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ALL HANDS ON BOARD: Sue Mouat pins together a quilt at the Farmers Institute as some 200 volunteers turn up for the Third Annual Island Comfort Quilts Community Quilting Bee. Story and photos on pages A27-28. Photo by Derrick Lundy

CRD follows up on marina legal threat

Court injunction notice on its way to owner

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. owner Rick Barbieri can expect a letter from the Capital Regional District (CRD) to land in his mailbox any day now.

The news came less than a week after a CRD committee voted March 14 to pursue a court injunction to stop the ongoing work on the company's property across from Park Drive along Lower Ganges Road.

"This is part of the process," said Gary Holman, Salt Spring's CRD director. "We have to follow every step of the process or we could end up with nothing."

CRD lawyers will serve Rick Barbieri, owner of B&B Ganges Marina Ltd., with a notice of their intentions before any further steps may be taken.

"The committee believes it has a solid legal footing," Holman said, adding he is "disappointed" matters have come to this point once again with the marina.

"First it was with the Islands Trust and now it's the CRD," he said, referring to an ongoing disagreement over use of a floating struc-

ture for the marina's office. (The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee had permitted its use only as a construction office during a proposed redevelopment that did not in fact occur.)

Wolfgang Brunnwieser, the CRD's bylaw enforcement officer, intervened on February 27 when a construction crew disregarded a stop work order and began pouring cement foundations for two buildings totalling 55 square metres (600 square feet) along the Ganges Harbour shoreline.

Brunnwieser said he is monitoring the site and compiling a file which may be used in the event of court proceedings.

"I'm stopping by every day," he said.

According to Robert Lapham, the CRD's general manager of planning and protective services, building permits are legally required before property owners can construct any structure and the marina does not stand above the law.

He said B&B Ganges Marina could face fines as high as \$60,000 and persons caught violating the order may be sentenced to six months in jail.

Barbieri had not received the cease and desist order

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Powerline work halted until court case concluded

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Gulf Islands residents living near the overhead power lines can breathe a tentative sign of relief as B.C. Hydro and British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) cease "pre-construction" work on the highly contested Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement (VITR) project while the case is heard by the B.C. Court of Appeal.

"What we've done is agreed at this time that we won't be doing any further work east of the Salt Spring sub-station," said Sharon Wasylik, BCTC community relations coordinator Monday.

The sub-station is located at the

corner of Lower Ganges and Atkins roads and includes parts of Salt Spring, Parker and Galiano islands.

However, work will continue on the portion of Salt Spring located to the west of the sub-station, as well as in North Cowichan.

According to Wasylik, work had not yet begun, save for an osprey nest being relocated on Salt Spring last week.

When the appeal was granted to Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines (IRAHVOL) and Tsawwassen Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines (TRAHVOL), BCTC agreed to cease construction, Wasylik said.

"Unfortunately, it now appears

there was a misunderstanding of what constituted overhead line construction work," she said. "We kind of considered it pre-construction. They considered it construction."

Wasylik said pre-construction activity, including brush clearing and road preparation, will continue as per discussions between both sides' lawyers.

However, IRAHVOL representative Daria Zovi responded in an e-mail: "The recent decision to halt construction . . . following media coverage of the issue and requests from IRAHVOL's legal counsel is welcomed with reservations by IRAHVOL. A complete stop to all construction of this proposed power

line would be the proper response by B.C. Hydro and BCTC as two issues are before the B.C. Court of Appeal."

Right to appeal was granted November 7, 2006 on two grounds.

The first concerns whether the existing right of way agreements allow for project construction.

"British Columbia Utilities Commissioners should not have assumed that the existing right-of-way agreements, acquired over 50 years ago, permit the construction of the proposed project," wrote Zovi.

The second concerns whether the "precautionary principle" should be applied by tribunals. The principle is

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Driftwood nails 7 national awards, including third best paper overall

Gulf Islands Driftwood stories, advertisements and supplements created in 2006 have earned seven awards in the Canadian Community Newspapers Association (CCNA) Better Newspapers Competition.

