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MUSICAL OFFERINGS: Erisa Ogawa plays the flute at a Saturday Peace Park gathering in support of peace and tolerance for Baha'is in Iran, organized by Salt Spring Baha'is. Photo by Derrick Lundy

VIHA uncertain about water risk

No policies set for St. Mary Lake microcystin levels

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

Health authorities advise islanders that water from St. Mary Lake is safe to drink during the current algae bloom. But there is still some uncertainty about the future risk of exposure to algal toxins.

Tests on untreated water from St. Mary Lake have found no recent traces of cyanobacterial toxin since January following an algae bloom that began last fall.

But levels of Microcystins-LR exceeded Health Canada guidelines by double and triple the Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) this winter (5.64 micrograms per litre on January 11 and 2.8 micrograms per litre on December 22).

"We're as on top of it as we can be. We're keeping a very close eye on the lake," said North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) general manager Trevor Hutton.

"I know it looks pretty mucky, especially if you look from the North End Road side; it looks terrible. But our finished product is still good quality."

Hutton wanted to point out that islanders are still safe when the Microcystins-LR levels exceed the Health Canada MAC guideline (1.5 micrograms per litre).

"People perceive that as being a definite boundary and that if you were to err over that by a miniscule amount, you would suddenly be taking lethal doses; that is not the case."

NSSWD has been testing for Microcystins-LR every week since the bloom was detected and it shares testing information with the Capital Regional District (CRD), which also conducts its own tests for the

Highland and Fernwood water districts that draw water from St. Mary Lake.

"Last year was the first time we were aware of it and we can't really say whether or not it was in the lake previously. It might have been; it was an unknown factor, nobody knew about it until it came up last year."

NSSWD tests have found no traces of Microcystins-LR in treated water samples, he noted.

And the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) has not been concerned about algal toxins contaminating the drinking water supply at St. Mary Lake.

"With the levels we have seen so far, there has been no concern expressed by VIHA as to the levels that have been seen intermittently at St. Mary Lake," said Gary Gibson, VIHA supervisor for environmental health.

Gibson indicated that microcystin levels could exceed Health Canada guide-

lines for short terms at St. Mary Lake before VIHA would respond.

"When Health Canada chose that particular number, they were looking at a safety number of 1,000. So the level that may have caused any upset or illness in humans was at least, maybe greater than, 1,000 times 1.5 micrograms per litre."

And VIHA has not determined exactly when algal toxins would be considered a health risk or when NSSWD should notify the public about their presence.

"It hasn't been designated yet. If the levels go up and then come down quickly again, then it isn't going to be an issue," Gibson said.

"If it got up into the hundreds [of micrograms per litre], let's say, for a period of time, then I think there would be action. We're not going to wait for it to get to 1,500 [micrograms per litre] before we say 'Oh oh, we'd better do something about it.'"

Renters vow to fight Trust.

Legal challenge looms over STVR enforcement

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Despite the Islands Trust decision to fine short-term vacation rental (STVR) owners who fail to change their ways, a small group of residents is ready to defend their property rights even if it means taking the Trust to court.

"It's going to be a huge headache to enforce this bylaw," said Blair Howard, a member of the Association of Short Term Accommodation Rentals (ASTAR). "I just don't know how it will be managed."

According to Howard, ASTAR members are taking a wait-and-see attitude to see how the Islands Trust will proceed, but a "splinter group" has begun collecting funds for a possible legal challenge.

"They are largely dissatisfied with our milk and bread diet as we've tried to talk our way to a settlement and they are prepared to finance a tougher approach," said Howard. "They are mad as hell and are just waiting for the first ticket so they can have a test case."

The Local Trust Committee (LTC) decision to enforce bylaws prohibiting STVRs follows a two-year moratorium during which the Salt Spring Islands Trust office considered the creation of a temporary use permit (TUP) system to limit and monitor STVRs on the island.

Estimates on the exact number of vacation rentals vary from between 60 to 160 units.

The debate pitted STVR proponents versus residents who claim STVRs represent the increasing commercial-

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No discretion with Health Canada guidelines, says disease control dr.

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

When it comes to Microcystins-LR in public drinking water, Dr. Ray Copes from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control believes that Health Canada's guidelines are clear.

Contrary to claims made by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) and the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), the Health Canada maximum allowable concentration (MAC) guideline applies to both short and long-term exposures to the water, he said.

"There is a bit of a misunderstanding because the studies on which the microcystin guidelines are based are actually short-term studies," Copes said. "That is the Canadian Drinking Water Guideline — period."

But VIHA has discretion about how it uses Health Canada guidelines, he said. "It's very much the purview of VIHA and the medical health officer of what they are willing to accept from a particular water system and how much action is required on the part of the water system, and in what space of time they are required to deal with anything they deem is a problem."

However, Health Canada provides a direct protocol once microcystin-LR has been detected in the treated water supply, if VIHA and NSSWD should choose to adopt it. Health Canada advises water providers to notify the community and seek alternative water supplies or adjust treatment methods as soon as the MAC guideline is exceeded in treated water.

Copes has never heard of reported cases of illness from Microcystins-LR in the province.

"There haven't been grossly elevated levels that anyone's brought to my attention." There has been comparatively little research on the toxicity of Microcystins-LR compared to other contaminants, Copes said.

The Health Canada guideline is based on a 13-week lab study that found no observed adverse effects in mice with oral doses of 40 micrograms of Microcystins-LR per kilogram of mouse body weight per day.

"Because there is often a lack of adequate studies in humans, guidelines are generally established using data from animal studies and applying appropriate uncertainty factors which account for differences between the

animals studied and humans, differences between humans and any data gaps," said Health Canada spokesperson Renée Bergeron.

"In the case of Microcystins-LR, the uncertainty factor was 1,000, but this should not be interpreted to be a safety factor for human health."

Various scientific studies even suggest that lower doses could affect health under different conditions.

In February 1996, 76 people in Brazil died after they received dialysis with microcystin-contaminated water. Forensic researchers estimated that the dialysate contained 19.5 micrograms of Microcystins-LR per litre (only 13 times the Health Canada MAC guideline).

A raw water sample from St. Mary Lake on April 22, 2005 also contained 19.5 micrograms of Microcystins-LR per litre, but nothing in the treated water.

NSSWD manager Trevor Huttons notes the microcystins within the algae are not released and cannot be detected until the algae is dead.

Another study in China "found a close relationship between the incidence of primary liver cancer and the use of drinking water from

ponds and ditches" where there were very low levels of Microcystins-LR (ranging from 0.46 to 0.05 micrograms per litre).

And according to Health Canada research, "conventional surface water treatment processes are only partially successful in removing or destroying cyanobacterial toxins."

"The treatment there, I'm not sure is one that's effective against microcystins," said Copes. "It might be effective dealing with some of the pathogens, but I'm not sure if that water-treatment system has been designed to deal with microcystins."

Health Canada recommends a granular-activated charcoal system with reverse osmosis to treat cyanobacteria, while NSSWD uses a sand-filtration and chlorination treatment system.

Like Environment Canada research scientist Sue Watson, interviewed in a separate story on Page 4 of this issue, Copes was surprised to see a problem with algal toxins in January.

"The fundamental question that people need to be asking is 'Why?' And 'What's behind it?'"

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Black wins third Leacock medal

Arthur Black chalked up his third Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal For Humour win last week.

The Salt Spring author's book *Pitch Black*, released last year by Harbour Publishing, was selected from 53 entries.

"It's pretty exciting," he said Tuesday. "I didn't expect to win it again."

Black is only the third author to win the esteemed award established in 1947 to honour Canadian humour writing three times. He previously won the medal in 1997 for *Black in the Saddle Again*, and in 2000 for *Black Tie and Tales*.

Black also made the Leacock medal shortlist in 2005 for his *Black & White and Read All Over* book.

Eric Nicol and Donald Jack are the other three-time winners.

Black heads to Orillia, Ontario, Leacock's old stomping grounds, for June 9-10 celebratory events, where part of his duties will include an acceptance speech.

"It better be funny," he notes.

The Leacock award also comes with the TD Financial Group's \$10,000 cash prize.

Islanders can see Black in action on Salt Spring on Sunday, April 30 at Writers' Day at the Library, when he will give a reading beginning at 2:30 p.m. The rest of the event, a meet and greet of Salt Spring writers and readers organized by Friends of the Library, runs from 2-4 p.m.

Black said he probably has enough material for another book, but plans to put his immediate energy into creating a CD of commentaries instead.

"I miss doing the radio stuff," he said. Arthur Black was host of the CBC radio show *Basic Black* on Saturday mornings for 19 years. He now hosts TV shows *Weird Homes* and *Weird Wheels*, and is a syndicated newspaper columnist.

He has lived on Salt Spring since 1995.



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PALM IN THE SKY: Crane operator Brian Dawes takes part in the moving of a huge palm tree from a residence on Elizabeth Drive. The 20-foot palm tree was purchased by Myles Wilson, and the move was aided by palm tree lover "Banana" Joe Clemente.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

STVR

From Page 1

ization of the island and its neighbourhoods.

Following Salt Spring Island trustees Peter Lamb and George Ehring's decision in January to proceed no further on the TUP system and subsequent decision to adopt a ticketing bylaw, STVR operators are liable to a fine of up to \$200 per day.

Islands Trust Council increased its bylaw enforcement budget by \$64,000 for 2006-07 and Salt Spring officer George Leukefeld's time has been increased.

Before any fines are handed out, Ehring said last week, the Trust will make every effort to ensure it gets a cooperative response from STVR owners.

"Our longstanding policy has always been to get voluntary compliance from owners," he said. "They can still use their properties as a bed and breakfast or rent them out for more than 30 days."

Ehring did not rule out the possibility of a court case against the Trust, but remained hopeful STVR owners would comply with the bylaw now that the moratorium has expired.

"It wouldn't surprise me if we ended up in the courts where we'd have to spend a lot of taxpayers' money," he said.

Ehring said the Trust is not singling out STVR owners and that the enforcement policy is largely driven by complaints from the public.

Though Ehring said he remained open to new perspectives on the topic, Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce board member Kevin Bell asked trustees to consider a referendum on the issue since current trustees failed to hold a public hearing on the TUP bylaw that had been given first reading by the previous LTC.

"The public may have had something new to say if they'd been given the opportunity," he said, adding that information on STVRs is the most popular request by visitors to the Tourist Information Centre in Ganges.

Though he downplayed the possible economic repercussions that lost tourism revenue could have on the island, Bell said there will come a time when islanders will look into the matter with an eye to how it impacts the

island's future.

Bell said the only way to accurately gauge public opinion on the topic is to hold a referendum.

"Nobody is suggesting there shouldn't be any regulation," he said. "There are a lot of people who have an interest in the issue."

South Pender is currently the only island within the Islands Trust's jurisdiction that permits STVRs. Gabriola Island is testing the STVR waters after a vote by the island's trustees last fall.

Gabriola trustee Sheila Malcolmson explained that residential lot owners wanting to rent to tourists can now apply for a two-year TUP.

"Without a permit, such activities are not legal on residentially-zoned lots," said Malcolmson.

"We adopted the bylaw in February, and have just begun drafting public advertisements to remind people that vacation rental use isn't legal and that a TUP application is necessary."

More information is available at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gabriola/gabriola06.htm>.

Car thefts rise in Ganges core

911 FILE

Salt Spring Island RCMP officers are asking residents living in the downtown core to lock their car doors at all times and ensure no valuables are left unattended in their cars.

The advisory falls on the heels of a recent rash of thefts in the area.

The RCMP has increased patrols in response to several incidents occurring since the middle of April in which thieves made off with spare change and items of "nominal value."

Police advise vehicle owners to take precautions even when parked at home or when

"you'll just be a minute" and emphasized vehicles with any type of personal belongings visible can become targets.

The incidents are being investigated and no arrests have been made.

In other RCMP news:

Mischief-makers responsible for several acts of vandalism throughout the Ganges village core kept officers busy late into the night last Friday. Reports included complaints of a broken car window, damage to store fronts and a service station door.

Officers are asking any witnesses to step forward.

Police are also requesting information in hopes of apprehending individuals responsible for the attempted theft of a boat parked near Centennial Park late Saturday night.



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St. Mary needs 'phosphorous budget,' advises Environment Canada scientist

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

Signs of poor health at St. Mary Lake have alarmed an Environment Canada research scientist.

"What do you guys do to this lake?" asked Environment Canada research scientist Sue Watson from the Canadian Centre for Inland Waters located in Burlington, Ontario.

She was shocked to learn that St. Mary Lake is suffering from an algae bloom this early in the season.

"Typically, the problems start to arise as the season warms up toward the end of June, July or August, depending on your lake, how warm it is and where you live."

She was also stunned when she heard about phosphorous readings of 418 micrograms per litre (at a depth of 14 metres on August 24, 2005) or 133 micrograms per litre

(at 0.5 metres below the surface on December 7, 2005).

"You've got to have a major problem there. With phosphorous levels that high, you are definitely going to get blue-green algae."

The problem with blue-green algae is that it can produce hundreds of varieties of toxic cyanobacteria, like Microcystins-LR that are not affected by boiling and are difficult to remove from the water supply with conventional treatment.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District found elevated levels of Microcystins-LR in March, April and May last year (up to 13 times Health Canada's recommended limit) and again in December and January. While the algae bloom is still in place at St. Mary Lake, microcystins have been undetectable.

A case study of exposure to algal toxins in a community in China revealed a higher incidence of liver cancer and gastro-intestinal disorders, Watson said.

But she noted that the study in China was not a controlled experiment that ruled out other contaminants.

"It's very difficult to do these studies because you can't ask someone to drink this much water over their lifetime and watch them die."

She noted that short-term exposure guidelines are hard to determine for toxins like Microcystins-LR (Health Canada has set a lifetime exposure limit of 1.5 micro-

grams per litre, while the World Health Organization adopted a limit of 1.0 microgram per litre).

"Things that will kill me might not kill the next person."

Elderly people, children and people with compromised immune systems would be more at risk, she noted.

"If your lake was prone to outbreaks every year, even if it wasn't right at the Health Canada guideline level, because you are drinking it over a period of time, you are irritating your system. These are liver toxins."

Exposure to contaminated water by swimming or fishing will exacerbate the health risk if people aren't aware of the problem, she said.

"Kiddies may be bathing and swallow a slug of stuff that hasn't even been filtered; or your pets drink it, or the kiddies get it on their hands and they go eat sandwiches."

Plans to add an aerator at the lake would only remedy obvious symptoms, but not address the more serious problem of phosphorous levels in the lake, she said.

"If you are going to [add an aerator], I guess do it and see what happens. But you will still need to get rid of the phosphorous because [the aerator is] not going to get rid of the phosphorous. It's like a Band-Aid. You're stopping the bleeding, but you're not fixing the problem. It's only going to get worse."

Islanders need to reduce

phosphorous loading in the lake that comes from sources like lawn fertilizers, sewage and street runoff, she said.

"If you remove the strip of vegetation from around the lake, which is a natural filter, everything just goes 'whoosh' into the lake when you get a rainstorm."

Lawn fertilizers are a major source of phosphorous, she said.

"They grow algae just as well as they grow lawns. The pesticides don't do your children any good either."

Adding 400 houses and commercial development at Channel Ridge will also add to the problem, she said.

"This huge development will only make things worse, more sewage and more runoff."

What St. Mary Lake really needs is a full assessment "phosphorous budget," she said.

"It's like your own economic budget when you balance your books. We do the same thing with phosphorous: How much goes in? From where? What are the major sources? And how much goes out?"

Once the sources have been identified and controlled, the lake will likely still need intervention that could include dredging, removing weeds and pumping out water from the lower level that includes phosphorous.

"They are [all expensive options], but nobody likes mucky lakes and your health is important."

New operator picked to run both Salt Spring Island pools

Shelby Memorial Pool will open for public swim programs on Saturday, May 20, but it will be operated by a different contractor.

On April 24 the current operator, Leisure Recreation Group (LRG), advised it did not intend to continue running Shelby pool this season.

"This came as a surprise to staff and commission members, as company representatives had, as recently as April 13, confirmed in writing that they intended to carry on with the contract for the final season of operation," notes a Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) staff report from operations manager Dave Gibbon.

However, LRG, which has operated Shelby pool for PARC since 2002, was not successful in its bid to negotiate with PARC for

management of the Rainbow Road indoor pool.


The matter was decided by PARC at an in-camera meeting on April 10 and reported out on Monday night.

Surrey-based Canadian Recreation Excellence Corporation (CREC) was instead approved to negotiate a three-year contract with PARC, for recommendation to the Capital Regional District board.

