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Earth and funds fly at pool site



DIGGING IT: Last Wednesday marked the official groundbreaking for the Rainbow Road indoor pool site. Doing the honours are, from left, pool enthusiast Irene Gibbs, and Rebecca and Jimmy Steel, children of first Ssplash pool society president Kathy Page.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

"Dreams can come true.
Hard work pays off.
Fences can be mended."

By **GAIL SJUBERG**
Driftwood Editor

Ground was officially broken at the Rainbow Road pool site last Wednesday at high noon, with a unified Ssplash and Parks and Recreation group putting its full weight behind the task.

Youngsters Rebecca and Jimmy Steel, children of Ssplash's first president Kathy Page, and dedicated senior volunteer Irene Gibbs represented two future pool user groups as they flung the first ceremonial shovels full of earth amid pouring rain.

There were no signs of longstanding relationship strain between Ssplash and the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC), especially later at the Portlock Park portable, when Ssplash made official its \$175,000 contribution to the project. The sum will cover the cost of ceramic tile for the pool, hot tub and part of the deck area.

"Dreams can come true. Hard work pays off. Fences can be mended," Ssplash president Darlene Steele said in her prepared speech.

Last year the Ssplash board stated it would not provide its budgeted-for \$250,000 until a leisure pool was included in the complex.

Thanks flowed freely at the gathering, with PARC vice chair Steve

GROUNDBREAKING 3

Islands Trust tax hike rolls in at 11.8 per cent

By **GAIL SJUBERG**
Driftwood Editor

By the time Islands Trust trustees faced their final \$4.7-million 2006/07 budget proposal at their quarterly meeting held on Salt Spring last week, it was a little bit trimmer than forecast.

The plan will see 11.8 per cent more revenue plucked from Trust area taxpayers than last year's budget, down from the initially proposed 12.8 per cent, for a property tax increase of \$7.64 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

"In real dollars this is not a big deal, but in terms of optics ... it's a real lurch," observed Bowen municipal

trustee Peter Frinton, referring to the double-digit increase.

Frinton was one of few trustees to suggest budget amendments during final debate on Friday, including deferral of trustee and executive committee honoraria increases totalling \$24,148 in 2006/07, which had been set in motion by the previous council.

The Trust chair position will now be worth \$33,120 per year, with vice-chairs receiving \$26,496. Trustees are paid between \$6,750 and \$12,150 per year, depending on the size of their island's population, while Bowen municipal trustees

get \$2,520. However, local Trust committee expenses were reduced by \$4,700.

Lasqueti trustee and council vice-chair Rose Willow argued the trustee honoraria sum shouldn't be eroded by inflation after it was increased three years ago.

"We just shouldn't let it slip back again," she said. "It takes a certain amount of courage to do what you think has to be done."

Frinton also questioned the financial implications of "cavalier ventures" such as enforcing bylaws that prohibit short-term vacation rentals, which would likely

TRUST TAX 2

Les Ramsey service set for this Sunday

Salt Spring lost one of its larger-than-life citizens on Thursday, March 9, when Les Ramsey died at Lady Minto Hospital, surrounded by his family.

He was 75 years old.

Ramsey bought the pharmacy in Ganges in 1963 and with his family became an indelible and active part of the Salt Spring community.

He was one of 10 Ramsey family members in the pharmacist profession and even served as president of the National Pharmasave Board. Five years ago he opened a second Pharmasave store in Ganges.

Ramsey's life will be celebrated at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Sunday, March 19, from 3-4:30 p.m.

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New faces fill out local fire board

Islanders will be spared the drama of another fire trustee election as three new candidates were given the nod by acclamation last week.

Wayne Wrigley, Mark Wyatt and Mike Arnott will replace outgoing trustees Michael Schubart, Don Irwin and Dan Lee, who did not run for re-election.

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board chair Ted Hinds said he was ambivalent about the lack of candidates, but looked forward to working with the new trustees.

"I'm not disappointed, but I'm not ecstatic," he said.

"It's the ratepayers' choice whether people show an interest in the position."

The new trustees will begin their three-year terms at the fire department's annual general meeting on March 27.

Currently in his third year as a volunteer firefighter on Salt Spring Island, Wyatt said he looks forward to having an impact on the direction of the fire department over the next several years.

"I'm hoping to help improve relations between fire trustees and the fire department," he said.

A top priority facing trustees over the next few years is pressure to expand services in response to the island's growing fire prevention needs.

Replacing the Ganges fire hall and developing an adequate wild fire prevention plan will undoubtedly come up early in the trustees' new term.

Arnott said experience as a volunteer firefighter in the Lower Mainland has provided him with the necessary experience to guide the Salt Spring department through what he anticipates

will be a period of significant growth.

Of particular interest to Arnott is the changing role of volunteer firefighters in the wake of increasing demands on full-time staff.

Though change would not occur overnight, he said, it is wise to prepare for the inevitable.

Arnott said he looks forward to his new role as trustee and is eager to begin the learning process.

"I'll just work my way through it and learn as I go," he said.

Wayne Wrigley could not be reached for comment.

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Tinfoil 'bomb' mystery diffused at ferry

Ferry service was delayed between Vesuvius and Crofton on Thursday when a "suspicious package" was found on the car deck.

"The 9 a.m. sailing of the Howe Sound Queen was delayed by 30 minutes because the crew found what they called a 'suspicious package' on board," said B.C. Ferry Services Inc.

spokesperson Deborah Marshall.

"It turned out to be a wrapped pop can stuffed with paper materials, so it seemed like it would have been a science project, or something."

She commended the crew for taking the situation seriously.

Salt Spring RCMP were

able to determine that the package posed no threat to the community without assistance from a bomb squad, said Cpl. Dave Voller.

"There's a difference between a 'suspicious package' and a 'suspicious explosive,'" Voller said.

But he believes the B.C. Ferries crew did the right

thing.

"It's better to be safe than sorry."

And Voller still isn't sure exactly what the "suspicious package" is meant to be.

"Looking at it, it was rather unusual. It was a container lined with tinfoil with shredded paper surrounding a cylinder. It did look unusual."

TRUST TAX

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lead to expensive litigation. An additional \$62,604 for bylaw enforcement salaries and benefits, and \$44,000 in legal costs were added to the budget.

Because of a funding-formula change affecting Bowen's contribution to the Trust as a municipality, Frinton's constituents will be paying 24.7 per cent more to

support the Trust than they did last year, and 270 per cent more than when Bowen incorporated in 1999.

Trust chair Kim Benson opened budget discussions noting that Islands Trust revenue from property taxes had risen an average of only 3.4 per cent in the past 10 years, with expenses 2.8 per cent each year and annual

inflation of two per cent.

Tom Johnstone, chair of council's financial planning committee, said a tax increase in the 15 to 16 per cent range had originally been looked at before costs were pared this year.

The \$4.7-million budget will maintain current service levels, while paying for anticipated wage increases through a B.C. Government Employees Union settlement with the province — expect-

ed to cost \$219,000. Another \$58,000 will be added to the Trust's depleted reserve fund.

Council did not agree to budget an extra \$25,000 for a management plan and survey for a free Crown lands grant of lands on Mount Artaban on Gambier Island, but acknowledged a deficit could be incurred if the Trust Fund Board was not able to raise funds elsewhere for those costs.

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Budimcic past investigated

Salt Spring resident Josip Budimcic — also known as handyman Joe Somebody — was back in the news earlier this week through a three-part series of articles in the National Post newspaper.

Freelance journalist Jane Kokan, who has covered stories in the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iran and Algeria, was commissioned by the Post to write the pieces after Budimcic's war past made headlines last November through a Victoria Times Colonist story by freelance writer Pat Burkette.

Kokan travelled to Croatia at the end of January and interviewed several people, including a court official, Budimcic's brother and individuals who said they were victims of torture ordered by Budimcic in 1991 and family members of executed men.

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UNEARTHED: Shovelling earth as they participate in the Rainbow Road pool groundbreaking ceremony are long-time pool supporters, from left, Rosemary Trump, Darlene Steele, Wayne Taylor and Carol Dodd. Photos by Derrick Lundy

GROUNDBREAKING

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Peterson acknowledging the efforts of the people who first brought a pool to Salt Spring, Ssplash members, all PARC and pool committee volunteers, regional director Gary Holman, Liberty Contract Management and architect Alan Roy, "for putting up with Salt Springers and our penchant for differing opinions."

Roy told the group the community will be proud of the facility and he also donated \$20,000 to the project, which netted him an enthusiastic hug from Steele.

"My firm is very honoured to have been part of the whole process," he said. "There have been some rough times, but those are



GROUP HUG: Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Ssplash embrace a \$175,000 Ssplash donation to the indoor pool project.

all part of life and we learn and grow from our experiences."

PARC chair Rosemary Trump expressed gratitude for Roy's donation, as well as the \$10,000 from an anonymous donor to cover swim team starting block costs, and the \$880 from a garage sale brought in by Aquafit group women and other pool enthusiasts.

She also praised the ample input Roy and his team garnered from islanders in designing the pool. "This isn't just a pool

for Salt Spring, it's a Salt Springers' pool — there's a difference. It will have light and movement, and it's going to be beautiful. For Salt Springers it's a total fit."

More donations are welcomed to help purchase a number of items and Ssplash is also committed to more fundraising.

"Please get behind this project," urged Steele.

"It is on [rainy] days like this we will be glad we persevered to build the indoor pool. Let's make our dreams come true."

- The Salt Spring Recycling Depot does not collect motor oil, motor oil containers or filters as reported in a March 1 Driftwood article.
- A zero was lost in a

financial reference made by Ben Goodman in a Page A5 story last week. Goodman in fact said, "Why are we planning to spend \$800,000 to cover two tennis courts?"

RCMP quell GVM outburst

Shoppers at Ganges Village Market were evacuated from the store on Saturday evening as a woman wielding broken glass threatened customers and Salt Spring RCMP officers.

"You really don't expect that kind of thing when you go in to buy a snack," said eyewitness Audrey Cartwright, who was accompanying her eight-year-old daughter at the time of the incident.

"It happened so quickly I didn't even have time to worry."

Police were called to the scene just after 7 p.m. after receiving a call from a cashier who noticed an individual behaving strangely in the store's washroom.

According to Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis, the woman locked herself in the washroom after knocking products from the shelves and throwing items across the store.

Willis added there was no indication drugs or alcohol were involved.

Once in the washroom, he said, the woman broke a mirror and returned to the store with the broken glass.

By the time she emerged,

Cartwright and her daughter had been sent upstairs, along with GVM staff members.

Though she said staff members were able to usher most customers out a back door during the disturbance, five people were left inside.

"It was hard to breathe and many people were coughing because of all the dust stirred up from the broken packages," she said of the experience.

From her vantage point in the store offices, Cartwright said, she was able to see RCMP Const. Paul Ellis subdue the woman.

She said police officers did not draw their weapons and were able to diffuse the situation with physical force before handcuffing the woman and transporting her to hospital in a wheelchair.

Willis said the constable handled the situation in the proper manner, adding, "It's just what we're trained to do."

In a letter to the Driftwood, Cartwright thanked the staff of GVM for "reacting so promptly [and] avoiding harm that could have come to patrons and staff."

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Islanders call for self governance

Members of the Islanders for Self Government (ISG) group criticized the Islands Trust and called for better governance during a regular meeting of the Islands Trust Council at ArtSpring on Thursday.

"A majority of the funding for the Islands Trust, over 40 per cent, comes from Salt Spring taxpayers," said ISG representative Susan Russell.

She noted that the Islands Trust was established to preserve and protect the Gulf Islands for the benefit of all B.C. citizens, but provincial funding has waned over the past few years.

"It seems now that Salt Spring taxpayers have taken on the role that should rightly go to a broader cross-section of B.C. citizens."

Gabriola trustee Sheila Malcolmson noted that Salt

Spring taxes are equal to the rates paid by other islanders.

Russell also urged trustees to again consider an Islands Trust Governance Review, which they did when the topic hit the business agenda on Friday.

In speaking to a plan to set terms of reference for a new governance renewal task force, Salt Spring trustee George Ehring said the Trust has a "narrow window" to get proposed governance changes on the provincial government's legislative agenda before the next round of local elections in 2008.

"It focuses attention on something that needs to be done in a very timely way," said Salt Spring trustee Peter Lamb.

Possible changes include increasing the size of local Trust committees (LTCs) on

the more populated islands.

North Pender trustee and Trust executive member Gary Steeves noted that Saanich Gulf Islands MLA Murray Coell had made a commitment for his former Community Services ministry to do a paper on the topic, and that has not yet materialized.

In a second salvo to the Trust from ISG, Blair Howard was critical about inadequate support for the homeless population on Salt Spring.

"We're making a playground for the rich because we're not taking care of the poor," Howard said.

He argued that a municipal government might be more accessible for advocates of homelessness on Salt Spring.

Ehring noted that the LTC

had recently established a housing authority, that the 26-unit affordable housing complex on Norton Road had been approved by the previous LTC and that a second housing project with 27 units is underway at property owned by the Murakami family on Rainbow Road.

Capital Regional District (CRD) director Gary Holman added that the CRD had recently provided a \$5,000 grant-in-aid for a seven-person rooming house on Dean Road, that plans were underway for another housing project with the Salt Spring Land Bank, and that he had opted Salt Spring into the CRD's Regional Housing Trust Fund.

"While I agree we haven't been doing enough, we've been doing a lot," Holman said.

Bowen councillor draws crowd for talk on island incorporation

By PETER VINCENT
Driftwood Contributor

Seventy people packed the ArtSpring gallery space last Tuesday afternoon to hear what Bowen Island councillor Alison Morse had to say about Bowen's transition from a rural district to a municipality.

In late 1999, Bowen Island voted to become a municipality and by legislation also remained a member of the Islands Trust.

Morse is now serving her third term as a councillor and as such has been a part of the transition to a municipality. As she said in her opening remarks, she was not on Salt Spring as a cheerleader for the municipality option, but merely to go through the numbers.

It became clear that choosing the municipality route on Bowen Island was not about saving the taxpayer money. Generally, the switch was

revenue neutral, but she outlined two advantages.

First, it spread out the workload between six councillors and the mayor. On Salt Spring, with almost four times the population, there are only two on-island trustees.

Secondly, she said, Bowen Island council members can exercise much more control over how their island will look in the coming years, and where they will spend their tax dollars.

Things like policing, public transportation, fire protection, watersheds, green space and bylaw enforcement were all thrown into the same mix.

Peter Lake, a member of Islanders for Self Government and part of the incorporation study group that preceded Salt Spring's failed incorporation referendum in 2002, drove home this point. Salt Spring provides about 41 per cent of the revenue

for the Islands Trust, with only seven per cent council representation and zero per cent on the Islands Trust executive.

Salt Spring regional director Gary Holman, who has voiced his opposition to Salt Spring Island taking the municipality route, conceded that there is a tangible inequity in the present system, while he did question some of Lake's taxation figures.

Current trustee Peter Lamb hinted that propositions hitting the table during the following Trust Council meeting might help rectify the representation inequities, and a governance review task force was initiated on Friday.

The town hall meeting, organized by Islanders for Self Government, was staged as an "information meeting" and as a precursor to the council meeting held at ArtSpring.



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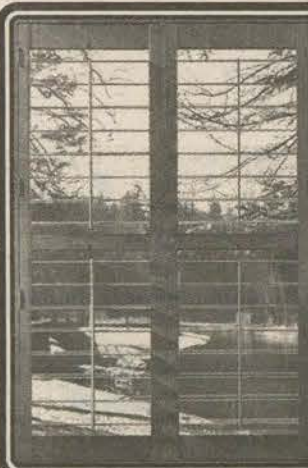
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Next Friday's meeting, which runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at Salt Spring Community Services, will cover individual and family preparedness and overall Salt Spring preparedness.

For more information, contact Liz McClean at 537-1431; lizz@saltspring.com; or Sue Kernaghan at 537-4671, suek@saltspring.com.

Free childcare will be available.

Volunteers will also be knocking on island doors in the near future as part of the program.

Island driver serves short ban

Crown counsel ordered a stay of proceedings on impaired driving charges when islander Ari Tiikainen pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of driving without due consideration at Victoria Provincial Court on March 6.

Tiikainen was ordered to pay a \$690 fine and serve a three-month recognizance that prevents him from driving, except for employment purposes.

No criminal conviction goes with the charge, but it will appear on his driving record, noted Crown counsel Barb Penty.



PRACTISE MAKES PERFECT: Salt Spring volunteer firefighter Uma Meyers participates in a recent house burn, wherein local firefighters could practise their skills.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trust committee hugs marina property trees

A grove of 17 "heritage" trees will remain standing — for the time being — on property located between Ganges Marina and Salt Spring Island Middle School.

Islands Trust representatives chose not to respond to an application to remove the trees at property owned by B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. during the February 28 Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting.

Applicant Robyn Kelln proposed to build a seven-unit commercial accommodation with 15 parking spaces on the property across the street from Ganges Marina.

Since the property is designated in a heritage conservation area, development permits are required to remove trees with a diameter greater than 20 centimetres.

Trustees heard that another restrictive covenant on the property (from 1996) requires the owner to provide no less than 28 parking stalls; and that uses of the commercial-accommodation zoned property are limited to

private residences, personal offices, a small car-rental business or a bed and breakfast tourist accommodation.

Islands Trust planner Gerry Hamblin recommended the property owner consult with an arborist to retain or relocate trees on the site.

"They are proposing to replant trees at a two to one ratio."

But LTC trustee George Ehring was reticent to look at an arborist's report without more information about the development itself.

"We'd be asking an arborist to go ahead and work on a project not included in the covenant."

And Ehring noted that it would be "bizarre to go down this road when we don't even know if the use is approved."

LTC chair Kim Benson recommended that Kelln provide a more comprehensive application for the whole development before proceeding.

"It would be good to see some options here," Benson said.

HTG reveals strategy plan to trustees

A negotiator from the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group (HTG) shared the Interim Strategic Land Plan of core traditional territory during the Islands Trust Council quarterly meeting held Thursday on Salt Spring.

"If you're wondering what the goals of the HTG are, this is the starting point," said HTG senior negotiation support specialist Brian Thom.

He shared copies of the 112-page HTG strategic plan, titled *In the Footsteps of Our Ancestors*, with trustees and explained the document was developed after interviews with 136 community members in 2002-2003.

The document provides information about the HTG territory, a historical record of traditional uses and a vision of the future management of land and resources — with detailed objectives and strategies.

"This should be on your shelf... when it comes time to rezone that piece of forest land on Galiano," Thom offered as one example.

Thom also encouraged trustees to develop "political accord" and include First Nations in development planning as a proactive measure.

"Consultation needs to occur."

The HTG has been engaged in the treaty process since 1993 and represents six nations: Cowichan, Chemainus, Penelakut, Lyackson, Halat and Lake Cowichan with a combined population of 6,200 (compared to a total population of 90,000 in the region).

HTG territory spans 335,578 hectares that include the Gulf Islands, Duncan, Ladysmith and Cowichan Lake. Some 84 per cent of the land within HTG territory is private property.

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Calm-sea face put on ferry fare hikes

B.C. Ferry Commissioner Martin Crilly explained the rationale for rising travel tariffs to Islands Trust Council when it met on Salt Spring last week, but trustees still felt the need to take "proactive action."

Crilly reassured islanders who were concerned the government might "phase out" support for minor ferry fares in the next Coastal Ferry Service Contract (set for renewal in 2008).

"I will eat my shorts if the government cuts the subsidy to zero for Pender Island in two years," he said, in response to concerns expressed by North Pender Island Local Trust Committee trustee Gary Steeves.

Despite that assurance, trustees passed a motion

the next day to remind B.C. Ferry Services Inc. that the Islands Trust must be consulted about any changes in service, according to the Trust's Policy Statement, and to press for no reduction in service or subsidy.

Crilly noted that the B.C. Ferry Commission (BCFC) serves as a regulatory watchdog designed to protect both travellers and the ferry company.

"We don't control the purse strings of the government and we shouldn't. We're not elected," he said.

Currently, users only pay approximately one third of the cost to operate ferries on minor routes — the government pays the remaining fare through a service-fee commitment, he said.

Travellers pay 20 per cent of the cost between Swartz Bay and the Gulf Islands, 39 per cent between Swartz Bay and Fulford, 50 per cent between Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands, and 58 per cent between Vesuvius and Crofton, he said.

Ferry fares on minor routes have risen by between 26 and 37 per cent over the last three years, which coincidentally parallels the increased costs for operating a private auto during the same period, he noted.

B. C. Ferries' increased operating costs might have prompted fuel surcharges over the last year, but the company also needs to raise money to replace an aging fleet, he said.

Crilly also indicated that

B.C. Ferries has "a tremendous amount of freedom" to adjust prices within rate groups. For one example, he noted that B.C. Ferries has the ability to raise the price of pre-paid tickets more than regular fares without any intervention from the BCFC.

And B.C. Ferries is sensitive to adjustments that might affect the volume of traffic, he noted.

"Their business mandate is to optimize the bottom line."

Consequently, BCFC encourages B.C. Ferries to increase prices for "voluntary" spending on vessels, rather than raise compulsory fares to meet revenue-generation targets, he said.

"You don't have to buy the hot dogs and pop."

Protection sought from forest lands act

Islanders expressed concern about new provincial forestry regulations during the Islands Trust Council (ITC) meeting at ArtSpring on Thursday.

