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Cancer fundraiser draws hundreds to Portlock Park

By SEAN MCINTYRE, MITCHELL SHERRIN and GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Reverence, resilience and community generosity with-in a fun-filled spirit of enthusiastic recreation resonated at Portlock Park during the Relay for Life last weekend.

After countless laps around the track over a 12-hour span from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday, approximately 260 local fundraisers and volunteers cheered when they learned that their efforts collected more than \$76,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society through the local event.

The Gulf Islands Driftwood's Inkspots was only one team among 22, but impressions from those participants are likely similar to many others. Inkspots members Sean McIntyre, Mitchell Sherrin and Gail Sjuberg opted to write about their experiences in relay fashion.

Gail Sjuberg

While I had written Relay for Life promotional stories, read about past events in other Canadian communities and could even define "luminary," it's fair to say I still didn't know what to really expect from Salt Spring's first Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Like the constant rhythm from all ages of feet padding around the Portlock Park track all night, action was non-stop for the first five



QUEEN FOR 10 MINUTES: Cancer survivor Phyllis Coleman made the most of Dr. Ron Reznick's offer to pull her in a Pringle Farms sulky for the Survivors' Lap at Salt Spring's first Relay for Life, creating an original regal costume (with whip) for the occasion.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

hours I was there. Things kicked off with MC Shilo Zylbergold explaining the proceedings, Sarah Howe singing the national anthem and fitness instructor Shannon Johnston energetically leading a warm-up.

The Survivors Lap epitomized the emotion that surged throughout the night in group activities and individual interactions. The sight of all those community

members — mostly women — who have fought cancer in one form or another was so moving. Dr. Ron Reznick ran while toting a regal-looking Phyllis Coleman in a cart; and the event's oldest participant, 96-year-old Effie Odlum, chugged along with her friend Norah Lloyd.

How Alex Mitchell could manage to walk past all those people he knows without stopping to chat was a

feat in itself.

The Survivors inspired the rest of us to get out there and start chalking up the miles. The walking and talking, live music, demos of activities like yoga and tai chi, plus food and shenanigans combined for non-stop fun. Not surprisingly, everyone I walked with had been touched by cancer in some way and it was important for them to be there.

In order to get a bit of sleep before heading to my aunt's memorial service in Courtenay the next morning, I departed at midnight, reluctantly leaving my comrades to soak up the mounting dew and memories.

Mitchell Sherrin

An accordion serenade by John Akehurst, two boys attempting to run 50 kilo-

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Burgeoning court docket list stresses justice on Salt Spring

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter
First of two parts

A prominent local court case recently dismissed due to "limited institutional resources" on Salt Spring sheds light on a growing problem at Ganges Provincial Court.

Charges of drug trafficking were dropped last month after lawyers for James Hawkins and Kimberley

Mailey successfully argued that their clients' rights to a trial within a reasonable period were violated.

Lawyers from both sides of the case and Salt Spring RCMP found themselves frustrated by the outcome.

"On the face of it, an alleged drug dealer had court dates set to accommodate his lawyers' calendars, but that is complicated by the fact that there are only 12 court days

a year at Ganges," reflected federal Crown counsel Michael Coleman during an interview after court.

Defence counsel argued that court proceedings dragged on for 28 months (beyond the ideal "administrative guideline" period of eight to 12 months) even though much of the delay was caused by difficulties

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GANGES COURT ISSUES

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finding dates when Hawkins' lawyers from Vancouver could attend Ganges court.

"When you have one court date per month, which must accommodate both procedural matters and simple dispositions, it's difficult to find time within a reasonable period to accommodate trials of any length — and that is not within the purview of the court itself or the Crown or defence but is an administrative process within the provincial government," explained Coleman.

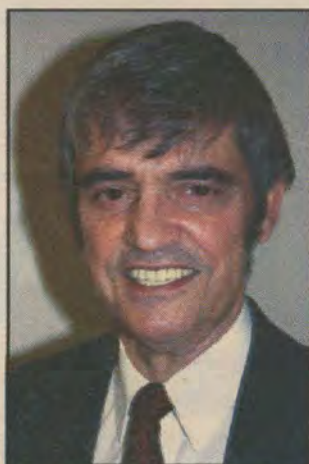
Court cases commonly take more than a year to come to trial on Salt Spring, and trials are adjourned almost every month due to lack of time. Judges, court staff and provincial Crown counsel must push through the dockets like short-order cooks.

"There is less and less time most months, at the end of the first reading of the list, to actually conduct any trials," said provincial Crown counsel Barb Penty.

The numbers tell part of the story.

In 2001, Ganges court saw 15-21 files each month. So far in 2006, that number has been more than double (32-47 files each month from January through May 2006).

The court registry also



Michael Coleman, left, and Barb Penty are federal and provincial Crown counsels respectively.



Photos by Mitchell Sherrin

schedules several trials on Salt Spring each month that can't possibly proceed because of limited time.

"The judicial case manager tends to multi-book the same court on the same day because they want to keep the judge busy, without being over busy," explains Penty.

"This latest fiasco with the [Hawkins/Mailey] matter was an unusual occurrence historically on the island, but it shows where the trend is going; that the court lists are definitely getting bigger and longer," she said.

Still, she isn't worried that delay arguments will cause a batch of trials to collapse.

"I suspect [delay arguments] could be used more often in the future if we aren't controlling the lists appropriately, but it's not a new argument and I don't think it opens any flood-gates," she said.

Ganges court matters are usually concluded within standard time guidelines, she notes.

Salt Spring RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Danny Willis finds the Hawkins/Mailey outcome "very frustrating" after local officers devoted time to make a case.

"It's unfortunate that the system continues to put more emphasis on the accused

than on society," said Willis. "There has to be a balance. But it seems to sway toward the accused very readily."

However, he added, judges must look at the causes of delay and rule accordingly.

One might assume the defendants would be happy to have the charges dismissed, but justice isn't necessarily served for them, either, noted Mailey's lawyer Tybring Hemphill.

"Part of the problem with delay is that you're not going to get a proper hearing. A conviction will be tainted or an acquittal will be tainted. Everything will be tainted if it gets too old. The court is left with the only viable option, which is just to say, 'Stop this whole thing,'" he said.

"Nobody is going to get what they want, but there is no fair way of proceeding."

Few Salt Spring lawyers deal with criminal matters, so it's not uncommon for islanders to look farther a field, as Hawkins did by hiring lawyers from Vancouver, Hemphill said.

And busy off-island lawyers can't be expected to reserve the second Tuesday of each month for Ganges court, as Hemphill does.

"At the end of the day, the root cause of the problem was not [Hawkins lawyers'] busy calendar but the lack of resources."

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Green hopeful at Fulford flea market

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"This is a great opportunity for members and the public to meet with David and find out how he believes he can keep the Green Party growing into seat winning contention for the next election," said

Andrew Lewis, the party's deputy leader and a Salt Spring resident.

Chernushenko has been a candidate twice for the Greens in Ottawa Centre.

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LONG LOCK: Fiona Foster shaves Melissa Roberts' hair as part of cancer fundraising during Relay for Life activities at Portlock Park last Friday night.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

RELAY FOR LIFE

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metres, a pocketful of paper-clips, racing around the track with a friend in a wheelchair — these are a few of my recollections of the relay. But two memories will linger longest for me. One would be the inspirational sight of the 600-plus candle luminaries and the second would be the heartfelt speech by Bob Howe.

I felt honoured and privileged to join the team of local firefighters who lit the candles in the luminaries and I was struck by the honest beauty of each decorated bag. On every lap around the track, my eyes wandered over the handwritten names of islanders affected by cancer.

And the overall impact of the luminary collection was even more powerful — so much love expressed for the many people affected by the disease.

During Howe's speech, he referred to community solidarity after the loss of his wife Nairn (aged 48) to pancreatic cancer on Christmas 2005 and he linked the symbolic luminaries with the spirit of those touched by the disease.

"These lights represent the life of those that we love. They burn for others to see. Yet your love and your memory burns brightest in our hearts. You will always be a part of us."

And he quoted Nairn, who once said, "Never, never underestimate the power of giving, for it shines like a beacon throughout humanity"

Howe's words helped me connect the event to the death of my mother from cervical cancer when she was only 52.

After walking throughout the night looking at those luminaries and ruminating over Howe's words, I found myself linked to hundreds of my neighbours who've suffered similar losses.

Sean McIntyre

I admit I'm a skeptic when it comes to fundraising. In most cases I spend so much time researching a cause, the need is long past by the time I've got the money in hand. Last weekend's Relay for Life was no exception but there's just something about hundreds of people rallying for a cause that can't help but stir the spirit. Sounds cheesy, but it's true.

A couple of loops around the track was all it took and before long my personal debate over prevention and cure took a back seat to the reality of cancer, something the average 20-something man doesn't often worry about.

Each lap marked another chance to read over the hundreds of messages written on lanterns lining the side of

the track, each representing another struggle against cancer. Sore feet and a sleepless night seemed a small price to pay.

In as much as the evening offered participants the opportunity to remember those lost to the disease, it also helped the people of Salt Spring to come together in an act of solidarity against a disease that never sleeps.

Participant Rene Sutherland summed it up well after completing 80 laps around the track — roughly 32 kilometres.

"I just couldn't believe how many people on Salt Spring had been affected," she said.

"I was just overwhelmed with emotion."

Modesty was the order of the day for her friend Henry Schwagly, who managed a relay-leading 122 laps. Schwagly, who required a mid-race foot Shiatsu massage and some emergency duct tape repairs to a blown shoe, said walking all night paled in comparison to efforts from dozens of musicians, masseuses, cooks, organizers and other volunteers who made the event such a success.

"They're the ones who deserve all the credit," he said.

"They're the ones who kept everybody going."

Crash draws police

Just after 2 a.m. on Sunday, June 11, emergency crews attended a crash in the ditch after the 23-year-old male driver lost control of his vehicle in the 100 block of Upper Ganges Road. The driver received a 24-hour prohibition from driving after police administered a blood alcohol test.

The driver sustained no serious injuries, but the car suffered \$3,000 in damage.

In other news:

• Police continue to keep a watchful eye on individuals consuming alcoholic beverages in Centennial Park. Over the weekend, police issued several \$115 tickets and lodged four people overnight in cells at the RCMP station.

• The RCMP is pleased to announce changes to its phone service expected to take effect by the end of this week. Instead of getting a machine when calling the detachment after hours, callers will be connected directly with the central dispatch centre in Victoria.

• The change follows several complaints by users expressing frustration with the answering system.

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Housing crunch bites into families

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

For one Salt Spring Island parent, the solution to the island's employee shortage is easy: find them a place to live.

Fara Braid has been on the lookout for a rental property since last year when the owner of her current home told her they would be selling the property. After a lengthy search, she's given herself until the end of August to find a place or else she and her 11-year-old daughter will be moving to Courtenay.

In her quest for a new home, Braid said, she's come across people crammed into rooms with two or three beds, sleeping on couches and camping in the woods. She's even got someone staying on her own couch.

According to Braid, she is among a growing number of middle-class residents who are caught between rising land prices and a shortage of rental properties on the island.

"What's happening on Salt Spring is happening all over the world," she said. "Where are people supposed to live?"

Higher prices in other communities usually translates into longer commuting times, but Salt Spring's rising rents leave people with no other choice but to move off the island.

For Braid, living on Salt Spring is becoming increasingly defined by how much money you have, not nec-

"We'd have to be asleep at the switch if we didn't think housing was an important priority on the island." George Ehring, Salt Spring Island trustee

essarily what you bring to the community, and she sees little hope in sight.

According to a report released by the Salt Spring Island Community Housing Task Force late in 2005, the data supports Braid's experience. Between 2000 and 2004, the number of single-family homes between \$100,000 and \$300,000 has declined by nearly 50 per cent, while the number of properties between \$300,000 and \$500,000 rose by 60 per cent during the same period.

Strick Aust, a property manager who has the increasingly difficult task of locating rental properties for people living on or moving to the island, higher-priced homes mean buyers are less likely to invest in property to earn rental income.

"Rental property is just not a worthwhile investment," he said. "Renting a \$350,000 home for \$1,250 a month is simply not worth the trouble."

According to Aust, each summer the same combination of factors compounds an already stressed rental market as property owners returning to the island leave renters with few options.

"The problem is that there

are just more people looking for places to rent than there are rental properties," he said. "At any one time I have between 10 and 15 people on a waiting list."

Aust said people hoping short-term vacation rental properties can fill the void are misguided since most rental properties are not the right size or in the right price range for individuals or young families looking for properties in the \$700 to \$1,000 price range.

While housing projects on Norton, Rainbow and Dean roads will undoubtedly have an impact on the problem, a lot of planning is needed before a solution is found.

"You can't just arbitrarily decide what's going to help," he said. "There is not one single solution, but maybe everything combined can provide some relief."

In the meantime, younger families will continue to bypass and move off the island, leaving a potentially catastrophic mark on community services, schools, volunteer organizations, sports leagues and the local economy.

For government representatives at the Islands Trust and Capital Regional Dis-

trict, there is only so much that can be done since private land is ultimately subject to the whim of market forces despite the best efforts of non-profit organizations such as the recently established Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society.

George Ehring, one of Salt Spring's two islands trustees, said housing is clearly one of the most pressing issues facing the island and an upcoming housing needs assessment survey will hopefully set the process of finding a solution in motion.


"We'd have to be asleep at the switch if we didn't think housing was an important priority on the island," he said. "There will definitely be a task force that deals with housing in the upcoming review of the official community plan (OCP)."

Though a final decision has yet to be made, Ehring said, the Trust is considering relaxing regulations governing long-term cottage and suite rentals to free up more housing options, in keeping with recommendations from the Community Housing Task Force report released earlier this year.

Before proceeding, he said, any benefits of decreased regulations must be weighed against the impacts increased densities may have on sanitation and water supplies in sensitive areas.

Ehring said he is confident discussions can proceed during the OCP review this fall. With luck, Fara Braid and her daughter will be around to hear the decision.

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Farmers celebrate agrarian renewal

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Organizers of a well-attended Fulford Valley "picnic" on the former Hughes property last week are hailing the event as a fresh start for agriculture on Salt Spring Island.

"This is about recognizing the need to bring people back into agriculture and not just sustain those who are already there," said Island Natural Growers (ING) president John Wilcox.

The multi-faceted event marked both the ING 15th anniversary and Three Point Properties Ltd.'s proposal to donate the historic 34-hectare (85-acre) site to an island-based non-profit organization.

Red tide warning issued to shellfish harvesters

Representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) are warning individuals to double check with their office before harvesting shellfish in the southern Gulf Islands.

The June 7 picnic featured property tours by Salt Spring writer and organic farmer Dan Jason and an outline of just what can be done if the land is acquired, including the construction of greenhouses, community farms, composting facilities and agricultural workshops.

The Vancouver Island company is considering donating the property in exchange for additional densities on a property it wishes to develop along Isabella Point Road. In spite of opposition from some who claim construction of homes along Fulford Harbour will mar the shoreline, Wilcox said this is an issue that goes well beyond transferring densities from one property to another.

A widespread Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) alert was issued by DFO last week.

