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## Trustees schooled on process for 4-day plan

"I'm not here to support the four or five-day week, but this process feels shaky to me and I'm heading out as well."

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

A public meeting on the four-day school week was over before it even began for the dozen protesters who voiced frustration over the school board's inability to create a fair and open discussion forum at Gulf Islands Secondary School Monday night.

"This is not a fun issue and a lot of people are very concerned," said Donn Tarris just before storming out of the high school's multi-purpose room. "I was hoping this would be a more open discussion without a bunch of platitudes."

Phoenix Alternate High School teacher Stephen Berry expressed similar objections over the failure to attract more than five members of the public to the proceeding.

"This discussion cannot happen if there is nobody

here," he said. "I'm not here to support the four or five-day week, but this process feels shaky to me and I'm heading out as well."

The few parents and students who remained expressed concerns over reduced academic standards, reduced services for special needs students and the need to preserve the district's program diversity.

Parent John Davies recommended the board look into holding a referendum on the issue.

"The issue has been around for a while and the best way to resolve this may be to put it to a vote," he said. "This is an issue that has affected the details of people's daily lives."

One of two students at the event expressed the importance of preserving specialized programming at all costs.

"The programs are what make this district such a rewarding place to learn and be a student," said Grade 12 student Elizabeth Cronin. "If you have to make a choice between bringing back the five-day week and cutting

**FOUR-DAY PROCESS A3**



**LUCK OF THE DUCK:** James Twaites hangs out with his favourite runner duck at Foxglove's 17th annual Lawn and Garden show. James and his dad Bob Twaites displayed an April Fool's Day set of directions on how to create a "bottlenecked" runner duck.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Tourism forum visits future

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

If cordiality were a measure of success, last Friday's Islands Trust Forum in Duncan could be deemed a hit for the simple fact the gathering of 161 tourism operators, politicians and concerned residents did not result in serious personal injury.

Amidst occasional political posturing could be found an honest attempt to open lines of communication between trustees, planners and the public regarding

tourism's role in the Gulf Islands.

The meeting included 35 Salt Spring residents representing sectors that included the Chamber of Commerce, Salt Spring Conservancy, vacation rental proponents and small business owners.

The two-day forum opened with an address from Whistler Mayor Ken Melamed describing his municipality's brush with fame and concluded with Tofino councillor Mark Tilitzky reflecting on the impending tourist

crunch facing his coastal community of 1,500 residents.

The Gulf Islands, it appears, are floating somewhere in the middle.

No longer an isolated outpost perched on the edge of the earth and yet to become a world-class multi-million dollar tourism experience, forum participants made it clear the region in general and Salt Spring Island in particular need a plan.

**TOURIST FORUM A2**

## Five moth egg masses found

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Driftwood Reporter

Island gypsy-moth hunters are optimistic about their success after an intensive two-week search saw some 90 volunteers scour the Burgoyne Bay area to find egg masses.

But volunteers contributed over 550 hours to search 30 south-end properties and found only five egg masses, said Leslie Wallace of SSTOP (Salt Springers Targeting Overuse of Pesticides).

"One is old, probably laid in 2004. The eggs in it

**GYPSY MOTH A2**

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# Trustees set to douse burning concerns

Salt Spring Island fire trustees have established a task force to address ongoing concerns regarding illegal slash fires, though finding a solution remains a hazy prospect.

"As it is, the fire department is a dog with no teeth," said trustee Bruce Patterson at the fire district's March meeting.

Comparing the fire department's efforts to curtail the problem with chewing a steak without teeth, Patterson suggested finding a

solution rested in pursuing a more "human approach" in which representatives from both sides can sit and work out a solution.

"I think we need to develop a made on Salt Spring solution," said Patterson. "We just have to start by opening up the gates of dialogue."

"We are dealing with people who have been here for a great length of time and this has evolved to the point where it has become personal."

The bylaw enforcement

committee includes Patterson, Ken Lee and fire chief Dave Enfield.

They will seek to reach a compromise with contractors who continue to burn slash from cleared parcels of land.

According to assistant chief Arjuna George, the fire department was receiving "numerous calls on a daily basis" from area residents concerned with the burning.

Not only does the smoke pose health risks to those living nearby, he said, it also

increases the threat of large-scale bush fires in the area.

A number of districts in the province, including Cowichan and the Sunshine Coast, have issued burning bans in response to growing concerns over the wildfire threat.

Despite the danger, trustees are convinced the issue hinges on contractors complying with existing bylaws.

"It appears they flaunt the bylaw because they know we can't enforce it," said fire board chair Ted Hinds.

# GYPSY MOTH

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had hatched out. The other four are unhatched and probably were laid last summer," Wallace said.

"With 800-1,000 eggs in each egg mass, we might have eliminated 4,000 little munchers and their progeny," Wallace said.

All of the egg masses were found on two properties on opposite sides of the street from each other, she noted.

"If we did our job well, this indicates a very localized 'outbreak.'"

The egg masses all proved viable and are currently hatching in a lab, said Canadian Forestry Service insect ecologist Dr. Vince Nealis.

"That's not only further confirmation that there's an incipient population brewing there that we need to be concerned about; on the good side, that's four less egg masses that are going to hatch out there," said Nealis.

He projected that gypsy moths would hatch late this week on Salt Spring and he commended local volunteers for an impressive job in finding the eggs.

"One of the things about the gypsy moth is that it lays its eggs in very cryptic places. It would never be a sufficient way to remove the insect. It would be very difficult, even for very

well-trained people, to find all the egg masses."

Similar measures were attempted on the East Coast without success, he noted.

"It's related to people's ability to find things and also just in the habitat. A gypsy moth likes to lay its eggs under logs, under rocks, up in trees. It's all over the place."

But Nealis believes egg hunting generates excellent community involvement.

"It's just given us an opportunity to raise community awareness and get them on-side for what is really solving their own problem."

Robb Bennett, an entomologist with the Ministry of Forests and Range, noted that gypsy moth egg masses can also be difficult to identify.

"Egg masses can be easily confused by a non-specialist with a whole pile of things. People have turned in stuff like old pink insulation from houses, different types of lichens, mushrooms and general crud."

Bennett and Nealis investigated approximately two-dozen suspicious objects found by volunteer searchers, he said.

"They are as rare as rare can be, but we want them to be completely absent," Bennett said. "When they are that rare, it's worse than searching for needles in a haystack."

But Bennett's main aim has been to help educate the public and avoid confrontation over insect-population control issues, he said.

"On Salt Spring there was no interest in having us pursue the standard insect eradication technique, which is simple, effective and demonstrated to be safe — which is the aerial sprays. Folks didn't want the aerial spray, which is fine," Bennett said.

"They came up with a viable alternative that is less likely to be successful. But given the huge volunteer potential on Salt Spring, it looked like it would be a go."

The next step in the battle against gypsy moths will be ground spray of the non-toxic hormone BtK, he said.

"The egg-mass search is just one of a series of actions that need to be taken," said Bennett.

"It was successful entirely because of the huge volunteer effort by folks on Salt Spring."

# TOURISM FORUM

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"We need to have baseline data before we know where we're meant to go," Salt Spring Island trustee Peter Lamb told forum participants. "It remains important to elicit a vision from the community that is often sometimes large and diverse."

Reporting on behalf of one of the forum's 10 discussion groups, Lamb spoke of the need to preserve viable forms of living and food security.

Fostering preservation of the natural environment, encouraging the island's slower pace of life and developing incentives for energy-efficient housing, he added, ought to rank high on the priority list.

Assembled in smaller groups to discuss issues associated with tourism development, group after group emphasized the need

to combine protecting the area's natural environment with developing an economic framework to support all island residents.

A panel of tourism experts from British Columbia and Washington State echoed participants' concerns, emphasizing that without planning, tourism development will overtake the island.

"You can plan all you want, but often times the social capital of communities fails because the push for money often outweighs the broader social needs," said Tilitzky from Tofino.

He lauded the Islands Trust's attempt to bring all sides of the debate together under the same roof at the forum as an important starting point for the challenging road ahead.

"We are not all going to get what we want," Tilitzky

added. "Part of being in a community is compromise and though tourism is not an easy topic, it is something each of us needs to address."

Developing a plan, he said, offers residents a chance to develop a shared vision of what they want their island to look like.

"As individuals, you may not have the clout to bring about change and mold development," he said. "By working together, positive change can happen."

Hot topics include developing eco-tourism and island infrastructure, rising property values, green accommodation standards, year-round tourism opportunities, short-term vacation rentals and the need to preserve authentic communities.

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce president Peter Allan added that event

planners could reduce the impact of summer visitors and contribute to a year-round economy.

Meeting talk ranged from condemnation of islanders' drawbridge mentality — which one Pender resident blamed on "malcontents not wanting to share their piece of paradise" — to progressive urban planning rhetoric promoting "pro-active community vision" and the need to preserve sustainable ecosystems.

Islands Trust chair Kim Benson was impressed with the participation level and added that people's involvement revealed the significance of tourism and development in the region.

"In the end, it comes down to the islands themselves," she said. "In many ways we are all visitors and it is the islands that remain."



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**RITA'S BACK?** Dagwood's Diner owner Don Nemeth was surprised Saturday to find a new sign erected and former island restaurant owner Rita Dods working in his place at Dagwood's. The April Fool's Day joke was cooked up by Dods and Dagwood's employee Mary Piperno. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*

## RCMP deal with accidents, drunks

911  
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• A man who drew complaints of disturbing the public at the movie theatre and later at Moby's on April 1 was subsequently arrested and lodged in cells until sober.

• Police were called to attend a complaint of an intoxicated male at Barb's Buns just after midnight on April 2. The Victoria male was arrested and lodged until sober for his own and the public's safety. Further investigation revealed the male was in breach of several conditions of probation and he was escorted to Victoria for attendance before a court.

• A collision occurred on Fulford-Ganges Road on Sunday night at 7:47 when the driver of a vehicle attempted to turn left from Alders Ave-

nue with an obstructed view and collided with the front of a northbound vehicle on Fulford-Ganges Road. Both vehicles suffered moderate damage and all parties were wearing seatbelts.

• Police attended a single vehicle accident at Central at 10:35 p.m. on Monday where a vehicle which had attempted to turn left began to slide, over-corrected, spun around and went off the road to the right. The vehicle came to rest in the ditch on the passenger side.

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## FOUR-DAY PROCESS

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programs, please choose to keep the programs."

Classmate Caitlyn Pal said she would most likely remember the special programs such as her upcoming band and choir trip to Cuba later this month.

"After I graduate, that trip will probably be something I will never forget," she said.

Because the evening was designed as a forum geared for school trustees to get a sense of the public's attitude vis-à-vis the four-day week, they were not permitted to voice how they intend to vote.

Speaking to the need of more public participation, however, trustee Charles Hingston expressed disbelief over opponents' unwillingness to make their voices heard.

"I always appreciate the public's view and it amazes me that here is a chance for the public to have some input and so few turn out," he said, visibly upset at the lack of co-operation and input from those opposing the four-day week.

With only days remaining until trustees make their final decision on April 12, he added, members of the public have few opportunities to offer alternatives.

"This is meant to be a public meeting and I want to hear your views on what will

be a very difficult decision for us," he said. "I don't just want to hear about a four-day or five-day school week, I want to hear some alternatives to develop funding and provide the programs and services that students deserve."

Newly elected trustee Wolfgang Temmel ran on a campaign to reinstate the five-day week and said he was disappointed with the public's reaction.

Speaking as the parent of three school children, Temmel expressed appreciation for teachers' abilities to listen to concerns and resolve issues that arose during the past year.

"This is a public meeting and I don't think we can be blamed if nobody showed up," he said. "We are here to get input, not cover up reality."

According to financial information compiled by district treasurer Rod Scotvold, the reality is not a pretty sight.

The Gulf Islands School District stands to lose \$669,000 if it reinstates the five-day week. Balancing the budget would require cutting five full-time teachers or administrators.

"You just can't go back to the five-day school week and expect to have the same services," he said. "That's just

not going to happen." Even sticking with the four-day week will result in a projected loss of \$269,000 based on declining enrolment levels.

If enrolment figures do not change drastically within the next month, Scotvold said, two full-time teaching positions will be eliminated and a 57.5-hour reduction in special education staffing will be required.

"We are a people-based industry," he said. "You can't just plan to put teachers in front of empty classrooms."

The district adopted the four-day week for the 2004-2005 school year in response to declining enrolment and reduced government funding as an alternative to school closures or cuts to special programs such as French Immersion and music.

The Boundary District in south-central B.C. is the only other school district in the province with a four-day week, though trustees from Quesnel, Surrey and Kootenay-Columbia have expressed interest in the measure to reduce costs.

Trustees will vote on the four-day week at their next board meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. on April 12 at the Salt Spring Island Middle School. Comments may be submitted to the district at the meeting or via the district's website at www.sd64.bc.ca.

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**First Nations harvest shellfish plans**

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Driftwood Reporter

A new aquaculture company formed by the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group (HTG) will offer more than just fresh local seafood.

Qum'ul Seafoods Inc. of Ladysmith will provide vital employment for HTG members, it will reconnect people with their ancestral culture and it bolsters claims for an upcoming treaty.

"It is about re-establishing, or establishing in a greater way, opportunities for our membership to be involved in a traditional lifestyle," said HTG chief negotiator Robert Morales.

"Harvesting of shellfish has always been an important part of the culture, including opportunities to trade with other inland communities," he said. "I can remember as a child, my mother drying clams and taking them down to Yakima."

Aquaculture applications are also significant in the

treaty process, he said.

"The foreshore and the seabed are important areas that we want in the negotiations. This is a way to establish our place there."

The formation of Qum'ul Seafoods Inc. is also a preemptive move in anticipation of growth in the local industry, he said.

"In our territory, we're heavily impacted by private land and we don't want to see the same thing happen in the foreshore."

HTG wants to avoid conflicting claims with private industry.

"We want to see the Hul'qumi'num people get their foot in the door first on these kind of ventures so that as we negotiate, and try and get a resolution, we're not met with, 'This space is already taken by someone else.'"

Among the 37 sites identified by the HTG for aquaculture harvesting consideration, 10 are on or near Salt Spring, he said.

"These are all foreshore sites."

In addition to treaty implications and opportunities to maintain traditional customs, the new business also offers employment and economic benefits for the HTG community, he said.

"It's an opportunity to develop an economic base for our communities and contribute to the overall well-being of B.C."

Ecotrust Canada supports the initiative and is working with the Qum'ul board of directors to establish good governance.

"Ecotrust Canada is excited about this new business. We see it as a unique opportunity and a new way of thinking to advance economic development in a territory shared by six Nations," says Brenda Kuecks, Ecotrust director of community programs.

Both federal and provincial governments provided startup funds for Qum'ul

Seafoods.

The aquaculture company aims to ensure that all of their operations are environmentally safe and friendly, said HTG natural resource manager Cheri Ayers.

"We're quite confident that all of the sites that we've selected won't have any negative environmental impact."

The HTG-owned company plans to expand its operations to generate an annual revenue over \$100,000. And the business has already employed 14 people, Ayers said.

"It's also about using traditional knowledge and information in a contemporary industry."

A recent dig at Round Island, in the Chemainus River estuary, saw 25,000 pounds of clams harvested over the last few weeks.

"They are very proficient diggers. They've done this for a long long time, so they are very good at it."

**Marina concerns dominate Trust agenda**

A seven-unit commercial accommodation development planned for 118 Rainbow Road is set to proceed after trustees voted in favour of issuing Ganges Marina a development permit at a Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting last Tuesday.

The complex is planned for an existing property now zoned for commercial accommodation.

Proceeding with the development is consistent with statements marina manager Robyn Kelln made prior to the LTC decision to deny a zoning change for the adjacent marina property on Lower Ganges Road last fall.

The zoning change would have permitted the development of a three-level commercial waterfront complex in exchange for an amenity package that included park zoning, road improvements and the completion of the

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Granting the permit coincided with the Trust's decision to issue a heritage alteration permit for the removal of 11 mature trees from the property. According to conditions set out in the permit, the developer is required to plant two trees for every tree removed.

In other Islands Trust news:

• Trustee George Ehring voiced concern over B&B Ganges Marina Ltd.'s attempt to renew a temporary use permit for a floating facility located on the Lower Ganges Road marina site.

While the permit remained valid during the marina's rezoning proposal, Ehring

said, it is unclear whether there is basis to renew the permit since the rezoning process ended last fall.

The structure houses a marina office, small store, arcade and meeting room — uses that remain questionable under the existing temporary use permit, Ehring said.

Kelln said revoking the permit would jeopardize the marina's future operations.

"Taking that building away would be a detriment to boaters in the upcoming season," he said. "You've put us in a very difficult position."

Trustees tabled the decision until the April LTC meeting.

• Trustees spent more than an hour deliberating a development variance permit to reduce the minimum setback from the sea to five metres to allow for the construction of a waterfront residence on Alders Avenue.

In spite of the applicant's repeated pleas regarding the inherent difficulties of building on the site, located beside a fault line on an extremely steep slope, trustees recommended the property owners return with a redrafted proposal regarding the location of their 3,800-square-foot home.

• Salt Spring Island has been chosen to participate in a provincial program to advance energy efficiency in buildings.

As one of the Community Action on Energy Efficiency Program's 14 participants province wide, Salt Spring Island will receive \$35,000 to help planners review bylaws and policies with the aim of introducing green building policies.

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# Dangerous dogs attack islanders

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Driftwood Reporter

Islanders have been startled by a recent rash of dog attacks.

"There were three attacks in the last couple of weeks," said Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunwieser.

And he recalled another two attacks within the last month.

"This year there seems to be a lot more than there was last year."

Two recent attacks resulted in minor injuries to islanders from bites and he seized one large wolf-cross dog, he said.

"The one from Fulford, I seized the dog and took him over to Victoria for re-evaluation."

A pedestrian was bitten after reaching out to pat the large dog while it was tied up, Brunwieser said.

The victim was bitten on the hand and missed work for a few days, he said.

"If a small kid was walking by and touched the dog and got bitten, maybe in the face, that would be horrific," Brunwieser said.

Another incident in Vesuvius involved a medium-sized dog on an extension leash that bit someone on the thigh — leaving considerable puncture marks and bruising — without provocation, he said.

A third recent attack involved a vicious pursuit, but the victim was able to get



**WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE:** A close-up look at this dog's teeth shows why a dog bite can hurt.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

away without injury, he said.

"The main problem is new people coming here. Some people think that there are no bylaws here and there are no rules or regulations and their dogs are allowed to roam free."

Islanders should be aware that the CRD can and will seize dogs that attack people or animals, depending on the severity of the incident, Brunwieser noted.

"When I had previous complaints about a certain dog being tied up in Fulford and he still did it, that tells me he wasn't taking it too

seriously. And then when the person got bitten, I had no choice but to seize the dog."

Impounded dogs are evaluated by qualified specialists in Victoria to determine their fate, he said.

"If the dog is a danger to the public, we would go to the next step, which is to take this to court and ask for destruction of the dog."

As an alternative to destruction, a dog can also be declared "dangerous" and live under a set of restrictions, he said.

Dangerous dogs must be leashed and muzzled off

their property, signs must be posted indicating presence of a dangerous dog, the dog must take obedience classes and owners pay \$100 for a special licence.

Owners of dangerous dogs must also maintain a safe passage from their gate to their door so that visitors are not attacked. Home insurance companies must also be notified to provide coverage, he noted.

Following recent changes to bylaws, dogs can also be declared dangerous if they attack other animals, he said.

"Lambing season is also killing season, that's when most of the sheep get killed."

Owners can apply for a change from "dangerous" status if the dog's behaviour improves with training.

Among the 1,400 licenced dogs on the island, Brunwieser estimates that there are two dozen declared dangerous dogs on Salt Spring.

"Half are dangerous to people and half are dangerous to livestock."

A third option allows bylaw control officers to issue \$100 tickets to dog owners if their dog is threatening to other people.

"When you have a dog today, you have to be very careful. If you have a dangerous dog and we can prove that the dog is being used as a weapon, we can also charge them under the Criminal Code of Canada. That means that the person can go to jail."

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## Dog education offers safety tips

Education is the key to dog safety. And it seems that both dogs and people can learn a few tricks to avoid problems.

Dogs, dog owners and the general public can all benefit from different types of training — ranging from obedience training for dogs, dog handling instruction for owners and bite-safety programs for children.

"Animal behaviour can be unpredictable, and it is an owner's duty to educate themselves to provide the best possible training for their dog, to help make it a happy, healthy dog," said local dog trainer Ann McPhee.

McPhee and her husband Bruce are members of the Canadian Association of Professional Pet Dog Trainers and they've been training dogs and owners on Salt Spring for over 20 years.

A happy, well-trained dog is less likely to bite than a dog that is confused, scared and uncertain, she said.

"All dogs need to be socialized with people, dogs and a

variety of situations from a very early age, regardless of breed or type."

The number of dogs euthanized for behaviour issues is much higher than those put down with health problems, she noted.

"Blame the deed, not the breed" is a very apt statement," said McPhee, "but we also need to stress the responsibility of the owner to provide the right type of education and environment to have a happy, social and responsible dog."

One of the most effective ways of reducing dog bites is to teach people, especially children, about dogs and how to handle them and approach them, she said.

"It's easy to forget, that even though they are loyal and loving, they are still animals and not people in furry suits."

Salt Spring SPCA shelter supervisor Jena Peori is working on implementing a Bite Free program into local schools that teaches

the proper way to approach a dog.

"Never look a dog right in the eye, never touch a dog over its head. They don't like having hands come over their heads. Let them sniff your hand, pet them on the side and let them decide if they want to be petted," Peori said.

The program developed by the SPCA was created in conjunction with the B.C. curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 5.

"A lot of dogs bite out of fear, not aggression."

If a dog is in a car, a dog is eating or a dog has a territory to defend, it's not the time to try to attempt to pet the dog. A lot of times, dogs are just trying to defend an area, she said.

Dogs can change their behaviour dramatically if they are scared or they feel compelled to defend something, she said.