"One cannot preserve and protect that which is wrested from one's jurisdiction. And the province, in creating the PMFL (Private Managed Forest Land), by some interpretations has built a fence around land in one particular ephemeral tax class and said, 'Hands off,'" said Galiano resident Jerry Azevado.

He argued that Trust council policy dictates, "forest ecosystems in the Trust area should be protected," in contrast to PMFL regulations, which allow harvesting, slash burning, road building, drilling, blasting, herbicide use and

residential use, among other activities.

"The PMFL Council has the mandate under the act to work with the Islands Trust Council to encourage responsible forestry," he said.

"The PMFL Council does not hold sway. Their regulations do not take precedence."

He contends that 13.2 per cent of Galiano (1,901 acres) falls under the PMFL (and 1,214 acres or 2.7 per cent of Salt Spring) and that the total area affected in the Trust region is 4,509 acres (2.6 per cent of the islands).

He said that land use bylaws must apply to everyone, even those properties within the PMFL.

"Local governments should have the

right to conduct local zoning," agreed Galiano trustee Michael Sharp.

Gabriola trustee Gisele Rudischer noted that the "big difference" between the PMFL and the previous Forest Land Reserve (FLR) zoning was that the PMFL is a voluntary designation while an FLR operated under similar restrictions to Agricultural Land Reserves.

Galiano resident Helena Chambers also argued that the Islands Trust should hold back reviews of official community plans on lands threatened by the PMFL act and that the Gulf Islands should seek exemption from it.

"This is a long process and we're at the very beginning of it," said Galiano trustee Roy Smith.

*Thank You
Salt Spring!*

Dear Friends: Our success in persuading the Ministry of Forests to cancel overhead spraying on Salt Spring to control the current gypsy moth outbreak is the result of a lot of great work by a lot of great people. The SSTOP Strategy Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our public meetings at Fulford Hall; Zelly Taylor, Tom Pickett, Diane Melen and Margaret O'Hara for delivering notices to every household in the spray zone. Thank you to Gail Richards and to Katy Young and the Ecological Health Alliance who've fought these battles before for advice and guidance along the way. Special thanks are due to George Ehring, Peter Lamb and Gary Holman for lending the support of local government to this community effort, to Sally John for her scientific expertise and to Harry Warner for lending SSTOP the Save Salt Spring web site.

Thank you to Nancy van Patten of Salt Spring Butterflies, Briony Penn and Karen Hudson of the Salt Spring Conservancy for endangered butterfly information and so much more; Andrew Gage at Western Canada Environmental Law and Tom Buri, Q.C. for legal advice and support; Andrea Collins for her generous financial donation; and Jacky Booth for her mapping. Special thanks are due to the Driftwood for its terrific coverage of this issue, and to Craig and Catherine, owners of Natureworks, and Alan and Manon, owners of the Morningside Organic Bakery and Cafe, for actively drawing the community's attention to this issue.

Thank you to all of the organizations that supported this effort, including the Salt Spring Farmers Institute, The Salt Spring Conservancy, Island Natural Growers, SaltSpringers for Safe Food, the Salt Spring Neighbourhoods' Coalition, The Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society, Salt Spring Butterflies and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to the businesses that displayed the petition to stop the spraying: Morningside Organic Bakery and Cafe, Natureworks, Foxglove, Apple Photo, Studio One, the Salt Spring Centre, Mouat's, and Seedy Saturday. Thank you to the 1,000-plus people who signed the petition. Thank you to all the people who made donations, took minutes, posted articles to the website, wrote letters to the Ministry of Forests and Range and the Ministry of Environment, made suggestions along the way and brought the issue to the attention of neighbours and friends. Thank you to Imagen. Thank you to Fulford Hall for waiving rental fees for the public meetings. Thank you to Robert Bateman. Thank you to Steve Grayson, Per Rasmussen, Zelly Taylor, Hannah Brown, Sally John, Tom Pickett, Alan Goldin, Anne Macey and Elizabeth White, and to Steve and Delaine for hosting our meetings.

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Tourism forum deadline pending

Islanders have until Monday, March 20 to register for a tourism forum hosted by the Islands Trust in Duncan on March 30-31.

Whistler Mayor Ken Melamed will give the keynote address on the evening of March 30, with the following day a workshop format where key island tourism issues will be dissected.

"A group of panelists, including representatives from other local governments, the tourism industry, tourism planning experts and the academic community will also participate in the forum to suggest options and solutions to the issues identified," notes an Islands Trust press release.

The event runs at the Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre from 5-9 p.m. on Thursday, March 30 and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Friday.

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Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis is advising people to ensure their car doors are locked after three car thefts were reported on the island last weekend.

"People should take all necessary precautions to protect their personal property," he said.

Residents are advised not to leave their keys in the ignition, even during short stops and to lock their doors.

According to Willis, the first incident occurred sometime between Friday evening and Saturday morning when

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thieves stole a 1998 Subaru from a residence on Toynbee Road.

The vehicle was later discovered abandoned on Drake Road.

Then on Saturday morning, police located a 1993 Mazda pick-up on Mount Maxwell Road after it was reported stolen from Park Drive sometime the night before.

Later that afternoon, police received a report that thieves attempted to steal a 1990 Ford Taurus on Mount Maxwell Road.

Because the incidents occurred within such a short distance and time of one another, Willis said, they may be related.

"Given the scenario, it is likely this is the work of young people joyriding," he added.

The three matters are still under investigation.

Anyone with information is requested to contact the Salt Spring RCMP.

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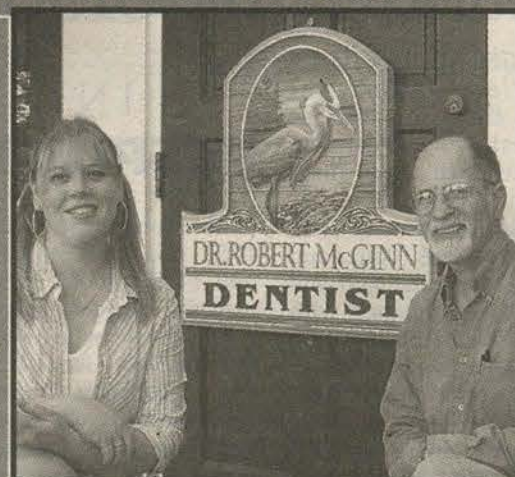
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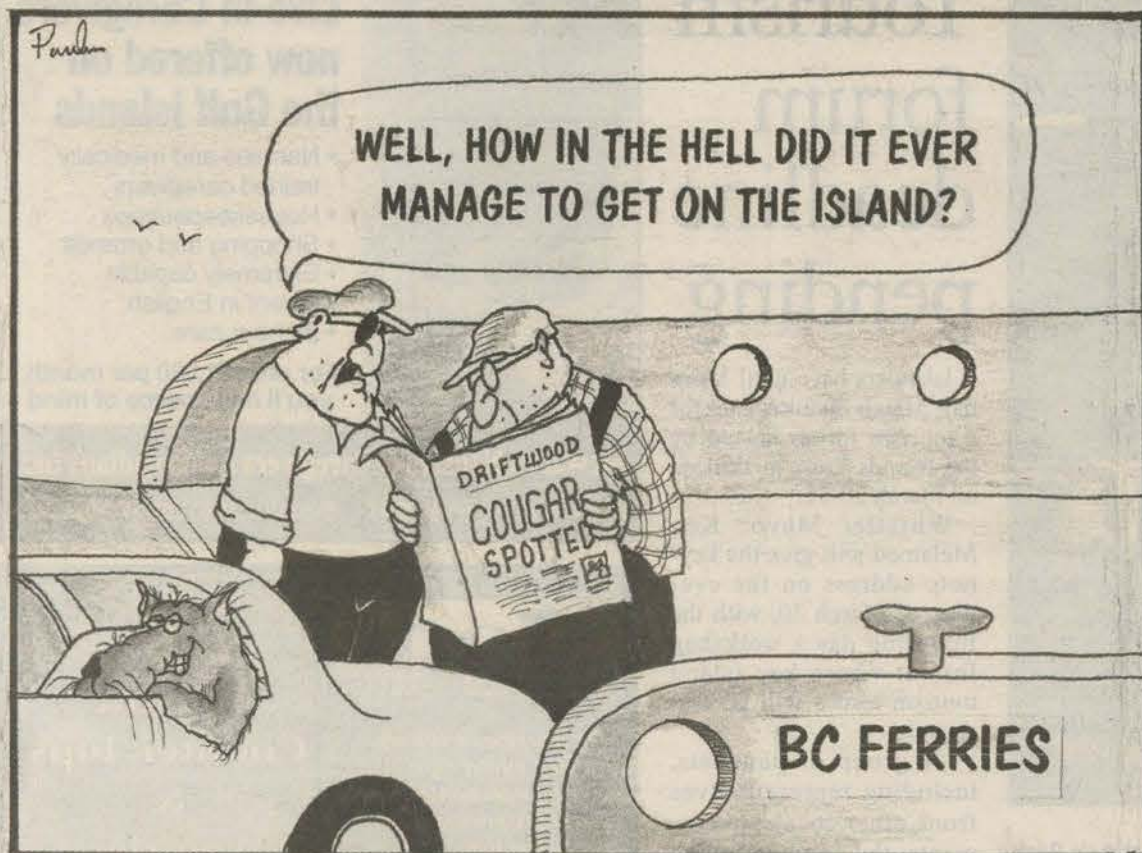
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Salt Springers' pool

It might have been the sheets of rain pounding the Rainbow Road indoor pool construction site that made visual illusions possible last Wednesday at about noon.

Certainly the scene inspired some heavy blinking to take in all the faces in the dripping crowd, appropriately sodden for a pool groundbreaking ceremony.

But it wasn't just the fact that Salt Spring is apparently going to have an operating indoor swimming pool by this time next year — and hopefully much sooner — that put a glare of unreality on the scene.

Rather it was the fact that mingling with ease were members of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) and the indoor pool society, Ssplash. And a brief spell later, they were "group hugging" and smiling en masse as Ssplash executive members presented a giant cheque for \$175,000, to pay for pool, hot tub and deck tiling. Past assertions that they would hold onto the money until PARC agreed to build a leisure pool have been put aside, and they intimated the rest of the funds would follow.

With reaching out recently undertaken by both parties, the Salt Spring pool project can clearly proceed with full and more unified strides.

One element that remains unresolved is the use of a UV water treatment system. Not having Ssplash's funds and not wanting them "with strings attached" were cited as reasons why the healthier option would not be chosen, even though its merits were fully acknowledged by PARC, with a suggestion that it could be added in future.

Last Wednesday PARC chair Rosemary Trump described the facility as "a Salt Springers' pool," in part because of the beauty and nature of its design completed by Alan Roy Architects Ltd.

But to really deserve such a claim, it needs the higher-standard system to minimize impacts of chlorine on its users — and especially children.

PARC has been prudent and cautious where it needs to be with the pool project, but with more financial breathing room provided by Ssplash and recent long-term borrowing, the estimated \$25,000 to \$40,000 to treat water in the main pool tank is affordable and essential for a true Salt Springers' pool.

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Governance review task force part of Trust Council work

By PETER LAMB
 and GEORGE EHRLING

Last week, Trust Council met for its regular quarterly meeting, this time on Salt Spring Island.

Council offers us the opportunity to meet with all other trustees to consider the issues and to guide the decisions that affect the whole Trust area.

We also had an excellent presentation from the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group about working with the Trust, and we also had an opportunity to question the B.C. Ferry Commissioner about fare increases and service levels.

2006/07 budget

The main item of business was the 2006/07 budget, which was approved after lengthy debate. The \$4.7-million budget will result in an 11.8 per cent increase in the Trust portion of everyone's property tax — about a \$23 increase on a residential property assessed at \$300,000.

Why so high? As outlined in the "budget highlights" section on the

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Trust website and as Peter summarized at the recent Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, about three-quarters of the increase is a result of items beyond our control, including the continued annual reduction in the provincial grant to the Trust (\$58,000 next year), and the expected settlement of the BCGEU collective bargaining negotiations, which will apply to Trust staff (estimated at \$219,000).

In a Driftwood article last week from former trustee Eric Booth, he wrongly stated that the Trust had asked for a reduction in the provincial grant. On the contrary, the Trust has consistently lobbied for the grant to be restored. Since 1996/97, the province has cut the annual grant from \$470,000 to just \$120,000.

Council also agreed with a recommendation to begin the process of replenishing the general rev-

enue fund (or reserve) from a critically low level (an added contribution next year of \$58,000). This fund cushions the impact of large, unexpected swings in revenues or costs and eliminates the need for short-term borrowing. At March 31, 2006, it is forecast to be only about \$350,000, or one month's operating expense and council accepted a target level of over \$1 million within the next 10 years.

Trust renewal

High on the priority list of strategic initiatives approved by council is "improving representation and governance." Accordingly, a significant decision made by Trust Council was the agreement to establish a task force within the Trust to focus attention on the urgent issue of Trust renewal. Working with the public, the task force will develop recommendations to council and coordinate input to the provincial government for their governance review.

In particular, we got agreement that the task force will report at

the next Trust Council meeting in June with any recommendations that would require legislative changes prior to the next local elections in 2008. You can be sure that we will both participate in this important task force.

Other items

Some other items initiated by us and approved by council were:

- a long overdue review of the protocol agreement between the Trust and Ministry of Transportation, especially the designation of road standards on our scenic and heritage roads, and the need for closer consultation with the local contractor.

- endorsement of a Water Declaration, proposed by Bob Wild during the delegation session, which recognizes the sanctity of clean water and commits council to uphold its principles.

Local Trust Committee

We're pleased to announce that island art has come to the Islands Trust. In support of our local artists, we will be displaying various artwork at the Trust office

on a rotating basis. The first of these works is Village Views by Jill Louise Campbell, a whimsical and brightly coloured view looking toward Ganges Harbour from Centennial Park.

We will soon launch our official community plan review, which will involve substantial community consultation and participation. An updated community profile is being prepared and further details will be announced in the next few weeks.

At the February Local Trust Committee meeting, the Community Housing Task Force presented its final report. It's an excellent document that we will consider carefully, and we thank all the members for their hard work. A contract has been issued for recommendations on a housing authority and a housing agreement template, expected within three months. This should allow us to proceed with final consideration of specific housing proposals.

The writers are Salt Spring's trustees.

Island critic blooms early when more research is needed

By ROGER MIDDLETON

If Viewpoint continues in the same vein as Dr. Preshaw's sad offering last week, we are in for a depressing spring.

Taking the time to criticize the work of Drs. Potter and Gerson, two dedicated and talented men blessed with brilliant minds, may not have been Preshaw's best move.

The two men share a common thread, having found that organically grown produce possesses healing qualities not present in conventionally grown foods.

Dr. Max Gerson was a pioneer in the field of cancer treatment, curing many patients declared incurable by other doctors. About him Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a winner

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of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952, said, "I see in Gerson one of the most eminent geniuses in medical history."

For those who are not familiar with Gerson's therapy, at its heart it aims to flood the body with hydraulically pressed, organically grown fruit and vegetable juices. It is also a complete regime, aimed at regenerating the body's own healing system, not easy to follow and quite time consuming, but rewarding to those who do.

Preshaw has recited the

post-WWII, pharmaceutically oriented, American Medical Association's (AMA) judgement of Gerson and his therapy. I would recommend he read Gerson's book *A Cancer Therapy* before passing further judgement. In this book, he will find 50 case studies, meticulously documented.

Alternatively, he could start by reading an article by Dr. Patricia Spain Ward, *History of the Gerson Therapy*. This article provides an excellent overview of Gerson's contribution, a contribution still waiting for the acclaim and acceptance it so richly deserves.

Preshaw might also want to read the JAMA, January 25, 1980 article by Dr.

William Regelson titled *The Grand Conspiracy against Cancer Cures*, in which a reformed AMA admitted wrongdoing and acknowledged the damage this otherwise prestigious body had caused to so many fine reputations. In this article, Regelson is quoted as determining that "inappropriate judgements have resulted in injury to good observations."

In fact, this last comment by Regelson does go to the heart of the matter. Real progress tends to arise out of the untiring efforts of true scientists and pioneers who devote their lives to research, basing their work on unceasing observation and testing until the truth of the matter presents itself.

Personally, I think Potter, in looking to organically grown produce for a solution, is headed in the right direction. I also believe that he is in the process of making a real contribution. However, he too could benefit from reading up on Gerson's work. Has he finally solved the mystery? I doubt it. As Gerson found, no one remedy should be expected to cure cancer, but a well-constructed regime, aimed at healing the entire body, stands a much better chance.

With this in mind, I really feel it is time that members of different branches of the healing arts professions stopped hurling grenades at each other and started working together for the benefit of us all. For example, natu-

ropathic and medical doctors, by sharing their knowledge, have much to offer the collective wisdom, as do the practitioners of Chinese, Ayurvedic and other healing traditions.

So, it is saddening, but comes as no surprise to me that the efforts of pioneers in their fields, such as Drs. Potter and Gerson, are still being criticized and condemned. Perhaps it is because they present a challenge to the power structure supported by conventional wisdom, in this case, the medical establishment. May it all end soon.

The writer is an 11-year surviving cancer patient who followed the Gerson regime and lives on Salt Spring.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *Are you concerned about theft on the island?*



Chris Martens

In general I'd say no. Theft hasn't affected me personally and I don't think it's as bad as in the city.



Athena Varlis

The same thing that's happening in the city is happening here. Let's not be blind to it. People say it's a beautiful safe place, but that's a crock.



Michael Elsser

Not really. Lots of people help each other out and if something gets stolen, it's usually found pretty quickly.



Aerin Young

Yes I am. A stolen truck was left in my driveway last weekend.



Ronda Steel

Low-income people feel the pinch and I'm concerned about what that element will bring to the island.

Letters to the Editor

Positive steps

One week ago, March 8, was the official groundbreaking for the indoor pool. The weather was cold and pouring rain.

PARC commissioners, Ssplash board members, architect Alan Roy, pool task force volunteers and others watched as youngsters Rebecca and Jimmy Steel, and senior Irene Gibbs did the honours with three huge shovels.

Although work has begun on the site, and some concrete has already been poured, the event was much more than ceremonial. It marked a positive step toward realizing the dream of an indoor pool on Salt Spring.

After the groundbreaking, Ssplash presented PARC with a cheque for \$175,000. It will be used for tiling the main swimming tank and the swirl pool. Ssplash has worked hard for the indoor pool and has brought together a large group of community volunteers who have shared their time and talents in efforts to raise community funds in support of the project.

Thank you to all Ssplash members for the work you have done and for this resulting donation.

Our architect, Alan Roy, has designed a pool that is uniquely Salt Spring. He surprised everyone present at the groundbreaking with a generous personal donation of \$20,000, and we owe him our thanks for both.

To the anonymous donor of almost \$10,000 for the purchase of starting blocks for our swim team, a very public and grateful thank you.

There will be many busy months ahead and more thanks to be said, but they will wait for the grand opening of the pool.

In the meantime, as we move forward, I encourage islanders to support this exciting project. March 8, 2006 was cold and rainy, but a very good day!

ROSEMARY TRUMP,
PARC chair

Precedent

Dr. Gerry Potter, an English cancer researcher, claims to have discovered that salvestrols, a substance

formed in fruit and vegetables when they are exposed to fungi, appears to selectively kill cancer cells, while not harming regular cells.

He has worked for most of his career to develop cancer-fighting agents and recently has switched focus from man-made substances to substances found in nature. Initial trials with cancer patients seem to show the salvestrol success rate at roughly 50 per cent, which is much higher than most other cancer cures.

The well-educated, diverse and rational audience seemed to be very interested in the presentation he made at Lions Hall on March 2.

The negative reactions by Dr. Preshaw in his March 8 Viewpoint, are unfortunately typical of some doctors, and represent the tight bond between some doctors and the pharmaceutical companies.

If you're not with them, then you're against them. If the drug companies were truly interested in our health, you'd think they would be very interested in Dr. Potter's research.

It is interesting to remember that Rachel Carson, who first raised the flag on the dangers of DDT, was attacked both personally and technically by the chemical companies, who stood to lose money if she was correct. They did not defeat Rachel.

Sarcasm, frequent in Dr. Preshaw's article, is one of the tools used to ridicule the opposition.

Why such concern that Dr. Potter will be making money on salvestrols?

If salvestrol is as effective at fighting cancer as research indicates, then I would want Dr. Potter to become very rich.

Has Dr. Preshaw expressed this same concern at how much money the pharmaceutical companies are making with mark-ups of 200 and 300 times on some drugs?

Perhaps Dr. Preshaw has started a precedent. In the future, I would like to see doctors, when prescribing a drug, state, "This drug is going to cost you \$1,200 per year and I am also appalled at the profits those drug companies are making on it."

Fortunately, time will tell whether Dr. Potter is working in the right direction. I believe he is.

HARRY BURTON,
Heidi Place

First choice

The CRD is now proposing a process that ultimately will lead to the amalgamation of two water districts on Salt Spring Island: Fernwood and Highlands.

One of these districts, Fernwood, holds an unused water licence to draw substantial volumes of water from St. Mary Lake.

This water licence was obtained after years of steadfast determination on Fernwood Water District's behalf, so as to be in the position to offer piped water to our neighbours. (The proposed North Beach extension.)

Unfortunately, the North Beach extension has bogged down for some years now, due to residents of this unserved area being unable to reach the mutual decision to move forward with the project.