DFO officials declared a ban on all shellfish harvesting along the northern edge of the Atholl Peninsula

"This is a great way to revitalize local food production," said Wilcox, who figures the vast majority of Salt Spring residents are wholly dependent on the estimated 90 truckloads of food that come to the island each week, a situation he believes is clearly unsustainable over time.

According to ING statistics, only four per cent of the food consumed by Salt Spring residents is grown on the island.

During the 1950s, the figure was closer to 95 per cent, said Wilcox.

According to Wilcox, acquiring the farmland of the property could not come at a more opportune time as the federal government recently

announced a \$38,000 contribution towards the regional Area Farm Plan, a move that has created fertile ground for Salt Spring residents to retake control of their food supply.

"Rebooting this part of our island economy by creating a community farmland trust and associated credit systems will give us not only affordable land for food production, it can also allow farm operators and workers the affordable housing on farms that will be needed by them with the return of this island economy," he said.

For more information on the initiative, contact Wilcox at duckcreek@saltspring.com.

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RESORT TOUR: Amanda Langelaan shows off various aspects of Salt Spring Island Village Resort where tours took place throughout the day last Saturday and Sunday. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Medal winner among grads

A Salt Spring born-and-raised woman was honoured with the University Medal in Natural Resource Science from Thompson Rivers University (TRU) at its convocation ceremony on June 9.

Tiera Machell, a Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate in 2001, received the medal as the graduate with the highest standing in each degree program from the Kamloops university.

While attending TRU Machell has volunteered at the Kamloops Wildlife Park as a docent and animal health care volunteer.

After completing some science prerequisites at TRU this fall, Tiera will continue her studies at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon.

Other islanders receiving degrees Friday were Carolyn Flam and Kirsty Chalmers, who graduated from the University of Victoria's Bachelor of Social Work Program.

Flam, who graduated with distinction, is currently employed as the youth outreach drug and alcohol counsellor with Salt Spring Community Services.

Chalmers will spend the summer working with island youth at the Core Inn Youth Project before heading off to the United Kingdom in the fall to further pursue her social work career.

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"Once a year we are required by Transport Canada to test our emergency equipment on board. We did that on the Skeena Queen on June 6," said BCFSI spokesperson Betsy Terpsma.

The test found that the evacuation system needs to be repacked and inspected at Deas Pacific Marine Inc. in Richmond before it can be installed on the vessel again,

she said.

"While that is happening, the licence for the vessel is reduced because we have less life-saving equipment aboard."

The vessel will now be allowed to carry 292 passengers and eight crew, instead of the 600 total previously possible.

But BCFSI expects few difficulties from the temporary alteration to its licence because vehicle capacity aboard the 100-car Skeena Queen is not affected, she noted.

"Because we normally have less than two people in a car, it would be very seldom that we would exceed the licence of 292."

Using Friday as an example, the 5 p.m. sailing from

Swartz Bay left behind 16 cars and the 7 p.m. couldn't carry 23 vehicles due to overloads, but those sailings only carried 252 and 242 passengers respectively.

"The only time we might exceed that licence is if we had a huge amount of walk-ons or perhaps a couple of busloads."

Additionally, travellers between Crofton and Vesuvius Bay will find that the Howe Sound Queen has been replaced by the Bowen Queen from June 12-16 while the regular vessel receives a "tune up."

Both ferries carry 70 vehicles, but the change in deck configuration could affect commercial traffic of large trucks, she said.

Teachers vote to finish business

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Less than eight months after a teachers' strike in October 2005 closed down schools for more than two weeks, signs of discord with the provincial government persist as teachers voted overwhelmingly to walk off the job if a settlement is not reached.

Late last week, just over 30,000 B.C. teachers voted 85 per cent in favour of strike action set to begin in September if the province does not ensure teachers' wages keep up with inflation rates and the salary level of their out-of-province peers.

Speaking from her Mayne Island home, Gulf Islands School Board chair May McKenzie said there is little individual school boards can do about the teachers' decision except hope everybody

will sit down and reach an agreement.

The current offer proposed by the government is an eight per cent wage increase over three years, while teachers are looking for 24 per cent over three years.

Though McKenzie said teachers' demands are "not even in the ballpark," she and other board members are keeping their fingers crossed in hopes that an agreement can be reached before June 30.

According to Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) president Jean Claude Levesque, the renewed dispute is a result of unfinished business from last year's strike.

While Bill 33 proved a "partial victory" that addressed learning conditions such as class size and composition, Levesque said,

it failed to appease teachers' salary demands, although he is "very confident" the teachers would not be forced to walk off the job.

"The noses are to the grindstone to hammer out a deal," he said on Tuesday. "I believe we will be voting on a deal by the end of the school year."

In a separate announcement made earlier this week, Education Minister Shirley Bond said a four-year contract agreement covering more than 100 local Canadian Union of Public Employees staff had been negotiated.

The contract affects teacher aides and staff who perform administrative, maintenance and trades-related work. CUPE members and the Gulf Island School District will vote on the agreement later this week

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Policy changes for Tsawwassen to Southern Gulf Island ferry travel

Effective June 28, 2006, changes to reservation check-in and reservation cancellation policies come into effect for travel from Tsawwassen to the Southern Gulf Islands.

- Check-in time at Tsawwassen Terminal is a minimum of 40 minutes prior to the scheduled sailing time. This cut-off time is necessary to process all stand-by passengers and to allow adequate time to load the vessels for multiple ports.
- A cancellation fee of \$25 for each direction of travel will be applied to reservations that are cancelled seven days or less before date of travel. This change is being implemented to discourage multiple and block bookings that may not be claimed, and encourage cancellations in time to allow other passengers to reserve travel. There is no penalty for cancelling reservations more than seven days in advance. The new cancellation policy will apply to all reservations made for sailing dates on the Tsawwassen/Gulf Islands route from June 28 onward.

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Wall built to protect ancient grave

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

Remains of an ancient island resident were protected by volunteers and honoured with a ceremony at Beddis Beach on Thursday.

A low hand-built stone wall now covers a grave and archaeological site that had been exposed by winter storms earlier this year.

"What we did was build a beautiful little piece of wall to protect that one gravesite," said Phil Vernon, who serves as a liaison between First Nations and Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation (SSIJAR).

"It will last for a while, but it's not a permanent solution because the whole beach is being threatened by erosion."

He believes the entire midden and gravesite at Beddis Beach needs protection. And Vernon has heard that more human remains have been found at Beddis Beach than at any other site on the island.

"There's been other places on the island this winter

where human remains have been found," Vernon said. "The best thing is for them to be reburied at the same site. You can imagine with your grandmother's grave you wouldn't want a piece of her to end up somewhere else."

Cemetery workers and volunteer stonemasons led by islander Ron Crawford stopped work while elders from the Saanich First Nations and the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group (HTG) held a public dedication, Vernon said.

"What was moving about it was to hear just how important it is for the First Nations to feel the support of the Salt Spring Island community around the protection of their ancestors' remains," Vernon said.

A Salt Spring resident first found human remains on Beddis Beach back in February following erosion along the shell midden there. Upon reporting to the Salt Spring RCMP, the B.C. Coroner's office conducted an inves-

tigation and the file was turned over to the provincial archaeology branch.

First Nations learned about damage at the site shortly afterward, but it took almost five months to organize protection for Beddis Beach due to a permit requirement from the archaeological branch of the B.C. government.

Additional human remains were found at Beddis Beach after HTG archaeologist Eric McLay sifted sand near the gravesite, Vernon noted.

"I certainly appreciated all the work islanders contributed in this particular case," said McLay.

He contrasted the grassroots site protection at Beddis with a \$90,000 plan currently underway in View Royal.

"This can be a community-based approach based on taking care of resources at a local level. We don't need all this investment all the time."

Although the Beddis site was documented in 1974, little research has been conducted in the area, he said.

Beddis Beach contains an archaeological site that spans 500 metres with a thickness and depth of two metres.

"It does illustrate quite a large settlement, probably permanent, over thousands of years; and at this time we don't know much about the site."

But little is known about most archaeological sites on the Gulf Islands, he said.

"We have a lot to discover still."

He also called for additional site protection at Beddis Beach.

"Since it is a public park, in one section, there really is a need for further protection, perhaps at a community or regional level."

Along with volunteers and elders involved in the restoration project, the memorial service was attended by Peter Lamb from the Islands Trust, Dave Gibbon from the Parks and Recreation Commission, several SSIJAR members and a handful of people from the neighbourhood.

SOLID flags concern over rising orphan population with Lee's Hill art installation

Salt Springers will notice some new colour as they travel down Lee's Hill this week, as 8,000 flags, arranged in the shape of a red ribbon, are in the process of being planted across from Furness Road.

Part of the Community Action on AIDS - Time to Deliver project, the art installation is the first in a Canada-wide campaign that SOLID (Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development) is undertaking with partners VIDEA of Victoria, and ICAD (Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development) to mobilize communities to take on addressing

the AIDS pandemic.

The AIDS pandemic has taken the lives of millions of Africans and created a crisis of orphans unparalleled in human history. SOLID's projects aim to provide support to communities caring for children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic, by creating income generating projects that will pay for children's food, medicine, and schooling.

"We invest in projects that come from the communities themselves, instead of going over to Africa and telling people what will 'save' them," said SOLID founder Gary McNutt. "Because of that approach, we end up

exchanging skills and ideas, which ultimately helps us here on Salt Spring to live more sustainable lives, with a stronger sense of our own community."

SOLID and its partners have mobilized nine communities across the country to install their own 8,000 flag displays: Victoria, Kelowna, Whitehorse, Calgary, Regina, Quebec, Kenora, St. John's and Toronto. These communities are all planning installations to coincide with this summer's 2006 International AIDS Conference, which is being hosted by Toronto. People from all over the world will descend

on Toronto; the flags project will show the world that there is a wave of community based concern and action on the AIDS pandemic.

The simple red and white symbols that comprise the flag represent one individual's hopes, dreams and goals left unfulfilled, with an estimated 8,000 people dying from the disease each day.

"When you drive past the flags, take a moment to reflect on the dreadful toll of AIDS and what you can do to help the children who are left behind."

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Local hummingbirds banded

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

After a visit to Salt Spring by naturalists Cam Finlay and Ann Nightingale, hummingbird banding seems reminiscent of efforts to trap sub-atomic particles.

The two Victoria-based naturalists were on Salt Spring Saturday to capture the effervescent balls of sugar-fuelled fluff so they could measure and observe the glistening avian jewels before tagging them with eyelash-sized metal bands on Saturday.

"It's like trying to put a band on a paper clip," observed volunteer assistant Ray Watson.

Watson had helped the two banders during a previous visit to Salt Spring six weeks ago.

"It was one of the most fascinating things I've ever done," he said.

After watching the team at work, one might think that a ruby-throated Rufous hummingbird in the hand resembles an uncertain cloud of potentiality.

"You know something's there, but they are so light, it feels like they could float away," Watson said.

During Saturday's banding visit, he was assigned the task of capturing the birds in a weighted drop net suspended above a feeder with a fishing-line trigger.

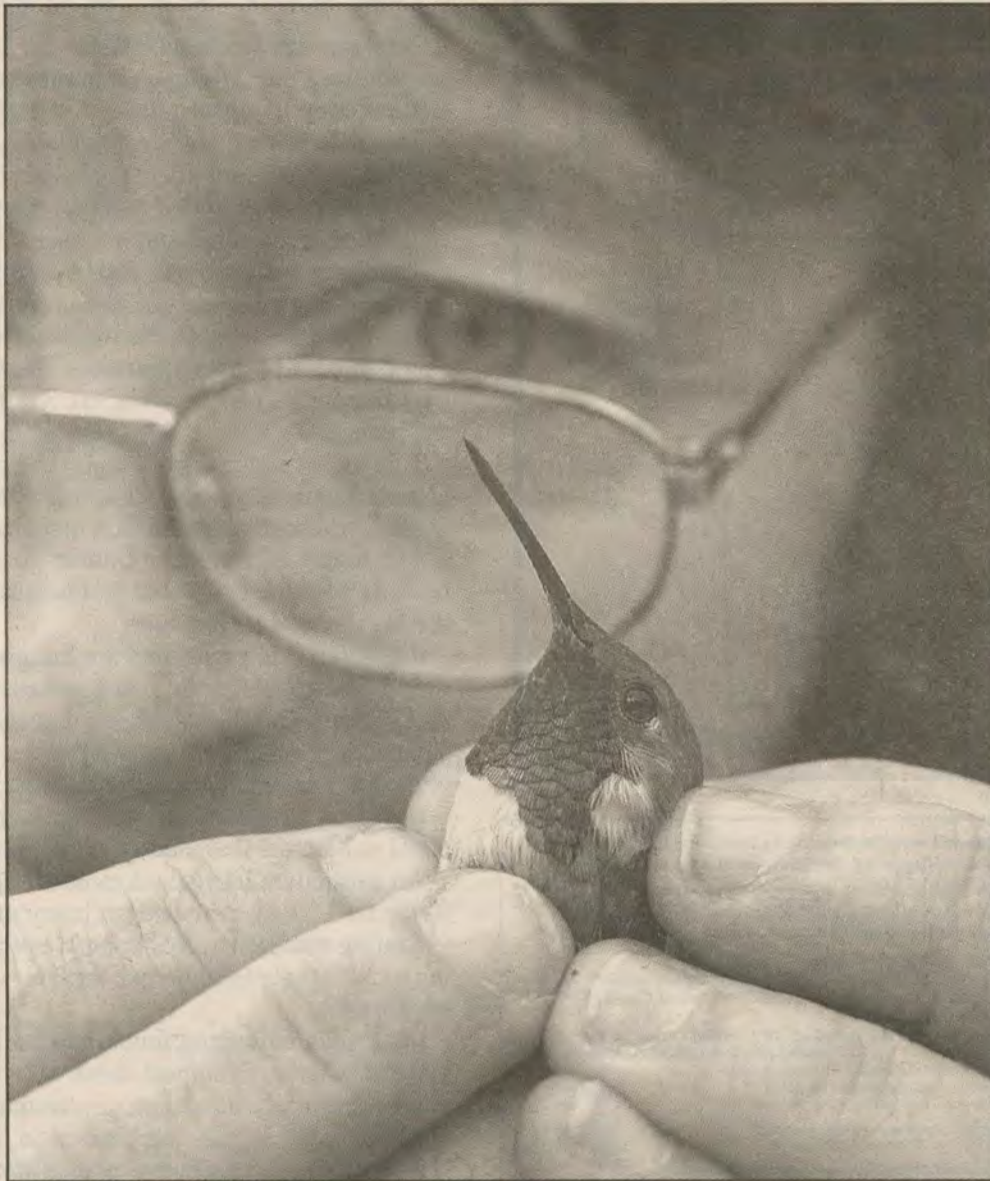
And Watson had 100 per cent success on both his attempts during the banders' visit.

To catch a hummingbird, the bander must wait until the bird has come to a complete rest (hummingbirds have been clocked at 40 kilometres an hour and their wings flutter at 800 beats per minute). Once caught, the birds are weighed, measured, observed for markings and inspected for parasites before small aluminum tags (with six-digit identification codes) are clipped onto each bird.

"We try to handle them as little as possible," noted Nightingale.

To give a sense of scale, the birds measured at Watson's house had bills 16.4 and 16.95 millimetres long (about the length of a small safety pin), both had wing lengths of 40.5 mm (half a business card) and they each weighed in at three grams (about the weight of a penny).