"A lot of people, if they haven't been bitten, don't realize how threatening their actions can be to a dog."

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# Fire hazard wake-up call needed

By DAVE ENFIELD

Following the "Firestorms of 2003," the provincial government appointed Gary Filmon to do a review of the 2003 forest fire season.

The ensuing Filmon Report brought forth numerous recommendations, which we would like to update Salt Spring residents on.

He recommended that all communities ensure that their respective emergency plans be updated. The Salt Spring Island Emergency Plan was successfully updated during 2005 and an evacuation plan is being actively worked on.

The Salt Spring Fire Department now has in place formal mutual aid agreements with all of the neighbouring Gulf Islands departments, excluding Saturna at this time.

Incident Command training to the 100 level has been achieved by all members of the fire department, with several trained to the 400 level. We are also planning to host an Incident Command System 200 course here for Gulf Islands firefighters.

One of Mr. Filmon's last recommendations was to require a community protection plan in those communities with a high probability and consequence of fire in the interface zone.

An interface fire is one that involves human development and wild land simultaneously.

When the Union of B.C. Municipalities asked what areas were interested in developing Community

Wildfire Protection Plans and made available some funding, the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District trustees in their wisdom had an application drafted, which saw both sides making available a total of \$25,000 to complete the plan.

We then contracted with Dr. Sharon Hope and her team of registered foresters to commence the work.

First off they visited 22 sites on the island and did hazard assessment plotting to develop a very comprehensive map of the island. Their findings were that other than some riparian areas and minor greenbelt areas, the entire island was in either a high or extreme fire risk zone.

During the fire season we have made available to us the local hazard rating for that day. This is derived from the B.C. Forest Service weather station located at the Fulford fire hall. Many days during that period we are in the high to extreme category and find us sitting on eggshells hoping we are not alerted to any type of fire.

Five-year trends show us responding to six to 15 such fires.

Weather, quick notification and quick response have been on our side in the past, but we feel that we are extremely vulnerable and that the community should be prepared.

Wildland interface fires on Salt Spring are problematic because:

- they are often more difficult to control and can

behave erratically;

- long-term fire suppression has seen an accumulation of build-up fuels;

- the inhabitants of interface areas often have come directly from urban settings and may not be aware of the fire hazards associated with their community.

The Salt Spring Island Fire Department is a well-trained and equipped force, responding to 588 calls last year. We cover over 182 square kilometres, protecting in the neighbourhood of \$4-billion worth of residential development.

We would ask that all residents of the island attempt to give us some defensible space around their residence so we may attempt to protect your investment. By clearing and thinning of ladder fuels, you help eliminate the fire getting into the crown of the trees and escalating quickly in the ranking.

If your civic address isn't posted or clearly visible, it delays our response. If your driveway is overgrown with tree limbs or narrowed during the years, we can't get our apparatus to the areas of concern.

Fire permit season begins April 15 and we would ask all residents to do what they can for us. As one fire officer for the B.C. Forest Service puts it, "You own the fuel, you own the problem."

We are working with the various levels of government, the other Gulf Islands fire departments and interested groups in having FireSmart principles adopted into the

official community plan at this time.

On Monday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m., the Knowledge Network is broadcasting a half-hour documentary titled In Our Defence, an inspirational story of how the town of Logan Lake's Fire Safety Protection Plan became a reality. We feel that something as drastic as Logan Lake has done doesn't fit the needs of Salt Spring, but the community does need a wake-up call to realize that we are at risk.

We ask all residents to take whatever preventative steps they can to prevent another catastrophic fire year in B.C. When you come in for your fire permit, pick up the homeowners' FireSmart manual, any of the other applicable brochures and take a look at our hazard maps.

If possible we will visit your property and offer suggestions.

If you wish to organize a neighbourhood meeting and have one of us come out and do a FireSmart talk, we are more than willing.

We have found that neighbourhood meetings are more effective in getting the FireSmart message spread around.

As the next few years are predicted to be drier than the 10-year average, the fire season is growing by a day a year on average and we should all be concerned about the impact of wildland fires on our community.

The writer is Salt Spring Island's fire chief.

# Fire AGM sparks some new priorities

Fire trustee chair Ted Hinds made it clear the next year will usher in a period of change for the Salt Spring Fire Department as it continues to serve the evolving needs of a growing community.

High on the list, Hinds said at last week's annual general meeting, will be finalizing a site for the new downtown fire hall.

Need for the new facility follows an insurance audit that deemed the existing facility required between \$300,000 and \$500,000 in upgrades to improve

ventilation and structural stability.

Hinds said a referendum would likely be timed for the fall.

He indicated the trustees are also reviewing the location of hall #3 at Central in light of the Channel Ridge project.

Hinds also said successful contract negotiations with the union representing three of the department's five full-time firefighters will bring them to wage parity with other departments in the province within five years.

The International Association of Fire

Fighters includes all but two per cent of paid firefighters in the province.

Fire chief Dave Enfield said the union would in no way compromise the relationship between the staff and volunteers.

"If anything, this strengthens relations," he said. "The contract clearly states which responsibilities belong to who."

Hinds also formally appointed new trustees Wayne Wrigley, Mark Wyatt and Mike Arnott after they were elected by acclamation in March.



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# Grass fire burns acre

Even though islanders have faced a lush green mix of sun and rain through early spring, local firefighters battled a grass fire that consumed an acre and threatened a greenhouse and out-buildings on Thursday.

"The flames when I arrived were upwards of 20 feet in the air, moving quite rapidly toward [two] structures, and involved the pump house," said Salt Spring Fire Department chief Dave Enfield.

Some 14 firefighters applied 4,500 gallons of water and worked for over an hour to contain the fire along Mansell Road, he said.

"Fire was impinging on the greenhouse and [another building] was threatened," Enfield said.

The fire spread from a burn pile when winds picked up in the sunny afternoon, he said.

"The fellow said to me that he tried to burn it the week before and it was so wet that he couldn't get it going. This time, he thought he'd give it one more try, put a match to it and it was gone."

The recent fire serves as a reminder that the island can be highly susceptible to wildfire incidents, even before the dry summer season.

"We're asking people to come in and sign for the permits. We get them to come in every two years, just to make sure all their information is updated on our computer program."

Islanders can also drop into the firehall in Ganges to pick up a FireSmart booklet, grab a pamphlet with burning regulations and to see a new map that shows the fire risk in their neighbourhood.



**SHIPSHAPE SHEEP:** Cali Belanger, left, and Katie Melen show off Ava and Allie at a 4-H display at Foxglove's annual Lawn and Garden Show, held for four hours last Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Cougar kill discovered in Deer Park Rd area

A Deer Park Road area resident is warning others in her neighbourhood that a cougar-killed deer is evidence one of the big cats has been in that area.

"The guts were gone, the stomach was gone — it was a typical deer attack by a cougar," said Johanna Murray.

She said the deer carcass was found on her property a week ago Sunday. It follows the report of a cougar sighting on Mobrae Avenue on March 6.

Anyone who sees a cougar or evidence of one in their neighbourhood should contact the Duncan conservation office at 1-800-663-9453.

Children and adults should be reminded to not run from a cougar, but to slowly back away without making eye contact.

They should try to appear as big as possible and make noise.

## Hepburn heads library board

Salt Spring's newly elected and returning library board members chose an executive at their Tuesday, March 28 meeting, following the AGM the previous week.

Duncan Hepburn, who has chaired the long-term planning committee, was elected chair, with Tilly Crawley as vice-chair.

Andrew Peat is again treasurer, while chief librarian Marilyn Ming will be a non-voting secretary.

Other board members are Bea Brewer, Ron Hawkins, Kelda Logan, Lindsey Neville and Peter Sharpe, while regional director Gary Holman sits on the board as a Capital Regional District rep.

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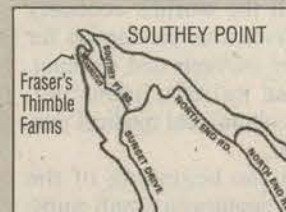
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## Protecting homes from wildfire threat

As tornadoes rage across the central U.S., islanders should remind themselves that we are remarkably blessed and fortunate to live on these safe and beautiful Gulf Islands.

We can thank our lucky stars that it's unlikely we will ever face a tornado, hurricane or car-bombing terrorist attack on Salt Spring.

Admittedly, we live in an earthquake/tsunami zone with a ticking seismic clock that could ring anytime in the next 500 years, but the greatest threat to the health and welfare of islanders likely comes in the form of a wildfire conflagration, much like the ones that struck the Okanagan in 2003.

And Salt Spring has seen its share of brush and forest fires in the past. Salt Spring Fire Department Chief Dave Enfield reminds us that the entire island is ranked as high and extreme for fire risk from wildfires and we face an average of six to 15 brush and forest fires on the island every year. In August 2002, a six-acre fire on Channel Ridge threatened several homes. Local firefighters have already extinguished a one-acre grass fire this season.

As warmer weather returns, local grasses, shrubs and trees will once again dry into high-combustion fuels and people will spend more time outdoors involved in activities that multiply the fire risk.

Since we all live in and around brush and forests, every home on the island is threatened if a wildfire should spread beyond the capabilities of rapid containment by our fire department.

Firefighters in the Okanagan learned from bitter experience that once wildfires grow to a certain size, they are difficult to control and can spread faster than most people imagine.

Local residents might want to heed the early warnings and protect their homes from wildfire. You can pick up a homeowners FireSmart manual at the Salt Spring Fire Department, ask for staff to attend a neighbourhood group meeting and watch a Knowledge Network show on the Logan Lake experience on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Salt Spring has been lucky so far — but luck is a lousy tool to rely on for protecting your home and community. Get informed now.

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## Trustees deserve praise for sticking to Trust's mandate

By KRIS WILHELMSEN and KIM KORNACHER

Our new trustees were elected by a wide majority of voters on the basis of a clear platform — uphold the “preserve and protect” mandate of the Islands Trust, and apply the precautionary principle whenever appropriate considering the complexity of a given issue.

Based on this, it seems we should be applauding the decisions made during our trustees' tenure so far, as their actions are consistent with the Islands Trust mandate.

The community should be proud of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) decision to pass Bylaw 413, which places limits on the total floor area of structures in certain shoreline areas. The passage of Bylaw 413 was not a result of “vindictive planning” or an attempt to provoke Mr. Kelln or other marina operators,

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but a positive action intended to clarify an existing, deficient bylaw that potentially allowed unlimited shoreline development.

Last fall, the previous LTC rejected Bylaw 404 that would have allowed Ganges Marina to build 16 units on their shoreline property and in-fill part of the harbour. The decision was made partly on the basis of widespread community recognition of the need for a harbour management plan. The passage of Bylaw 413 is consistent with this understanding.

The danger of unlimited growth in shoreline areas is the degradation of this fragile interface between marine and terrestrial environ-

ments, and the cascading loss of species and economies dependent upon these ecosystems. In light of these serious issues, the real battle is not going to be a shoot-out at the OK Corral, as Mr. Kelln claimed in a Driftwood article last week, it is going to be a fight to develop the kind of social, economic and ecological community the island can sustain.

The community should be proud of the LTC decision to expedite the Murakami Rainbow Road housing project, characterized by Salt Spring Community Services executive director Rob Grant as by far the most viable and affordable housing project on the island. Peter Vincent's acerbic and disrespectful commentary in his March 29 column included nothing about this decision, although past “solutions” to the affordable housing problem have not targeted young people

and low-income families. By contrast, the Murakami project is a generous and much-needed effort to solve one of our island's greatest problems — the gentrification and homogenization of Salt Spring and the consequent loss of mid-low income families and young people. It is a true effort to keep our island a vibrant and diverse community.

Recent local events underscore the crucial importance of proceeding with caution to preserve and protect the natural environment of the Gulf Islands. Examples are Richard Hebda's March 24 talk on global warming, in which he discussed the dire consequences projected for this island, and the Islands Trust Tourism Forum, in which the majority of participants expressed their concern with maintaining an “authentic” island community (meaning diverse, balanced, vibrant and rural).

These are just expressions of the knowledge most of us share about the importance of community and the fact that critical resources such as water, forest and agricultural land are decreasing while demand for them is increasing. In light of this, we should be less concerned with how recent LTC decisions will affect the ability of us as individuals to accumulate wealth by subdividing our properties or building to the maximum potential of any current zoning bylaws.

We should be much more concerned with how we will contribute to the preservation of our community, our environment and our species. On this basis, we should applaud the efforts of our current trustees to make decisions that uphold the preserve and protect mandate.

*The writers are archaeologists who live on Salt Spring Island.*

## North America should look to hemp's past for future growth

By KEN ROULEAU

Recent interest in biodiesel made me think to remind people about the single most diverse plant on Earth: hemp.

Human societies have been using the cannabis hemp plant since before recorded history and in their daily lives like we use cotton, plastic and fossil fuel today. There are now over 50,000 products that can be made with hemp — all unsmokable — from silken fabrics to paints to houses.

Up until the mid-1800s, hemp was 80-90 per cent of all the world's economy and industrial production for paper, oil/fuels and clothing. It had military, industrial, agricultural and medical purposes.

At the beginning of the 20th century, a small num-

### IN RESPONSE

ber of activists were bringing forth the petroleum economy and clearly hemp was the biggest competitor. In 1937, *Popular Mechanics* published an article about hemp production called “The Billion Dollar Crop,” showing the uses and developing technologies that made it so financially successful (a billion dollars in 1937 would be an \$80-billion crop today).

After centuries of use in North America, hemp agriculture became illegal under the banner of marijuana prohibition, even though industrial hemp has little or no THC — the active ingredient in marijuana. As timber, cotton and oil-based synthetics

hemp, prohibition eliminated hemp production from the economic scene.

However, while the Canadian government made it illegal for farmers (who had been growing it for generations) to grow hemp, that same government began importing it from Asian farmers in the millions of tons.

The 1950s-80s saw the sub-urbanization of North America and the rise of oil dependency. Fast forward to 2006 and we know the recent history of oil price wars, military wars for oil reserves, environmental devastation and social exploitation (think Nigeria). Now, we may be at peak oil, global warming and a “war that won't end in our generation.” It's time to change course and there are clear ways that were tried

Anything made with hydrocarbons (fossil fuels) can be made with carbohydrates (plant matter). Hemp produces four times the yield of equivalent forest acreage because of its quick crop growth and can grow almost anywhere. It uses 80 per cent fewer pollutants for production than cotton, paper and plastics, while creating a far more durable product.

With all this potential, only recently have laws been loosened in Canada to allow some licences to grow hemp, but there is little encouragement, public or private investment or production. Our federal government supports industries that are dinosaurs environmentally, economically and socially with taxpayers' money better spent elsewhere.

For no good reason,

behind Europe and the rest of the world, which is developing hemp/biodiesel/plant matter products and green technologies.

In our present day, we should be pioneering new avenues of fuel, fibre, plastics and oils made of hemp. In fact, we are negligent not to considering the rate of deforestation, industrial pollution and synthetic toxins, let alone the billions of dollars that could be generated from a hemp-strong economy.

Time to grow up! B.C. has hundreds of thousands of acres of clearcut forests that could be converted to hemp farms, closed mills that could easily become hemp mills, and thousands of unemployed forestry workers that could regain long-term sustainable employment in

a hemp/biodiesel fuel and energy economy, we would not only reverse environmental damage and gain security over our own energy sector, farmers could once again be empowered with a multi-billion dollar and versatile crop, localizing our economics instead of the present unstable corporate monopolies.

The only thing we need to do is have foresight enough to create this new economy as the old economies become more and more obsolete and dangerous.

As hemp has worked for us for the past 10,000 years, perhaps the way we will make it through another 10,000 is by a new future in hemp.

*The writer was a Green party provincial election*

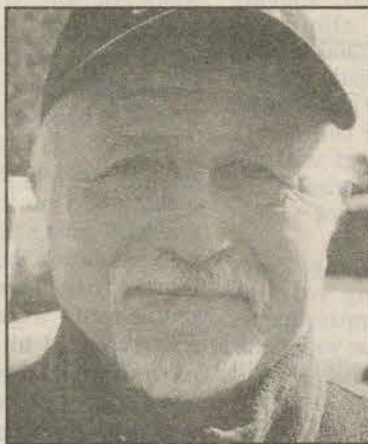
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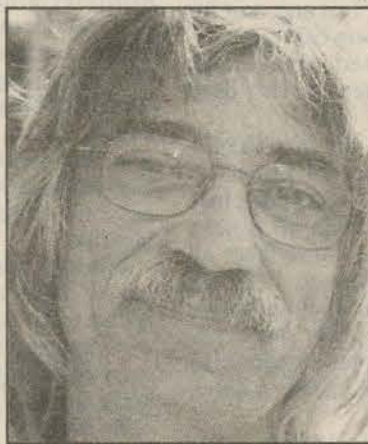
**Rose Fewings**

*I really have mixed emotions about it. It needs to be done, but I'm not sure about the loss of lives on both sides.*



**David Dougall**

*I feel strongly about gender equity but don't think a militaristic approach is the right way to go. Increased affiliation with the United States is not safe.*



**Peter Roericht**

*I think it's a good role because it seems to be more of an overseeing function rather than a forceful one like the Americans use.*



**Archie Taylor**

*We are committed so I guess we have to stick it out.*



**Darlene Hogg**

*I think they are helping to make a difference and it's good that they're there.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Ugly monster structure

Contrary to allegations made by the Driftwood last week, it's not just a "rumour" that Rainbow Road neighbours were inadequately informed about the Islands Trust variance on the tennis bubble.

Only one area landowner that I contacted thinks she "may have" been notified.

Nor did the Driftwood's pretty picture the previous week of our fairly tasteful swimming pool building show an ugly monster structure looming over it.

So let me get this right — the top of this thing will be approximately 75 feet above Rainbow Road grade. In order that a few dozen of Salt Spring's elite won't get their butts cold the rare times in the winter that they're actually here, the rest of us get to be offended by it every day of our lives — when 99.5 per cent of us will never set foot in it.

If the CRD can build a structure reaching some eight stories above road grade,

why can't Moutat's, Ganges Marina or Fulford Inn?

Somehow the Trust can quickly approve a variance for Rainbow Road, but can't do the same for Portlock Park where at least it would sit below road grade.

We have a better suggestion. If Salt Spring Local Trust Committee chair Kim Benson likes the idea so much, why doesn't she build it on Keats or Gambier and fly trustee Peter Lamb and his friends over there? It would be good for the local economy.

Or, alternatively, we could all chip in and buy them some of those high-tec long underwear and use the money saved to build more outdoor courts for us regular folk and for high school programs, etc.

Meanwhile, where is the Advisory Design Panel? Where is Gary Holman? And when do we get to vote on this?

**WALTER DAVIS,**  
Rainbow Road

### Nature trail

Concerns were expressed in letters last week about

the future of the shoreline between Drummond Park and the Fulford Inn.

Those trees along the road allowance, have been removed by the Ministry of Transportation in preparation for the placement of rip rap rock to control the already serious erosion of the road bed.

At the same time, plans are under way by PARC, to obtain a permit from the provincial government allowing the creation of a nature trail from Drummond Park to the Fulford Inn.

The design of the nature trail will include protection and nurture of all fauna and flora along this sensitive habitat. There are also future plans to include it as part of an urban trail around Fulford bay to the village.

Hopefully, one day in the near future, when asked by the Driftwood about the best place to kiss on Salt Spring Island, people might say, "Along the shore between Drummond Park and the Fulford Inn."

**KEN LEE,**  
President, SSSIPORA

### Plane algae

I know that St. Mary Lake is EMO (electric motors only).

But, is it possible that someone has been landing a float plane on the lake, thereby introducing the "strange algae" that Ed Davis observed?

**HARRY J. WARNER,**  
Lee Road

### Sign check

This letter was prompted by a recent frustrating experience that I'll describe later but first I want to sing some praises.

I live on the south end of the island near the Catholic church and the curve in the Fulford-Ganges Road where a multitude of vehicle accidents occur every year. I've been very impressed with the efforts of all the emergency crews (fire, police, ambulance, tow truck) involved in the care and clean-up. They arrive quickly, work cooperatively, efficiently and respectfully. Thank you to all of them!

One evening last week I

was looking for a house on a residential street. It was dark and of course (thank goodness) there were no blaring streetlights turning night into day. Not to my surprise (because this has happened many times before) but to my annoyance, there was not one house with a number posted near the road. There wasn't even a poor quality sign that was hard to see.

Eventually I had to walk to the front door of one home and even then found it difficult to read the numbers because they were a pale colour on light-coloured siding.

I suggest to all home owners that you go out to the road in front of your home after dark and ask yourself if the driver of an ambulance, fire truck or police car could find you easily.

If you aren't certain what is considered appropriate for a sign, check at the fire hall or police station. Some day you may be very glad you did.

**JANICE FINNEMORE,**  
Salt Spring

**MORE LETTERS A10**

## Your letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 400 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

## Well-planned tourism can be darling of commerce world

By **ROY W. MACNAUGHTON**

I keep hearing people talk against tourism. There is always some uninformed opinion related to parking, ferries overbooked, crowds in the supermarket, slow drivers who don't signal their turns and so on.

The fact is that we can always manage to see things from our own personal, and hence, biased perspective. We are, as the market researchers say, "A sample size of one." Over the long term, this is detrimental to open-minded thinking of either the converse side of that same coin, or perhaps some "out-of-the-box thinking" that could lead to community success.

I want you to suspend your judgment and travel along with me on this imaginary future for Salt Spring Island.

Let's start by imagining tourists being here all year 'round. No more shoulder seasons, like fall and spring, with no visitors, no spending locally and no economic sustenance for the entire island. If they were here all year 'round, but

## GUEST COLUMN

in gentler numbers, and if they were a different "kind of tourist" how could that help us all?

In any marketing plan, one should always start with the word: "who." Never start with "what" you want or you think the public wants to buy from you. Always start with "who" would be the market for this, where do they live, why would they want it, when would they come, how would they get here, and how long could we induce them to stay and where would they stay?

You see? It starts to fit, once you have the answer to that magic "who." I contend that if we change the audience (the kind of visitors) we are targeting to, we can positively change all of the answers to those questions I just posed.