Following discussions with CREC owner Tom Watson on Monday, PARC approved awarding a one-season contract to operate Shelby Memorial Pool for \$58,000, subject to CRD senior staff authorizing the required contract documentation.

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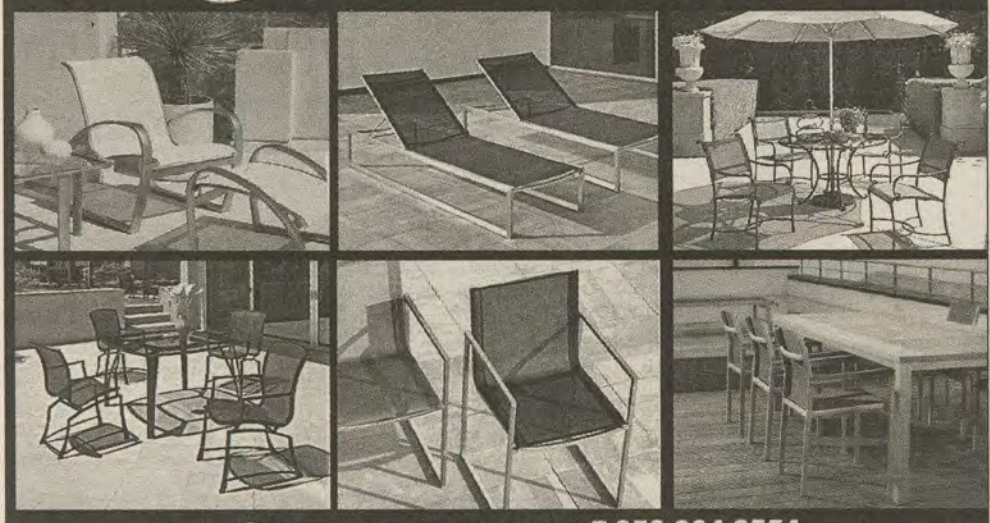
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JUMPER: Calli Gossett gets into the swing of things at Salt Spring Centre School's annual skip-a-thon fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, which raised \$2,176 on Thursday. Other schools have held similar events in recent weeks. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ground-based spray plan starts

Islanders can expect to see trucks with hose and boom extensions conducting a spraying operation in the Lee's Hill area beginning the first week of May.

According to Leslie Wallace, who is coordinating the community gypsy moth control plan, crews under contract to the Ministry of Forests and Range will ground spray DiPel 2XDF, a Bt formulation approved for use on organic farms, to kill gypsy moth caterpillars. Three applications will take place, with nine to 10 days between each application. Each application will take about two days to complete, with the crew spending one to two hours at each site.

Only foliage — not fields, houses or vehicles — will be sprayed. Spraying will be carried out by Bartlett Tree Experts, (formerly Mount View Tree Services), who conducted the ground spray on Salt Spring Island in 1993.

Wallace said DiPel 2XDF is a safer product than the Foray 48B the ministry had planned to use for the aerial spraying, but its use is not without risks. To maximize safety for residents in the area, a letter from the Islands Trust delivered to affected property owners and tenants this week recommends

that people and pets "remain indoors or off site during spraying and that all windows and doors be closed to prevent the spray entering the house. Bring food stored outside, children's toys and laundry inside before spraying takes place. Articles left outside may be sprayed with water to clean off any residue. This spray treatment is considered to be non-toxic to humans and pets; however, prudence indicates that exposure be minimized."

The Ministry of Forests and Range will be circulating its own door to door hand-out to explain the spraying process and has indicated it will do its best to give property owners and residents on the property 24 hours notice before spraying takes place.

Ground spraying is the second phase in the alternate gypsy moth control plan negotiated between community members and the Ministry of Forests and Range. The next phase is the mass trapping of male gypsy moths. Volunteers are needed to assemble and place 2,700 pheromone traps. To volunteer for this phase, please send your contact information to law@saltspring.com.

Look for more details in this paper and at www.savesaltspring.com.

Lions give lift to pool fundraiser

The new Rainbow Road indoor pool will have a hand-capped lift system thanks to a \$15,000 donation by the Salt Spring Lions Club.

Local club president Pat Spencer and Splash pool society president Darlene Steele made the announcement at Monday night's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting.

The Lions had contributed the existing lift in Shelby Memorial Pool, which cannot be transferred to the indoor pool.

Steele also announced that Mouat's Trading Co. had agreed to provide the requested \$1,500 worth of patio and concession-area furniture for the facility.

"They've given us carte blanche to go shopping and get the items when the time comes," she said.

Splash has formally asked a number of community groups to buy specific items needed for the pool.

Move Into Fitness group spokeswoman Helen Tara also stepped up with a donation of \$662.13 earned at a recent garage sale for the pool. The women's first sale held last year also brought in more than \$800 for the pool cause.

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Will the government keep its promise to BC kids?

No progress yet on class size

BC's teachers ended their strike last fall with a government promise to resolve class-size issues. Unfortunately, there is no progress to date.


Even the government's own statistics show the problem:

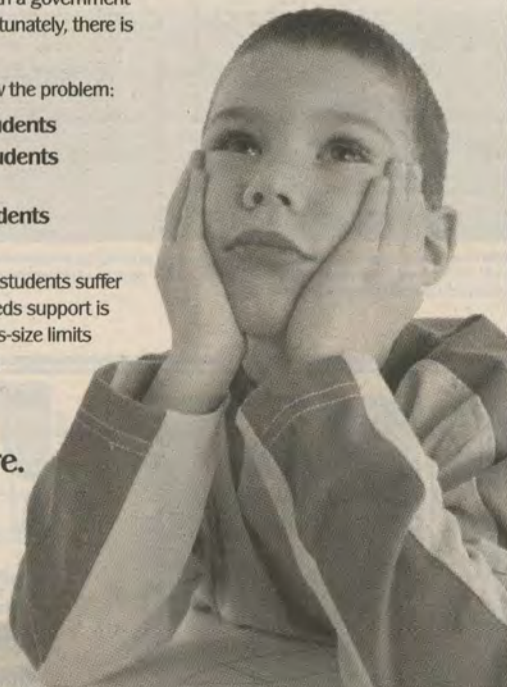
- 9,253 classes have 31 or more students
- 10,942 classes have 4 or more students with special needs
- 3,598 classes have 6 or more students with special needs

Teachers are working hard to cope, but all students suffer when classes are too large and special-needs support is inadequate. That's why teachers want class-size limits and guaranteed support for special needs.

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IMPORTANT NOTES ON SPECIAL NEEDS: 1) In many cases teachers have no special needs support in their classroom. 2) The government recently narrowed the definition of "special needs" so fewer students have access to support, and 3) numbers only reflect identified students with special needs - thousands more are waiting for assessment.

A message from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association



TIME OUT: Emily Adams-Oro and Molly George-Patterson take a close look at flowers in Centennial Park as the Saturday Market takes place in the background.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Lunn supports overseas troops

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn reaffirmed his support for Canada's troops in Afghanistan after four Canadian soldiers were killed in an attack by Taliban insurgents last weekend.

"Obviously our thoughts and prayers are with the families during this very tough

time," Lunn said in an interview from his Ottawa office on Tuesday. "Every time there is a casualty, it affects every Canadian who watches this."

Despite the difficulties inherent in such a dangerous mission, Lunn added, it remains important to restore stability in order to see democracy grow in the region.

Some 2,200 Canadian troops are currently serving in Afghanistan alongside a U.S.-led multinational coalition of nations, including the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Denmark.

Last weekend's attack brought the total number of Canadian deaths in Afghanistan to 11 soldiers and one diplomat since the former Liberal government deployed troops in February 2002.

Lunn added that the recent "take-note" debate on Canada's role in Afghanistan held in Parliament on April 10 showed overwhelming sup-

port for the mission among all parties.

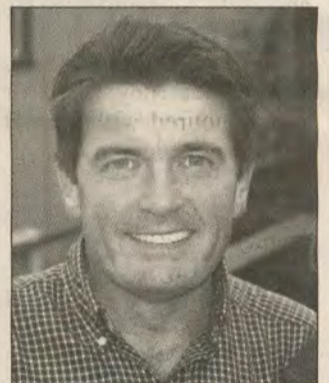
The debate raised discussion of the military's role and status in the region, though MPs did not vote on the issue.

Lunn is confident the broad-based support will persist when the Conservative government unveils its 2006 budget on May 2.

The party is expected to proceed with its pledge of providing \$1,200 per year childcare allowance for parents of children under six years of age, to provide 125,000 additional childcare spaces, reduce the GST and introduce the Federal Accountability Act.

"The prime minister is very determined," he said. "There was lots of debate from the previous government during their 13 years in power and I've yet to see anything come of it."

Lunn said he is confident the budget will garner "broad



Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn

and sweeping" support from most parties in the House of Commons, allaying fears the vote could trigger another election.

"We've received a solid mandate from the Canadian public," Lunn said, regarding the move away from a nationally funded childcare program. "It is clear they believe the moms and dads of this country are the best providers of childcare."

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IN THE LIMELIGHT: Driftwood newspaper owner Tony Richards, left, receives the Eric Dunning Integrity Award from Ross Dunning at a newspaper awards event held by the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association in Richmond on Saturday.

Photo by Craig Hodge

Driftwood brings home awards

Gulf Islander named top tourism magazine in B.C.

The Gulf Islands Driftwood had a strong presence at the 2006 Ma Murray Community Newspaper Awards event in Richmond on Saturday, with 10 staffpeople and three generations of the Richards family on hand.

Driftwood Publishing Ltd. owner Tony Richards was honoured with receipt of the Eric Dunning Integrity Award for his decades of involvement in the B.C. community newspaper industry.

Following a standing ovation from the crowd of nearly 300 at the River Rock Casino theatre, Tony Richards gave kudos to his father Frank Richards, a previous winner of the same award, which brought the room to its feet again. Tony's son Robin Richards also attended.

The Driftwood won two gold awards for entries submitted from 2005. Sales

manager Peter McCully and managing editor Gail Sjunberg accepted the award for best tourism and recreation guide for The Gulf Islander on behalf of the whole team, and ad rep Tracy Stibbards, designer Kaye Segee and writer/photographer Emma Yardley earned gold for best ad campaign, for their Style on Salt Spring local clothing and jewellery designers' ad series.

The paper earned silver in its circulation class of 4,001 to 13,000, finishing two points behind the Whistler Question.

"The Gulf Islands Driftwood just narrowly missed the top position in this circulation category, as it is a great newspaper that serves readers well," wrote judges of the two papers requested by the competition.

"Top marks for the front page, which has a good variety of stories and a strong picture that draws the reader in. Lots of community news, strong editorials, great adver-

tising and a sharp look."

Also winning silver was the Day in the Life of Salt Spring photo feature in the special section category for papers under 10,000 circulation, and the Driftwood's website design for Gulf Islands Online.

Bronze awards went to cartoonist Dennis Parker for his "Island Starter Home" cartoon, to reporters Mitchell Sherrin and Sean McIntyre and contributor Tanya Lester in the feature series category for family violence articles, and to Susan Lundy for business writing with a SeaChange Seafoods history.

The Driftwood has also been nominated for six top-three awards in the Better Newspapers Competition of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association.

They are for front page, Christmas edition for the December Aqua, newspaper promotion for Survivor, in-house ad campaign for Be Safe, Be Seen Driftwood

Harbour 'ferry' back for season

The Queen of de Nile is back for another year of plying the waters of Ganges Harbour.

A charming electric ferry operating between the dinghy dock at Mouat's Landing, Ganges Marina and Salt Spring Marina, the Queen of de Nile provides a much-needed link between the businesses of the village core, the Saturday Market, and the marinas, pubs and hotels.

The Queen gives non-boaters a chance to get out on the water for a 10-minute cruise for only \$2 per trip.

Boaters can use the ferry rather than hauling groceries and parcels on foot.

The shuttle leaves Salt Spring Marina beginning at 9 a.m. and runs hourly throughout the day until 7 p.m.

Departures from the dinghy dock in downtown Ganges start at 9:15 a.m. and run hourly until 7:15 p.m.

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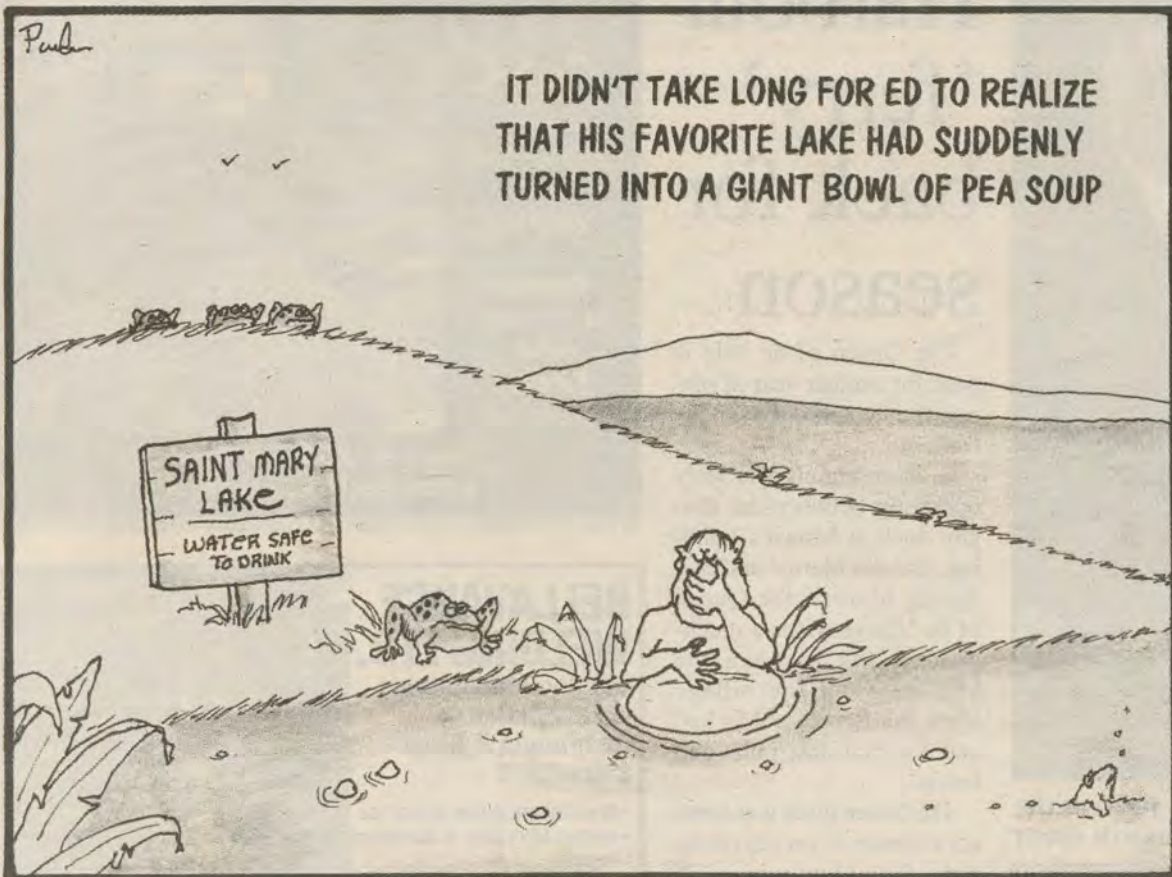


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Saluting volunteers

April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week, which offers a chance to acknowledge the contributions of volunteers in communities across Canada and to encourage others to give time to a worthwhile cause.

It's hard to imagine what Salt Spring Island would look like without volunteers: no library, no youth sports teams, no arts groups, no fire department, search and rescue or coast guard auxiliary. We'd have an ill-equipped hospital, ill-served special needs and elderly people, and a dearth of community enhancing services now funded by a string of well-organized service groups.

Tourists would not be greeted by so many friendly faces and our local government would cease to function without all the volunteers serving on committees for the Capital Regional District, Islands Trust and various improvement districts.

On Salt Spring, this week was chosen to mark the public launch of Volunteer Salt Spring, a website-based, virtual volunteer centre first initiated a few years ago and recently revitalized with Salt Spring Island Foundation funding and support from Salt Spring Community Services.

The site (www.volunteersaltspring.com) lists volunteer opportunities, describes the tasks and commitment involved with each position, outlines the process for posting volunteer positions and gives advice to volunteers. Links to other volunteer-related resources are also accessible.

As the site explains, Volunteer Salt Spring also hopes to offer support and training to volunteer agencies and to raise awareness and appreciation of local volunteer efforts.

