulling down the rebounds both offensively and defensively, she said.

Ayla Lundy, Catlin Hilyer and Michelle McBride used their height to get inside the key to score.

Lundy was top scorer with 11 points.

Jen Akerman, Kate Parker, Cassandra Storey and Dorothy Lo used speed to challenge their checks and to move the ball up the court, while Daniella Benloulou demonstrated her great outside shot, McKeague said.

She also commended Jess Harkema, Kristi Lee and Sam Bird for developing confidence as high school players.

"This translates to a strong presence on the court offensively and defensively."

## Rustad scores academic honour

Salt Spring's Clare Rustad received academic and athletic honours in the U.S. when she was named second team All-American after a top-notch soccer season with the University of Washington Huskies.

As a 21-year-old senior, Rustad was picked for second-team All-West Scholar. She was also a finalist for the Canadian Rhodes Scholarship this year. She plays defence with the Huskies.

Her team had the best season in the program's history, posting a 17-5-1 record and reaching the quarter-finals of the NCAA Championships.

The Huskies were also recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America with its Team Academic Award presented to squads boasting a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

It marked the eighth consecutive year of the Huskies program being named a Team Academic Award winner.

## SIMS girls and boys sink hoops

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) basketball squads dominated their opponents last week.

SIMS girls hosted Duncan Christian School to a 66-16 drubbing on January 18 after they blasted through Queen Margaret's by 68-8 on January 13.

"The neat thing was that everyone scored," said SIMS coach Ken Cameron.

He was also impressed by the girls' solid defence and passing.

SIMS boys presented a similar picture when they visited a 56-18 thrashing against Duncan Christian on January 13.

"We were dominant on the

boards," Cameron said.

"We got most of the rebounds. And again they played great defence and passed the ball to everyone."

But he cautioned that both SIMS teams have only played light-weight opponents in

their league thus far.

The boys were scheduled to play Shawnigan and the girls were set to face Brentwood on Monday, with results unavailable at press time.

"That will be a measuring stick for us."

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# Scorpions out on top

Scorpions teams showed spunk during basketball matches against competition from the big island last week.

Overall, Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) posted three wins and a close loss among junior and senior teams.

GISS senior boys planned to settle a score with Brentwood on Tuesday. The Scorpions lost 76-72 against Brentwood during an off-island game on January 18.

"We went down 12-0 in the first quarter. It was brutal," said wing Marlow Hart.

But the islanders fought their way back into a close game, he said.

Jesse Hranichuk scored 14 points and Jeremy Byron made some good three pointers, Hart said.

The Scorpions planned to host a win over Brentwood on Tuesday, with results unavailable at press time.

"We've got a bigger gym and we're faster."

In other basketball news:

- The senior girls delivered a thumping to Chemainus at home on

Wednesday.

"We won by 60 points," said point guard Kayla Gromme.

"It was a good opportunity to run our offence and our zone defence, Gromme said.

Eri Yoshikawa, Becky Acheson and Val Harkema stood out during the game, she said.

The senior girls will next play an invitational tournament in Campbell River on February 4-5.

"Mr. Barclay thought it would be a good opportunity to build our skills," Harkema said.

- Down in the first quarter to Quamichan, the junior boys also fought back to tie at the half and eventually won by 17 points on January 17.

"We just blew them away," said GISS point guard Bonn Smith.

He led scoring with 15 points and noted that teammate Derek Tai also had a great game.

"Derek scored all his shots. He was awesome."

They were set to play Shawnigan Monday.



**STRAIGHT SHOOTER:** Sarah Proctor takes aim in the Two-Ball Competition at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS). She paired up with Eland Bronstein to win among 34 co-ed competitors on Thursday. The event was hosted by the GISS Leadership class.

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# Local gymnasts attend Chimo Pajama Party meet

Salt Spring's 2005 competitive gymnastics season somersaulted into action this weekend as local athletes headed to Comox for the Chimo Pajama Party meet.

Eleven of Salt Spring's 14 competitive team members attended the event, participating at four different levels.

Two athletes competed as provincial beginners (PB) — a new category introduced this year.

Madison Greggains, competing as a PB Argo, placed

5th on the beam, 7th on the floor and 9th all around.

Sarah Robinson attended her first competition as a PB Tyro and placed 6th on vault, 6th on beam, 7th on floor and 7th all around.

In the Level-1 Tyro category, Samantha Brunt had an outstanding competition with high all-around marks and a fourth place finish on vault.

Kaitlin Brunt, who competed as a Level-1 novice, also had a successful meet, taking a bronze medal on beam and placing 5th on

vault, 9th on floor and 7th all around.

Rachel Drummond competed as a Level-2 Tyro and placed 7th on vault, 7th on floor, 8th on beam and 8th all around.

In the Level-2 novice division, three athletes took the first place trophy as a team.

Their individual standings were as follows: Tess Eddington placed 6th on floor, 6th on beam, 9th on bars, 9th on vault and 8th all around; Jessica Fettis placed 5th on vault, 7th on floor, 8th

on bars, 10th on beam and 9th all around; and, at her first competition as a Level 2, Katrina Villadsen placed 9th on beam, 10th on vault, 10th on bars, 10th on floor and 10th all around.

This year, Salt Spring has five girls involved in the LEAP program (Let's Evaluate Our Athletes Progress), which incorporates physical abilities and skill development.

Athletes can be tested on both components at competitions and are awarded ribbons and pins as they move

up through different levels.

At this competition, three local girls tested on physical ability at the copper level. All three — Kate Kincade, Kirsti Reynolds, and Mikaela Fraser — earned a purple ribbon.

In the skills development testing, both Reynolds and Fraser participated, but their results were not available at press time.

Gymnasts are now back on island preparing for their next competition at the Surrey Invitational on March 4-6.

# Disc golfer Boughton blasts ace award

Local disc golfers donned their slickers for a wet day at the Mundy Park Duck Golf Tournament in Coquitlam on Saturday.

"Even gumboots and slick-

ers couldn't keep me dry," said Gordon Murphy.

Despite the rain, Joah Chlopan took third in the amateurs division with a 126, Mike Boughton placed

fifth (131) and Eric Vanderwekken earned sixth (133) over two rounds of play.

Ted Hickford shot a 129 to take second among grand masters and Murphy played a 139 in the advanced masters.

Boughton won closest-to-the-pin award with a stylish ringer that was the sole ace of the event.

"He blasted the basket with his monster and aced it," Murphy said.

Though Murphy wasn't happy with his score at "Muddy" Park, he redeemed himself at home when he paired up with Braeden Simmonds to win the Weekly Random Doubles Tourna-

ment with a 41 (13 under par) at Mouat Park on Sunday.

The Duck Golf tournament series continues with events at Vancouver's Jericho Park on February 12 and Langley's Passive Park on February 13. Passive Park is also hosting an Ice Bowl on February 6.

The next local event is Random Doubles at 11 a.m. on January 30.

Murphy wanted to thank local park staff for quick removal of branches and debris at Mouat Park following the recent storms.

"I'm sure the walkers appreciated it too."

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### 5 BIRTHS

GARRETT JACKSON joined the Burch family (Byron) on December 23, weighing 8 lbs 11 oz., an early Christmas present for big brother Isaac. Ryan and Chelsea would like to thank the Saanich paramedics for their help in the safe delivery, Drs. Fast and Leggatt for their care before and after and especially Uncle Bruce and Auntie Nic for the use of their "delivery room" as well as putting up with us for 21 days.

### 6 DEATHS

WENDY PATRICIA BOUSFIELD (nee Morris), March 19, 1940 - January 22, 2005. Passed away peacefully after a courageous struggle with cancer. Wendy is survived by her loving husband Peter Bousfield, Victoria and daughters, Tara Veysey (Charles and daughter Kaley), Toronto; Kate Smith (Rick), Victoria and Leah Bousfield, Victoria. She has two grandsons Gwydion Smith, Victoria and Peter Quinn Veysey, Toronto; two brothers, Robert Morris (Fran and nephew Drew), Whitehorse and Jim Morris, Victoria. Wendy also leaves one aunt, Denise Crofton, Salt Spring Island as well as many cousins. Wendy was predeceased by her parents, Fred and Doreen (nee Crofton) Morris of Salt Spring Island and her daughter Tracey Patricia. Wendy grew up on Salt Spring Island, working summers at Harbour House Hotel where she developed many dear friends and graduated from Salt Spring Island Secondary High School in 1958. Wendy was a loving wife, mother, sister and daughter. She provided support and diligent care when her mother and aunt's health were failing. Wendy was a truly unselfish and nurturing individual who loved life, her garden, but more importantly her family. She will be dearly missed by her family and all who knew her. To celebrate Wendy's life, a memorial service will be held at St. Luke's, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, Victoria, BC, 1:30pm, Thurs, Jan 27/05. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the BC Cancer Foundation, Vancouver Island Centre, 2410 Lee Avenue.


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**Mildred (Millie) Katherine Little** went to be with her Lord on Jan. 13, 2005 at Lady Minto Hospital, on Salt Spring Island, B.C. where she had resided for the past eighteen years. She passed away surrounded by her loving and caring husband and family.

Millie was the eldest of seven children born to Knud and Louise Knudsen. She was born in their home in Englefeld, Sask.

On Dec. 27, 1943 Millie married Thomas (Tom) Little in LeRoy, Sask. During their twenty-two years on the farm, five sons were born to them: David (Donna), Daryl (Rhonda), Brian (Doris), Tommy (Diane) and Duane (Leah).

Millie was a loving grandmother to sixteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her brothers Marvin and Harold and by her grandson Clark Little.

She will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

### 6 DEATHS

LUX, FRIEDA Anna passed away on January 15, 2005 at the age of 85. Born Sept. 1, 1919. Predeceased by her husband William (Bill), granddaughter Marina and son-in-law Bob Tully. Lovingly remembered by her son Reiny (Wenda), daughter Ingrid, 4 grand children, Krista (Paul), Karin (Wade), Audra, Bobby and 4 great grandchildren. Private family service. Thank you to Frieda's numerous friends and neighbours for their support and kind words.

### 8 CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU TO Dr. Karen Berg & Barbara, Dr Crossland & all hospital staff for their care & kindness to Mildred, myself & family; to Pastor Jim Cornock for his help in our time of bereavement; to all those who visited while Mil was in hospital; for all the cards, prayers, words & acts of kindness. The hugs that mean so much to me. To Pastor Chris Cormack & congregation for letting us use your church & facilities for the funeral. To all the ladies of both churches in supplying such a good & ample lunch after service. To those who sent flowers & gifts to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. To Pastor Jim and the Gideons for the good message. To Granddaughter Emily & Mike Byron for singing so beautifully. To all those who took heart with words of comfort & love. And to all who came out to help support us in our time of grief. We thank you all so much. Tom & the whole Little family.