Here's how.

I strongly suggest that we develop and then execute a fully integrated marketing plan to convert

Salt Spring into a world-famous "eco-tourism destination."

What do I mean by that term? I mean taking all aspects of life and commerce on this island, and turning them into live, real-world demonstrations for the rest of the world, on how to do similar, positive things in their own corner of the world. In other words, we become a "longitudinal ongoing laboratory" of who to attract, what to do, why to do it, when, where and how to do things that sustain the community and its economic base.

We would strive to do all this, while preserving both flora and fauna and the quality of life we all moved and/or live here to enjoy now; especially for our grandchildren.

Tall order, but it can be done. Imagine with me if we changed the target group and turned this island into a learning laboratory of sustainable activities, economic prosperity, reduced stress and strain on the infrastructure, preservation and conservation of available water supplies, stim-

ulation of local agriculture and organic crops; less traffic — more bicycles, tourists who are here to observe and take courses from the locals about how to do this back home. They will fill the lodging facilities all year 'round, not just in the summer, they will stay longer, not all jump on the ferries the next day after "doing Salt Spring in one day."

Moreover, these same people will have a totally different orientation. They will know to step gently and leave no footprints on the land. They will understand conservation, re-use, recycling, you name it . . . they will already know and abide by the "rules" of this island. They will be a lot less trouble, take less away with them, pick up after themselves, spend more money all year round; and will tell and write about what this small island in British Columbia is doing to show the world that tourism doesn't have to be like Key West, Whistler, Aspen or Myrtle Beach. Carefully planned tourism can be the darling of the

commerce world, if done properly.

Even the uninformed, opinionated folks who think environmentalists are all nuts, will see the light, when their own wallet gets thicker. If the other Gulf Islands agree that this is a good idea, they can join in and we'll package the "destination."

I hope folks will entertain this somewhat revolutionary thought. Marketing is about "differentiating you from all the other competing destinations, and then doing it pre-emptively."

If enough people see the wisdom in this concept and are prepared to research it, we would be differentiating ourselves in a uniquely positive way; and we would be the very first in Canada to do so, maybe even North America.

I think it's worth a try.

*The writer has been involved in the restaurant, hotel, resort, travel and tourism industries for more than 30 years and in six countries. He can be reached at roymacnaughton@gmail.com.*

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### Save animals

As the days grow warmer and warmer I sit and wait for the first phone call concerning unwanted, abandoned, accidental, feral or half-dead kittens.

Last year the local SPCA received over 24 kittens in one day. We received close to 100 kittens in all. Lucky for them we found them all homes. However, it is not so lucky for the adult cats that sit day after day waiting for homes because so many people choose a kitten instead.

Take Madonna, for instance. She has been in the SPCA system for over 2 years! And there is nothing wrong with her. She just is not a kitten.

And not so lucky for the animal shelters across the province and continent that have to make daily decisions about which healthy, well adjusted cats and dogs they must euthanize to make room for the new kittens and puppies. Millions and millions of animals are euthanized yearly in North America due to pet overpopulation.

Obviously, there is nothing cute about injecting a perfectly healthy animal with a lethal substance and watching the life fade from its eyes. Less obvious is the fact that for every cute little kitten or puppy that you consciously decide to bring into this world, there will be another cat or dog that will literally die for its home. You will probably never meet the animal whose fate you have sealed, but I can assure you that he or she did not want to die. Its only fault was its dependency on human wisdom to keep it safe.

This is why people like me take the time to ask you over and over again, to please spay or neuter your cat or dog before they have babies.

Medically speaking, more and more evidence indicates

that an animal spayed even before their first heat is a healthier animal. Spaying and neutering eliminates uterine, ovarian and testicular cancer. It greatly reduces the risk of breast and prostate cancer. Also, I can assure you that your pet will not have an identity crisis. They have no concept of sexual identity.

Morally speaking, spaying or neutering your pet is the truly compassionate, wise decision that your pet is secretly hoping that you will make for it.

If money is an issue, please give us a call and I can explain to you how our subsidy program works. If money is not an issue, make an appointment today at either vet on the island at 537-5334 or 537-9464 and personally reward yourself for saving lives.

Let's all take a step towards compassionate wisdom and help keep all animals safe.

**JENA PEORI,**  
Supervisor,  
Salt Spring SPCA

### Fritz update

Just a quick note to let all my adoring fans know I am doing well. I had my annual physical today and Dr. Dave was very pleased.

I weighed in at 11 pounds, 12 ounces and that is much better than the 14 pounds, 13 ounces I weighed in 2001.

My heart and lungs are in great shape, and even though I will be nine years old this year, I still feel like a kitten.

When you have a moment, please drop by for a chat.

**CATHIE NEWMAN,**  
On behalf of FRITZ the Cinema Cat

### Pure joy

My heart thrilled to read Arthur Black's column last week: "Exercise — it's a dog's life."

My Shepadoodle dog named Daisy is the light of my life since my daughter

has long left home.

Her devotion, loyalty and abundant joy stir up the endorphins of health, happiness and well-being so thoroughly that I must pinch myself to believe it is true.

First of all, yes, she gets me out walking three times a day, and I no longer pant and puff going up the rugged mountain behind our house. Then there is "ball-on-the-roof," a game she is crazy about. I hit a ball on the roof with a tennis racket, and Daisy yaps excitedly in anticipation of where the ball will appear. She does back flips, twists and somersaults to catch the ball without a bounce. I yell in praise of her gymnastics, much like a parent shouts watching their child play soccer.

Endorphins? Happiness? Pure joy?

Speaking of children, owning a dog is much like becoming a parent again, with a child in Nursery School. At Duck Creek, where dogs run free, one can meet a whole pack of dogs, and we "parents" discuss them while they play with abandon — just like we discussed our children when they played in a park when we were young mothers.

We smile from the inside out, and even laugh out loud as we watch our "children" play, ever mindful of "misbehaviour."

We discuss doctors (vets: naturopathic and normal), health, diet and allergies, nursery school and the philosophy of parenting (doggy training), genetics and breeding (pedigree), behaviour problems (aggression, dominance, submissiveness), the personality and quirks of our "children," seeing the world through the eyes of our child (dog), and yes, the programs they like watching on TV!

The laughter, joy, exercise, camaraderie with other dog parents and canine friends all add to the exquisite woven fabric of my island life, and I am blessed indeed to have such a wonderful dog! (Right now, she is in "Time Out" having just stolen the cat's food!).

Thank you, Arthur, for your light humour and adoration of our beloved four-legged friends.

P.S. When I read the unedited version of this letter to my beloved 87-year-old uncle over the phone, he said: "Alas, Tamar. If only a man could be worth 1/50th of your adoration for Daisy, we men would be in pretty good shape!"

**TAMAR GRIGGS,**  
Bold Bluff

### Wonderful park job

Contrary to the whiny letter from Phil Vernon and Maggie Ziegler in the March 29 Driftwood, I would like to thank all the people who spend so much time cleaning up Drummond children's playground, the beach and the roadside.

In my opinion they did a wonderful job to make Drummond children's playground and the waterfront beside it safe for children and all of us to enjoy.

More than three large truckloads of garbage, empty plastic milk jugs, plastic containers and styrofoam, several car batteries, numerous cans of paint and paint remover and dirty brushes, two full propane tanks, many jars, bottles and containers holding unidentified liquids and with labels dissolved by salt water, masses of plastic bags, plastic sheeting, numerous pieces of electronic equipment, including a television set, several VCRs and a video camera, a crumbling electric outboard motor, a wide variety of clothing, blankets, towels and other linens, unused tins of food and a window, a jug of Windex, used needles and much more.

The very dead trees were removed because they were a hazard to people walking along the highway or the beach.

I'm sure that kingfishers, woodpeckers and songbirds would prefer the many trees and bushes that are aplenty in the surrounding areas away from people, cars and the main road.

Maybe it wasn't all done to the perfect standards of Phil and Maggie, but many people of the community and of the island donated their free time and did their best to improve a situation that had deteriorated over the last three years since the so-called Freedom Camp decided to thumb their noses at the people of Salt Spring while blaming society for their predicaments.

**TIM O'DONNELL,**  
Fulford

### Fast one

Fast Ferries! Fast Ferries! Where are you when we need you?

You are ideal for the northern run, according to some experts. Too bad that our premier sold you off for a song to make political Brownie points.

**GORDON BARNES,**  
Salt Spring

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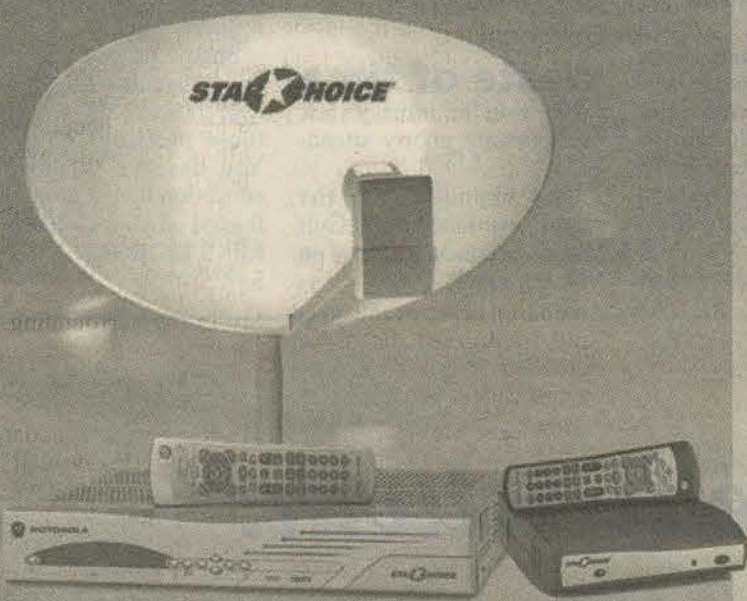
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# Is Afghanistan a mission for April Fools, or a fool's errand?

By BRIAN SMALLSHAW

Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan is misguided and tragic.

Our prime minister is telling us the time to debate our involvement in the country has passed, we are committed and we cannot "cut and run."

Well maybe, and as much as we should be doing everything possible to help the Afghan people, our current military involvement in the country is doomed to failure.

There are better ways to bring stability to Afghanistan and Canada has the know-how to do it.

On Friday I spoke with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Department of National Defence regarding Canada's mission in Afghanistan. My questions were simple, but the responses were disturbing.

I asked Foreign Affairs what constituted success or failure for the mission; what are the benchmarks that will have to be passed before our military forces can be withdrawn?

The most disturbing part of their reply was that there essentially wasn't one.

The gentleman I spoke with seemed to be a bit nonplussed that it should even be considered and a little testy that I should even ask. We're fighting for victory in Afghanistan, but we don't even know what constitutes victory or defeat?

This is worrying.

Our military is up against an enemy that is only recognizable as such when it opens fire — otherwise the Taliban look exactly like any other villager.

General Rick Hillier says we are attempting to liberate the southern part of the country from the "murderers and scumbags," but how do you pick out the murderers

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and scumbags in a crowd? They're not wearing uniforms.

Apparently the "provincial reconstruction teams" are going to win over the hearts and minds of the local people by building irrigation systems and encouraging the impoverished local people to abandon the most lucrative business available to them — growing poppies.

And they are going to do this after riding into town with their weapons drawn?

Call me a pessimist, but somehow I don't think it's going to work.

And what of the Department of National Defence?

Well, since they are the people on the ground and dealing with the local people, I simply asked how many of our people — Canadians — they had that could speak the local language in Kandahar.

"Hmmm . . . I don't know. We mostly work through local interpreters."

Okay sure, but you must have some of our people that can speak the local language?

(Somewhat reluctantly.) "I'll have to look into that for you."

Sure, I don't expect you to have that right off the top of your head, but before hanging up, "Oh, by the way, what is the local language in that area?"

(Nervous pause). "A couple of dialects."

Oh yeah, which?

(Embarrassed silence.) He didn't know. (Terse reply.) He's going to get back to me next week. Thanks.

Sorry, but now I'm really worried.

We're fighting an unrecognizable enemy, and attempting to win over the local people to our side and not

only do we not have any of our people that can speak the local language, they don't even know what language it is that they speak?

I'm sure our guys on the ground have now learned that they speak Pashto in Kandahar, or Dari, the national language, but that the DND in Ottawa don't just know kind of worries me.

As the years pass and the horror of our people dying

in firefights in the remote mountains of Central Asia changes to a kind of numbness, we'll probably all become a lot more acquainted with the cultures and ideologies of that part of the world.

I just hope and pray that our education isn't too expensive.

*The writer lives at Bay Ridge Place.*

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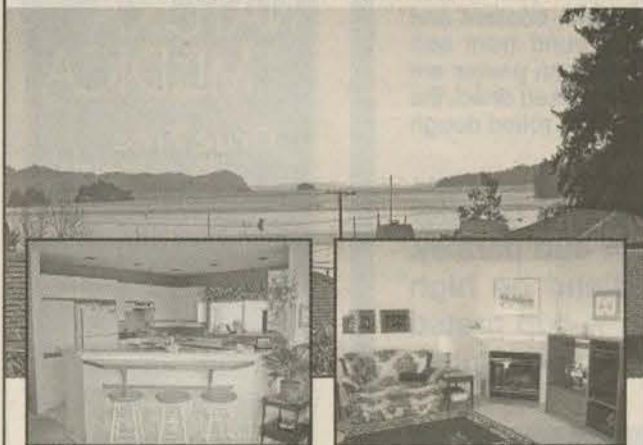
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# An island of hope in a desperate sea

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

Pride, hospitality, warmth and kindness may not be the first things that pop to mind for people living in what the United Nations Development Program considers the fourth poorest country on the planet.

An HIV rate nearing 30 per cent doesn't make the picture any brighter, yet nine days spent in the "Warm Heart of Africa" were enough to glimpse the human spirit's perseverance amidst the face of enduring poverty.

Despite the catchy slogan aimed at increasing tourism to the tiny landlocked and isolated country of 12

million, poverty pervades every aspect of Malawi society, reaching deep into the thousands of villages that make up the largely agrarian nation.

Beginning next week, the Driftwood will publish a series of articles and photos based on my nine-day journey to visit a number of Salt Spring initiatives that are having an impact on the lives of Malawian farmers, students, orphans and widows.

I went to Africa with four other B.C. print and broadcast journalists on a Seeing the World Through New Eyes Fellowship of the Jack Webster Foundation

and Canadian International Development Agency.

The Salt Spring projects have little hope of single-handedly reversing the trend of poverty in Africa, but they follow the example of like-minded communities and organizations around the world that have decided to make a personal commitment to change.

Whatever you call it, community-to-community aid, twinning, global outreach partnerships and linking strategies are proving their might alongside the efforts of colossal NGOs and their colourful retinues of experts and administrators.

Change is a slow process,

and unravelling the complex web of issues engendered by a legacy of colonialism, cultural norms and poverty is as hard a task as you could ask for.

Despite the challenges, volunteers in Malawi working with support from groups like Salt Spring's Seeds For Malawi and the Fulford Community School are making headway.

The efforts don't pretend to save the world and occasionally run up against difficulties, yet the end product is a very real change.

In a string of villages located in Malawi's arid northern hills, 40 farmers have been able to eke out a little more from their maize and cassava crops, often a family's only source of food.

In a nearby school, five Malawian teenagers will soon complete high school, a rare accomplishment in a country celebrated for achieving a 68 per cent primary school graduation rate, up from 30 per cent in 1990.

In the south, individual efforts from two Salt Springers helped reclaim a health clinic from the encroaching jungles. Today, the clinic provides medical care to more than 25,000 villagers scattered throughout the region.

A sewing cooperative set up in the area provides women with a stable income and an unprecedented level of personal empowerment.

The results are proof a little help can go a long way, a testament to people's unyielding hope for a better tomorrow.

Translator Victor Mtambo expressed the situation perfectly during a conversation on our 400-kilometre drive from the capital to the Seeds for Malawi projects in the country's northern province.

"We are poor, but we are proud," said the 32-year-old accountant and newly christened father looking over the vast expanse of Lake Malawi to neighbouring Tanzania.

"At least that's somewhere to start."

## RANTS & ROSES

### RANTS

Rants to those who dug some of the lovely Easter lilies in St. Mary's church yard. They have taken many years of care to get to the beautiful stage they are now. Mollie Lacy

### ROSES

A huge bouquet of appreciation to Dick Davidson for his knowledge of the game and dedication to the team. All 21 Dragons want to thank him and Sue for their time and commitment. S-AD

Roses and many thanks to Reg Winstone for giving us handmade bingo card props. From your friends at ECU. MD

Not a rose, but an un-rant follow-up to my comment last week about the unfriendly signs in the Channel Ridge Village area. I'm told that the insurance companies insisted on these signs, as

people are ignoring potential contact with large machinery, and endangering themselves and others. TF

Roses to Uncle Jim and his musical entourage, and the more than 50 volunteers who provided such a fun Saturday evening! KP

Much thanks and cat paws full of roses to Gulf Islands Glass for helping the SPCA deal with its broken window so quickly and eagerly, and then not charging us for anything.

A huge bouquet of red roses to Randy Severn, Howard Fry, Peter Schure and crew, Fulford Hall Committee and Slegg Lumber for their donations of time and money to install a beautiful new light overlooking the Drummond Park playground. Many thanks for helping to keep it a safe place.

Many roses to Peter for all the large pots of bamboo. I can't thank him enough.

They look just great in the garden. BJ

A big bouquet of glorious spring roses to Chris and all the staff at Pharmasave for generously donating the proceeds from the women's health presentation at GISS to SWOVA. Thank you for supporting SWOVA's good work with all your good work!

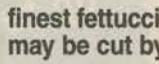
Roses and many thanks to Island Comfort Quilts, which sent me a beautiful soft quilt requested by the members of my book club. It is amazing what real pleasure and solace a comfort quilt can bring at a difficult time. I was deeply moved, and I love my quilt, which is incidentally covered with pink roses. DMK

An extravagant abundance of roses to all those who played bridge on Monday in support of our daughter Jennifer and the MS Society, and to the Monday bridge group who made it all happen. J&C P

## What's for Dinner?

THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET LOW FAT - APPLE ALMOND SALMON FETTUCCINE  
Short cuts to cooking for one or two © with Sarah Lynn

**Fettuccine:** fettuccine literally means "little ribbons" in Italian. It is a flat, thick noodle, made of egg and flour. Dried Italian pasta is made from semolina, a pale yellow flour which has been ground from hard wheat and possesses a high protein content and gluten-forming potential. Farina is a white flour, which has been ground from soft wheat and possesses a higher starch content. Some commercial American pastas are produced from a mixture of semolina and farina. Although it can be purchased dried, the finest fettuccine noodles are produced fresh by working a dough of farina and eggs. The rolled dough may be cut by hand or pressed through a pasta maker.



Cook 4 cups fettuccine pasta. Drain well and place in bowl. In a blender combine 1/2 cup milk, 4 cloves garlic, 1/2 cup cottage cheese, 1/4 cup parsley, chopped, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper and 1/2 teaspoon dill. Blend on high until creamy, heat sauce & toss with fettuccine. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, 1/4 cup toasted almonds, 1/4 cup thinly sliced green apple, and 1/2 cup smoked salmon.

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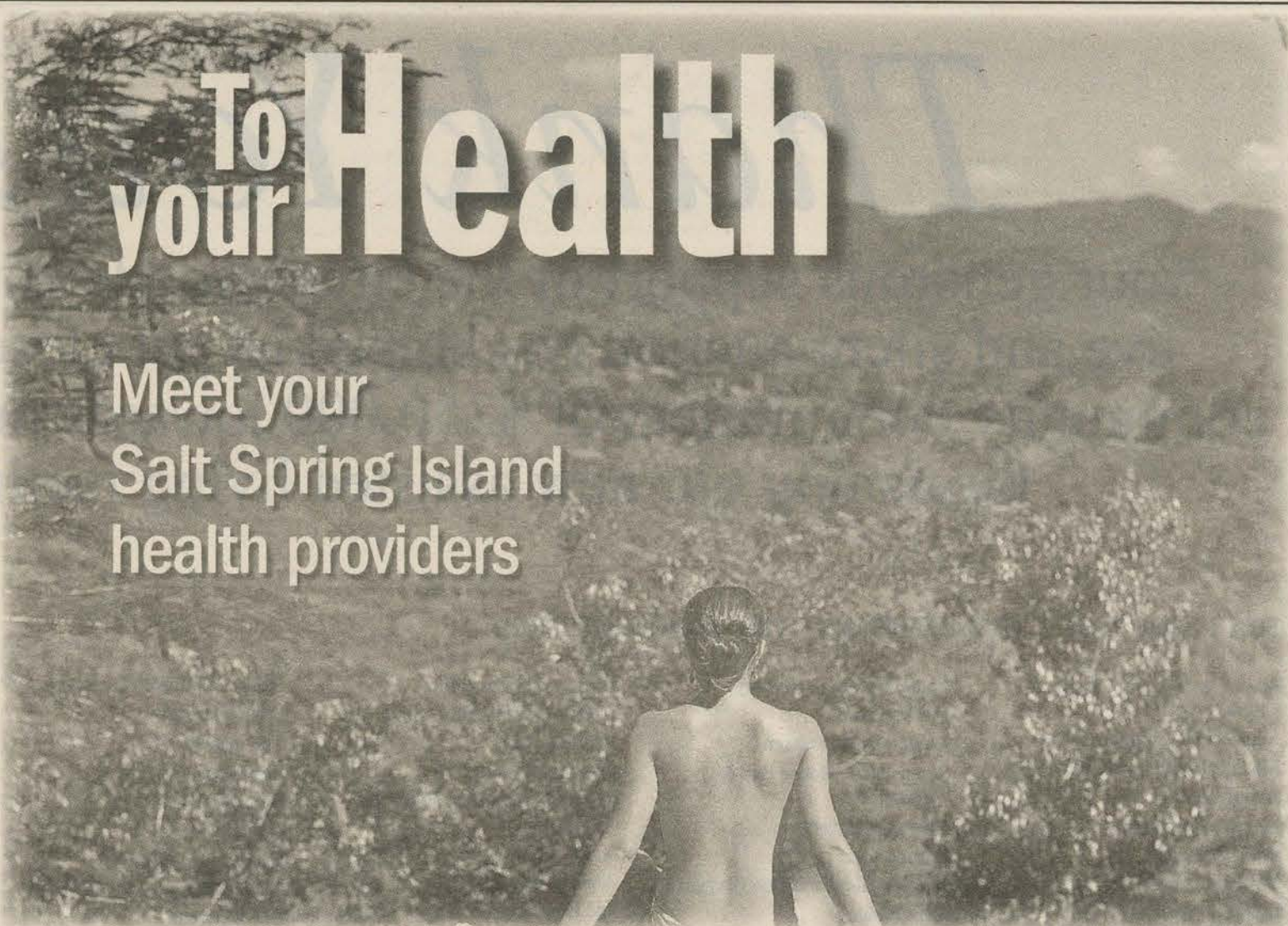


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- 5:15 - 6:45pm Yoga with Gay Meagley
- 7 - 8:30pm Yoga for Men with Dorothy Price

**Wednesday**

- 9 - 10:30am All Levels Yoga with Dorothy Price
- 5:15 - 6:30pm Feldenkrais with Alice Friedman
- 7 - 8:15pm Nia with Arleen Sadler

**Thursday**

- 9 - 11am Vijnana Yoga Level 2 with Cathy Valentine
- 6 - 7:30pm Yoga with Celeste Mallett

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Anyone with items to donate should contact Heather or Fiona Munro at 537-4891 or Debbie Magnusson at GISS, 537-9944.