National Volunteer Week offers a time for all of us to reflect on what volunteers do for our community and to consider adding volunteerism to the panoply of our own lives.

Anna Callegari, a local volunteer profiled in a Driftwood series earlier this year, gave us something to think about when she shared one of her observations.

"Volunteering offers a selflessness that takes you out of your own experience and allows you to give without expectation of receiving. In the end, I get far more out of it than I give."

During National Volunteer Week we give huge thanks to Anna and all of our community's thinking, caring volunteers.

A thank-you to trustees — four-day week works well

By JUDI WILSON

Our school district has been in the news frequently in the recent past regarding our board's decision to move our schools to a four-day week to protect programs and reduce the impact of the Ministry of Education's funding formula which does not address the costs of ministry imposed contracts.

As a parent, past chair of Mayne School's Parent Advisory Council, past-chair of the District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) and now the secretary at Mayne School, I would like to thank the board members of School District #64 for their vision, courage and commitment to students.

VIEW POINT

It is common practice for a small number of opponents to denigrate the members of our board as if they sat and plotted the destruction of our children's education (in actual fact if you consider stat holidays and pro-D days they have not cut as many days as it might appear and consequently the additional hours to the school day are not significant). Having worked with the board members while on the DPAC, I know them to be hardworking, committed

members of our community who work in their communities outside of their duties on the board, volunteer, live in our neighbourhoods and who are passionate about education and kids.

The consultation process for the four-day week was extensive and inclusive — we have been consulted to death. We have also had a referendum on this issue in the form of an election. There were enough five-day week candidates running in the last election to change the direction of the board — only two were elected — not enough.

For those people who say that the four-day week does not work

for them, I would just like to say the five-day week didn't work for me or my children, we just didn't know there could be an option. Now that we have experienced the balance that the four-day week brings to our family, we never want to go back to the stress of the five-day week regardless of any financial considerations (either the board's or our own).

I fail to understand why the number of days a child is forced to sit in a desk indicates quality of education. For me it's the quality of the teaching, and we are very lucky to have excellent teachers in our district. My two children (in Grade 7 and 11) are responding

very well to the shortened week and, as we live on a remote island which forces high school students to travel for two hours a day on a water taxi, the travel time reduction has been hugely beneficial.

We see no decrease in the quality of our children's education and it is insulting when people imply that we are simply uninformed parents who don't understand the impact. We understand very well that less stress combined with people who are passionate about teaching our children equals quality education.

The writer lives on Mayne Island.

Fundraising part of affordable housing challenge

By NEDDY HARRIS

Regarding evictions for Dean Road house construction brought up in a letter to the editor last week:

Apparently, in these times of risks of litigation, it is the responsibility of the landlord to give notice to a tenant if the landlord will "renovate or repair the rental unit in a manner that requires the rental unit to be vacant."

If damages occur to a tenant's possessions, the landlord is liable.

The Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society (SSILBS) got a clear statement of risk when legal action was brought up earlier this winter for exactly that — damages to personal property. To leave ourselves open to litigation would not be sustainable and would be irresponsible when holding land for community use.

I had originally hoped that we could go ahead with no real disturbance to tenants. I apologize for that

IN RESPONSE

This was my personal mistake. I expect that I will make other mistakes over time, something that we have to risk if we want to keep working towards getting affordable housing on the ground on Salt Spring Island.

That brings up the topic of the SSILBS campaign to purchase a new Grandma's House. Many thanks to those who have pledged so far.

With these pledges we are well on our way to making sure that Salt Spring will have a permanent place for a Grandma's House.

The original Grandma's House, on the corner of Charlesworth and Fulford-Ganges roads, was generously rented to the Victoria Human Exchange Society (VHES) for 12 years. Some 175 peo-

ple used this residence as a stop-gap against homelessness during that time.

They were low-income persons finding themselves without housing for many reasons, people coming off the streets through rehab and other programs, people losing their jobs and not able to pay rent, people who need added support to get stable in the world.

We have a lot of money to raise and it might seem daunting, but the SSILBS expects to receive a large portion of it through grants from foundations and government bodies. We have been requested to apply for funding for upwards of \$120,000, and expect to get it. With that amount and a mortgage, we still need support from the community for \$79,000 altogether. Now would be the most ideal time to receive this support.

We have received lots of \$100 pledges, Carol Fowles and Patrick Akerman have

each pledged \$1,000, a few more than that and some in between. Some contractors have pledged and also some businesses.

If you think this is something that you want to support, we'd love to hear from you.

This is an incredible thing. This is a rare opportunity. Salt Spring could have a permanent house to offer for this service. It would be part of what we as Salt Springers own that will benefit many more of our citizens who are making a difficult transition in their lives.

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VHES runs nine houses all told, with volunteers only. They run them quietly, so that the atmosphere that is created is as much like a home as possible, hence the

name Grandma's House.

In Victoria where the work of VHES is well known among housing providers, they have an excellent reputation for support of those most at risk who also have the best chance of benefiting from this service.

Please give generously, keeping in mind that we all need support in our lives. Some of us need it at the basic level of housing.

E-mail a pledge to neddy@saltspring.com, or phone in a pledge in confidence to Neddy at 653-4573 or Andrew Lewis at 653-4770.

Forms are available (along with the drop-off spot) at Salt Spring Books.

To talk to Patricia Fitzgerald of the VHES about the operation of Grandma's House, page her at 1-800-691-9366.

The writer is a member of the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society.

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.

★ SALT SPRING SAYS ★

We asked: *How do you help make a difference in the community?*



Wayne Taylor

I've helped with all sorts of different youth sports and with the swimming pool.



Tess Burguynon

I volunteer by staging productions so that more people can appreciate theatre.



Nat Marcano

I've been designing websites for musicians who need help getting started out.



Celia Meaden

I help on the board at Tree Frog Daycare because the staff are overworked and underpaid.



Joanne Jackson

I volunteer with literacy programs because there is such a need in every community.

Letters to the Editor

Volunteers

I would like everyone to know that it is National Volunteer Week from April 23-29.

This is our opportunity to thank everyone who works as a volunteer in our community. In my capacity as activities aide for Extended Care at the Lady Minto Hospital, I know the importance of these dedicated workers. We have many volunteers that give so freely of their valuable time, energy and abilities. Some of our residents have also been volunteers at Lady Minto in the past, which brings truth to the phrase, "What goes around comes around." Good karma!

Our volunteers wear many hats, from serving tea and coffee, to sewing, banking, gardening, being a friend, helping with meals, playing games, arts and crafts, reading . . . and the list just keeps going on.

I cannot imagine a day without volunteers in Extended Care. I look around at our lounge and I see the fruits of volunteerism everywhere. The fireplace, the tables and chairs, the entertain-

ment unit, lap trays, books and games all came from our Hospital Auxiliary and volunteers who raise funds for us.

Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes and ages. Some have two feet and some have four. Everyone has the ability to share with others and enrich their lives. As a volunteer, your rewards are many: a beautiful smile as you walk in the room has to top the list. You know you are important. You meet new friends, learn new skills and get that fuzzy-hearted feeling.

Volunteers in the Extended Care Unit are amazed at how much there is to learn from each individual resident. The history that is shared is marvellous. Volunteers come from the community, hospital auxiliary, residents' family members, Wellness Program, schools and our staff members who will give up their time off to help make a better day for a resident.

Now that it is National Volunteer Week, ask yourself, "What are you doing today?" Do you have time to help someone who needs you? Want to feel good? Come out and volunteer.

I wish to honour and thank all our dedicated volunteers that help improve the lives of others. What a great job!

BARBARA BRINDAMOUR,
Activities Program,
Lady Minto Hospital

Makes sense

This is in regard to Ken Rouleau's letters a few weeks ago about hemp oil and hemp cars.

Congratulations, Ken, for bringing this to our attention. With climate change and the price of oil skyrocketing, what could make more sense than growing hemp in our clearcuts and using this incredibly versatile plant to replace an industry that is killing us and our planet? What on earth could be more important?

And hemp/flax cars? Hooray! Let's get started. What do we have to do?

Maybe 10,000 letters to our MP demanding that the government look at this might have some effect. Maybe not. But at least we can try, and be able to tell our kids we did, as we hand over what becomes of this world to them.

For anyone who just wants

to know more about hemp's history and uses, I recommend a book by Chris Conrad called HEMP — Lifeline to the Future. The Unexpected Answer for our Environmental and Economic Recovery.

MAXINE OLYNYK,
Salt Spring

Lesson

I am sure I am not the only one who was so moved by Rose Murakami's address at the Japanese garden society event last Saturday.

If it moved her to tears, then how could anyone not be equally moved? I am an American and experienced the terrible incarceration of the Japanese after Pearl Harbour. At the time I was teaching in the little town of Kingsburg south of Fresno and this is what happened when the principal of that school decided that the Japanese were not to graduate that year and the valedictorian would not be allowed to address the audience.

I stormed into his office and said it was an outrage that these students and the best of the crop who had done well in their studies should be denied gradua-

tion. And what's more I was resigning from the teaching staff and would not be seen again in Kingsburg.

It was a spontaneous act on my part and that principal could have seen that I was boycotted from the teachers' association in California, but I did go on to teach in another school.

It is just another example of how fear (ungrounded or not), paralyzes our ability to think clearly. There was never a chance that a Japanese person was a spy for Japan (any detective could have found that out in no time) and now we are doing the same thing because of "terrorism" — taking away some of America's finest traditions of civil liberties anchored in the constitution. Will we never learn?

ELIZABETH F. HILLIARD,
Meyer Road

Fair?

In 1988, Japanese-Canadians received a long overdue government apology and \$300 million in compensation for their forced internment in the 1940s. More recently, in the federal government's latest throne speech, apolo-

gies and compensation were offered to the Chinese-Canadian families victimized by the racist head tax.

Yet, and this is a telling fact, very little by way of fair compensation has been offered to our First Nations for three centuries of tragic suffering under oppressive authority of the federal government and major Christian institutions — Catholic, United and Anglican. Surely the loss of life and land in the 18th and 19th centuries, coupled with the loss of language, culture and innocence for First Nations children, forced into residential schools in the 20th century deserves sincere apology and fair compensation.

Only then will Canada be seen as a truly just and compassionate society. Let us make then, now. Please write directly to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Langevin Block, 80 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2. Fax: 613-941-6900; e-mail: pm@pm.gc.ca.

DAVID KOS,
Suan Suay Road

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Bad taste in mouth is hypocrisy, not tainted seal blubber

I spent an hour on eBay last week looking to buy a seal penis.

According to the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) website, seal penis is one of the more lucrative byproducts of the East Coast seal hunt. Newfoundlanders have been more than happy to service the Asian appetite for all things phallic.

But, try as I might, I couldn't find a single seal penis anywhere. Apparently since the advent of Viagra, the market for seal penis has gone a little, well, soft.

This aphrodisiac fallacy is just one of many misrepresentations to be found on the various anti-sealing websites. Photos of celebrities adorn them all, the latest being Sir Paul McCartney mugging with a big-eyed harp seal. My personal favourite is a shot of Paris Hilton in a very tight T-shirt that reads "Club Sandwiches, not Seals."

Of course, there is the timeless shot of Bridget Bardot cuddling a pure white seal pup, protecting it from heartless Canadian sealers brandishing a hakapik — a

HEAD TO HEAD BY PETER VINCENT



big stick with a spike fastened to the business end. This shot propagates two major mistruths. Because of the shifting ice floes (likely as a result of global warming) 95 per cent of sealers now use rifles to dispatch the seals. And the seals are not the little white seals. It became illegal to hunt the white-coated seals nearly 20 years ago. But of course the websites are crowded with images of these ones. Never let the facts get in the way of a good story.

So, why all this anti-sealing fervour? What would prompt Sir Paul to label Newfoundland sealers "barbarians?" What would cause Paul Watson of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society fame to post the following on his website: "I have no respect for Newfoundlanders. They debased Canada when they joined the nation in

1949 and they continue to embarrass us in the eyes of the world . . ."

The answer seems pretty clear. Seals are cute. If we were talking about giant Norwegian rats, no one would give a rat's ass. But the cuddly little white-coated seals are way too cute — cute enough to even make senior citizen Bridget Bardot look like eye candy.

If it is the cute factor, I would suggest Salt Spring farmers run for cover. Is there anything cuter than all the little Salt Spring lambs prancing through fields of clover? I am sure that they wouldn't be so cheery if they knew that any day now they will be corralled into trucks and shipped off to abattoirs to be unceremoniously dispatched, eviscerated from stem to stern, ultimately ending up as the feature entrée on a Hastings House menu.

But maybe it's more than cute. Maybe it's the numbers that have these people frothing at the mouth. About 300,000 will be killed in

the annual seal hunt. Sounds like a lot of seals. But the seal population is hovering at around six million. A five per cent cull is certainly not going to put them on anyone's endangered species list.

Funny thing about numbers. An estimated 937,000 Rwandans were killed over a 100-day period in the 1994 civil war, mostly hacked to death by machetes. Funny thing. I have yet to see a picture of Paul McCartney or Pamela Anderson hugging a dirt-poor black orphan missing a leg. Funny thing.

OK. Maybe it's the idea of killing one of God's creatures in the name of fashion, like mink or beaver. That's also a bit of a stretch. Seal meat is eaten and processed into sausages, and the oil is capsuled into Omega-3 supplements. Seems a bit two-faced for all us meat eating, leather-wearing bleeding hearts to castigate the seal industry.

If you want to put a halt to the seal kill, end the demand for seal skins. A tough job. Demand for the product has caused the price to go to US \$70 a pelt, a \$40

jump in only two years. Those two fashionista countries, Russia and China, just can't get enough. Or could it be that their winters are even harsher than ours and seal fur is a decent insulator?

Of course, the sealers aren't out there for sport. With an unemployment rate of 15 per cent, they really need the money. Depending on their luck, sealers make somewhere around \$10,000 out on the dangerous ice floes — about 30 per cent of his average annual income. In total, the sealing industry adds nearly \$40 million to the anemic Newfoundland economy.

Would you be willing to give up a third of your income — to give up \$40 million because Sir Paul has a nice photo op and vows to never tour in Canada as long as there is a seal hunt? That bad taste in your mouth ain't tainted seal blubber. It's hypocrisy.

Whether it's a Maple Leaf slaughterhouse or a Rwandan refugee camp or seals out on the ice floes, killing is an ugly business, made all the more uglier when it becomes an opportunistic media event. Note to Paul McCartney: Let it Be.

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More letters

Bad bunch

Anyone read Orwell's *1984* and how the powers-that-be continually re-wrote history? Last week Brian Mulroney won an award as the most environmental Prime Minister in Canadian history. As a longtime environmental activist, ever battling our federal and provincial governments, I was outraged.

The baby steps Mulroney took for the environment were far outstripped by his NAFTA treason — I mean, agreement. NAFTA not only allowed a free-for-all of our natural resources and deregulation of environmental standards, but companies can now sue Canada for not taking toxins like PCBs or not allowing some company

to clear-cut forests necessary for biospheric integrity. Our water is up for sale and we are required to fulfill American energy demands no matter what environmental or economic disaster it causes Canada. Thanks, Brian.

Mulroney winning this award is as topsy-turvy as elitists Bush, Sr. and Bill Clinton leading humanitarian relief around the world, or Bush, Jr. and Tony Blair being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize while attacking Afghanistan and Iraq. Orwell has left the building.

It's bad enough that Mulroney — arguably the worst PM in history — won this award, but the man who was the cause of the Conservative Party annihilation now slips in the backdoor of Canadian politics and is an advisor to the present PM. This makes my head spin. (Can you say "AirBus"?)

One judge for this environmental award said, "He was the best of a bad bunch." Repeat that to yourself and think about it. It's not that Mulroney is the best environmental Prime Minister in Canada's history, but that every other PM was worse. Scary.

KEN ROULEAU,
Salt Spring

Car-free day

We have been talking about helping the Earth this week in our school.

When you drive a car, it pollutes and hurts our trees.

We challenge you all to not drive your car on Sunday, April 30.

If you have a very good reason why you have to drive, try it another day.

Please email us to tell us you did our challenge and what you did instead of driving.

We will write back. sscs@saltspring.com

Thank you!
"EAGLES" CLASS,
GRADES 1-2,
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Complete that degree

I am writing this letter to inform Driftwood readers of a meeting on how university degrees might be completed without leaving Salt Spring.

That meeting, sponsored by the Salt Spring Society for Community Education, will be held at the Mary Hawkins Library on Sunday, May 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome but especially those who already have earned a two-year college diploma or have successfully taken some university-level courses.