I WOULD like to take this time to thank all my family and friends for coming out to celebrate my 90th birthday at the Harbour House. It was such a wonderful surprise for me, which I will never forget. I would also like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts and cards. I was so happy to see so many out of town guests and to see my choir performing there as well. You will always be in my heart. With love from Nelly Gilman Schwagly.

THANK-YOU TO everyone for sympathy cards & telephone calls since the passing of Alma McQuiggan. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Many thanks to Patrick Beattie of Hayward's Funeral Service for his help. Norah McQuiggan and Family.

### 20 COMING EVENTS

1. The answer is ... Ganges Floor Covering
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- DANCE IMPROVISATION Workshop with Helen Walkley. Informal performance with dancers from the Islands Feb 13th. Workshop: 10 - 3 pm. Performance: 3:30 pm Horel Ridge Dance Studio, 211 Horel Rd. Call Robbyn 653-4088.

### 6 DEATHS

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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.

CREATE YOUR own yarn. Beginner spinning classes with Karen Mazzei starting soon. All equipment supplied. For more information call 537-4164.

KEEP FIVE Alive Coalition meeting. Jan. 27 Thurs. 7-9 pm GISS, Rm #N108. Meetings every 2nd Thursday. Working to restore the 5-day school week. Join us. Info: 537-4155 or keepfivealive@telus.net.

DOG OBEDIENCE classes. Fun for you and your dog. Basic manners, problem solving. Teaching you to teach your dog. Starting Feb. 8 with Ann McPhee, 537-9505.

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**SSI Historical Society**

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**Chris Arnett**  
*"First Nations History and Salt Spring Island"*

**Next meeting March 9, 2005.**

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Employment

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9. The answer is ... Terra Firma Builders.

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

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

LARGE BLUE couch, U-pick-up, 537-4665.

WASHER & DRYER - may need some work. Light brown easy chair on rollers, has had some loving kitty sculpting but is very comfy, with 3 sofa cushions to match. 537-2135.

WASHER & DRYER, works great. 537-9966.

EUCALYPTUS WOOD storm felled Salt Spring Island's tallest. You cut and cart. Jack 537-4137. FREE WASHER/DRYER and old frigidaire fridge, all working. 653-4168.

18.2 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR, white, great condition. U pick up. 537-0756.

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

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

**Real Estate**

**410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

6. The answer is ... Lawn, Ponds & Fronds.

20 acres of beautiful south facing wilderness across river from park in Bella Coola. Wilderness retreat? Potential campground? Homestead? \$35,000. David Shebib. 537-1984.

**410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

ATTENTION COMMUTERS. Rare opportunity to own in downtown Vancouver. We have a 500 sq. ft. basement apt. in our Heritage B house. It has 7 ft. ceilings, 2 bathrooms, W/D & all appliances. Carpeted with lots of light & a sm. Japanese garden. \$149,000. 604-255-5230.

4.5 ACRES MT. Belcher Mt. top parkland. Ocean views. Driveway. Utilities, well, septic connected to trailer. Ready to build site. 537-8318.

**460 WANTED TO BUY**

SALT SPRING NEWLYWEDS hoping to stay & raise family. Pre-approved for mortgage up to \$200,000. Not fussy. Please call 537-8478.

**490 WEBSITES**

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

**Rentals**

**500 APT/SUITES FOR RENT**

14. The answer is ... Gulf Island Optical.

FURNISHED STUDIO suite: ocean view, separate entrance. Avail Feb 1 to June 30. \$450/ mo. plus util. N/P. 1-604-946-7822.

CLEAN COZY cabin, suits quiet single person. Short walk to Long Harbour ferry, \$600/mo., incl. util. 538-1744 eves.

RENOVATED 2 BDRM , 1 bath, 5 appl. Fenced garden, orchard, sundeck. N/S, small pet ok. Vesuvius, long term. \$650/mo. 537-5662.

SPACIOUS ROOM in sunny heritage home, near beach & trails. Partly furnished with own entry & bath, 10 min. to Ganges, share W/D & util. N/S, N/P, \$400. 653-0005.

SPACIOUS MODERN apartment, 1 or 2 adults, close to ocean, \$750 month. 537-9754.

LONG TERM, comfortable, large one bedroom ground floor apartment, 2km from Ganges. \$700/month including utilities. Recently renovated. Washer and dryer. Separate entrance and parking. N/S, N/P. Available Feb. 1. Contact 537-8824.

OCEAN FRONT Vesuvius 1 bdrm. Self contained suite. F/P, laundry, sat TV., util. Incl. \$750, avail. Mar.1, 538-0356.

1 BEDROOM. SUITE, in-town location, sunny. \$500 includes utilities. 537-2476.

**510 COMMERCIAL SPACE**

COMMERCIAL STOREFRONT available Jan. 1, 2005. 1170 sq. ft. Call Allan Bruce, Creekhous Realty, 537-5553.

**UPPER GANGES CENTRE**  
• 2nd floor office  
• 554 sq. ft. approx  
• 2 pc. washroom  
• Chair lift  
For more information or to view, please call **537-2239**

**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

FULLY FURNISHED 1 & 2 bedroom cottages on St. Mary Lake, \$550 - \$650 plus hydro. N/S, N/P. Oct. 1 - March 31. 537-2585.

VERY NICE family home: 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Tidal waterfront, close to town, lease, \$1300/mo. Available Feb. 1. 653-9206.

FULFORD WATERFRONT, S/W exposure, lge. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2000 sq. ft., slate, hardwood, stone F/P, skylights, decks, gourmet kitchen/granite, sub zero fridge. \$1850/mo. 831-588-9576.

OCEANVIEW CUSTOM home near Beddis Beach. 1 bdrm & office, 1-1/2 bath, 1100 sq. ft., hardwood floors, skylights, 2 woodburning F/P, den, decks + studio space on 3/4 acre. \$975/mo. 831-471-1977.

SEMI WATERFRONT house (Fernwood). 4 BR, rec room, W.D., DW, airtight. Feb. 1. No pets, refs. req'd. \$1300 per mo. Phone 537-0909.

LONG TERM, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Large fenced yard, house in good repair. Includes: washer, dryer, stove, fridge, carport, shed. N/S, no dogs, cats o.k. Avail. Jan. 21, \$1000/mo. Bob 653-4513. References required.

**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

12. The answer is ... Appleford Building.

1 BDRM COTTAGE in Ganges, W/D, cat OK, N/S, long term, available Feb. 1, \$700 plus util. References please. 537-2728.

BRIGHT HOUSE near Vesuvius. English garden with fruit trees, sundecks. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths up, rec room and bath down. Wood stove, W/D, N/S, N/P. \$1100/month plus utilities, long term preferred, references required. Avail. immediately, call Van. 604-264 9732.

2 BEDROOM, LONG term rental, F/S, W/D. Private yard, garden area. North end. \$750. 537-0061.

FOR RENT, avail. immed.: 2 bdrm, semi-furnished mobile home. F/S, W/D, fenced yard. No dogs, cats allowed, ref. req'd. \$775/mo. incl. phone, hydro & internet (computer incl.). \$350 damage dep. Ph. 537-8453 to view.

TWO BEDROOM W/D, N/S, N/P. Mar. 1, long term. \$775. 537-9293.

WALK TO town from this fabulous oceanview, 2 bedroom & den, with sunroom and large deck in a quiet neighbourhood setting. 6 appliances, N/S, pets OK, long term preferred. References required. Call 537-5486.

OCEANFRONT SHORT term lease, executive cottage retreat, fully furnished, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, sunny south facing decks, hot tub, fishing pier, spectacular view of islands & Olympics \$1100/mo. 537-5938.

360 SQ. FT. CABIN with sleeping loft in quiet surroundings. Stove, fridge and new stacker washer/dryer. Suits 1 person. N/S, N/P please. 435/mo. plus Hydro. 653-4347.

3.5 ACRES SECLUDED retreat with pond. 1 mo. or longer. Lovely furnished sunny 3 bedroom, 2 bath, artist loft, workshop, fireplace, hot tub. Long Harbour Rd., N/S \$1300 plus utilities. jtabb@comcast.net for photos, toll-free 888-760-8148.

DELUXE OCEANVIEW 'Bayside' townhome, 2 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bathrooms, wood & slate floors. \$1200/mo. Available immediately. Call Kelly Regen 537-1201 (pager).

A SPECIAL house: beautiful 3++ bdrm with large deck & garage on 3/4 acre near Ganges. ADSL, long term lease, \$1250. N/S, refs. 537-5912.

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- **066 Mid Island** 3 bdrm 5 appl Ocean front furn winter rental N/P N/S \$1350
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**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

CRAFTED 1 BEDROOM cottage with amazing views, close to town, on acreage, wood stove, \$800. Lease, references, N/S. long term. 537-5912.

CLEAN LARGE 2 bdrm, mobile. Washer/dryer, covered deck, fenced yard. Lake view in Cedar View Park. Cat OK. Available now. References required. \$600/mo. 537-2310 or 537-0612.

2 BDRM MOBILE home on acreage with fruit trees and garden potential. F/S, W/D, centrally located. Available Feb. 1, long term preferred \$800. 537-2768.

ARTIST CABIN on lake furnished \$800. incl. util. Feb. 1 - May 31. 604-684-0890 or undesign@shaw.ca. 1405 1355 Pendrell St. Vancouver.

LOVELY ENVIRONMENTALLY friendly furnished 1 bdrm. plus office/bdrm. (separate entrance), jac. tub, laundry, wood/elec. heat. Ideal for couple or single professional. N/P, N/S, \$850/mo. Avail. Mar. 1. 537-0039.

AVAILABLE FEB. 1st, 1 bedroom furnished waterfront cottage. \$725 per month plus utilities. 537-2540.

1 BDRM. COTTAGE, all appliances, nice private mountain top acreage with view to ocean/mountains, 4 min. to town. \$675 plus utilities. 537-2476.

**Island Explorer Property Management Ltd. & Real Estate Services**  
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- 2 bdrm apartment, 2 km from Ganges. No children/no pets. Available February 1. \$675/mo
- 2 level home, 1 bdrm, private, long term. Wood stove. Available now. \$700/mo.
- 2 bdrm with loft, heated workshop, north end location. Long term. Available now. \$875/mo

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SOUTHEND LONG term quiet private 1 bdrm. Almost new cottage on beautiful 15 acres. 5 appliances & storage shed avail. March 1 \$910/mth incl. 653-2409.

**525 RENTALS MISC.**

LIVE-IN HOUSEKEEPER wanted in exchange for accommodations. 537-1799, leave message.