**SET FOR THE STAGE:** From left, Silken Conradi, Ben Arney and Karissa Bascom rehearse for Stagecoach Theatre School's year end production of Robin Hood and Death of the Black Dragon Knight. The "play within a play" features actors aged 8 to 14, who are bringing various degrees of experience to the stage from near beginner to accomplished performers. Organizers describe the play as a "rollicking story filled with intrigue, romance and comedy. A must for the whole family." The show runs this weekend, April 6 and 7, beginning at 7 p.m. and April 8 at 2 p.m. at ArtSpring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

### Island's stand-up comics get time in the spotlight

It's time for Salt Spring's funny people to stand up and be counted.

Sid Filkow and The Local pub have teamed up to host a comedy night on Saturday, April 29, and Filkow wants to hear from potential stand-up comedians.

"I'm asking for comics and wannabe comics to contact me," he said.

About five to seven minutes of material would be needed.

Filkow — perhaps best known as one of The Geezers — has been doing stand-up at various Vancouver venues, such as Laugh Lines, and even hosted an evening.

"I've been amazed at the amount and large sub-culture of stand-up

comedy in Vancouver. There's at least 12 clubs doing it," said Filkow.

"I gave it a try because I was quite excited about the creative possibilities and the silliness you can get into . . . It's challenging but also very rewarding when you do it."

To indicate interest in giving it a try, contact Filkow at 538-8274 or

sidfilkow@yahoo.ca.

He needs a minimum number of comics to make the plan fly, and promises a friendly, supportive and cozy atmosphere at The Local.

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"Think spring cleaning," urges Island Treasure Fair committee member Diane Thomas.

"While you are sorting through your cupboards, remember that what you might find could become someone else's treasure. Think donate!"

Donations to the July silent and live auctions and a new "Hidden Treasures Room" will help ArtSpring remain a vital community centre for the performing and visual arts.

The Hidden Treasures Room will contain items valued at around \$20 and under, and will be for sale daily on July 13, 14 and 15 at ArtSpring.

The silent auction will begin early on Thursday, July 13 and draw to a close early in the evening on Saturday, July 15.

"Hugh Bulmer, our favourite Maynard auctioneer, will once again take up the ArtSpring mallet for the live auction, to auction off a selection of highly coveted items.

"Last year he was pleased to say that ArtSpring had the best organized volunteers

and the most enthusiastic participants that he has ever witnessed," said Thomas.

"And no wonder! With auction items ranging from a vacation away at a Swiss chalet to a \$10 gift certificate and everything in between, it was as entertaining as it was rewarding for all who attended."

The Island Treasure Fair Auctions is the major fundraising event for ArtSpring and it needs donations for its success.

"The list of desirable items is endless," said Thomas.

Donations could be items such as art, craft, house wares, furniture, antiques, Persian carpets, jewellery, sports equipment, or experiences involving travel, manicures, catered gourmet dinners, boat cruises, or services such as oil changes or chimney sweeping, to name a few. Items can be new or used, and experiences and services can range from the very affordable to the extravagant.

"Your imagination, creativity and skills can help provide the necessary donations that will make this important ArtSpring fundraiser a resounding success!"

Now is the time to make donations and people should call Judy at 537-3177 or ArtSpring at 537-2125.



**HARP FOR SPRING:** Yvonne Gibbon is one of several performers, along with the Salt Spring United Church Choir, set to present a Spring Festival of Music on Saturday, April 8.

Photo contributed

## Choir, soloists and harp welcome spring at show

A Spring Festival of Music heralds the new season on Saturday, with uplifting music heard at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The April 8 concert runs from 7-9 p.m. with harp music beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Performers include the Salt Spring United Church Choir under the direction of Shirley Bunyan; solos from Dr. Dan Leavitt and other Salt Spring and Duncan vocalists; and Yvonne Gibbon and Angela Mills playing harp duets.

The audience will also have the opportunity to participate in two massed numbers at the end of the concert, which is a free family-oriented event.

People should come early to be assured of seating.

## Jewellery Showcase shines

Salt Springers can view exquisite silver and gold jewellery on display at a one-day open house as part of a weekend gathering of jewellers hosted by Martin Ebbers.

The Jewellery Showcase takes place at the Martinus Studio on Sunday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and features both local and off-island jewellers, as well as students of Ebbers.

Invitations to the gathering have gone out to Salt Spring jewellers and students who have participated in Ebbers' ring, chain and bead-making courses. Many students live on Salt Spring, while others hail from Whistler, Vancouver and elsewhere. Some of these artistic pieces will be displayed professionally for the first time.



**MAGIC RING:** Sophie Burke of Blue Horse Folk Gallery makes a ring at a Martin Ebbers workshop.

Photo by Tanya Lester

Ebbers is a master goldsmith who was classically

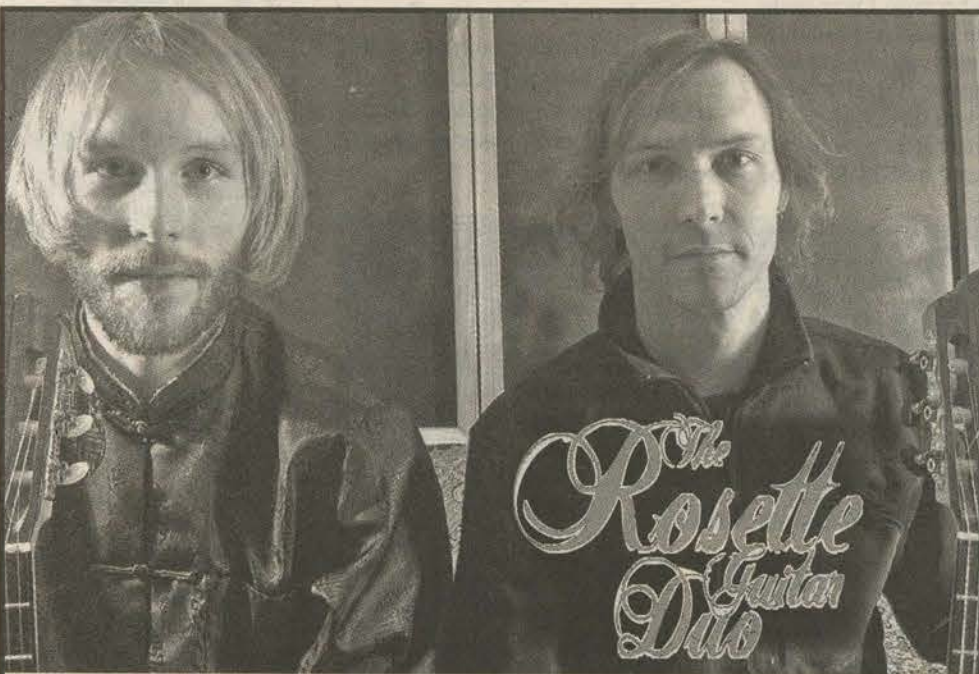
trained in Germany and owns the Martinus Studio in Ganges.

Ebbers states that he enjoys the gathering of other jewellers and students as "there is a positive energy, flow of creative ideas and even jewelry tool exchanges that occur at such gatherings."

"I just love to connect with everyone in the business," he said.

The Martinus Studio is located at 145 Seaview Avenue, across from the ArtSpring upper parking lot.

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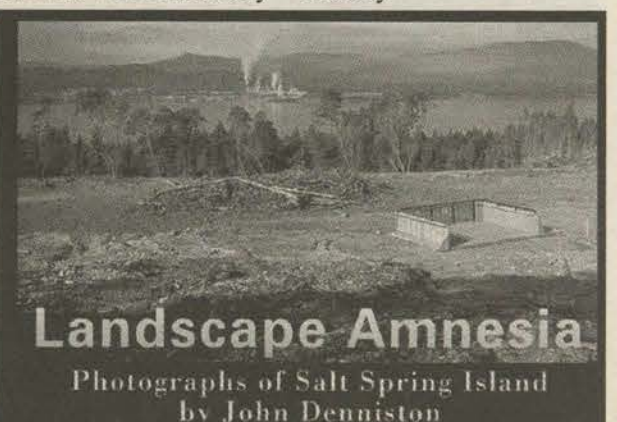
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## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Apr 5, 2006 to Apr 11, 2006

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**
- 6:00 PM  
**14** ★★ *Dead Awake (2001, Thriller)* An insomniac unwittingly witnesses a murder while taking a walk through the streets. *Stephen Baldwin, Machia Grenon (2h)*
- 8:00 PM  
**24** ★★ *Sleeping With the Enemy (1991, Thriller)* A woman tries to escape her abusive husband by staging her death and moving to a small town. *Julia Roberts, Patrick Bergin (2h)*
- 9:00 PM  
**4** *Poison (1999, Thriller)* A widow suspects her daughter might be responsible for a series of unexplained deaths. *Rosanna Arquette, Jürgen Prochnow (2h)*
- 10:00 PM  
**13** ★ *Honey (2003, Drama)* A dancer is shaken when her mentor threatens to blackmail her unless she sleeps with him. *Jessica Alba, Lil' Romeo (2h)*
- 10:00 PM  
**14** ★★ *Indochine (1992, Drama)* In 1930s Vietnam, a wealthy French mother and her adopted daughter both fall for a sailor. *Catherine Deneuve, Linh Dan Phan (2h15)*
- 11:00 PM  
**3** ★★ *Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle (2004, Comedy)* Two roommates spend a night in New Jersey searching for White Castle hamburgers. *John Cho, Ethan Embry (1h30)*

- THURSDAY, APRIL 6**
- 7:00 PM  
**3** ★★ *It's All Gone Pete Tong (2004, Comedy/Drama)* The life of DJ Frankie Wilde, whose success was imperiled by a hearing disorder. *Paul Kaye, Beatriz Batarda (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM  
**24** ★★ *Striking Distance (1993, Thriller)* A police officer is demoted when he suspects that a killer may be another policeman. *Bruce Willis, Sarah Jessica Parker (2h)*
- 8:30 PM  
**3** ★★ *A Different Loyalty (2004, Thriller)* A war correspondent sets out to save her colleague after he disappears in Beirut. *Sharon Stone, Rupert Everett (2h)*
- 9:00 PM  
**29** ★★ *The Candidate (1972, Political)* A political race between two men results in one feeling detached from his ideals. *Robert Redford, Peter Boyle (2h)*
- 10:00 PM  
**14** ★★ *Shadow of the Vampire (2000, Horror)* A determined director puts his cast and crew in danger while filming a vampire movie. *Udo Kier, Willem Dafoe (1h45)*
- 10:30 PM  
**3** ★★ *Happy Endings (2005, Comedy/Drama)* Stories are weaved together to offer a look at love, family and life's unpredictability. *Lisa Kudrow, Steve Coogan (2h30)*

- FRIDAY, APRIL 7**
- 6:00 PM  
**14** ★★ *Mistrial (1995, Suspense)* A cop takes a courtroom hostage when the system fails and lets a killer go free. *Bill Pullman, Robert Loggia (1h45)*
- 7:00 PM  
**3** ★★ *Melinda and Melinda (2004, Comedy)* The story of Melinda, a suicidal woman, is told as a comedy and as a tragedy. *Radha Mitchell, Amanda Peet (2h)*
- 7:30 PM  
**19** ★ *Miracle in Lane 2 (2000, True Story)* A young and outgoing boy who is confined to a wheelchair enters a soapbox derby contest. *Frankie Muniz, Patrick Levis (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM  
**11** ★★ *Copenhagen (2002, Drama)* The meeting of Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg raises questions of physics and loyalties. *Daniel Craig, Stephen Rea (1h30)*
- 9:00 PM  
**24** ★★ *Private Benjamin (1980, Comedy)* A pampered woman joins the army, thinking she is signing up at a luxurious resort. *Goldie Hawn, Eileen Brennan (2h30)*
- 9:00 PM  
**3** ★★ *Dot the I (2003, Romance)* A fiery bride-to-be struggles with emotions when a stranger ignites the passion within her. *Gael Garcia Bernal, Natalia Verbeke (1h30)*
- 10:00 PM  
**13** ★★ *Waydowntown (2000, Comedy)* Four co-workers beat a month's salary on who can last the longest without going outside. *Fab Filippo, Don McKellar (2h)*
- 10:00 PM  
**19** ★★ *Hero (1992, Comedy/Drama)* A man of questionable character rescues crash victims while someone else takes the credit. *Dustin Hoffman, Andy Garcia (1h30)*
- 10:00 PM  
**9** ★★ *Pocketful of Miracles (1961, Comedy/Drama)* A good-hearted gangster helps a street vendor fool her daughter and the girl's fiancé. *Glenn Ford, Bette Davis (2h15)*
- 10:30 PM  
**3** ★★ *Scary Movie 3 (2003, Comedy)* A girl investigates crop circles and video tapes while preventing an alien invasion. *Anna Faris, Jenny McCarthy (1h45)*

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# J. Mitchell Gallery

Spring Show Friday April 7th - Wednesday April 26th



April 28 to May 17

**Ronald T. Crawford**

Crawford's paintings reflect a lifetime of visually gathering and physically organizing the extraordinarily diverse patterns he encounters in nature. Informed and inspired by the awesome force of the tides creating patterns along the shoreline, Crawford painted this series, entitled "Low Tide."

Our gallery artists, all of whom are local, are known for their artistic excellence and innovative designs. The opening show presents an exciting range of new work. It is followed by a series of solo exhibitions with each artist showing a more extensive body of work.

Come celebrate the opening  
of our 2006 show season  
Friday April 7th 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Meet the local artists  
the gallery proudly represents  
and enjoy their new work



May 19 to June 7

**Pat Bennett**

This body of work reflects Bennett's continuing desire to explore the creative expression of strong visual form. These sculptural vessels showcase a rich colour pallet. Form, colour and pattern combine in balance and harmony



April 28 to May 17

**Michael Robb**

Michael Robb's work alludes to the mystical archetypal images which are often shared cross-culturally. He hopes the viewer of his multi-media sculpture will experience a feeling of de'ja vu. Steel, bronze, copper, wood, fiber and paint are combined to create Robb's pieces.

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| James Bavis        | Gerda Lattey       |
| Ken Bennett        | Shirlee Lewis      |
| Pat Bennett        | Lea Maberley       |
| Wim Blom           | Peter McFarlane    |
| Bruce Bott         | Simon Morris       |
| Bill Boyd          | Rosemary Partridge |
| Charles Breth      | Bruce Pearson      |
| Patricia Brown     | Michael Robb       |
| Janet Cameron      | Andrea Russell     |
| Ronald T. Crawford | Dennice Stambuck   |
| Jerry Davidson     | Patricia Spiers    |
| Lynn Demers        | Susan Taylor       |
| Jackie Doyle       | Jillian Tebbitt    |
| J.D. Evans         | Elias Wakan        |
| E.J. Feller        | Janis Wasend       |
| Roland Gatin       | Judy Weeden        |
| Nick Hodson        | Michelle Wilman    |

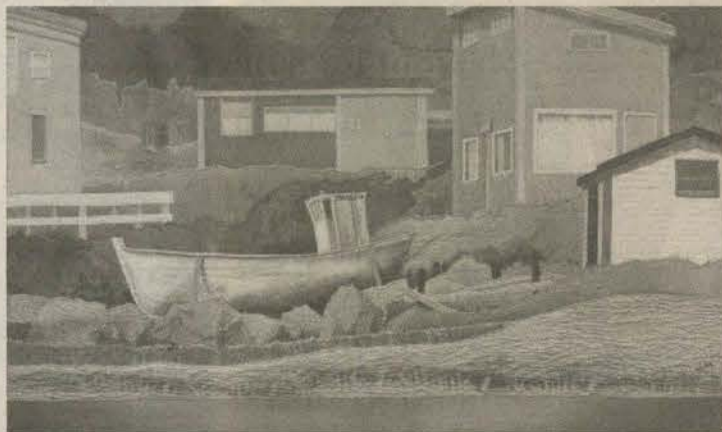


June 9 to June 28

**Judy Weeden**

Synthesizing beauty and harmony both in a functional and a decorative context is Weeden's primary goal. Her pots span a broad range of shapes using a variety of forming methods and serving both decorative and ritual ends. The theme of her show is "Treasure Boxes: New Inspired Forms."

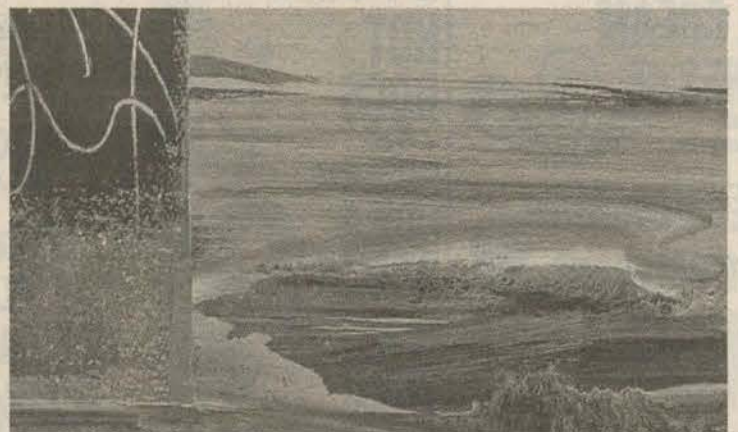
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May 19 to June 7

**Lea Maberley**

In her current work Maberley draw inspiration from recent travels along the coast of Newfoundland. Through the medium of fabric she explores the juxtaposition of bold colour and tactile surfaces in richly layered images.



June 9 to June 28

**J.D. Evans**

Evans paints dynamic and complex surfaces imbued with a sense of mystery. Her new paintings reflect a fascination with the element water. "For me, being with water is always a transformative experience."

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# Photography and J. Mitchell show spell temptation

## ART BEAT ON THE ROCK WITH ANDREA RABINOVITCH



The multi-talented Billie Woods — she's a singer/songwriter/guitar player, as well as an accomplished photographer, presently has a photographic show displayed at Jana's Bake Shop from her last trip to Brazil where she spent three months bumming around with a girlfriend.

In her early 20s, Woods shows remarkable technical skill while catching the feeling of the foreign land. Transport yourself to South America while munching on delectable treats at the bakery on Lower Ganges Road next to the Driftwood and Upper Ganges Centre.

As the opening act for Allison Crowe on her European tour in the fall of 2005, Woods was able to take photographs of the journey and they are available on Crowe's website: [touralbum.allisoncrowe.com/albums.phys](http://touralbum.allisoncrowe.com/albums.phys).

Gorgeous shots of Crowe and the locations demonstrate a sensitive young artist with an excellent eye.

Don't miss the opening exhibition of 2006 at J. Mitchell Gallery, which begins this weekend.

The Spring Show runs from Friday, April 7 through Wednesday, April 26, high-

lighting a myriad of talented artists.

With an exciting roster of only Gulf Islands artists and high-calibre artisans featured in her gallery, Judy has a series of shows organized throughout the spring/summer season featuring two artists per show.

From April 28 to May 17, Michael Robb's sculpture intrigues with archetypal figures made of laminated wood, fibre, welded and forged metal. Not literal, but creatures borne of imagination, they encourage viewers to interpret through their own paradigm.

The mathematically attuned work of Ronald T. Crawford is in the same show at Grace Point Square. Patterning in nature found on Salt Spring, and his work as a stonemason for the last 18 years, inform his modern frescoes. Carved in plaster, they're then painted in acrylics, paints and plaster.

Pat Bennett's voluptuous basket sculptures and Lea Maberley's textile paintings turn typically craft products into art through their skill and aesthetic sensibilities. Their show runs from May 19 to June 7.

Potter Judy Weeden and painter J.D. Evans share a show from June 9 to June 28. Using a broad range of shapes, Weeden slip-carves the malleable clay with organic decorations, both symmetrical and intricate.

Evans' newest work veers off into a different direction. While still delving more deeply into her work and herself, she manipulates water along simple linear grids.

All these shows have an opening reception with the artist on the first day of their respective shows between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., as well as the season launch.

The soirées never end at J. Mitchell Gallery!



**PRIZED PAINTING:** Jacqueline Meredith displays her original watercolour painting which is a draw prize at the annual Salt Spring Painters Guild's Spring Show and Sale. The event starts April 8 at ArtSpring and various island stores.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Painters Guild picks best of spring season

One of the highlights of the spring arts season, when the viewing public gets to choose its favourite paintings, opens this weekend at ArtSpring.