In British Columbia, it's possible to build on such a foundation and to complete a degree. This can be done through the British Columbia Open University, now a part of Thompson Rivers University (the former University College of the Cariboo). Unlike most other post-secondary institutions, Thompson Rivers allows credit towards a degree for almost all courses successfully completed at other recognized colleges and universities. As for the courses that remain to be taken, this can be done either in a traditional classroom setting, through traditional print-based distance education, or "online."

Far more detail on "credit banking towards a degree" will be presented at the May 7 meeting. In addition, we will be providing those present with a "hands-on" opportunity to become familiar with how online education works. Though this method is rapidly growing in popularity, the thought of taking an online course can be unsettling, especially to those of us who grew up in an earlier era.

That's the reason why Eric Griffiths, a Salt Spring resident and a specialist in online course delivery, will provide those at the meeting with an opportunity to become familiar with how easy it is to take online courses.

Should you want more information or have questions regarding your particular circumstances you wish to ask before the May 7 meeting, please feel free either to call (653-4788) or to e-mail (sshapiro@salt-spring.com) me.

STANLEY J. SHAPIRO,
SSI Society for
Community Education

Goodbye

It is with mixed feelings that, after spending one third of my life here, I must move on.

It has been a continual pleasure to wake to a view of the ocean, to drive to town and pass only a couple of vehicles, and to meet many friendly and interesting people. Although I perhaps shouldn't single out any group in particular, I have to say that of all the store personnel that I had dealings with, my sympathies are with the staff at Windsor Plywood who had to deal with me on a daily basis. In general, though, almost without exception, I have found excellent service from people I've dealt with — thank-you for being so patient with me.

I must say a big heartfelt thank-you to all my customers, for enabling me to live in this wonderful place.

I have been trying to visit and say my goodbyes to as many of you as I can, however don't feel too bad if I cannot get to you personally in these last few days. Time has a tendency to foreshorten as I get older.

Perhaps I can make "guest appearances" later and, as Courtenay is only a couple of hours away, I may still be able to come back and do the odd job.

So, to many friends and acquaintances I wish the best of health and prosperity in the very best of places to live — home.

PETER BLACKMORE,
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BUBBLES: The Portlock Park tennis bubble was brought down by Salt Spring Tennis Association members on Saturday, for the last time, they hope.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Performing arts, sports, academics thriving

At Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), students are not only keeping themselves occupied with academics but are also busy with performing arts, sports and leadership activities.

On Sunday, April 23, 45 music and dance students left for Cuba, where they will spend one week. GISS music director Bruce Smith is travelling with his chamber choir and senior jazz band, accompanied by dance teacher Sonia Langer and her senior dance class, to visit and perform for local schools, follow rhythm workshops and work with local musicians of a similar

TALK ABOUT WITH LAURA STEWART



age. The group is visiting Havana, Varadero and Cienfuegos.

• Earth Day was celebrated at GISS early on Friday, April 21. In the morning, students walked to school from three start points – Cusheon Lake turnoff, Central and Williams Street (Long Harbour) – to raise awareness in the community. Then at lunch hour, an environment-oriented teacher obstacle course was held. Four teachers – Jason Donaldson, Dean Crouse, Dave Astill and Julia Hengstler – competed, with Donaldson coming in first place. Before the competi-

tion, teachers raised money from student donations to earn a place in the race; \$60 was raised for Salmon Enhancement, a sum which was generously matched by The Fishery.

• The GISS Scorpions have been out in force this soccer season, with the senior girls team undefeated so far. On Wednesday, April 19, the team hosted Woodlands Secondary and won with a final score of 5-1.

The junior boys and girls teams are also in the middle of the season. In their last game against Brentwood, the girls team saw a 7-0 victory. The junior boys, however, were defeated 4-0 by the Brentwood team.

• In the grad class of 2006, the valedictorian and student representatives have now been chosen. Misha

Meagley is top student in the class and has accepted the role as valedictorian, while Shawn Lee and Emily Little were voted by their peers as student representatives. All three will be making speeches at the June 3rd ceremony.

• Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts is preparing its spring show for audiences around coastal B.C. The company of musicians, dancers and actors will go on tour from May 8-14, travelling around Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. The company will also be performing at Art-Spring on May 18-19.

• Term three has just come to an end, with report cards being sent out this week. There are only two 7months left of school, but GISS is still busy...as always!

Gulf Coast MATERIALS

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RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

A big bunch of thorns to people who gossip without thinking first. It hurts people and their loved ones. Why not try to think of something positive to say next time. Or say nothing at all. Meghan MacFarlane

Rants to the person who stole my Captiva Florida Fire Department Tag from my gold-coloured 1999 Chrysler T&C van during the hours of darkness on Saturday night when the van

was parked in front of our house on Langley Road. I was a volunteer firefighter in Florida for 18 years. I did not think that a fellow Canadian could stoop this low! The tag has sentimental value and as such I would like to have it returned. If not, the thief will be doomed to a life without roses! Ernst Hoen

ROSES

Roses to all — to the United Church's "In from the Cold," to the congregation, those that funded, those that staffed and those that fed our homeless in our sub zero weather this past winter. A special dozen roses for those who assisted the committee, Kimberly Linerger and the Emergency Response folks. BH

Roses to the person who found and turned in my wallet and its contents. Now I know to never take that much money to school again. AC

Roses to Stephanie Rhodes for outstanding musical entertainment, being a great friend and for donating all the proceeds of her performance at Tree House South to the Canadian Cancer

Society's Relay For Life on June 9. MG

A boat full of orchids to Alice Henderson and her orcas on the Long Harbour ferry. From the Egyptian mummies and SIMS students returning from the Vancouver Museum.

A rose each to Stitch Dimensions who made beautiful placemats, Kari Holmes' Grades 1-2 class for birthday cards and Lee Solitt for the delightful Easter cookies all given out of love, kindness and generosity to Meals on Wheels clients.

This week is National Volunteer Week — roses to every volunteer on this island. A fresh-picked rose to all of my past and present volunteer drivers who so generously give their time, their smiles and their ears to all Meals on Wheels recipients. Without roses or volunteers it would be a barren island indeed. C

A fragrant red rose to Drew Clarke of Blue Angel Towing for coming to the rescue of a klutz locked out of his truck and for refusing payment! JM

A dozen sun-dappled roses to Linda, Gary and Lauren for bringing more light into our lives. M&R

To Mike Fraser, our mechanical angel — a huge bouquet of fresh flowers to you for being so awesome and always there to help. Thanks for putting our Chevys back on the road. C&T

Roses to all the exercise ladies who worked so hard on the second garage sale fundraiser for the indoor pool. Special thanks to GVM once again!

Roses to local trustees George Ehring and Peter Lamb for taking a position, sticking to their position and enforcing the rules on short-term vacation rentals. Now I can safely report violators without fear of retribution of those who lobbied so long against enforcement of the bylaw. Hurray, a peaceful summer!

To Matt, for his aid in retrieving my car from its wedged spot. For his readiness to help, his skill and his courtesy, I am most grateful. Thanks also to his dad, the roofer. HC

Roses to the hardworking Fulford Elves for planning and constructing the new cement entrance steps to the Burgoyne United Church. With love and thanks from the UCW

Bouquets and bravos to all the volunteers and parents who ensured that their children experienced the thrill of a live performance at ArtSpring. A second rose goes to Laurie Blakely for making all those gorgeous costumes.

Island high on rec property list

Salt Spring's real estate market made the news last week when Re/Max of Western Canada released a report on baby boomers' purchase of recreational property in Canada.

The Re/Max Recreational Property Report found "that older boomers are fuelling unprecedented demand for recreational properties in 67

per cent (27) of markets surveyed during the first quarter of 2006. Never before have those aged 50-plus been such a strong segment of the recreational property market," states a press release.

Salt Spring was listed among three B.C. communities where waterfront property was in the million-dollar range, with Shuswap Lake

and Kelowna's Okanagan Lake being the other two.

Whistler was the most expensive market, at \$1.1 million.

Ontario's Bala/Port Carling area in Muskoka was the most expensive recreational property market in Ontario and Atlantic Canada, at \$500,000 to \$550,000.

Shopping list:

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- 2 cloves Garlic
- Vegetables
- Fresh lime
- Honey
- Coriander
- Salt
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- Pepper
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Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn

It wasn't until recently I began experimenting with African cuisine. My sister-in-law asked me to replicate an African recipe she had tried at a local restaurant; that opened a new world of learning and imagination. For food lovers, the big continent of Africa is a saucy mélange combining the starch of indigenous cultures, meaty colonial leftovers, and spicy trade-route flavours. That said, African cuisine differs in different parts of Africa. Here I have tried to blend some regional African recipes adding new world taste & convenience.

Chop 2 boneless skinless chicken thighs. Cook in 2 tablespoons oil with 2 cloves minced garlic over medium heat. Add 1 cup chopped vegetables of your choice to the chicken. While cooking prepare lime sauce.

To make the lime sauce, combine the juice of 1 fresh lime, 1 tablespoon honey, 1 teaspoon coriander, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon each of cinnamon, ginger, turmeric and pepper in a small bowl. Pour the sauce over the cooked chicken and vegetables. Simmer while you prepare apricot couscous.

In a medium saucepan sauté 1/2 minced onion in 2 tablespoons butter. Separately, mix in 1 1/2 cups chicken broth; 1/4 cup chopped dried apricots, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg. Bring to boil and hold over high heat for two minutes. Stir in 1 cup couscous. Cover, remove from heat, let stand 5 minutes, after which time fluff with fork and serve the lime-sauced chicken and vegetables over top.

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SUNNYSIDE VENDOR: Market vendor Akiko Odagawa enjoys a quick break by the tulip bed near her stall during the first sunny Saturday market day of the year in Centennial Park.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Volunteers needed for broom pulling at local Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve

A sure sign that spring has settled on Salt Spring is the invasion of broom visible throughout the island.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is once again gathering a group of volunteers to beat back the hordes of invading bushes.

On April 8, members Terry Ridings, Larry Appleby, Brian Smallshaw, John Dickinson and Chas Dorworth blocked out two main areas for broom removal at the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve.

One is an area for the middle school students to tackle and one is for Brooming Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 29.

All community members are welcome to come along and support the effort.

Volunteers should bring a lunch, good gloves, prun-

ing shears or pruning saws and water. Boots are recommended as well.

A press release suggests that volunteers also take the time to observe the natural beauty of the nature reserve while working at the site.

"It is truly a gift. Just now you may see gooseberries, blue-eyed Marys, monkey flowers, violets, skunk cabbage and much more . . . Quite possibly you will be entertained by the hooting of blue grouse from the adjacent Crown lands, you may cause a ruffed grouse to flush, one often hears the pounding of at least two species of woodpeckers, the voices of flickers and many others."

Volunteers are also needed beforehand to help with phoning to ensure a good turnout for the day.

The April 29 broom-pulling event begins at 9 a.m. at the nature reserve off Sarah Way. Turn west off Stewart Road onto Jasper, which becomes Jennifer, and continue to the top of the hill.

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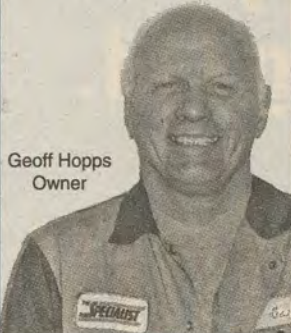
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JUNIOR NATURALIST:
Fulford Elementary student Becky Steel draws a sample of moss during nature studies with Salt Spring Island Conservancy volunteers at Ford Lake.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin



Nature volunteers inspire local youth

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

Salt Spring Island Conservancy volunteers and island students met to explore nature at the Ford Lake nature reserve with great success last week.

For home-schooled Zaira Valerio, age 8, the highlight of her visit to the lake was looking at invertebrates with a microscope.

"Some were straight and clear and some were round and looked like they were in a bubble. One was resting on a mayfly larvae and it didn't know it was resting on a predator," she grinned.

Valerio also had fun making a watercolour drawing of a stinging nettle and she enjoyed a First Nations' ethnobotany presentation where she could use acting skills to teach her peers about local plant uses.

"We had these little cards with the plant name and some things they would use to make things. We had to act out the things and other people had to guess."

Volunteers seemed to enjoy the event equally as much as the students.

"I think the kids should be outdoors learning. It gets them out of the class," said conservancy volunteer Wendy Webb. "I think they are learning a lot — I'm learning a lot."

Webb noted that some kids wanted to race through plant-identification activities, but slowing down helped them to get more out of the natural experience.

"By going through the dichotomous key, they learn how to look at things closely."

Fellow volunteer Paul Burke suggested that illustrated journals make an engaging counterpoint to portable videogames.

"It helps to personalize nature. Kids sit in one place in front of one branch and it's never the same," he said.

He conducted a station where children drew pictures of plants that had been framed.

"It's not about identification; it's about being engaged with nature."

Conservancy volunteer John Jefferson enjoyed being outdoors with a bunch of happy kids at the invertebrate station.

"They are revolted by the smell of the swamp, but once you explain that it's a natural process, they buy into it."

He recalled a fabulous debate on whether an organism should be classified as a leech or as a worm.

"Everyone on Salt Spring should be with someone who runs and laughs for half an hour a day."

Some 40 to 50 volunteers have been helping out students in the conservancy program, said coordinator Kate Leslie.

"It's great because the kids get lots of one-on-one attention."

The conservancy program is planning a total of 18 trips to the Ducks Unlimited property at Ford Lake, various seashore locations and the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve.

Students in the Grade 4-5 program get outdoors with conservancy volunteers during two sessions, Leslie said.

"It's a very active program," she said.

The program has been funded by the conservancy, in conjunction with grants from the Canadian Wildlife Federation and the Shell Environment Foundation.

The conservancy plans two more trips to Ford Lake in the next little while and more programs will see students from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) get outdoors in May and June.

Ongoing conservancy programs at Ford Lake, local seashores and the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve will still need additional volunteers, Leslie said.

An orientation session for volunteers who would like to assist the SIMS program is scheduled for April 27, she said.

If people are interested in volunteering for conservancy education programs, call 538-0318.

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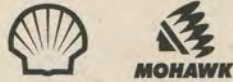


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SINGING FUN: Choral leader Tina Erickson drums a beat at her Letz Sing workshop at All Saints last Saturday.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Pawsapalooza unleashes Mahon Hall musical feast

Some of Salt Spring's best musicians are making a "paw-sitive" contribution to the island's SPCA branch with a Mahon Hall dance on Saturday night.

Salt Springers Tom Hooper, The Hamsters, Sharon Bailey with Donn Tarris and Stephanie Rhodes are all on the bill for the Pawsapalooza fundraiser that sees doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the music starting at 7.

The acclaimed Dirt Nap group from Hornby Island is also performing. Many people know group member Sean Peori, who is also SPCA manager Jena Peori's brother.

Tickets for the all-ages April 29 event are \$10 and available in advance at Acoustic Planet, Gulf Islands Vet Clinic, Jambalaya and the SPCA shelter.

All proceeds benefit local shelter operations.

Food and drinks will also be available for purchase.

Indigo brings vocal colour to Music, Munch

Next Wednesday's Music and Munch at All Saints' By-the-Sea features a return visit from the singing group Indigo.

This ensemble began in the fall of 2002, with a group of seven friends who had enjoyed singing in community choirs for several years and wanted to share the challenges of more musically demanding part singing, self-directed, a cappella and off book. "Indigo's philosophy is that friendship is paramount, insuring a strong commitment — to rehearsing, to the music, and to one another — thus enhancing a truly blended sound," explains a press release.

Music is brought to the group by its members, and chosen by consensus. Sources of music are varied: most arrangements are found in music stores or online, but some have been self-arranged and one has been arranged for the group by composer and longtime friend Bruce Ruddell. The present program includes three traditional spirituals, two classic songs/poems of the mid-19th century, three popular songs from the mid-1950s, one from the mid-'30s, and two recent songs — almost all arranged within the last 10 years.

Indigo had its debut per-

formance in June 2003, to a gathering of invited friends, family, and guests. Later the same year they appeared at the Peace Festival and at the ArtSpring community Christmas concert. Having grown to 11 members, Indigo performed at Music and Munch in May of 2004, and in a joint concert with the Salt Spring Brass Quintet a few weeks later.

Now down to five voices, Anne Millerd, Wendy Vine, Cathy Young, Bo Curtis and Don Zacharias, the group rehearses weekly.

"They have found that such a small ensemble has its challenges, but also its freedoms. Voices often have to swap between alto and soprano, or tenor and bass, depending on the arrangement, the blending, or just for interest. While finding suitable a cappella music can be difficult, the group has learned to experiment with arrangements intended for accompaniment, by changing key signatures, or even switching male and female voices. The result is a sound that is becoming uniquely Indigo."