This water licence is now in jeopardy of being used for a purpose not originally contemplated. It is possible that it will fuel new subdivisions in the Highlands, or it may be sought by Channel Ridge developers — but rest assured, such a valuable asset will not go unnoticed or uncovered.

I would rather see existing homes with inadequate supplies of water being given first opportunity to access this water source.

If North Beach residents are unable to come together and grab the opportunity, then perhaps Walker Hook residents could seize the moment.

In any case, the CRD must be informed by Salt Springers that this water is unavailable to any other than those present residents, who will benefit most from a safe and adequate supply of piped water.

ROBERT TRUMP,
Salt Spring

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We're still taking a licking from Canada Post monopoly

It was bad enough to be holed up in a hotel room for the entire Winter Olympics force fed a diet of CBC sports guy Brian Williams fidgeting with himself like Barney Fife on double espressos.

It was bad enough enduring the same sentimental commercials about "those brave lads with the maple leaf on their hockey sweaters" winning the gold in 1949.

But the worst was a full-page ad in the March 2 Globe and Mail by our own Canada Post, crowing about their generous sponsorship of the speed skating and freestyle ski teams.

Now don't get me wrong. A chill went up my spine when I saw speed skater Clara Hughes collapse on the ice, her chest heaving like a salmon on the dock.

But for Canada Post to spend tens of thousands of dollars to publicly slap themselves on the

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



back is both incredulous and hypocritical. Here's why.

Canada Post operates in some sort of business parallel universe.

Let's say that the Internet is making small dents in the volume of mail Canada Post handles. More and more people are paying bills through the Internet, letters are becoming a quaint relic of a past century, and Christmas cards are done through group e-mailing.

Profits begin to slip.

A regular company would sweat out alternatives through brainstorming sessions in a lodge in Port Renfrew.

Canada Post simply goes to the federal government, which rubber stamps a price increase in the cost of mailing a letter.

The federal government is the sole shareholder of Canada Post and has everything to gain.

So when Canada Post whispers in the feds' ear, "Push through this one cent increase, and we'll give you 40 per cent of the profits," guess what happens.

That's exactly what happens. Over the past few years, as if by clockwork, every January sees the price of a regular letter go up by a penny.

This is followed by a press release by the public relations department crowing about the massive profits garnered the year before.

In 2004, the post office made \$147 million, of which \$63 million went to the federal government in "dividends."

This year they will pay the feds an estimated \$59 million, capping off 10 years of uninterrupted profits to the tune of \$1 billion.

Over that period they managed to buy 94 per cent of Purolator to corner the international parcel

market, and *still* made obscene profits.

How much difference does a little penny make? The post office moves over 10 billion pieces of mail a year.

Raise the price a cent, and you've just made \$100 million. That was easy, wasn't it?

Don't even get me started on fuel surcharges.

Canada Post was one of the first to jump on this cash cow, gradually ratcheting it up to today's rate of almost 10 per cent to ship a parcel through its subsidiary Purolator.

Personally, I don't mind paying the fuel surcharge on B.C. Ferries. It hurts, but B.C. Ferries loses money every year, and it's a constant struggle to keep the routes operating.

Fair enough. But for Canada Post, making over \$100 million a year one penny at a time, to slap us with an additional fuel charge is reprehensible.

I e-mailed Canada Post to

find out just how much they had spent on the sponsorship of the Canadian Winter Olympics team. I got a reply that brushed off the question . . . "we are not at liberty to disclose that information."

One would have thought that when past Canada Post CEO André Ouellette resigned over \$2 million in unaccounted-for expenses, there may have been some kind of top-level shift on how this corporation does business. Sadly, it's the same old, same old.

Massive profits. No accountability. A virtual monopoly.

If it was Microsoft, if it was Enron or Haliburton, if it was Martha Stewart, it would be all over the news.

But this is Canada.

And just like we put up with Brian Williams' CBC Olympic histrionics, we will likely sit back and continue to take a licking from our own beloved Canada Post.

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More letters

More sensible

I should like to support the points made by Greg Harme-son in his letter last week, opposing the time limit B.C. Ferries is proposing for use of the books of tickets, especially that the company "has the use of the money" well in advance.

This must be an advantage, or so many other organiza-tions — those selling theatre series tickets, magazine sub-scriptions, etc. — would not also practise the method.

B.C. Ferries has recently taken to advertising on TV. Why is this necessary on a service for which there is a captive clientele all year round, and during tourist season there is often an over-flow resulting in a one-or-two sailing-wait?

Would it not be more sen-sible to put the funds now being spent on expensive TV advertising towards holding fare levels, or at least reduc-

ing the exploitive "fuel sur-charge?"

BETTY MARYON,
 Salt Spring

Encouraging, not mindless

It does get one's atten-tion, to see Christian Peace-maker Teams (CPT) mem-bers referred to as "mind-less dupes" or even "dopes" in search of a cause, "any cause," to quote Michael Friedman's March 1 letter.

For my part, I am very grateful that the CPT exists; even though I am not a Chris-tian, I'm glad that they prove that not all Christians are as warlike, dumbed-down and dishonest as George Bush. It's also so important that we learn non-violent ways of working towards peace and justice, and the CPT experi-ence can certainly contribute to that.

One thing we have learned is that the human mind is susceptible to "groupthink," to what Doris Lessing called the "You Are Damned, We Are Saved" type of thinking that can lead to murder and even genocide.

Just because I want the foreign militaries out of Iraq (and I hope that the U.S. government will not bomb Iran, a move which would have disastrous consequences), I recognize that, for many people living under dictatorships, even a violent end to those regimes is welcome.

The Western world does have some great things to share with the rest of the world, but we reduce our chances of sharing useful technologies and values if we waste our resources on war and war preparation,

if our emotions are caught up in fearing and scorning whoever is supposed to be our "enemy." We don't need the more "robust" war-fight-ing capacity that Chief of Defence Staff Hillier wants for Canada, but the qualities exemplified by the CPT and by many others, who recog-nize the need to reduce the huge disparity between rich and poor, to respect and care for the natural world, to stop feeding the bloated mili-tary industrial complex and invest instead in the power of nonviolence.

It is encouraging that so many other people see these as important priorities as well.

JAN SLAKOV,
 Salt Spring

Vigilance

I am so glad that Salt Spring Island has made a more sensible decision on the gypsy moth spray issue than was made in Victo-ria area in 1998 when they sprayed here.

I was well aware of the spraying and made sure my windows were all closed tight. I even put a note to myself on my Balcony Win-dow to the effect "DO NOT OPEN" to make sure that I didn't just get up and throw it wide open as usual on nice days.

Well, the last fly-over went directly over the hi-rise I live in. I know it did because I watched it making the pass over. That was at exactly 7:15 a.m. and by 9:15 a.m. I was on my way to the Royal Jubilee Hospital emergency room with breathing prob-lems.

The taxi driver kept tell-ing me "Don't die on me, lady" — we got to the hospi-

tal, a worker came out with a wheelchair when I was near collapse against a pil-lar, rushed me into the ER and the last thing I remem-bered was nurses tearing my clothes off of me and hook-ing me up to all manner of machines.

After a few days I ended up in another room off the ER with an ARC — 'acute respiratory collapse' — sign above the door. I was sent home in two weeks hooked up to an oxygen concentra-tor 24/7 which I still use eight years later, only not 24/7 now, just for sleeping hours.

Do you know I could not get anyone in the medical profession to acknowledge there might have been a possi-bility that the gypsy moth spraying was responsible for my respiratory collapse that exact time/morning.

I have my own suspicions of what may have happened. I think our building's venti-lation system may have cir-culated the spray into our system.

Sorry that I have taken so long to say what a danger-ous thing that gypsy moth spray was for me personally and with members of my family living on Salt Spring, including a granddaughter in high school there, Salt Spring is to be congratulated for being persistent in pro-protecting the island environ-ment for all.

It takes eternal vigilance to guard our rights in today's world. Thanks to Salt Spring for your vigilance.

DOROTHY HUBERT,
 Victoria

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Public Notice

Crofton Division will hold a mill evacuation drill this month.

We conduct drills regularly to ensure all employees are familiar with emergency procedures.

During the drill, our emergency evacuation horn system will sound for about 15 minutes.

We appreciate the community's support as we test our emergency response systems.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Islands Trust
ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
 FOR
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION
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ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL
COMMUNITY HOUSING TASK FORCE

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is now receiving applications from interested community members to fill vacant positions on the Advisory Planning Commission, the Advisory Environment Committee, the Advisory Design Panel and a Community Housing Task Force. These appointments are for a 2-year term, and may be extended for a further term. All applicants must be Electors of the Local Trust Committee and residents of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area.

	Role of the Advisory Committees	Vacancies
Advisory Planning Commission	To advise the Local Trust Committee on matters respecting community planning, land use, proposed bylaws and permit applications referred to the committee.	2
Advisory Design Panel	To evaluate the design of proposed development projects and advise the Local Trust Committee on the merits of the designs referred to the committee.	2
Advisory Environment Committee	To provide advice and education to the Local Trust Committee about environmental issues; to encourage and promote private stewardship, and to advise on land use matters and applications referred to the committee.	1
Community Housing Task Force	To advise the Local Trust Committee on proposed community housing projects, housing agreements and a potential community housing authority.	1

Further information regarding the roles and responsibilities of advisory committee members may be obtained by contacting the Ganges office of the Islands Trust.

While a professional background or work experience in a related field would be an asset, the Local Trust Committee is interested in hearing from all persons who have a broad understanding of the island community and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character. Citizens interested in participating in any of these committees are invited to apply in writing before Friday, March 24, 2006. Applications must include a statement of interest, relevant experience and qualifications, and should be addressed to:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Proposed Bylaws No. 411, No. 412 and No. 413

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning proposed bylaws numbered 411, 412 and 413, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

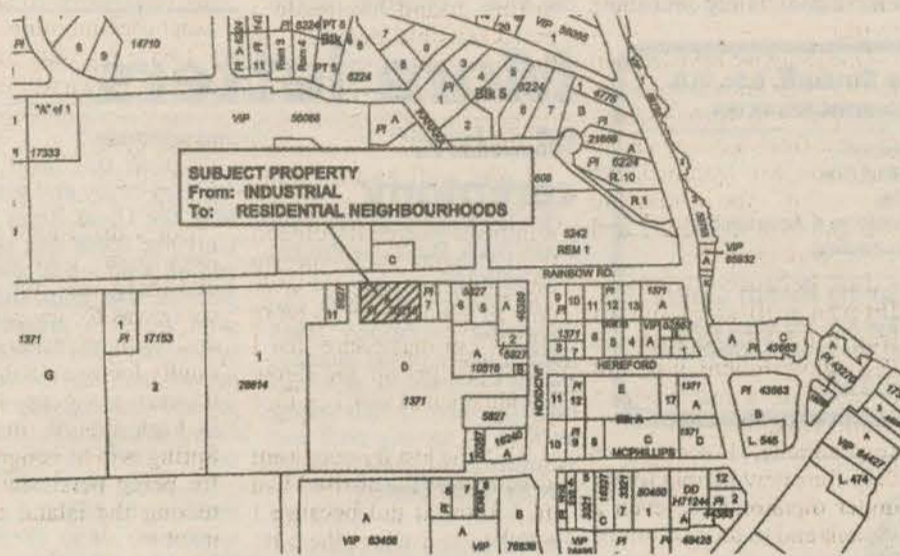
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1. Proposed Bylaw No. 411, cited as "Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1997, Amendment No. 3, 2005".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 411 is to amend the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan by changing the designation of the subject property from Industrial to Residential Neighbourhoods, as shown on Plan No. 1, and by adding supporting policies.

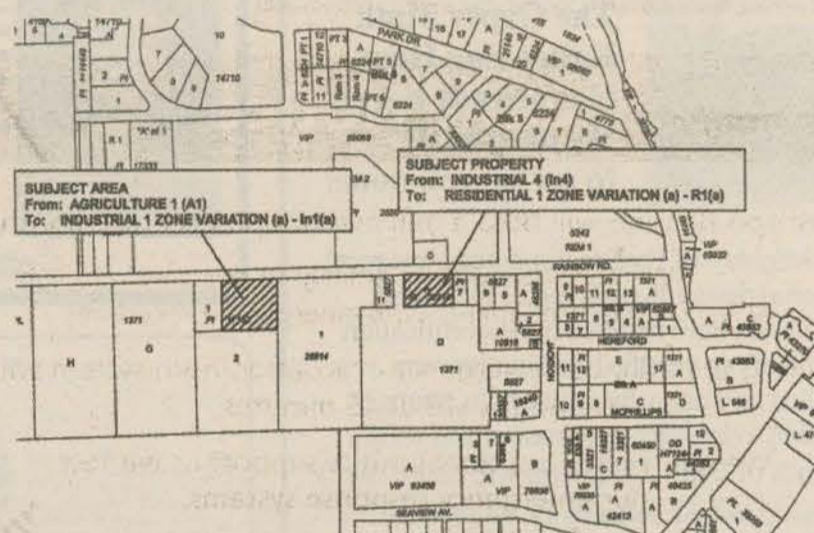
Plan No. 1 - Proposed Bylaw No. 411



2. Proposed Bylaw No. 412, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 5, 2005".

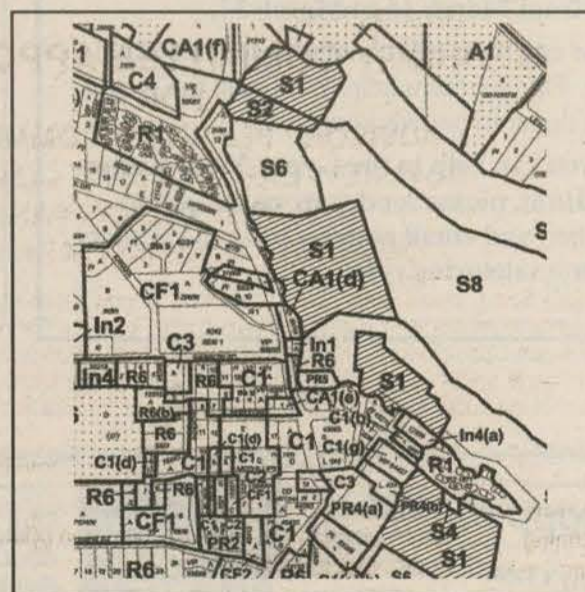
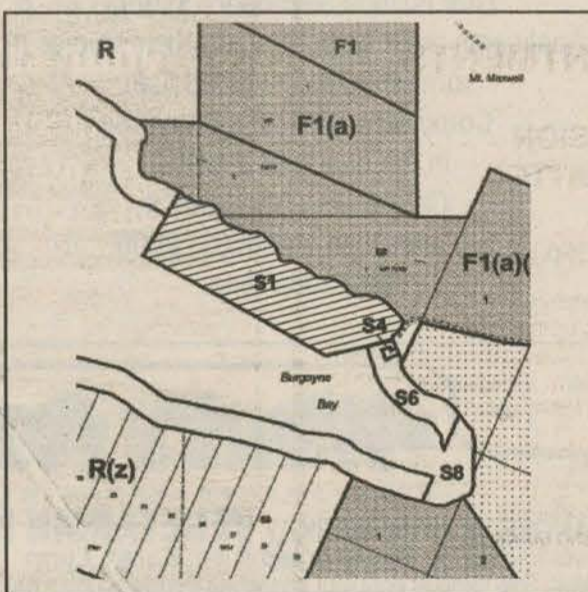
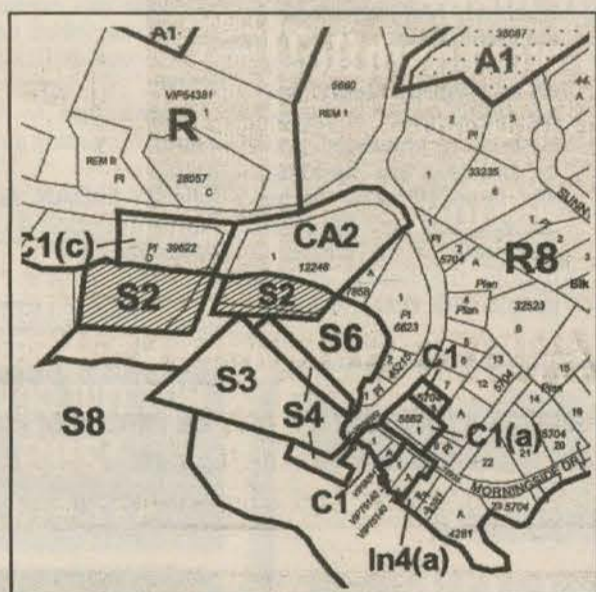
In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 412 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 by: adding new definitions; creating a new Industrial 1(a) zone variation - In1(a), and by changing the zoning of Lot 2, Section 1, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 17153 from Agriculture 1 (A1) to In1(a); and by creating a new Residential 1 zone variation (a) - R1(a), and by changing the zoning of Lot A, Section 1, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 30218 from Industrial 4 (In4) to R1(a), to permit 27 multi-family, affordable housing units; as shown on Plan No. 2.

Plan No. 2 - Proposed Bylaw No. 412



3. Proposed Bylaw No. 413 cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2006".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 413 is to amend the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to establish that only accessory buildings are permitted in the Shoreline Zones. This proposed amendment pertains to the Shoreline 1 (S1) and Shoreline 2 (S2) Zones, as shown on the plans below:



Copies of the proposed bylaws, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Friday, March 17, 2006 and up to and including Monday, March 27, 2006 at 12:00 noon.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Victoria Office of the Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, commencing Friday, March 17, 2006 and up to and including Monday, March 27, 2006 at 12:00 noon. Copies of Proposed Bylaws 411, 412 and 413 are also available on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

1. By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or by email to ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, prior to 12:00 noon on Monday, March 27, 2006. However, those persons who choose to make written submissions by email prior to the time and date above provided ought to require confirmation of receipt of their email and, in any event, the risk that an email is not received lies with the sender;
2. after 12:00 noon to the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED BYLAWS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.


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The Gypsy Moth Easter Egg Hunt Has already begun We need YOU to get the job done!

The Ministry of Forests has agreed to cancel their aerial pesticide spraying of the island, which would have resulted in de-certification for some of our certified organic growers and killed rare butterfly species. In return, we agreed to look for egg masses and set out thousands of traps. (That step will come later.)

We need lots of volunteers. Everyone who finds a gypsy moth egg mass will receive a "fabulous" prize donated by local businesses!

Volunteers will work in teams under the direction of a Co-Ordinator. Training will be provided. **We'll be working in the Lee's Hill area from March 16 to March 31.**

One egg mass can contain up to a thousand eggs. Finding them helps eliminate the gypsy moth threat to our environment.

If you can help in the Gypsy Moth Easter Egg Hunt, please send your name, phone number, and email address to Leslie Wallace, at law@saltspring.com

ROSES

Roses to Minzie Anderson for all her hard work and determination to keep us fit and energized in her aerobic ball class, and calm and relaxed in her wonderful stretching class. I'm in my "happy" place. KV

Ten dozen beautiful south-end roses to Ron Spencer (president) and Marie Teitge (treasurer) to thank them for 10 years of inspired and enthusiastic volunteer service to the Fulford Community Hall. J T-T

A giant bunch of red roses to Reg Winstone for his donation of a life-size crib board to the residents of Greenwoods. We thank you for your kindness. CL

An extra big thanks to Wilco Construction, Tim Duke Plumbing and Heating, and Dave Abley Electrical for going out of their way in fixing our water system when we returned home from vacation. Everything was fixed and operating in two hours — as usual you always go above and beyond the call of duty in providing great service! WW and RW

A bouquet of roses to the flower fairy who secretly planted those beautiful yellow daffodils in my planters! They are very special and make me smile every time I look at them. RS


A bag of tea scones hidden in an armful of red roses to

RANTS & ROSES

Sam and all the Slegg Lumber gang for contributing all the paint needed for the lovely new addition to the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society building. The spirit of Salt Spring is alive and well!


A cheery bouquet of spring flowers to all Salt Springers who continue the tradition of picking up hitchhikers. And for all who don't — why not? If you are running a vehicle from here to there, it is your duty. Please pick up whoever needs a lift. As an older woman, I have never felt unsafe and have met the most wonderful people in the process, and recommend it highly!

Multi-coloured roses to the women and men who participated in International Women's Day last Wednesday. In particular, Kirsty Oliveira, Elly Silverman, Mitch Howard, Trish Wheeler, Raging Grannies, Women of Note, Linda Koroscil, Al Irving and Susan Lercher, GISS Cafeteria, Debbie, Russ and Marilyn Ming, who made special efforts to make the celebration run smoothly. Thanks also to everyone who pitched in for set-up, tea making and clean-up — you are sweethearts one and all.


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No exceptions.

More letters

Masons' ceremony

It's been one year since the Food Bank Building Project was initiated.

On March 2, 2006 the "opening ceremony" was held. It was a proud moment for the Freemasons of Admiral Lodge here on Salt Spring as well as for the staff and volunteers of the Community Services Society.

I would like to thank all the tradesmen who gave of their time in between their other projects. They are very busy people and we appreciate the extra effort.

In general, I am proud to be a member of this community that cares so much for so many things and supports them so well. For those who saw the picture in last week's paper, I would like to explain that a Corn, Wine and Oil ceremony was performed by the Freemasons.

"I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon this [building], and upon all noble undertakings, and may the Great Architect of the Universe inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude."

"I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country and all who are in authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land."

"I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and goodwill among men; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved; provide for and protect the widow, the fatherless and the suffering poor, and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life."