From winners announced Monday, the Driftwood earned:

- Third best paper overall

in its circulation category of 4,000 to 6,499;

- First place for special section (circ. 4,000 to 12,499) for the Winter 2006 Aqua magazine;

- First place for best ad design (circ. 4,000 to 12,499) for a two-page Pegasus Gallery ad;

- First place for best Christmas edition (circ. 4,000 to

12,499) for the Winter 2006 Aqua;

- Second place for best business writing (circ. up to 9,999) for Susan Lundy's story on the Saturday market published in the Summer 2006 Aqua magazine;

- Second place for best in-house ad campaign (circ. up to 9,999) for the Driftwood's launch of its TGIF edition;

- Third place for best feature series (circ. 4,000 to 12,499) for Sean McIntyre's stories on the Galiano Island forest fire.

Four Driftwood entries are also top-three finalists in the provincial community newspapers competition, with winners announced next month at a convention in Vancouver.

New fire trustees elected by acclamation

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

A little more than a month ago, sitting on the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) board seemed like the hottest volunteer job on the island, and judging from the cool response to a recent call for candidates, perhaps things were a tad too hot for comfort.

"It comes down to putting your money where your mouth is," said acting-chair Bruce Patterson.

As of the March 9 nomination deadline, only two nominees sought board positions left vacant by Ken Lee and former chair Ted Hinds.

Hinds resigned from the board after

it withdrew a controversial counter-petition process needed to secure up to \$5 million to build a new fire hall on Kings Lane.

Michael Schubart, an SSIFPD chair from 2003-2006, and Tony Kennedy will officially assume their posts on the board by acclamation when the district hosts its AGM on March 26.

"I believe in community service, am on my sixth and final year on the hospital board, am finishing up my role as chair for the official community plan's potable water committee and thought: 'Am I just going to vegetate?'" Kennedy said, adding the next three years will prove "a very active time" for the

island and fire protection district.

He said he needs more information before he can form opinions on the proposed Fulford Valley training ground and the need to replace the Ganges fire hall.

"I don't have any information so I don't have an opinion," he said.

Former chair Schubart echoed the need for more information after his absence from the board.

"I've been out of the loop for a year and don't consider myself up to speed," he said.

Schubart did not, however, rule out taking up the chair's position.

"If [board members] all want me to serve, I will serve," he said.

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"a general principle of conduct" that many countries have applied, said Zovi.

It states that in situations of "uncertainty where risk is considerable and long lasting, the decision makers should choose the course of caution so they should decide for a very conservative route because of the uncertainties," she added.

"British Columbia Utilities Commissioners were obligated to apply the precautionary principle, which they failed to do when they considered the health risks associated with long-term exposure to the electromagnetic field generated by the proposed transmission lines," she said.

Zovi is also critical that BCTC has not informed property owners about the court appeal.

Although the initial right to appeal was granted November 7, 2006 and the second ground was granted on February 12, letters announcing that the appeal has been granted and pre-construction will cease immediately had yet to be distributed on Tuesday.

Wasylik said the letters are expected to go out this week.

"When it's sort of major things that impact whether we are or aren't going to proceed, then we let [property owners] know," Wasylik said.

According to Zovi, "Omission to notify the public and property owners of this crucial legal process that may overturn the British Columbia Utilities Commission approval of the project, is, in IRAHVOL's view, equivalent to false information."

The pre-construction is also a potential waste of public money if the appeal is successful, Zovi said.

"It is part of what we need to do to meet our in-service date and we're proceeding with that," countered Wasylik.

She added the project has a budget of \$250 million and its in-service date is fall 2008.

The Municipality of Hudson, Québec won a groundbreaking case to regulate the cosmetic use of pesticides using the same precautionary principle in June 2001.

Zovi said IRAHVOL is currently attempting to gain support from the World Wildlife Fund and the Suzuki Foundation, among other organizations.

"Now that we're discussing this big principle, it's important that we have people representing these other groups."

Zovi added the case might eventually make its way to the Supreme Court.

"[I don't know if the] best forum [for the case] is the Court of Appeal, but if we have to go to the Supreme Court of Canada, we'll have to decide on that," Zovi said.

For the past two years, IRAHVOL has been advocating a submarine and underground DC cable system which goes directly to Vancouver Island and bypasses the Gulf Islands.

Ferries meets Spring Break demands

Good news for those trekking to the mainland over the Spring Break week: B.C. Ferries has added extra sailings to accommodate the rush.

Forty extra sailings will be added between Swartz Bay

and Tsawwassen, with an additional four ships, including two Spirit-Class vessels, serving the route from March 16 to 25.

Extra sailings are also scheduled between Horseshoe Bay and Departure Bay

for Friday and Sunday afternoons during the break.