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SS Centre School musical play summons history of the Divide

By USHA RAUTENBACH
Special to the Driftwood
Salt Spring Centre School's annual performance this year celebrates the 1896 first fall fair on Salt Spring.

Called The Divide That United an Island, the production is kindly supported by the Islands Farmers Institute.

The Divide is the steep ridge whose northern side is now Ganges Hill (no town there 110 years ago) and whose south-facing cliff edge runs north of Cusheon Lake and Blackburn Road. Before 1896 this aptly-named ridge divided the north end of the island from the south end.

In the play it is surmised that, thanks to local MP J.P. Booth, the dangerous track over the Divide was improved sufficiently to enable the farmers of the south end to transport their fall fair entries to the fall fair held at Central.

(In 2006 this road that united the two ends of the island in 1896 is now known as Old Divide Road. It wasn't

until the 1920s that the current Fulford-Ganges Road joining the north and south of this island cut through the Divide at Rock-Crusher Corner, the junction with Sky Valley Road north.)

The Centre School students will play the parts of the students at the Divide School, newly created in September 1896, and, like the Centre School, situated on Blackburn Road.

In the play, the Divide School families are growing food for the first fall fair, held on October 14, 1896. They are encouraged by J.P. Booth, the local provincial MP — the same island mover and shaker who appeared at the celebration on December 14, 2005, memorably played by Reid Collins.

The Centre School students are also engaged in gardening to produce food from seed, in a new venture launched by the Islands Farmers Institute for the 2006 Fall Fair. Called Reaching Out To Youth, so far the Salt Spring Centre School,

Fernwood Elementary and Fulford Community School are also involved in this partnership between the Islands Farmers Institute and local schools, which encourages agricultural learning.

The play will include singing and dancing and a plot that eventually unites the separate families of the Divide in a sense of one Divide Community pulling together.

Three families in the play are based on the Beddis, Few and Conery families. The Centre School is located on the Conery farm of the past.

(A great granddaughter of Florence Conery, one of the first Divide students, has been located, thanks to Barb Lyngard. She will visit the island for the performance and meet the cast.)

Little Rosie Conery was enrolled in the school at the age of five, to make up the 15 students required. In the play, as in history, on the day the inspector is due she runs away — putting the school's

future in question. Calamity! Come watch the play to find out what happened.

Book yourself an outing to Mahon Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, or Friday May 5. Celebrate the community spirit which formed this island's special rural lifestyle. The parents and teachers of 2006 act the parts of the 1896 parents, as their children of all ages act the parts of those original 15 students and their siblings.

The play is also a reminder to prepare for this summer's fall fair, 110 years since the first fall fair held on Salt Spring Island.

To hear more stories of the Divide, attend the Salt Spring Historical Society presentation at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10 at Central Hall. Presenting the eight pre-1940 school districts of Salt Spring, I will speak of the Divide School, the families involved in getting it started, and some intriguing facts which were not possible to include in the play's script.

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Leacock winner anchors writers' event

When Elma Rubright, one of the Salt Spring library's 150 volunteers, had the incendiary idea in 2000 of asking the authors of Salt Spring if they'd like to get together for tea and a biscuit just to meet each other and some of their readers, she envisioned a couple of dozen literary types coming to the library on an April Sunday afternoon.

But when Rubright started assembling an invitation list of island writers, it soon topped 100.

Then on that April day the library was chock-a-block with authors who not only ate up all the homemade goodies but seemed to relish

this simple idea.

Rubright was right: musicians play their music and painters have exhibitions for real people, people they can see. Writers, no matter how many books they sell, rarely meet either the people who read them, or other writers with the same problem.

Writers' Day at the Library became a tradition and, except for 2005, has been held every year to increasing acclaim. Rubright added a featured author who would talk about the craft to his or her fellows.

Roberta and Stanley Shapiro, both Friends of the Library members, personally phoned almost 130 Salt

Spring writers for this year's Writer's Day. Some of the writers planning to attend include Derek Lundy, Tom Koppel, Sam Graci, Brian Brett, Nick Bantock, Mona Fertig, Val Haigh, Charles Kahn, David Kos, Kathy Page and many more.

The 2006 Writers' Day is on Sunday, April 30 from 2-4 p.m. at Mary Hawkins Memorial Library. Not only writers are invited: the public is highly encouraged to attend to catch a glimpse of a favourite scribe or just schmooze with wordsmiths galore.

The main floor of the library will be spilling over with writers and readers as

both mingle together and enjoy the baked goods created by the combined efforts of the Friends of the Library group and library volunteers.

At 2:30 p.m., chief librarian Marilyn Ming will introduce guest speaker Arthur Black, who will share his wit and wisdom for about half an hour. Black was recently awarded the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour for the third time.

This year the event is sponsored by the Friends of the Salt Spring Library, the 50 member group that coordinates the library used book sale and the music CD collection.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Apr 26, 2006 to May 2, 2006

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- 6:00 PM
20 Rock School (2005, Documentary)
Paul Green prepares a rag tag group of kids to perform at a music festival in Germany. (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself (2002, Comedy)
The lives of brothers Wilbur and Harbour are changed forever after meeting Mary and Alice. *Jamie Sives, Adrian Rawlins* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
24 ★★ The Mask (1994, Comedy)
A bank clerk finds an ancient mask that turns him into a smooth-talking superhero. *Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
3 ★★ Ned Kelly (1970, Biography)
The story of the legendary 19th-century Australian outlaw, whose story outgrew his life. *Mick Jagger, Sue Lloyd* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
4 ★★ Lunch With Charles (2001, Drama)
A married musician finds it difficult to be faithful when he drives a singer to Alberta. *Sean Lau, Bill Naked* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★ Brotherhood of the Wolf (2001, Suspense)
In 1765, a scientist and his Iroquois friend are sent to capture a murderous beast. *Samuel Le Bihan, Mark Dacascos* (2h45)
- 11:00 PM
20 Rock School (2005, Documentary)
Paul Green prepares a rag tag group of kids to perform at a music festival in Germany. (2h)
- 11:00 PM
3 ★★ Elizabeth I (2005, Biography)
Explores Queen Elizabeth's tempestuous relationship with the Earl of Leicester. *Helen Mirren, Jeremy Irons* (2h)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ Phil the Alien (2004, Comedy)
An alien from outer space crash lands in rural Ontario and assimilates into life on Earth. *Rob Stefaniuk, Graham Greene* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
24 ★★ Milk Money (1994, Comedy)
A young boy attempts to set a kind-hearted prostitute up with his widowed father. *Melanie Griffith, Michael Patrick Carter* (2h)
- 8:30 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)
- 9:00 PM
4 ★★ The Secret Life of Algernon (1998, Drama)
An old man who lives alone is visited by a suicidal friend and a curious archeologist. *John Cullum, Carrie-Anne Moss* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
29 ★★ Going in Style (1979, Comedy)
Three retirees rob a bank to relieve their boredom and then go to Las Vegas. *George Burns, Art Carney* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★ The Snows of Kilimanjaro (1952, Adventure)
A man reflects on his life after being badly injured while hunting in Africa's mountains. *Gregory Peck, Susan Hayward* (2h15)
- 11:00 PM
3 ★★ Elizabeth I (2005, Biography)
Follows Elizabeth through her later years, which included an affair with the Earl of Essex. *Helen Mirren, Jeremy Irons* (2h)
- 11:30 PM
2 ★★ Margaret's Museum (1995, Drama)
A woman erects a grim shrine to the family and friends she has lost in the coal mines. *Helena Bonham Carter, Kate Nelligan* (2h)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 6:00 PM
14 ★★ Citizen Cohn (1992, Drama)
The story of Roy Cohn, Joseph McCarthy's right-hand man during the 1950's. *James Woods, Lee Grant* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ Bewitched (2005, Comedy)
An actor tries to get a witch to be his co-star in a new sitcom called Bewitched. *Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell* (2h)
- 7:30 PM
19 ★ Invisible Dad (1997, Comedy)
A boy's latest invention renders his father invisible, which must somehow be reversed. *Karen Black, Ross Hagen* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
11 ★★ Orlando (1993, Drama)
A nobleman experiences life as both a male and a female during a 400-year life span. *Tilda Swinton, Billy Zane* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
13 ★★ Austin Powers in International Man of Mystery (2002, Comedy)
Austin Powers goes back in time to save his father and the world from the evil Goldmember. *Mike Myers, Beyoncé Knowles* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
24 ★★ Men Don't Leave (1990, Drama)
A woman learns how to cope with love and humour after the untimely death of her husband. *Jessica Lange, Arliss Howard* (2h30)

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Krafty Kidz open gallery and store

Islanders are invited to visit a new shop and gallery called Krafty Kidz that's operated entirely by youth.

The craft shop isn't just run by Salt Spring kids with accent gallery showings of island children's art; local kids make all the products for sale, too. But it might not just be kids who want to shop there.

"We know there are lots of talented creative kids on the island and we thought it would be cool to have a place where they could all share their art," said Krafty Kidz co-owner Rachael Leavitt, aged 14.

"There are lots of cool studios all run by adults, so we thought it would be cool to have one run by kids."

Leavitt opened Krafty Kidz beside her dad's medical clinic with her sister Shaina (age 12) and their friend Kara MacKay (14). They are already showing art by family and friends, but are inviting other young talents to bring in their submissions.

"We are hoping as we get a little bigger that kids on the island will be aware of it and they will bring us some of their art."

Local artists aged seven to 18 can sell art under commission at Krafty Kidz, she said.

"It's so kids can come share their talents, follow their dreams and stuff like that."



YOUNG ARTISANS: From left, Alyssa Schafer, Shaina Leavitt, Kara Mackay and Rachael Leavitt hold up the sign at their new enterprise.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Leavitt also wants the store merchandise to appeal to tourists and she hopes to get the shop listed on the studio tour next year.

Product examples are a soda kit that provides everything needed to make a fizzy soda and a craft kit that includes materials to make a motorized boat.

"We're also making a Hawaii Kit. It has stuff to make a Hawaii lei, a hula skirt and a piña colada."

The Leavitt sisters (who are home schooled) and their business partner MacKay have been working on the store for the last six months.

"It's been a lot of work, but it's been a huge learning experience to see how it is to run a business," Leavitt said.

They conducted market research, arranged advertising, renovated their shop and searched for product wholesalers on line.

Krafty Kidz (located at 258 Eagle Ridge Drive — off Long Harbour Road) opened for a preview on Saturday and they plan to be open Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9-5 p.m.

For more information, call the Leavitt sisters (537-2455) or send an e-mail to kraftykidz@hotmail.com.

Chamigos brings Latin sound to stage at Barb's

A new local band is taking its listeners on a journey through South America, beginning with a show at Barb's Buns on Saturday, April 29.

Chamigos is Alvaros Sanchez's latest musical project. Salt Spring audiences know Sanchez for his performances with the classical guitar trio Ma Non Troppo, with the jazz quartet Sweetwater and solo appearances.

Sanchez is thrilled to have the support of such talented

musicians as Dick Miller on bass and percussionist Laurent Boucher for Chamigos.

"It is difficult to find musicians that have the 'feel' for the music I want to do," he said.

Boucher has vast experience in Latin music and has worked and studied with some of the best.

Miller has 20 years of experience in bluegrass and jazz and has been a fast and enthusiastic learner of the new rhythms, said Sanchez.

"They bring these rich and complex rhythms to life; you are going to want to dance."

Sanchez was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he studied classical guitar with Francisco Aletti. On Salt Spring since 1990, he has studied with local guitar teachers Lloyd English and Peter Taschuk.

Chamigos will play traditional and contemporary music from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Cuba on Saturday starting at 9 p.m.



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Squared Away show invites scrutiny

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Driftwood Reporter

Six local artists have framed themselves a bold challenge by creating an upcoming exhibition of works on an intimate scale of two-inch squares.

Squared Away — set to run at ArtSpring from May 1 through to May 31 — features a multi-media assortment of creations by islanders Susan Brown, Donna Cochran, Louise Harker, Shirlee Lewis, Barbara McCaffrey and Gail Sibley.

For a whimsical challenge to members of the group (all established local artists), works at the upcoming show are linked by two-inch parameters.

“Something about the restriction gives you new possibilities,” said Harker.

Lewis agrees that the two-inch framework offers “a fresh way of looking at things.”

She initiated the project because she thought she could fit a few small works into her busy life, she said.

But it takes a lot of work to fill ArtSpring with two-inch squares, Cochran laughed.

Mediums on display for Squared Away will include



SQUARED AWAY: Six local artists present their works in an intimate scale for an upcoming show at ArtSpring that opens May 1. Seen here from left to right are Susan Brown, Louise Harker, Barbara McCaffrey, Shirlee Lewis, Gail Sibley and Donna Cochran.
 Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

ceramics, pastels, basketry and fibre arts.

“We all come from different backgrounds, but we don’t all stick to those backgrounds,” said McCaffrey.

The upcoming show is the fruition of hard work, creative camaraderie and infectious inspiration that’s been wrought from weekly meetings of the local group which

began meeting in October of 2005.

“We’re all teachers and students,” said Lewis.


During weekly meetings they’ve taught each other different media and have shared ideas on topics as diverse as poems, mounting displays and art commissions — all with laughter, good food and friendly companionship.

They’ve all gained fabu-

lous feedback, encouragement, technical tips and support from their fellow artists, Brown said.

“Hell would freeze over and I still wouldn’t miss our Wednesday mornings,” McCaffrey said.

Islanders can sample the tangible excitement evident in this group at their upcoming show opening at ArtSpring on May 1.



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Valdy, friends at library concert

A Beaver Point Boogie with the Valdy-led Cat Shop Shuffle Band rings in Cinco de Mayo while raising funds for Salt Spring’s new library project.

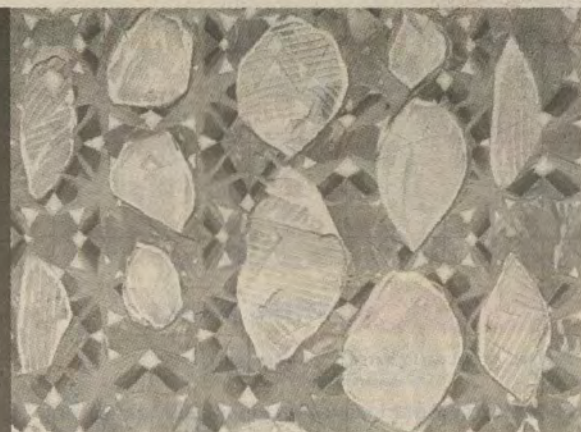
The Cat Shop troupe consists of Valdy and his friends Doug Edwards, Jim McGilivray and Lee Morin, who have played to acclaim once a year for the past 15 years at Big White ski resort.

Special guest is Salt Spring performer Kathy Stack.

Music begins at Beaver Point Hall at dusk on Friday, May 5, and admission is \$10.

Valdy, Stack and others are also gearing up for a Salish Sea series of concerts throughout the islands and on Vancouver Island in May. See next week’s Driftwood for more information.

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ON STAGE: Dancers from Stagecoach School of the Performing Arts entertained theatre-goers at ArtSpring with a rousing display of energy and choreography last Wednesday night. Seen here, above left, clockwise from top: Aina Yasue, Chelsea Shergold, Joycelin Benoit, Monica George, Sam Neville, Maxwell Blakely Mackay and Brenden Elwell. Above right are Stephanie Ditlof, left, and Leilani Bascom; while at left is an upbeat Maxwell Blakely Mackay.

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- May 12th (Friday):** AGM, Lions Hall, 7:00 pm. Guest Speaker Dr. Brenda Beckwith, Ecosystem Scientist, will present "Knowing Every Corner of the Land".
- May 13th (Saturday):** Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve Walk with Dr. Beckwith. 10:00 am. Pre-register for walk at office (538-0318).
- May 20th (Saturday):** Birding With Bob
- May 26th (Friday):** SSI WATER - A GIFT AT RISK speaker Oliver Brandes, 7:00 Community Gospel Chapel
- June 2nd (Friday):** HOW DOES THE DRAGON FLY? Slide presentation and nature walk by Victoria Biologist Claudia Copeley, 7:00 Lions Hall.
- June 3rd (Saturday):** Pre-register for walk with Claudia.
- August 6th (Sunday):** Salt Spring Eco-Home Tour, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

South-end studios link for tour

Several artists are opening their studios to the public as the South-End Studio Tour officially begins on Sunday, April 30.