**530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION**

LARGE 3 BDRM house with 1 adult. Private bath and laundry included. \$450/mo +. Call 537-1985.

**540 WANTED/RENTALS**

PROFESSIONAL COUPLE with well behaved medium dog wish to lease long term house on Salt Spring Island. 2-3 bedrooms and two baths preferred, garage, and view of water or harbour. Furnished O.K. or we can furnish. Satellite TV and Internet access a plus. We are boaters so near water preferred. Please respond to: kandwrichards@earthlink.net

RESPONSIBLE ORGANIC Islander w/2 trained pets seeks affordable, long term, private 2 - 3 bdrms., garage/storage, end Feb. Good refs., N/S, N/D. Anne 537-2909.

HOUSE FOR TWO. (1 bedroom with loft OK) Experienced gardener/ farmer need long term home. Farm w/animals? Great! Excellent references. 653-2032.

VISITING THE ISLAND Mar 20 to Apr 3. Will exchange Toronto home with you or will look after your house and pets. 416-651-0608.

**615 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION**

RENT AN Islander's 1 BR condo in the Ptarmigan Ridge complex at Mount Washington. Drive in, ski out, sleeps 4. Call Pam at Peak Accommodations, 866-826-7325, or e-mail info@peakaccom.com, and ask for Unit 21.

ESCAPE TO beautiful Baja Mexico. See the whales - soak in the sun! Exclusive Sol Mar in Cabo San Lucas, 1 br., 2 bath suite, sleeps 5, w/kit. Sweeping views - private beach - all amenities. Rent \$500/week, (sale: \$8000/week, 20 years, RCI red), Feb. 5-19, week #6 & 7. 538-0010.

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IMPORT CAMPER. 1977 Pa-poose, 7.6 ft, fridge, stove, furnace, new RV battery, sleeps 4, no leaks, in good condition. Fits mid-sized truck incl Dakota. \$1600 OBO. Call 538-0052.

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**825 CARS, SALES**

10. The answer is ... Jean Elwell Accounting.  
1987 HONDA CIVIC H/B, 5 spd., am/fm/cd, well serviced, 12 yr. family car, \$1200 firm. 537-4710.

**825 CARS FOR SALE**

1988 SUBARU RX, rally car. Full time AWD, 2 dr., hatchback, 5 sp. with hi / lo shift. The ultimate snow machine. Original owner selling. \$3995, 653-2325.

BEEN TURNED DOWN for a car or truck? Need a Visa? Need to get established or reestablished? Most situations OK. Randy (250) 208-9-YES (937).

1992 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF. 245,000 kms., 4 door hatchback, 5 speed, teal, \$1900. 537-6425.

MUST SELL! 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier, auto., only 107,000 km. Good cond., fuel efficient. Great island car. \$2500 obo. Call 537-2279 or 537-5256.

BADCREDIT? NO CREDIT? Bankruptcy? No problem. You work - you drive. Apply online www.dream-catcher-loans.com or call toll-free 1-800-648-8418.

**835 MOTORCYCLE SALES**

2002 DR200 SUZUKI 3300km mint cond. \$3800. 653-4268 Eves  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON TECHNICIAN training starts March 7 at NAIT's Fairview Campus, Alberta. Call 1-800-661-4077 or check out www.nait.ca for more details and start living your dream.

**845 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, SALES**

VOLKSWAGON WESTFALIA camper, 1986 with auto transmission, very good condition, asking \$13,500. 250-579-8431.

1990 VW WESTFALIA, 4 sp., blue, exc. shape inside & out, 208,000 km. on original engine. Head for Mexico now! \$18,500. 653-2325.

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**855 TRUCKS/4X4S**

1992 TAHOE BLAZER, 4 wheel drive, less than 100,000 kms., auto, power everything, air conditioned, \$7500. 537-9507.

1993 F250 4X4, extended cab, captain's seat, air cond. Cruise control, headache rack, new master cylinder, \$10,900. 537-0881.

1975 CHEVY 1 TON, new tires, 4 speed, standard, flat deck, overweight springs, \$2000. 537-1984.

TOYOTA 4 RUNNER: V6 auto, 4 wheel drive/auto hubs, black, 4 door, sunroof, MP3 radio, 138,000 km, \$17,000 obo. 653-4726.

1990 GMC 3/4 ton truck, 4X4, bedliner, 350 EFI, reg. cab, long box, \$4500. Leave message at 537-5266.

13. The answer is ... Sam Anderson Appliance.

1995 FORD EXPLORER, reliable,

**900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

GOTTA SELL your car, truck, boat, RV, trailer or motorcycle? Advertise it in the Driftwood for 8 weeks at only \$29.95. (private party ads, 20 words, 1 vehicle per special, must be prepaid.) Call 537-9933 for details.

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GARBAGE GURU & Strong Woman Hauling Father & Daughter team. Brush special \$125/truckload. Total cleanup, demolition & hauling. Vanessa or David 537-1984.

JANUARY SPECIAL. One month free Internet Service, includes dial-up from \$11.95 and ADSL from \$29.95. www.saltspringinternet.com. Call Barb for details, 538-0052.

SUMMERSIDE (FORMERLY Atkins Common) Adult pool memberships available to public. Single/couple \$100/\$175. Payable in advance with 3 month minimum. Call Royal Property Mgt 537-5577.

SHAKES N SHINGLES. #1's, #2's, & #3's. 18" & 24". Tapers, resawns, barns & Sidewall Perfections. \$85 to \$225 a square, tax included. CSA APPROVED. Warranted. Phone 653-4458.

HONDA EM5000SX Generator. Electric start, good shape, \$1750. Delta 14" drill press, \$200. 537-2820.

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

MISSING INFORMATION? If you didn't receive ArtSpring's newsletter this month, you can find it at www.artspring.ca/newsletters.htm. Check out the website for exciting new features and enter the mini quiz for a chance to win free tickets to hear the Salt Spring Concert. If you don't have internet service, drop by ArtSpring to pick up your copy of the newsletter.

REMEMBER WHAT you really wanted to do with your computer? Patient, creative tutor. Basics and beyond! Andrea 537-9935.

AT THE Local Friday night, 6 pm, Charles Wilton & friends.

**900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

1 BDRM, SELF-CONTAINED, furnished apartment with large deck. Vesuvius Bay view. \$750 incl. 537-9887.

PREMIER SHOW "Indigo" the movie. Don't need to travel to Victoria to see it. Jan. 29, 30. Ticket reservation 537-8911, cecilia@saltspringwellness.com.

RECYCLING MADE EASY. \$10 per month, unlimited quantities taken. Cardboard, mix-paper, plastic, tin & glass. Free recycling containers. Delivery to SSI depot. Call Damen 537-4884.

CLEARANCE 50% off: children and adults Padraig slippers. Sunfire Creations, Grace Point Square. 537-9500.

WANTED: CREW for 45 ft. ketch for passage from Trinidad to Victoria. Leaving early April. Some passage-making experience essential. Alan Monrichard 537-4510.

WHAT IS THE most important meal of the day? Harbour House Breakfast starts at 7 am daily. See you there!

FINE ORGANIC wood working. Artistic fences, gates, playhouses, benches and lanterns. Luke Hart-Weller, Copperwood Gallery, 653-9112.

LOST WHILE visiting SSI, "Punky", 15 yr. old male shitzu-poodle X. Apricot-cream coat. Partly deaf, partly blind. Had a fright with a car on Mon. Dec. 27 at Mtn. Park & Sunset. Needs his medication. Reward. 537-1883.

HARLAN'S RE-OPENING February 1 with special 30% off sale on February 1 only! Try our new savory truffles. Dairy free!

RENEW YOUR energy for the New Year! Energy alignments and intuitive counseling. Aria Squire 537-1931.

DANGER TREE removal, storm & winter damage & cleanup, windfalls, falling, bucking, firewood production. Ph. 537-9531. Konig & Son Firewood.

HOW MUCH do you depend on power? New Briggs & Stratton standby generators now available, 7, 10 & 12 KW. Call The Rental Stop for details. 538-0388.

STUFF & NONSENSE will be closed from January 31 to February 11. Reopening February 12 at 9 a.m.

1981 F150 TRUCK, Extra cab. Rusty but runs fine. \$300. Mark at 537-4245.

**900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

FOR SALE, weight set \$75. Washer \$50. Golf Clubs \$20. CD player \$10. Kitchen table \$10. TV \$10. Fishing tackle and rod \$15. 537-4248.

1984 CHEV. DIESEL 4 X 4, 3/4 ton. Factory rebuilt 6.2, new injector pump, alt. rad., starter, too much to list. \$3200 obo. 1984 F150, \$1200, many new parts, reliable runner. 653-4970

END OF January madness! Now is the time to get that special thing you've had your eye on. There's 25% off everything at Coastal Currents until the first of Feb. Consignee goods & books 10% off.

1976 26 ft. Airstream motorhome. Needs interior work. New motor, on propane, \$4000 obo. David 537-1984.

TEEPPEE POLES wanted. 537-1495.

NEED HELP with your small business or at home? The Gulf Islands Community Services Employment Centre has a Job Board. Call 537-5979 with your job description and to post your job for free!

2 BDRM COTTAGE, long-term, close to Ganges, private. Wood heat/electric, garden plot available. Suitable for single or couple. No dogs, cat OK. Reference required. \$775, includes yard care. Avail Mar. 1. Also available beginning March, 1 bedroom garden apartment, suitable 1 person, \$600. Please call 537-1050.

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GOING DOWNTOWN Vancouver? Why fly to Richmond? Fly Salt Spring Air to Downtown Vancouver or Airport. 537-9880, www.saltspringair.com.

FOUND: MAIL KEY, outside Driftwood/Thrift Store building. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

WOMEN'S GROUP using expressive art therapy sponsored by SSI Community Education, beginning Feb. 9. Please call 537-9773 for further info.

SPANISH & FRENCH lessons at The Cornerstone Learning Centre. Phone 537-1975.

**900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

DOWNIZING & MOVING Sale. Deluxe dining room table with 2 extra leaves & 8 cane-back chairs; designer bdrm. suite; 40" round table with 4 chairs; 2 pc. hutch; round coffee table; beautiful white 80" circular sheepskin rug; apartment-size Wurlitzer piano & bench; double pedestal desk; Singer sewing machine in cabinet; china, pictures & much more. Ph. 537-4159 for info. & to view.

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1991 JEEP CHEROKEE, 4X4, 4 dr., 5 sp., 4L/6 cyl., am/fm/cd, hidden hitch. Good running cond. w/ok clutch, tires, brakes, exhaust. \$2495. 537-6227 to view.