I hope this explains what we accomplished on March 2 with our dedication ceremony.

Thank you to Derrick Lundy for getting a fine photograph.
RANDY SLOAN, JW
 Admiral Lodge #170, AF&AM

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What's for Dinner?

THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET VEGETARIAN MOUSSAKA
Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn

Moussaka: This famous eggplant casserole borrowed from the Middle East is the shepherd's pie of Greece. There are endless variations of moussaka: Egyptian, Greek, Turkish, Cypriot and Yugoslavian. There are also variations according to vegetables used and with or without meat. The common principle is layers of vegetables (aubergines, courgettes, potatoes) alternating with layers of minced meat + tomato sauce + onions, topped with Bechamel sauce and baked in an oven. Grated parmesan or such like cheese can also be sprinkled on top. It is generally served hot, but can also be eaten cold. This is a meat-less moussaka.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel & slice 4 medium potatoes. Boil the potatoes for 20 minutes. Heat 3 tablespoons oil in a large frying pan then add 1 medium onion, sliced, 2 sliced large mushrooms, 2 cloves of garlic, minced, 1 tablespoon oregano, & 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Remove from pan & set aside. Peel and slice 1 large eggplant (aubergine) thinly, sprinkle with salt and allow their bitter juices to drain in a colander for at least 1/2 hour. Squeeze, wash in cold water and pat dry. Dust with bread crumbs. Using a large frying pan, sauté in 3 tablespoons oil over medium heat until soft. Drain on a paper towel. Make a white sauce using 2 tablespoons oil, 1 tablespoon flour, 1 1/2 cups almond milk (or regular milk), 1 teaspoon corn starch dissolved in 2 teaspoons of water (or 1 egg) and salt & black pepper to taste. Heat the oil in a pan, stir in the flour, then gradually add in the milk. Keep stirring as the sauce thickens. Let the sauce cool, then stir in the starch or beaten egg. You are now ready to assemble the moussaka. Place 1 can cooked lentil soup & 1 cup medium sliced tofu in an oiled oven dish. Add 1 small can of diced tomatoes. Cover with the sliced eggplant, sliced potatoes, and then with the vegetable mixture. Spread the white sauce over the top (top with cheese if desired). Bake covered for 45 minutes. Let stand for 5 min. before serving.

Shopping list:


- Amy's Lentil soup
- Medium tofu
- Potatoes
- Olive oil
- Onion
- Mushrooms
- Garlic
- Oregano
- Cinnamon
- Eggplant
- Fine bread crumbs
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Clinical trials

I read with interest Dr. Preshaw's article in the March 8 Driftwood about professor Potter and his "cancer treatment" products.

I think your readers might find it useful to understand what a "clinical trial" is, why they are vitally important, and why they take so long to complete. No one, in my opinion, should take any kind of medication ("natural" or otherwise) if they do not know whether the substances they are ingesting have undergone the clinical trial process.

Clinical trials involve many components, which are all essential to the process of establishing the safety and efficacy of a drug. Some of these include the reasons why the trial should be carried out; the design, which should compare different therapies (or therapy and placebo); the inclusion and exclusion criteria determining which patients should enter the trial; the use of randomization or bias control measures; the number of patients to be tested in order to produce clear results; carefully defined outcomes (that is, measures of how well patients recover); and the analysis of the data.

There are three phases of systematic clinical testing. Phase I trials determine the criteria for safe and effective use of the therapy. This phase is extensive in order to eliminate factors that can confound the results of later Phase II and III trials. Phase II trials establish whether the therapy, at safe and optimal doses, works for the disease. Finally, Phase III trials compare the

new therapies to other therapies and/or to placebo.

I cannot state strongly enough that people must be informed and that they need to take on that responsibility themselves. People such as professor Potter exploit the vulnerable.

JUDY LEVINE,
Isabella Point Road

Water focus

World Water Day is March 22. For the six weeks preceding Easter, the Salt Spring United Church is undertaking a program called "Water in Focus" during which we are observing the value of a clean, plentiful supply of water for all.

Working with church partners such as Kairos (Christian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives), the United Church of Canada is exploring ways to improve access to clean water. Our services will focus on the essential role water plays in our lives and, as a church, we are educating ourselves about how we use (and perhaps abuse) water.

A calendar and a donation box developed by the United Church World Development and Relief, Mission and Service Fund keeps us on our toes. As I write this on a Wednesday, my calendar reminds me that the average Canadian uses 10 litres of water each time they brush their teeth. If I were to have made the mistake of leaving the water running while I brushed my teeth this morning, my calendar prompts me to put 50¢ in my donation box. Dishwashers use more water than washing by hand. Those who use dishwashers

are asked to put a loonie in their collection box.

On many days over the next few weeks, we will be depositing money in our boxes. But on other days we are prompted to act. For example, one day next month the calendar suggests writing down five things to do to conserve water at home; on another day, we are asked to visit a local lake or stream and to clean up the trash around it.

At the end of the program, each of us is asked to count up the money in our collection boxes and offer it in the form of a cheque to the World Development and Relief, Mission and Service Fund. This money will be used to help develop water resources in needy areas around the world.

We encourage members of the community to join us. We have a plentiful supply of calendars and little collection boxes so that you and your family can participate in our program of education, prayer, action and giving.

Come to church on Sunday, at 10 a.m., or pick up a calendar at the church office on Tuesday through Friday mornings. Or, if you'd prefer, write a cheque to the World Development and Relief, Mission and Service Fund, United Church of Canada, Suite 300, 3250 Bloor St. W., Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4.

For more information, check with www.kairoscanada.org or with www.united-church.ca.
HELEN HINCHLIFF,
Ganges

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The Assisted Living Building is being constructed at a cost of \$7,700,000.00, with the majority of the cost being borne by BC Housing, Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) the Capital Regional District (CRD) & Canada Housing & Mortgage Corp.

The community at large has been asked to raise \$350,000.00; to date the Greenwoods Foundation has received approximately \$100,000.00.

We look forward to seeing you on March 31st & April 1st.

Complimentary tickets for the evening of April 1st are available from the ArtSpring Box Office.

Please return these tickets if you find you are unable to attend

The Foundation welcomes appropriate items for the auction.

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More letters

Tax revolt

Gary Lundy's March 8 letter (What's Fair?) recommends that property taxes for a principal residence should be based on your purchase price and stay at that level.

I couldn't agree more, and will gladly join any tax revolt that forces that amendment. Proposition 13 Redux: Set our homes free of expropriating taxes!

The provinces are deeply in debt, so allow citizens to pay that out and set things square again. Pay an optional amount above that house price, in Gary's plan, so that its interest forever offsets the taxes. So if the property tax is \$1,000, and you put up another \$20K at five per cent interest, your property becomes forever tax exempt.

Clean title, no provincial debt. Works for me.

Working toward a tax-free home would have a certain appeal, and that would really be something pristine to leave your family.

But it would shrink the tax base, eliminating it like penicillin, and the bureaucracies won't allow that — they are Canada's Pentagon.

Another wrinkle. About 25 years ago I phoned the Barry Clark radio show in Vancouver with the argument that we shouldn't be lowering the welfare rates when everyone's home in Vancouver had gone from \$75K to \$175K in five years.

The interest on that \$100K, I stated, is more than the basic welfare rate, and it lasts forever. For half the city.

He hung up on me.

I sympathize with Eric Booth on these tax matters (March 8 guest column). He seems to be the only guy researching this, like my excellent ice rink adventure.

Let's see. If you diverted \$400 per year to the winter club as a protest, we could call it the Quixotian Tax Revolt, and by then the ice is in. DWIGHT JONES, Salt Spring

Graduating

GISS student Aulden McQueen-Denz has brought up a very valid point in his column in last week's Driftwood. How to prepare

graduates from GISS for the "real world"?

My son graduated from GISS in 1984 and he and I (his mum) took off for Victoria for our individual further education. Total culture shock for him. He got involved peripherally with the drug scene, dropped out of college and returned to Salt Spring for a year of partying. Luckily, he got bored. Also, he had a degree in common sense and possessed a strong character.

Of course, the sheltered existence we all share on Salt Spring is difficult for adults also. How many people dash home to the safety of their lives here after experiencing the harsh realities of large cities and dangerous countries?

How to help our beautiful children to graduate from paddling pool to ocean?

Perhaps teacher/parent groups should give this question some thought. Perhaps more "field" trips and exchange programs should be planned. Perhaps the kids themselves can come up with an answer.

Keep thinking, Aulden, YVONNE ADALIAN, Forest Ridge

Invitation

In the years that it took to take Meadowbrook Seniors Residence from a vision to a reality, the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association was like the proverbial shirrtail: always on the bum.

Through the never-ending generosity of the Salt Spring community, Meadowbrook did become a reality and a bustling and thriving one at that. Yet, bustling and thriving though we may be, we are always striving to improve upon our successes and make Meadowbrook better and better.

Now, the residents themselves have stepped up to the plate and have planned their own fundraiser. Next Saturday, March 18, the residents of Meadowbrook will hold a sale of all sorts of things ranging from handmade quilts and antiques to "Fun With Shadows" and magic. Queenie Haddow, our resident fundraising leader, has been cracking the whip

and we have all been busy preparing for the big event. Besides all the treasures for sale, we will also be serving coffee and tea to refresh you between purchases. For those of you who are familiar with Meadowbrook, come back and visit us again. For those who may not have seen our lovely residence, this will provide an excellent opportunity to do so.

On behalf of all our hard-working residents I invite you to Meadowbrook on Saturday, March 18, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for our Fundraiser Extraordinaire. Come and bring a friend and your wallet.

MAUREEN O'BRIEN Administrator, Meadowbrook

Outdoor living

Ah yes, spring has sprung and right on cue the beautiful landscape up the ridge behind Blackburn Lake is littered with crappy collapsed tents, rain-sodden sleeping bags, tarps, moldy clothes and soggy rolls of toilet paper.

The "campsites" and trees are scarred with hacked off branches, blackened fire pits, plastic bags, garbage, food and the general detritus of outdoor living strewn by the animals and wind. So, after abandoning your camp and when you're hanging out in Ganges debating the plagues that threaten mankind and your original and insightful solutions, remember that "talk is cheap and actions speak far louder and more honest than words."

Those environmentalists among you please note that Salt Spring does not now, nor has it ever, run a garbage pick-up on the foot path. Cleaning up your site and leaving large garbage bags stacked and neatly tied does nothing but save your conscience and provide sport for the animals.

Here's to another gorgeous spring and I hope that someday you too can experience the joy and exhilaration of involuntary contribution to homelessness and world peace.

BOB ELSEA, Dukes Road

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Criteria for Supreme Court justice selection is flawed

By URI COGAN

I don't know if Jack Hallam's awareness that he may be "erroneously" labelled an anti-Semite is justified or not, but his concern with the "Jewishness" of two Supreme Court justices raises some serious questions in my mind.

Mr. Hallam appears to suspect that these judges' sympathy for Israel may

bias them against the democratically-elected, "freedom-fighting" Hamas.

He draws parallels to other terrorist organizations that achieved legitimacy in the past. True, many "liberation" movements have a rather bloody history, but Mr. Hallam neglects to mention that the Mau Mau, the IRA, the PLO and even the Israeli Irgun achieved legitimacy, recognition and support only after they had renounced indiscriminate terror, laid down their arms and moved into the political arena. Hamas, a fundamentalist Islamic organization that had sent at least 60 suicide bombers into Israel still officially embraces terror against civilians, refuses to honour the agreements and the commitments to the peace process that were signed by the previous Palestinian Authority, and still calls for the "eradication" of Israel.

The very notion that religion, ethnicity, race, or regional background can be meaningful criteria for judge selection is a challenge. Shall we insist on a quota of 50 per cent women, one gay, at least one from any of the First Nations (which?), three Roman Catholics, one of whom to be non-white, four Protestants divided among evangelists, Mormons, Anglicans and United Church members. One Jew

(no more!), one Muslim (to show that we are tolerant) and one animist just for the hell of it?

Mr. Hallam also proposes that for good balance we should have one judge from the Atlantic provinces, three from Ontario and Québec and two from the West, but he fails to specify the proper merger of the religious, cultural, ethnic and possibly racial criteria with the regional or geographic considerations.

This leaves us with the simple option of choosing judges by merit alone, and leaving it to their conscience to decide where they may have a conflict of loyalties or not as the case may be.

Mr. Hallam may well insist that he's a liberal-minded and tolerant person and he may even state that "some of his best friends are Jews," etc., but I must admit that I'm revolted by the aroma of his insinuation that the mere Jewishness of Canadian judges may put them in a conflict of loyalties. Using the same "reasoning," he ought to have insisted in the past that Canadian-English Protestant Judges should have disqualified themselves for fear that they may be biased against, and would have blocked funding to the IRA while it was still committing indiscriminate acts of terror. I also wonder

whether Mr. Hallam's background check also looked into, and could inform us of the other seven judges' religious-ethnic-cultural biases, or was it just Jews that it was set to filter out?

As an Israeli-born Canadian, I am fiercely critical of some of Israel's policies towards the Palestinians, as are many other Canadians, Jewish or not, and many Israelis too. It may well be that in the future Israel will agree to negotiate with Hamas and even support it, but this could only happen after Hamas lays down its arms and recognizes Israel's right to exist. This could provide an opportunity for Israel to lay down its arms as well, and continue the process that will hopefully bring some peace to that tormented region.

Meanwhile, I'm planning to visit Israel next week for my mother-in-law's 90th birthday. I do hope not to be blown to bits on a bus or in a café by any of Mr. Hallam's valued "freedom fighters." I also confess to having a little problem with Hamas' desire to "eradicate" Israel. For me this means that they actually, physically, want to eradicate my mother-in-law, but I do love the old lady.

The writer is a Salt Spring photographer and former photo-journalist.

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The recently appointed Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee is holding its first meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. The chairperson(s) for the next one-year term will be selected at this meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Goosed

I saw the ad in the employment section of the March 1 Driftwood for Goose Pullers for \$12 per hour.

"Gee," I thought. "That sounds pretty good!"

But then I began to wonder, "What's a Goose Puller?"

"Maybe," I thought, "they mean Goose 'Pluckers' — it would take more than \$12 to get me interested in that!"

Or they could mean goose 'herders' — you know how stubborn and mean geese can be.

Or maybe it's some new

contest for the fall fair!

But alas, when I re-checked the ad for the phone number, I saw that the request was for 'Gorse' Pullers, not Goose Pullers at all.

Well, I'll be darned.

ROGER BRUNT,
 Salt Spring



Islands Trust

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The scheduled meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of each month at ArtSpring, at 100 Jackson Avenue, commencing at 1:00 PM and are listed as follows:

March 28,	August 30,
April 25,	September 26,
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Blues and dinner dish up sports court

An upcoming big blues band dinner and dance event on March 25 will raise funds to complete a multi-purpose court project for the high school that was initiated by Nairn Howe.

"I've never been in a band with so many knowledgeable musicians," said fundraising band member Jim Raddysh.

Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band features Raddysh on vocals, a five-piece horn section (Dave Astill, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Ted Hickford, Murray Hunter and Jamie Macdonnell), drummer Lorne Burns, Kevin Vine on piano, Neil Kerrigan on bass, Ken Fairbrother on guitar and backing vocals from Deb Toole, Wendy Vine and Gilian Hickford.

"The thing about this band is that there will probably only be one performance of this particular group," Raddysh said.

They will focus on classic blues from artists such as Powder Blues Band and Colin James during their performance at Meaden Hall, he said.

"If you want to see Deb Toole sing Chain of Fools, this is the time."

Islanders can also expect hits like: Give Me Some Lovin, Mustang Sally, Bopping With the Blues and Cadillac Baby.

Dinner will be catered by students from the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) cafeteria program and served between 6:30 and 9 p.m.

"All proceeds will go to the Howe Multi-Purpose Court," said Raddysh.

The multi-purpose court was planned by Howe as her last big project before she died of cancer on December 25, 2005.

Howe first promoted the idea of a multi-purpose court for GISS when she served as a chair of the parent advisory council (PAC) in 2004/05.



SINGING THE BLUES: Members of Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band get set for a fundraising dinner and dance bash at Meaden Hall on March 25. All proceeds will be directed towards a proposed multi-purpose sports court at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

"She had all of the survey and plans done up, but she didn't get the funds," said Raddysh.

A keen enthusiast of youth sports, Howe envisioned an enclosed court with a special rubberized surface that would be suitable for tennis, volleyball, basketball, lacrosse and roller-blade hockey.

The multi-purpose court project has been in the works since 1998 when the Capital Regional District provided a \$5,000 grant-in-aid. Back in January 2004, the GISS PAC also passed a motion to apply its \$13,000 gaming grant toward the project and the school board responded with a matching grant.

Howe planned for a 24-by 36.5-metre (80 by 120-

foot) court covered with a protective outdoor Plexifloor surface that would be lined for tennis, basketball and hockey.

Four-foot (1.2-metre) high heavy-duty plywood boards would surround the court for games like hockey or lacrosse. Another 1.8 metre (six-foot) chainlink fence would top the plywood boards.

In her \$100,000 budget for the project, Howe also planned for four basketball poles, nets and hoops, along with tennis nets, posts and winches.

Advance tickets for the dinner and dance (\$25) at Meaden Hall (downstairs in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #92) are available at Acoustic Planet and Island Star Video.

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Worms unearth ripe material

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Islanders welcomed a boisterous, versatile and cheerful bunch of Arrogant Worms at ArtSpring on Friday.

Bouncing around the stage with a harmonic mixture of double entendres, tight musicianship and off-beat, if not inoffensive humour, the Worms succeeded in delighting a full-house crowd.

"We were here a year ago and now we're back. That never happens," said Arrogant Worms singer Chris Patterson. "We count on fresh meat."

But eager fans lapped up the Worms' witty songs highlighting Canadian culture — like the earnest proposed anthem, We Are the Beaver, or Rocks and Trees (a sing-along with simple lyrics highlighting Cana-

dian geographic features), and Canadaman ("He says, 'excuse me' if you step on his foot.").

But the trio of Kingston, Ontario-based musicians offered more than a nudge at Canadiana. They shared songs lampooning almost every genre, such as the "power rock love ballad" Log Into You, in the full 1987 style of Bon Jovi — complete with hairclips, gyrating guitar arms and strange hand gestures — with lyrics taken from puns on a computer glossary.

They delivered country twang with Twins, a song that described how conjoined brothers would rather have more individual freedom, they danced through Gaelic folk with Jesus' Brother Bob and they ripped into old-timey gospel with I Ran Away.

A few songs were so funny that my face still hurt from laughing the following day.

A tango performance of Mime Abduction really needed to be observed as Trevor Strong displayed his physical-acting skills while taking pokes at the famed artistic form.

Carrot Juice is Murder (sung to the tune of the Piano Man) gave a thorough peeling, grating and dicing to activist folk.

"Vegetables live in oppression, served on our tables each night. This killing of veggies is madness, I say we

take up the fight."

And the lullaby Go To Sleep Little Leech brought me close to tears as Patterson offered his sincere and heartfelt ode to parenthood with lyrics like, "You've sucked us bone dry, stolen our money and will to survive."

Impromptu audience-performer interactions were another highlight to the show.

When the Worms sang I Am Cow, an islander (whose name is withheld due to incriminating admissions) called out, "This here is sheep country," and the singing humourists seized endless opportunities to return to that comment.

The anti-sing-along song — Mountain Animal Nature Trail — gave the Worms delightful opportunities to mock islanders who missed the song's punch line.

"Shut up," called out Mike McCormick. "They're dead. It's a funny, funny joke."

When islanders insisted on continuing to "roar" and "moo" against directions, McCormick stopped singing and commented, "Are the teachers on strike in this province again?"

Wrapping up their performance with the crowd-pleasing Last Saskatchewan Pirate, the Worms received a thunderous and enthusiastic standing ovation.

Heck, maybe they'll come back to mock islanders in another year.

Renowned musicians play at CFUW benefit

Two award-winning musicians will perform the music of renowned classical composers at an ArtSpring concert later this month.

Presented by the Salt Spring branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), Welcome Spring will feature violinist Van Armenian and pianist Patil Harboyan playing music by Bach, Beethoven, Debussy and other famous composers on Sunday, March 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Canadian-born Armenian has served as concertmaster of the Pacific Music Festival Orchestra in Japan and the National Repertory Orchestra in Colorado.

He is currently a principal substitute with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and is a founding member of the Ararat Trio. He is frequently heard on CBC radio as a member of Musica Camerata de Montreal, and has performed in Europe, Japan, the Caribbean, Canada, Israel and the U.S. as a recitalist and music festival guest.

Born in Lebanon, Harboyan has won numerous competitions and prizes, and was accepted into the prestigious

RD Colburn School of Performing Arts in Los Angeles on a full Philaban Scholarship in 1989.

Then, after continuing with her studies in Beirut until 1999, she began to study at McGill University with Richard Raymond, graduating in 2004 with a Master in Music degree.

Harboyan won first prize at the Trois-Rivieres Symphony Orchestra competition in 2004, was awarded the Radio Canada prize and is also a founding member of the Ararat Trio.

The concert marks the local CFUW's main fundraiser this year for its scholarship fund, which supports the higher education of women, both locally and worldwide.

According to a CFUW press release, the group is "very honoured that Van Armenian and Patil Harboyan have agreed to give a concert on Salt Spring, a day after a concert in Vancouver. We hope that members of this community will support us in this endeavour, and take advantage of the opportunity to hear two outstanding musicians."