Open from 2-5 p.m., the tour includes Bill Rhodes' Morningside Studio at 110 Orchard in Fulford, the Point Gallery on South Ridge, Stefanie Denz at 471 Beaver Point Road, Bly and Garry Kaye at 300 Reynolds Road and Ian Thomas at 117 King Road.

Rhodes is well known for his humorous chickens and other creatures in wire and paper mache, notes a press release.

"Margaret Day, curator of the Point, is exhibiting work of Edmonton artist Nick Dobson, and will continue to present challenging art in this non-commercial venue. Stefanie Denz will be showing her most recent work of numerous little pictures arranged in

evocative narratives."

"Impeccable collagist Bly and painter Garry Kaye will be exhibiting their largely landscape pieces in their classic south-end home. Painter Ian Thomas is opening his doors for the first time to his extraordinary trove of work devoted to the personal."

Studios will also be open by appointment, or look for the studio tour sign until the end of October.

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- Meet at Moby's for lunch 1pm



MARVELLOUS MUSIC: Entertaining with much-appreciated violin music at the Saturday market last weekend were, from left: Sarah Lundy, Keziah Weir and Fiona and Heather Munro.
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**Preschoolers find Magic of Music
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A program designed to awaken and develop the musical potential of young children is now offering classes for three to five year olds and a parent or caregiver on Salt Spring.

Called the Magic of Music, classes will run from 1:30-2:15 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays beginning on May 9 and ending on June 13 at a location near Ganges.

Developed by musician and educator Oona McOuat, the Magic of Music is a playful exploration of singing, focussed listening, musical instruments and movement designed to provide children with a musical foundation. It uses an imaginative, fun approach to teaching in-tune singing, beat and rhythmic comprehension, musical concept comprehension (tempo, dynamics and pitch), solfege, chord quality identification and the basics of music notation.

The program allows parents to bond musically with their child as it enriches their family life with active music making.

Cost for the six-week session is \$85 per child. If families are interested in the program but unable to attend on Tuesday afternoons, additional classes may be added to the schedule upon request.

McOuat also teaches private voice and Celtic harp lessons and music theory classes for all ages from her home studio near Ganges, and is offering a special introductory rate for new students until June 26.

Call 538-6228 for more information and to enroll.

Alan Miceli takes SS Centre stage

Salt Spring acoustic guitarist Alan Miceli performs at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga on Saturday, April 29.

Miceli has released three CDs to date: *The Spaces Between*, *Errington Way*, and *Testaments of Honour*, with each collection featuring original works for solo guitar.

Alan's music has aired on CBC's *North by Northwest*, *Disc Drive* and *Fresh Air*, and *Echoes*, in the USA.

Miceli is known for the role his 30-year interest in spirituality and meditation practice has played in his compositions.

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27 Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise (2006, Drama) The police chief of a small town is determined to solve the murder of a local teenager. Tom Selleck, Viola Davis (2h)
10:00 PM
13 March of the Penguins (2005, Documentary) In early winter, Emperor penguins leave the ocean to travel to their breeding ground. Morgan Freeman (1h30)
15 The Green Berets (1968, War) A cynical reporter changes his views while covering a story in Vietnam. John Wayne, David Janssen (3h)
10:30 PM
19 Kingpin (1996, Comedy) A once-promising bowling champion finds another potential ace bowler, who happens to be Amish. Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid (1h30)
11:00 PM
14 Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (2001, Comedy) Jay and Silent Bob set out to sabotage a movie that is based on their comic book alter egos. Jason Mewes, Kevin Smith (2h)
11:30 PM
10 Les enchainés (1946, Drame d'espionnage) Une jeune Américaine accepte une dangereuse mission de contre-espionnage. Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman (1h50)

MONDAY, MAY 1 6:00 PM
20 Abused (Documentary) After being sentenced to life in prison, new laws allowed Susan Greenberg a new trial. (1h)
6:30 PM
3 Confessions of a Sociopathic Social Climber (2005, Comedy) A completely ruthless social climber discovers that love may be her ticket to a hot party. Jennifer Love Hewitt, Colin Ferguson (1h30)
8:00 PM
24 Volcano (1997, Action) Strange underground rumblings in L.A. attract the attention of a disaster-agency manager. Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche (2h)
9:00 PM
3 Elizabeth I (2005, Biography) Explores Queen Elizabeth's tempestuous relationship with the Earl of Leicester. Helen Mirren, Jeremy Irons (1h45)
18 Punch (2002, Drama) An angry, rebellious teenager enters the unusual world of topless boxing. Michael Riley, Vincent Gale (2h)
10:00 PM
20 Abused (Documentary) After being sentenced to life in prison, new laws allowed Susan Greenberg a new trial. (1h)
10:45 PM
3 D.E.B.S. (2003, Action) Four young women are recruited by a secret agency to become members of an elite team. Shanti Lowry, Jill Ritchie (1h35)


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24 The Gauntlet (1977, Crime Story) A burnt-out cop faces danger when he escorts a murder witness to Phoenix. Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke (2h)
9:00 PM
4 Punch-Drunk Love (2002, Comedy/Drama) A beleaguered small-business owner embarks on a romantic journey with a mysterious woman. Adam Sandler, Emily Watson (2h)
29 Exodus (1960, History) Holocaust survivors attempt to defy the British blockade and sail to Palestine. Paul Newman, Eva Marie Saint (2h)
10:00 PM
3 Melinda and Melinda (2004, Comedy/Drama) The story of Melinda, a suicidal woman, is told as a comedy and as a tragedy. Radha Mitchell, Amanda Peet (1h45)
11:45 PM
3 Alexander (2004, Adventure) Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India. Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie (3h15)

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What's On This Week

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<p>live entertainment Simply Organic. With Barry Valentine at All Saints, 10:10 am</p> <p>other activities Genealogy Group. LDS Church, 7 pm. Info: 538-1708. Zen Meditation. 210 Cedar Lane, 7 pm Grief Recovery Program. New series starts. Info: 537-2570 Woodworking Intro for Women. Classes run Wednesdays, 10:30-2. Info: Amy, 653-9394. Dementia Education. With Irene Barnes from VIHA. Community Gospel Chapel, 7-9 pm West African Djembe Drumming. Beaver Pt. Hall classes, 5-6:30 pm The Seven Deadly Sins of Gardening! Des Kennedy speaks at Garden Club meeting. Meaden Hall, 7 pm SSI Golf & Country Club. AGM at the clubhouse, 5:30 pm Special Olympics. Salt Spring chapter AGM at Choices, 7 pm SS Seniors Services Society. AGM is at SS Seniors, 2 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment Open Mike. Singalong on Thursdays at Fulford Pub. Matt & Tom's One Night Stand. Live with Matt Johnson and Tom Hooper. Shipstones, 9 pm Jaime RT & Andy Hillhouse. Concert at All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:30 pm</p> <p>other activities Transcendental Meditation. Group meditation, 7:30 pm. Info: 537-9448 Baby Talk. For parents of babies 0-12 months. Family Place, 10-11:30 am SS Therapeutic Riding. Volunteer training at 1860 Fulford Ganges Rd., 5 pm. Info: 653-4441 Women in Business Gala Event. Harbour House Hotel. Film Festival Cafe. U.S. war resister and film at Barb's Buns. Doors at 6 pm, film at 8. Trail & Nature Club Social. Marble Meadows & Quadra Island slides. United Church, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment Freestyle Fridays. With DJ Gordon Field, Shipstones, 8 pm Planet Music. Moby's, 9 pm Ballet Jorgen's Cinderella. Performs at ArtSpring, 8 pm (Pre-concert chat at 7)</p> <p>other activities Woodworking Intro for Women. Classes run Fridays, 9-12:30. Info: Amy, 653-9394. IODE Fashion Show & Luncheon. Harbour House Hotel, noon. Tickets through Janette Grey, 653-4549. Feldenkrais. Awareness Through Movement classes. Cats Pajamas Studio. Fridays, 10 am. Info: Anna, 537-5681 Future Links Orientation Meeting. SSI Golf Club, 6 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment Chamigos. Music from South America and Cuba, Barb's Buns, 9 pm Studio One's Earth Day Extravaganza! Hair, fashion, music & martinis, Shipstones, 7 pm Moby's House Band. Bachman, Hooper & Johnson at Moby's Stand-up Comedy. At The Local. Sid Filkow hosts. 8 pm Pawsapalooza. SPCA benefit concert with Tom Hooper, the Hamsters, and more. Mahon Hall, 7 pm (doors at 6:30)</p> <p>other activities Ladies Brunch. Community Gospel Chapel. Guest speaker Pastor Susan McLean, 10 am Brooming Day. Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve from 9 am on Salt Spring Garden Club Plant Sale. Farmers Institute, 1 pm May Day Festival. info: Dan: 653-4507 Relay for Life. Team captains & co-captains info night. Portlock Park portable, 7 pm</p>	<p>activities Unitarian Fellowship. Workshop on homophobia. Fulford Hall OAP, 10:30 am Writers' Day at the Library. Informal meet & greet with island writers at the SS Library, 2-4 pm, and an Arthur Black reading at 2:30.</p> <p>mon. may 1 activities Salt Spring Island Knitters Group. Stitches Quilt Shop. Info: Dawne, 537-0738 West African Djembe Drumming. Beaver Pt. Hall classes, 5-6:30 pm. Some experience needed. SS Toastmasters. ArtSpring, 7 pm Bones for Life. Bone strengthening program classes. Cats Pajamas Studio. Mondays, 4 pm. Info: Anna, 537-5681</p>	<p>activities Maypole Dancing. At SS Centre School, 11 am to noon. Texas Hold'em. Second tournament starts at Fulford Inn. Eckhart Tolle. Practising Presence Group meets Mondays, 7:30-9 pm. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p> <p>tues. may 2 activities Circle Dance Group. Folk dancing at the Core Inn (3rd floor), 7-9 pm. Info: Nikki, 537-9380. Pharmasave Walking Club. Meet at downtown Pharmasave Tuesdays, rain or shine, 9:15 am Vocal Improv. Tuesday classes with Ella Topaz, 6-7:30 pm. Info: 653-4258.</p>	<p>live entertainment Indigo. Vocal group performs for Music & Munch. All Saints, 12:10 pm</p> <p>other activities Zen Meditation. Wednesdays at 210 Cedar Lane, 7 pm Woodworking Intro for Women. Classes run Wednesdays, 10:30-2. Info: Amy, 653-9394. West African Djembe Drumming. Beaver Pt. Hall classes, 5-6:30 pm</p>



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- **Ice Age 2: The Meltdown** — Diego, Manny and Sid return in this sequel to the hit Ice Age. This time around the Ice Age is over and is starting to melt, which will destroy their valley, so they must unite and warn everyone about the situation.
- **Friends With Money** — This witty ensemble piece opened as the premiere film for the opening gala of Sundance 2006. A drama about three women, their husbands and their lone single friend.


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The SSTC community broadcast begins at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and repeats continuously for 24 hours.
History of the Burgoyne/Fulford Churches — A Salt Spring Historical Society presentation honouring the spiritual traditions of three churches in the Burgoyne/Fulford Valley. Part I of the program features talks by Chris Arnett, Emily Hepburn, Terry Manuck, Bev Cartwright and Sharon Hawk, who recall the origins and histories of St. Paul's Catholic, St. Mary's Anglican and the Burgoyne United churches. Produced by Peter Prince.

exhibitions

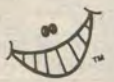
- **Landscape Amnesia**— photos by John Denniston, held over at Galleon's Lap until April 30.
- **South-End Studio Tour** runs Sun., April 30, 2-5 p.m. Visit Bill Rhodes' Morningside Studio at 110 Orchard Ave., the Point Gallery on South Ridge, Stefanie Denz at 471 Beaver Point Road, Bly and Gary Kaye at 300 Reynolds Road and Ian Thomas at 117 King Road.
- **Al Fresco Fair** — garden furniture, architecture and arts. Demos and refreshments. Salt Spring Woodworks, Sat.-Sun., April 29-30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **J. Mitchell Gallery** presents work by Ronald T. Crawford and Michael Robb. Opening reception on Fri., April 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Woodworkers' Guild Shop Tour & Lunch.** Gessinger Woodworks, 501 Stewart Rd., Sat., April 29 10-noon; and **SS Woodworks** (see above).
- **The Passion of Diana Dean** art exhibit is open to the public daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until April 30 at **Salt Spring Woodworks**.
- **The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Road presents two shows by Edmonton artist **Nick Dobson**: "Losing Sight of Blindness," recent prints, and "Failure to Communicate," recent drawings until May 14. Reception for the artist is on Sun., April 30 from 2 to 5 p.m., as part of the **South-End Studio Tour**.
- **Don Hodgins** shows paintings at **Moby's** through April.
- **Billie Woods** shows photography from Brazil on the walls of **Jana's Bake Shop**.
- **Susan Haigh** shows work at the **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** café in Ganges.
- **Salt Spring Centre School** students exhibit their Owls chalk paintings at **ISCU**.

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Photographer captures the world

By CATHERINE ADAIR
Driftwood Contributor

"It's not about the first or the last steps, but the ones in between."

Billie Woods has adopted these words as her new motto. The Salt Spring Island native has already taken many steps in her world travels in pursuit of her passions of music, photography and capoeira.

Woods is currently living on Salt Spring working part time with her father at Gulf Island Aluminum. She is also recording her first album and photographing portraits and weddings. A group of photos from her travels in Brazil is on display in Jana's Bake Shop.

In 2001, Woods travelled to the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil on a Rotary Exchange. She home-stayed with Rotary families and travelled throughout the country with other exchange students.

It was "life-altering" for Woods, exposing her to musical styles that have since become her passion. She returned to Brazil in 2005 to take photos and travel last winter with a writer from Norway.

Woods is currently working on a record of original material. She performs regularly at Tree House South doing covers of Brazilian music. Her own songwriting "has got a Brazilian feel to it" with the unique style "engraved in my hands."

Woods says music is everywhere in Brazil.

"You just walk with your guitar and people will stop you."

Woods met one of her Brazilian music teachers this way, and many friends and fellow musicians. She thinks that music is so huge down there because it is one of the few things everyone can afford to do. Up in Canada, music is less a part of the culture because "we have so many distractions."

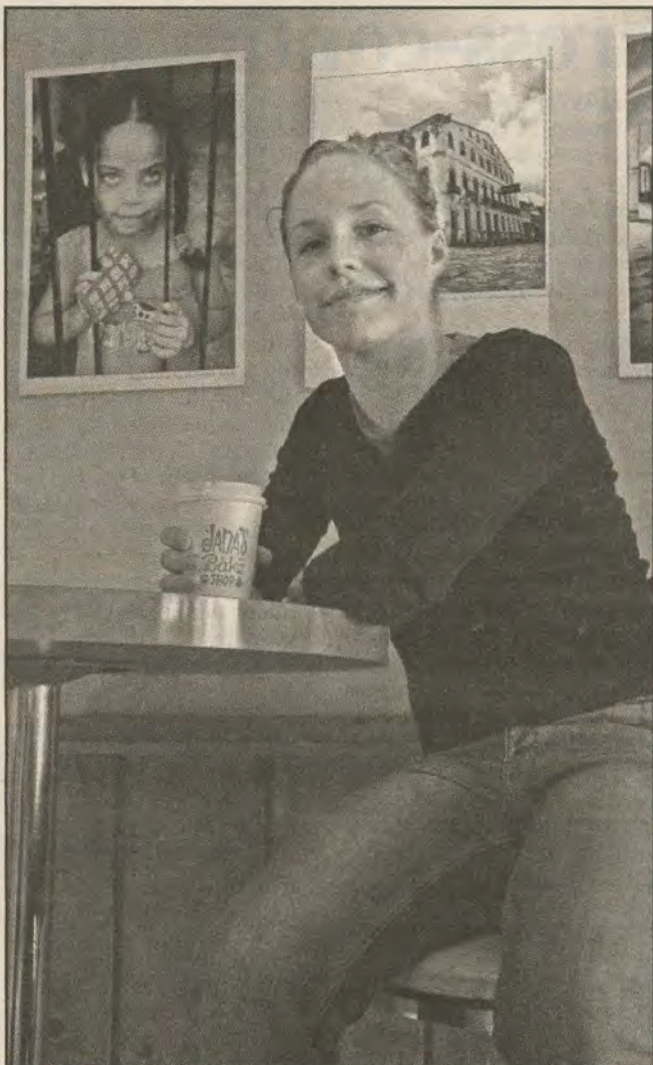
Last November Woods opened for Nanaimo-based musician Allison Crowe on a European tour, travelling through Britain, Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands and France. She also photographed the covers of Crowe's last two albums — *Tidings* and *Live at Woodhall*.