CostSaver fares will be available on selected sailings between Tsawwassen and Duke Point and between Horseshoe Bay and Departure Bay from March 16 to 25.



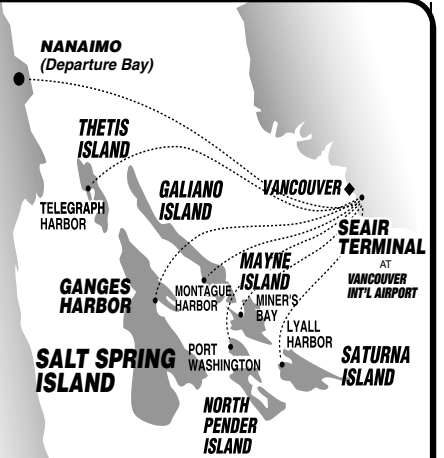
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Safer, people-friendly streets wanted

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

The drive for safer streets in Ganges stepped closer to reality as organizers welcomed a large and enthusiastic crowd intent on making some desperately needed changes to Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads.

"The result was very, very extraordinary," said Jean Gelwicks, a member of the steering committee to improve pedestrian safety. "One thing we don't lack on Salt Spring is a lack of will to get things done. People may complain, but they do something about it."

Nearly 100 people did something about it by stopping by the four-hour open house at Meaden Hall, Monday evening.

Many were seniors looking to have a say on how to get around without getting knocked about.

"I live in an unsafe area," said Myna Lee Johnstone, a Pioneer Village resident who cycles in the Ganges core on a daily basis. "People drive too fast. The roads on Salt Spring are not built for speed."

Island residents aren't getting any younger and getting around safely will become increasingly important over the coming years, she said.

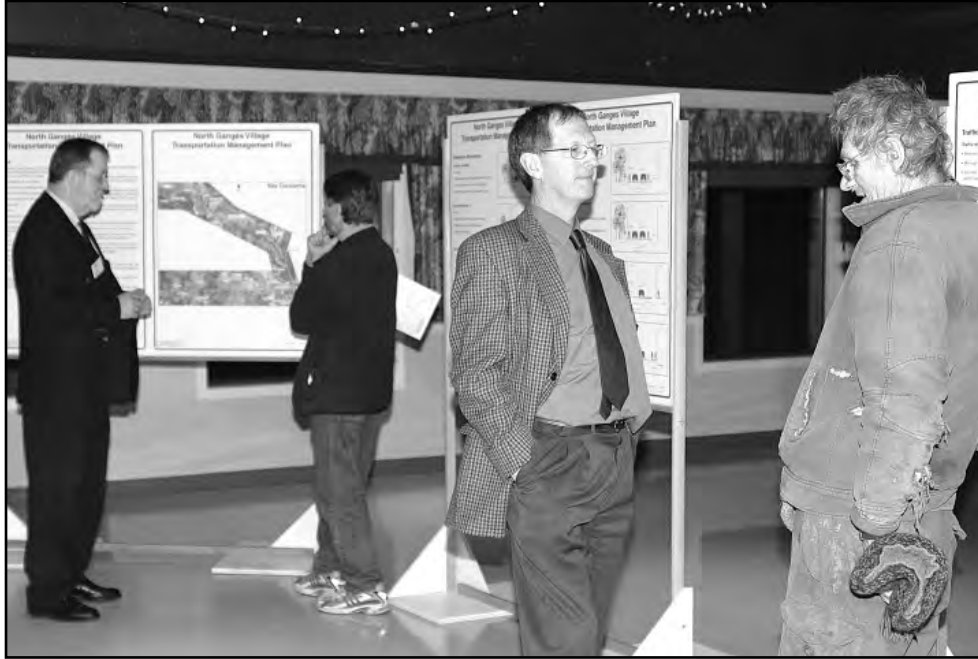
After only a few minutes in the room, it became clear everyone has their own ideas about what needs to get done.

Crosswalks, roundabouts, bike lanes, reflectors, stop signs and speed bumps are all likely candidates.

Bill Henderson, a Rainbow Road resident, suggested the answer might be appearing right before drivers' eyes on a daily basis.

"I think the roads should be safer for pedestrians and bikers. Paving the roads will do nothing but speed up the traffic," he said. "Potholes seem like a good idea to me."