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Mar 15, 2006 to Mar 21, 2006

- WEDNESDAY, MAR 15**
- 6:00 PM
14 ★★ **Deeply (2000, Drama)** An eccentric writer's tale of how a girl with a broken heart helps a grief-stricken teenager. *Kirsten Dunst, Lynn Redgrave* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ **High Tension (2003, Thriller)** A quiet weekend at a farmhouse quickly turns into an endless night of terror. *Cécile De France, Maiwenn Le Besco* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
24 ★★ **The Cable Guy (1996, Comedy)** An aggressive cable television technician tries to force his friendship on a vulnerable customer. *Jim Carrey, Matthew Broderick* (2h)
- 8:30 PM
3 ★★ **Double Bill (2003, Comedy)** Psychoanalyst Bill Goodman gets himself into a bit of trouble when he marries two women. *Peter Gallagher, Cheryl Hines* (1h30)
- 9:00 PM
4 ★★ **Little Men (1997, Drama)** The tale of two children, one the recipient of a kind benefactor and the other on the run. *Mariel Hemingway, Chris Sarandon* (2h)
- 13** ★★★ **Unfaithful (2002, Thriller)** The lives of a suburban couple go awry when the wife indulges in an illicit affair. *Richard Gere, Diane Lane* (2h30)
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★★ **Italian For Beginners (2000, Romance)** Danish suburbanites use a beginner's course in Italian to find the romance of their lives. *Anders W. Bertheisen, Anette Stovebaek* (2h)
- 11:00 PM
3 ★★ **After the Sunset (2004, Crime Story)** Two thieves find their plans for retirement interrupted by a gangster and a vengeful agent. *Pierce Brosnan, Salma Hayek* (1h45)
- THURSDAY, MAR 16**
- 6:00 PM
14 ★★ **The First Wives Club (1996, Comedy)** A funeral reunites three friends who decide to exact revenge upon their ex-husbands. *Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ **Second Best (2005, Comedy)** Jealousy overwhelms a group of friends as they prepare for their friend's arrival. *Joe Pantoliano, Bronson Pinchot* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
24 ★★ **Chain of Command (2000, Action)** A secret agent must save the world when the president's nuclear launch codes are stolen. *Roy Scheider, Patrick Muldoon* (2h)
- 8:30 PM
3 ★★★ **Spartan (2004, Thriller)** A Secret Service agent and a rookie cop search for a politician's missing daughter. *Val Kilmer, Derek Luke* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
29 ★★ **Only Two Can Play (1962, Comedy)** A bored librarian and the glamorous wife of a local councillor want to have an affair. *Peter Sellers, Mai Zetterling* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★★ **Angela's Ashes (1999, Drama)** Details an author's experiences growing up in an impoverished pre-war Irish slum. *Emily Watson, Robert Carlyle* (3h)
- 10:30 PM
3 ★★ **Mindhunters (2004, Action)** A serial killer is intent on hunting down the members of an FBI training group. *Eion Bailey, Clifton Collins Jr.* (1h45)
- FRIDAY, MAR 17**
- 6:00 PM
14 ★★ **Witch Hunt (1994, Mystery)** Phillip Lovecraft investigates a murder case involving a producer, his wife and a senator. *Dennis Hopper, Penelope Ann Miller* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 ★ **The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl (2005, Action)** Max's superhero friends take him to Planet Drool to fight Mr. Electric and Minus. *Taylor Lautner, Taylor Dooley* (1h45)
- 7:30 PM
19 **Mystery Movie** Here is a surprise movie in honour of Spring break. (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
11 ★★★ **Great Expectations (1999, Drama)** Young Pip is expected to become a blacksmith, but secretly dreams of becoming a gentleman. *Ioan Gruffudd, Charlotte Rampling* (2h)

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Table for SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 18. Columns for time slots (4:00-11:30) and channels (S, 257, 308, etc.). Includes program titles like 'Hockey NHL Toronto Maple Leafs vs. New York Rangers', 'Avenging Angelo', etc.

FRIDAY, MAR 17
8:00 PM
19 *** Gattaca (1997, Sci-Fi) A natural born man breaks free of his imperfect genetic order by impersonating someone else. Uma Thurman, Ethan Hawke (2h)
24 *** Men Don't Leave (1990, Drama) A woman learns how to cope with love and humour after the untimely death of her husband. Jessica Lange, Arliss Howard (2h30)
8:45 PM
3 *** Winter Solstice (2004, Drama) A widower confronts his son's decision to leave home and his other son's behaviour. Anthony LaPaglia, Allison Janney (1h30)
9:00 PM
4 *** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001, Adventure) Lara Croft races to find a hidden treasure, which holds the key to enormous power. Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight (2h)
19 *** Mermaids (1990, Comedy) A sexy mother is a constant source of embarrassment to her confused teenage daughter. Cher, Winona Ryder (1h50)
10:15 PM
3 *** Saw (2004, Thriller) Two men find they are captives of a serial killer who gets his victims to kill each other. Leigh Whannell, Cary Elwes (1h45)
10:50 PM
19 *** Flashdance (1983, Drama) A welder's dream of becoming a professional dancer proves more difficult than she thought. Jennifer Beals, Lilia Skala (1h30)
11:30 PM
2 *** L.A. Confidential (1997, Suspense) In 1950s Los Angeles, police officers search for the truth in a puzzling multiple murder. Kevin Spacey, Kim Basinger (2h)

SATURDAY, MAR 18
6:00 PM
15 *** The Jackal (1998, Action) A former IRA sniper is called in to stop a terrorist from killing the American first lady. Bruce Willis, Richard Gere (2h30)
24 *** Out for Justice (1991, Crime Story) A Brooklyn police officer seeks personal revenge against the man who killed his partner. Steven Seagal, William Forsythe (2h)
7:00 PM
3 Walkout (2006, True Story) Chicano students stage a walkout to protest the injustices of the public school system. Alex Vega, Efrén Ramirez (2h)
8:00 PM
24 *** The Bodyguard (1992, Suspense) A singer-turned-actress falls in love with her bodyguard while being stalked by a fan. Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston (3h)
23 *** The Sixth Sense (1999, Thriller) A child psychologist tries to help a young boy who is haunted by ghosts. Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment (3h)
9:00 PM
3 *** Ong Bak (2003, Action) A martial artist takes on the underworld as he tries to retrieve a statue's head. Tony Jaa, Petchtai Yokkarn (2h)
10:00 PM
15 *** The Jackal (1998, Action) A former IRA sniper is called in to stop a terrorist from killing the American first lady. Bruce Willis, Richard Gere (2h30)
11:00 PM
19 *** Renaissance Man (1994, Comedy) A man is forced to take a job teaching a group of army underachievers about Shakespeare. Danny DeVito, Gregory Hines (2h5)
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14 *** Homicide (1991, Psycho-Drama) A detective and his partner investigate the anti-Semitic murder of an elderly Jewish lady. Joe Mantegna, William H. Macy (2h)
11:00 PM
3 *** The Butterfly Effect (2004, Sci-Fi) In an attempt to cure his blackouts, a student projects back to childhood traumas. Ashton Kutcher, Melora Walters (2h)
11:05 PM
19 *** Mr. Wrong (1996, Comedy) A woman gets into trouble when her seemingly perfect lover becomes a nightmare. Ellen DeGeneres, Bill Pullman (1h30)
11:15 PM
2 *** Cape Fear (1962, Thriller) An ex-convict terrorizes the family of the prosecutor who put him behind bars. Gregory Peck, Robert Mitchum (2h15)
11:30 PM
10 Johnny English (2003, Comédie) Johnny English doit déjouer des criminels qui veulent s'emparer des bijoux de la Couronne. Rowan Atkinson, Natalie Imbruglia (1h35)

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14 *** First Knight (1995, Romance) A dangerous love triangle forms between Lady Guinevere, King Arthur and Sir Lancelot. Sean Connery, Richard Gere (2h15)
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2 *** Monsters, Inc. (2001, Animated) In the world of Monstropolis, monsters make a living by collecting children's screams. Voices of John Goodman, Billy Crystal (2h)
8:00 PM
4 *** Finding Forrester (2000, Drama) A reclusive prize-winning novelist befriends an inner city high school basketball star. Sean Connery, Rob Brown (3h)
24 *** Donnie Brasco (1997, Crime Story) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates the mob and finds himself identifying with the Mafia. Johnny Depp, Al Pacino (2h30)
9:00 PM
18 *** The Italian Job (2003, Action) Thieves plan the heist of their lives by creating the largest traffic jam in L.A. history. Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron (2h30)
14 *** The Presidio (1988, Thriller) A detective investigating a murder clashes with an officer when he falls for his daughter. Sean Connery, Mark Harmon (2h)
19 The Naked Gun: From The Files Of Police Squad! (1988, Comedy) An incompetent lieutenant must prevent the murder of Queen Elizabeth II. Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley (1h30)



MAFALDA HOOGERDYK



SYNCHRONICITY: Nick Bantock and Sabine Swierenga combine talents to create a new gallery space at Sabine's Fine Used Books store. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Griffin and Sabine comes to life in new gallery at local bookstore

By **DAWN HAGE**
Driftwood Contributor

Events leading up to the March 18 gallery opening and book reading by Nick Bantock at Sabine's Fine Used Books are enough to convince even the most skeptical of the magic of synchronicity.

The Griffin and Sabine trilogy by Nick Bantock, treasured by millions, is art in book form, with stunning illustrations in the form of postcards, stamps and letters. The two characters, Griffin and Sabine, correspond by mail, developing an intense relationship that is alternately dark, desperate, passionate and otherworldly.

The books pioneered the technique of inserting actual letters into envelopes, painstakingly inserted between the pages of the book, allowing readers to voyeuristically read the characters' mail. The trilogy was enthusiastically received by critics and audiences alike and vaulted Bantock into "overnight" stardom.

With the fame of "Griffin and Sabine," many locals and tourists wondered if there was a connection between the books' heroine and Sabine Swierenga, owner of Sabine's Fine Used Books.

Swierenga points to a beautiful poster near the entrance of the store, depicting a framed print from the Griffin and Sabine series.

"I've had this picture since the store opened. I love the books and with the same name as the store, it has been a sort of mascot for us."

Bantock, in the meantime, was fielding questions about Sabine's. Although a resident of Bowen Island at the time, book jackets revealed only that he lived "on an island off Vancouver," and the assumption was that it must be Salt Spring and Sabine's an offspring of the books.

However, until 2004, Swierenga and Bantock had never met.

"One day, about 18 months ago, he just walked into the store and said, 'Hi — I'm Nick Bantock!'" said Swierenga. "I said 'sign our books!' And the relationship grew from there."

"My partner and I came to Salt Spring 'just to look' and finally got to visit Sabine's," added Bantock. "Two days later, we fell in love with a house and decided to move."

As Swierenga and Bantock met over the months, the gallery and collaboration emerged as a totally natural idea.

"Art in a bookstore just makes sense," said Bantock. "We have created a small gallery displaying book art... within a second-hand bookstore... called Sabine's. The synchronicity is perfect."

"People have asked us for years if there was a connection," smiled Swierenga. "Now we can finally say there is."

The March 18 celebration marks the opening of the Griffin/Gryphon Room. Other than his website, this gallery is the only location in the world where Bantock's art can be viewed and purchased.

"With this gallery, we are creating a profile for book art, which is a sadly neglected field," said Swierenga.

Bantock and Swierenga have purposely confused the spelling of the gallery, alternating between Gryphon and Griffin, as the names are both used in the Griffin and Sabine books.

Art selections will be rotated within the gallery every six weeks. Located upstairs in the bookstore, the gallery is curtained off with a colourful cloth image from Bantock's collection. Currently the small space is beautifully and artfully composed of selections from his book called Urgent Second Class, a whimsical how-to work of extraordinary collage art.

Sets of Bantock-designed stamps will also be available and all of Bantock's books will be displayed.

Bantock will be "author in residence" at the bookstore, with hopes of regular appearances to sign books and chat with readers and art aficionados.

Although still commuting to Vancouver with family commitments, Bantock sees Salt Spring as his home for the long term.

"I love the island. It has all the advantages — it's large enough with restaurants, stores, even a movie theatre with a cat that sits on your lap... and it also has a great feeling of community."

The gallery launch event takes place between 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, with the reading scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Gala-goers should expect the unexpected

Though organizers behind the Ninth Annual Gumboot Gala are tight-lipped about the evening's program, they promise a show unlike any other for those lucky enough to get hold of a ticket.

In addition to the great food, drink and company that have come to characterize the winter folk concert series, Salt Spring Island musician Valdy said, the wrap-up gala always includes a few surprises.

The year's event, set for Monday, March 27, will feature Valdy performing with former Chilliwack front man Bill Henderson. The evening will also include a string workshop with special guests playing an assortment of musical instruments from around the world.

"The result will provide a wild blend of whatever is on hand," Valdy said from his home earlier this week.

He credited the folk club's most successful season yet to the unabating curiosity of Salt Spring Island music lovers who are always keen to hear original music.

"For something that started out as a twinkle, the shows have turned into a great success," he said.

Valdy also said plans are in

the works to include a summer folk club performance.

As in past years, audience members are encouraged to arrive in "Gumboot Gala" costume for the chance to win prizes and a place in folk club history.

Tickets are available at Salt Spring Books, Acoustic Planet, and Stuff and Nonsense. Dinner will be served at 6:45, with the show set to start at 7:30.

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Viewers in for emotive treat with Ketchum photo exhibit at Moby's

Digital photography may have changed the face of the art form, but the requirements of creating art remain the same.

For photographer Ken Ketchum, whose show runs till the end of March at Moby's, photography was a continuation of painting.

Armed with a BFA from California State University at Northridge, California in 1973, Ketchum, originally from Pasadena, made his living as a painter and a draftsman. In 1994 a friend gave him Photoshop and scanning photographs and manipulating the results became his chosen medium.

When digital cameras were introduced, he eventually worked his way up to a professional model, and that manipulation continued. In a sense, it's creating art with the computer.

"Through studying painting, the history of painting and the making of the art, the colour, light and shape pop out at me," suggested Ketchum.

With three main series in the Moby's show — tall ships, travel and nature — there is plenty to peruse at prices that are very reasonable.

In response to an ad seen two years ago, which was not long after he moved to Salt Spring, he submitted his work and was chosen as an artist in residence for the world-wide Tall Ship Festival in Victoria last summer.

A smattering of Spanish got him on to the



Three examples are shown here of islander Ken Ketchum's photography — which is now on display at Moby's Pub.

Cuahtemac ship where the sailors were hard at work tending the nets.

The resulting photograph appears to be from another century and completely exotic culturally, but it is the composition that makes the work so strong.

Four pieces from each of the 20 artists chosen were picked for a show at the Maritime Museum that ran till the end of February.

Gorgeous photographs of a trip to the Czech Republic at the beginning of 2003 and a 4,000-mile road trip throughout Mexico at the end of 2003 supplied the material for his play of light and shadow in his travel shots.

Often architectural, people are placed in view as pieces of the composition, rather than as humanistic interest, giving them a mysterious air.

Colour and shadows are manipulated, "enhancing saturation and contrast," explained Ketchum, detailing exactly how much is shifted on the computer. "I also do cropping."

The results are strong images that pull in the viewer and then offer a mood or feeling that continues to evoke response.

Ken Ketchum's work is currently represented by



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His pieces have also been shown in San Francisco and Washington, with numerous awards given in the Seattle area.

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Well, we welcome his GIRLFRIEND Claire

Sarginson from Winnipeg, Manitoba to Salt Spring Island.

With loads of retail experience, Claire has come to help out in the store, after a stint of teaching English in Mexico after graduating from the University of Manitoba with a major in English Literature and a minor in Spanish.

I'm supposed to write about art, not love, on Salt Spring anyway. Art is way easier.

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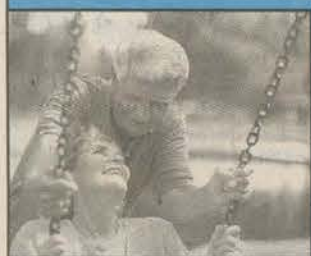


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SWEET BOUNTY: From left, Waldorf school students Cassandra Marr, Benjamin Ableman and Sophie Kornelsen hold jars of maple syrup tapped from trees on teacher Kim Hunter's property. The youngsters invited parents to join them in a special pancake and syrup breakfast.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island isolation reduced with Success by Six grant

Early childhood educators have long recognized that education and support during the critical first six years of a child's life can make a lifetime difference for the child, his family and the entire community.

A three-year provincial government grant program supporting "Success by Six" programs is enhancing that concept for Gulf Islands communities.

Ragnhild Flakstad, the early childhood program coordinator for Salt Spring Island Community Services, has distributed funds to Saturna, Mayne, Pender, Galiano and Salt Spring islands since they were first received last summer.

The grant enables attendance at Success by Six programs by all families,

regardless of their financial or rural status.

"One of the biggest challenges faced by families living on the Gulf Islands is isolation, lack of public transportation and the expense of travelling to other islands for programs that don't exist on their own," said Flakstad. "The focus of this plan was to create or augment the programs, as needed, on each individual island, and train parents and volunteers to run their own programs."

Programs funded include Parent Support/Drop in, Stay and Play, Toy Library, Children's Books, Mother Goose, Nobody's Perfect and training sessions so smaller-island residents can run their own programs.

A partnership was created from School District 64,

Island Savings Credit Union, Community Services, Dragon Fly Preschool, Galiano Island Playgroup/Playschool Society, Tree Frog Daycare and Salt Spring Island Co-op Preschool, which created a firm plan.

"This collaboration was a real demonstration of how a community can rally and work together for the well being of its children. It simply would not have happened otherwise," said Flakstad.

All programs are free and taxis will be provided as needed to transport participants to and from the programs, also at no charge.

Grant funds came from the Government of B.C., Early Childhood Development Provincial Partnership, Savings and Credit Unions of B.C. and the United Way.

Ferry fare combat meeting slated

Islanders concerned about the rising cost of ferry travel are urged to attend a "Save our Ferries" public meeting on Tuesday night.

Organized by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens of Salt Spring Island, the March 21 open forum is set for the Gulf Islands Secondary School Library at 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee members and B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union rep Greg Dow have been invited so far.

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Salt Spring's IODE group contributed funds to refurbish the acute care lounge at Lady Minto Hospital, made possible by their \$7,000 Mary Emerson Trust Fund win last year. From left, standing, are hospital physiotherapist Lena McMahon, IODE members Ann Hignell (who headed the Emerson committee) and Nancy Holcroft. Seated are IODE member Victoria Woodman, and Bill Relph, the hospital's acting manager of patient/client care.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits.

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WOMEN HONOURED: Royal Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary representatives Kathryn Holm, left, and Pat O'Neill were among those celebrating International Women's Day on March 8. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Women's groups 'do wonderful things' as International Women's Day marked

By **TANYA LESTER**

Driftwood Contributor

About 80 women and men gathered at historic Mahon Hall to recognize contributions made locally and globally by island groups last week on International Women's Day.

"If you look at the history of women in Canada, you see groups," said Jean Elder, who with Patricia Flannagan and Betty Swindlehurst emceed the event for the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW).

During the 90-minute program, a representative of each women's group stepped forward and pinned a ribbon on a timeline indicating her organization's year of inception. Each received a single carnation.

One group, Seeds for

Malawi, supports 40 families headed by AIDS widows in that African country.

On the same theme, the Raging Grannies entertained with a song in solidarity with African "grannies," elders who are left to raise their grandchildren after their children die of AIDS.

The Grannies, dressed in flamboyant regalia, sharply contrasted the other a cappella group on the program. Women of Note raised their beautiful voices in harmony and brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience when they performed their version of "Sister," composed by the Australian group Cocoa's Lunch.

"Sister, my sister, hold me," they sang. "Carry me home and just let me be."

The first organization hon-

oured was the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Elder said the group began as a sewing circle.

Next up was the Royal Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary representatives decked out in full uniform.

The Voice of Women, Elder explained, "help women to support themselves . . . including many women in many countries around the world."

Educating Girls in Africa assists young women to complete three years of secondary school. CFUW does similar work for eight girls in India, Africa and the Solomon Islands.

The three church groups recognized were the Catholic Women's League, United Church Women-Ganges and the United Church Burgoyne Bay women. The latter maintain the historic one-room Burgoyne United Church.

HMS Ganges Chapter IODE funded Lady Minto Hospital's first television and furnished a room at Greenwood. They contribute to Planned Parenthood and SWOVA. They funded the first island Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

When Flannagan introduced the Girl Guides of Canada by asking how many

in the audience had once been members, about half raised their hands.

Carol Williams explained that the Women's Cancer Support Group consists of "survivors of cancer who give a lot of hope to people who are worried about it."

Swindlehurst talked about Island Women Against Violence, which provides the crisis line and operates the transition house for women afflicted by violence. This now includes a counselling service for children who have witnessed violence.

Swindlehurst pointed out that the South Salt Spring Women's Institute is part of an international organization for rural women that originated in Canada.

The Seals swim in Salt Spring ocean spots all year round. They also raise funds for the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre to help any injured among their namesakes.

SWOVA is credited with developing the "Respectful Relationships" program at Gulf Islands Secondary School, which has been adapted in several B.C. schools and in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

"Don't women do wonderful things on this island?" Flannagan asked, concluding the program.