Woods first became interested in photography when she was in the sixth grade and her sister built a darkroom in their house. Throughout high school Woods "spent hours and hours" in there, developing her photos.

After she returned from the Rotary Exchange in Brazil, Woods attended the Western Academy of Photography in Victoria. It was an intensive 10-month program where Woods made "some of the best friends of my life."

Woods' creative outlets have been nurtured on Salt Spring.

"This is such an amazing place to be if you're an artist."



EYE TO THE WORLD: Local photographer Billie Woods is seen at Jana's Bake Shop, where her photos are currently on exhibit. At top are some samples of her work.

Photo by Catherine Adair

She loves the fact that she is surrounded by such a "wealth of knowledgeable and beautiful people."

While Woods is grateful for all the support she has received on Salt Spring, she continually remembers the poverty and destitution she was exposed to in Brazil. The memory of that poverty has stayed with Woods and she plans to do what she can to help.

According to Woods, the school system in Brazil provides free university, but high grades are necessary in order to be accepted. Private high schools provide a good education, but it is expensive. The free public schools are often run down with outdated materials, which makes it incredibly difficult for any poorer student to get the grades necessary to go to university.

Woods hopes to develop a fund, both through sales of her record and other fundraising means. Fund details are not defined yet, but will probably involve either sponsoring individual

students to attend a private school who otherwise could not afford it, or sponsoring a public school, ensuring it has updated materials and can properly teach the curriculum.

Woods' main goal is to get out the "positiveness" and half of the proceeds raised from her record will go to the fund.

Her new growing passion is capoeira, a Brazilian martial arts dance movement that is practised to music. Woods practises on a regular basis with the growing capoeira community on Salt Spring.

Woods' future plans include another European tour in September with Allison Crowe as opening act and photographer. She then plans to head back down to Brazil for the winter to continue studying music, capoeira and photography.

While she loves her travels, she knows her home base will always be on Salt Spring. "I'll always come back, but I'm always going to leave too."

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REUNION: Long-separated family members were re-united on Salt Spring last week when Abi Ratheram, left, of Shropshire, England won a radio contest trip to B.C. Next to her are her aunt Wendy Anderson, brother James and cousin Vicky Littlewood.
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

Radio contest win sparks cross-continental reunion

By DAWN HAGE
 Driftwood Contributor

With the help of a radio station and unbelievable good fortune, Wendy Anderson has been joyfully reunited with a niece and nephew that she has not seen in over 20 years.

Abi, age 25, and James Ratheram, 27, arrived last week from England with an all-expenses-paid trip to Canada after winning a contest specifically designed to bring long-lost people together.

"It has been unbelievable," enthused Anderson on the weekend. "It was instant bonding — I feel like they are my own children."

In 1984, Anderson's sister Julie passed away at the age of 31. Her children, Abi and James, were aged two and four at the time. Still reeling from the death of her husband five months earlier, Anderson left England to make a new life in Canada. The years passed and Wendy lost touch with family in England, including her sister's two children.

Other than a brief visit at a wedding, Anderson had not seen the kids for over 20 years. They got in e-mail touch about four years ago

and talked about someday visiting each other. Anderson fervently wished they could make it happen, but it seemed impossible.

Then last September Abi sent an e-mail advising that she had entered a contest with a prize of reuniting the winner with someone far away. The contest was sponsored by the Virgin Radio company in conjunction with Kentucky Fried Chicken. Abi sent in her story and her name was entered for a draw. Two days later she e-mailed back that she had won!

"Wendy is the only family we have on mom's side, so it was really important for us to meet her properly," said Abi.

"I was stunned," said Anderson. "It was absolutely unbelievable. Amazing!"

The Ratherams' prize included free airfare, a stay at the Pallasades Hotel in Vancouver, visits to the Sea Safari and Capilano Suspension Bridge, and a boat trip out of Horseshoe Bay. Finally they arrived on Salt Spring by floatplane and the family connection crackled before their feet had touched the dock.

"It was instant bonding," said Anderson. "Right

away, even before we spoke, a deep, deep bond. We had instant ease with each other, like there had never been a separation. It has taught me how deep bloodlines really go. How important it is to be with your own clan."

Anderson is having a difficult time remembering not to call Abi "Julie," as her looks and mannerisms are so similar to her sister's.

"It's just like a time warp."

"Being here has meant we found out all about our family history and what our mum was like growing up," said Abi.

The reunited families plan to stay connected in future and Anderson's own daughters have made contact with the Ratherams, discovering relationships that feel immediately comfortable and timeless.

"This experience has reassured me that the younger generation will remain connected," said Anderson. "I had worries based on my own fragmented family experience, but I know now that that won't happen."

"It has been the trip of a lifetime and the island is absolutely beautiful," said Abi.

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Recipients will be presented the award at their graduation ceremonies. Good luck!
 (Newspaper and BCYCNA staff are exempt from entering)



Sale, garden event aids Malawi

The Seeds for Malawi project is holding its third annual plant sale and open garden on Sunday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale will include a huge variety of well-potted, healthy perennials, native plants and vegetable seedlings in addition to locally hand-crafted items, beverages and home baking.

This event is the major fundraiser for Seeds for Malawi, a project of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club since 2003. The project enables AIDS-impacted families to achieve food self-sufficiency and enhance nutritional variety.

"We fund seeds, fertilizers, fruit trees and composting initiatives," notes a press release. "Last October we also sent funds for emergency food aid to the string of villages where we work in response to the famine in Malawi. This year we are funding secondary school fees for five girls, thanks to a special donation for education from Harry and Debbie Burton and the Apple Festival."

People can view a four-minute video introducing the group's volunteer partners and some of the project beneficiaries in Malawi by visiting www.vollent.ca/lwms.

The plant sale takes place at 813 Beaver Point Road. Most of the plants in the sale can be seen "in situ" in the garden, giving an idea of their habits and cultural needs, and master gardeners and garden guides will be available throughout the day.

Visitors should park on the road and a disabled drop-off is available at the house.



GENERATIONS OF GIVING: Ben Martens and his granddaughter Christina Anderson were among the volunteers honoured at the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society (CSS) luncheon at the Harbour House last week. Anderson is CSS's youngest volunteer.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

Islanders can dig May 7 farm day at Ruckle Park

Grumbling about mowing the lawn? Maybe it's time you tried turning a few dozen acres with a two-ton team of Belgians and a hand-held plow.

Islanders can experience Salt Spring's earthy heritage by digging into the fun at the Ruckle Park Family Fun Day on May 7.

"It's like a historical day, harkening back to the days of local farms," said organizer Jazzi Griffiths.

The farm-focussed event held at the working farm section of Ruckle Provincial Park features displays and demonstrations of pioneering chores like horse plowing, butter churning, cross-cut sawing and blacksmith work.

"It's supposed to be low-

key, educational and fun," said Griffiths.

There's no fee to attend the event and no sale of items, except food, she said.

"It's intended to be free, but donations are accepted."

Visitors can even sample a few of the tasks if they show the right kind of attitude and they're ready to use a little elbow grease, said Griffiths.

"We will allow people to participate in plowing if people are eager and willing to take instruction."

Salt Spring Community 4-H Club will bring sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry and covies (Guinea pigs) to amuse children, and anyone else who likes furry farm friends.

Additionally, Ruckle Park

area farmer Mike Lane will offer a demonstration of sheep herding or cattle herding — depending on live-stock availability.

Along with farm chores, visitors can also check out displays of old-time chair building, blacksmithing, weaving and spinning.

Salt Spring Lions Club will hold a barbecue lunch and the 4-H Club will host a fundraising bake sale of homemade goodies and beverages.

Islanders can still call Griffiths (537-1305) if they want to offer any other elements, demonstrations or activities for the farm-friendly event.

Ruckle Family Farm Day runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7.

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Distance learning options expand

Salt Spring Islanders are getting a second chance to make their mark in the classroom: the virtual classroom, that is.

With the advent of faster and more secure technology, would-be students of all ages now have more choices than ever when it comes to distance learning courses over the Internet, according to Stanley Shapiro, a member of the Salt Spring Island Society for Community Education (SSISCE).

"Just because we live on an island doesn't mean we have to feel isolated," said the former university professor who doesn't think a ferry ride should stand in the way of people's post-secondary aspirations.

"This is the world I know, the world I believe in," Shapiro said. "I like to see what's really possible in serving

the community's education needs."

Having provided islanders the opportunity to study non-credit courses taught by Salt Spring residents in recent years, SSISCE members hope people considering a distance learning course will attend an upcoming workshop to learn how they can log on to the world of online learning.

The three-hour session will give participants a chance to explore what's available and provide a hands-on component to demonstrate how easy learning can be.

"The truth is this is not very difficult to begin and what's available from Salt Spring is now very incredible," he said.

"The problem is that people are still somewhat reluctant to learn online."

Professors from more

traditional universities and colleges may have shunned online courses in the past, he said, but people's schedules and varied interests have led "open universities" to better address their prospective students' needs.

Along with the explosion of online courses provided by schools around the world has come a marked rise in the number of fraudulent operations.

Knowing where to look and what to look for can make a big difference in the student's experience.

Whereas print-based distance learning is often a lonely experience, Shapiro added, online courses offer students the advantage of working in an interactive environment with a wide range of students from across

the country.

The open-learning system is a credit bank where universities, colleges and trade school courses can be combined to earn degrees, certificates and diplomas at accredited and well-respected institutions like Thompson Rivers University's Open Learning Division and Athabasca University, he said.

Prices depend largely on the program of study, course level and materials needed, but students can expect to pay roughly \$500 for a three-credit course.

Community Education's online learning workshop will be held Sunday, May 7 at Mary Hawkins Memorial Library from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Stanley Shapiro at 653-4788.

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Volunteer Salt Spring website given national week kick-off

With National Volunteer Week running April 23-29, it's an ideal time to launch the Volunteer Salt Spring website.

The project matches prospective volunteers with local agencies needing a helping hand.

"The idea to reach people that maybe want a long-term volunteer commitment or those who want to do one specific thing, i.e. the Terry Fox Run, so hopefully it lets people realize there are numerous ways to volunteer in the community," said Catherine Bennett, who is on the Volunteer Salt Spring coordinating committee and has used the site as Meals on Wheels coordinator.

Even though the website has just gotten off the ground, her posting has already yielded a successful result, with a mother and daughter team choosing to volunteer for the meal-delivery program.

"I already have a father and son who wanted something on the Fridays to do with the four-day school week. They saw it as an opportunity to do something in their community on a volunteer basis as a way to introduce their child, who is a young adult, into the volunteering side of a community. We don't usually think young people are picking up the role model of volunteering in a community, but I think they are."

Carol Biely and Ruth Pepin are two Volunteer Salt Spring committee members who have been working hard to launch and publicize the site.

The site is hosted by Salt Spring Community Services Society with start-up funding assistance from the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

It sees clear descriptions of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages and interests that can be perused online and followed up if desired.

A variety of volunteer and group resources are also offered.

"It's for people new to Salt Spring or those who want to get more involved and find out what is available to them," said Biely.

Bennett notes that almost 75 per cent of her Meals on Wheels volunteers have been island newcomers.

"On this island I am constantly amazed at how many people volunteer in various areas, and often they volunteer in more than one area," observed Bennett.

Visit the site at www.volunteersaltspring.com.

For more information, call Carol Biely at 537-8368 or Ruth Pepin at 538-1938.



VOLUNTEER POSTER GIRLS: Ruth Pepin, top, and Carol Biely of Volunteer Salt Spring put up a poster at the library on Monday as part of the official launch of the website during National Volunteer Week, April 23-29.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Stand-up comedians meet at The Local on Saturday night

Organizers of the first night of Stand-up Comedy at The Local hope audience members will be falling over with laughter.

Hosted by Geezer and long-time Salt Spring Hysterical Society member Sid Filkow, it runs on Saturday, April 29 beginning at 8 p.m.

Several comedians are set to deliver short acts consisting of between five and seven minutes worth of original material.

There's no cover charge for the night at the Ganges pub.

Filkow hopes the April 29 show will prove popular enough to warrant further stand-up comedy evenings.

He decided to see if islanders were interested in giving stand-up comedy a try after he recently found success with the genre in Vancouver himself.

Filkow performed at venues such as Laugh Lines and hosted a comedy evening in the city.

A supportive atmosphere for newbies is expected at The Local, he said.

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Boyle was among the 55 avid poker players who assembled at the Fulford Pub each Monday night between 7 and 11 p.m.

Due to provincial gambling laws restricting the exchange of monetary rewards, each week competitors strived to get points for use in the Grand Finale Match. Whoever was left with the most points won the trip to Vegas.

According to Fulford Pub and Inn owner Alf Reda, the tournament's success has spawned a separate weekend event on Sunday afternoons and more people are coming regardless of the experience level.

The Salt Spring Island poker craze has also launched a north end edition at The Local pub held each Sunday in Ganges.

"It was more popular than we ever expected," said Reda, who attributed the game of chance's rise in popularity partly to last year's hockey strike, which left many empty handed and in search of a new pastime.

Players are so eager to begin playing again that Reda has already scheduled another Monday night tournament beginning this week.



ON THE ATTACK: Jill Foley fends off an attacker as the Gulf Islands Secondary School senior girls soccer team overwhelms a previously undefeated Woodlands team by a 5-1 score.

Photo by John Cameron

Metro team wants locals

An upper Vancouver Island U17 metro soccer team is hoping Salt Spring girls will be among those attending tryouts this weekend.

"Although we are an upper island team we can take three players from the lower island," notes an information letter to the Driftwood.

Over the last three seasons the team has included players from Salt Spring, Cobble Hill, Duncan, Port Alberni, Gabriola, Nanaimo, Nanoose, Parksville, Ladysmith and the Comox Valley.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the week:

April 22nd is Earth Day! Celebrated in Taurus, the earthy sign of spring when we sow our seeds in the warm Sun. With Venus, the ruler of Taurus in Pisces where she is exalted, we can feel something extra special in the air. Something wonderful is happening. People are breaking free of dogmatic beliefs. Religious authority is declining and a more genuine spirituality is taking its place. There is nothing that can be done and it is no one's fault. Humanity is approaching its next great evolutionary era where good sense and experiencing divinity in the heart must prevail. Dogmatic theologies have their place yet they all too often clash with other interpretations causing confusion, hatred and war. The emerging global village will require a more common truth – something more visceral and accessible and less intellectual. We are still a long way from this and, at worst, staunch materialism backed by the biases of science will make things even worse. Within the closer spectrum of this liberation are other challenges and problems. Mars forms a hard square to the Lunar North Node this week launching us all into action. On more personal levels, this week will be active, perhaps even volatile at times. There are deeper levels of decay to excavate, remove and replace yet, at levels from social to personal, and some reflections of this process will become apparent this week, as political/religious wars rage on. Intend to use this surge productively and try not to take things personally. Support your favourite leaders and play your part as bold new leadership steps up. Put that much more loving intention in all that you do and you will make a positive contribution. Start in your own backyard. Happy Earth day!

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

As Taurus time sets in you can feel the warmth and perhaps the heat too, inside out. You would like to get straight to the point on a variety of fronts, yet love and compassion is winning the battle, at least most of the time. Yielding to love and understand the reality of another is an important lesson. Acceptance may be the harder task. We must live with boundaries and cannot please all the people all the time. Learn to make choices and decisions, even harsh ones, and yet remain loving with yourself and others all the while. If and when you cannot, there will be reactions and reprisals.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

You have been searching for a deeper sense of yourself for almost a year and a half. On the horizon you see the glow or new realization and they seem even more beautiful than you imagined. As you take your focus away from everyday reality a higher awareness of your life awakens. You may not be sure where you fit in it all, yet vision such as this does not require details. Deep feelings of oneness can be overwhelming, even scary. Be aware that your mind is a labyrinth, do not live there just visit. Live in the sanctuary of your heart, the jewel and all your treasures and talents await you there.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

New realizations are gestating in your mind. Rare glimpses of the future and vivid realizations of present moments are awakening your heart. Is it any surprise that such rich feelings accompany the warmth of the Sun and flowers in bloom? As natural beings we are one with nature. As many unexpected changes and surprises continue to flow through your public and professional life, you must simply surrender. Maintain your overall health implies having faith in the process and not letting your emotions hold on to the past. Embrace your life as it is now, acceptance first, then action.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Usually when we climb a mountain it gets progressively cooler with the elevation, sometimes however it gets hotter. This may be one of those times. You feel some kind of heat and are in the mood to take initiatives and make some important key moves. This may simply imply making your world more beautiful. There is probably some clean-up to do in one area of your life or another, there always is. Honour your creative individuality, strategize and innovate.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

A fresh wave of energy and enthusiasm is now yours to enjoy. You will want to take some big leads and get a lot done. You may, however, have to contend with inner fears, especially regarding matters of security and money. Clarify your intention and summon courage to follow-through. The inner work is more than half the battle. Turn to the wisdom of your higher mind and it will guide you to clear at subconscious levels. Begin now somehow with realistic measures and long-term intention.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)
You are a great nature lover and this time of year means so much to you. To co-create, clean and refine nature's blessings feels like religion to you. Is it the flowers in the garden, or raking the leaves, or the art of organic, or tending to the environment as a whole, or all of the above that holds your attention and guides your will? The key to educate others is to change their perceptions and activate their appreciations. In any case, work with the love in the spring air.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Spring is a time of both eliminating the old and of gathering seeds for the new. This year you feel extra determined, yet perhaps not as confident as you would like. Stay in the moment with people and situations rather than let your mind wander. Be willing to learn new skills and/or meet new people, especially those with practical things to share. Be open to the support that is coming your way and do your part to be there. Invest!