The hummingbird specialists visited six island sites like Watson's on Saturday — including Fulford Harbour, Southey Point and Burgoyne



CLOSER LOOK: Ann Nightingale inspects a Rufous hummingbird prior to tagging it.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Bay locations.

Data collected from the Salt Spring sites and others is used to help determine populations and migratory patterns of the tiny birds.

Finlay works with the B.C. branch of the North American Hummingbird Monitoring Network.

Hummingbird numbers have declined dramatically over the last 10 years, he said.

The population at one Gabriola Island site dwindled from previous numbers of 600 attending feeders each day to zero sightings last week.

Finlay believes that human-caused habitat changes have likely had the greatest impact over the long term.

The bird populations are already fragile since they only lay 1-2 eggs per year and first-year birds have a 70 per cent mortality rate.

And Finlay noted that adverse weather can also kill off the fragile little birds.

His banding studies have helped determine that female

hummingbirds return to the same breeding areas year after year.

The noted geologist, naturalist and author used to band birds in Alberta and B.C. before he moved to Saanich in the 1990s.

"I was retired and I wanted to watch birds instead of flowers."

He noticed that he was going through eight cups of sugar a day by feeding hummingbirds and became curious about where they were wintering. He attended a banding demonstration and was hooked.

"Now we've banded over 8,000 hummingbirds over the last 10 years."

If other islanders wish to join Finlay's study next year, they can contact him (250-479-9833). He would be interested in visiting any sites with hummingbird feeders where more than three cups of sugar are consumed per day.

Anyone who finds a banded hummingbird can also contact Finlay or call (1-800-327-BAND).

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Training takes place on Saturday June 17 at 10:00 at the Fulford Community Hall OAP Room. We'll be hanging traps beginning on June 19. All traps must be up by July 15.

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If you'd like to volunteer to hang gypsy moth traps, please send your name, phone number, and email address to Leslie Wallace, at law@saltspring.com.

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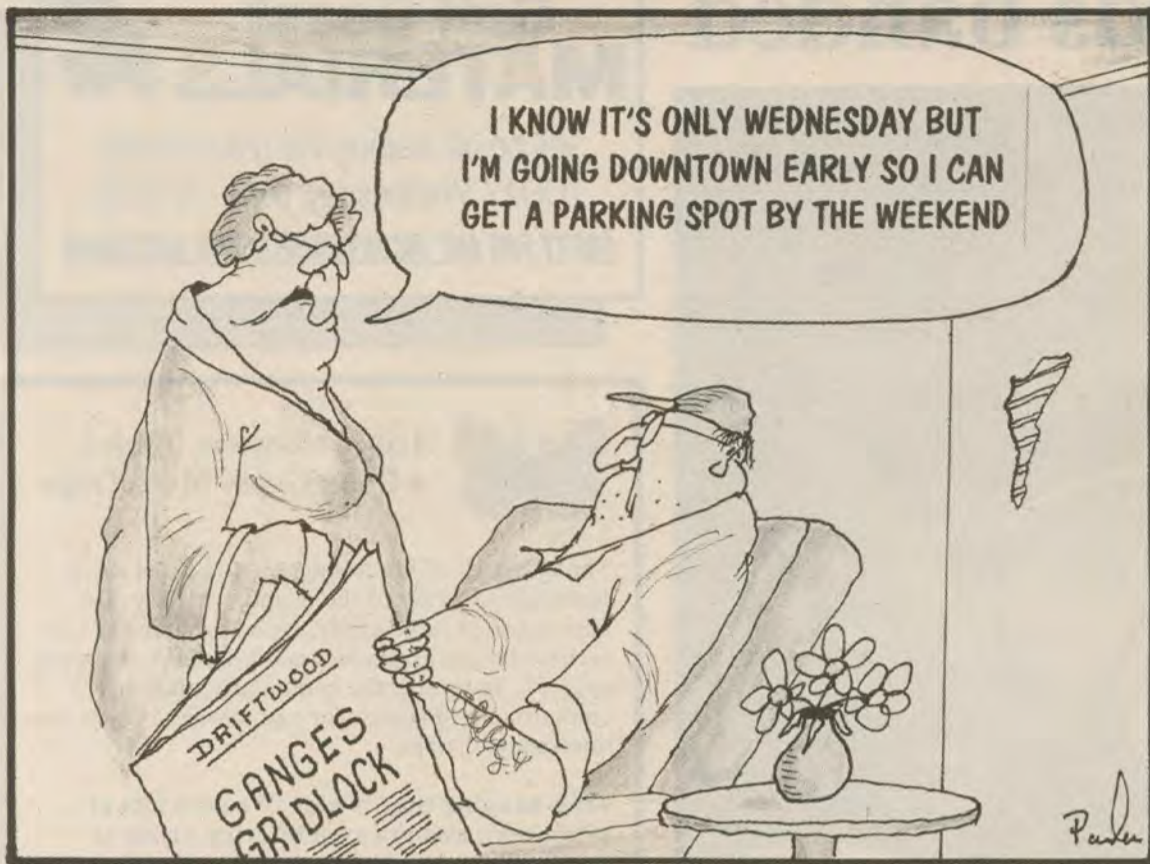
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Best of community

Between last weekend's Relay for Life and Sea Capers' revival on Saturday, Salt Spring community spirit and organizational abilities are combining for impressive results.

The Salt Spring Harbour Authority (SSHA) decided to resurrect the annual mid-June festival celebrating all things nautical and in short order pulled together an admirable roster of activities reminding us of our island heritage.

Thanks are due to the SSHA, Build-a-Boat Contest sponsors Windsor Plywood and all the individuals and groups who have added a nail or plank to the works so Sea Capers can float again.

For those who haven't cruised the Ganges shoreline or participated in events on a Sea Capers Saturday before, it's time to take the plunge.

Tourists would no doubt enjoy the proceedings as well, but Sea Capers has always been a way for islanders to reconnect with friends before the busy season disperses us for a few months.

The June 9-10 Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life may have been Salt Spring's first, but you wouldn't know it by the lead-up to the big day and its outcome.

Relay for Life organizers are anointed with a huge manual outlining all facets of putting on a successful event, but some stumbles and glitches should have been detectable in this first local effort. That simply wasn't the case as proceedings got underway and concluded at Portlock Park on Friday and Saturday.

Bravo to head honcho John Wakefield and the troupe of dedicated volunteers that made it all happen.

An estimated 260 islanders of all ages signed up as peripatetic Relay for Life fundraisers, but many more were there as volunteers — doling out food, refreshments, bodywork and paper clips, sharing musical talents and other skills — or acting as cheerleaders and supporters.

More than collecting much-needed funds to help battle a pernicious disease and support those afflicted with it, islanders developed community bonds and understanding by enduring the sleep-deprived vigil, step by step, around a joyous encampment.

Both of these June events exemplify Salt Spring's community at its best.

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Public meeting on Beddis-Stewart park plan set

By ERIC BOOTH

I've been asked to update the community on my application to create up to 72 acres of community park land and trails, from a total of 115 acres, currently comprised of four separate properties in the Beddis subdivision/Stewart Road area, directly north of Peter Arnell Park and the Deep Ridge Nature Reserve.

The park and trail areas, proposed to be transferred to the Capital Regional District via Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission, will be donated in exchange for eight community amenity densities.

An environmental assessment of the property by a qualified biologist has concluded the following: "The proposed reserve boasts the following environmentally sensitive areas: riparian vegetation, arbutus — fir stands, trees over 100 years old, (some have been

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independently estimated to be 2-300 years old) moss-dominated vegetation, and a stream. Immediately adjacent to the proposed reserve are rocky shorelines, cliffs, estuaries and tidal flats. Cusheon Creek and the associated riparian zone is an area of high biodiversity due to the fisheries values, stream invertebrates, amphibians, and mature and old trees with their associated small mammals, birds and insects. Establishing a nature reserve as proposed would conserve and protect the lower reaches of Cusheon Creek, including the delta . . . protect an excellent example of a mature grand fir, Douglas fir, red cedar, maple, sword fern forest,

protect (with proper planning) archaeological sites, conserve good quality habitat for the blue-listed red-legged frog, protect the large old-growth Douglas-fir trees that provide habitat and perches for birds, concentrate housing in recently logged areas of Lot 1 and 2, conserve and protect significant portions of all red and blue-listed plant communities, and protect the significant wildlife values."

PARC's Trails Advisory Group and a number of commission members have toured the area and I have received the following initial response: "The areas you have identified for potential parkland dedication are certainly beautiful and could have great potential for additions to the community park and trail system."

During the due diligence inspection of the properties, there has also arisen the possibility of a significant "side benefit" to the

surrounding area. A hydrogeological study of two existing wells on one of the properties indicates an output of over 49,000 gallons/day — enough for approximately 150 houses. The water quality report indicates no treatment necessary, and an engineer has confirmed that the prime geology of the area — fractured granite — provides some of the very best groundwater supply/recharge on Salt Spring. It appears there is enough potential water reserves over the mile-long properties to supply the existing and future Cusheon Lake and Beddis waterworks system users with what amounts to pure water. This could end the decades-old drinking water problem for Cusheon Lake water users.

We also invited representatives from the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group to inspect the property, as part of the proposal includes a 100-foot buffer area to protect an

existing identified archaeological site near the mouth of Cusheon Creek. Their initial impression was positive and they expressed appreciation they had been invited into the picture at this early stage.

The contract planner, Dwight Ecklund, assigned by the Islands Trust to the application, will be presenting his initial staff report to the trustees and the public at a public information meeting, now scheduled for Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m., at the Salt Spring Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Road.

I invite anyone interested in learning more about the application to attend. In the meantime I am available to answer any questions, or, if you wish to tour the park area, please don't hesitate to call me.

The writer is a Salt Spring real estate agent and former islands trustee handling the above-described application.

World becomes dangerous as we stray from our highest values

By KEN ROULEAU

As I read last week's headlines about "terrorists in Toronto," I wondered to myself: are we irreversibly sliding down a slippery slope of reactionism?

It's not a mystery why we live in a time of national insecurity, and this has nothing to do with the contention that "they want to kill us or crush freedom and democracy." We shouldn't be surprised that "Osama wannabe's" pop up in a deeply religious, scapegoated culture. The reality is, the further we all stray from our highest values the more dangerous our world becomes.

It is dangerous because we have driven it there. Canadians say "no to nukes" while we mine and sell uranium. We say "bad human rights

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lion-dollar business with the abusers. Western governments and big business have propped up dictators worldwide for decades. We fight over oil and strategic locations in the name of freedom, democracy or God. We murder and call it collateral damage. We tell others not to pollute while we bury our excessive waste or ship it to "third-world" countries to deal with. We allow countries to be "third world." We lie through our teeth, say it loud and repeat it over so we ourselves believe. We do this every day.

Canadians don't have the

have taken up the religion of "money over morals" and "profits before people." Whether we are active in this mindset and business, or passively compliant, we are involved. When we are living by a war economy, an economy of exploitation and a globalist agenda that cares not for people or planet, we reap what we sow.

Why should the rest of the world want our version of democracy when in practice it harms, pillages, deceives, despairs and is therefore the most hypocritical of philosophies? Saying one thing and doing another. It could be amazing, but it isn't. In an honest world this wouldn't happen.

Nor are we interested in truly self-evaluating why society is out of control. We

reactions in the same manner of violence and righteousness. If we honestly reflected on it we would have to change, but we don't. We reinforce the status quo. This is the source of our spiraling out of control.

We need to go back to the basics before we go back to the stone age.

Our country and culture have missed the big point: "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is as true for negative action as it is in the positive. If we want to be disrespected, exploited and terrorized, then keep doing what we are doing. If we want peace, stop selling weapons, funding dictators and pushing people around. If we want happy, healthy people, stop ruining their world while suppressing and

hard to figure why this is so hard to figure.

If we really have a hard time knowing what is right and wrong, ask simple questions. Consider what someone you have high regard for would do. Ask "What would Gandhi do?" or "What would Mom do?" or whoever. These are sure fire ways of clarifying your conscience when it is murky. Conversely, if you want to know what is the wrong thing, ask "What would Hitler or George Bush or Conrad Black do?"

They would do exactly what is being done today: impose a shady world view and profit from every official policy. Donald Rumsfeld profits from the sale of Tamiflu for the hyped bird-flu, George Bush Sr. profits from oil and weapons manu-

group, and Dick Cheney from his ties with Haliburton.

Life isn't about figuring out what is right — that is obvious — it's about not forgetting what we already did wrong (and not doing it again). Hence, the saying: Do the right thing and the right thing happens.

Our nation will be secure when we fundamentally change the structure, from power to wisdom, and stop letting war-mongering profiteers run our countries and businesses. If we really believe in a higher order and better way of life, we'd better start acting like it. Who knows how far this slope will slide.

The writer was a Green Party candidate in the last provincial election and

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We asked: *What has your father done to make you proud recently?*



Andrea LeBorgne

I'm proud of my father-in-law because he did a survivor victory lap in the Relay for Life.



Connor Vine

He's always driving me to places like town and the skate park.



Leala Depledge

He's been a loving father and is always there when I need him most.



Kristi Lee

He's worked for so long and I'm happy that he's decided to take some time off to be with his family.



Valerie Pomaizl

He installed an eight-person hot tub all by himself, so I'm pretty proud.

Letters to the Editor

Apathy or trust?

The Emergency Service Providers of Salt Spring Island meet monthly to plan responses to disasters.

This emergency planning has to address issues of limited resources and magnitudes of events. The plan that has been developed recognizes that communications will be vital to survival from any catastrophic event.

The Salt Spring Island Emergency Operations Centre will need to obtain details, access data and authorize emergency deployment.

Is your area in dire need of assistance or can your neighbourhoods fend for themselves in the initial stages of the disaster? How can you help? What can you expect from the emergency service providers — RCMP, BC Ambulance, Salt Spring Fire/Rescue, Search and Rescue, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Emergency Social Services and the amateur radio group?

To answer these questions and many more, a meeting was convened at the Community Gospel Church

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. The dismal turn-out left the committee asking the question, "Are islanders apathetic or do they trust us so much that they will obey whatever orders we give in the event of a disaster?"

The problem with trusting us is that we cannot physically respond without organized community involvement. The problem with apathy is that by the time the community wakes up, they will be in dire straits and wishing they had planned some response.

What is a "pod"? What "pod" do you live in? Who is my pod captain? Who do we contact during a catastrophic event?

In the event of an emergency response, the answers to these questions could mean life or death... yours!

Contact the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program through the Fire Department today, or visit our command site at Centennial Park during Sea Capers, Saturday, June 17.

SSI FIRE CHIEF DAVE ENFIELD, for SSI EMERGENCY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Target

I am writing with regard to the large advertisement in last week's paper urging Canadians to petition the government to withdraw our troops from Afghanistan so that Canada should not become the object of revenge attacks by the Taliban and other Jihadist groups.

It is interesting that the same people, who are so insistent that Canada should not give in to pressure from the U.S.A. in matters of foreign policy, seem to be quite willing to bow to pressure in the form of threats from the Taliban.

Appeasement never works and blackmail, once you start to pay, goes on forever.