Don Mellor walks along Lower Ganges Road on a regular basis. He said sec-



TRANSPORTATION TALK: About 100 people attended an open house focusing on transportation issues Monday evening. Above left, professional traffic operations engineer Richard James (left) talks to former Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

tions of the route like the one between Upper Ganges Road and downtown are nearly impassable during the winter.

"Anyone who considers cycling there is taking a risk because there is no shoulder in places," he said.

Whatever the outcome of Monday's event, Mellor said, he is relieved there are signs of change.

"I don't know what will be done, but at least people are working on it."

Andrew Haigh said creating a more pedestrian-friendly neighbourhood is a top priority.

Efforts to tackle the problem by addressing a single intersection may backfire if they are not done in relation to plans for other intersections along the roadway, he added.

"I'm interested in making Salt Spring more pedestrian-friendly, but let's make a concerted effort to do something."

Monday's event was the first of three open house sessions meant to generate a buzz around the upcoming Transportation Management

Plan (TMP).

Funded largely by the Capital Regional District (CRD), Islands Trust, RCMP and Ministry of Transportation, the plan will address the portion of Rainbow Road stretching from the new recreation centre to Lower Ganges Road and up to the Atkins Road-Lower Ganges intersection.

The TMP may not have the catchiest name but, organizers contend, the plan gives everybody who visits, lives and works in Ganges something to cheer about.

Steering committee members consistently come across public concerns with high vehicle speeds, too much traffic, difficulty turning on to side roads, a lack of sidewalks and bike lanes in addition to parking difficulties.

Since problems affect cyclists, pedestrians and riders, everybody stands to gain by contributing, said Marion Pape, the steering committee's chair.

She said the next open house will be held in May when organizers will present more concrete examples of

proposals suggested at this week's open house.

"I am so pleased with the turn-out," Pape said. "All input will be reviewed and the plan will be improved upon."

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as of Tuesday afternoon but Lapham said he expected the notice would be delivered by the end of the week.

A failure to cease work at the site will result in court action by the CRD.

"We are carrying on with it because we believe we have jurisdiction," said Uli Temmel, Salt Spring's chief building inspector. "We've had no direct contact with the applicant, but there has been a flurry of activity between our lawyers at this point."

Barbieri did not respond to calls.

Marina spokespersons have said the CRD failed to take an interest in the matter when construction on the structures began last year. In an interview last week, Barbieri said the company has every intention of finishing the structures in time to serve marina guest this summer.

Speaking on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, president Peter Allan acknowledged

none of its members could step beyond the bounds of the law, regardless of their economic impact.

"All of the island's marinas are a significant asset to the Ganges business community, but they should play by the rules like everybody else," he said. "We encourage a settlement and that all of our members act ethically."

The marina joined the Chamber of Commerce in 2006 to foster a stronger community presence, said Allan.

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Is it flu or is it Norwalk?

By **DAWN HAGE**
Driftwood Staff

Islanders are getting hit late in the year by a cold-like influenza and cases of norovirus. Understanding the differences between the two illnesses and the best way to treat them will hopefully lay both rumours and fears to rest.

The flu and norovirus have different symptoms and length of illness. Flu symptoms are defined in the B.C. Health Guide as "fever, cough, shaking chills, body aches, headache and fatigue. These symptoms usually last for three to four days, after which you may have a dry cough, runny nose, and a sore or scratchy throat for another week or so. The incubation period — the time from exposure to the flu virus until you develop symptoms — is one to four days."

"The influenza is in our midst now," said Kelli MacDonald, infection control nurse at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. "It hit late this year. Normally we expect it in mid December, but this year it came along in late January and February."

Unlike a common cold, the flu hits hard and quickly. "You know that you are

sick," said MacDonald.

Doctors and nurses cannot treat influenza, unless it progresses into more serious secondary illnesses. People should get lots of rest at home and only check in with their doctor if the illness goes on longer than four to six days or symptoms worsen.

Norwalk virus infection is defined as "an intestinal illness that often occurs in outbreaks." When a virus has similar symptoms to Norwalk, it is called Norwalk-like virus or norovirus. All are classified as members of the calicivirus family.

Norovirus includes many different viruses that can present with similar symptoms, so it is hard to diagnose exactly which norovirus it is or that it is definitely the Norwalk strain. Treatment is the same for all.