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Beneath that wild and fierce individuality, you are a romantic at heart. This is especially so now. Yet love is a complicated affair and there are ever twigs and snags. It is challenging enough to truly know our own changing self let alone another. Yet, we can still express our personal power and assist others to do the same. What is perfect about life is that it and everything and everyone are ever changing – this world is not a static paradise. Move towards what makes you special!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

With the Sun in Taurus, the time has arrived to take an even more practical look at things. The situation closest to home is probably the first place to start. Is there room for improvement there in any way? If yes, carpe diem! Having gratitude for what you have may be the first task. Intend to dig deep and make a real dent in things this week anyway. Your willingness to learn new skills or make more of existing ones is ideal and perhaps necessary.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Spring is a creative time for most, perhaps especially you! You feel inspired to invest your time and energy especially where there is a new project to tackle. Many changes are brewing in you and you are steadily shedding old skins. Awakening to different projects and work opportunities is a source of inspiration. Be careful of speculations where large financial outlays by you are implied. Speak clearly and directly to all parties involved and look into insurance of some kind.

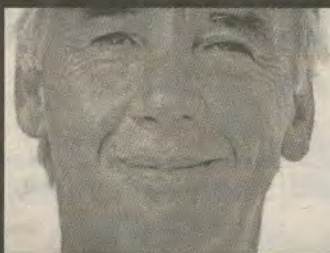
Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Taking it slow close to home continues as a likely scenario. You are happy to enjoy some R&R. There are projects that do require your full attention and effort, aside from that its kick-back time you want. This may well include quality time in the garden or time on hobbies and other creative projects. Even learning something new on the tube or in a book can prove relaxing. Breathe in those spacious moments and take time to enjoy it all!

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

A poetic sentiment is flowing through you. Yet, you also feel ambitious and eager to launch new initiatives. You can combine the two and allow serendipity to guide your intentions. This means moving with confidence, lightness of being and with your heart and eyes open to beauty. Make lists and phone calls and emails and write letters and cards using color and music in the background to inspire your spirit. It is spring so sing its praises.

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Following is the May schedule:

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MAY 9: Charles Kahn will lead on a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. South-enders may join at Drummond Park at 10.

MAY 16: Bill Harrington will take us on a moderate hike with flower watching off-island to Stony Hill. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 to carpool to Vesuvius for the 9 a.m. ferry.

MAY 23: On another off-island hike, Kees Visser will lead a strenuous hike, with many stops, up Mount Finlayson in Goldstream Park. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Vesuvius for the 9 a.m. ferry.

MAY 30: Linda Quiring will lead a new moderate hike to the elusive Jasper Mines. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. South-enders may join at Drummond Park at 10.

WALKERS

MAY 2: Art and Marg Simons will lead us in the Burgoyne Bay. Carpool at

ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Burgoyne parking lot at 10:15.

MAY 9: For all you would-be Ramblers, we join for an off-island trip with Kitty Lloyd around the Gorge in Victoria. Bring your lunch and carpool at ArtSpring at 8:50 a.m. or Fulford Pub at 9:10 a.m. to catch the 9:50 ferry.

MAY 16: Al Robertson has kindly consented to lead a walk on the Jack Foster trail (the tides are right), with some "scramberly" sections to the beach. Meet at Portlock Park or the Southey Point/North End Road triangle.

MAY 23: Nature walk to the pond on Mill Farm to look at swarming mayflies and other pond animals. North-enders should carpool from ArtSpring parking lot at 10 a.m. to meet south-enders at Drummond park at 10:20 a.m. We will carpool from there to Mill farm.

MAY 30: With Anke Smelee off to the rhododendrons in Victoria. Details on the ferry. Need to catch 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry; so arrange your carpool at Art-

Spring at 8:45 a.m. or at Fulford Pub at 9.

RAMBLERS

MAY 2: Frauke Prystawik will take a ramble around what she fondly refers to as Salt Spring Spit. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.

MAY 9: Kitty Lloyd will take the Walkers and Ramblers around part of the Gorge on Vancouver Island. We'll need to get the 9:50 ferry from Fulford.

MAY 16: Mickey Lyytikainen will lead the group around the Salt Spring Centre. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

MAY 23: Kathy Darling will take the group for a ramble in the Long Harbour area — meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.

MAY 30: Edna Gatt will lead an outing in the Channel Ridge area. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 537-2332 or Ron Hall (president) at 538-0046, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in.

Top spot bridge players named

By JILL EVANS
Driftwood Contributor

On Monday evening, April 10, a small and select group met for duplicate bridge and the unusual situation of playing five boards at each table with a relay at the end.

The combination of Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas repeated their victory of

BRIDGE TRICKS

the previous fortnight and familiar runners up were Glenda Kaiser and Boodie Arnott.

Easter Monday, April 17,

saw a much larger gathering and challenging hands. Coming up trumps were George and Flo Laundry, followed by Ima Krayenhoff and Patricia MacFarlane.

Third place in the winning group were Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick for a happy conclusion to the Easter holidays.

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Motocross racing season revs-up

Locals compete in seven race series

Islanders Chela Middleton-Kinney, age 10, and Deva Middleton (13) tuned up their bikes for the motocross racing season at the Lake Cowichan sand drag strip on Sunday.

The two island boys plan to compete in a seven-race series with the Cowichan Valley Motocross Association (CVMA) that kicks off Sunday, May 7.

Youth can compete in several classes: beginner 50cc, fast 50cc, 65cc, and a 80-100cc class (where 150cc and smaller four-stroke bikes can also compete).

More information and contact info can be found at the CVMA website (www.cvmassanddrags.com).



SAND DRAGGERS: Chela Middleton-Kinney and Deva Middleton rest after their motocross races at the Cowichan Valley Test and Tune held on Sunday. Photo contributed

GOLF TEES

Matthew Hollingsworth led the pack at Junior Golf Day on April 21, with best score in the 12 years and over boys' group, and as KP winner on #2.

Mathew Grossman had the best low gross score for boys aged 11 and under, and Hailey Brown earned the girls low gross title.

Charlie Holmes notched the mystery hole on #6.

The Future Links Golf Program orientation meeting is on Friday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Falconshead Grill.

Anyone wanting their child in the program is urged to attend. As the program format has changed from past years, people will need the new information for scheduling of lessons.

Kids can still be signed up by contacting the pro shop at 537-2121.

• Marlene Rista and Tricia Simpson tied for best low-gross score (113) in ladies 18-hole division play on April 18.

Simpson also won the low-net with an 86, followed by Maureen Rowell with an 88. Rowell was also the putt-pot winner with 30.

Rista was KP winner on #2/11.

• Men's medal play on April 20 saw Mike Morgan in first place with a net score of 68, followed by Phil Ritson and Lyle Brown tied with a net score of 73.

KP winners were: Gus Mitchell (#2), Ritson, (#6), Brown (#11) and Michael Wheaton (#15).

Reg Winstone was the 50/50 winner.

Tai Chi: restoring balance one step at a time

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

It wasn't until a local tai chi instructor fell off his roof that he noticed the martial art's potential to help people recover from serious physical injury.

Now Osman Phillips is holding weekly sessions to help seniors regain their mobility and confidence.

"All participants are improving in their spirit and health," he said just before this week's class at his Cedar Lane studio. "They are now feeling like there is something worthwhile."

While tai chi's benefit to flexibility and meditation date back to its 14th-century origins in China, Phillips marvels at the healing power it has offered students.

Phillips' personal interest in tai chi dates back to 1977 when a practitioner caught his eye in London's Regent Park. At the time, he said, tai chi's soothing movements had a lasting impact.

Phillips has studied or taught tai chi in one form or another ever since and has been doing it from Salt Spring since the early '80s.

"I immediately knew this is what I wanted to do" he said. "It offers a whole mind-body integration."

After a stroke left participant Diane Hunter with limited mobility on the right side of her body just over six years ago, she tried physiotherapy, stretching, yoga and anything else to help regain her strength.

All have worked to a certain extent, but none have been as fun or

as rewarding as these tai chi classes, she said.

Each week, participants spend an hour practising deep breathing techniques, meditation and motions geared to stimulate blood circulation and clear the mind.

"So far this seems to be the most effective," she said. "It has improved my walking, balance and I feel much stronger."

In addition to the obvious physical benefits, the class's lighthearted mood and the studio's beautiful setting offer participants the perfect environment to share their recovery stories with other students.

"This has been a great way to get out, meet new people and that helps too," said Hunter.

The lower impact class may be geared for an older crowd but, Phil-

lips said, people of any age are more than welcome.

"You can come as complete beginners," he said. "As long as you can still walk under your own steam, you are welcome to attend."

Because many people have serious mobility issues, Phillips said, students are welcome to bring a family member or friends for support.

Phillips also offers traditional classes throughout the week. For more information, call 537-5667 or e-mail osman@saltspring.com.

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Words cannot say what my heart feels. I am overwhelmed. A huge thank you to my daughters Lorraine and Loretta and their husbands Leslie and Mark...that was such a lot of work & planning. Thank you to all my family and friends who came from far away places. Your make me smile and brought tears of joy at seeing all of you.

Thank You!

A special thank you to the GYM and all the staff for such a beautiful bench. Sarah Smith, the cake was a masterpiece and Rob Holmes, the card was a riot - a real work of art! The flowers are beautiful, as are the many cards with good wishes. Thank you to the ladies of the Royal Canadian Legion for the great "Home Cooked" meal...and of course, The Driftwood and the High Way Boys, Gail Beattie, thank you for all the help you gave Loretta & Lorraine - you're a treasure. Happiness is having a great family and wonderful friends. Hugs to All.

~ Rita Dods ~

20 COMING EVENTS

ILSE FOSTER
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20 COMING EVENTS

HEART & STROKE Big Bike Ride is coming Wed., May 24. For info phone 537-2570.

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.donaldray.com.

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

DEMENTIA EDUCATION with Irene Barnes, from Elderly Outreach Service, V.I.H.A. Wednesday, April 26, 7pm - 9pm at Community Gospel Church. Open to the public.

MAY DAY celebration, Salt Spring Centre School, Mon., May 1st, 11am. Bring your family to join our annual Maypole dance! 355B Blackburn Rd. Ph. 537-9130.

CINCO DE Mayo Dance, Beaver Point Hall, the Cat Shop Shuffle Band. Friday, May 5 at dusk.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES with Ann McPhee, May 23. Companion Manners teaching you to train your dog. Fun Methods. Dogs 3 months & up. 537-9505.

ART CLEAROUT. Great drawings, paintings, sculpture of Amara Gabriel and Timothy Hume. Sat., May 6, Sun., May 7. 10am - 5pm. 537-0051.

SALT SPRING Sings "Masquerade" and other great songs from musicals and opera. May 12-14. ArtSpring, \$8 - \$15.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP Workshop: Gender Socialization and Homophobia with Lyn MacDonald and Sharon Fulton. Fulford Hall OAP, Sunday, April 30, 10:30. 537-8781. Everyone welcome.

ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK is here! Get out and enjoy a gallery walk, performance or exhibition in your school or community. www.bcartsweek.ca.

20 COMING EVENTS

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SPCA Benefit Concert
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Mahon Hall
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20 COMING EVENTS

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Central Hall
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Beacon Employment Services is hosting an info session on two entrepreneurial programs offered by Business Victoria.

Deborah Bivens, Director of Entrepreneurial Programs for the Greater Victoria Economic Development Commission will be at Beacon Employment Services on Salt Spring Island on **THURSDAY, MAY 4TH FROM 1 - 3 PM.**

Deborah will present information on **THE SELF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** for EI eligible people and the **VENTURE PROGRAM** for entrepreneurs who do not have EI attachment.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

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FOUND: BLACK/WHITE female? cat. Found Booth Canal, Rainbow Road area. 537-0094.

LOST: BLACK "Jeep" umbrella stroller in Centennial Park on Fri., April 21. Please call 537-2127.

32 MEETINGS


GREAT CHORUSES from musical theatre - Salt Spring Singers & Guests: "Masquerade". May 12 - 14 at ArtSpring - Tickets \$8 - \$15.

34 NOTICES

CALLING ALL COOKS!
The Driftwood's Second Annual Community Cookbook will be published in May. Send in your recipe favorites by April 28. 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

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BESSIE DANE FOUNDATION & HOSPICE
Annual General Meeting
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Wednesday, May 10
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32 MEETINGS



Salt Spring Island Conservancy members are hereby notified of the Annual General Meeting at Lion's Hall off Drake Road, Ganges, at 7 pm on May 13, 2006.

Members will elect new directors for 2-year terms. The Board proposes 1 resolution for membership approval: 1) award of Honourary Life Memberships to Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve donors Cordula Vogt and Oda Nowrath, and Manzanita Ridge Nature Reserve donor Martin Williams.

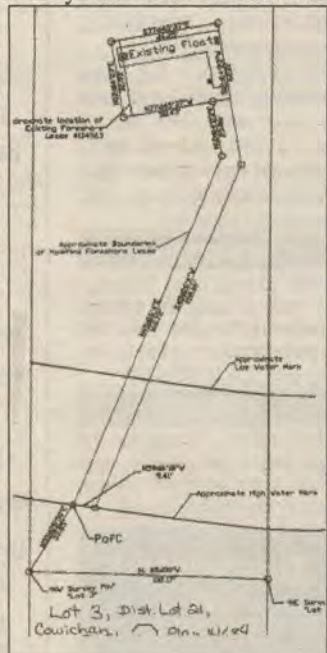
Guest speaker Dr. Brenda Beckwith, Ecosystem Scientist - Ethnobotany, for Parks Canada, will present: "Knowing Every Corner of the Land": The Importance of Local Knowledge in Ecological Restoration.

34 NOTICES

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

Take notice that Nancy and Ronald Bortz of Salt Spring Island, B.C. intend to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Coast Region office for a Licence of Occupation for the purpose of Residential-Private Moorage situated on Provincial Crown land in the vicinity of Long Harbour.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is 1400875. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Senior Land Officer at 142-2080 Labieux Rd., Nanaimo, B.C., V9T 6J9. Comments will be received by ILMB until June 1, 2006. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website at www.lwbc.bc.ca under Current Land Applications for more information. Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at Integrated Land Management Bureau's regional office.



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

Wednesday
7 - 8:30 am Mixed Levels
3:30 - 5 pm Gita/Sutra Study
7 - 9 pm Kirtan
(1st Wednesday of the month at Ganges Yoga Studio)

Thursday
4:30 - 6:30 pm Mixed Levels

Friday
7 - 8:30 am Mixed Levels

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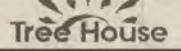
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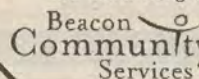
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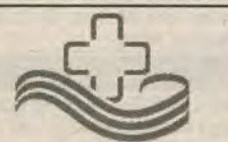
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7	5	9	1	2	8	3	6	4
3	2	6	7	4	9	1	8	5
9	6	5	4	3	2	8	1	7
2	7	8	5	1	6	4	9	3
4	1	3	8	9	7	6	5	2
5	9	2	6	8	4	7	3	1
1	8	4	9	7	3	5	2	6
6	3	7	2	5	1	9	4	8

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8:00 am	8:30 am
9:00 am	9:30 am
10:00 am	11:10 am
11:40 am	12:10 pm
12:40 pm	1:10 pm
1:40 pm	2:15 pm
3:00 pm	3:30 pm
4:00 pm	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	5:30 pm
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