The Salt Spring Painters Guild presents its annual Spring Show and Sale opening on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. A reception runs from 4 and 6 p.m., with tea, coffee and finger food.

The show and sale of all original paintings then runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on nights when there is a performance in the theatre, until April 23.

"Public participation is part of the fun as people vote for their favourite paintings and the artist receives the glory of the moment," notes a press release from the guild.

The guild has about 100

members.

People are also urged to enter into the free draw for a Jacqueline Meredith original watercolour painting. The lucky winner will be announced in the Driftwood, along with results from the people's choice award.

But this year the show has even spilled beyond the ArtSpring gallery, with displays in several Ganges shop windows and stores.

They are: Sabine's Fine Used Books, Thunderbird Gallery, Waterfront gallery, West of the Moon, Mouat's, Skin Sensations, Salt Spring Books, Love My Kitchen, Tea Cozy, Flowers and Wine, Glad's Ice Cream Shoppe, Admiral's Specialty Foods, Volume II Book Store, the Village Cobbler, Foxglove and Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic.

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**15 YEARS:** Thunderbird Gallery owner Matt Steffich is seen with Norval Morrisseau's *Warrior With A Headress* as the Ganges gallery celebrates its 15th anniversary with an open house on Saturday. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Rosette Guitar Duo breaks some musical boundaries on Wooden Dragons tour

Two guitarists combining "the wisdom of quality with the freedom of innocence" bring their unique sound to ArtSpring in a concert April 9.

In a time where music has been characterized endlessly, the Rosette Guitar Duo has managed to create a niche all to its own.

According to press material, the two members balance intricately woven melodies in a unique style that is enticing and captivating. With musical influences including world, indie-pop, jazz, and classical, they pro-

duce a sound that is rhythmically inviting and rich in its harmonic language.

"Together these musicians create a unity, and it is communicated with their audience."

Since the Rosette Guitar Duo's inception in 2001, the pair has been composing music and performing extensively, travelling across Western Canada after releasing their album *Portage to Tunnel Mountain* in June of 2003.

"Through their music and stage performance, these gifted musicians give the audience a full view of their

carefree and spirited personalities. They are advocates of environmentalism, animal and human rights, and believe in doing things positively, in a peaceful way."

The duo is touring Western Canada in support of their latest release, *Wooden Dragons*, playing everywhere from small bookstores to concert halls.

Next Sunday's Salt Spring show begins at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for students, seniors and low income individuals) and available through the ArtSpring ticket centre.

## Black shortlisted for Leacock medal

Islander Arthur Black, former host of the national CBC Radio show *Basic Black*, has just been honoured with a major award nomination for his bestselling 2005 release *Pitch Black*.

Described as a "laugh-out-loud collection of essays," it has been shortlisted for the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour, which recognizes the best Canadian humour book of the year.

The winner receives a silver medal and \$10,000.

Black is a well-known radio personality, newspaper columnist, bestselling author and two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour.

"He offers readers a unique brand

of tongue-in-cheek wisdom on a wide range of subjects ranging from suburban heroes to garage sales as blood sport," states a press release about *Pitch Black*.

"*Pitch Black* delivers hilarious insights on the medical application of duct tape, the real difference between men and women, how to reuse that Commodore 64 in the closet and why writers dread cocktail parties and barbecues. Laughs are guaranteed."

Fifty-three books were submitted.

Arthur Black's previous books include *Black & White and Read All Over*, *Flash Black*, *Black Tie and Tales*, *Black in the Saddle Again*, *Basic Black*, *Back to Black* and *Black by Popular Demand*.

## Island mystery book launched

New West Press and Salt Spring Vineyards combine two of life's greatest pleasures with an afternoon book reading and wine tasting.

Taking place on Friday, April 14, authors Kay Stewart and Chris Bullock will read from

their book *A Deadly Little List*.

Billed as a "Salt Spring Island mystery," a portion of the royalties from the sale of the book will be donated to ArtSpring.

Activities begin at 2 p.m. at Salt Spring Vineyards, located

at 151 Lee Road.

For more information, call 653-9463 or visit [www.salt-springvineyards.com](http://www.salt-springvineyards.com) or [www.newestpress.com](http://www.newestpress.com).

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John Denniston's images featured at Galleons Lap.

# On-the-ground Salt Spring reality bared

A series of stark Salt Spring images set for a Galleons Lap show "will not fail to leave an impression," promises gallery owner Seth Berkowitz.

John Denniston's photographs called *Landscape Amnesia* "are not classically pretty," adds Berkowitz. "They are objective and truthful, and are Denniston's record of what is happening on an island he is fond of and would like to call home."

With his extensive background in the newspaper business, Denniston has attempted to simply record, without bias, the landscape he sees around him.

"As a journalist, I don't take sides," said Den-

niston. "I see Channel Ridge not as a tragedy, but as an interesting story."

While many of the images were taken at Channel Ridge, they could just as easily have been taken at any one of the developments occurring on the island.

They are taken from a larger body of work called The Salt Spring Reality Series.

Denniston is an award-winning photojournalist with 35 years of experience before retiring. Since then, his photographic interests have been many, but are mostly concerned with photographing reality, exploring how to take pictures where bias

does not hide truth from the viewer. His images have appeared in three previous shows on Salt Spring.

"Some people are not going to be happy about these photos," said Berkowitz. "They show a side of Salt Spring that I think many islanders would prefer not to see. They are, however, compelling and honest images. They are beautifully composed, and well executed."

The show runs at Galleons Lap Gallery from Friday, April 14 to Sunday, April 23.

An opening reception will be held Thursday, April 13, from 5-8 p.m.

This week's entertainment features

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# Gala serves up year-end feast

By MARIT MCBRIDE  
Special to the Driftwood

It was a hometown feast for the body and soul at the Salt Spring Folk Club's sold-out Gumboot Gala at Fulford Hall on March 27.

A folk club event would not be complete without excellent food, and Fiddlehead Catering did not disappoint. We fuelled our bodies with flavourful entrées and decadent desserts before settling in for the spiritual fare that the tireless club volunteers had prepared for us.

Like tantalizing hors oeuvres, the evening started with Valdy, Jamie R.T., Donn Tarris, Bruce Pearson, Harry Warner and Laurent Boucher presenting a sampling of several different instruments, including the banjo, Hawaiian guitar (that sounded more like blues than Hawaiian under Tarris' deft hands), djembe, viola and mandolin, each accompanied by a brief explanation of where the instrument came from and a taste of each instrument's unique flavour.

The enthusiasm of these extremely talented players for their instruments was inspiring. Valdy, resplendent in his bright red shoes, continued the inspiration with *Rise Again*, a song of hope.

The entire ensemble then dished up a version of *Sleep Walk* that was so memorable you could hear people savouring the melody all through intermission.

With appetites whetted, the audience awaited the next course. We drank in the delightful rendition of *Raindrops Falling From My Eyes*, sung by Bill Henderson's four-year-old granddaughter Ruby, who was making

her second appearance on the Gumboot Gala stage (the first being in utero).

We then sank our teeth into Henderson's ever-passionate delivery of songs written on Salt Spring from his Chilliwack days, and a tribute to Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser who stood up to the giant Monsanto Corporation in a battle over genetically modified grain.

Another brief pause to let that settle was followed by Randy Bachman and wife Denise McCann, who laid out some of that *Jazz Thing* that Bachman has been doing lately. Sharing their wedding anniversary with us, the couple also invited the crowd to share their vocal talents by singing along to Bachman's jazzy accompaniment.

A belted-out, no holds barred, bluesy number by McCann had everyone roaring for more and our greedy appetites were finally satiated with Bachman's classic *Takin' Care of Business* seasoned with new spice from Valdy, Henderson, Sally John, Jamie R.T., Tarris, Warner, Pearson and Boucher.

Like a refreshing lemon ice after a hearty meal, the evening finished with the haunting and delicate *Wild Mountain Thyme*. Patricia Flannagan was enticed up on stage to join the full ensemble and all those who had gathered sighed with contentment.

As with any good meal though, the feeling of fullness will eventually fade and we will soon start hungering for whatever sumptuous talents (and food) the Folk Club will serve up next year.

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8:00 PM  
2 Canada Russia '72 (2006, Drama) A chronicle of the 1972 Canada-Soviet Hockey Summit series, including the off-ice intrigue. John Bregar, David Miller (2h)  
24 ★★ A Couch in New York (1996, Comedy/Drama) A psychoanalyst on the verge of a breakdown trades apartments with a woman in France. William Hurt, Juliette Binoche (2h)  
9:00 PM  
3 ★★ Brotherhood IV (2005, Horror) A cadet undergoes an initiation in order to join a naval academy's elite secret society. Sebastian Gacki, April Telek (1h30)  
4 ★★ Reluctant Angel (1997, Drama) An artist is mistaken for a guardian angel when she runs down a suicidal philosopher. Megan Follows, Jaimz Woolvett (2h)  
13 23 The Ten Commandments (2006, Drama) Witness Moses as he reclaims his destiny as leader and liberator of the Hebrew people. Dougray Scott, Omar Sharif (2h)  
10:45 PM  
3 ★★ The Statement (2003, Thriller) A former Nazi executioner becomes a target for hit men and police investigators alike. Michael Caine, Alan Bates (1h15)  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11  
6:30 PM  
3 Avenger (2006, Thriller) A former Special Forces operative is on a for-hire mission that poses a global threat. Sam Elliott, William Hope (1h30)  
8:00 PM  
24 ★★ The Seven Year Itch (1955, Comedy) A married man schemes to sweep a lovely blonde neighbour off her feet, but things go awry. Marilyn Monroe, Tom Ewell (2h)  
9:00 PM  
4 ★★ Behind Enemy Lines (2001, War) A brave Navy pilot fights to stay alive after he is shot down over enemy territory. Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman (2h)  
5 Robert Ludlum's Covert One: The Hades Factor (2006, Drama) An elite team of scientists race to locate the source of a deadly Ebola-like virus. Stephen Dorff, Mira Sorvino (2h)  
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25 ★★ Heaven Can Wait (1978, Comedy) A pro-football player, sent to heaven before his time, returns to Earth in another body. Warren Beatty, Julie Christie (2h)  
10:00 PM  
3 ★★ Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle (2004, Comedy) Two roommates spend a night in New Jersey searching for White Castle hamburgers. John Cho, Ethan Embry (1h30)  
11:30 PM  
3 ★★ Murder at the Presidio (2005, Thriller) Desperate for cash, a highly decorated Marine conspires to have his wife murdered. Jason Priestley, Lou Diamond Phillips (1h30)

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<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday Night Live.</b> With host Terry Warbey, 8 pm <b>Women of Note.</b> Perform for Music &amp; Munch. All Saints, 12:10 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Science Olympics.</b> At GISS from 12:30-2:45 pm <b>West African Djembe Drumming Classes.</b> Learn W.A. rhythms &amp; playing techniques in a group. Level 1. Wednesdays, 5-6:30. Info: 653-0028.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Barley Bros.</b> New grass music at Tree House South. <b>Open Mike.</b> Singalong on Thursdays at Fulford Pub. <b>Matt &amp; Tom's One Night Stand.</b> Live with Matt Johnson &amp; Tom Hooper at Shipstones, 9 pm <b>Robin Hood.</b> Stagecoach Theatre School presentation for the whole family at ArtSpring. 7 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Bingo.</b> At Meaden Hall, 7 pm. Early bird games at 6:30 pm <b>SSI Society for Community Education.</b> AGM at ArtSpring, 7 pm</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Gene Grooms.</b> Semi-acoustic toddy 4 body at Tree House South. <b>Freestyle Fridays.</b> Hip hop &amp; reggae with DJ Elze from Vancouver. Shipstones. 8 pm <b>Robin Hood.</b> Stagecoach Theatre School presentation for the whole family at ArtSpring. 7 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Family Roller-Blading.</b> Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Kris Hansen.</b> White boy soul at Tree House South. <b>Spring Festival of Music.</b> United Church choir, soloists and harp. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. 7 pm <b>Karaoke With Rick &amp; Terri.</b> Last chance to qualify for SS Idol contest. At the Legion, 7:30 pm <b>House Party!</b> With DJ Mummy T at Moby's, 9 pm <b>Sunyata.</b> Plays at Barb's Buns, 9 pm <b>Robin Hood.</b> Stagecoach Theatre School presentation at ArtSpring. 2 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Live Auction &amp; Dinner.</b> Thrifty Foods sponsors Lions 24-Hour Relay fundraiser at Meaden Hall. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7 pm <b>Photoshop Seminar.</b> For beginners. With George Jang. Info: 538-0182</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Rosette Guitar Duo.</b> Performs at ArtSpring, 2 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Studio One Cut-a-Thon.</b> Earth Month Fundraiser for Conservation Partners with organic refreshments. <b>Accepting the Universe.</b> Video and discussion. Unitarian service at Fulford Hall OAP Room, 10:30 am <b>Photoshop Seminar.</b> For people with some experience. With George Jang. Info: 538-0182</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Les Violons du Roy.</b> At ArtSpring, 8 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>West African Djembe Drumming Classes.</b> Level 2. Mondays, 5-6:30. Info: 653-0028. <b>Eckhart Tolle.</b> Practising Presence Group meets Mondays, 7:30-9 pm. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Outlaw Social.</b> Hip-urban-hillbillies at ArtSpring, 8 pm</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Pharmasave Walking Club.</b> Meet at downtown Pharmasave Tuesdays, rain or shine, 9:15 am <b>Vocal Improv.</b> Tuesday classes with Ella Topaz, 6-7:30 pm. Info: 653-4258.</p>
						<p><b>wed. april 12</b></p> <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Simply Organic.</b> Organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints, followed by coffee &amp; muffin, 10:10 am</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>West African Djembe Drumming Classes.</b> Learn W.A. rhythms &amp; playing techniques in a group. Level 1. Wednesdays, 5-6:30. Info: 653-0028. <b>Bessie Dane Foundation.</b> Monthly support group meeting for members only. Chair yoga. SS Seniors, 7:30 pm <b>SD 64.</b> Board meeting where 4-day week decision for 2006/07 will be made. SIMS, 1 pm <b>SS Historical Society.</b> Maxwell family presentation at Central Hall, 2 pm</p>

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- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** presents Historic Art Week from April 5-12 with works by C. Kreighoff, Robert Pilot, Robert Loughheed, W.J. Phillips, A.Y. Jackson, Mildred Valley Thornton, Peter Ewart and many more.
- J. Mitchell Gallery** presents its Spring Show of work by gallery artists from April 7-26, with opening reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Fri., April 7.
- Jewellery Showcase** of local and off-island jewellers runs at the Martinus Studio on Sun., April 9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Passion of Diana Dean** Easter Show of paintings is at Salt Spring Woodworks, from April 13 to 30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Billie Woods** shows photography from her last trip to Brazil on the walls of Jana's Bake Shop.
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**UPBEAT:** Murray Anderson at the piano and Helen Hinchliff on vocals keep the 82nd anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force hopping at Meaden Hall on Saturday night. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Program in desperate need of driving help

The Volunteer Drivers Program of the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society is in danger of being downsized due to a lack of volunteers.

The program provides transportation for seniors around Salt Spring, and also off the island for medical services and appointments.

Due to a lack of participants, the rides off the island are now on the chopping block, according to program coordinator John Mowbray.

B.C. Ferries provides the transportation free, but volunteer drivers are needed.

For more information on how to participate, call the seniors centre at 537-4604 between 10 a.m. and noon, (ask for the driver's desk), or contact John Mowbray at 537-5971.

### Dr. James Buchan Medical School Awards

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

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

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

### Dr. James Buchan Post-Secondary School Awards:

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

The Trustee may review the same criteria for both awards. Final deadline for applications (letter, resume, transcripts of marks, letters of reference and income information) is May 18, 2006 to the Counselling Office at GISS.

## Dead snake discovery thrills Pender residents

Pender Island resident David Manning wasn't sure what he had stumbled onto when he found the snake carcass, but he knew it was worth taking a second look.

"At first I wasn't sure if it was a sharp-tailed snake, but it was different than anything I'd ever seen," he said.

Small and secretive, sharp-tailed snakes are endangered in Canada and critically imperiled (red-listed) in British Columbia. Harmless to humans, the snake has only ever been found in Metchoin, the Highlands, and on Gabriola, Salt Spring and Pender islands. Manning's discovery marks a previously unknown site for the rare species.

Manning, who monitors eagle nest use on Pender, was surprised to come across the snake.

"I'm usually only looking up — I happened to look down, and there it was on the trail. Few people are ever lucky enough to see a sharp-tailed snake since they spend most of their time under cover."

Manning brought his find to herpetologist Christian Engelstoft during a presentation hosted by the Pender Islands Conservancy Association (PICA). Over the past three months, with funding from Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program, Engelstoft, the PICA and Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) have been visiting landowners who live



**Sharp-tailed snakes**

near known sites in an effort to discover new populations and learn more about the species.

"They are elusive creatures, so you can have sharp-tailed snakes in your backyard without knowing it," says Engelstoft.

Sharp-tails are mainly brown, about as thick as a pencil and 30cm long. Named for the sharp, spine-like scale on the tip of their tail, they have distinctive black-and-white banding on their belly, and each snake has its own unique chin marking.

They are usually found on south-facing rocky slopes of Garry oak and drier Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystems, habitats that are themselves threatened.

"It's exciting to find a new sharp-tailed snake site," said Kate Emmings, HAT executive director. "They need logs and rocks to hide under. Working with the landowner to maintain these sources of cover . . . could lead to the preservation of the species."

Confirmed locations of rare species in B.C. are recorded and tracked by the Conservation Data Centre, a Ministry of Environment initiative to track information about species and ecological communities at risk.



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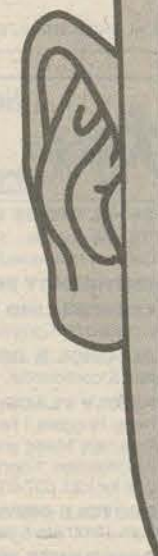
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## Island speaking winners advance

Salt Spring Toastmasters member Kathyne Holm won the club-level speech contest held on March 27.

Holm faced strong contenders during the event and will go on to compete at the Toastmasters area level.

Salt Spring Toastmasters also had an evaluation contest, another facet of International Toastmasters, which was won by Rowan Rowell. She will also go on to area level competition.

With the exception of statutory holidays, Salt Spring Toastmasters meet every Monday at ArtSpring at 7 p.m.

Anyone is welcome to join the group.



**ON THE BLOCK:** Ellen Karpinski holds a stone sculpture while Sid Filkow displays a replica motorcycle as the Greenwoods Foundation Auction gets underway at ArtSpring Saturday night.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



## National Park land purchased in 2001

### 45 years ago

• Cougar tracks and a lamb kill in the Mount Bruce area confirmed the first verified cougar spotted on the island in over 10 years.

• Students from Salt Spring Elementary won five firsts and eight second-place awards at the Cowichan Music Festival in Duncan.

• The Gulf Islands School District budget in 1961 was \$230,849.

### 40 years ago

• Lt. Gov. George Pearkes and Premier W.A.C. Bennett attended the opening of Gulf Islands Secondary School (now Salt Spring Island Middle School) on May 28, 1966.

### 35 years ago

• The Galiano Chamber of Commerce restricted drivers to 50 kilometres per hour on the island.

### 30 years ago

• National electoral boundaries were redrawn to sever the Gulf Islands from an area that had previously included Cowichan, the Malahat and Port Renfrew.

• The newly-formed Saturna Fire Department saved the home of Rob Fraen and Ruth Smart after their oil stove blew up.

### 25 years ago

• Home-based business licences were introduced by the provincial government.

• Islander George Griffiths completed a solo Atlantic

## DOWN THE YEARS

crossing and arrived in Barbados on March 3, 1981.

### 20 years ago

• Developer Murray Cyprus retracted an offer to allow the community his option to purchase 5,000 acres of MacMillan Bloedel land on Salt Spring.

• Gulf Islands School District faced a shortfall of \$415,799 for its \$5.635-million budget.

### 15 years ago

• Salt Spring Seafood Products Ltd. dumped \$8,000 worth of smoked salmon after a U.S. Food and Drug Administration test found listeria monocytogenes present in one box.

### 10 years ago

• Two young men were charged with arson after they were suspected of breaking into the Core Inn, trashing it and setting it on fire.

### Five years ago

• Islanders saw a \$105-million deal completed with the provincial and federal governments to add 722 hectares to the Gulf Islands National Park on April 1, 2001.

• Salt Spring's U18 gold boys team hosted Peace Arch United and lost 2-1 in the Coastal Cup Soccer Championships semi-final on April 2, 2001.

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## Conservancy promises hummer of event

Cam Finlay calls himself "the Hummingbird/Purple Martin Man."

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is bringing Finlay to Salt Spring Island on Friday, April 21 to talk about hummingbirds — and just in the nick of time, as the Rufous hummingbirds have started to arrive.

Finlay wants everyone who feeds hummingbirds to know how to take good care of the birds: we should be feeding them a solution of one cup of sugar to three cups water in

the first week of their arrival, when they are very hungry from their long flight, and one cup of sugar to four cups of water after that. Any solution with more sugar is not healthy for them.

Finlay's career path has been diverse. After graduating from Brandon University in 1952 with a science degree he went to Alberta to work as a geophysicist and then a geologist in the oil patch. Then he completely changed paths and became one of Canada's first national

park naturalists. He developed Edmonton Park as an outdoor museum and later designed and had built Canada's first urban nature centre.

Along the way he and his wife Joy have written several books, including Ocean to Alpine — a Nature Guide to B.C. and Bird-finding guide to Canada.

For 10 years they wrote a weekly nature column in the Edmonton Journal and for three years a similar column in the Calgary Herald. Finlay began his Rufous humming-

birds study later in life in 1997. In the last 10 years, Finlay and his crew have banded over 7,000 hummingbirds right across B.C. and have learned interesting things: Where they come and where they go after leaving us, their movements within the province, how long they live, much about their breeding biology and much more.

The hummingbird presentation is at Meaden Hall (not the usual spot) at 7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5 to help cover the conservancy's costs.