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps are norovirus symptoms. A headache, fever of less than 38°C (100°F) and some mild muscle aches may occur. Often children will only suffer stomach cramps and vomiting, but not the diarrhea.

"Norovirus is extremely contagious," said MacDonald. "Only a very small amount of the virus is need-

ed to infect an individual. Typically, the onset is fairly quick."

"The virus is very hardy. It can survive freezing and several strengths of alcohol. We need to use a strong bleach-based disinfectant to kill it."

In addition, notes the BC Health website, you can be infected by "touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus and then placing your hand in your mouth or having direct contact with someone who is infected."

MacDonald stresses that it "is really important to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating. The alcohol hand gels that are available are not strong enough to kill it, but soap is very effective."

Although unpleasant and intense, the illness is fairly short lived. Infected persons usually recover in two or three days. Severe illness or hospitalization is uncommon.

For treatment, the most important thing is to watch hydration levels and encourage patients to sip rehydration drinks, alternating with liquids like ginger ale, Powerade and water as soon as they feel they can keep the

liquid down.

Measures to prevent infection from norovirus include: washing hands with soap and warm water after toilet visits and before preparing or eating food, cooking shellfish thoroughly, washing raw fruits and vegetables before eating and disposing of sewage in a sanitary manner.

Doctors recommend that children not return to school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours. This also applies to adults returning to the workplace.

"The virus is shed for several days," said MacDonald. "It is really important to take contact precautions and stay home for the extra two days after you feel healthy."

Bathrooms that have been visited by an infected person should be thoroughly disinfected after every use. If you have a case of norovirus in the family, try to use a different bathroom if possible throughout the illness.

Immediately remove and wash soiled clothing or linens after vomiting or having diarrhea. Use hot water and soap.

It's not necessary to visit the doctor or hospital with norovirus unless severe dehydration takes place.

Islands Trust proposes 17 per cent bigger budget

The Islands Trust is seeking public input on a proposed 17 per cent increase in its 2007-08 operating budget.

When Islands Trust Council meets on Gabriola Island March 27-29, budget approval is on the agenda. Council's financial planning committee is recommending an increase in staff and programs to better achieve its "preserve and protect" mandate, for a total \$5,656,455 operating budget.

Of the 17 per cent increase, about 15 per cent is estimated to come from property taxes, for a hike of about \$9 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Last year the Trust raised taxes by 10.83 per cent, and 5.06 per cent the year before.

Budget details are avail-

able on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca, or at Islands Trust offices. Islanders can send input on the Trust budget proposal by e-mail to budget2007@islandstrust.bc.ca or as indicated by Islands Trust staff.

Meanwhile, Salt Spring property owners will face a smaller increase at the hands of the Capital Regional District (CRD), which meets to approve its budget on March 28.

Just over \$3.4 million will come from Salt Spring Island, representing a 3.2 per cent increase (or \$17 per average household) over 2006. Total cost for an average residence is \$547, excluding sewer and water utilities in areas where those services are provided.

According to regional director Gary Holman, "the

main sources of the tax increase are accounted for by upgrades to our liquid waste facility at Burgoyne Bay (1.2 per cent), increased funding for emergency planning (0.7 per cent) and the CREST emergency communications system (0.6 per cent), storm water quality management (0.4 per cent), and increased funding for the electoral area feasibility reserve fund (0.4 per cent)."

See next week's Driftwood for a director's report from Holman that contains further budget details. It's also available at the CRD building inspection office in Ganges.

The preliminary Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area budget for Saturna, Pender, Galiano and Mayne residents released in December 2006 was \$1,862,307, representing an eight per cent increase over last year.

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Bishop's Walk neighbours want meeting

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Residents in the 200 block of Fulford-Ganges Road hope a public meeting can salvage their neighbourhood in the wake of ongoing construction at Three Point Properties' Bishop's Walk and Bishop's Green projects.

"A lot of damage has been done, but it's never too late to do the right thing," said Ellen Taylor. "We feel they can do much better."

According to Taylor, blasting and tree clearing work for Bishop's Walk, a 29-home hillside development located above her Fulford-Ganges Road property, has not only produced incessant noise but severely altered drainage patterns in the area.

"This affects everybody located downhill from the project," she said.

An unprecedented winter runoff left drainage ditches overflowing and minor flooding on several properties, she said.

Spring rains, she added, means things may get worse

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— Ellen Taylor

in the absence of immediate action.