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SUNDAY, MAR 19

9:00 PM
27 Time Bomb (2005, Thriller) A Homeland Security agent must prevent a bomb from exploding during a football game. *David Arquette, Angela Bassett* (2h)

10:30 PM
19 ★★ The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear (1991, Comedy) A detective must stop an evil tycoon from interfering with a top scientist's report. *Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley* (1h30)

11:00 PM
3 ★★ Monster-in-Law (2005, Comedy) A possessive mother is determined to ruin her son's marriage before it gets started. *Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda* (2h)

11:30 PM
13 ★★ Finding Forrester (2000, Drama) A reclusive prize-winning novelist befriends an inner city high school basketball star. *Sean Connery, Rob Brown* (2h45)

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257	308	CBC	Curling World Championship	Brier						Monsters, Inc.				TBA	CBC News: Sunday	War of the Sexes			
320	621	MC1	3:15 Rory O'Shea...	Sahara (2005)	Matthew McConaughey.	ReGenesis (SP)	The Sopranos	Big Love											
256		CITY	King Ralph (1991)	John Goodman.	The Dead Zone	Makeover: Home	Finding Forrester (2000)	Sean Connery.								INSIDE	Skiing		
287	379	KING	Matthews	Upfront	KING 5 News	News	News	Dateline NBC	The West Wing	Law & Order: C.I.	Crossing Jordan	News	35 Sports						
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250	321	CTVBC	Invasion	Acc.Jim	Acc.Jim	News		Criminal Minds	Cold Case	Law & Order: C.I.	Grey's Anatomy	News	News						
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120	702	SRC	3:00 Mission sur Mars		5 sur 5	Journal	Découverte	La Soirée des Jutra							Journal	Festival de jazz	Cinéma		
268	354	KNOW	20 Timothy	39 Madine	George	35 Zoboo	Heartbeat	National Geographic	The Royal	Rosemary & Thyme	A Fine Kettle of Fish	LeadEdge	Imprint						
253	359	CITY	Celebrity Poker Showdown				News	ColourTV	Chris	Star TV	Movie TV	Star TV	The Italian Job (2003)	Mark Wahlberg.					
620	523	BRAVO	ArtsMinds	Photos	Off Limits	First Knight (1995)	Sean Connery.								45 BNews	The Presidio (1988)	Sean Connery.	Finding Forrester	
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MONDAY, MAR 20

7:00 PM
3 ★ Path of Destruction (2005, Sci-Fi) A reporter and a scientist must race to stop a 'death storm' of devouring nanotech robots. *Danica McKeller, David Keith* (2h)

8:00 PM
24 ★ Dog Park (1998, Comedy) The story of a group of 30-somethings and their love lives, all centred around a dog park. *Natasha Henstridge, Luke Wilson* (2h)

9:00 PM
13 ★★ Heist (2001, Crime Story) When security cameras catch a thief in the act, he is blackmailed into stealing gold bars. *Gene Hackman, Danny DeVito* (2h15)

11:00 PM
3 ★★ Siblings (2004, Comedy) Joe and his siblings kill their parents, and try to collect an inheritance. *Alex Campbell, Sarah Gadon* (1h45)

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255	358	CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News	News	News	News	Homes	70s	Deal or No Deal	Half Men	Christine	Mutant X	News					
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268	354	KNOW	Dora	RolieP.	George	Peep	Science	Moving	Time	Gardens	That'll Teach 'Em	Shipbreakers	10 Tribe of His Own	Canada: History					
253	359	CITY	CityLine	Ellen DeGeneres	News			Million?	Friends										
620	523	BRAVO	Videos	Dance	Dancing	Magic of the Dance				Law & Order	Real Sex in the City	Real Sex in the City	Real Sex in the City						
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What's On This Week

wed. march 15	thurs. march 16	fri. march 17	sat. march 18	sat. march 18	mon. march 20	tues. march 21
live entertainment Simply Organic. Organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints, followed by coffee & muffin, 10:10 am	live entertainment Open Stage. At Fulford Pub. Alan Moberg. West coast balladeer at Tree House South. Matt & Tom's One Night Stand. Shipstones, 9 pm	live entertainment Black Velvet Band. St. Patrick's Day Irish music & song at the Fulford Pub. Tom Hooper. Grapes of Wrath singer/songwriter at Tree House South. St. Patrick's Dance. With the Backyard Band at the Legion, 7:30 pm Freestyle Fridays. St. Patrick's Day Night with DJ Gordon Field. Shipstones, 8 pm St. Patrick's Day Celebration. With Tal Bachman, Matt Johnson & Tom Hooper at Moby's, 9 pm	live entertainment The Art of the Spiritual. With Leon Bibb and Tuned Air. ArtSpring, 2 and 8 pm Billie Woods, Bob Delion & Chris Leier. Treehouse South. Sundogs. Barb's Buns, 9 pm Karaoke Fever. With Tom Hooper at The Local, 8 pm	other activities Community Quilting Bee. Island Comfort Quilts' second annual bee. Community Gospel, 9 am to 4 pm. Texas Hold'Em. Tourney at Fulford Pub, 2 pm	other activities Texas Hold'Em. Tourney at Fulford Pub, 7 pm. Floor Hockey. Fulford Hall, 7-9 pm Salt Spring Island Knitters Group. Stitches Quilt Shop info: Dawne, 537-0738 Women's Drop-in Basketball. GISS gym. (Note new spot) 6:30-8 pm. Info: 537-5995 SS Toastmasters. Meet at ArtSpring, 7 pm Eckhart Tolle. Practising Presence Group, 7:30-9 pm. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.	other activities Central Community Hall. Board of directors meeting at the hall, 7 pm Save our Ferries. Public meeting sponsored by Coalition of Concerned Citizens of SSI. GISS library, 7 pm Life-changing Workshop. Three-day event with Lila Dahl begins. 250-386-3245.
other activities Storytime With Ms. S. Fun book program at SS Library for kids aged 6 and under. 10:30-11 am	other activities Relay for Life. Important information meeting. Portlock Park portable, 7 pm	other activities Planned Parenthood Lunch and Bridge. Fundraiser at Fulford Hall, noon. 537-0897.	other activities Meadowbrook Fundraising Sale. Crafts, antiques, white elephant and more at Meadowbrook seniors residence. 10-3. Patrick Friesen & Eve Joseph. Free poetry reading sponsored by Theatre Alive! at All Saints. 8 pm. Art, Books & Drama - an Afternoon with Nick Bantock. Gryphon Room Book Art Gallery opening, dramatic reading & author signing at Sabine's Fine Used Books, 1-4 pm.	sun. march 19 other activities Annual Spring Social Summit & General Meeting. Activity planning and social event for Gays & Lesbians of Salt Spring Island. Harbour House, 2 pm	other activities Circle Dance Group. Folk dancing at the Core Inn, 7-9 pm. Info: Nikki, 537-9380. Hip-Hop Dance Classes. Mahon Hall with Andrea Rabinovitch, 6-7 pm	wed. march 22 live entertainment Simply Organic. Organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints, 10:10 am
					tues. march 21 other activities	other activities St. Patrick's Day Sing-a-Long & Tea. SS Seniors Services. 2 pm SSI Garden Club Carol Dancer speaks on Government House gardens. Meaden Hall, 7 pm

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The James Seed Company — Recently the Salt Spring Historical Society presented a talk by Mary Hogg, the granddaughter of Percival James, a train horticulturalist from England and the father of four sons who began the seed company. Founded in 1914, the James Seed Co. was an important part of Salt Spring history and once the largest wholly Canadian mail order seed company. Over the years the company was comprised of four farms, the original on Parker Island, two farms on Salt Spring and then Cowichan Bay. Mary summarizes life on each farm and shows corresponding archival photos.

exhibitions

- Salt Spring Painters Guild paintings are on display in the lobby space at ArtSpring.
- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art presents new original works by Randolph Parker, Robert Genn, Ken Kirkby, Joe Fafard and more.
- Ken Ketchum shows photography at Moby's through March.
- Paintings by Verna Meyer are at Island Savings Credit Union.

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SIMS French Immersion students visit Québec

While most Gulf Islands students will return to their classrooms after spring break on Monday, the Grade 8 French Immersion class of Sarah Myers is heading in another direction.

The 23-member group is off to Québec as part of a SEVEC exchange with students from L'Ecole internationale Saint-Edmond in Greenfield Park, located just across the St. Lawrence River from Montréal.

SEVEC — or the Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada — is a non-profit agency that's been in operation since 1936.

Myers' Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) class applied for the exchange last fall and was chosen in November.

While in Québec the kids will spend time exploring Montreal and Québec City, visit an outdoor facility specializing in ropes and adventure courses, and a "sugar shack" in St. Gregoire.

They will also spend time with their Greenfield Park student "twins" and their families. Two weeks ago Myers and her students were thrilled to receive picture-

filled scrapbooks from each student, introducing themselves and their families, as well as a group video.

"The scrapbook is really cool," reported class member Bonnie Williamson, who said she hopes to improve her French accent and learn about Québec history while on the trip.

Karen Slakov, who lived in a Québec village with her family last year, said she wants to get her accent back, enjoy her first plane trip and have fun.

"I also want to go to new places and meet new people and learn about their culture," she said.

Malcolm MacPhee also said he is looking forward to meeting new people, and learning about Québec and its culture.

"We'll get to see a different part of Canada with people who are very familiar with it," added Sean Cunningham. "Also, we'll improve our French and meet new friends."

The Greenfield Park students will visit Salt Spring from April 10-16.

The trip is funded in part by the federal government's Exchanges Canada program.



QUÉBEC BOUND: French Immersion students in Sarah Myers' Grade 8 class gear up for an exchange trip to Québec.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Government gardens showcased

A Government House garden consultant will be the guest speaker at an upcoming meeting on Salt Spring.

Carol Dancer will talk about her experiences with one of Victoria's renowned gardens at a March 22 Salt Spring Garden Club meeting, which takes place at Meaden Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

In 1992 His Honour David

Lam set up a society named The Friends of Government House Gardens with a mandate to "improve, preserve and enhance the grounds and gardens of Government House."

Dancer is the garden consultant to that society's board of directors, which oversees some 275 volunteers.

She also heads up an advisory committee that works

with Government House and the Honourable Iona Campagnolo in planning the direction of 36 acres of grounds.

Dancer will show slides, giving the historical details of these beautiful gardens, which she emphasizes "belong to us all."

New garden club members are welcome. Cost for non-members is \$5.



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Salt Spring salmon group gets due

The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society (ISSES) was among groups feted at a Pacific Salmon Foundation fundraiser in Victoria.

As detailed in the 2006 South Vancouver Island Charity Dinner and Auction booklet from February 25, the 27-year-old ISSES is described as "an institution on Salt Spring Island and the southern Gulf Islands."

"The group's tireless efforts to rebuild and restore streams on the islands have resulted in significant gains

for salmon and for the community."

"Kathy [Reimer] and her crew have been extremely successful both in restoring extirpated salmon runs and in educating and involving volunteers, farmers, students, fishermen and local businesses in her programs."

"Since the ISSES was formed in 1984, the group has successfully re-established salmon populations in six Salt Spring Island streams — fulfilling the Pacific Salmon Foundation's

vision of 'Bringing them back . . . stream by stream' in spectacular fashion."

"More importantly, Kathy and her volunteers have achieved these successes by forming unique partnerships with a variety of groups, respecting everyone's opinions and aspirations for the watersheds in which they live."

"This important work has been implemented by an unlikely but effective mix of individuals: volunteers, youth at risk, students, working people and busi-

ness interests.

"Through their unflagging enthusiasm and commitment, the ISSES is proof that grassroots volunteer organizations can get the job done with respect to protecting, conserving and enhancing our previous salmon resource and, of equal importance, enriching the lives of all who are touched by the process."

The Pacific Salmon Foundation is a non-profit society supporting the conservation and sustainable use of the salmon resource.

Stewardship expands to elementary schools

A new Stewards in Training program for grades 4-5 students will be offered by the Salt Spring Conservancy this spring, in addition to an existing middle school program.

The new program "will teach all grade four and five students across the island about endangered native plants and animals of Salt Spring, their critical habitat needs, threats such as invasive species, and about

actions that students can take which will benefit rare plants and animals on the island," explains a press release.

Kate Leslie, who successfully ran the 2004 middle-school stewardship sessions, will coordinate the elementary program.

Grade 4-5 students who are home schooled can also participate.

Thanks to a grant from the Gaming Commission,

the middle school component will go ahead under coordinator Deborah Miller, long-time member of the Conservancy's education committee.

Volunteers are needed for both the elementary and middle school programs, which will start in April.

"It is the volunteers that make these programs successful," notes the press release.

Grants from the Canadian Wildlife Federation, Shell Environment Fund and a generous donation by a conservancy donor/member, which was matched by the conservancy board, allows the new Stewards in Training program to run.

To register, get more information, offer help or volunteer, call the conservancy office at 538-0318 and e-mail ssiconservancy@saltspring.com.

BRIDGE TRICKS

By JILL EVANS
Driftwood Contributor

The Victoria flower count took place on February 27, not long after the Salt Spring pothole count.

Blooming fully in first place at duplicate bridge on that day were Joan Conlan and Blanche Poborsa, well ahead of the crowd. Avoiding potholes to come in second were Conhor Vane-Hunt and Isabelle Richard-

son, with Glenda Kaiser and Boodie Arnott a mere half point behind in third place.

Again a half-point behind them were visitors Bill and Gwen Todd.

There was another good turnout on March 6, and the hands were interesting. Irene Hawksworth and Jill Evans had a good game and came first.

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9.Butler Janet	408	563	971	54
10.Langdon Jocelyn	381	589	970	49
11.Johnson Liam	406	559	965	50
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14.Tamboline Phillip	388	569	957	46
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COLLISION: Jessie Wilson leaps up as others collide around her at a Selects game Sunday. At right is Jocelyn Langdon, while at back left is Caitlyn Pal.

Photo by Joanne Pal

Scoring chances stymied in Selects-Gorge draw

Salt Spring's Division-2 Selects women's team fought an "intense" battle to grab a 0-0 draw against a Div.-1 Gorge team.

Playing to their second tie in Doug Day Cup play, the Selects will have to nail a win against Prospect Lake next week to grab a spot in the cup finals.

But Sunday's home game was a nail-biter, said coach Dave McColl on Monday.

"It was the most intense game of the year," he said, noting that both teams had a couple of "really wicked chances" to score.

Both Gorge and Salt Spring played with minimal subs and players on the local squad were also suffering from injuries.

Selects keeper Tami Benoit made at least one stunning save, said McColl, who was also impressed with how hard Kelly Kerr played.

The Selects managed to shut down Gorge in part by having players Caitlyn Pal, Mardon Dary and Jessie Wilson take turns shadowing their top player.

"It was a clean game with a few spectacular tackles and collisions," McColl added.

Island needs youth baseball coaches

Coaches need to step up to the plate or some youth baseball teams could fold this season.

"There's a lot of people with a lot of baseball knowledge on this island and all I need is a little bit of time over the next few months to help with these kids," said Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball (SSIMB) president Gord Hollingsworth.

The local baseball club is in dire need of baseball coaches for the 9-10 year-old boys team and it also needs a few T-ball and coach-pitch coaches, said Hollingsworth.

"I've contacted the majority of the parents in that 9-10 age group and they are all busy," he said. "If we can't get more coaches for the nine and 10 year olds, we're in tough."

A lot of parents said they will lend a hand, but he needs two coaches and assistants for the 9-10-year-old boys and three coaches for T-ball (5-6 year olds) and coach-pitch teams (7-8 year olds).

Hollingsworth doesn't expect trouble in finding help for the coach-pitch and T-ball teams, he said.

"You don't have to know everything about baseball to help coach T-ball or coach pitch, you just need to help the kids."

But coaches for the 9-

10-year-old team, who play competitive hardball in the Babe Ruth League off island, need to have some knowledge of the game, he said.

"They are really drilled and grilled over there."

Hollingsworth believes there are many islanders who have the skills to help out, if they step forward.

"Even if you don't have a kid on the team, you're still helping the kids in the community."

The club will also sponsor coaches to attend educational clinics in Duncan, he said.

As for time commitments, teams meet about twice a week for games between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and practise once a week (scheduled by the coach).

The SSIMB season runs from the first week of April till the end of school in June.

In addition to the teams that need coaches, SSIMB also has a team of 13-14 year old boys entered in the B.C. Minor Baseball League and three girls' teams in Softball B.C.

A total of four coach-pitch and four T-ball teams are registered this season.

Hollingsworth needs to get the coaching assignments determined before teams begin games in the first week of April. For more information, contact him at 537-9426.

Top bowlers named

High scores in recent bowling action are:

Special Olympics, March 8: Mahjor Bains, 216, 197; Jason Newport, 166, 160; Dominic George, 168, 144; Jimmy Beck, 181.

Special Olympics, March 1: Gloria Dale, 215, 191;

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Dragons fired up for final weeks of the soccer season

Salt Spring Island Dragons team members hope last Sunday's 2-1 loss to a visiting Division-4 squad will spur the team into action as they kick off the season's home stretch.

"When the chips are down we seem to always come up big," said team manager Joanne O'Connor. "Unfortunately, when we get a solid chance, things don't always work out."

Despite taking the early lead on a goal by Gina D'Attilio, the Div-3 Dragons failed to stifle the enthusiasm of a visibly re-energized and rejuvenated Lakehill squad in the second half.

"Obviously their coach gave them a good talking to during the break and they came out pretty strong," O'Connor said. "They wanted the goal more than we did."

Another solid performance by keeper Amanda Lange-ian kept the game within reach, but was not enough to prevent their opponents from scoring two goals late in the second half.

Because they were trying out new players in different positions, Dragons play-off failed to communicate both on and off the field, O'Connor said.

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Medal-bearing gymnasts return home

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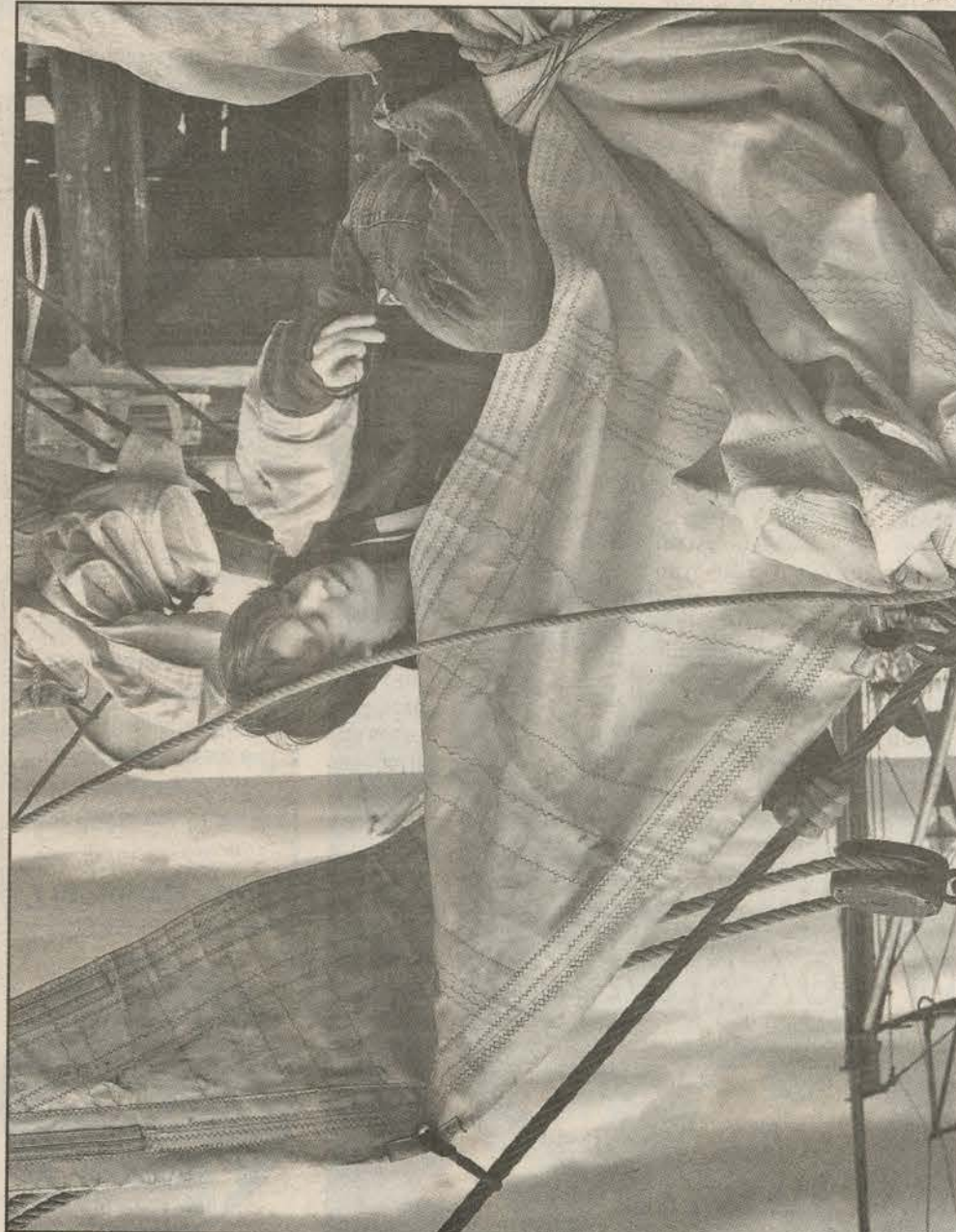
Level-1 Novice gymnasts earned a variety of medals. Kaitlin Brunt brought home gold for her performance on uneven bars and silver on beam. Jessica Fetis brought home silver for her routine on all round.