Canada is part of the liberal-democratic West and, as such, is considered a legitimate target for Jihadist groups, whether we engage in the "war against terrorism" or not.

P.N. SPIERS, Sky Valley

Take care

We would really appreciate it if people would be very very careful about our oystercatchers and their

habitats. They are rare and endangered.

There was an incident on June 7 where the Salt Spring Elementary Grade 5 Spirits went to a protected spit and one of the kids could have accidentally stepped on a newborn oystercatcher. We would really appreciate it if people would be very careful of oystercatchers.

NIKOLE VARLIS-LOVE, SS Elementary

Booming

Last week a reader responded to my May 31 Driftwood letter on cancer with much additional information from which I have cribbed the following:

In 1999, cancer surpassed heart disease as the number one killer of people younger than 85 in the U.S.

About half of all cancer cases are fatal, and death by cancer is often prolonged, painful and very expensive. Those who manage to survive cancer live out their lives moulded by the after-effects of harsh treatments popularly known as "slash and burn," such as surgery, chemotherapy, radiation or some combination of the three.

The truth is, an epic

struggle has been going on for 60 years between the "slash and burn" camp and the "prevention" camp. The struggle occurs across a fault line defined by money. To be blunt about it, there's no money in prevention and, once you've got cancer, you'll pay anything to try to stay alive. Cancer treatment is therefore a booming business and cancer prevention is a non-business. That is the basic dynamic of the debate.

Those who advocate prevention will most likely find themselves without funding, ridiculed and despised by the chemical industry, the pesticide industry, the asbestos industry, the oil industry and all their minions — lawyers, bankers, reporters, professors and politicians — who make a fat living off those who pump out cancer-causing products and toxic waste.

GORDON BARNES, Salt Spring

ALS report

There are not enough roses to say thank-you to everyone who helped make the 2006 ALS Tag Day a huge success.

Salt Spring's business

people were super generous. The local folks and visitors were equally generous.

The 25 volunteer taggers who gave up their time, with several doing double shifts on both days, are to be commended.

We collected \$6,803.07 — the final count.

Once again, Salt Spring Island has proven what a wonderful place it is to live.

People helping people is why Salt Spring is famous. Thank you to all.

RITA DODS, for ALS

Rules

Top five rules for bird safety:

1. Watch out for signs saying not to come on that part of the land.

2. Do not come close to bird nests because it will scare the birds.

3. Leave the nest alone if you find one.

4. Watch out for endangered and rare birds

5. Respect the habitat.

BECKY JOHNSTONE, SS Elementary

MORE LETTERS A10

Words of advice from the hospital combat zone

— "Je desire un autre lit, s'il vous plait. C'est patient est shouting tout le nuit. Help."

That was the note I passed the French-only orderly. In my Grade 10, pigdin French, I hoped it would translate to "Get me the hell away from this lunatic."

As I sat there in the dark pondering my fate, I got to thinking about some of the things I would do differently next time around.

Normally I am not a hospital guy. In fact my only brushes with an operating table have been two day surgeries, both sports related. Once I popped a tendon on a squash court. Once I split my lower lip wide open trying to open a long neck beer bottle with my teeth. Like I said. Sports related. No overnight stays.

Over the past four months I have had both my hips resurfaced in Montreal. On a dark, cold morning in February, I was wheeled into the operating room — terrified, eyes wide shut, mumbling "breathe in, breathe out."

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



But I had backup. I had a friend to hold my hand, serve me decent filtered water, order up Montreal smoked meat from Schwartz's. Perfect.

Smooth sailing. Ten days later, I shook the doctor's hand, lurched to the airport, and was giving the family dogs tummy rubs by late afternoon.

Well, guess what, Buckwheat? Like going to court, you just never know. This time around, the heavens decided to remind me of my mortality — heir to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

Although the operation was a thing of beauty, the post-op turned into anything but. This time around, I had smugly dismissed any offerings of help from friends. It's now 2:30 in the morning and the patient in the adjoining bed is making guttural noises I did

not think possible from any of the human orifices.

After a week of misjudgments, mishaps and miscues I feel somewhat qualified to proffer advice to any pilgrim facing surgery involving overnights in the White Palace. These are just my personal observations, under the tailing influence of a 24/7 morphine I/V drip. Things may be completely different in the hospitals here. In fact, every time I leave the Lady Minto, I say a little prayer of thanks that we have such a great hospital.

Remember you are going into a combat zone loaded with bacteria, viruses, and any number of dirty little diseases, all innocently brought in by host patients, visitors and staff. The sooner you can get out, the better. Take care of yourself. Take Vitamin C, choke down Sam Graci's Greens+, do whatever you can to bolster your immune system. I say this only to save myself from lawsuits.

Become a compulsive hand washer. I had an orderly with a very bad cold — coughing, wiping her nose, sneezing — taking

my vitals without wearing gloves. When she moved on to the next patient, I hobbled to the nurses' station and kited my own personal anti-microbial squirt bottle. It's a battlefield out there.

Be friendly with the nurses. Friendly, but firm. On one occasion I had a student nurse, second day on the job, who along with an equally incompetent orderly, spent about five minutes tearing into my forearm looking for a vein. I could have refused, but in a typically Canadian response, I chose to endure the bloodbath rather than hurt the nurse's feelings. Never again. If it doesn't feel right, insist on an alternative. Listen to that little voice inside.

Don't be a crybaby. The guy next to me was a crybaby. The food is too hot. The room is too cold. I need towels. This. That. Anything. What a pain in the ass. He was on that nurses' call button like it was an X-box. Suck it up. You are in a hospital, not the Four Seasons.

Be the first one in the operating room. There are three very good reasons for this. First, the room has had all night to replenish itself,

the air will be filtered, the floors shiny. No other patients' viscera will be floating around looking for an open incision. Secondly, the doctor will have had a nice cup of coffee, and will likely be in her best form — no phone calls from school counselors, no Blackberries going off. And thirdly, you will not have sat for hours in some waiting room surrounded by like-minded jittery patients awaiting their fates.

Don't compromise on your specialist. In my case, that meant a three-year wait, but the end result is that I have my life back. I'll be active and ready for another 50 years. My surgeon was Dr. Lichtblau, head of the orthopaedics wing of the Santa Cabrini Hospital. He's a third-generation surgeon who treats his job with the zeal and enthusiasm of a crusader. He is the kind of guy you want on the other end of the scalpel.

This morning the ward was awakened by a fine mezzo soprano, singing out for Maria, imploring, threatening, cajoling. The sweet name "Maria" rang through the corridors. For two hours. L'humanite. The humanity.



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Camouflaged

Oystercatcher's eggs are spotted and are about the size of a chicken egg. Be sure to watch out for them because they camouflage very well with the rocks.

They like to lay their eggs on spits or islets. When they hatch they are about the size of a hummingbird. Their nests are usually made of sticks, feathers and seaweed. Be sure to look out for these birds and their nests. They are truly beautiful birds.
EMMY LYYTIKAINEN,
SS Elementary

PARSA update

For several years the Salt Spring Voice of Women (VOW) has been helping Afghan women through PARSA (Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support for Afghanistan), managed by the humanitarian Mary MacMakin.

Mary founded the small NGO in 1996 to aid the desperate, often-starving war widows of Kabul. Its aim was to help them become self-sufficient and able to support their extended families, since Taliban restrictions forbade them to work outside the home.

PARSA expanded over the years and the projects were mostly in the fields of handicrafts, health, literacy and education. Always the main thrust was toward women's welfare.

On Salt Spring over a

The Living Word

John 10:10

(Jesus said) The thief comes not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy...I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

WINSOME WHITE

Please Read: John 10: 7-9
John 10: 11 & 14

five-year period the VOW contributed \$30,000, with a focus on handicrafts. Marlene Smith gathered together a small group of women experienced in design, quality control and marketing. Innovative methods were developed to make the products suitable for sale in North American markets.

Fundraising included four highly successful Middle Eastern dinners organized by Juliette Laing and involving many helpers. Aside from ticket sales, handicrafts were sold and donations received. On two occasions Mary MacMakin was our speaker, once at a "high minded tea," and again at an evening affair.

More recently, a vintage jewellery auction was held, which raised \$4,000, augmented by a most generous donation of \$10,000 from an anonymous donor. This enabled VOW to send Bonnie Dalziel, a Salt Spring resident, to Kabul to assist and advise MacMakin. Bonnie was partially responsible for finding improved and much-needed quarters for PARSA's office and a guest house. Several of her recommendations have been implemented.

VOW members wish to express heartfelt thanks to everyone in the community who has supported PARSA. On three occasions the World Development Tea Committee donated generously. Of special mention is Caroline Hamilton, who designed cards with Afghan sketches that raised over \$1,000 in sales.

Last year at age 77 Mary MacMakin retired as PARSA's director, but has taken on the role of consultant.

At present PARSA in Kabul serves 1,000 Afghans a month — mostly women and the disabled, including some victims of land mines. The physiotherapy and rehabilitation clinic sees 220 people a month. The gift shop is supplied by 80 artisans.

PARSA carries on in a volatile situation as the Afghan government struggles with reconstruction complicated by military conflict with the Taliban and flourishing drug traffic.

Peace seems far off but Afghan women and men are strong and ever hopeful.

MacMakin recently sent this letter to us.

"I am very embarrassed:

it has come to my attention that you have not received an acknowledgement nor a thank-you note for the \$1,200 donated by the Salt Spring VOW last November. As per your request, two-thirds of the donation is for the widows' gardens, and it pays for this year's seed purchases and part of a salary for the one male gardener The remaining third is being used to purchase children's exercise equipment and furniture for the rehab/physiotherapy clinic in Kabul."

"The staff and I appreciate your continuing interest and support for PARSA's projects. I'm happy to report that benefits are showing as new executive director Marnie Gustavson places more responsibility on the Afghan directors to actually run PARSA under her leadership. I am as grateful for her energy and expertise in preparing PARSA for eventual Afghan management as I am for the kindness and generosity of the women of VOW on Salt Spring Island, Canada, in helping the vulnerable Afghan women in PARSA's projects. Sincerely yours and in truth, Mary MacMakin."

KAY MOWBRAY,
for SALT SPRING VOW
Coded ideas

I have long thought I could hear the beat of a distant but different drummer and a recent outing did nothing to dissuade me.

When I read The New Yorker's scathing attack on The Da Vinci Code (the movie), let alone the universal (except for the New York Post) scorn heaped upon it by every reviewer you can name, I decided I would wait for the video, save a buck or two on the ticket and pop my own corn.

But then came last Sunday evening and just on a whim I trotted off to the Central Cinema to, as I said to some friends, "get it over with."

I had read the book — the illustrated edition, to boot — and found it a rather gripping read. I suppose I was curious now to see what the translation to film would be like.

Call me crazy — you wouldn't be the first — but I found the cinematic experience totally absorbing. Yes, the ideas came thick and fast, but they were delivered

superbly and, by God, they were ideas! How many of those do you find rattling around these days?

Not only that, but the ideas made sense!

Don't give me this blather about Dan Brown's occasionally "hokey" fictionalization, and the real or imagined discrepancies from "reality" (whatever that is); there just might be a few grains of truth amid whatever chaff we care to find.

And as to the reassurances being ladled out that the Christian church has nothing to worry about: wrong! I don't know why Brown penned the book, but he obviously unearthed and synthesized a bundle of discoveries and came up not only with a great read, but some definite actual possibilities that, yes indeed, could alter the basic tenets of Christianity in general and the Catholic Church in particular. Jesus married?

To Mary Magdalene? And she was pregnant at the crucifixion? Well, as Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) says at the end, "Why not? And what difference would it make anyway?"

On the way home I began to wonder at the vehemence of some of the reviews I'd read and I almost asked aloud: "What are they afraid of?"

RICHARD MOSES,
Brinkworthy

Music gifts

What a thrill to see all the great high school shows — Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts, dance, music and theatre productions at ArtSpring. A season's pass to these performances would be welcomed by the parents and audience at large to support our talented young performers.

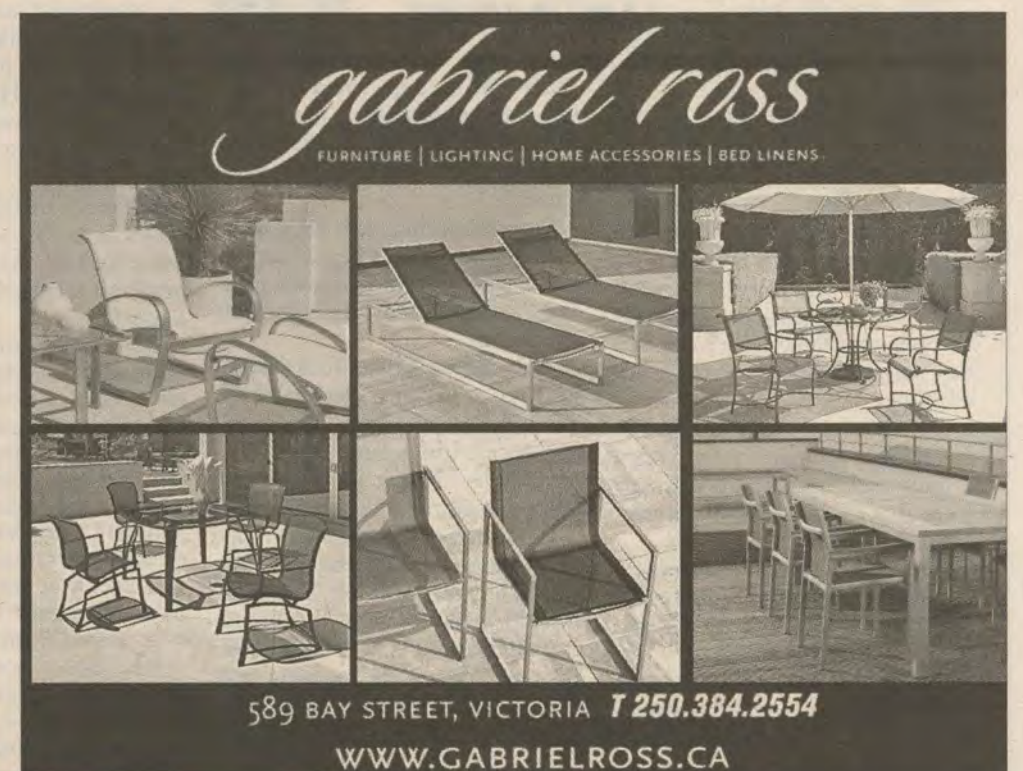
I also send roses to all financial contributors to the Ray Newman Fund.

The fund was proud to present Gulf Islands Secondary School and Salt Spring Island Middle School with \$500 each this year, with \$100 each going to Fernwood, Salt Spring Elementary and Fulford school music programs. Salt Spring Centre School was gifted \$50 from Newman Family Productions' Christmas With Scrooge.

SUE NEWMAN,
Salt Spring



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LITTLE PEOPLE UNITE: Alexandria McIntosh checks out the "secret people" in a wall near the ferry terminal at Fulford Harbour.

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More letters

Rowing proposal

My house is for sale, as are many others on this island, yes, but this one should become a rowing club. (MLS#: V575046)

It faces the sun on 500 feet of St. Mary Lake, and it has served as a community rowing site in years past.

It has two docks and a boathouse — ideal for all small boat activities.