Earlier this month, Taylor asked Salt Spring Island trustees to encourage a public hearing to discuss remedial action before voting on a Three Point Properties strata ownership proposal for the adjacent Bishop's Green project.

One issue is removal of trees in a buffer area.

"We've repeatedly asked [Three Point] why the trees were removed and never got any answers," she told trustees at a meeting. "Three Point Properties has not been a good neighbour."

According to a 2004 covenant, Three Point Properties is not permitted to remove any trees other than to clear

building sites and provide access to the sites after subdivision. Since subdivision has yet to occur, all work completed to this date does not constitute a violation of the covenant.

"I don't think this covenant is a very good covenant," said Salt Spring trustee Peter Lamb. "What has been cleared is largely what the covenant intended to protect."

Though it is clear the company failed to honour the spirit of the agreement, it has not done anything wrong, said trustee George Ehring at the last local Trust committee meeting.

Ehring said the Trust's options are limited since the clearing has already taken place, but he suggested working with the applicant to minimize further impacts on area neighbours and scheduling a meeting before the next local trust committee meeting on April 5.

"I am concerned about the tree cutting and I understand there is not much left stand-

ing," he said. "If this is our buy in to request remediating, then I'd be happy to [propose a meeting]."

Three Point project manager J.P. Martin said he intends to hold a meeting as early as this week in hopes of addressing the neighbours' concerns.

He assured residents the final development will undergo significant landscaping and said crews are already working to improve drainage based on recommendations from the company's hydrologist.

"Ideally we can look at all the drainage problems and show how it will be addressed when the development is done," Martin said.

He said he remains "a little bit surprised" by the reaction of nearby residents despite multiple one-on-one meetings held over the past year.

Three Point Properties is a Victoria-based company. More information on the project is available at www.threepointproperties.com.

Saturday set for Friday night ferry change talk

A consultation flotilla for a Friday night ferry schedule change docks at Salt Spring and Galiano islands on Saturday.

Bob Jones, chair of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee, is urging Salt Spring Islanders to attend the open house at ArtSpring from 4 to 5:45 p.m. and show support for the concept.

The change will be in effect for 12 Fridays on a trial basis beginning April 6, plus Thursday, April 5 for the Easter long weekend.

"We have 12 weeks to make our case," said Jones.

The change sees two Friday night departures from Tsawwassen. The first, leaving at 4:10 p.m., heads to Mayne and Pender islands, with Saturna-bound passengers transferring at Mayne.

The Queen of Nanaimo then returns to Tsawwassen to pick up travellers heading to Salt Spring and Galiano Islands at 8:15 p.m. Passengers are scheduled to arrive at Galiano at 9:10 p.m. and Salt Spring at 10:05.

Jones said the ferry advisory committee and B.C. Ferries worked hard in the past few years to address a long-standing issue — that of extremely late Friday arrivals to Salt Spring, which

reduces visitors' chances of spending more than one weekend night on the island. Because of high weekend traffic volumes on the Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay route, relying on a transfer from Swartz Bay to Fulford is often not feasible, he noted.

The proposed change has faced opposition from Saturna, Pender and Mayne commuters, who will be forced to leave the mainland earlier on Friday nights.

Another info session is on Galiano Island from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Saturday at the South Galiano Hall, while Saturna, Pender and Mayne meetings were held last week.

System glitch temporarily foils credit union users

Island Savings users were among credit union users across Canada who were left without access to their funds as point of sale (POS) and ATM machines malfunctioned on March 5 and 6.

The service supplier that handles the Canada-wide system was down intermittently, said Lorne DeLarge, senior vice president of marketing and communications

with Islands Savings Thursday. He was clear the problem was not locally based.

DeLarge quelled rumours that money was being debited from accounts despite a "declined" message at the POS. However, he said, because the system was frequently up and down over the two days, problems may have occurred.

"If any member notices

any irregularities, contact us and we'll take care of any issues that they have," he said.

Both Mike Boizard of Thrifty Foods and Mike Tyson of Ganges Village Market said the system failure caused few problems at their stores on Salt Spring.

Despite last week's experience, DeLarge is confident the system utilized by most

credit unions and some other financial institutions is a good one.

"The system is a very good system," he said, noting such disruptions are rare.

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Islands Trust task force reviews Salt Spring governance options

Nobody ever said leading a community is easy and, based on the number of options presented to the Islands Trust's Governance Task Force (GTF) at a meeting in Oak Bay last week, selecting how a community is governed is no easier.