## \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Young people in our community are important. They are the future and we want to help. The Gulf Islands Driftwood, the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association, and the B.C. Press Council are offering local and provincial scholarship opportunities to all 2006 graduating high school students! It is our commitment to the future.

The scholarships are open to all high school students in B.C. and Yukon. Applicants must write a 500-word essay on the topic: **If you were to spend one day as publisher of this community newspaper, what changes would you make, and why?** The essay, along with school and contact information, must be submitted to the Gulf Islands Driftwood office by **April 28, 2006**. The local winner's submission will be forwarded to the B.C. & Yukon Community Newspapers Association for judging. There will be three recipients: 1st place at \$5000, 2nd place at \$3500 and 3rd place at \$1500.

Recipients will be presented the award at their graduation ceremonies. Good luck!

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# Veteran finds forgiveness in Vietnam visit

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Memories of fire, chaos and senseless violence were replaced with images of smiling benevolence, compassion and forgiveness when Vietnam veteran Bruce Logan recently returned to the battleground of his youth.

"It was far more moving emotionally than I really thought it was going to be," said Logan.

Last month Logan and his wife Elaine Head went to Vietnam with a non-profit program called Tours of Peace (TOP) that aims to help veterans and family members recover from the trauma of the war.

"It's hard to find words for this," Logan said. "The connection with the [Vietnamese] people was everything I expected and more; that was just terrific. But also sharing the experience with some former military people . . . that was really good."

Logan served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army in 1966-67 and 1970-71. The two-week TOP trip



*Bruce Logan and Elaine Head*

connected him with other veterans who also wanted to revisit the country in a personally meaningful fashion.

"These people were all strangers, but we instantly had rapport as soon as we got there and started on our mission."

And Logan revisited locations near Ho Chi Minh City where he'd experienced battles as a young man.

"To my surprise, there was no great anguish, I didn't feel any great pain. It was just nice to see it in a very different light. It was nice to

see a lush green rice paddy where I remember smoke and explosions and gunfire."

During that visit to the countryside near Ho Chih Minh City, Logan's group stopped on the roadside to take photos of water buffalo and they met a man who turned out to be a Viet Cong veteran himself.

Logan was struck by the sincerity of the words spoken by this man who was once an enemy: "The war is behind us and we are all brothers now."

Similarly, TOP participants were hugged and forgiven by an 81-year-old survivor from the famous My Lai massacre when they visited the memorial site (where an estimated 300-500 men, women and children were slaughtered by a unit of U.S. soldiers in 1968).

"That was a pretty significant emotional experience," Logan sighed.

The humanitarian-aid experiences were equally rewarding, Head and Logan agreed.

"It was absolutely exhausting, but I've never felt better in my exhaustion," said Head.

She recalls children who led her by the hand to show her their rooms in an orphanage, massaging a blind and bed-ridden old woman, and delivering aid to numerous schools and medical facilities.

"This trip was very cleverly designed, we discovered because the humanitarian work was twofold. It provided a great opportunity for great healing for the veterans; it provided an opportunity to really sit and talk with the Vietnamese people. And also to contribute to their welfare," she said.

"There were tears every day because all of us were so overwhelmed by the emotional impact of this," Head said.

And upon their return to Salt Spring on March 20, Logan agreed.

"I came out of it feeling an awful lot better than I did the last time I left Vietnam," he said.

## Rare photos part of Maxwell family history event

Next Wednesday islanders will have a unique opportunity to learn about the life and times of the Maxwell family, who lived, ranched, logged and farmed from 1861 to the 1940s, in what is now the Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park.

Barb Lyngard, the only descendant of this pioneering family still living on Salt Spring, will share memories, rare photographs and oral traditions about the exploits of her great grandfather, John Maxwell, his Cowichan wife, Mary, and their five sons and daughters.

John Maxwell arrived in North America from Ireland, and walked across the continent to California before heading north to the gold fields of B.C. where he and his partner, James Lunney, "struck it rich" in the Cariboo. In June 1861, they preempted 350 acres at the head of Burgoyne Bay, gradually building up their holdings to 1,000 acres. They cleared land, planted grass and established the first cattle ranch on the island with a herd of Texas Longhorns. They built houses and barns and John Maxwell married

a Cowichan woman, whose family owned rights to the valley's resources.

In 1869, Maxwell and Lunney donated land for a dock and wharf, the site of the present-day government wharf. From 1883 to 1900 they operated the first post office on the south end of the island from their home overlooking Burgoyne Bay.

In the 1880s the Maxwell family purchased a steam-powered land-clearing tractor, one of the first used in British Columbia, to open up more range land, creating the open fields we see today.

They grew a large orchard and selectively logged the surrounding forest using horses, oxen and, later, a steam donkey.

As a special attraction, Frank Neumann of the Salt Spring Archives has assembled a Power Point presentation that will feature a wealth of rare photographs.

This presentation of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society will take place Wednesday, April 12, at 2 p.m. in historic Central Hall. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee, delectable goodies and conversation always follow.

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4:00 pm - Holy Eucharist

April 13 - Maundy Thursday

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Divesting of the Altar (All Saints')

April 14 - Good Friday

12:00 noon - Three Hour Watch by the Cross

(All Saints')

April 15 - Holy Saturday

9:30 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

(All Saints')

April 16 - Easter Sunday

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist (BAS) at All Saints'

11:30 am - Holy Eucharist (BCP) at St. Mark's

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist (BAS) at St. Mary's

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# South-end marketplace, drummers and cooks heat up Fulford spring

While the south-end is blossoming with spring flowers, people are also bursting forth in a myriad of activity. From new classes to exciting commercial projects, the South-End Bulletin is here to keep you informed. So read on and see what your friends and neighbours are doing this April.

• Ever been mesmerized by the beauty of African

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drumming? Here is your chance to pick up a d'jembe drum and learn West African rhythms and playing techniques with a group right here in the south end. Annica Burnaby, who studies traditional West African drumming with d'jembe masters

Mamady Keita and Famoudou Konate, is now offering two separate drumming classes at Beaver Point Hall.

For those who have never picked up a drum but are intrigued by this powerful and fun instrument, Annica's D'jembe 1 Class, which takes place Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m., would be perfect for you.

If you have some previous experience, then maybe the D'jembe 2 Class, on Mondays at 5 to 6:30 p.m., would suit you better.

If you would like some more information, please feel free to call Annica at 653-0028.

• We are lucky to be surrounded by so many accomplished young people so when Fulford Community School puts on a student talent show, we are all in for a treat. Lots of kids are participating, rehearsing and generally getting excited to show us what they can do.

The show begins at 9 a.m. on April 13, but the organizers are still in need of parent volunteers for the rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:20-3 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tanya Akerman at 653-9984. The more the merrier!

• There are exciting plans in the works for the Fulford Information Centre to expand and incorporate a South-End Marketplace on their premises. Their primary directive is to encourage interest in local businesses and promote Fulford as a destination for tourists visiting the island.

By creating six covered, eight-foot spaces, the market will provide a venue in a prime location for vendors wishing to sell their wares every day of the week, and six more spaces will be added on Saturday and Sunday.

The South-End Market-

place will operate under the same rules as the Saturday Market and spaces will be rented at the same price; all goods for sale must be made on-island.

In addition, the Information Centre will have space to sell local produce on a commission basis and there will be a display case where artists can show examples of the work that people will find at their studios.

The South-End Marketplace will be opening on the May long weekend and, as there is limited space, vendors are encouraged to reserve their space early. If you are interested in becoming a part of this exciting new venture or would like some more information, please contact Susan at 653-4207.

• Once again Jonn Ashlie will be teasing and teaching our taste buds with a set of gourmet vegetarian cooking classes to be held in the immaculate kitchen at Stowe Lake Farm (190 Reynolds Road). This is the eighth round of cooking classes Ashlie has offered, using his four years of cooking school and 35 years as a pastry chef to help us become the creative cooks we always knew we could be.

Over the course of April, the class will meet every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. Ashlie asks that students bring their own apron and wine (if they choose to indulge). The \$160 fee includes a three-course meal and all the materials. If you are interested in expanding your culinary horizons, give Jonn a call at 653-4988. Bon appetit!

• If you have a south-end event, class, meeting, or community happening that you would like to be included in the South-End Bulletin, please feel free to contact me at eyardley@gulfislands.net or call me at the Driftwood (537-9933) to leave a message.



**AIR MEN:** Jack Frazer, left, is seen with Alex Jardine at the Royal Canadian Air Force anniversary celebration last week. Jardine's years in the airforce and as a POW in Java are the subject of a biography by Colin Castle called *Lucky Alex, the Career of G/C A. M. Jardine, AFC, CD, Seaman and Airman*. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Community welcomed to join May Day festival

An islander with immense enthusiasm for ancient folk religions is seeking support for the next Heathen Freehold Society May Day event on Salt Spring.

Dan Miller has been organizing Yuletide and May Day events for the past few years, and hopes to spark interest from potential participants, volunteers and sponsors.

"We're fundraising now to finance the event," Miller said. Volunteers, vendors and entertainers who wish to participate in the cultural event are encouraged to reach him at contact@bc-freehold.org, or 653-4507.

This year the magic date is Saturday, April 29, when the arrival of summer will be celebrated with a traditional festival, including a maypole and potluck feast. A Viking village and parade is planned, including a full party of 9<sup>th</sup>-century Vikings, who are special guests from the Norse Culture Re-Creation Society.

Five years ago Miller and others founded the Heathen Freehold Society for the purpose of researching history and reviving the aboriginal religion of the Germanic tribes. Most of the society's community events have been held on Salt Spring Island.

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# Grief group keeps 'ship afloat'

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Driftwood Reporter

Islanders who've lost loved ones are invited to attend an upcoming grief recovery program and support group at Croftonbrook later this month.

And Bob Wright vouches for the program after he attended previous sessions in 2004.

"I was in a situation where my partner of 22 years died suddenly," Wright said.

"In the beginning, you are quite disoriented. It takes a while. Even now, I have to sit down; things go zooming around in my head."

But the Life-Enhancing Grief Recovery Program and Support Group offered him a way to move forward.

"Things were better. I wasn't healed, but I had some stability. I was able to look forward; not plan, just look."

Support from other group members is the key to the grief recovery program, he said.

"You mention something and five other people share how they coped."

And the shared experi-

ences help deflect feelings of isolation, he said.

"There's no magic to it; there's just something that happens when you put people together who share a commonality."

More women attend the groups than men, but Wright believes that survival statistics are partly a factor for low male attendance in grief recovery support groups.

"I would certainly recommend it for men. The only reason there were more women than men is because women are often the ones who are left behind."

But he acknowledged that machismo stereotypes still prevail of strong silent types who forge through their feelings alone.

"Most of my men friends wouldn't think of going and I wouldn't have gone either," he said.

But he was convinced to give the program a try after some coaxing from a friend.

"Basically, she said, 'Don't be a jerk. Men are jerks.' It was fairly blunt," he grinned.

Wright figured he'd give the local grief-recovery pro-

gram a try by attending one session, but he had to admit that his friend was right and the sessions had value.

"We feel like, 'we're tough and strong and we can do it all ourselves,' but in actual fact, we can't."

Now he's found himself handing out little pieces of paper with contact numbers for support groups to friends after they've lost loved ones.

"Believe it or not, but you sit there by yourself and think, 'I'm never going to get better.' Of course you do get better, but you don't know that at the time."

He's watched friends go through the grieving process over spans of two to seven years.

"Everyone is different," he observes.

And sometimes a group of strangers can be easier to talk to than friends or family, he said.

"It's a journey and most of your friends don't understand. They say, 'Snap out of it' and there is no snapping out of it. They want you to heal as quickly as possible."

Wright has been very impressed by skilled volunteer facilitators Susannah

Devitt and Barbara Dams.

"They lead the discussion. It helps everyone to open up and it all flows from there."

One of the most important aspects of the group sessions for Wright was the confidentiality, he said.

"Nothing is mentioned outside the group. It all stays inside the group."

Losing a loved one can be an overwhelming experience, he said.

"I don't think there is actually any way you can prepare for it . . . you're just lost."

But the grief support program gave him tools and support to move forward, he said.

"You come out after six weeks feeling some stability; your little ship is afloat."

The non-denominational program has been running on the island for over six years, and it's sponsored by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island.

Sessions run Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. from April 26 through to May 31 at the Croftonbrook Lounge.

For more information, contact facilitator Susannah Devitt (537-2570).



**MARKET DAY:** Nicola Boyd sells origami products in Centennial Park as the Saturday market opens for the season in the rain last Saturday. Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Relay for Life sign-up urged as event planned for June 9-10

Islanders are embracing the Relay for Life Cancer Society fundraiser, but there's still room for more teams to join the June 9-10 fun.

"The momentum is definitely rolling right now and there's a buzz in the community," said local Relay for Life coordinator John Wakefield last week.

Twelve teams had already registered, with more in the "contemplative" stage, while 20 can be accommodated. Some \$5,500 has already been pledged online for Salt Spring participants to date. (See the Salt Spring community section of the [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca) website.)

Teams consist of between eight and 16 people, and are required to fundraise a minimum of \$1,000. Individual fundraisers are rewarded with prizes for achieving certain targets.

Participants will camp out at Portlock Park on the evening of June 9, with the

whole event running from 7 p.m. through 7 a.m. the next day.

People are also buying "luminaries" online already. Luminaries are special candles placed in bags that bear the names of cancer survivors and people who have died from the disease. Cost is \$5.

A special luminary ceremony is part of the Relay for Life event.

Teams can register online

or through forms available at the Chamber of Commerce or Island Secretarial.

The next meeting for team captains and co-captains is on Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m. at the Portlock Park meeting room.

Anyone wanting more information about Relay for Life should contact Wakefield at 537-4624 or [jwakefield@bc.cancer.ca](mailto:jwakefield@bc.cancer.ca) or simply visit the [cancer.ca](http://cancer.ca) website.

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## Japanese garden initiative now in full bloom

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
 Driftwood Reporter

Members of the Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island hope public enthusiasm for a commemorative garden will spring forth at an open house scheduled for April 15 at ArtSpring.

The event marks the official launch of the group's quest to commemorate contributions made by Salt Spring Island's Japanese-Canadian residents who were forcefully relocated to internment camps in the province's interior during the Second World War.

"It will be a testament to the transformative power of art and nature that is present in Japanese gardens," said the JGSSSI's Caffyn Kelley.

Since the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) approved the Peace Park site in March, Kelley said the society has doubled its efforts to foster community support since donations and volunteer labour are deemed essential to the project's success.

Kelley said she hopes efforts on Salt Spring Island will match the enthusiasm expressed by Mayne Island volunteers who created a Japanese garden at Dinner Bay in honour of the island's Japanese-Canadian heritage.

"So far, we've had a wonderful response," she said. "It is really igniting people's sense of excitement and imagination."

Kelley added participants can expect a fun-filled educational event featuring historical presentations, musical performances and food. Members of the public are encouraged to submit ideas on what elements they feel should be included in the garden.

The Peace Park site is an ideal location as it already has a number of mature birch, cherry and plum trees alongside a stream.

Garden designers from

Yamanaka, Salt Spring's sister city have expressed an interest in assisting with the project.

"This will add another layer to acknowledge the history of the Japanese-Canadian community," she said. "Getting input from the community is essential."

Kelley said costs and a completion date depend largely on how much help is offered by island residents.

As of early April the group had collected \$3,000 from the sale of Ganbaru, a book detailing the experiences of Salt Spring's Japanese-Canadian community written by Rose Murakami.

Murakami was just a young girl when she and her family, along with an estimated 77 other Japanese-Canadian residents, were moved off the island.

Land and possessions were seized and sold with proceeds used to pay for transportation and internment costs.

While the majority of those relocated remained on the mainland, Murakami's family returned to Salt Spring in 1952 and rebuilt their lives from scratch.

"The most important part of this is reconciliation," Murakami said. "There are a lot of people on the island who don't know what happened. We certainly know what happened and want to spread that knowledge."

She said the community involvement in the garden can only help raise more awareness about the internment.

"It acknowledges the contributions that Japanese-Canadians made to the island before 1942," she said. "It's very nice that Salt Spring islanders want to recognize that contribution."

Plants and copies of Murakami's book will be on sale at the April 15 event, which runs from 2 to 5 p.m., with all proceeds going towards the garden fund.

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Mon	9:00-10:30am	Mixed Levels Yoga - free childcare	Donna
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	3:45-4:30	Kids' Yoga	Donna
	4:45-5:45	Teen Yoga	Jeannie
	6:00-7:30	Hatha Flow Yoga	Angie
	7:00-9:00	Buddhist Meditation	Sheryl
Tues	9:00-11:00am	Level 2/3 Iyengar Yoga	Chris Lea
	11:00-12:00	Seniors' Chair Yoga	Celeste
	3:00-4:00	Pilates	Diana
	4:45-6:15	Mixed Levels Yoga	Jeannie
	5:30-6:30	Nia	Leslie
Wed	9:00-10:30am	Level 1 Yoga	Celeste
	4:45-5:30	Pranayama & Meditation	Celeste
	5:45-7:15	Intermediate Flow/Wall Yoga	Celeste
	6:00-7:00	Pilates	Diana
	7:00-9:00	Kirtan (No charge. 1st Wed of each month)	
Thurs	9:00-10:00am	Pilates	Diana
	9:00-10:30	Men's Yoga	Cordula
	11:00-12:00	Prenatal/Mom & Baby Yoga	Cordula
	12:00-1:00	Mom & Baby Complimentary Tea	(1st Thurs of the month)
	6:00-7:30	Beginners' Yoga	Patricia
Fri	9:00-10:30am	Level 1 & 2 Yoga	Celeste
	11:00-12:30	Nia	Leslie
	4:30-5:30	Restorative Yoga	Celeste
Sat	9:00-10:30am	Ashtanga Yoga	Cornelia
	10:30-11:30	Family Yoga (3rd Sat. of month)	GYS Teachers
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Sun	9:30-11:30am	Restorative Restshops (Apr 23, May 21, June 11)	Celeste
	11:30-1:00	Intro to Yoga (no charge)	SSCY Trainees

# First-year U17 gold team topples Gordon Head for district cup title

**"And then one Sunday . . . they won their first game against a U18 squad and the tide had finally turned."  
— Terry Morton**

Salt Spring's U17 boys gold players may have battled uphill all season, but they fought their way to the top of the league last weekend, winning the lower island district cup championship.

Taking Gordon Head in a shoot-out blitz, the fledgling gold team, proved that Salt Spring soccer players have guts, skill and determination.

"When the team lost the first game of the season, and then the second, the third and the fourth, [the players] quickly learned that their participation at this level was going to test their resolve and commitment to the new two-year program," noted coach Terry Morton.

Based on development of offensive and defensive supporting angles, quick one-two touch play and exploiting the centre of the field, added Morton, the U17s — of which almost two-thirds are U16s and U15s — had to abandon the typical style of linear passes, solo runs and long balls to the front.

Playing in a U17/U18 league, the U16 players (Bob Byron, Liam Johnston, Colby Little, Jesson Motherwell, David Nix, Isaac Raddysh, and Brandon Shaw) and especially the U15s (Casey Fedberg, Julian Smith and Stuart Garside) were playing two and three years up at the gold level.

"This is a feat in itself," noted Morton, "taking much courage on the physical difference alone."



**ON TOP:** Members of Salt Spring's U17 boys team lift keeper Brandon Shaw to their shoulders as they celebrate their district cup win on Sunday at Beckwith Park in Victoria. Photo contributed

The squad's U17 players — Marshall Barter, Eland Bronstein, Rusty Fedberg, Kirby Garside, Gordon Havelaar, DJ Lake and Tavis Morton — took the centre line of the formation with the younger players creating and controlling penetration from the flanks.

The team had to redefine "success," said Morton, as it was not going to be measured by the scoreboard: the boys lost their next seven games.

"But then something changed on the field. The score difference was dropping dramatically and the commendations by the opposing teams, the referees and the spectators were mounting.

"And then one Sunday with a short squad it finally happened, they won their

first game against a U18 squad and the tide had finally turned."

Adding the next component of double-teaming, Salt Spring took on the league's top two teams and won both as they headed into the district cup playoffs.

Playing the toughest draw to the finals, Salt Spring, with growing momentum, dispatched their opponents in the quarter and semi-finals, eventually travelling to Victoria this past weekend to Victoria for the district cup final.

Morton said the local squad demonstrated tactical skill and teamwork by controlling the game and moving the ball up from its defensive end to the attacking third in a series of well-placed passes and well-thought-out plays.

They kept the pressure on

Gordon Head throughout the first and second half, with much of the game being played in their opponent's end as they repeatedly attacked the net from all angles.

Salt Spring had over a dozen excellent shots on target, but all refused to find the back of the net, he said.

Gordon Head's only option of attack was to send long balls into Salt Spring's backfield. Two stellar saves by keeper Brandon Shaw kept the game scoreless to the end.

"Salt Spring's 4-1 win in penalty kicks was a much-deserved outcome to the game and the season as the U17s head into the second half of the program next year," said Morton.

DJ Lake was awarded game MVP.