If it passes into private hands, the opportunity will likely be lost for good.

Modest rowing clubs can't afford properties worth \$1.5 million however, unless they support strong social gatherings spread over a number of sports.

And that's where the big brick clubhouse pictured can make a difference.

Its porches can seat 40 diners, its club rooms might house a visiting rugby side, the oversized kitchen can welcome a hungry hockey team late at night.

There is ample concealed parking on the site.

As the lake's existing campgrounds become progressively uneconomical due to their escalating value as waterfront estates, a transformation can be expected, from visitors utilizing the lake now, to local families coming down out of the hills to watch their kids learn the rigours of sweeping with a crew.

All hands can enjoy the view from the club's wrap-around porches and expansive lawns.

These community clubs develop multiple levels of revenue to be viable.

The Vancouver Rowing Club serves as a venerable model; its revenues are built

up from club dues, program fees, social memberships and catering sales.

The VRC thus offers rowing, rugby, and boating along with social programs and events.

Our club could provide the club premises for swimming, racquet and ice sports as well, when those facilities are completed on the Rainbow Road site.

The prospect is that rezoned for "Community Facility" use as suggested by the Islands Trust, a Salt Spring athletic club can integrate these outdoor sports under one roof.

Any local resident could join this public (not private) non-profit sporting society and gain access to the lake for family recreation, fostering the solid personal values and fealties that these fraternities famously engender.

This property and the ice rink can be funded together by issuing limited partnership debentures.

I have estimated that the rowing club will require \$1.5 million and \$300,000 when outfitted for rowing and training.

The ice rink has been solidly costed at \$2.4 million on the Rainbow Road community site.

These funds would be raised as eight per cent debentures secured by the lake property and the ice rink facility.

The revenue projections for both are very strong, and easily achievable for a non-profit association.

The legacy privileges of founding investors will reward their foresight.

There are people on this island who have retired too early, and who can invest

wisely and astutely in the character formation of island youth.

This facility can anchor Salt Spring sporting societies for generations.

You know who you are, we need your expertise, please come on deck.

Attend an investors' meeting at the clubhouse and help us complete the sporting architecture of this island.

We can be operating this season. Contact me at dwright@telus.net; 538-1610.

DWIGHT JONES,
Langs Road

Opposed

We are in agreement with the Isabella Point Road residents who wrote the letter to the Driftwood titled "Gift cost" last week.

As Roland Road residents, we too are opposed to more development and higher densities on the south end.

We believe that this would have potentially destructive consequences to the environment and natural habitat, particularly along the waterfront.

We also don't think that moving part of the road and creating a steeper grade would be desirable to most of the residents here.

We chose to live on this end of the island because of the quiet, rural character of it. We have spoken with several neighbours who have similar feelings.

We have written a letter to the Islands Trust requesting a moratorium on all density and amenity transfers until the OCP review takes place. We urge others to do the same.

We also believe that what the island needs, more than additional million-dollar waterfront homes, is more

affordable housing.

Also, we heard a talk by David Suzuki in Victoria last month.

He urged people to remember why they moved to the places that they live in, and to try to preserve the environment there. He spoke about a place in the Okanagan where he and his family have gone every year to pick cherries, and how that place has become unrecognizable due to all the development. Do we want our island to become unrecognizable in the future?

CORRIE HOPE FURST,
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RANTS

Rants to the individual who thinks it is okay to leave your bags of household garbage by the front gates of Mouat's Park. You are obviously not bright enough to know that littering is against the law or maybe you are just too darn cheap to dispose of it properly. When you get caught you will have a tough time showing your face in public because I'm going to make sure everyone knows who you are! Joe Clemente, PARC maintenance worker

Rants to the elderly woman with a small dog at the end of Churchill Road Sunday afternoon. A public road and beach is for the use of all people. Your discriminatory and derogatory remarks to my daughter, myself and our three leashed dogs do not speak well of you. It angers me to have "your kind" living on our island in this day and age. Beverly M. Brown

RANTS & ROSES

Incredulous angry rants to whoever stole the four dozen long-stemmed roses from my son's grave. It was a cruel, selfish thing to do and I hope you don't rest in peace. MacNutt family

Gardens full of roses to the organizers of the Relay for Life. It was a wonderful event and we are looking forward to next year. CF

Dozens of roses to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital! Your enthusiasm and encouragement over the past six weeks has left 16 Camosun College RN students and their teacher with a great love for your hospital and for the island.

To Andrea and John Pringle, thanks for lending your chariot for the Relay for Life. RR

A large bouquet of roses to the paramedics who attended

to my wife's recent mishap, as well as the staff of Lady Minto Hospital. Your care and dedication is unprecedented! JD

Roses and more to the neighbours of Portlock Park for not calling the bylaw enforcement officer about all the noise at Friday night's relay. CF

A basket of roses to all who cheered me on while I walked the Survivors' Lap at the Relay for Life.

Thanks to Mike and Rick Tyson, Pat and Barb of GVM for taking care of my needs while shopping when I could. Many thanks to Bob Barker and Mary Fraser for getting me around. EO

ROSES

A big bunch of coffee-coloured roses for Tim and John of Island Star Video for the donation of a DVD player and their continuing support of the Core Inn Youth Project.

Roses to all the volunteers of past years' Sea Capers. You've made this a family tradition. Hope you can come and enjoy the festivities.

Ceremonies mark end of school

It's the last week of school at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) and for some of us, it is also the last week of high school.

TALK ABOUT WITH LAURA STEWART



The year is coming to a close and activities are already being set in motion for next year.

The end-of-year awards ceremony takes place this week on Thursday, June 15. In this afternoon school-wide ceremony, students from all grades will be recognized for their achievements in academics, sports, performing arts, trades courses, fine arts and citizenship.

A great year of sports will also come to a close on June 19.

The annual athletics banquet will be held in the school cafeteria for members of all school sports teams.

This is an opportunity to celebrate the successes of this year's GISS Scorpions teams and for coaches to dis-

tinguish their hardest-working players.

While most performing arts year-end performances have already been executed with huge successes — Jason Donaldson's Drama classes have one more performance for the year. *Dogg's Hamlet and Coot's Macbeth* — a hilarious rendition of Shakespeare's tragic comedies — will be held at ArtSpring on Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16.

Donaldson is also planning a GISS students/alumni improvisation tournament to take place in August in the school's new Second Story Theatre.

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) at GISS has been drafting a diversity policy this year to be adopted by the School Board.

A Notice of Motion was

passed by the Board in April and is now open for the community's comment.

If approved at this final stage, the policy will combat homophobia and promote the education of social issues such as racism and homophobia in our School District.

Heather and Fiona Munro, two Grade 11 students at GISS, are already creating a Sustainability Board for GISS next year. Reviewing both the social and physical aspects of GISS, the student group will draft a report and present it to the school board next school year.

Heather Munro claims that while sustainability boards in universities are common, GISS will be the first high school in B.C. to create one. Approximately 10 students are involved.

While sentimentality, especially among the Grade 12 students, is hard to miss as this year comes to a close, the feeling at GISS is without a doubt one of liberty — summer has come at last.

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Cucumber: Is a cucumber a fruit or a vegetable? Technically, it is a fruit. A fruit is the mature ovary of a plant, such as an apple, melon, cucumber, or tomato. From our every day grocery store perspective, we tend to use the word fruit with respect to fruits eaten fresh as desserts - apples, peaches, cherries, etc. - and not to items cooked or used in salads. So, cucumbers tend to be lumped in with vegetables because of the way they are used, but botanists classify them as fruits because they develop from the reproductive structures of the plant. Here, for a summer's day, is a quick and easy no-cook cucumber soup.

In a food processor or blender combine **1 cucumber, peeled and chopped, 1 green onion, chopped, 1 clove of garlic and ½ cup cold vegetable broth.** Puree until smooth. Add **1 cup plain yogurt, ½ cup sour cream, juice of 1 lemon, salt and pepper.** Puree briefly to blend. Transfer to a bowl and add **3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill** (you can substitute mint if you don't like dill). Chill for at least 2 hours before serving.

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President's Message



Alan Wiggan

There are two stories and an announcement I'd like to share with you in this newsletter. The first is about philanthropy: Don't glaze over. It is a heart-warming story that shows philanthropy is as much about commitment as about money. The second isn't so much a story as a huge thank you to the taxman. I know. Nobody thanks the taxman. Well, that may be about to change! And finally, an announcement on the big winner for 2005.

The \$20 Philanthropist

You don't need be rich to be a philanthropist. A little commitment can really add up. Some of our most amazing donations come in small amounts, but they come month in and month out for years. We have one donor who sends us \$20 a month every month and has been doing this for years. Over ten years that "little" commitment will buy thousands of dollars of much needed equipment for Lady Minto.

What a wonderful way to improve the well being of our community. And that is the definition of philanthropy! Makes you think, doesn't it?

If you'd like to follow this wonderful example please call the Foundation Office at 537 4845 or send in the form that is part of the newsletter and become a philanthropist.

A Thank You Note To The Taxman!

For a long time when I made a gift to a charity I'd just write a cheque. Turns out that for some, this is not the best way to donate. I learned from one of our board members that if you own stock, it is much more beneficial to give the actual stock.

Well the news is the deal is now even better! The federal budget proposes to exempt donations of publicly listed securities to public charities from all capital gains tax, effective immediately.


This means with a gift of securities every dollar goes to the hospital and none goes to the taxman. And, you get

a tax receipt for the full amount. A great deal for everyone concerned!

In fact, under the new budget, if you own a lot of a particular stock and are thinking of selling it all, you can, by donating some of the stock to the hospital, avoid paying any tax on the balance that you are selling! Now that's news and we'd be happy to walk you through how it works so that you can talk to a financial advisor.

Call Ruth Pepin at 538-4824 for more information on this.

And The Winner Is: The Lady Minto Hospital.

In the last fiscal year (our year ends in March, something that makes sense to the accountants), over \$119,000 of your donations and money earned from investments held in our endowment funds was spent directly on equipment to enhance the services offered at our hospital. A contingency fund of \$25,000 was set up so that in the event of immediate need, the Foundation can respond quickly. We also allocated an additional \$12,500 to nurses' education for certification courses and additional educational programs pertaining to rural nursing practice. And finally, the Endowment Fund grew significantly over the past year, both as a result of donations and market performance. We will be providing you with more details on this in our Annual Report which will be published in September. 

Everyone should have a will

Sooner or later, all of us will need a will. If you're getting around to making one, or to reviewing the one you have in place now, here are a few suggestions to keep in mind:



Tim Lott, L.L.B.

KEEP IT SIMPLE:

Over time, it makes sense to consolidate and simplify your assets. If possible, dispose of any assets you may hold outside of British Columbia prior to your death. The costs and complexity of administering an estate increase substantially if your estate includes assets held outside of B.C.

DANGER ZONES:

In general, wills and estate planning have two goals, #1: minimize the costs, taxes and other expenses of passing your estate on to your chosen beneficiaries, and #2: avoiding disputes between beneficiaries and other complications. Beware of concentrating on one goal and losing sight of the other. Keep in mind that some circumstances by their nature are prone to disputes between your heirs and require extra care when planning the provisions of your will. Blended families, unequal distributions of your estate to your children, and circumstances where your children are not going to share equally in providing care to you later in life are all circumstances where you should ensure that you obtain professional advice on structuring your will.



USING JOINT TENANCIES:

Usually it works well for a husband and wife to own all of their assets jointly. If your home, your investments and any other registered assets are held jointly, then upon the death of either spouse, all those joint assets transfer automatically to the surviving spouse, and all of the expenses of probating a will and paying probate fees are avoided. The mechanism doesn't work as well when used to transfer assets between parents and children. A number of potential complications can arise from joint ownership between parents and children: unforeseen tax liabilities can be created, a marriage breakdown can create an opportunity for a son-in-law or daughter-in-law to claim an interest in a jointly owned asset and disputes can arise about who's in charge and how decisions get made when it comes time to transfer or liquidate assets. A safe rule would be not to use joint ownership between parents and children unless your lawyer and accountant are both in favour.

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"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

- DR. SUESS, THE LORAX

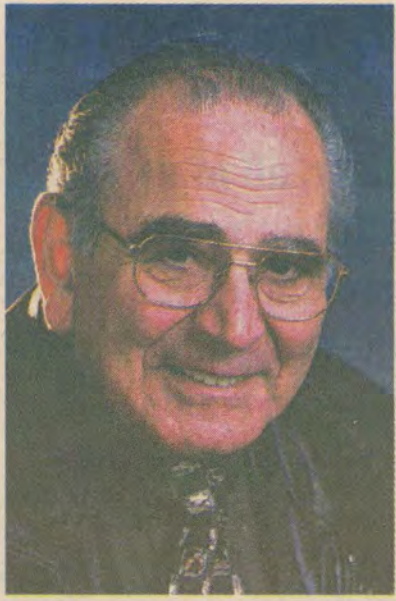
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Santy Fuoco Memorial Fund provides Lifepak12 for Acute Care


The Lady Minto Hospital's Acute Care Unit now has the LifePak 12 cardiac monitor/defibrillator/external pacemaker, thanks to the generosity of friends, colleagues and family members who set up a special fund in memory of Santy Fuoco.

The LifePak 12 is used for both the Acute Care ward crash cart and as a transport monitor/defibrillator/external pacemaker. Immediate defibrillation of life-threatening arrhythmias is the gold standard for cardiac arrest management. "It is a top of the line machine, capable of meeting the variety of cardiac emergencies that may occur on the ward", says Jo Twaites, Acting Clinical Coordinator.

Santy always had time to help others and volunteered for many community

organizations, including the Lions Club, the Kinsmen and Knights of Columbus. He assisted with the Pioneer Village and Croftonbrook housing projects, and served as Editor of the Lions Club phone book for many years. He also served on the hospital board's Nominating Committee.

The Fuocos moved to Salt Spring in 1977 and Santy worked as a realtor for most of his years on the island. "We always liked the friendliness of living in small towns and Salt Spring was perfect," said Louise Fuoco, his wife of 58 years. "Everywhere he went, people would wave and ask him how he was doing."

What a wonderful gift to the hospital, and a fitting way to remember a very community-minded gentleman. 



Audrey Cannon – A typical Islander?

Audrey Cannon would probably describe herself as a pretty typical Islander. She loves her community and really enjoys our rural atmosphere and her friendly, generous neighbours. Her blue eyes sparkle as she talks about her volunteer work and her many interests on Salt Spring Island.

I first met Audrey and her dog Poppy a few months ago, when she made enquires about contributing to the Hospital Foundation's Endowment Fund. We discussed the fund, how it worked and what an endowment would mean to the hospital over time. Audrey decided that she would like to become a regular contributor. She liked the fact that her contributions would not only provide financial assistance in the short term, but would grow over time thereby ensuring a legacy of good health care in the future. Audrey says that she 'really believes in Lady Minto Hospital and wants to support its overall needs'.

Audrey's contributions to Lady Minto Hospital extend beyond the financial. She

regularly volunteers about a day and a half each week. She works at The Lady Minto Hospital Thrift Shop in addition to volunteering time at both Extended Care and Greenwoods. Her dog Poppy loves to accompany her as she goes about her work of bringing good cheer and a smile to many shut-ins.