In Level-1 Open, Katrina Villadsen put gold around her neck for vault and silver on uneven bars to finish up fourth. Tess Eddington vaulted to a bronze medal.

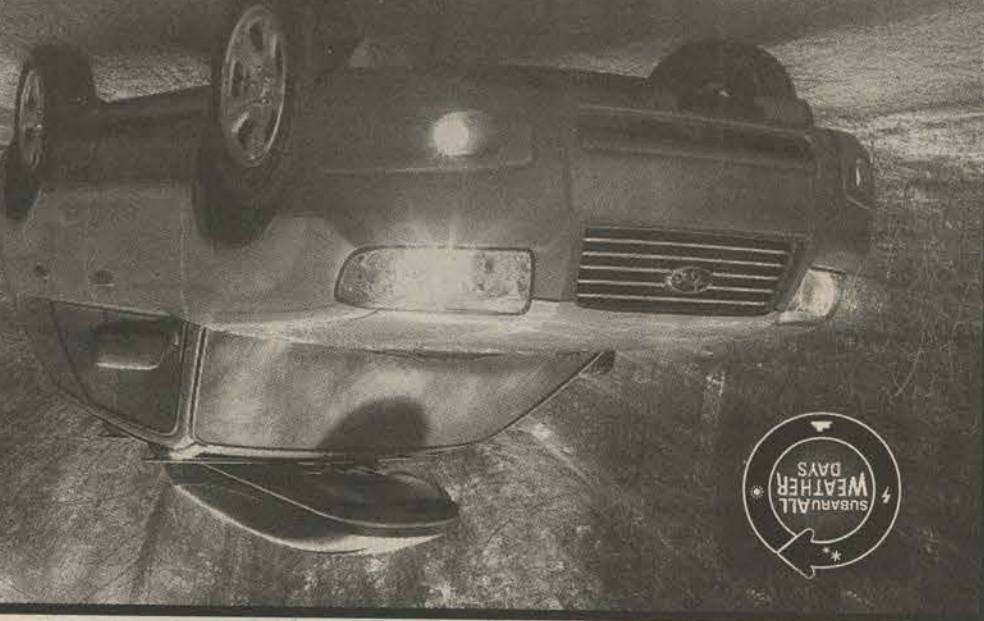
Rachel Drummond vaulted her way to gold and pulled off a bronze medal for both uneven bars and beam to finish up third all round.

bars and silver on beam to finish up with second all around.

The group's next event is in Langford in three weeks.



ON THE JOB: Gulf Islands Secondary School work experience student Liam Johnston is seen at his job site (with the Sail and Life Training Society) and captured "on film" by official student photographer Becky Woodland.



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Sidewalk Superintendent

The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

Richard and Shinobu Verhagen — who own the Raven Street Market Café — recently celebrated the opening of their second Gulf Spring restaurant with the public welcomed to 170-seat Falconshead Grill at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

"Shinobu and I are extremely grateful for the overwhelming support we have received at our little market-café over the past five years, and we look forward to perpetuating our philosophy of 'community first' as we take on this new endeavour," said Richard. "In fact, it was this 'community first' philosophy that was the guiding force behind building the new restaurant."

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Salt Spring Coffee Company celebrates a grand opening on March 24 — in Vancouver — when it will offer coffee for 25 cents a cup.

The local company has bought a café at 4295 Main Street. It's believed to be the first time a Salt Spring-originated café has branched off the island. Salt Spring Coffee also has a kiosk at the Tsawwassen ferry terminal quay.

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Those hoping for a fresh look

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ON THE LINE: Salt Spring youth soccer player Eric Rothwell runs lines at the Div. 2 women's game held Sunday.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

U17 gold boys take district cup match

By LOUISE DOUCET
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring's U17 gold boys continued their winning ways, facing off against Gorge U17 Sunday in their first district cup game and grabbing a 3-0 victory.

The team played with skill and intensity from beginning to end.

They shut down their opponents' play across the entire field with double-teaming and speed.

This real team effort, where every player committed to the ball, produced a relentless defence, closing down any attempts by Gorge to score.

An equally relentless and determined offence repeatedly attacked the opponents net and back-checked to retrieve any balls that were rebounded.

Goal number one occurred in the first half when DJ Lake landed a hard ball on a direct

penalty kick, high in the far corner.

Then Tavis Morton outmaneuvered two opponents to bring the ball far up the sideline and drive it into the net in an excellent attempt on goal. The ball went through the keeper's hands

and while Kirby Garside screened the play, Marshall Barter controlled it and volleyed it in.

The second half saw another goal when DJ crossed a beautiful ball to Garside, who shot on net where Barter was again ready to deflect it in.

The Gorge team noted after the game that: "It's like playing three to one out there!"

It is obvious that Salt Spring's new technique of double-teaming is having an impact on the team's games and outcomes. The next cup game takes place at home in two weeks.



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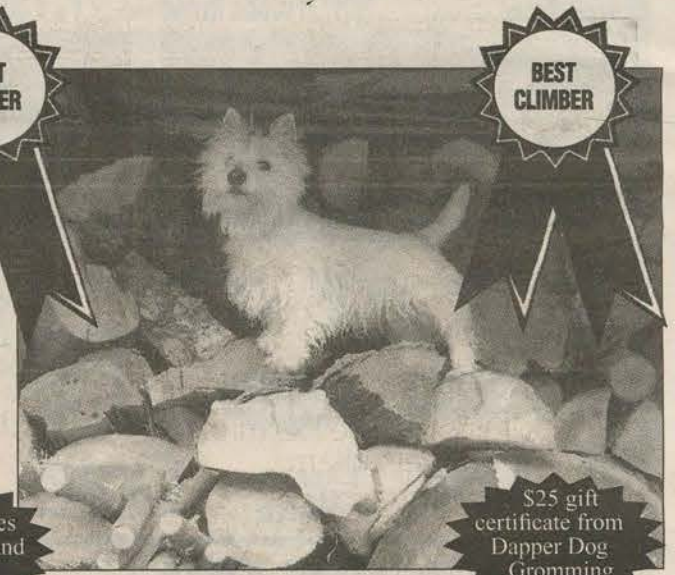
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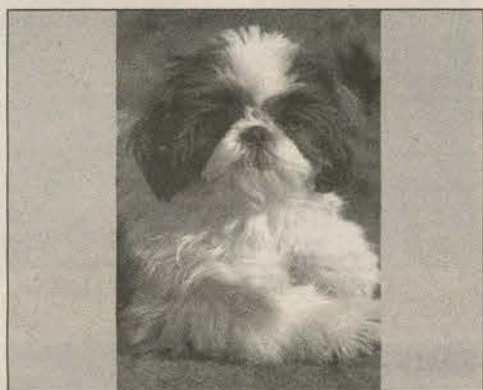
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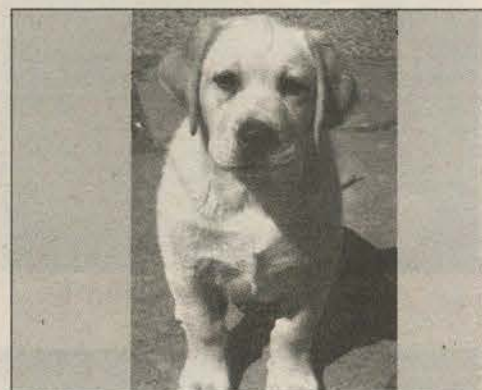
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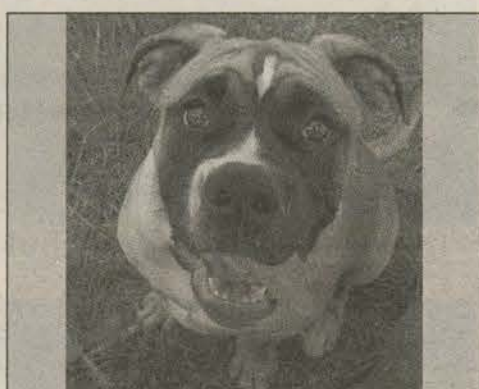
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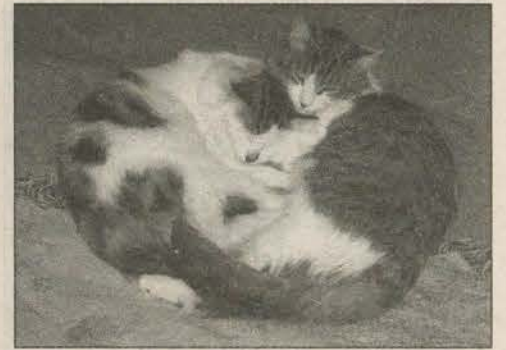
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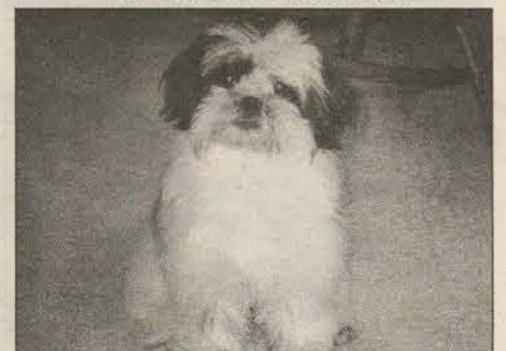
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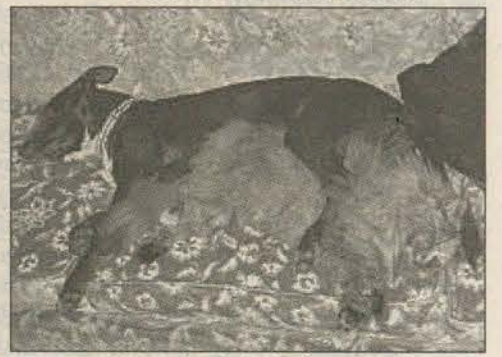
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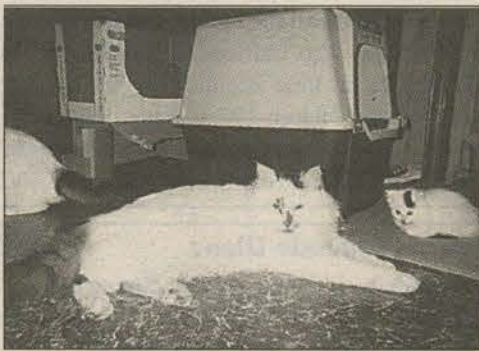
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HERON, IRENE

(lovingly known as Nanny)

Irene, born in Gatehouse of Fleet, Scotland on April 13, 1923, passed away peacefully March 7, 2006. Her sister, Dorothy, her friends, and the Heron, Gosset, and Drake families will miss her enormously.

Irene spent her youth in Galloway, working at the local dairy for the war effort. She went on to give sixty years of her life caring for the children of two families over three generations. She joined the Fishbournes to care for Ann and Peter during the 1940s. In 1952 she went to live with the Drake family to care for Gilly, Nick, Al, and Vic for the next 22 years in Hampshire, England. As well as caring for the children, she milked cows, looked after chickens, donkeys, horses, ducks, and pigs on the farm, gardened and cooked.

In 1972 she joined Ann (nee Fishbourne) and Chris Gosset in Jamaica to care for their children William, Victoria, and Charles. She had a special place in her heart for William. There wasn't anything the two of them wouldn't do, from tobogganing in the winter to floating rafts down the river in the summer. She enabled him to live life to the fullest. She moved with the Gossets to Ontario in 1977. In Warkworth she ran the local Brownie pack for 13 years and received a lifetime Girl Guide membership in recognition of her service. The family moved to Salt Spring in 1990 where Irene quickly became part of the community, enjoying her stitch group and knit group as well as running a B&B for many years.

She was a keen gardener and took pleasure in her productive and beautiful gardens. She never lost her Scottish accent and her pride in her heritage. She loved the bagpipes, Scottish dancing, and attending Burns night celebrations. She never let age faze her, passing her driving test when she was 70.

She maintained the warmest relationships with all the children she cared for and always made herself available to them and their families. She took particular delight in sharing her stories and instilling her ways with Ainsley (third generation) during the past year. She is remembered for her courage, dignity, infectious humour, imaginative storytelling, her childlike curiosity and sense of wonder, her wisdom, and above all kindness. It is a privilege to have known and loved her. We are very proud of here and will miss her so much.

There will be a celebration of her life at 170 Simson Rd, Thursday, March 16 from 2-5 pm.

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Salt Spring Island Community Services wishes to thank the following volunteers and businesses who supported our 2006 Homeless Rough Count:

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The family of Illene Murphy extends heartfelt thanks to the Doctors, the Home Support Services and Home Care Nursing teams and especially to Dr. Jan MacPhail for the excellent, compassionate and professional care given to make our mother and grandmother comfortable. You are the most amazing group of people we have ever encountered and we appreciate each one of you. Thank you.

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LESLIE GEORGE RAMSEY

Consummate Salt Spring Islander, Leslie George Ramsey, 75, died Thursday, March 9th, 2006 surrounded by his four children and wife Sue at Lady Minto Hospital. An island personality of the 1st magnitude, Pharmasave owner Les Ramsey leaves huge shoes to fill. The "Big Cheese" moved to his spiritual homeland with his beloved "Archie" way back in 1963 taking over Margaret Wells' pharmacy in the heart of Ganges. From a tiny pharmacy serving a customer base of less than 1,500, Les

went on to serve as President of the National Pharmasave Board linking a host of independently owned and operated pharmacies from Salt Spring to Halifax. Never one to sit on the sidelines, Leslie rolled up his sleeves and got things done -- from serving as University of Saskatchewan Class President to opening a new pharmacy at the age of 70. From community theatre to sailing in the moonlight, Leslie lived large. He never once forgot to thank his lucky stars. An ambassador of goodwill from Ganges to Bangkok, Mexico to Tonga, Leslie's laugh, warm heart and extended hand of friendship knew no bounds. True to his prairie roots, Leslie was quick to cut through the bull and keep things real (although he never let the truth stand in the way of a good story). He loved people, never complained, was generous to a fault, and was proud to be a pharmacist -- a profession he shared with over 10 other Ramsey family members. He was a great boss, a legendary hockey player (Go Red Devils!), so-so poker player and a lover of life. Indeed, most cities in the world have a cabbie, waiter or hotel clerk with a heartwarming Les Ramsey tale to tell. The scope of his generosity, while felt by many, is known by few. Sue and Les have always believed that giving back to their community truly enriched their own personal lives and required no fanfare. And while ArtSpring, Portlock Park, Meadowbrook, Lady Minto Hospital, Centennial Park and Pioneer Village are just a few worthy community initiatives that have benefitted from this dynamic couple's vision, it was the small kindnesses that truly marked Les's personal style. He was always the first with a cheque or a confidential chat and found time and solutions for problems most people never even saw...often for the type of people most folks never took the time to see. Only he will ever know just how many people will truly miss his friendship. Les leaves behind his wife and bon vivant of 51 years Sue, his big sister Buggy (Donna) Davies, his kids, Peter, Maggie & Jake Watt, Kathy, Linda & Gary Utter, and his grandchildren Megan, Katie & Sean Mulligan, Jackson, Lou, Lucy and Lauren who will all miss him dearly. The family wishes to thank all the fantastic homecare workers and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital who befriended Leslie over the past year and to Dr. David Woodley for his kind attention. A memorial celebrating Leslie's life will be held Sunday, March 19th at 3 pm, Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Salt Spring Foundation, Box 244 Ganges, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V9.

MURPHY, Jessie Illene

Passed away peacefully at home on Salt Spring Island March 09, 2006.

Born in Saskatchewan but lived most of her life in Ottawa and on Salt Spring Island.

Predeceased by husband, Richard; sisters Coral and Marion, brother Cameron. Leaves to mourn daughters Myrna Boyd and Sharon Crouse (Russ), grandsons Mark Crouse (Tina), Bill Boyd (Michelle), and Dean Crouse (Heidi), great-grandchildren Riley & Owen Crouse; Nicholas & Calysta Boyd; and Braiden & Seth Crouse. Leaves also sister Bertha Hannum, Stittsville, Ont. and brother Alex Smith, Coburg, Ont., and many nieces and nephews. Leaves also siblings to Myrna and Sharon - June, Carol, George, and Donna.

Memorial service will be held on Monday, March 20, 2:30 p.m. at Community Gospel Chapel, Salt Spring Island. Rev. C. Cormack officiating. Internment at a later date in Saskatoon, Sask.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bessie Dane Foundation or charity of your choice.

"The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other"



29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST: CARKEYS and housekeys, downtown Ganges, Tuesday Mar. 7. Reward. 537-5019.

FOUND: TEDDY on corner of Leisure Lane on Saturday afternoon. Owner may claim at the Driftwood office.

29 LOST AND FOUND

KEYS FOUND, with glass wand, on Wright Road, Sunday, March 12. Owner may claim at the Driftwood office.

FOUND: NECKLACE near Beaver Point Hall, Mar. 11 weekend. Phone to identify 537-1065.

READING GLASSES Dropped in my lavender Camry on Sat. Mar. 11, afternoon near Lakeside Gardens, St. Mary Lake, by a girl hitchhiker who changed her mind. Pick up at Driftwood office.

6 DEATHS

DILLON, WINSOME (nee Case Morris) passed away peacefully after a brief illness on March 7, 2006 with all her family at her side. Born and raised on Salt Spring Island, she was a woman of great strength, beauty and love and was blessed with many friendships as the matriarch of Muffin Lane, Oak Bay. She will be missed by all who knew her. The family sincerely thanks Dr. C Friesen and the superb staff of the second floor of the Richmond Pavilion, Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria. A special thank you to her neighbours for their caring and support over the years. At her own request, there will be no service. A private celebration of her life will take place at a later date. Flowers are gratefully declined, but as an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the SPCA.

GIBSON, KEITH 1931 to 2006 passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital after a short illness on March 12. Predeceased by his wife Micky. There will be a memorial service and luncheon at the Harbour House, blue room on Sat., Mar. 18 at 12 noon. All friends are respectfully invited. No flowers by request. Special thanks to Dr. Benloulou and nursing staff for their care and attention.

20 COMING EVENTS

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

INTRODUCTORY COURSE in Reflexology, and level 1, 2 and Masters Reiki now being offered with Julie Howard. Refresher courses also available. 537-9433.

POTTERY WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

Do you want to learn how to throw your own pots on a potter's wheel? Then come and join one of the 4 Monday or Tuesday classes! (Ongoing, for beginners and advanced students). For more info. call Rita, 537-8961.

MODERN DANCE Technique, Mondays, 5:30 - 7pm. Hip Hop, Tuesdays, 6 - 7pm. Mahon Hall. Andrea, 538-0116.

ALASKA YOGA CRUISE

Join Cornelia Krikke on Holland America for a 7 day Alaska Cruise with Hatha and Ashtanga yoga. May 7 to 14, www.foreshill-studio.com, 538-0196.

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

YOGA WORKSHOP

with Julie Gudmestad, March 24 - 26. \$250 incl. tax. Details 537-2444.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP: World Water Day. Marg Simons will give a presentation on an initiative that grew out of a UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. March 19, 10:30 OAP, Fulford Hall, 537-8781. Everyone welcome.

BODY BALL Classes, 5 Tuesdays 5:45 - 6:45 pm. All Saints, starting March 28. Come stretch & relax. Pre-register by March 21 for \$30. Contact Minzie 537-4004.

BRIDGE LUNCH Friday March 17, noon at Fulford Hall. For Planned Parenthood clinic. 537-0897.

20 COMING EVENTS

BINGO

MEADEN HALL

Royal Canadian Legion

THURSDAY

Mar. 16, 7 pm

Early Birds, 6:30 pm

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary

Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92

All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.

20 COMING EVENTS

Gumbot Gala!
Monday, March 27th, 2006
with Bill Henderson & Valdy and Lotsa Surprises!
Customs gently encouraged, Prizes!
Fulford Hall
Tickets available now!
Soups, Sappies & Sweets by Fiddlehead Catering

THEATRE ALIVE!

presents an evening of poetry with award winning poets

Patrick Friesen & Eve Joseph

Sat., March 18th 8 pm

All Saints By The Sea

Co-sponsored by The Canada Council

Donations at the door

All welcome!

Caught in the Middle
6 week Parent/Child Support Group to help families overcome issues related to divorce and separation.
Thursdays 4:30-6 pm
March 30 - May 4
Light meal will be provided
Call Marvonne @ 537-9971 or 537-5390

20 COMING EVENTS

YOGA
with Cathy Valentine
MARCH 28 - JUNE 15



Tuesdays	6:00-8:00 pm	Level III
	Foodforest Farm	\$150/12 weeks
Thursdays	9:00-11:00 am	Level II
	The Gate House	\$150/12 weeks or \$15 drop-in

Please phone Cathy for more information & to register 537-1477

BOOK EXCHANGE
Sunday March 26
11 am to 4 pm
at **Central Hall**

come to exchange, barter, trade, sell or buy your gently used books **FREE!**

tables are free but please call to reserve your space - 537-0049
light refreshments available
EVERYBODY WELCOME

This event is hosted by the board of directors of your community hall. There will be a short interruption at 2 pm for the Central Hall AGM.

PRIZES
will be awarded when the meeting concludes.