FAREWELL DANCE for SOLID AIDS in Africa volunteers. Dance to Sundogs - Rockability. Anise, 9 p.m., Friday, January 28.

ART DECO Mirror for sale, \$50. Call 538-1708 evenings.

**900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

1997 DODGE DAKOTA Sport, 318, fastback, running boards, good shape, exc. runner, good tires, chains, handles well in snow. \$10,000. 537-0630.

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SCRAPBOOK SALE - 50% off all scrapbooking supplies - while supplies last - new stuff arriving soon! Also, Bargain bins still 50% off. Fables Cottage, 112 Hereford, 537-0028.

FOUND KEY & magnetic holder at corner of Park & Lower Ganges Rd. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

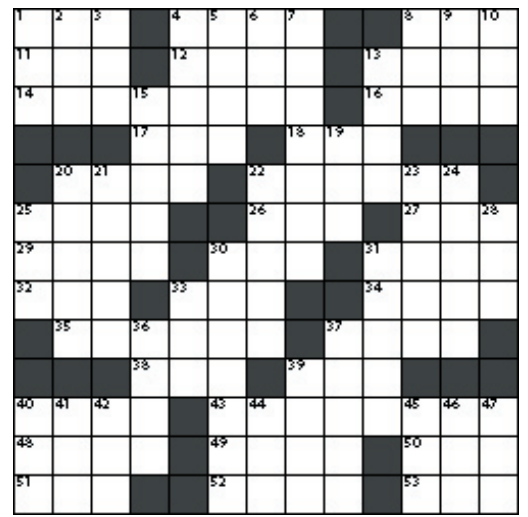
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**Canadiana Crossword**  
A Posse of Premiers

By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner



- ACROSS**
- 1 Priestly garment
  - 4 Breed of horse
  - 8 Faucet
  - 11 Hot beverage
  - 12 Wise
  - 13 Harness part
  - 14 Elected PEI Premier 1996
  - 16 Kine
  - 17 Cruces or Palmas preceder
  - 18 Siesta
  - 20 Verbal joust on stage
  - 22 Elected Saskatchewan Premier 1982
  - 25 Paris airport
  - 26 Plains indian
  - 27 Equip for war
  - 29 It's sometimes drawn?
  - 30 Banned insecticide
  - 31 Telegram
  - 32 Hostelry
  - 33 The "P" in E.A.P.
  - 34 Tied
  - 35 Farewells, in Francoeur
  - 37 Answered a charge
  - 38 Child's play
  - 39 Annex
  - 40 Seep
  - 43 Elected Quebec Premier in 1976
  - 48 Prissy
  - 49 Operatic solo
  - 50 Actress Thurman
  - 51 Kind of toy
  - 52 Seaman
  - 53 Calendar mo.
- DOWN**
- 1 RBC cash source
  - 2 Hawaiian coronal
  - 3 Dance, in Dorval
  - 4 Korean or Tibetan
  - 5 Opposite of riches
  - 6 Turkish title
  - 7 British Columbia Premier elected 1975
  - 8 Levy
  - 9 Souf, in Ste Agathe
  - 10 Sty
  - 13 North American native
  - 15 Saskatchewan Premier elected 1961
  - 19 Latin for hail
  - 20 Hockey venue
  - 21 Liver or kidney
  - 22 Dandies
  - 23 Gullible
  - 24 Went wrong
  - 25 Japanese sash
  - 28 Hes
  - 30 Saskatchewan Premier elected 1944
  - 31 Blue Jay Vernon, for one
  - 33 Legume
  - 36 Article
  - 37 Fold
  - 39 Wrongdoing
  - 40 Choose
  - 41 Prefix with nasal or facial
  - 42 Nothing
  - 44 Pitcher's stat.
  - 45 Sine \_\_\_\_\_ non
  - 46 Ref
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# NUDES AND PRUDES ABOUND

For me, one of the great pie-in-the-face moments for the execrable Political Correctness movement occurred on the steps of Toronto City Hall in the spring of 1991.

That is when Toronto mayor June Rowlands announced, with a sniff and a huff, that she was cancelling the scheduled performance of an up-and-coming band in Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square.

Reason? The band's name. It was "unacceptable."

It was a hilariously defining moment for the careers of both mayor Rowlands and the band. *The Barenaked Ladies* became instantly and internationally famous; June Rowlands was on her way to being laughed out of public office.

Now you would think a Keystone Kops-style boner like that would resonate in council chambers across the country. You would assume that public administrators from Carbonar to Qualicum would pause and look nervously over their shoulder before committing a similar civic bungle.

But no. Instead, we have Mayor David Perry of Penticton. The city in the South Okanagan hit the headlines recently over a piece of publicly commissioned art that now stands in the middle of a roundabout at the entrance to the city's marina area.

It's by a local artist and it consists of a life-size sculpture of a man holding a suitcase and surrounded by 24 other suitcases.

So far, so good. But curiously (and calamitously for Mayor Perry) the man is naked. Vienna could handle this. London wouldn't notice. Paris would yawn. Even Toronto the Good would get on board.

But Penticton, if Mayor Perry's reaction is any indication, is on the brink of social

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meltdown. Responding to the mayor's objections, the artist *welded a square steel plate* across the sculpture's naughty bits.

This of course immediately focused everyone's attention on the figure's mid-section and made the whole work look ridiculous.

But some people are more comfortable with ridicule than nudity and Mayor Perry would appear to be among that number.

"Penticton is not as open to such nude artworks as Toronto and other large cities," the mayor said.

If it's any consolation, nude prudery is not a Canadian phenomenon.

Shortly after John Ashcroft was named U.S. Attorney General, he ordered \$10,000 worth of heavy blue drapes to hide a bare-breasted statue under which Attorneys-General had been giving press conferences since 1936.

"The White House agreed to cover it up," quipped David Letterman, "so they got out one of J. Edgar Hoover's old dresses."

What is it about North Americans and simple, uncomplicated nudity? We can watch firefights in Fallujah in prime time, televised corpse counts from fire, flood and famine and NHL goons knocking each other's teeth out.

But the glimpse of a breast or a buttock? Eek!

Europeans must just shake their heads. I am reminded of an interview with a French artist by the name of Louise Bourgeois, who was

born in France but moved to the United States. The interviewer asked her to explain the difference "in aesthetics" between the two countries. Mme. Bourgeois replied:

"I'll tell you a story about my mother. When I was a little girl growing up in France, my mother worked sewing tapestries. Some of the tapestries were exported to America. The only problem was that many of the images on the tapestries were of naked people. My mother's job was to cut out the — what do you call it?"

INTERVIEWER: "The genitals?"

"Yes," replied Mme. Bourgeois, "the genitals of the men and the women, and replace these parts with pictures of flowers so they could be sold to Americans. My mother saved all the pictures of the genitals over the years, and one day she sewed them together as a quilt, and then she gave the quilt to me."

"That," said Mme. Bourgeois, "is the difference between French and American aesthetics."

Not to mention Penticton.

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## This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

The New Moon in Aquarius each year marks the Chinese New Year. How different the oriental approach from the occidental in this regard. Rather than have a fixed date each year, which seems sensible, the Chinese culture tunes into more authentic, natural celestial events. Aquarius is the sign that represents humanitarianism and so there might be something to this approach that we can learn from that ancient culture. Among the pearls of wisdom from China is the holistic nature of Taoism. It provides the core thread that weaves the fabric of their culture, culturally speaking. Whether it is Chinese Astrology, Medicine, Feng Shui, Geomancy, Chi Gong, Tai Chi, I Ching etcetera, each is intrinsically related to the other. There is a great truth and wisdom in this understanding and approach. The official New Years day is February 8 and the celebrations will continue for two weeks culminating at the Full Moon.

### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

You feel unorthodox and rebellious now that the sun is in Aquarius. You want to let your individuality shine. You are open to new ideas, people and approaches. Pushing for what you want may be the source of agitation, especially for others. Considering what is fair and communicating openly about it will give you better results. However, the urge to push through and beyond restrictions is strong these days. Shift the gears to break through fears!

### Taurus (Apr 21 – May 20)

There is a strong streak of individuality in you that you just can't restrain and it is increasingly apparent. Letting your imagination run wild at least from time to time keeps you sane. Doing crazy and unexpected things is a means of breaking through crusty layers. Building a more flexible emotional nature is your current duty, whether you want to or not. Clearing and/or healing old limiting beliefs feels like the right thing to do. Free your mind!

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

Gathering's with friends new and old is now in the spotlight. You are craving cultural stimulation. Dreams of new adventure and romance are teasing your imagination. Meanwhile, the process of creating more emotional independence is a puzzle to solve. Increasing your ability to be receptive and curbing excess sensitivity is a part of the game. This is a call to be open and flowing to the magic of the moment. Think with your heart.

### Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 21)

Merging your assets and eliminating debts and other things that are in the way of your flow is on your mind. You would like to invest in one way or another rather than simply save. This is a good time to be open to advice, instruction, guidance or at least a second opinion. Opening your mind to some of the details of the big picture can be a source of emotional security and inspiration. Take initiatives to activate your imagination.

### Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 22)

Dreams, illuminations, illusions and magic are being shared on relationship fronts this week. A creative spark is igniting flickers and flames of creativity. A cool and charming wind is helping to tame your intensity. Co-creating events and activities with friends is a source of fun and focus. Your leadership is shining especially in cultural settings. Intend to stay close to your body, move your hips and lick your lips as dreams come true.

### Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 21)

Changes in your lifestyle continue to bring changes to your relationships and vice versa. Your soul is mining for some gold and you are guided to expand your horizons. You are on

a grand curve in the road, perhaps even a ninety degree turn. Activating creative strategies towards practical improvements will prove stimulating. Breaking through fear based worry blocks is your inner work. Focus and follow through diligently.

### Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 21)

An imaginative and creative series of waves continue to roll up on your shores. Some of these are bigger than you may like but you have reason to have fun just the same. Breaking through limiting beliefs and their accompanying perceptions requires that you take leaps of faith. You are on the eve of co-creating new facets of yourself. This will require imagination, inventiveness and experimentation. Balance self-assertion with fun!

### Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Awakening to a fuller measure of your individuality continues to be the call emanating from your soul. Self-improvements, refinements and healing require a willingness to learn and grow. Trust that as you learn to love yourself better and be your own best friend your soul will begin to sing. This begins with self-acknowledgement for all that you are and have created in your life. You are a spiritual being having human experiences, honour your spirit.

### Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 20)

Awakening alternative perspectives in order to create greater harmony and flow in your life continues. Moves and shifts close to home both within and without require an open mind. Letting go of any fixed perspectives about what is fair and not, may smooth creases in your relationships. Mark your target and aim the arrows of your mind. This is how the magic works. Black magic injures, grey magic manipulates and white magic uplifts!

### Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Building upon new friendships and business associations, etcetera, and letting go of previous engagements is now in focus. Your beliefs and perspectives are changing. You may feel more idealistic about the possibilities than before. Establishing a more harmonious and balanced relationship with you may be a prerequisite for harmony with others. Identifying wounds, fears, vulnerabilities and limiting attitudes may be necessary. Trust the process.

### Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 19)

A new wave of energy, ambition and inspiration is leading you onward. The time has come to bring some of your ideals and leadership down to earth. You feel very strong about the injustices you see in the, and/or, your world and it is time to take action. First of all, if you think this or that thing, person or organization 'should'..., look in the mirror and begin with personal initiative. In any case, collaborate and combine your energies.

### Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Awakenings at core levels of your being are stirring your imagination. You are open to new possibilities and approaches to life, love, healing and so on. Exploring new educational prospects is a source of inspiration. Breaking free of subconscious hooks and patterns is the deeper end of the picture and potentially available to you now. Your willingness to learn new things, especially connected to psychology will put you in the flow.

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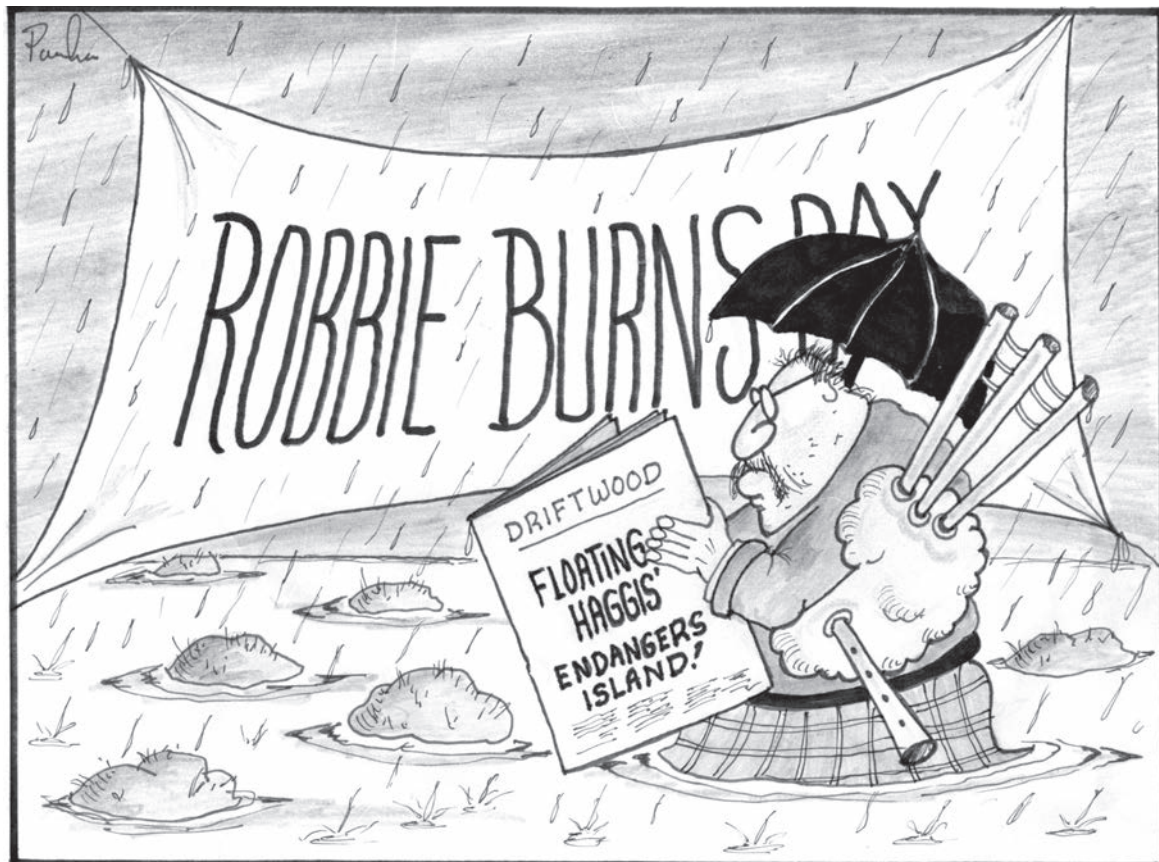
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Crumbling roads, caused by overflowing creeks and lakes, give us a reason to pause. That's not only because we have to wait while road maintenance crews tackle a flooding crisis as they did at various spots on Salt Spring this past week.

With only one main and one minor route connecting islanders from north to south, a threat to any artery makes us all vulnerable in the event of an emergency.

The problems point to a need for culvert upgrades, and replacement and/or maintenance in key trouble spots, which made themselves highly visible this week.

The Ministry of Transportation should consider diverting some resources earmarked for somewhat controversial roadside trimming and putting them into culvert and road upgrades this year.

While floods don't occur every day, their potential to cause road, property and environmental damage is huge.

Some preventive measures, implemented even gradually, would go a long way towards avoiding serious incidents like a complete road wash-out.

Improved sight-line safety that comes from regular roadside brush-cutting has its own importance, but criticisms aired about "overkill" are valid.

Aesthetic concerns aren't the only reason to not radically buzz-cut Salt Spring roadsides, since critters of all kinds rely on the habitat provided by the vegetation.

Road maintenance planning must be a difficult job, but recent storms have given us a big hint about what should be done first.

## Safe and seen

Salt Spring Islanders deserve a "golden glow" award for taking up the Driftwood challenge to be safe and be seen.

In recent weeks there's been a marked increase in the number of pedestrians and cyclists travelling on local roads with some sort of illumination — from arm bands to flashlights and clip-on safety lights.

At the same time, the speed of cars passing those people has noticeably decreased.

Making illumination a standard part of walking or riding in low winter light conditions has been one giant step towards pedestrian safety on the island.

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# Power to manage growth already in trustees' hands

By NORA LAYARD

Passionate pleas have recently been made to our Local Trust Committee (LTC) and to the Islands Trust Council to rein in development that threatens to urbanize our rural Gulf Islands.

This concern has now been taken up by a Trust-wide "Slow Islands" movement. "Slow" refers to the absence of "city" things like traffic, noise, lights at night, and the presence of "rural" things like greenspace, country roads with hedgerows, local farm-raised food, stars at night and wildlife. On Salt Spring, a number of neighbourhood associations have sprung up to protect themselves from inappropriate development.

Some of this development pressure is self-inflicted. For example, our LTC has accepted proposals for increased density at the end of narrow and substandard roads to Trincomali Heights and Isabella

## VIEW POINT

Point, despite OCP provisions that emphasize clustering of any new development near services and villages.

The Trust is continuing discussions on a proposal to build commercial space and multi-family units on infill in Ganges Harbour, despite OCP provisions to the contrary. Our trustees chose to initiate a costly and divisive review of vacation rentals that are already disallowed in our OCP — a process still unresolved after two years. Countless hours of Trust staff and community time, not to mention taxpayers dollars, have and are still being taken up with reports, advisory committee meetings, and public meetings

and hearings regarding these proposals.

In response to these concerns, Islands Trust staff have presented a report to Trust Council, called *Options for Local Trust Committees and Island Municipalities in the Trust Area to Manage Development*. The Trust report is clear. Each island's LTC already has the power to stop inappropriate development.

Our local trustees have the same power as municipal councillors to manage growth through long-range planning. They can direct staff to allocate more of their time to strengthen our OCP and to put in place essential governance tools like soil removal and ticketing bylaws. Instead, staff and the LTC are spending much of their time responding to developers or commercial interests. On our island it has become planning on the run and by default.

The staff report submitted to Trust Council states that "Local Governments [including Local Trust Committees] have complete discretion regarding Rezoning Applications and are not required to rezone land, even if the proposal is consistent with Official Community Plans." They are only required to "consider" applications, meaning, "the application is placed before its members at a meeting and the minutes record that fact."

In other words, our local trustees (just like municipal councillors) could have rejected these proposals at the outset.

Not all development requires a change of zoning. Existing subdivision rights could almost double our current population.

But there are other mechanisms in our OCP, such as development permit areas, that can be used to reduce the impacts of such devel-

opment on our fish streams, wetlands, and drinking water lakes. However, these DPAs should be strengthened, particularly in our drinking watersheds. Many streams and wetlands are not even identified in our OCP.

In summary, the Trust staff report shows unequivocally that our trustees already have substantial authority and the tools to "preserve and protect".

We don't need to become a municipality to protect our rural environment. Our trustees simply have to be willing to apply the authority and tools already available to them.

*The writer is a concerned resident who sees that navigating development pressures on the Gulf Islands requires a strong commitment by politicians and citizens to dialogue and the use of existing planning tools.*

# Canada can learn from California legislating cleaner cars

To mandate or not to mandate, that is the question.

At least, that is the question our environment minister, Stéphan Dion, is asking in regards to fuel efficiency standards for new cars sold in Canada. Minister Dion is in discussion with the auto industry and has suggested a 25 per cent improvement by 2010. The industry apparently isn't happy with this goal and opposes any mandated targets that will legally oblige automakers to meet deadlines. Instead, the industry wants to continue with a "voluntary" approach.

Given the auto industry's track record on this issue, one must hope Minister Dion sticks with a mandatory approach. More than two decades ago, the industry fought fuel-efficiency legis-

## SCIENCE MATTERS

BY DAVID SUZUKI



California this week to talk to Governor Schwarzenegger about legislating cleaner

cars. A Republican governor may seem like an odd choice for advice on the subject, but the Government of California has just legislated mandatory emission standards for all new vehicles sold in the state. Their new laws have targets and timetables that the industry will be legally required to meet.

Of course, automakers have cried foul and are actually suing the State of California over the new laws. They point to all the innovative work they are doing

on fuel cells and cars of the future. Unfortunately, such innovations are decades away from being practical or affordable.

Simply making cars more fuel-efficient meets both those requirements today. There's no reason why consumers should have to wait for the ultimate car of the future when solutions are available now.

This isn't the first time the auto industry has fought innovation. In the 1970s, the industry said that putting pollution-control measures on their cars was technically unfeasible and too expensive, and only grudgingly made changes after legislation required them to do so. Yet now, the industry boasts about how much cleaner their cars are today.

The industry also fought air bags and refused to install them until they were required by law. Again, the industry now boasts about how much safer cars are today.

California is not the only jurisdiction to be moving ahead in demanding cleaner cars. Europe and Japan have also developed new standards. In both of these regions, automakers are required to make their vehicles 25 per cent more fuel efficient. Automakers there have agreed, yet the same automakers are vehemently opposed to better standards here.