In addition to her volunteer work, Audrey has a full social life on the Island and very much enjoys being a member of the Island's garden club.

Audrey and her husband retired to Salt Spring from Victoria 38 years ago. Sadly, her husband died in 2002. Audrey has five children, ten grandchildren as well as great grand children and one great, great grandson.

Thank you Audrey for all you do to help Lady Minto Hospital. You are truly building a legacy from which all Islanders will benefit.

Ruth Pepin,
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Things you can do to leave a legacy

1. Prepare a will. Without a will, you lose control over your property at death.
2. Leave a gift in your will for Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. Imagine the positive impact on the Island if everyone made a gift from his/her estate to his/her favourite charity.




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“Mary’s Chair” Donation in memory of Mary Inglin provides Extended Care Unit with a new Delta chair

When the family of Mary Inglin came to the Foundation, they wanted to make a contribution that would go directly toward the comfort and well-being of Extended Care residents. Mary had been a resident on the Unit for several years until her death last May, and will be remembered for her great sense of humour, wealth of knowledge and memories about the early days as a Salt Spring Islander.

The Delta Chair is the newest design for residents who are not mobilizing and are otherwise frequently confined to bed. The chair will enable them to be up from their rooms and enjoying the activities in the Extended Care lounge. The chair is also equipped with battery operated, regulated motion so that residents don't tire or get uncomfortable while they are using it. This also helps to prevent muscle stiffness and discomfort due to pressure from long hours of sitting. 

MARY INGLIN – MARCH 13, 1912 – May 28, 2005
Written by her Grandson, David Dodds

My grandmother was born on March 13, 1912, the first of three daughters born to Raffles Augustus “Robert and Alice May” Purdy. She was raised in the family home on Beddis Road. As a girl, she enjoyed working in the orchards and looking after the cows. Her love of flora and fauna became a life-long passion. She attended the Divide School, working hard. She was a good student and developed a love of poetry. Those of us in the family remember her fondly, quoting lines of poetry memorized those many years ago. In 1929, Mary left Salt Spring Island for the Victoria Normal School, where she earned her teaching credentials. Returning home to the island, she secured a posting at the Divide School where she taught for two years. Eventually she married and with four children, she kept the farm on Beddis Road going. She was known by friends and neighbours for her warm hospitality. Her home was as open as her heart. To all of her grandchildren, coming to visit “Grandma and Grandpa” was a treat of the highest order. Right up to the end of her life, she had a remarkable memory for details and events and the stories of her life experiences kept us enthralled, in stitches, or both simultaneously. Shakespeare wrote, “Parting is such sweet sorrow”, and this parting is indeed sorrowful. We will miss her so much.

Mary Inglin's Rolled Oat Cookies- These are the Best!

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| Cream: | 1 cup butter (1/2 shortening) |
| Add: | 1 ½ c. brown sugar |
| | 1 beaten egg |
| | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| | 1 ½ cup flour |
| | 1 ¼ cup rolled oats |
| | ½ tsp. baking soda |
| | 1 tsp. baking powder |
| | 1 cup coconut |
| | pinch salt |



Add dry ingredients to butter, sugar and egg mixture. Mix well and drop by spoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet. Press with fork. Bake 8-10 minutes at 375°.

“When we share . . . that is poetry in the prose of life.”
- SIGMUND FREUD

“The meaning of life is to find your gift, the purpose of life is to give it away.”
- JOY J. GOLLIVER

“Too old to plant trees for my own gratification, I shall do it for my posterity.”
- THOMAS JEFFERSON

Phantom Ball couple with Muriel Osborn, E.C.U. resident who was our first donor for the campaign, launched June 2nd.



Things you can do to leave a legacy

1. Leave a specific dollar amount or percentage of the assets in your will to the hospital.
2. Consider using assets for your charitable gift. These include, but are not limited to, cash, publicly traded shares, property, insurance policies, etc.



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LADY MINTO HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S 15TH ANNUAL "HEWITSON MEMORIAL" GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars now for the Hospital Foundation's annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, July 8th at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

This annual event has always been well supported by community members and local businesses who participate, donate prizes, sponsor holes and display posters about the tournament.

With an emphasis on fun, you don't have to be a skilled golfer to participate. You can "rent a junior golfer" on different holes to improve your tee shot. You can buy up to 4 Mulligans. You can even get free tips on the driving range from the Golf Pro before tee-off. Stay after your game for the prize-giving and enjoy a fabulous buffet dinner at the Club restaurant.

With 3 possible shotgun starts, we hope this will be the most successful event yet. Enter on your own or make up a team of 4 and come out to support the Hospital Foundation.

- **Entry fee - \$30**
(tax receipt provided)
- **Dinner - \$20**
- **Greens Fees - \$12**
(if not a member of the Golf Club)

■ **For more information:**
call the **Foundation office** at **538-4845**



You can download a registration form at:
www.ladyminto.org

10th Annual Phantom Ball Victoria Clipper Trip to Seattle

Donate online: www.ladyminto.org



Your chance to Win!

This is your invitation **not** to attend the 10th annual Phantom Ball. But, you can still enter the Victoria Clipper Trip to Seattle Prize Draw—four fun-filled days in Seattle with three nights at the stately Roosevelt Hotel for two. If you have not received your donation/entry form in the mail, drop by the hospital and pick one up. You'll be glad you did.

**LADY MINTO HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
ANNUAL EQUIPMENT FUND RAISER**



Keeping Us in the Loop

One of the most exciting things that happens around here is to learn that Lady Minto Hospital Foundation has been named as a beneficiary in someone's will. It is a great honour for us to be selected as a recipient of a donor's legacy gift to the community.

Gifts from estates are held in our endowment fund and the earned income is used to meet the most pressing needs of Lady Minto Hospital. It is important that the wording in your will is correct in order to prevent long delays in its execution and to ensure that you, the donor, accomplish what you wished for through the creation of your will.

It is a good idea to advise the Hospital Foundation that you are making a charitable legacy in your will. We don't need to know the size of your gift, only that you intend to support the hospital through a bequest. That way, we can ensure that you have our name shown correctly and that your legacy gift will go where you want. Your information will be kept private and confidential.

Remember to 'keep us in the loop' - we love to hear good news!

Ruth Pepin
DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR

Have a will

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SPECIFIC GIFTS:

It is a common wish that your valuable property not be sold after your death, but be passed on to your heirs. Resist the urge to make gifts of specific assets in your will. Instead, it is much better to divide your estate into shares, equal or otherwise, for distribution to your beneficiaries. This does not preclude your beneficiaries from making arrangements between themselves for one or more of them to retain a particular asset, rather than it being sold. Here are a couple of real life examples of situations where a gift of a specific property to a beneficiary has given rise to unforeseen complications:

In one case, a lady made a will leaving her home to her brother, and the balance of her estate to charity, and then signed a Power of Attorney appointing her brother as her attorney. She then contracted Alzheimer's disease, and so was unable to change her will. The brother was then placed in the unfortunate position of having to decide whether to disinherit himself when it came time for the house to be sold to pay for his sister's care. **In another case**, the will provided that a large and valuable parcel of

real estate was to be left to a close friend, and the balance of the estate was given to a charity. Again, the maker of the will became mentally incompetent, and by the time of her death, after a long illness, the value of the real estate had increased to such an extent that all of the rest of her assets were required to pay the substantial capital gains taxes arising from the increase. The charity ended up receiving nothing from the estate.

TRUSTS:

If you have a substantial estate or if you have children (natural or adopted) who you do not wish to share in your estate, or if you wish to divide your estate unequally between your children, then it might make sense to consider creating an inter vivos trust (meaning a trust created during your lifetime). Your assets would be held by the trust and would remain under your control and be used for your benefit, and upon your death, the assets of the trust would then be distributed to the beneficiaries of your choice. Having your assets pass to your beneficiaries through the trust rather than through your will avoids the Probate fees payable to the Provincial government, and also makes it much more difficult for your estate arrangements to be contested, if you anticipate that a child or children will be unhappy with the provisions

you have made. If the trust complies with certain requirements stipulated by Canada Revenue Agency, then the transfer of assets to the trust at the time it is created can be done without triggering Capital Gains Taxes on any prior increases in the value of those assets. A number of restrictions apply.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY:

Lastly, creating your will goes hand in hand with making arrangements for your care later in life, if you need it. Most of us will never have the need for a Power of Attorney, but the problem is, none of us knows whether we will be one of the approximately 20% of the population who will need one. If you do not have a valid Power of Attorney in place, and you become mentally incapable of managing your own affairs, your family will be faced with a difficult and expensive application to Court to have someone appointed to manage your affairs for you. If you don't have family to take on that job, then the Office of The Public Guardian and Trustee (a provincial government body) takes on that role.

So don't procrastinate, make sure you've got a will and power of attorney in place, and review those arrangements periodically to keep them up to date. The peace of mind of knowing your affairs are in order will be well worth it.

I would like to make a donation to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of \$ _____



If you want this donation to be used to build Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Endowment, please sign and date the following directive.

I hereby give the gift, noted above, to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation under the specific instruction that this gift or any property substituted therefore be held by Lady Minto Hospital Foundation for a period of 10 years or more.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ (as you wish it to appear for donor recognition)

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email address: _____

I prefer to use my VISA or Mastercard in the amount of \$ _____
OR/ I wish to make a monthly donation of \$ _____ to be charged against my account.

Account Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ Name on card: _____

(please print)

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Things you can do to leave a legacy

5. Name Lady Minto Hospital Foundation as the beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF or pension.
6. Name Lady Minto Hospital Foundation as the beneficiary of an existing or paid-up life insurance policy.

Scholarship winners named

Following are scholarship winners from the Gulf Islands Secondary School Class of 2006.

Accommodations Group Scholarship, Kylin Lee; Art off the Fence Bursary, Laura Biagioni; Barbara Richards Memorial Scholarships, Jeremy Byron, Shawn Lee; Brenda (Kaye) Helfrich Memorial, Yoni Marmorstein; C.U.P.E. Local 788 Memorial Bursary, Jacob Fraser; Camosun College Entrance Scholarship, Alexia Danyliw; Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarship, Kylin Lee; Canadian Federation of University Women Bursary, Emily Myers; Catherine Prior Award, Sasha Floercke; Clark Little Book Prize for Poetry, Fran Ardron; Clark Little Memorial Award, Carmen Cormack; Creative Writing Scholarship, Misha Meagley; Derek Crawford Architect Inc. Scholarship, Quentin Simpson; Don Goodman Award, Nigel Kay; Dr. James Buchan Memorial Scholarship, Camille Reynolds; French Immersion Scholarship, Laura Stewart; Ganges Village Market Bursary, Yoni Marmorstein; Gilbert James Mouat Memorial Scholarship, Val Harkema; GISS PAC Excellence in Science Scholarship, Brad Cronin; GISS PAC Excellence in Humanities Scholarship, Caitlin Cunningham; GISS PAC Excellence in Humanities & Science Scholarship, Misha Meagley; Gulf Islands Community Arts Council Bursaries, Caroni Young, Ezra Fulford; Gulf Islands Television Society

Scholarship for the Visual Arts, Ande Kuric, Quentin Simpson; Gulf Islands School District #64 Scholarship, Delie Lohmann; Gulf Islands Teachers' Association Scholarship, Brad Cronin, Caitlin Cunningham; Gulf Islands Teachers' Association Bursary, Shoshana Lucich; Harris and Company Scholarship, Laura Biagioni; Hospital Employees Union Bursaries, Jaimie Doucette, Zander Ritson; IODE Award Chosen by Peers, Carmen Cormack; IODE Environmental Award; Nikita Pardiwala; Island Farmers Institute Bursary, Tika Okuda; Jane Mouat Memorial Award, Nick Allen; Jean Shopland Memorial Scholarship, Delie Lohmann; Katsuyori & Kimiko Murakami Memorial Scholarship, Jeremy Byron; Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society Scholarships, Victoria Budd; Manson Toynbee Memorial Award, Lexi Danyliw; Marilyn Ryles Memorial Bursaries (Ladies Auxiliary Branch 92), Gwen Temmel, Ande Kuric, Josephine Duffy; Margaret Had-dow Memorial Scholarship, Victoria Budd; Mary & Harry Williamson Memorial Bursaries, Gwen Temmel, Lisa Graston, Delie Lohmann; Migs Russell Edwards Memorial Bursary, Ezra Fulford; Nairn Howe Memorial Scholarship, Emily Myers; Pender Island Insurance Exceptional Achievement Citation, Fran Ardron; Principal's Award, Laura Stewart; Richard Toynbee Memorial Scholarship, Evan Mann; Richard Vermeulen Memo-

rial Junior Golf Award, Josh Benloulou; Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92 Scholarship, Laura Stewart; Royal LePage Realty Scholarship, Jeremy Byron; Ruby Alton Memorial Scholarship, Carmen Cormack; Salt Spring Coffee Education Award, Nadia Nowak; Salt Spring Concert Band Awards of Recognition, Brad Cronin, Caroni Young; Salt Spring Fabric Guild Bursary, Quentin Simpson; Salt Spring Garbage Service Scholarships for the Trades, Jake Fraser, Paris Haase; Salt Spring Island Painters Guild Scholarship, Josephine Duffy; Salt Spring Island Rotary Club Scholarship, Jeremy Byron; Salt Spring Island Rotary Club Scholarship for the Trades, Stuart Dahlgren, Salt Spring Island Women's Institute Bursary, Laura Biagioni; Salt Spring Lions Club Scholarships, Danielle Viozzi, Michelle Proctor; Salt Spring Singers Music Award, Caroni Young; Saturna Lions Graduation Awards, Brett Jones, Lexi Danyliw; Steve Asproloup Memorial Scholarship, Sasha Floercke; Steve Thomas Memorial Bursary, Paris Haase; Uniglobe Travel and International Education Award, Steven Kao, Eri Yoshikawa; Unsung Hero Award, Willo Chamberlin; W.D. and Marilyn Dexter Memorial, Tika Okuda; Waterfront Gallery Arts Scholarship, Jessie Wilson; Wilco Construction Scholarship for the Trades, Paris Haase; William and Irene Palmer Memorial Scholarship, Sheldon Rompain.

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Saltspring Island's 34th Annual SEA CAPERS '06

This Saturday, June 17th
 Event Locations & Times Will Be As Follows...

All Day Events from 10 am ~ 3 pm

- **Music in the Park** ~ Centennial Park Gazebo
- **Fishermen's Gear Demonstrations** - how to tie net knots...
 ~ Harbour Authority Inner Parking Lot, next to Centennial Park
- **Information Booths** - Coast Guard Auxiliary, Shriners, Ambulance Services ~
 Harbour Authority Parking Lot
- **Classic Working Boats, Social Display** ~ Kanaka Wharf
- **Pies in the Park** - 'Anglican Ladies' Pies ~ Centennial Park
- **Free Kayak Demonstrations** -
 Sponsored by Sea Otter Kayaking ~ Ganges Board Walk

SCHEDULED EVENTS

- 10 am ~ 1 pm **Children's Build-A-Boat** - Harbour Authority Inner Parking Lot
- 10 am ~ 12 pm **Adult & Junior Build-A-Boat Contest** - Centennial Park -
 Sponsored by Windsor Plywood
- 10 am ~ 11 am **Free Kayak Demonstrations** - in Ganges Inner Harbour -
 Sponsored by Island Escapades
- 12 noon **Walk on Water** - in Ganges Outer Harbour, Between the Coast
 Guard Float & Kanaka Wharf
- 12 pm~2:45 pm **Saltspring Island Dragon Boat Club Information &
 Display** - Kanaka dockside
- 12:30 pm **Launch & Race Time for Adult & Junior Build-A-Boat** -
 Ganges Inner Harbour
- 1:15 pm **Build-A-Boat Awards** - Centennial Park Gazebo
- 1:30 pm **Remote Control & Model Boats** - Displayed by the Coast
 Guard & Kanaka Docks Outer Harbour
- 2:45 pm **Dragon Boat Closing Ceremony** - Leaving From the Kanaka Dock
- 3:00 pm **Classic Working Boat Sail Past** - Leaving from the Kanaka Dock

Come One...Come All!