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5.Newton Norma	424	709	1133	35
6.Tamboline W	475	658	1133	38
7.Dekleer Rene	458	674	1132	40
8.Butler Janet	455	659	1114	33
9.Langdon Jack	461	652	1113	38
10.Baker Brent	428	684	1112	40
11.Hoban Rypawn	461	650	1111	41
12.Johnson Liam	451	652	1103	33
13.Tamboline Philip	441	660	1101	41
14.Lam Ramona	469	631	1100	37
15.Eyles Gail	436	661	1097	38
16.Langdon Jocelyn	422	673	1095	31
17.Johnson Cam	437	658	1095	35
18.Field Marilyn	468	626	1094	35
19.Anderson Dennis	445	649	1094	37
20.Charlebois Jason	441	650	1091	34
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26.Hardy Mike	440	638	1078	33
27.Eyles Evan	419	659	1078	39
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29.Gillham Jerome	460	616	1076	39
30.Kopetzki Kevin	465	607	1072	42
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36.Reinholdt Kim	463	590	1053	37
37.Newton N	411	641	1052	36
38.Eyles Tobin	404	647	1051	26
39.Doerksen Hank	422	629	1051	36
40.Cunningham Jean	450	598	1048	38
41.Moldon Dennis	435	610	1045	37
42.Torok Les	365	679	1044	31
43.Marleau Steven	462	578	1040	41
44.Eddie Cole	451	588	1039	39
45.Marleau Gerry	413	621	1034	33
46.Lynch Brian	432	600	1032	36
47.Watson Bradley	417	613	1030	43
48.Coeino Lara	411	617	1028	44
49.Weir Jacob	372	651	1023	47
50.Shaske Lucy	420	600	1020	41
51.Watson Tracey	422	598	1020	41
52.Jensen Jackie	431	581	1012	40
53.Smith Shirley	396	616	1012	42
54.Stocks Jamin	384	627	1011	42
55.MacKinnon Jucie	386	625	1011	39
56.Laitinen Tyler	424	582	1006	46
57.Shantz Lorne	394	610	1004	45
58.Doerksen Mona	375	626	1001	42
59.Shaske Ed	352	649	1001	30
60.Temmel Wolfgang	401	599	1000	38
61.Watson T	387	611	998	38
62.Courtney John	416	573	989	41
63.Laycock Bob	436	552	988	34
64.Shaske Lucy	391	596	987	37
65.Lynch T	396	591	987	39
66.Dekleer Bruno	404	581	985	31
67.Hosie Kate & Kare	407	577	984	43
68.Nolan Elizabeth	392	587	979	38
69.Coles Don	395	581	976	45
70.Shaske Ed	405	566	971	33
71.Lynch Steve	384	581	965	37
72.Field Owen	376	588	964	35
73.Torok Sah-Ryan	418	546	964	34
74.Gillham Jeffrey	402	561	963	38
75.Courtney Scannett	395	567	962	32
76.Coles Don	380	582	962	30
77.Coles Shelley	362	599	961	35
78.Thomas Emma	363	598	961	39
79.Hitchcock Dorothy	374	578	952	37
80.Marleau Deanna	355	597	952	43
81.Shantz Colleen	370	582	952	36
82.Ellis-Stairs Tila	353	595	948	35
83.Longeau Fiona	373	565	938	30
84.Baker Jonah	399	539	938	33
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89.Sloan Randy	363	543	906	34
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#### Horse Show

By Sandy Barclay

The 2006 Fall Fair Horse Show is going to feature several new events along with all the regulars and the Battle of the Breeds. The new events include a Miniature Horse Halter Class, Miniature Horse Lead Line Obstacle Course, Jeopardy Trail Class, Relay Race Jumping Event, Barrel Racing (Jr and Open), Precision Calf Roping, and a 'Stick Horse' event for the kids without horse! Last but not least there is the "Go-for-it class", which is for the over 35 year olds just starting out in horses or the seniors getting back into horses. You only have to 'walk-trot' and stay on, so come on and "Go-for-it". Watch this column for more details of these and other horse events. See you at the Fair September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

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# Hard work leads to U18 girls championships title

Salt Spring's U18 silver girls grabbed a "sweet victory" Saturday, finishing the soccer season as lower island district cup champions after beating Gorge in a come-from-behind win.

"It was a rough start for Salt Spring," noted coach Brenda Akerman, as Gorge got on the scoreboard with a penalty kick in the first 45 seconds of the game.

"Salt Spring had their work cut out for them early in the game. They dug deep as a team and worked hard."

The local squad's first goal came with a long loop shot by Val Harkema that sailed into the net over the Gorge keeper's head, tying the game 1-1 at the half.

"In the second half, both teams gave their all," said Akerman. "Both teams had many opportunities to score."

But with 13 minutes to go, Jill Foley hit a through-ball to Meghan Drummond, who made a great run on the ball and tipped it past the keeper, giving Salt Spring a 2-1 lead.

Outstanding play by Foley, who ran hard for 90 minutes, making incredible plays and passes, gave her the MPV award for the game.

Jenny Akerman made several amazing saves in goal, while Elizabeth Cronin, Caroni Young and Carla Meller played their best game of the season on defence, said Akerman.

Katelyn Girard, Mercedes Reynolds and Drummond worked hard on the forward line, pressing the Gorge defenders at every opportunity and forcing them to kick the ball out of play.

In the midfield, Victoria Budd worked hard both ways, making some key stops and passes to her teammates.

Andie Kuric played defence, forward and midfield, making things happen wherever she was, and Danielle Viozzi was like a block as sweeper, keeping everyone together and stopping the Gorge forwards.

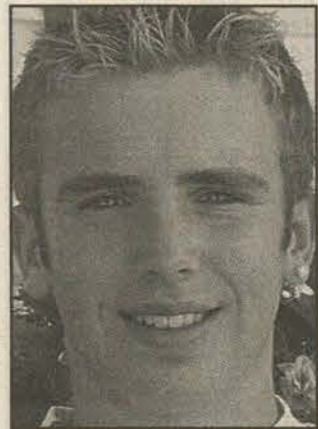
Akerman said the team missed Kyla Tuttle's strong goal-keeping and defensive play.

Also missing on a student exchange was Jess Harkema.

"This was a sweet victory for the girls," Akerman said. "All but three are graduating [from GISS] and will be moving on. We wish them all the best and hope they all keep playing soccer."



**LEAGUE CHAMPS:** Members of Salt Spring's U18 girls silver team took top spot in district cup league play, beating Gorge 2-1 at Beckwith Park in Victoria on Sunday. Coach Brenda Akerman called it a "sweet victory" as all but three of the team's players are graduating from the high school and will be moving on. Photo by John Cameron



Cardin Davis

## Davis strikes for elite soccer program sponsors

Cardin Davis might be looking forward to an exciting soccer schedule with the U16 provincial team this year, but he could use a little help with expenses.

Davis played on the B.C. team for the last four years and with the U15 National team that won gold at the CONCACAF tournament in Trinidad last August.

"My parents have been very supportive and have helped and encour-

aged me in my effort to pursue my goals, but the cost of this program and travel costs associated represent a significant financial challenge for my family and me," Davis said.

"I am seeking support to raise funds so that I can participate in this program through personal sponsorship."

The provincial program will cost \$2,790 (in addition to weekly ferry travel to Vancouver for training twice

a week).

On the positive side of the balance, the B.C. team travels to Mexico May 23-June 2 for training camp and match play before returning for the Tournament of Champions in Surrey May 19-21.

The B.C. team also travels to a Program Development Camp in Nanaimo June 16-18 and then to Seattle on July 6-9 for the Diadora Cup. Their season culminates with

the national championships in Sherwood Park, Alberta on July 15-23.

"My goal is to be selected to be a part of the Canadian U17 National team for the U17 World Cup in 2007 and, in the future, the Canadian Men's National Team. Not only would I be representing B.C., but most importantly Salt Spring Island."

For information about how to sponsor the local athlete, call Cardin at 537-5271.

## Grade 8 girls scrub Mt. Prevost squad

Grade-8 Tsunami girls from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) swept through their first game of the season with a 4-0 win over a Grade-9 team from Mount Prevost Middle School in Duncan on March 29.

SIMS goals came from Kirsti Girard, Kaylea Kray, Kloe Holmes and Danielle Severn.

Kate Hosie earned a shut-out in net, with a little help from a great defensive play by Alva Brentmar.

"Alva saved a goal. She ran in front of the net and booted it out when it was about to go in," said teammate Alice Pavely. "She played really well."

Pavely recalled that Holmes scored when the Mount Prevost keeper just missed the save and that Severn picked off a shot from a tough angle in the corner to earn her goal.

"It was a really nice goal."

Pavely also had a close shot on net.

"Kirsti had a free kick, she kicked it and then the goalie hit it away and then I kicked it and it just missed the goal."

SIMS Grade 8 girls previously played together as U14 girls coached by Rob Holmes within the Lower Island Soccer Association.

## SOCCER KICKS

Two Peninsula gold teams with Salt Spring soccer players took disappointing 1-0 losses in the lower island district cup finals last weekend.

Peninsula Gold Rush U15 girls with Danica Lundy, Olivia Morgan and Erica Rimmer outplayed Prospect Lake, but were unable to grab the equalizer when their opponents nabbed a goal in the last 10 minutes of play.

Playing in Peninsula's centre-mid position, Lundy picked up MVP for the game.

And in U13 gold play, Peninsula Storm with Salt Springers Kai Fishleigh, Sierra Lundy and Grace Morgan lost their first game of the season against Juan de Fuca, after their opponents got on the scoreboard midway through the first half.



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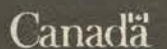
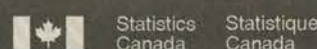
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**ON THE BALL:** Salt Spring Selects player Kelly Kerr races to the ball in recent soccer action against Prospect Lake. The game marked the first and only loss of the season, and the team went on to smash Sooke 8-0 in the league final last weekend to win the Div. 2 title. *Photo by Joanne Pal*

## Selects blow out Div.-2 final

Shorthanded Salt Spring Selects blasted through an 8-0 win against Sooke at Fred Milne Park on Friday to take first place in Division 2 within the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association (LIWSA).

"It was a blow-out," said Selects coach Dave McColl. "It was a good way to finish the season."

The islanders picked off four goals within the first 15 minutes, he said.

Salt Spring could only field nine players to start the match and Sooke managed

eight, but the teams moved up to 10 aside by the half, McColl said.

"There was so much space on the field — it was wide open."

Fresh from a five-month trip to Thailand, Jesse Johnston Hill earned a fifth goal, Kate Parker scored a goal, Jocelyn Langdon tallied two goals and Kelly Kerr nabbed four.

"After Kelly scored the sixth goal, we took her off and played with eight players. The other team, we just blew them out. We've done

that before, but not so fast."

Even though the Selects only played 14 games this season, Friday marked their 11th win of the season (11-0-3 with 36 points) to nudge into first place ahead of Vic West (11-4-2 and 35 points over 17 games) in the LIWSA standings.

Since March 31 marked the end of the regular season, the Selects will collect the Div.-2 title and promotion to Div.-1 next year.

Now the island women are looking forward to the local May long weekend tourney.

## Williams leads to victory

Salt Spring's rowing champion Barney Williams led Oxford University to victory in the 152<sup>nd</sup> Boat Race over rivals from Cambridge and Cobble Hill on Sunday.

Oxford crossed the line in 18 minutes 26 seconds — five lengths ahead of Cambridge, finishing in 18 minutes 41 seconds (over the 6.78-kilometre race).

Williams is president of the Oxford crew and helped Oxford win the race in 2005. This year he was joined by his silver-medal teammate from the 2004 Athens Olympics, Jake Wetzel of Saskatoon.

Cobble Hill native Kip McDaniel, a 2005 Canadian National Team member and world bronze medalist, crewed on the Cambridge boat this year.

Despite Williams' work over the past two years, the overall victory count still favours Cambridge (78 wins) over Oxford (73 wins), with one draw.



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**SCHOOL SOCCER BATTLE:** Gulf Islands Secondary School junior girls soccer player Stevie Robinson, left, battles for the ball with Salt Spring Middle School player Rebecca Price. The two island schools came together in mid-island league play on Monday. Fresh from a 5-0 win against Queen of Angels last week, GISS took on SIMS, also the winner of its earlier game 4-0 against Mount Prevost. The older girls won the game 3-0, with goals by Danica Lundy, Robinson and Natalia Alonso, with two of the goals occurring on precision crosses by Elsbet Krayenhoff. Keepers Olivia Morgan and Emily Rothwell got the shut-out.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

**HIGH ROLLERS**

High scores in recent bowling league play were:

Monday evening Circus league, March 13: Ron Cunningham, 214; Ken Strike, 220.  
Circus league, March 20: Margaret Baker, 212; Brenda Opel, 204.  
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Tuesday, March 28: Harald Repen 211; John Pringle, 213.  
Special Olympics, March 22: Kathy Kean, 141; Dominic George, 154; Stuart Elliott, 157; Mahjor Bains, 175; Gloria Dale, 215, 192.  
Special Olympics, March 29: Gloria Dale, 152; Pam MacDonald, 160; Jimmy Beck, 160.

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# Flick Pick

The Squid and the Whale offers frank and disturbing portrait of divorce



Jason Tudor

Before announcing *The Squid and the Whale* as easily one of the best films of 2005, it should be said that I am partial to films of its ilk: the low budget, quirky yet insightful American drama. Generally ignored by both the mainstream and "artsy" types, who favour films that are more fantastic, this genre focuses on the reality of human relationships. The recently reviewed (on these very pages) *Me and You and Everyone We Know* and *Junebug* are great examples.

*The Squid and the Whale*, based on the childhood memories of director Noah Baumbach, details the messy breakup of two New York writers. Bernard Berkman (Jeff Daniels) is an egotistical and almost sociopathic professor whose best creative days are behind him, but his wife Joan (Laura Linney) is just coming into her own. Their separation, simmering for many years, is slow to arrive but quick in execution.

In the middle, as always, are the kids: dad-clone and pseudo-intellectual adolescent Walt (Jesse Eisenberg) and deeply disturbed pre-teen Frank (Owen Kline). The parents move to separate houses, leaving Walt and Frank to bounce back and forth.

There's no question that the Berkman family is made up of exceptionally smart people. Their problem is a serious lack of emotional intelligence. It is frightening to watch Walt ape his father's disdain for anyone who doesn't "make the grade," or to see little Frank look at his mother in the mirror and tell her she's ugly.

Much like *Junebug*, *The Squid and the Whale* is well acted all around, particularly by the youngsters. The standout here is Kline, son of actors Kevin Kline and Phoebe Cates. How the child of two perpetually sunny actors can be so evocative a model of childhood self-hatred is beyond me. That kid's either a heck of an actor or has some serious issues.

Many viewers, particularly those who know divorce all too well, may be a tad overwhelmed by the frankness on display. Don't despair, though, for unless you are yourself a slightly demented, failed author (or a relative thereof), it won't ring too close to home.

As such, and somewhat denying my earlier theory about "realism," *The Squid and the Whale* becomes a frank and disturbing museum piece. It portrays a special situation that results from special people, and shows the price often paid for genius. Maybe being average isn't so bad after all.

## Bridge season ends with scores of prizes awarded to top players

Alice Hammet Bridge League play ended for the year with a 5,570 winning score for Kathy Darling and Merle Sheffield.

The team was awarded the prize for highest single day score at the wind-up lunch for the Alice Hammet Bridge League on Thursday, March 23.

Held at the Falconshead Grill, the league also awarded prizes to Kay Mowbray and Ann Foerster, Mary Pike and Madeleine Hardie, and Joan Conlan and Florence Laundry for producing grand slams.

The team of Conlan and Laundry also won highest aggregate score, followed by Tilly Crawley and Lynn Thorburn in second place and Patricia Hewett and Jean Elder in third.

Irene Hawkesworth and Jean Verville were recognized for their five small slams, followed by Darling and Sheffield at four. A new prize was added this year for most encounters. It was won by Rita Balachandran and Giselle Harstall, who won 11 out of their 12 games.

According to league member Jean Elder, while this did not accumulate them enough points or slams to make them competitive in the other races, it was a considerable achievement.

Many of the players have participated in the league since it was founded in 1976, including Phyllis Henderson, who was welcomed at the lunch.

Next season will mark the 30th anniversary of the league. New participants are always welcome and should contact Jean Elder at 537-0897.

**BRIDGE TRICKS**

By JILL EVANS  
Driftwood Contributor  
The evening of March 13 was lit by an almost-full moon, and shining the brightest at bridge that night were Joan Conlan and Blanche Poborsa, followed by Boodie Arnott and Glenda Kaiser.

George and Flo Laundry were third and Conhor Vane-Hunt and Isabelle Richardson came fourth.

March 20 was the first day of spring and saw the Laundrys bustin' out all over and back on top by a good margin. Second to appear were Patricia Hewett and Jean Elder, while the perennial Arnott-Kaiser combo were next.

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328 Lower Ganges Road,  
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V8K 2V3.

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6 DEATHS

### SACKER, EDITH (ZUBERBIER)



Much loved mother, "oma,"  
sister, aunt and friend,  
formerly of Salt Spring  
Island, died peacefully  
on Sunday, March 26 at  
Victoria Hospice, after a  
well-fought struggle with  
lung cancer. Edith led a  
long and interesting life.

Her working career began with the German  
Consulate, which brought her to Vancouver, her  
favourite city in the world. She later became  
a CGA and established a flourishing practice  
on Salt Spring Island. There, she was active in  
numerous community organizations, including  
Planned Parenthood, the Salt Spring Foundation,  
and Rotary Club. She was an enthusiastic tennis  
player for many years and was a founding member  
of the Soup Group, where she enjoyed many hours  
of stimulating conversation and friendship. After  
her retirement, she took up painting, her favourite  
subjects her cherished grandchildren Jamie and  
Sean. Pre-deceased by her sister Erika, she will  
be deeply missed by her daughter Robin (Jan),  
step-daughter Claire (Jim) Vierkoetter, brothers  
Eckart (Linda) and Gerhard (Karin), sister Gerda,  
numerous nephews and nieces in Canada and  
Germany, and many dear friends whose lives she  
touched in her incomparable way. She lives on in  
who we are and in our memories, with love and  
laughter. A Memorial Service will be held on April  
17 at 2 pm at First Unitarian Church of Victoria,  
5575 West Saanich Road. Donations gratefully  
accepted to the Salt Spring Foundation, Box 244,  
Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V9

### HOAG, PATRICIA Grace (nee James)



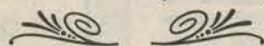
Quietly, on March 30, 2006  
at Lady Minto Hospital.  
Loving wife to Bill; loving  
mother to Peter (Jennifer  
Wells), of Toronto, Janet  
(St. Clair McColl) of Salt  
Spring Island and Laura  
(Fred Rose), of Kingston;  
loving grandmother to  
John Michael, Noah and Keegan McColl, Chris,  
Jake and Will Hoag, and Adam and Claire Rose.  
Daughter of the late Rev. Frances Edward Howley  
James (Metropolitan United Church, Victoria) and  
his late wife Grace Peacock. Patricia is survived  
by her sister Kathleen (Ron Marrs) of Victoria and  
brothers Trevor James and Ken James (Kathy) of  
Vancouver and her sisters-in-law Barbara James,  
of Vancouver and Sarah Hoag of Toronto. She  
cherished her many cousins, nieces, nephews and  
her extended family.

A graduate of the Wellsley School of Nursing  
('52), Patricia will be remembered by her nursing  
fraternity as well as her great group of friends and  
family for her staunch devotion to all those who had  
the good fortune to find themselves in her company.  
She was compassionate without criticism. She gave  
her love freely without judgement. And she was  
a master of the front crawl, leaving an everlasting  
image of her smooth, silent swimming stroke  
through deep, clear waters.  
Peace in thy hands,  
Peace in thine eyes,  
Peace on thy brow;  
Flower of a moment in the eternal hour,  
Peace be with me now.

The family would like to thank the residents and  
staff at Heritage Place for their many kindnesses,  
Linda, Jean and Adele and the nursing staff at  
Lady Minto for their capable and compassionate  
care, Dr. DeKock, the board, children and parents  
at the Salt Spring Centre School and the many  
friends and family who so lovingly cared for Pat and  
supported our family.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday,  
April 15, at 4 pm Heritage Place Salt Spring Island.

Memorial to take place Saturday, May 13, at 2:30  
pm, Walton United Church, Oakville, Ont.



6 DEATHS

**BRAWN - SHARON** Elizabeth  
Norah (nee McGowan). Born in  
Vancouver, Sept. 5, 1938, passed  
away peacefully surrounded  
by her family on April 1, 2006.  
Sharon was predeceased by her  
parents Betty and Ian Simson.  
Sharon will be greatly missed  
by her loving husband Bob of 46  
years, daughter Joanne (David)  
Lloyd, son Michael (Laura) and  
grandchildren Matthew, Thomas,  
Graeme, Cameron and Eliza-  
beth. Family and friends alike  
will miss her great sense of hu-  
mour and warm and welcoming  
nature. We are truly blessed to  
have shared our lives with such a  
wonderful and caring wife, moth-  
er and friend. The family would  
like to extend heartfelt thanks to  
Dr. Crichton, Dr. Puhky and the  
staff of the Victoria Cancer Clinic  
for their compassion and support  
during Sharon's battle with can-  
cer. It was Sharon's request that  
there not be a funeral service. In  
lieu of flowers, donations in Sha-  
ron's memory may be made to  
the Salt Spring Foundation, P.O.  
Box 244, Ganges, Salt Spring  
Island, BC, V8K 2V9.

7 IN MEMORIUM



*In loving memory of*  
**Derek Victor Gent**  
May 11, 1962  
- April 9, 2004

Another year has  
passed without  
you, still missing  
you deeply.

"There is a link  
death cannot sever.  
Love and  
remembrance last  
forever."

*Love forever*  
*Deanna &  
daughter Nicole*

### DEREK VICTOR GENT

You were such a  
kind and loving  
son during your  
short life.

Loving memories  
of Derek are with  
us every day but  
our lives are sad  
and empty in his  
absence.

Mum & Dad



8 CARDS OF THANKS

## Thank You

*Shipstones*  
taproom & lounge

**For your generous support  
of our team!**

*Salt Spring Dragons*

8 CARDS OF THANKS



The Salt Spring  
Island RCAF Veterans  
Association  
would like to express its  
thanks to the Ganges  
Village Market and  
Brent Cooper for their  
assistance in the  
celebration of the 82<sup>nd</sup>  
Anniversary of the  
RCAF on 1 April, 2006  
at the Royal Canadian  
Legion.

Once again the excellent  
catering of the Ladies  
Auxiliary contributed  
greatly to the success of  
our commemoration.

20 COMING EVENTS

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

**DOG TRAINING** with Sheri Standen.  
Fun, upbeat environment. Dogs and  
people love it! Central Hall Wednes-  
days, April 12 - June 7 (no classes  
April 26, May 3). 537-5646.