China, a developing nation, is also seriously considering following Europe's lead and instituting stricter standards. For the sake of Canadi-

ans' health and well-being, one must hope that Minister Dion will be encouraged by California's success at developing mandatory targets and stick to his guns.

After all, if a Hummer-driving Republican can see the advantages of stronger fuel-efficiency legislation, we must hope that the Canadian political leaders of all stripes will be able to do the same.

Mandating cleaner cars would go a long way towards helping Canada meet our Kyoto targets. It would reduce air pollution, slow global warming and save us money at the pump. The auto industry has given us two decades of broken promises. It's time to stop asking questions and start demanding answers.

# Death & Dying

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## On death, dying

If there's one subject few people really care to think about, it must be death. That includes one's own mortal end or the end of anyone we care about.

But one of the most important gifts family members can give each other is a well-prepared state of affairs. No one needs the added stress of trying to identify or locate critical documents, to deal with an estate without a proper will, or to leave burial and memorial service plans entirely in the hands of the bereaved.

In ads and articles, the Driftwood's first Death and Dying section highlights services for islanders to help them deal with a whole range of issues, from palliative care to estate planning — including charitable giving — through to funeral services and grief recovery.

We hope it spurs people to delve into that most taboo of topics and help their loved ones while they're still alive.

## Ten things to consider before dying

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Avoiding discussions around "death and dying" won't delay the inevitable. We're all going to die.

Many myths and misconceptions surround "the great epicentre of euphemisms" and they can only be dispelled by thorough investigation.

Consequently, the Driftwood met with Hayward's Funeral Service director Patrick Beattie to compile a top-10 list of things to consider before "cashing out."

**1) First and foremost, Beattie recommends that everyone should have an accessible, current and legal will with an appointed executor.**

Will kits are available on-line and through books that can make the process simple and straightforward, but all wills must still be notarized, he said.

"If your will is not signed in front of a notary or a lawyer, it's not legal."

An executor must be appointed or survivors might need to file for administration in court to gain access to the estate, he said.

He also warned against keeping the sole copy of a will in a safety deposit box because an execu-

tor must be named in a will to gain access to the box.

**2) Second most important for planning is to make people aware of your final wishes.**

It can be a heavy burden for family members to decide between burial or cremation, or to pick a final resting place, especially while they are grief stricken, Beattie said.

"Don't just tell your wishes to somebody; put them down on paper."

He also recommends that survivors take time to collect their thoughts before making funeral arrangements.

"Cremation is a final process," he said.

**3) Share legal financial information with your executor and/or spouse.**

"So many times, you hear of a wife or husband who passes away. They paid all the bills and the other spouse doesn't know where all the documents are kept."

Beattie recommends joint financial accounts and sharing of information about pensions and insurance policies.

"A lot of people don't even realize their spouse is entitled to a pension from work."

Without joint accounts, spouses must often go through probate to gain access to funds, he said.

"You'd be surprised how often this happens."

**4) Explore concerns and wishes in order to dispel common misconceptions about death.**

Many myths surround topics such as cremations, embalming and burial at sea, he said.

"Some people think they can be buried in their back yards."

Contrary to a popular myth, government regulations require that 100 per cent of remains are returned after every cremation.

Plans should also be considered for scattering remains.

"You are not technically allowed to scatter remains in a federal or provincial park unless you obtain permission from the authority having jurisdiction."

Similarly, a burial at sea can only be conducted in international waters and people should be aware that embalming is required under health regulations for casket burials 48 hours after death.

**5) Become aware of government benefits.**

Family members can be entitled to death benefits, orphans benefits

or survivor benefits through Canada Pension Plan (CPP).

Death Benefits are one-time grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,900, based on CPP contributions.

Children under age 19 are eligible for Orphans Benefits if a deceased parent has contributed to CPP.

"People often believe that both parents need to be deceased to be entitled and that's not the case."

Post-secondary students aged 19-25 can also be eligible.

Survivors Benefits are based on three quarters of CPP and are available for the rest of the survivor's life, Beattie said.

Conversely, Old Age Security benefits cease at time of death.

And Veteran's Benefits that used to cover funeral costs as recently as seven years ago, are now based solely on means testing under the Last Post Fund.

Social Assistance is available for people already collecting income assistance who have no way to pay expenses for funeral services.

**6) Carefully consider the role of executor.**

"Being an executor is like being married to someone," Beattie said.

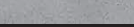
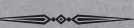
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# Several options for Salt Spring cemetery burial

Salt Spring Island has more places to accommodate burials than you might expect.

Six cemeteries are operated by various faith groups, with one non-denominational option.

The non-denominational community cemetery at Central has undeveloped areas still available.

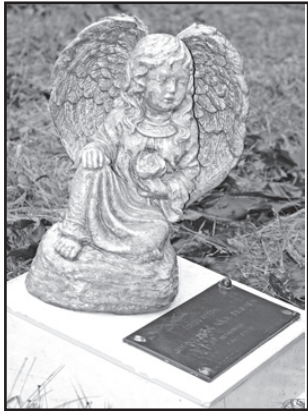
It also has sections for veterans, Baha'i, Roman Catholic, Japanese and Jewish people.

Salt Spring funeral director Patrick Beattie is the person to call for information about the community cemetery. (537-1022 or 537-7722.)

People of the Roman Catholic faith can be buried in the cemetery next to St. Paul's church overlooking Fulford Harbour.

Space is available for Catholic parishioners. Information is available by contacting the Our Lady of Grace Church office on Drake Road.

The Anglican Parish has four cemeteries on the island: at St. Mary's in Fulford, two on Baker Road across from the golf course, and the Purdy Cunningham Memorial Cemetery on Upper Ganges Road.



According to Judy Tyson, who is the contact person for people wanting to find a plot in the cemeteries, some room is still available at St. Mary's and the Purdy Cunningham Memorial Cemetery.

The Baker Road facilities are basically full, although some room may be available for burying of ashes.

People of any or no faith can be buried in the Anglican Parish cemeteries, but the presence of the Anglican priest is usually required at the burial.

Sharon Hawke is the contact person for information about burial in the Burgoyne United Church cemetery.

Burial plots can be reserved and paid for ahead of time.



**REMEMBERING:** Above, an island man is seen at a gravestone in the Community Cemetery at Central, while at left, an angel marks a grave site. Photos by Derrick Lundy

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An executor needs intimate knowledge of a will, finances, final wishes and all legal documents.

The executor is also legally responsible for any outstanding debt so they need to be particularly aware of financial affairs.

"Know what you are getting into," he warns.

Public guardians and trustees are also available to act as professional executors if their services are retained in advance.

**7) Funeral costs can be**

**balanced between finances and final wishes.**

"People still believe the myth that a funeral will cost \$20,000," Beattie said.

"Any funeral home will curtail costs to meet family means so they can have a dignified funeral."

A basic funeral at Hayward's costs \$1,200 and can be as much as \$6,000, depending on wishes, he said.

**8) Donating remains to science is an unlikely option for islanders.**

"Some people think donat-

ing their remains to science will absolve the family of funeral expenses, but simply saying it will not make it happen."

UBC is the only agency in the province accepting remains and it receives more donations than it can use, Beattie said.

The service must be pre-arranged and since UBC must pay costs for transportation and eventual cremation, they will likely express interest only if the donor has a rare medical condition deemed

particularly valuable.

**9) Victims of crime, workplace incidents and motor vehicle collisions are eligible for special assistance.**

ICBC, the Worker's Compensation Board, and Victim's Assistance each have financial programs.

**10) Memorial societies can offer low-cost funerals, but members need to be aware of services and hidden costs.**

People commonly believe a nominal registration fee will cover funeral costs, but they are mistaken, Beattie said.

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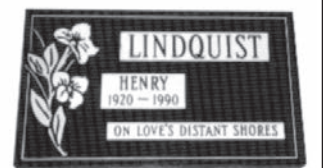
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# Teamwork ensures optimum care for dying patients

By **ROB WILTZEN**  
Driftwood Contributor

The Bessie Dane Hospice Foundation has operated for over 20 years on Salt Spring, coordinating approximately 60 compassionate volunteers who take on the work of vigil sitting and companionship for dying patients.

Working in tandem with home care nurses, hospital staff and other caregivers, Bessie Dane volunteers can be called on to provide their services at Lady Minto Hospital, in the Greenwoods care facility or in patients' homes.

"The big push on the island right now is to make the definition of palliative care whole," said Gerri Pringle, president and vigil coordinator for the Bessie Dane Hospice Foundation.

"The long term goal is to be available earlier in order to provide a continuum of care."

"It is basically accepted that for good palliative care there needs to be real team-

work between disciplines, and a crucial aspect is that not only the dying patient is the client, but the family of the patient as well," said Christine Mauro, a volunteer with the Bessie Dane Foundation and veteran worker of an AIDS hospice in Toronto.

"It's very important that the family is seen as a group who are all very much affected by the dying process."

Mauro, a retired lawyer, has delivered talks on palliative care and the role of the hospice volunteers, drawing on her experience in Toronto and on Salt Spring.

Typically, the hospice volunteer's role is to provide companionship to the dying patient.

"It is a representation of society and community recognizing and participating in the dying process," she said.

"We live in a death-denying culture, and the fact that the volunteer is there because they choose to be there is of value to the dying patient, who can often feel that they

## Midwives of the spirit

The late Joyce McLean wrote about her experiences with the Bessie Dane Hospice Foundation in a 1998 booklet called *Midwives of the Spirit*.

She said:

**"It is very sensitive, sacred work that we hospice people do. How effective are we as companions facing the unknown, at introducing a reassuring presence? To my mind it's not so much the fact of just being there, which is in itself of great value, it's the amount of soothing heat being generated by the 'fire' that warms the heart. It matters greatly that we volunteers are available. We may never know, in this world, the importance of our task.**

**"Midwifery has long been a profession of the highest order, helping to launch new lives into our world. How thankful I am that, little by little, I am learning to become a midwife of the spirit, aiding the launching of souls on their journey as they pass through.**

**"How I love this service! It can bring fulfillment and nourishment for the soul as little else can. To reach across barriers of seemingly empty silence and experience the joy of response is a gift not to be taken lightly, especially from one who is slipping away to loftier heights, loosing the fraying bonds of the outworn garment of the earth."**

are a burden on friends and family."

"The wonderful gift that

the volunteer has to give is time. Other parts of the formal palliative care team are

typically working on schedules and cannot always be there as issues arise."

Hospice volunteers can be recognized as part of the formal palliative care team due to the rigorous training that they receive, according to Mauro.