**THIS IS A COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER EVENT FOR THE
 ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE!**

(events & location subject to change due to weather, wind & waves!)

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- 12:30pm Launch & Race Time

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ROLLING: Isabella Bryant takes on a bowling event as her daughter, Vonnice Bryant, looks on. The Bryants were at a seniors' sports day for residents of the extended care unit at Lady Minto Hospital.

Photo by Shari Macdonald

Trap-hanging 'marathon' starts after training

Work starts this week hanging 2,700 traps to capture male gypsy moths that may have hatched this spring on Salt Spring Island.

"This is the final phase in an alternative gypsy moth control program developed by the community as an alternative to overhead pesticide spraying which was scheduled to take place this spring," said Leslie Wallace of the group known as Salt Springers Targetting Overuse of Pesticides. "The spraying would have resulted in the de-certification of organic growers in the area and killed rare butterfly species."

A letter from the Islands Trust going out to approximately 35 south-end property owners this week stresses the need for all affected property owners to co-operate in allowing volunteers to hang traps on their property.

"The failure of the program," the letter says, "means that the island will probably be targeted for aerial spraying next year."

Volunteers will work six days a week until all the traps are up. A local surveying company will assist by setting up a grid for the traps.

All traps must be in place by July 15 and be left undisturbed until the fall, when volunteers will collect them for analysis by the Ministry of Forests.

People interested in volunteering are urged to attend a training session with Ray Hatch at the Fulford Hall OAP Room on Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting more information about the training session should send their name and e-mail address to law@salt-spring.com.

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If you or a group you belong to is doing something that helps tell the story of Salt Spring's daily life, we want to hear about it.

The activity must take place in the 24-hour period from 5 a.m. on June 28.

Call Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg at 537-9933 (extension 210), e-mail to news@gulfislands.net, or drop by the Driftwood office and leave your idea and contact information on a piece of paper.

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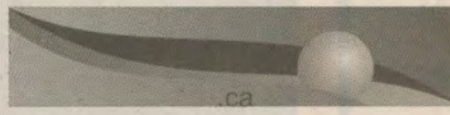
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PHANTOM FLOWERS: Arvid Chalmers gets a bouquet of flowers from Rosalie Beech at the Saturday market in Ganges. Chalmers was in the market promoting the Phantom Ball — Lady Minto Hospital's annual fundraising "non"event.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Welcome Wagon 'greeter' thrilled with royal welcome

A Salt Spring Island woman more accustomed to greeting newcomers to the area is thrilled after receiving a royal greeting of her own by Prince Edward and his wife Sophie Rhys-Jones aboard the deck of the HMCS Algonquin at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt last Friday.

"The whole experience was wonderful," said Marlie Kelsey, Welcome Wagon area manager, in an interview from her home Monday afternoon.

"It was one of the special experiences that you know you are very lucky to have had."

Kelsey said the royals gra-

ciously worked the room for well over an hour after an elaborate ceremony aboard the ship's deck.

Because no media was present, she added, the atmosphere was very relaxed and the guests of honour were able to let their guard down and converse with most of the 100 participants on hand.

Kelsey said the couple, formally known as the Earl and Countess of Wessex, appeared delighted to find out more about everybody at the event, one of the final stops of their nine-day visit to Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia that wrapped up on the weekend.

"They seemed genuinely concerned about the well being of all those on hand," she said.

Kelsey was invited to the gathering in appreciation of the Welcome Wagon's efforts to greet military families who have recently moved to Vancouver Island.

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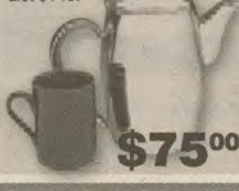
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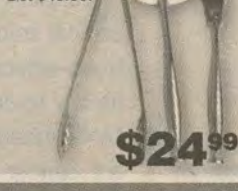
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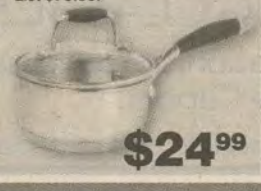
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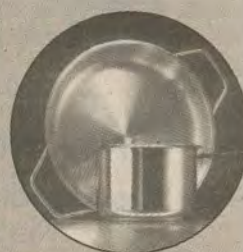


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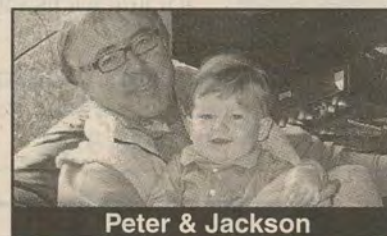
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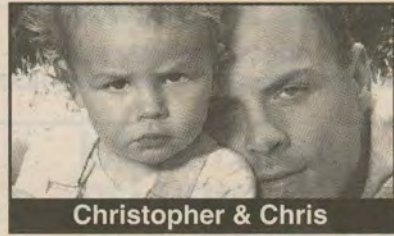
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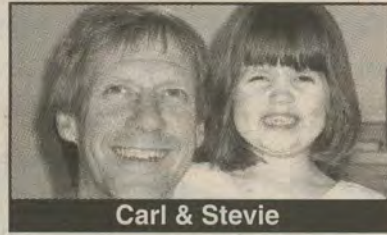
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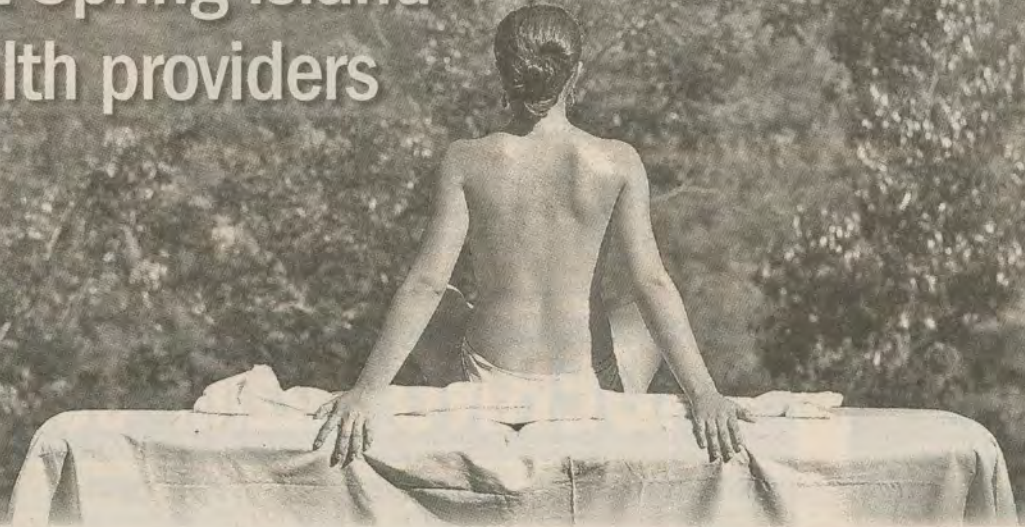

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Dust raised at soil meeting

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Participants representing both sides of the debate to regulate just how much rock and earth property owners can remove from their land failed to reach a consensus after meeting with trustees and staff from the Islands Trust last week.

For two years, residents fearing increasing activity at island gravel pits will disturb their quality of life have pushed for the creation of a soil removal bylaw to place limits on how much aggregate can be removed before a permit is required.

Since trustees George Ehring and Peter Lamb were elected last autumn, the push for a draft bylaw has been a top priority and a preliminary draft is anticipated for the July local Trust committee meeting.

Trustees said the public would get another opportunity to make their opinions known at a subsequent public meeting.

"We heard pretty loud and clear that rock blasting is a concern," said Islands Trust

planner John Gauld at a June 7 information meeting held to discuss the creation of the new bylaw.

"We don't want to regulate every truckload of soil that's headed down the road."

The meeting brought together nearly 25 residents to find a compromise between those who claim blasting and gravel extraction has a negative impact on the community to excavation industry representatives who worry regulations would make their job considerably more difficult.

Though limits have not yet been set by the Trust, a preliminary staff report indicated excavators could extract up to 30 cubic metres of top soil and blasted rock and up to 500 cubic metres of any other forms of aggregate before a permit is required.

According to Gauld, the Salt Spring bylaw would take into account "concern over environmental impact when working around water bodies" and seek to eliminate "excessive and needless land disturbance."

Aggregate producers attending the meeting argued demands of homeowners to build bigger homes in more inaccessible areas makes blasting, clearing and road building an unavoidable fact of life.

Instilling a permitting process and fee system, they added, would not only fail to curtail efforts by wealthier landowners but unfairly penalize less wealthy property owners.

Pat Akerman, appearing as a concerned citizen, worried a bylaw rushed through without attention to due process could negatively impact the island for years to come.

Attempts to regulate when operators can work, he added, will only result in more delays in an industry already slowed by a lack of skilled tradespeople.

"We don't have a defined work week in life anymore," he said.

"Things aren't like they used to be. People want to build their dream homes and working on a Sunday only speeds things up."



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notes a press release, "but the lambs will already be cooking!" Tickets, available at the gate at 9 a.m., cost \$18 for adults and \$10 for children

under 12 years.

Water taxi service is available from Pender Island's Sound Passage Adventures, which can be reached at 250-629-3920.

A ship-to-shore shuttle service for boaters, and service to and from the ferry terminal, are also available. Contact Melanie Gaines at

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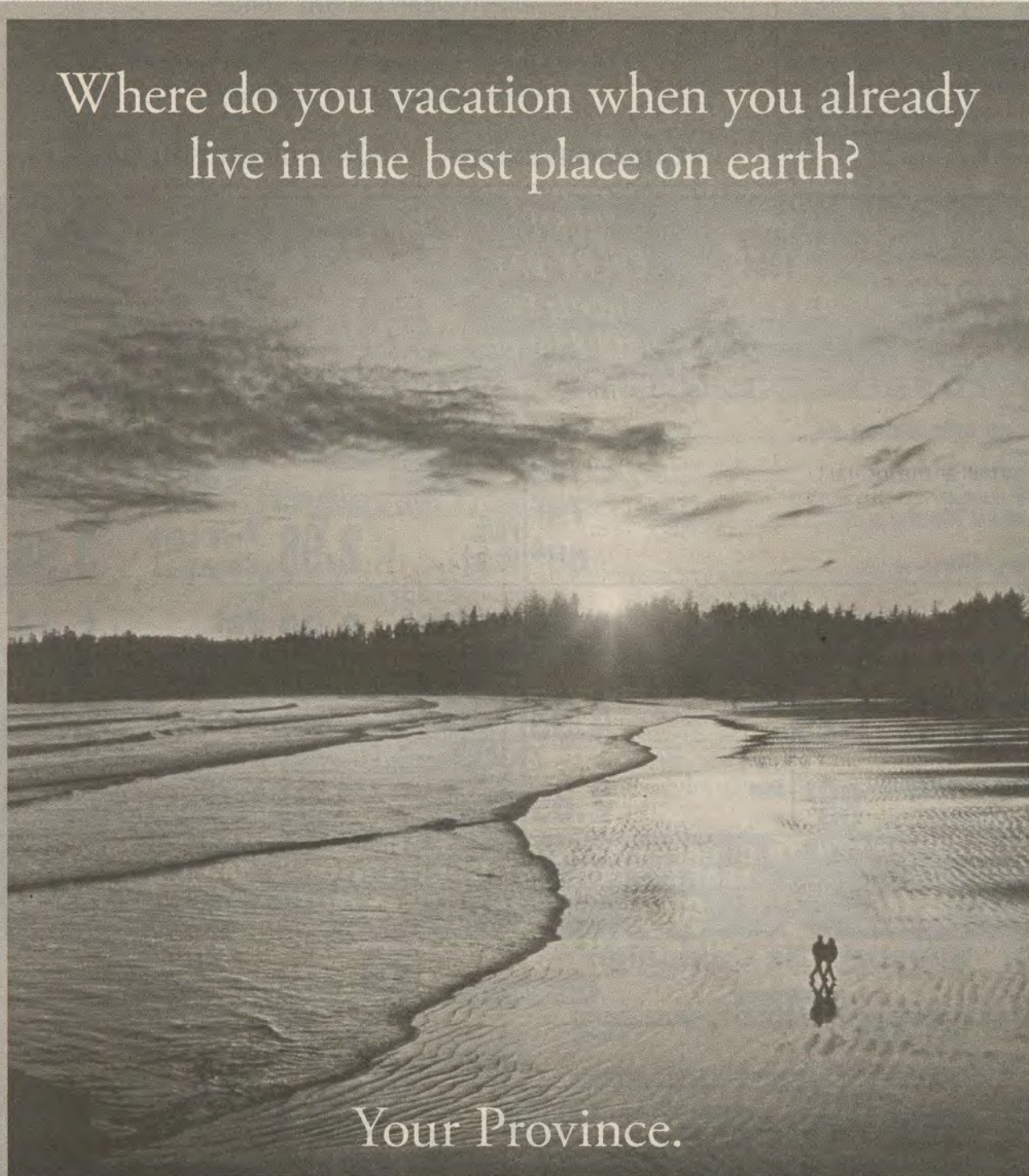
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Prince Rupert: Where History and Wilderness Meld

A Northwest Coast longhouse, pristine islands, First Nations carvers transforming wood into art; set on the ocean and neighbored by wilderness, the northern town of Prince Rupert welcomes with its varied attractions. Rich in First Nations history -- it is home to the Tsimshian people -- it began as a tent town at the terminus of the railway and grew to be a thriving seaport.

Today's visitors, initially agog at the lush scenery where green-carpeted mountainsides sweep down to the Pacific Ocean, embrace the great outdoors. They come take part in wildlife viewing, sport fish, kayak, eco-tour, hike and mountaineer. Immersed by nature, adventurers can't help but find themselves embraced as well by the history that is all around them. Take Cow Bay. Legend recounts

that the town earned its unique moniker when the locale's first cows arrived -- and ended up having to swim ashore due to an unfinished dock. Today, Cow Bay melds the trendy with the funky in its offering of eateries, shops, and galleries in historic buildings.

Sure to be a highlight is the Museum of Northern British Columbia where 10,000 years of history can be traced in the enchanting and mystical setting of a longhouse. Arguably one of British Columbia's finest museums, its Carving Shed is an attraction on its own.