Options under consideration include raising the total number of elected trustees from 28 to 56, decreasing the number of regional trust areas from 14 to five, implementing a population-based representation system and retaining the status quo.

"I think we have some problems with the status quo, but it's a matter of laying out the available options," said George Ehring, a Salt Spring Island trustee who sits on the 13-member GTF.

"This is far from a done deal. We obviously want to know what people think."

The recommendations were put forward by Allan Neilson-Welch at last week's GTF meeting. The Islands Trust hired Neilson-Welch as consultant for the \$25,000 review in December.

He is tasked with presenting options to address the size of local trust com-

mittees, the allocation of decision-making power at Islands Trust Council and coordination of decision-making powers between the Islands Trust and regional districts.

Trustees formed the task force in March 2006 in response to claims more populated regions like Salt Spring do not receive a proportional level of services based on their residents' tax contributions.


Salt Spring's 10,000 inhabitants are represented by two trustees, the same number provided to more remote and less populated

areas the likes of Lasqueti, Thetis, South Pender and Saturna islands.

Members of the public will get a chance to comment on what happens next when the final options are released in time for a public consultation session in May.

Linda Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer, said any changes to the Trust's governance structure requires a legislative change and approval from the provincial Minister of Community Services.

"We've got to present something we feel is workable," she said.



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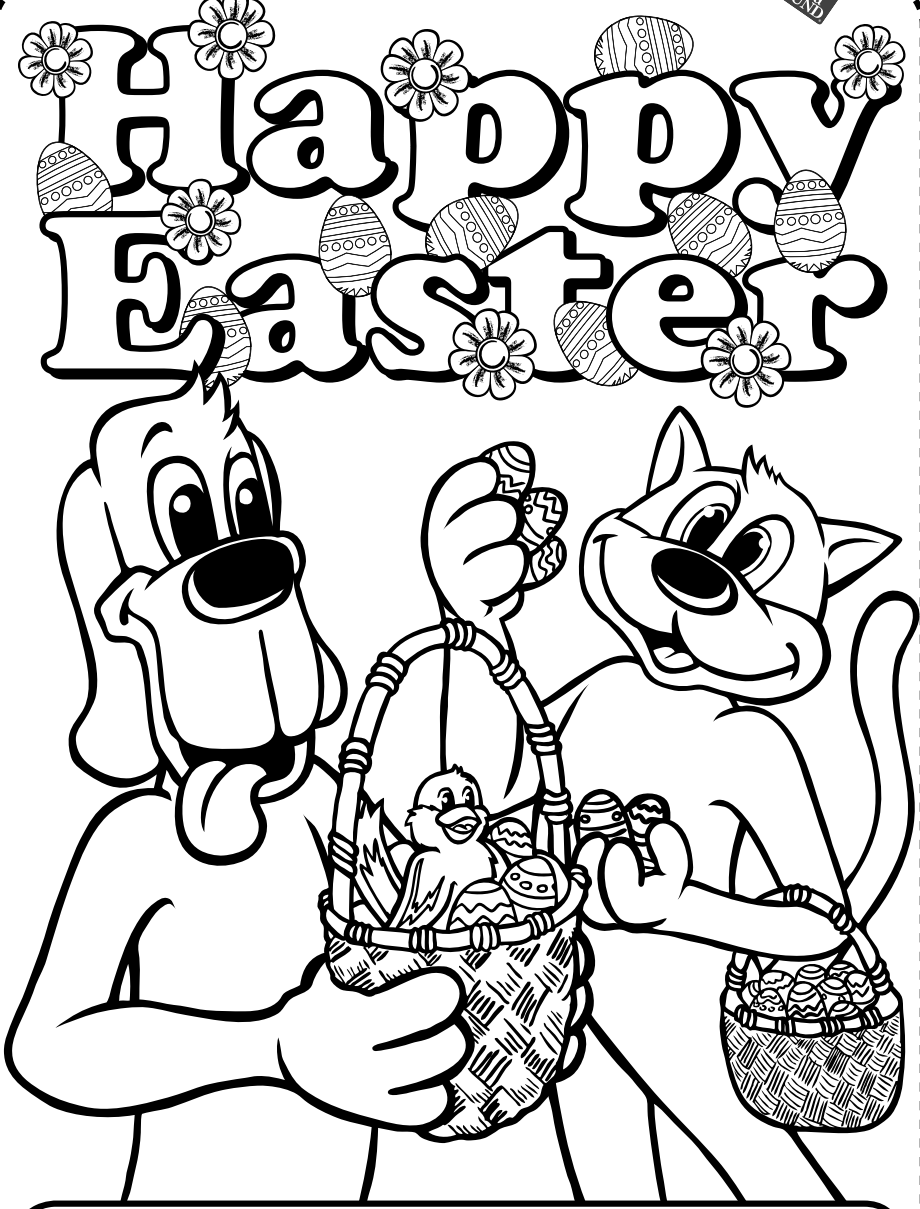
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Cusheon water plan set for release on World Water Day