**HEART & STROKE Big Bike Ride**  
is coming Wed., May 24. For info  
phone 537-2570.

**THIS IS** your invitation to view Mum-  
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cleverly tatted, to represent Nature's  
beautiful, spring flowers. Now show-  
ing at the Saturday Salt Spring mar-  
ket in Centennial Park.

**DONALD RAY** Johnson, Grammy  
Award Winner R & B, singer/  
drummer, is coming to Salt Spring  
May 13 at Meadon Hall. Tickets  
653-4279. Check out www.don-  
aldray.com.

**BELLY DANCE, PILATES & NIA**  
All at Ganges Yoga Studio Be.  
New spring schedule, 537-2224  
www.gangesyogastudio.com.

**YOGA SADHANA**  
Pranayama, meditation and Asana.  
5 days of practice from 7 to 8:30 am  
each day April 10 to 14, May 15 to  
19, June 12 to 16. \$60 each session.  
Ganges Yoga Studio, 537-2444.

**SPRING YOGA SCHEDULE**  
New Schedule for April to June at  
Ganges Yoga Studio. Classes for  
everyone at every level of practice.  
Tots, kids, teens, mums & babies,  
men only and special workshops.  
Check the web www.gangesyogastudio.com, pick up a schedule  
at the studio or phone 537-2444.

**YOGA BEGINNERS**  
Pre-registered specials. Thurs. 6  
- 7:30 pm April 6 - June 15, \$110  
(incl. tax) at Ganges Yoga Studio.  
537-2224.

**YOGA WALL WORKSHOP**  
Beginners, Sat., April 8 from 10  
am to 12 noon \$35 incl. tax. In-  
termediate Sat., May 20 and June  
10, 9 to 12 noon \$45/\$80 for both.  
Ganges Yoga Studio, 537-2444.

**OAXACA RUG SALE**  
Hand loomed, quality wool. Central  
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**UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Video/Discussion: "Accepting the  
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Nature and Science." Fulford  
Hall OAP, Sunday, April 9, 10:30,  
537-8781. Everyone welcome.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING** for Arts and  
Culture Week? April 23-29, schools &  
arts councils across BC are pre-  
sented arts events. How about  
you? Go to www.bcartsweek.ca.

10 CELEBRATIONS

*"Shhhhhh...don't tell Rita!"*

But Loretta & Lorraine are inviting friends of  
**RITA DODS**  
to drop in to

**Meaden Hall (Downstairs Legion)**  
**1 - 4 pm Saturday, April 15, 2006**

to help Rita celebrate her  
**75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

*No Gifts Please*

20 COMING EVENTS

**CONSIDERING  
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*Introductory  
Weekend*

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**MEROR KRAYENHOFF**

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**SSI HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

**Regular Meeting**  
2 pm, April 12  
Central Hall

**Next Meeting AGM**  
2 pm, May 10  
Central Hall

• Executive to be Elected  
All Welcome  
Tea & Coffee to follow



It's Spring & I'm back. I'm  
doing an Auction, April 7  
for the Handicapped Relay at  
Meaden Hall, Royal Canadian  
Legion. All Welcome!

**Come to  
Salt Spring  
Painter's Guild  
Show & Sale at ArtSpring**

**April 9 to April 23**

You are invited to the Opening Reception  
**4-6 pm Sunday, April 9**

Free Draw for  
Jacqueline Meredith Painting

**Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts**  
presents

**Robin Hood  
'the musical'**

A classical story for the whole family!

**ArtSpring ~ April 6 & 7, 7 pm  
April 8, 2 pm**



Adults \$12  
Children \$6

Tickets at ArtSpring  
Box Office  
Info: 537-9709

**SALT SPRING ISLAND ROWING CLUB**  
presents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**April Learn to Row Courses (4)**

Try this new sport; a great way to improve your health and meet  
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*Bring out a friend and enjoy this fabulous sport!*

APRIL			
18-21 Coed	Tues - Fri	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	
22-23 Women	Sat - Sun	8 am - 12 pm	
22-23 Men	Sat - Sun	1 pm - 5 pm	
24-28 Coed	Mon - Fri	5:30 pm - 7 pm	
29-30 Women	Sat - Sun	8 am - 12 pm	
29-30 Men	Sat - Sun	1 pm - 5 pm	

All Courses \$100

Call Stacy to find out more and to register

**CALL TODAY 537-5036**

**20 COMING EVENTS**

**BINGO**  
MEADEN HALL  
Royal Canadian Legion

**THURSDAY**  
April 6, 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.

**Traditional Martial Arts School**

- KARATE
- TAI CHI
- KOBUJUTSU

All Saints by the Sea

Call for your **FREE** one week membership  
**537-0234**

Let the **Accommodation Group SSI** put your information in the hands of all visitors staying at over 100 island accommodation businesses this year. Reserve your space for May distribution. Cost unchanged - still just \$30. Call Tanya Macdonald at 537-0785 or Perry at the Chamber of Commerce 537-4223 to request your sign-up form.

**Showing**

**CELESTINE PROPHECY** MOVIE

Based on James Redfield's best selling novel Harbour House ~ Blue Room ~ 4/6/8 pm ~ April 14 ~ \$12.00

Tickets available at Harbour House Hotel, Barb's Buns or at the door

**25 EDUCATION**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN /ECE teacher needed for 2006/07 year. Salt Spring Centre School. Four mornings/week. Salary based on experience. Resumes accepted until April 18. 355-B Blackburn Rd. Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2B8. Phone 537-9130 for more information.

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**29 LOST AND FOUND**

PET CAT missing since last week of March, from Twinflower/Mansell Rd. area. He is a marmalade coloured, medium-long haired tabby named Tigger who is much loved and very friendly. Please call Irene and Doug at 538-0096 if you see him!

FOUND: PAIR of gray running shoes at the Circus Church, Sun Eagle Dr. on March 20. Equinox Gathering. Will exchange for my white running shoes, which were not there at the end of the evening. 537-2989.

LOST: LEATHER leash missing for 2 months. Maybe Duck Creek. 537-4118.

**32 MEETINGS**

**SALT SPRING ISLAND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

Annual General Meeting

5:30 pm  
Wed., April 26  
at the Clubhouse

To be followed by a members' social gathering

By order of the Board  
Debbie Cade,  
Secretary to the Board

**34 NOTICES**

**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

**ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS:**

The Driftwood's Aqua: Gulf Islands Living magazine is now available. If you operate a B & B or other tourism related business, please drop by The Driftwood and pick up your free copies of Aqua for your guests. Quantities are limited. Call 537-9933.

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

**34 NOTICES**

**PARC** parks & recreation

**CORRECTION PORTLOCK PARK TENNIS COURT REFURBISHMENT QUOTATION INVITATION**

Rainbow Road new tennis court construction documentation will not be issued in conjunction with the above project at this time. An invitation for quotations for the Rainbow Road work will be issued in approximately three weeks.

Quotations for Portlock Park work will be received at the PARC office, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., until 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, April 19, 2006.

If further information is required, contact PARC at 250-537-4448

**NOTICE OF EXCLUSION APPLICATION REGARDING LAND IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE**

We the registered owners, Lawrence J. Quesnel, George Quesnel and Betsy Bains, c/o 164 Fulford-Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T8, intend on making an application pursuant to Section 30(1) of the Agricultural Land Commission Act to exclude from the Agricultural Land Reserve the following property, 114 Jackson, which is legally described as, BLOCK D, LD 16, RGE 3 EAST, PLAN 1371, PORT NSSI, EXCEPT PLAN 3542, 5827, 10515, 16240, 20357, & EXC THAT PART LYING BETWEEN LOTS 6 AND 7, PLAN 5287, AND TO THE NORTH OF A STRAIGHT BOUNDARY EXTENDING FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 7, OF SAID PLAN TO THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF SAID PLAN. Any person wishing to express an interest in the application may do so by forwarding their comments in writing to, Islands Trust, 1- 500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8, by April 19, 2006.

**40 PERSONALS**

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RENEE AT Play, Long Harbour Road, requires a full-time production assistant. May 1 - Aug 31. 537-9631.

**34 NOTICES**

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For more information on this safe and effective alternative to cosmetic surgery, phone: DR. CHARLES ALSBERG 653-4216

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TESCO CORPORATION requires several Field Technicians in Calgary, Alberta to install, operate, service and maintain Tesco Wellsite equipment. Relocation is a requirement for these positions, assistance will be provided. Visit our website at www.tescocorp.com for details and to apply online or fax resume to 403-692-5717.

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**40 PERSONALS**

ROOF LABOUR wanted. No experience necessary. Starting wage \$14/hour. Phone Ty at 537-1925.

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THE FISHERY is looking for full & part time sales staff for its busy Ganges seafood market. We're seeking self-motivated team players 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@saltspring.com or phone 537-5083.

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**55 HELP WANTED**

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**55 HELP WANTED**

**Dagwood's**

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Apply in person with single page hand-written resumé

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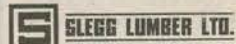
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# And now for my next trick . . . .

After looking at my family history, I've come to the conclusion that we Blacks have spent entirely too much time cavorting at the shallow end of the gene pool. We have a penchant for doing decidedly goofy things. Take Uncle Pinky. (Yes — "Pinky" Black. Don't ask.) Uncle Pinky is no longer with us, but his spirit lives on at our annual family reunions, where each year, sooner or later, someone will rise and

relate The Cattle Prod Incident. It happened decades ago at the Ontario Public Stockyards in Toronto. Uncle Pinky was a founding member of Black Brothers Livestock, Inc., a firm that acted as a middle-man between farmers who wanted to sell their stock and firms like Swifts and Canada Packers looking to buy them. One day, as happened from time to time, a cow lay down in one of the stockyards

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alleys and refused to get up, causing a massive traffic problem. When a half-ton of Holstein declines to budge, there's not a lot you can do. Unless you're an innovative and forward thinking chap like Pinky. "Stand, aside! Stand aside!" Uncle Pinky commanded the

crowd surrounding the cow. He must have looked like something out of a Buck Rogers B movie. Uncle Pinky was wearing heavy insulated gloves and a leather helmet. He had a thick black coil of electrical cable wound around his body. One end of the coil was attached to a massive battery

pack on his back, the other terminated in a long steel wand that he held in his hand like a divining rod. It was his own invention — the prototype for what may well have been the world's first electric cattle prod. One touch of the wand to the cow's flank, a modest burst of voltage, and the beast would undoubtedly spring to its hooves and be off and running.

"Stand back!" thundered Uncle Pinky grandly. He touched the wand to the cow's rump. The cow mooed once and died on the spot.

Uncle Pinky always maintained the cow had died of a sudden heart attack, but everybody else pretty much concluded Uncle Pinky needed to fine tune his cattle prod.

Bizarre behaviour runs in the family. I have a nephew who won a bet (and made the front page of the National Enquirer) by diving into a dumpster full of pig manure and coming up with an apple in his mouth. He came by such behaviour honestly. His dad once decided to see how quickly he could drive across Canada. Drove straight through for the last three days. When he got to Vancouver he had to go to a doctor because he was unable to close his eyes. Me? I've never done anything to match my colourful kinfolk, except maybe . . . Well, there was the time back in the '70s

when I won a balloon-tire bike in a pig-out contest.

A new restaurant had opened in town. As a get-acquainted advertising gimmick the owners announced that they would give away a Schwinn Black Phantom to whoever could eat the most submarine sandwiches.

A Schwinn Black Phantom? All the free subs I could eat? I signed up. There were only six registered contestants on the day of the contest. After the fourth sub, there were only two — me and a bulbous chap who looked like he might just go the distance.

When I was half-way through my seventh sub I hit a wall. I knew there was no way I could eat another one, but my opponent looked a little green around the gills as well. This called for strategy.

I sang out to the proprietor: "Mmmmm, this is delicious! For my next sub, could I have extra salami and mozzarella?"

My opponent clapped his hand over his mouth and bolted for the door.

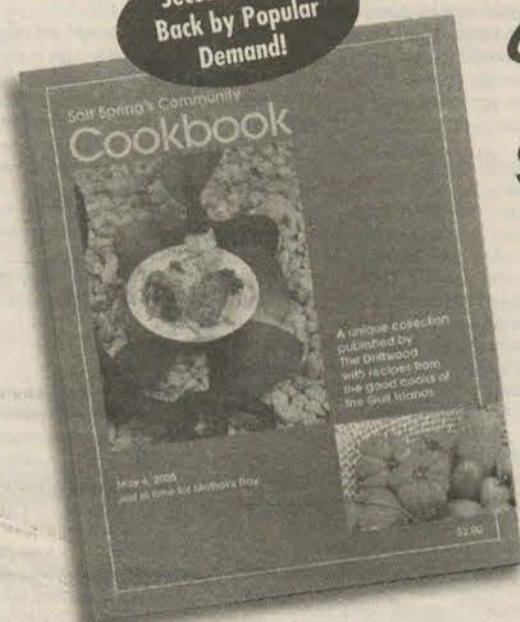
I know . . . I know. Pretty lame compared to my nephew and his dad and especially to Uncle Pinky.

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# The Iceman go-eth from the frozen aisle

I do the food shopping in my family, carefully crossing off each item from the list provided me by The Committee. (I like to do the food shopping. The people you meet! My, my!)

Anyway, this particular store installed a whole battalion of new freezers a while back and every week, week after week — month after month, actually — I noticed the same fellow tending the smoking lockers: lading in the frozen stuff, rearranging, tidying. Every week there he was in apron and gloves doing his frozen thing.

But one week I espied him in another aisle! Hard at work, humming a little tune and stacking something or other on an unfrozen shelf.

It was too much. I turned his way and with a jolly "Ho Ho Ho" (which I thought might sound familiar and put him at his ease) I approached and made bold with:

"Aha, I see you're out of the frost. Is this a promotion, a demotion or perhaps a punishment?"

"No," says he, "I've been paroled."

Hearty laughter: an ice-

man with a sense of humour! Turns out he had indeed been assigned to that great wall of stainless steel and frosty glass, had organized the stuffs and made the new section work.

That was two and a half years ago! But he continued, gaily stocking and whistling into the mist to keep warm.

Then he went on vacation: substitute icemen were brought in and, lo and behold, when he returned it had been discovered that his expertise in establishing the new layout was no longer required: high school guys could carry the load to the big display lockers.

So here he was: rather wistfully unfrozen. I began to think of Franz Joseph Haydn who, when his boss kept him and his musicians too long at their tasks — in the country and away from their wives and other kith — contrived a musical message. His Symphony #45 was named the "Farewell" because when each player finished his part he just blew out his candle and departed the stage until there were left but two fiddlers sawing away. The Emperor got the message and packing for

## OL' CURMUDGEON WITH RICHARD MOSES



home began that night.

My now warm friend and I mused on how, had he wished, he might have gotten a similar message to his own foody emperor: he could have appeared one day in full fur-lined parka, furred hood drawn tight around his chin, sealskin pants and mitts, great mukluks around his legs and, as a final touch: here he would come,

clomping down the aisle, his feet strapped to a pair of hearty snow shoes. Ah, what a picture!

In any case, he is now out of his igloo and into the broad aisles of culinary commerce. It's fine with me and I say "Welcome back!" just as long as I can find him to ask where the cranberry sauce is. I can never remember.

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### Tip of the week

A very powerful aspect between Mars and Pluto is now active. It peaked just this past weekend. This aspect implies a powerful tug of war and/or need for reconciliation between powerfully opposing forces. As Mars represents personal self-expression and Pluto is symbolic of powerful large-scale evolutionary and transformational themes, we can imagine that personal rights and freedoms are coming up against social and collective changes. With Mars in Gemini, a good deal of reaction from individuals in opposition to decisions made by other people in our lives and by larger organizations and institutions like governmental and perhaps religious authorities is being activated. Many people may be unaware of what is going yet the wave of awareness will move quickly over the next month or so. Of course, there are always many events, episodes and dramas going in the world at any one time. However, this stands to gain wider collective notice. On more personal levels, people may well find themselves feeling irritable, angry, or having arguments and quarrels or in heated debate or possibly feeling overwhelmed and depressed. Since we are in Aries time, the sign of the warrior, it is all part of the process yet is extra accentuated now. We all possess an inherent warrior spirit which helps us to overcome negative, divisive and corrupting internal and external forces. The spiritual warrior first focuses within on the negative internal forces and then without, if necessary, where others have not and the negative, divisive and corrupting forces and other such demons that Rome freely. Avoid outer conflict if you can and focus within to overcome personal demons.

### Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The urge to explore new territory continues to grow. Expressing your thoughts and feelings will become evident this week. However, this could cause some friction, perhaps especially with other family members. Alternatively, you may go into denial or conceal or repress these inclinations for the sake of harmony. Compassion for how others might be affected also figures prominently. It may take until next week until you are bold enough to get to the point. Learning how others might respond or react before saying what is on your mind could stir curiosity and anger. Honor your truth!

### Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Taking time out to tune-in is the current call. Balancing outer responsibilities with inner urges is the challenge. You are open to meet new people but especially to gain new insights and facts. This may all be stirring fears or better yet, your courageous determination to take the plunge somehow. Laying claim to inner gifts and hidden powers and/or resources is part of the plot. Take your time; it could take a while before you feel more assertive and decisive. If you feel lost or confused, simply ask for guidance.

### Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Making new friends, exploring your options and pursuing innovative leads are all likely scenarios now. Learning to be your own best friend is an ever important theme for you. What does this mean now? Learning how to be more empathetic and loving goes both ways. Learning skills, gathering tools and strategizing towards this end is likely. Tending to your health and the quality of your overall lifestyle remains a core theme. If you are really keen you will probe to subconscious levels to loosen and release deep patterns. After all, spring is clean and clear time. Make way for the new!

### Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Like a ram roaming in the mountains, you are in search of greener pastures and/or higher cliffs. You are on the verge of a particularly active time. Much is shaking and you feel ambitious. Looking to the big picture and activating a strategic mindset feels right. You may even be driving for a promotion or at least to create more security somehow. Meanwhile, you also feel quite moved by incoming news and information. Perhaps you are sensitive to the growing pain of others or humanity as a whole. Heart-felt prayers do make a difference as does sincere efforts guided by a clear focus. Go big!

### Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

An adventurous momentum continues to carry your forward on both inner and outer levels. If you feel anxiety and are experiencing conflict then you are probably resisting the flow of destiny. If you do not think that there is a flow of destiny and that your whole life is your choice, then you have work to do. We are co-creators. This means that creation has a plan and a supremely intelligent flow and knows where to go even if this does not meet with our own or our family or society's approval. Tuning in requires sensitivity, trust and discernment. Balance will with willing!

### Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Deep changes continue to rumble. This may

imply accessing your authentic power. Independence is a key word. Listening to your inner authority is part of the plan, especially now. Simply say yes and O.K., as others in your life share their truth. This may include surrendering to their plans and joining in cooperatively. Avoid unnecessary conflicts by staying focused on daily duties. Follow your bliss and your dream and accept the changes that are probably unfolding now. Meanwhile, love is lingering, take time to embrace it.

### Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Life is all about relationships. Yet it may come as a paradox to some that the primary relationship is with oneself. This is not selfishness, though it could be. We all experience life as though we are the center of it due to our 5 senses, feelings, intuitions, instincts and perceptions etcetera. Our self includes our body, mind, conscience, inner authority and soul and higher-self etcetera - these are all parts of one unit. Contemplate this fact and honor the relationship you are having with yourself as well as, for true balance, the relationship others are having with their selves. This implies empathy and breeds compassion. Failure to do so breeds negative karma. Go beyond rights and awaken to spiritual law which favors no one over any other.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Taking charge of your life now implies taking charge over your health. It is possible to get others to do a wide range of things for us, but no one can exercise or eat well or sense or connect within for anyone else. These are basic facts that too many people do not take seriously enough leaving others to bear the weight of selfish and foolish negligence. Of course, we all do need assistance and there are ever others nearby to help us to help ourselves - this latter part is the key. True health implies a mental, emotional, physical and spiritual platform. Do you have some work to do here?

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Playful, romantic, passionate and perhaps dramatic waves continue to surge in your life. Hopefully you are able to make the best of them. Like waves in the ocean, you are probably experiencing many forces and currents beyond your complete control, so you must cooperate with these forces coming from nature, people and life in general. Remembering that it is all a game, even though people, due to fear, all too often take it more seriously than is perhaps necessary, helps a lot. For your part, you can keep this mind and keep winking at the crowd as you act with honor, valor and humor upon the stage of your life.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Connecting with your family, roots, core, and/or authentic-self continues as a central theme. Since you are undergoing a deep metamorphosis in your life this may be a good idea. Inherited self-concepts, values and behavior patterns are being shed like a snake's old skin. This can be considered an ugly and painful process, but not necessarily if you consider the new skin being revealed. How can you consciously cooperate with the process of this key segment which is now entering its second phase of four and which started in mid summer 2005? Incidentally, yours is the sign symbolic of governmental power; can you see the parallel and the need?

### Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

All your senses are awakening more fully as the spring season gains momentum. You will probably really notice this in a week or so. Pressures to commit to certain people and/or projects are mounting, yet you may feel reluctant. Perhaps you want to take your time to simply be and feel rather than be doing all the time. Isn't this at least partially implied by our identification as human beings? Our so-called free society has and continues to make us slaves, always doing. What can you do about that? This is the dawn of the Age of Aquarius which implies revolutions for the sake of humanistic living - do you have any suggestions? Take initiative - relax into being.

### Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

There is a grand race going on in the world between spiritual realities and material forces. We are all in it and we can play along in such a way that we honor both. This may seem like a rare idea in a world of winners and losers. Do not all athletes who compete in the Olympics or any other games actually win simply by qualifying and participating? If you are answer is no, then materiality has a firm grip on you. Yet, Pisces is the sign of mysticism and spiritual union. Intend to enter the true game of life where everyone is a winner just for playing. Honor your authentic needs and express your divinity through one or more of your many talents.

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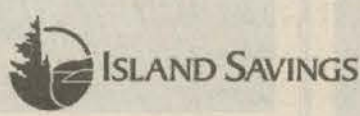
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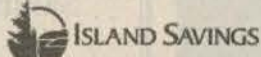
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