Pike Island, where visitors discover early petroglyphs and marvel that this wooded isle appears untouched, was home to three First Nations villages for thousands of years. Travelers can explore the remnants of this ancient culture on a guided tour. The town just south of the Alaska Panhandle is pedestrian-friendly, a walking tour showcases many totem poles and historic buildings like the 1923 Provincial Courthouse; early days on the rails are related in the Kwintsa Railway Station Museum. A short drive from town at the Northern Pacific Historic Fishing Village, visitors stroll the peaceful setting of one of the few remaining cannery sites left on the coast.

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Haida Gwaii Lures with Mystical Beauty

To get away from it all, many head to an island. And few destinations can match the remote and untamed landscape of the Queen Charlotte Islands, or Haida Gwaii.

Comprised of some 150 islands off the Central Coast of BC, The Queen Charlottes lure most adventurers to two of the largest, Graham and Moresby. In addition to their offering of wild beauty and First Nations culture, the islands have no cellular phone service, no fast food and one traffic light. Hello tranquility. Upon arrival by ferry or aircraft, adventurers are embraced by nature: venture on a hike amid dense, old growth forests and enjoy the soul-searching experience of walking lonely beaches. (Naikoon Provincial Park, a spectacular beach and wooded region lends itself to both day and extended hikes.) A cycle along meandering, rural routes on a B&B holiday is also a great way to mingle with the locals. On the way, fish, enjoy the beach

Pacific Ocean. The Queen Charlottes offer multi choices for water activities as well as convenient campgrounds. Of course, anglers after the big ones head to renowned, oceanfront lodges for a guided fishing trip.

While these isles fulfill every dream when it comes to the great outdoors, it may be the mystic of the ancient Haida culture that casts an everlasting affect. Remote Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site, accessible only by boat or floatplane, reveals remnants of Haida villages. For example, at SGang Gwaay, the soft hues of the weathered totem poles are hauntingly beautiful and recall a culture that dates back 10,000 years.

This UNESCO world cultural site is a highlight, however, the islands immerse travellers in the Haida culture. Travellers can visit the Haida Gwaii Museum in Skidegate, talk to local carvers and artists on a gallery tour and paddle a Haida canoe to view whales, porpoises, sea lions and more, just as they did in ancient times. Unforgettable.

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Doubling tourism: The Province has added \$50 million to meet the goal of doubling tourism by 2015. Projects include cultural



IN THE AIR: Salt Spring player Kirby Garside goes up for the ball as the local U17 gold squad takes on the B.C. U20 Indigenous team here on Saturday. Although the island squad fell 7-4, spectators said it was a good match.

Photo by John Cameron

Adults and juniors partner up for Blackburn golf tournament

Kids can lead their dads (or other designated adults) around the links at Blackburn Meadows Golf Club for the second annual Adult/Junior Ganges Village Market (GVM) Open on June 24.

The best-ball event sees adults and juniors play together in teams around nine holes.

"Last year we had a packed

field and this year we're expecting the same," said tourney organizer Eric Beamish.

"It's a nice post-Father's Day type of tournament because we've got Father's Day the week before and we encourage them to come back out for the tournament."

Beamish thanked GVM as tourney sponsors, who are also big supporters of the

junior program at Blackburn Meadows, he said.

The event kicks off with a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 24. Non-member tourney fees run \$15 for adults and \$10 for juniors (members pay \$5 each). The tournament includes a barbecue and prizes.

For more information and registration, call 537-1707.



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GISS players hop for golf benefit

Golfers raised \$1,300 for local basketball players through the Scorpions Spring Classic Golf Tournament held at Blackburn Meadows on Saturday.

"Thanks to everyone who contributed," said Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) teacher Tony Mason.

While GISS students were the real winners, event scorecards indicated that the Johnson Shell team placed first with a 27, Kellie Booth's team came second with a 28 and the team captained by Pat Akerman placed third (31) after winning a chip-off for a four-way tie.

Among other highlights, Chris Howe won a putting competition, and Larry Davies and Cam Johnson won KP holes.

Sponsors who helped support the GISS senior girls basketball team included the Royal Canadian Legion (\$500) and several local businesses (Pat Akerman, Calypso Interiors, Ganges Pharmasave, Ganges Village Market, Huser & Sons Construction, Island Star Video, Mark's Work Warehouse, Mouat's Trading Company, Norm Rothwell and The Local Liquor Store).

Prizes were also donated by Marks, BMO-Nesbitt Burns, Golden Island Restaurant, the Harbour House Hotel, Island Savings, Moby's Pub, North End Fitness, Shipstones restaurant and Thrifty Foods, Mason said.



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TRACKSHOES STARS: Team Salt Spring heads off for the Operation Trackshoes meet in Victoria. Seen here are, back row (left to right): Nora Elson, Annika Lund, Gloria McEachern, Jen MacDonald, David McEachern, Miranda Logan-Webb; front row, Andrew Krizan, Chris Joynson, Kandra Riley, Naomi Van Pelt, Pam MacDonald, Stuart Elliott, Jason Newport, Carlos Manzano.

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14-year-old golfer the brightest star at Pender Bender

A flight of Salt Spring disc golfers notched awards on Pender Island during the biggest tourney of the season May 27-28.

Among highlights, both Ted Hickford and Gordon Murphy won their respective divisions at the Pender Classic Disc Golf Tournament, while Braiden Simmonds (age 14) placed second among advanced men.

Hickford scored a 141 (21 under par 162) in the grand masters division (for players aged 50 and over), Murphy carded a 139 to take the advanced masters (age 40 and over) and Simmonds hit a 138 to place second among advanced men. As another highlight, Murphy hit two aces during play.

Salt Spring's brightest star among disc players was young Simmonds, who has been playing so well in local events that he plans to take a shot at the junior title in the World Championships

DISC SPIN

in Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 24-29.

Islanders Fritz Arnold, Dustin Chamberlin, Scott Chapman, Joah Chlopan, Dean Crouse, Gordon Field, Marcus Hundt, Erik Vanderwekken and Tanya Van Ginkel also counted among participants at the "Pender Bender."

In other disc-golf news: Chlopan and Hundt won a "worst disc" scramble with a 53 (one under par) at Mout Park on Sunday. As opposed to a "best-disc" scramble, the event required partners to shoot from the worst of their combined throws.

The next tourney on the sights for local disc golfers is the B.C. Open Championships held in Vancouver on July 1-2.

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Stingrays kick off speedy season at Duncan

Salt Spring Stingrays swimmers leapt off the blocks into their competitive season with a developmental meet in Duncan on Saturday.

Just under 40 swimmers — many of them new to the team this year — attended.

"The meet was a great start to the season," said coach Kellie Rolston. "Team

leadership and sportsmanship from returning team members helped make the meet successful for all the new Stingrays."

The meet was restricted to B-time and developmental swimmers; A-time swimmers could not compete. However, some swimmers did achieve "A" times, including first-time swim-

mer Becky Steel (Div. 2) who nailed an A-time in 50-metre breaststroke.

Placements and results were unavailable at press time.

The squad included two 25-metre novice swimmers, Tajo Fisher and Zyon Aven-Picard, but all other swimmers competed in qualifying 50-metre events.

New Div. 1ers Jordon Gil-

lespie-Kitchen and Chase Kazakoff impressed the team by completing 50-metre events in their first-ever meet, said Rolston.

Others attending their first meet included Aija Wright (Div. 2), Kimberly Rothwell (Div. 3), Lauren Anderson (Div. 3), Kaylea Kray (Div. 4), Emily Wypkema (Div. 4), Chelsea Harris (Div. 4),

Nicole McMahon (Div. 4) and Erik Rothwell (Div. 4).

Returning swimmer Callysta Boyd (Div. 1) competed in her first 50-metre events after swimming novice last year.

Rolston said the coaches are excited to see what the club can do for the rest of the season.

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Webster's 71 takes Evans Cup

By **MARCIE HOGAN**
Driftwood Contributor

June 6 saw our senior ladies competing in a low net format for the Evans Cup. Playing her best round of the year, Ruby Webster took the cup with a 71. Chris Locke was close behind with a 73.

Judging by our gross scores, it was a tough day out there. Carol Pierce, Janet Butler and Alice Richards tied with gross scores of 100.

The Un-Evans cup, for the younger girls, was won by Julie Tyler on retrogression. Tyler and Janelle Holmes both had net scores of 73. Gloria Lloyd took the putt pot and Alice Richards had the closest shot to the pin on hole two.

In medal play on May 16 and May 23, low gross winners were Melanie Iverson with 95 and Pat Lavender with 100.

Close on their heels were Alice Richards with 96 and Linda Overholt with 102. Susan Russell took low net by knocking six shots off par for a 69. Janet Butler followed with a 72. On the 23rd, Denise Heaton had

75 while Russell and Trish Simpson tied with 77. Putt pots went to Grace Murchie with 28 and Simpson with 27. KP winners were Sandy English and Pam Ellacott. Ellacott narrowly missed a hole-in-one.

On May 30 the ladies played Criss Cross. In this game a nine-hole score is submitted, using the better score on each hole from either the front or back nine.

A much more forgiving game! Pam Ellacott had the best gross score with a 46, followed by Alice Richards with a 48. Chris Locke and Janelle Holmes shared low net honours with scores of 33. Heather Lawler was right behind with a 33.5. Marcie Hogan took KP. Long-time member Irene Hawkesworth had only 30 putts.

The rest of us found that two putts on a slick green were only the beginning. Rose bowl matches are continuing.

Darlene Wellington outpaced all other players by scoring 42 points for the month of May.

Runner-up Denise Heaton was 13

points behind at 29, followed by Pam Mackenzie with 28 points. Heaton's two chip ins for the month contributed to her low scores.

Long hitter Dora Reynolds scored her first eagle on May 15 and posted the second best low net score of 34.5 for May.

Patricia Sutherland topped her with the best low net score of 30 on May 8. The most improved player in May managed to shave an amazing 19 points off her eclectic score. Way to go, Ina Curran!

Regular play results for June 5 depended on the two kinds of golfing bounces: unfair bounces and bounces just the way you meant to play it.

Dora Reynolds played for a Low Gross of 46. Tier-1 Low Net winner was Darlene Wellington with 36. Tier-2 low shooter was Pam Mackenzie with 37. Tier-3 winners Penka Paul and Trudy Sloan matched the 37.

Top putters were Marg Lowther and Dora Reynolds with 16 putts over nine holes.

Clubs connect at youth tourney

Salt Spring's Brettney Savin was low net winner in the 2006 Ken Cooper Memorial, Zone 5 Junior Championship held at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on the weekend.

Her 65 score was followed by Matthew Hollingsworth's 66. Low gross winner was Victoria player Andrew Maxwell, who won in a play-off against Salt Spring's Stephen Greenwood after the pair tied at 72.

Other Salt Spring results were Zander Ritson, fourth low gross with a 74; Christian Huser, fifth low net with a 67 (retro).

GOLF TEES

Anthony Grossman won juvenile low net division with a 69, while Noah Van Hullebush was bantam low net winner with a 67.

Forty-three boys and girls between the ages of nine and 18 played in the event, with 15 of those from Salt Spring.

On Junior Day, June 9, Greenwood was low gross winner in the 15-18-year age category (34), while Ritson was low net winner (33).

Hollingsworth (43) was low gross winner in the 12-14-year age division.

In other golf news:

• Bruce Watkins and Wayne Wrigley emerged winners of the Chapman Alternate Shot event in men's division play at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on June 1.

Their net 63 score topped runners-up Tom Locke and Jack Mitchell, who notched a net 64.

KP winners were: Duane MacPhail (#2); Gerard Webster (#6); Wayne Wrigley (#11); Colin Lawler (#15).

Mike Morgan was 50/50 winner.

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The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada begins in a small Texas town. An illegal immigrant named Melquiades who was working as a ranch hand is shot and killed, and his good friend Pete (Tommy Lee Jones, who also directed) tries to figure out what happened.

Eventually, Pete learns that a border guard named Mike was the shooter, and goes about kidnapping him. At gunpoint, he takes Mike across the border along with Melquiades' body. Some retribution is at hand.

The script, a winner at the Cannes film festival, begins in fractured fashion. We see Mike's arrival with his wife Lou Ann (January Jones), the local sheriff (Dwight Yoakam) having an affair with a diner waitress (Melissa Leo) who is also having an affair with Pete, and early scenes of Pete

and Melquiades meeting.

But once Pete leaves town, most of the other characters are relegated to mere support duty. This is disappointing because Pete and Mike aren't quite fleshed out enough to create the required dramatic impact. In particular, I found the loneliness of Jones' trailer-park beauty and Leo's superficially-happy wife sad but powerfully real.

The focus on Pete and Mike's trip into Mexico gives the film a truly Western feel, and many of the scenes towards the end are cleverly constructed to play on our expectations.

But being overly clever just doesn't make sense when everything up to this point has a decidedly naturalistic feel. Up until the last third of the film we've spent all our time in a bleak, ugly Texan town and its desolate desert surroundings

and then suddenly we're in an adventure movie.

Worse, the end of the film is drawn out and as a result loses some punch. We should be in tears when the credits roll, but I was sitting there with an "enh" look on my face.

While the script obviously has its issues, the future at least bodes well for Tommy Lee Jones' directing career. While the film in general is not flashy, there is a sense that Jones is at least trying to do something outside the mainstream.

As such, this already makes him different from fellow character actor-turned-Western director Clint Eastwood. The question is, like Eastwood, will Jones stay within the "single quiet hero" motif, or will he try something new?



SENIOR SPORTS: Helper Adele Storm, left, is seen with Lady Minto Hospital extended care resident Elizabeth Anderson doing the basketball throw at the unit's seniors' sports day.
Photo by Shari Macdonald

Fit and fun rowing classes make splash starting Mon.

Whatever one's skill or fitness level, an upcoming introductory rowing class is the perfect way to get in shape with the Salt Spring Island Rowing Club, according to club president Hans Stoffelsma.

"The sport provides a total body workout," said Stoffelsma.

"Upper body, lower body and cardiovascular are all improved and it's very low impact, unlike running, which can stress the joints."

As a lifelong rower, Stoffelsma's love for the sport dates back to well before the club started up two seasons ago and he is encouraged to see just how quickly the sport has caught on.

The St. Mary Lake-based club has grown from a group of diehard rowing enthusiasts to a more casual group of people seeking a new and exciting recreational activity.

The club now has six boats, enough to accommodate 24 rowers during any of the club's five regularly

scheduled training sessions.

"The emphasis is definitely on having fun," Stoffelsma said.

"There are some hardcore competitors, but that isn't really the intention of the club."

The 10-hour course is scheduled to take place between 6 and 8 p.m. on June 19, 21, 26, 28 and 29. For \$100, participants get professional instruction and learn all the skills needed to become a full-fledged club member.

Course participants must be at least 13 years of age and at least four participants are required. For more information, call Stacey Mitchell at 537-1221.

Top bowlers named

High scores in recent Special Olympics bowling league play were:

June 7: Jason Newport, 145-190; Mahjor Bains, 145-212; Gloria Dale, 155-169; Stuart Elliott, 160.
May 24: Jimmy Beck,

HIGH ROLLERS

146; Gloria Dale, 167; Mahjor Bains, 186-230.

FALL FAIR FOCUS

#1 New class of Needlework for Fall Fair

By Sandy Barclay

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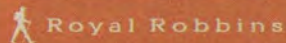


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