Spring Yoga Classes
Drop-in yoga classes - \$12
SSCY Alumni and Qi Gong - \$10
Seniors - \$8
All other classes are free

Monday
9 - 10:30am Mixed Levels
11 - 12:00pm Seniors Yoga
4 - 5:30pm Beginner/Level 1

Tuesday
4 - 5:30pm Mixed Levels
7 - 8:15pm Qigong
(Please phone 537-5190 for info or to pre-register)

Wednesday
8:45-10:15am Mixed Levels
4-5pm Gita/Sutra Study
7-9pm Kirtan
(1st Wednesday of the month at Ganges Yoga Studio)

Thursday
4:30-6pm Mixed Levels

Friday
7-8:30am Mixed Levels

Sunday
11:30-1pm Intro to Yoga
(at Ganges Yoga Studio in Grace Point Square, 537-2444)
3:30 - 5pm Satsang - Spiritual songs and readings

Please call or check our website to confirm class availability
537-2326
www.saltspringcentre.com

MEADOWBROOK'S FUNDRAISER
Saturday, March 18 10:00 - 3:00

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25 EDUCATION

PENNY WISE JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP for women. The winner will receive a total of \$2,500 to study journalism in the eight-month journalism certificate course at Langara College in Vancouver. Visit www.bc-communitynews.com for details. Deadline: May 1, 2006.

20 COMING EVENTS

WordPlay AUDITIONS
for Lillian Hellman's
THE CHILDREN'S HOUR
Croftonbrook
March 23 & 24-7:30
(4f, 1m, 6f-teen)
Performances:
April 22 & 23

LEON BIBB
IN CONCERT WITH
TUNED AR
PRESENTS
THE ART OF THE SPIRITUAL
Friday, March 17 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 18 2:00 & 8:00 pm
at **ARTSPRING**
Tickets \$18* 537-2102
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32 MEETINGS

MEETING: BOARD of directors of Central Community Hall. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 7pm. Public welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting of Central Community Hall. Sunday, March 26, 2006, 2pm. Public welcome

34 NOTICES

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

CALLING ALL COOKS!
The Driftwood's Second Annual Community Cookbook will be published in May. Send in your recipe favorites by April 20. All contributors will be entered in a draw to win a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Send recipes to The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road. Fax to 537-2613 or email to driftwood@gulfislands.net

NOTICE TO: A black and white news photograph featuring a winter road accident which was published on page 13 in the December 28 2005 edition of The Driftwood newspaper was taken by Sandi Poystila of Salt Spring Island.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING golf? Friendly group - work on your game. Find out more about us on Sun. Apr., 2, 10am at Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club. Monday night Ladies Brunch & meeting to plan our Season.

SALT SPRING Golf & Country Club, Ladies opening spring lunch & golf scramble will be held on Tues., March 28. Please sign up at the club. All past & new members welcome. Ladies spring business meeting will be held on Tues., April 4 at 7pm.

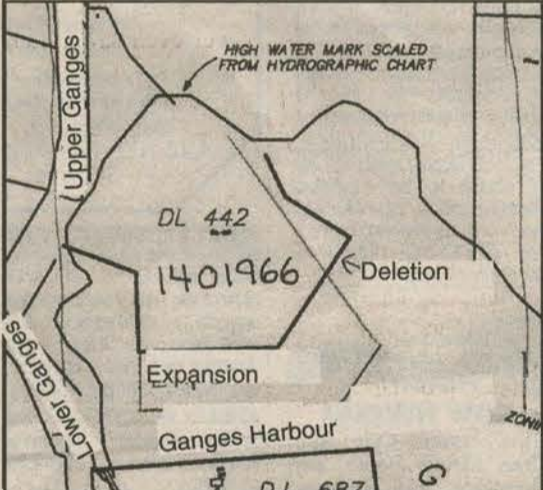
26 LEGAL

Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

Take notice that SS Marina Ltd. of Salt Spring Island, BC, intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Coast Region office for an amendment to the area of our commercial marine lease, situated on Provincial Crown land located at Ganges Harbour.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is 101429. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Senior Land Officer at 501-345 Wallace St., Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B6. Comments will be received by ILMB until April 8. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website at www.lwbc.bc.ca under Current Land Applications for more information.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at Integrated Land Management Bureau's regional office.



32 MEETINGS

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Beddis & Cusheon Lake Area Residents Association

The Annual General Meeting of members of the Beddis & Cusheon Lake Area Residents' Association (BACARA) will be held on **March 27, 2006 at the Salt Spring Island United Church, 111 Hereford Ave.** Beginning at 7:00 pm.

Business to be conducted:

- Receive reports of the Chair & Treasurer
- Election of Directors

Salt Spring Island Public Library

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Salt Spring Island Public Library Association

The Annual General Meeting of members of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association will be held on March 25, 2006 at the Lions Hall, 103 Bonnett Avenue, beginning at 3:00 pm.

Business to be conducted:

- Receive reports of the Chair, Chief Librarian & Treasurer
- Appoint the Auditor for fiscal year 2006
- Approval of proposed changes to the Association's bylaws
- Election of directors for a two year term

Copies of the proposed changes to the Association's bylaws will be posted in the Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, after March 10, 2006.

26 LEGAL

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

Re: THE ESTATE OF MARY POYNTZ, Deceased, formerly of 128 - 135 Brinkworthy Road, Salt Spring Island, in the Province of British Columbia V8K 1S3.

Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of MARY POYNTZ, are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W1 on or before April 15, 2006, after which date the Executor will distribute the Estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice.

James Pasuta
Solicitor for the Estate of
MARY POYNTZ

32 MEETINGS

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society Annual General Meeting
March 27 - 1:30 pm
Lions Hall
103 Bonnet Ave.
Election of officers
All members urged to attend.

34 NOTICES

PARC GRANTS-IN-AID

Applications for Grants-In-Aid to assist with parks and recreation related projects, which directly provide additional recreation facilities, equipment, services or programs, are considered twice each year in the spring and in the fall. The deadline for the current applications is **April 30, 2006**. Application forms are available on our website www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc or at the PARC office by calling 537-4448 or emailing parc@saltspring.com.

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*Application details available at GISS Counselling Office or by visiting www.gulfislandssecondary.ca/scholarship.html

Sudoku! Answers

8	1	3	2	9	6	7	5	4
4	7	6	1	3	5	2	8	9
2	5	9	8	7	4	3	6	1
1	3	4	6	2	7	5	9	8
9	6	5	3	8	1	4	7	2
7	8	2	4	5	9	6	1	3
3	4	7	5	1	8	9	2	6
6	9	8	7	4	2	1	3	5
5	2	1	9	6	3	8	4	7

34 NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Special Olympics
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Salt Spring Island

Are you looking for a fun & rewarding experience? Several volunteer positions are open. Join the coaching team or get involved with the administration committee.

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55 HELP WANTED

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55 HELP WANTED

MATURE, FRIENDLY, detail oriented person required by Hastings House to co-ordinate morning dining room service. Fine dining service experience an asset, punctuality and strong work ethic essential. Please apply in person to reception. Mon. through Fri. 8 am - 5 pm.

THE OYSTERCATCHER Seafood Bar & Grill and Moby's Pub now hiring staff to fill positions of servers, bartenders and bus people. Also positions available in the kitchen for line cooks, dishwashers and prep. Please apply in person to the Oystercatcher daily after 3 p.m.

CLEANING BUSINESS looking to hire part/full time staff \$10-18 per hour depending on experience. Drop resume to Box 16, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

HARBOR HOUSE Hotel is accepting resumes for their house keeping department. Keen eye for detail is essential. Serious applicants only. Drop off resume on the front desk, attn. Charlene.

DISHER WASHERS wanted. Auntie Pesto's, Grace Point Square. Apply in person.

CERTIFIED ORGANIC Isabella Point orchard requires experienced person to perform all functions. Commitment essential. Vehicle required, terms negotiable. lan 653-9634.

TRANSITIONS THRIFT Store seeks energetic individual interested in working in our busy, community-based retail environment on a casual basis. Please drop off resume with covering letter at "Transitions" by 4 pm on Saturday, March 25. Call 537-0661 for more info.

THE FISHERY is looking for a salesclerk for its busy Ganges seafood market. We're seeking a self-motivated team player with experience in retail, superior customer service skills and cash register operation. Knowledge of fish is preferred but we're willing to train the right person. If you have the skills above, we have the job for you! Email it to fish@salt-spring.com or phone 537-5063.

BARB'S BUNS require full & part time help for baristas, cooks, servers, bakers, dishwashers and prep cooks. Drop off resumes to manager. No phone calls please.

INTERESTED in cheesemaking or milking cows? Moonstruck is seeking full and part time staff. Permanent positions. We will train. 537-4987.

MOUAT'S TRADING is pleased to announce there is an opportunity for an energetic outgoing person to work in the Housewares Store. This is a full time position. Knowledge of appliances and cooking a plus.

MOUAT'S HOMEWARES is now accepting resume's for full and part time employment on the main floor. Cashier experience a plus.

PART-TIME Mac based graphic designer with experience in In-design, Photoshop and Illustrator required for busy office. Must have attention to detail, work well under pressure, and good english skills. Apply to: The Driftwood office, 328 lower Ganges road or by email: production@gulfislands.net.

JUNIOR PRESSMAN - The Estevan Mercury in southern Saskatchewan requires two pressmen for its web printing operation. We are seeking pressmen with at least one year's experience on Goss community presses, who are looking to hone their skills & advance their careers. The Mercury is affiliated with ten printing plants throughout western Canada. We are always seeking energetic & talented press operators who are looking to grow with our company. Wages & benefits commensurate with qualifications & experience. Interested individuals please contact: The Estevan Mercury, 68 Souris Avenue North, Estevan, SK, S4A 2M3. Phone 306-634-2654, attn: Peter Ng, Publisher.

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SKANDIA CONCRETE / Kootenay Paving, Div of Intertec Construction Ltd. A well established paving company in Invermere, BC and Golden, BC requires the following positions: all paving personnel and all grade crew personnel. Fax resumes to 250-342-3484.

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Summer Employment Opportunity

for senior secondary & post secondary students to assist with summer camps for youth.

Applicants should have a keen interest and some experience in sports, nature and the arts.

Application deadline: March 20, 2006.

Interested students may send their resumes to Fulford Community Nature School Society, 112 Rainbow Rd. Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K3

Windsor Plywood

would like to thank all of those who applied for the accounting office position. The position has been filled.

55 HELP WANTED

Trainee Personal Assistant to Dr Michael Colgan

Applicant must be fast, reliable, non-smoking, computer literate, ready-for-anything. Equestrian and weight training experience an advantage. This is an apprentice position, with training given in every aspect of Colgan Inc. business. Excellent career prospects for the right person. See colganinstitute.com and blennerhassetcanada.com for background information.

Apply in writing with resume and written references to, Personal Assistant, Blennerhasset Equestrian, 988 North End Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1L7.

Previous applicants for this position will be reconsidered and do not need to re-apply.

SUMMER DAY CAMP LEADERS Salt Spring Island

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for innovative and enthusiastic leaders to create a fantastic experience for participants of its 2006 Camp Colossal summer daycamp program. Camp Colossal is a 42 day, Monday to Friday program, that takes place in July and August with a focus on local outdoor activities and crafts for children in the 5 to 12 age group. The Camp offers a number of off-island day trips to venues such as the Butterfly Gardens, the waterslides or CRD Regional Parks attractions. First Aid Certification, a Class "4" BC Drivers Licence and a clean driving record are mandatory. Lifeguard Certification is an asset. Pay rate: \$14.39 plus 11% in lieu of benefits.

Reply in writing, on or before March 31, 2006, including a resume and references, to:

Camp Colossal
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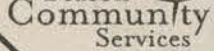
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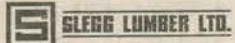
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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Spring is here and will activate your independence this week! You will feel inspired to cover a lot of ground and explore new people, visit old friends and go places. Making this clear to yourself may be more important and wise than sharing your aspirations with others. Just feel it and act upon your inner guidance. Not everything makes sense and sometimes we do what others do not like or understand. The truth is you want to experience more freedom and variety somehow. Taking the initiative in this regard is important now and you will be ready to express longer term intentions more clearly in a month. Act now and talk later!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
Health issues, concerns or inspirations will be triggered by this eclipse. Others close by will play pivotal roles. A simple worst case scenario is that you catch a virus from someone. Do be aware that psychological and emotional imbalances are also communicable diseases. If you are given a negative medical diagnosis, get another opinion. Alternatively, if you are given a clean bill of health, but still do not feel healthy or normal, get another opinion. Positively, inspiring new visions and or people could shift your awareness and awaken you to greater self-awareness or even self-realization.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Your public, professional and or social life will get a boost from this Solar Eclipse. Inspiring new connections or knowledge that illuminates your mind with vision and inspiration is all very possible over the next few weeks. New friends, close colleagues or perhaps actual family members - like a sibling - could act to open your mind to new perspectives. Forming new friendships is perhaps the most significant theme. These may come through new club involvements or other such associations. Alternatively, you may feel extra inventive and surprise yourself and others with your ideas.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
Your career and public reputation especially stands to take on added importance with this eclipse. New levels of leadership have been emerging and this may be the next significant trigger. Wise and perhaps spiritual and/or, at least imaginative, messages or messengers from the past will play a key role. You may simply feel inspired to more ardently face inner fears and worries. Clear reflections of yourself and your overall sense of purpose at this stage of your life could become much more obvious. New levels of leadership and possibly investment hunches could prove transformational yet will entail more responsibility.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
Clear messages from your higher mind are your potential gifts from the Aries Solar Eclipse. Clearing out the old to make way for the new is ideal and likely. You may feel moved to act with radical measures. These will be subject to investigations you have done and intuitive guidance. Delving into the deeper aspects of your life, your specific field of interest or vocation and perhaps life in general, will take on added importance. An experiential and experimental approach is ideal. Intend to break with existing patterns and let your higher mind guide you to new expressions. Take notes!

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
Life, death and rebirth complete the natural cycle of life. Sometimes, what we more obviously experience one or the other of these three basic stages. Sometimes it is birth, sometimes life and at others it is death itself, which is always followed by re-birth... eventually anyway. Sudden changes of direction and lifestyle due to external people and events is all part of the mystery of life. New directions in your career are very likely now. Your relationships will be affected. You may feel the need to or be asked to let go of someone or to break through limiting self-concepts

and attitudes.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Significant relationships and partnerships will change or be impacted due to new intuitions and insights. Either you or possibly and probably your partner(s) will push hard to make things happen. There could be an element of deception or at least denial at play so be aware. You will probably be open to new strategies. Your ability to assess situations stands to be extra strong so you have reason to feel confident as negotiations proceed. Playing with inspiring ideas, or spending quality time with new friends and possibly a lover is part of the overall plot. Rather than defend your position, explore your options.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Initiating new rituals, routines and healthy lifestyle patterns are all likely with this eclipse. Whether by inspiration or desperation you may feel the need to break free of tenacious patterns of behaviour and addictions. Recognizing that these are based on bio-chemical memory patterns could assist you in this process (see "What the Bleep do We Know"). Health is the key word and liberating yourself from certain attitudes and perspectives is a great place to start. Consider that we will do more to avoid pain than to pursue pleasure so associate pain to bad habits. Your career direction could also get a boost!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Inspiring opportunities for creative self-expression are likely to come your way over the next several weeks. Certain people in your life, perhaps a sibling may act to agitate your usual way of seeing and acting. While you may at first be annoyed and perhaps even angry, this shift may be the very thing that leads you to flashes of new awareness and possibility. Connecting with what makes you special is a strong theme these days. Educational pursuits are part of the plot. This may be linked to career, yet may also be for interest and hobbies. See yourself and your core beliefs in a new light.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Dreams and visions about what constitutes your true strength and power are part of this Solar Eclipse. You may come to realize that accessing this source of power requires that you undergo some changes in your core values. What drives you; why are you interested in the things, activities and people in your life? These and other such soul searching questions may be necessary now. Connecting with the person you feel you truly are at this stage of the game is an ongoing theme of late and will be extra active now. Get ready to give birth to new inspirations.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
New perceptions, ideas, plans and creative possibilities are calling you out of habitual thinking with this Aries Eclipse. You may feel quite inspired to play with a variety of people and prospects. Taking short trips here and there may come as a sudden inspiration. In certain respects, you may simply want to escape. Taking initiatives to actualize lingering visions is also likely. Commitments to key power players are part of the plot yet you may want to proceed cautiously. Expect big changes through these associations affecting your living situation and overall lifestyle.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Accessing new values and perhaps especially new resources, talents and skills will be activated with this Solar Eclipse in Aries. Making some key changes close to home may well include adjustments in your living space as well as in your perceptions. Awakening to new possibilities for income is central. Alternatively, you may simply want to do some renovations that will allow you to make better use of your living space. Be open to your dreams and intuitions coming to you and act upon them to stimulate your options. Multiple streams on income will see you through!

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ROTHERHAM, GERALDINE DEBORAH (nee Stairs) 1916 - 2006

Passed away on March 13th at the Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, BC, in her 90th year.

Beloved wife of the late Geoffrey Alexander (Hank) Rotherham. Much loved and respected mother of Tony and his wife Audrey of West Bolton Qc, Gib and Irene of West Bolton Qc, Judy and her husband Louis Adam of Crofton, BC and Arthur and his wife Amanda of Nanaimo, BC.

Grandmother of Duncan, Tom, Janet, Michael, Amie, Mariel and Alenka and greatgrandmother of Ella Poppy.

Hank and Debbie moved to Salt Spring Island in 1994 from Knowlton in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. On Salt Spring Island they soon became part of a community of friends centered around The Legion, ArtSpring, the Golf Club, the friendly folks who live in Kingfisher Cove and the Lady Minto Thrift Shop. The family would like to thank all the folks she came to know during her 12 years on Salt Spring for helping to make her years here so happy. Excitement was provided by being in the line-up during the bank robbery at the B of M. Who says retirement on Salt Spring is dull?

Special thanks to Dr. Berg and the nursing staff at the Lady Minto for their care and respect for Deborah during her illness.

The family requests that there be no flowers but a donation to the Lady Minto Foundation. There will be a reception in honour of Deborah Rotherham at the Salt Spring Golf Club on Saturday March 18th between 3:00 and 5:00pm.

Conflict of cultures: an entertaining audio

By **TOBY FOUKS**
Driftwood Contributor
For a great listen, try the library novel *The House of Sand and Fog*, an Oprah's Club pick, available at the Salt Spring library in cassette tape form (unabridged!), read by the writer, Andrew Dubus III, and his wife.

It's written with alternating points of view — on the one hand, we have the point

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of view of one of the main characters, Colonel Bahrani, an exiled, once wealthy and powerful Iranian, who has emigrated to the U.S. with his wife, daughter and son. On the other hand, we have the point of view of Lester,

a deputy sheriff, and Kathy, his girlfriend.

The event that gets this compelling narrative going is that Kathy's house is sold for nonpayment of taxes as a result of bureaucratic bungling, and Mr. Bahrani buys it at a fire sale price, planning to improve it and sell it as the start of his real estate path back to wealth and respect.

This is not great literature, but it makes for a terrific listen.

It gives a view of cultural conflict as the characters become engaged in a struggle that becomes deadly, so there's lots of suspense as well. There's a video version, which I haven't seen, but the beauty of audio tapes is that one can listen while doing other things.



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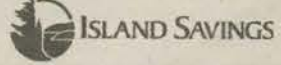

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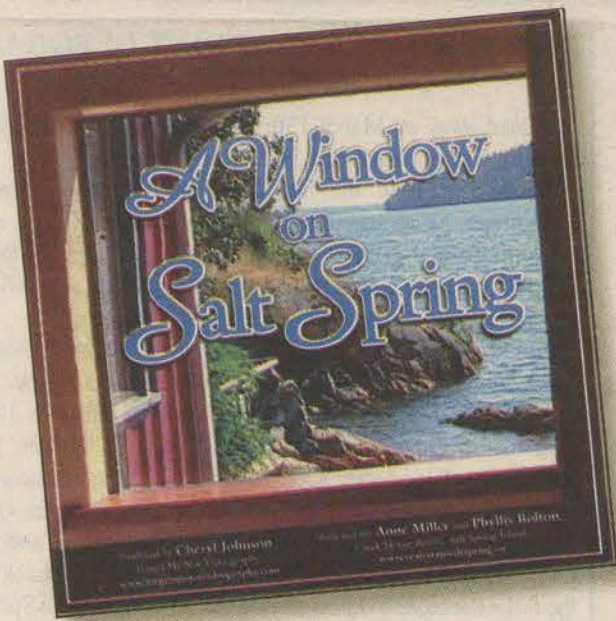
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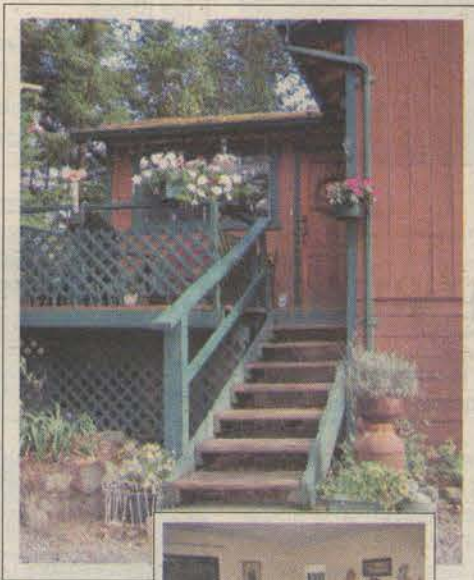
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