"There is ongoing support and a strict code of conduct which sets them apart from informal caregivers such as friends and family. National standards on palliative care exist and are adhered to by volunteers."

"Ideally, the volunteer component is seen and recognized by other parts of the formal team as having insights to patient care due to their unique position in the team," she added.

"We are, right now, in a transition period as we are becoming more institutionalized. We are in negotiations with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to formalize our role, allowing us earlier access to patients."

The concept of palliative

care is often associated with the giving up of hope, but this doesn't have to be the case, according to Mauro.

"We can be involved in a companionship role long before the situation is imminent death. There are issues of loss and grief even through the early stages or at the time of diagnosis of what could be a terminal illness."

Likewise, hospice volunteers are available in the acute grieving process after death for family and the patient's informal caregivers. Motivation for hospice workers goes beyond simple compassion, says Mauro.

"People who are volunteers really feel that they are being given an incredible gift to be allowed to participate in the dying process and it should be seen that the dying person is still able to give this."

Anyone wanting more information about the Bessie Dane group can call president Gerri Pringle at 537-1140.

# Salt Spring's home care nurses are vital to palliative care

By **ROB WILTZEN**  
Driftwood Contributor

An essential part of any palliative care team is the medical component.

On Salt Spring, the home care nurses are a vital part of that team,

but they also extend beyond the purely medical realm to encompass the values of palliative care.

"In palliative care, we are caring for the entire family," explains Maureen Gix, the home care nursing team leader.

"The process of going through a life-threatening disease impacts everyone in the family and our care is holistic to the entire family with the patient at the centre."

"It's a completely different kettle of fish than other kinds of care,"

she said.

Home care nurses receive a referral as part of the formal palliative care team for a patient when it has been determined that the patient cannot be cured. The team also includes physicians, occupational

therapists, physiotherapists, nutrition specialists, pharmacists, Bessie Dane Hospice volunteers and services, as well as the nurses.

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## PALLIATIVE CARE:

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care team was awarded the UBC McReary award in recognition of how well it operates. Part of the reason for that, says Gix, is the nature of the community.

"We are small and have close relationships. It is not difficult to refer and we enjoy excellent accessibility to services (such as physiotherapy).

"We have very good liaison with Lady Minto hospital and our clients feel that their needs will be met at home here," she said.

Not all patients choose

home care, and part of the role of the nurses is to introduce the concept of getting a hospital bed if it would be easier or safer at any stage in their illness. Current renovations at Lady Minto Hospital include the conversion of an acute care bed to a palliative care suite for patients.

"Regardless of the reasons why, we support the decisions of the patient," she said. "The patient directs the care, we are guests in the client's home."

"In palliative care, our goal is not to fix the prob-

lem, but to lessen the complicating issues that the illness brings with it. We are there to provide quality care and comfort."

"It complements with the medical model of care very well," she said.

"We coordinate with physicians as to their management, deal with symptoms crises and medication, but there is a lot of counselling and support and we have access to a lot of therapies that are not necessarily medical, such as massage. There is recognition all the way down the line that it

is the opportunity of the patient to live and die the way they choose.

"We encourage people to make a choice in where they die. If they have made a decision that they would like to die at home, they can enter the hospital if required and then go back home. If we have seen them all the way along in their illness, then we will be aware of their wishes and they will be documented."

Home care nursing also extends beyond the death of the patient.

Follow-up visits with the family for feedback on the care provided are routine, providing the opportunity for referrals to grief counselling or support.

"For us, it's a draining time and we suffer the loss like the family," said Gix.

"Over the trajectory of the illness, we become very close to them. It is truly one of the most rewarding and consuming parts of the job that we do, establishing long-term bonds that continue long after the person has passed away. It makes us richer and it's an incredible privilege to care for them."



**IN MEMORY OF:** One of the Japanese grave markers at the Community Cemetery at Central on Salt Spring. Photo by Derrick Lundy



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## CPP survivor's pension explained

### Who qualifies?

- Legally married or common-law spouse at the time of death, if the deceased spouse made sufficient contributions to the Canada Pension Plan.
- Surviving spouses may still qualify even if legally separated at the time of death.
- Surviving spouses must be at least 35 years of age, unless they are disabled or

had a dependent child with the deceased.

### Documents needed

- Birth or baptismal certificate of deceased
- Death certificate
- Birth or baptismal certificate of surviving spouse
- Marriage certificate, if applicable
- Statutory declaration re common-law status, if applicable
- Social Insurance Num-

bers are needed on all documents.

However — if these documents have already been provided to the Canada Pension Plan or Old Age Security Program, they do not have to be submitted again.

Contact phone number is: 1-800-277-9914 (English); and 1-800-277-9915 (French). See [www.hrhc-drhc.gc.ca/isp](http://www.hrhc-drhc.gc.ca/isp) for Income Security Program information.

## Canada Pension Plan death benefit

### What is it?

• A one-time, lump-sum payment paid to the estate of a deceased person who contributed to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP).

### How to get it

- Executors must apply for the Death Benefit within 60 days of death.
- If there is no will, it may

be applied for by a court-appointed administrator; the person who paid funeral expenses; surviving spouse or common-law partner; or next of kin.

• Send certified true photocopies of the following documents:

Deceased's birth or baptismal certificate and death cer-

tificate, with the deceased's Social Insurance Number indicated on all photocopied documents — unless these documents have previously been given to the CPP or Old Age Security Program.

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## Websites can offer help dealing with death, grief

The Funeral Service Association of British Columbia suggests the following websites for more information on death, dying and grief recovery.

**GRIEFWORKS BC:** Information, links & support groups if you're a kid, teen or adult.

[www.griefworksbc.com](http://www.griefworksbc.com)

**HOSPICE:** Excellent resource material.

[www.hospicenet.org](http://www.hospicenet.org)

**BROCHURES BY DR. ALAN WOLFELT:** Educator and practicing Thanatologist. Dr. Wolfelt is a noted author and has produced "The Helping" series of brochures.

[www.centerforloss.com](http://www.centerforloss.com)

**TEEN GRIEF:** Death and Dying Net Links: Links to help parents, caregivers, teachers and friends to understand the needs of the grieving teen.

[dying.miningco.com](http://dying.miningco.com)

**LINKS ON THE INTERNET ON DEATH, DYING AND GRIEF:** A directory of websites on the topic of death, dying and grief.

[selfgrowth.com/death.html](http://selfgrowth.com/death.html)

**PERSONAL RESOURCES:** Plenty of information and support at hand with a sense of community and warmth.

[www.death-dying.com](http://www.death-dying.com)

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[www3.bc.sympatico.ca/NewHope/](http://www3.bc.sympatico.ca/NewHope/)

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## Free veterans funerals no longer a given

As Hayward's funeral director Patrick Beattie notes in the Death and Dying lead article, funerals of Canadian war veterans are no longer paid for by the Canadian government.

The change was made in 1998.

However, some costs may be recovered depending on the income and assets of the veteran and surviving spouse.

The B.C. Branch of the Last Post Fund now deals with funding questions about funerals for qualified war veterans.

Have the deceased veteran's regimental number on hand when making inquiries, and contact the Last Post Fund, BC Branch, Suite 203, 7337 137 St., Surrey, BC V3W 1A4. Call (604) 572-3242; toll-free (1-800) 268-0248, or visit the [www.lastpostfund.ca](http://www.lastpostfund.ca) website.



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There are three important reasons to make a will:

1. To explain what you want done with your assets or property, called your estate; that includes all your real and personal property.

2. To name a person or company, called an executor, to manage and divide your estate.

3. To name a person, called a guardian, to look after your children and their estates.

To avoid conflicts after you are gone, it is also advisable to name beneficiaries of family heirlooms and/or household effects. Keep a separate list and change it, as you need. This will prevent the hassle of amending the will. The list should be signed and kept with the will.

## Appoint An Executor

An executor's job is demanding and time consuming. Judgement and knowledge are critical to the decision making process when appointing an executor. An inexperienced family member or friend is often named executor. Unfortunately, the appointment is viewed solely as an honour,

without due consideration.

An executor/executrix is the person who will be responsible for carrying out the instructions in your will after you die. (There can be more than one executor.)

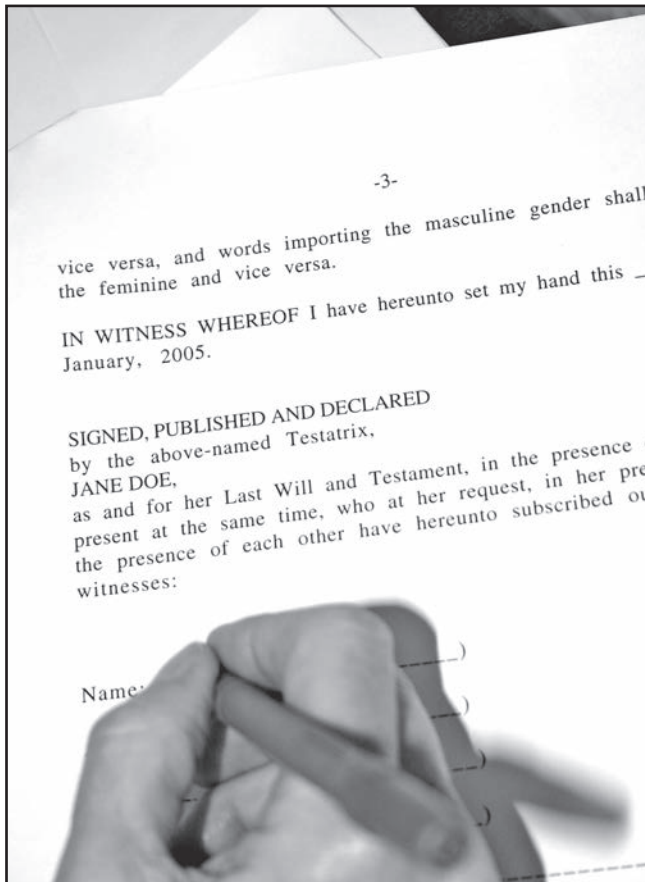
The executor is also the person who has the legal authority to "control the disposition" (make funeral arrangements) for the deceased. You can name an alternate executor to take on the responsibility if your chosen executor cannot or will not accept the responsibility. It is essential to talk to this person prior to naming him or her as executor/executrix. Your alternate executor must also be consulted and both should have a copy of your will.

## Lawyers and Trust Companies

If your affairs are complicated, lawyers and trust companies provide executor services. They are experienced in looking after administrative details, insurance claims, taxation concerns, setting up, and administering trusts. This is also a way to avoid burdening family or friends with the responsibility of attending to estate business. Lawyers and trust companies usually base their fee on a percentage basis of the estate.

## When there is no will

The Estate Administration Act says how your estate will



**SIGN ON THE LINE:** Everyone is advised to have a will in place in the event of death.

be divided if you die without a will. A court will have to appoint someone to handle your estate. That person is called the administrator. The administrator is similar to the executor who would have been named if you had made a will. Usually the administrator will be one of the people who will share in your estate. Sometimes peo-

ple will disagree about who should be appointed and the court has to decide whom to appoint. This can take a lot of time and money.

If no one is willing to be the administrator, then the Public Guardian and Trustee can do the job. The court will also appoint a guardian if you have children and their other parent is not alive.

In most cases your survivors will have a much easier time if you make a will. A will is the best way to ensure your estate will be divided the way you want and that your children will be taken care of by the person you want.

## Who Can Apply To Administer Your Estate?

If living with the deceased at the time of death, the spouse of the deceased or a common law spouse is the first person who can apply to administer your estate. If you have no spouse or if your spouse is not willing or able to administer your estate, then one or more of your relatives can apply, according to the priority set out by law. If there are no relatives willing or able to do this, then any other person who may be appropriate could apply to be administrator.

This may include a friend of yours, or a professional such as a lawyer or accountant.

The Public Guardian and Trustee, as Official Administrator for the Province of B.C., might also apply to administer your estate in some circumstances; for example, if your estate is insolvent or if no one else is willing to act as administrator.

*Article courtesy of the Funeral Service Association of B.C.*

## Will storage tips

- Keep your will safe from fire, floods, theft and other damage.
- A bank safety deposit box is recommended for storing the original document.
- Keep a copy of the will and any instructions with respect to funeral arrangements in a location other than a safety deposit box that is known to the executor or family.
- Only the legal representative named in the will has authority to make funeral arrangements, but instructions for those arrangements should not be described only in the will, in case it cannot be accessed promptly — what if a death occurs over a long weekend or during holidays when banks, trust companies and law firms are generally closed?
- Ideally, give the executor and alternate executor a copy of the will and funeral arrangement instructions.



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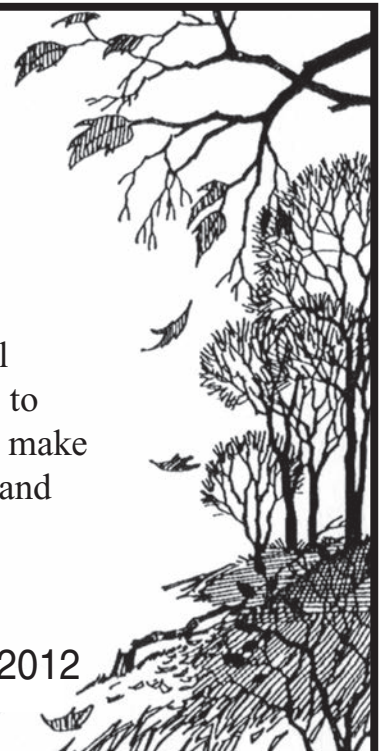
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When we lose someone close to us from a natural death — from old age or prolonged illness — we have time to prepare for the ending, time to begin to grieve and to say our goodbyes. We will mourn our loved one, and over time adjust to her/ his absence, developing a new relationship in memory.

An unnatural death (suicide, homicide, accident) descends upon us suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving us without any opportunity to come to terms with our loved one's death. One must not only face the circumstances surrounding an unnatural death but must also confront the reality that the death is senseless, abrupt and traumatic. There was no time to resolve unfinished business, to speak our final words of love and forgiveness, to comfort our loved one, to understand and acknowledge the inevitability of their death. There was no time for goodbyes.

The loss of a loved one awakens intense emotional reactions. When that loss is compounded by the fact that the death was abrupt and violent, psychological, physical and emotional reactions are significantly more profound and complex.

Though each individual's response to traumatic loss is unique, in addition to struggling with the pain of loss, he/she may experience one or all of the following symptoms: trouble concentrating, sleep difficulties, recurring reenactments of the death, a pervasive sense of numbness and detachment, exaggerated startle response, irritability, increased substance abuse, depression and/or anxiety and avoidance of/increased sensitivity to stimuli related to the trauma (sirens, knives, loud noises, etc.)

These manifestations of trauma injury take precedence over grief and must first be resolved before the individual can move into stage-related bereavement process. For some, symptoms dissipate naturally and resolve over time and one is then able to begin the process of integrating the loss into their worldview. For others, the symptoms may intensify and endure over a prolonged period of time, affecting ability to function and cope with everyday tasks and developing into a psychological disorder, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and/or anxiety.

A traumatic loss is a life-changing event that sets a life-long journey in motion. Loss of a loved one is not something one "gets over" like the flu, it is something we move through, one step

at a time. No two people are alike in how they respond and there is no definitive treatment for bereavement after an unnatural death.

What is key here is that the trauma must be dealt with first in order to facilitate one's ability to move through one's grief.

For those who wonder how they can be of help, know that your silent presence, non-judgmental listening and undemanding support are the best gifts you can offer. Acknowledge the death, witness their pain, numbness, confusion, share tears and hugs, make tea. Valuing individual uniqueness with a heightened sensitivity to one's own needs will help facilitate the process of making sense, making meaning and finding a way of saying goodbye.

There are many paths toward healing from which to choose; many practitioners are trained specifically for dealing with trauma. Resources such as family and friends, clergy, counselling, spiritual practices, support groups, victim's services and a variety of additional services can provide sensitive encouragement as the survivor navigates the journey towards healing.

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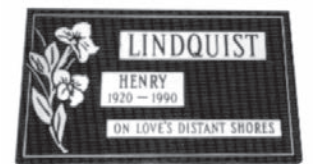
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# Grief recovery aided by Salt Spring groups

Several years ago, a cooperative effort between the Anglican and United churches resulted in the Grief Recovery Group to support those dealing with the death of loved ones.

A number of participants were selected to receive the training as facilitators and, since then, the Grief Recovery Group has held sessions regularly to help people cope with their grieving process.

The group is not faith-oriented and "caters to people of any faith

or no faith," said group member John Pickering.

"We have an outline for a six-session course that we follow. The idea is that it enables progression so at the end you are further through the grieving process than when you started."

"We're quick to say that we are not grief counsellors," he said. "We are trained facilitators. A great part of the value of the sessions is the interaction between the people. It is amazing how often you hear 'good heavens, you feel that way

too, I thought I was the only one.' It is comforting to know that these are not unique emotions, that they are shared by others."

The program format is weekly meetings over six consecutive weeks, usually meeting in the Croftonbrook lounge.

Traditionally, the group has held a single session just prior to the Christmas season, often loaded with extra emotions for grieving people.

The program is geared to those who have passed through the acute

grieving process, inviting participants who experienced their loss at least six months prior.

Two sessions are planned for 2005 on Salt Spring, with the first beginning the first week in April.

Anyone wanting more information about the Bessie Dane group can call president Gerri Pringle at 537-1140.

People interested in learning more about the Grief Recovery program or wanting to sign up for the next session can contact John Pickering at 537-2498 or Noreen

Davies at 537-2654.

A Grief Support Group also meets on a regular basis, facilitated by professionals in the field. It is designed for people who have suffered a loss but are not yet ready for the Grief Recovery Program.

As explained by Wellness Programs coordinator Sharon Glover, the group aims to fill the gap between "the time when the casseroles stop coming" and when the Grief Recovery Program becomes appropriate and available.

## Planned giving: new trend for those writing their wills

Non-profit organizations and foundations tasked with raising money for community groups and institutions can always use a funding infusion.

With high property values and other factors making some estates larger than ever, a desire to leave a legacy and benefit the wider community by passing on some of that wealth after death is a serious consideration.

"Planned giving" is being considered more often by individuals when making their wills.

According to the Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP) website, "The generation over 50 years of age own or control over

75 per cent of all personal wealth in Canada and are making plans for the disposition of their assets upon death."

The CAGP mission is "to advance philanthropy by fostering the quality and growth of charitable gift planning."

More than 62 per cent of Canadians contribute to the charitable organizations of their choice throughout their lifetimes, states the website, yet only about seven per cent continue that support through a will gift.

The CAGP website notes how federal tax changes have aided planned giving.

"One of the most important changes is to the tax rate

of capital gains. After October 17, 2000, when calculating the tax on capital gains, apply your marginal tax rate to only half of the gain.

"Prior to the 2000 federal budget, the tax on capital gains was 75 per cent."

"The new tax treatment makes charitable provisions an excellent tax and estate-planning tool. Attractive tax savings are seldom the impetus for the gift. However, tax considerations often affect the size and form of the gift."

People should consult foundations, non-profit groups, lawyers or financial advisors about how to best make planned gifts in their wills.

## Plentiful book resources

Recommended reading from the Funeral Service Association of B.C. includes:

**LIFE'S LOSSES . . . LIVING THROUGH GRIEF, BEREAVEMENT AND SUDDEN CHANGE** Betty Jane Wylie, Macmillan Canada

**MAKING MEANING OF THE MADNESS ... ONE MAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF** A must-read for every man who has suffered the tragedy of loss. Dan Lundine, Tall Timbers Publishing Corp., 21723 Monahan Court Suite 105 - Langley, B.C. V3A 8N1

**LIVING WITH DYING: A LOVING GUIDE FOR FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS** D. Carroli; McGraw Hill, 1985

**LIVING THROUGH GRIEF AND GROWING WITH IT** Barnes and Noble Books

**A TIME REMEMBERED: A JOURNAL FOR SURVIVORS** or any other book written by Earl Grollman; Boston, Beacon Press, 1987

**HOW DO WE TELL THE CHILDREN? A PARENT'S GUIDE TO HELPING CHILDREN UNDERSTAND AND COPE WHEN SOMEONE DIES** Dan Schaefer and Christine Lyons; Newmarket Press, NY, 1986

**YOU AND YOUR GRIEF** or any other book written by Rev. Edgar Jackson; Channel Press, NY, 1966

**ON DEATH AND DYING** or any other book written by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross; MacMillan Publishing Co., 1969

**WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE** Harold Kushner; Schocken, NY, 1981

**BEGINNINGS: A BOOK FOR WIDOWS** Betty Jane Wylie; McClelland and Stewart, 1985

**WHAT TO DO WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES . . . A PRACTICAL AND COMPASSIONATE GUIDE TO DEALING WITH DEATH ON LIFE'S TERMS** Eva Shaw; Dickens Press, Irvine, Ca.

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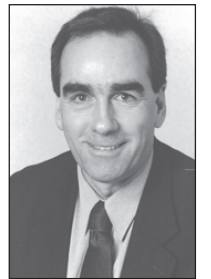
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