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

The authors of an extensive study on water quality in the Cusheon Lake watershed are timing the release of their final report with a public ceremony to celebrate World Water Day on March 22.

The Cusheon Lake Management Plan recommends 32 changes needed to ensure the protection of drinking water and wildlife in the 850-hectare (2,100-acre) mid-island watershed.

The authors hope the report will encourage local and provincial governments to improve monitoring, public education and the implementation of development and tree-clearing restrictions on properties located within the watershed.

"Let's protect the water we have before it becomes an unusable source," said Wayne Hewitt, former director of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society and one of the report's key contributors.

"Treating water is expensive and no water treatment system is fool safe."

Changes are mainly required to prevent the potentially toxic fallout from algal and cyanobacterial blooms.

Blooms occur when excessive amounts of phosphorous make their way into the lake from cleared land, poorly maintained septic fields and agricultural fertilizers.

"One of the most hazardous aspects of cyanobacterial blooms is that they can occur very suddenly," the report states.

"This uncertainty and difficulty with testing is another reason why blooms must be prevented."

The report's completion concludes five years of research conducted by more than two dozen scientific and technical experts. The next step, Hewitt added, is up to island residents.

"I think it's like a lot of things going on on this island when people say: 'let's wait and see and then we'll look at it,'" he said. "Well, now we're done."

Hewitt is optimistic the report will play an integral role in the official community plan (OCP) review, a

move seconded by Salt Spring Island trustee George Ehring.

"These are precisely the kinds of kinds of things various focus groups are looking at," Ehring said.

"Obviously the Cusheon Lake plan is something they've already got their hands on and it's definitely a part of the puzzle."

The March 22 event is co-hosted by the Water Preservation Society, the Salt Spring Conservancy, the Cusheon Lake Steering Committee and KAIROS, a multi-faith group dedicated to social justice and environmental initiatives.

"If we didn't have all the support of these groups, I don't know how we'd get changes to the OCP and the provincial government," he said.

"Without implementation, community education and cooperation, this plan will remain a mere document that gathers dust on a shelf."

The report will be formally released at an event scheduled for the Harbour House's Green Room at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 22.

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Islanders join peace march

Organizers are calling on island residents of all stripes to step up for world peace at a Saturday anti-war rally in Centennial Park.

"Four years ago, we realized there was nothing happening in our community to speak out against the war in Iraq," said Cherie Geauvreau, one of the event's main organizers.

"That's when we decided to do something."

More than 1,000 people turned out for the first protest and subsequent marches have occurred every March 17 as part of the Global Day of Action Against War.

The Salt Spring protest is but one of at least 30 events taking place across the country and among thousands around the globe as millions of protesters unite against a common enemy, Geauvreau said.

"It's time. We've got to join together," she said. "If we spent one tenth of what we spend on war on peace, we wouldn't have so many of these problems."

This year's event, titled Out of Afghanistan and Into Kyoto, will highlight the continued U.S. presence in Iraq and Canada's ongoing commitments in Afghanistan.

Geauvreau encourages participants of all ages to dress in pink or green before meeting at the Centennial Park Cenotaph at noon on Saturday.



PEACE FOR THE FUTURE: Island youngsters, from left, Yashua Love, Chloe Haigh and Aidan Haigh, are among those planning to attend a Global Day of Action Against War rally at Centennial Park on Saturday, March 17. It begins at noon.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

United for Peace and Justice, an American peace organization, chose March 17 because it marks the fourth anniversary of the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

For more information

contact Marion Pape at 537-4567 or visit www.stopwar.ca.

Peace Works!, Code Pink and the Salt Spring Voice of Women are co-sponsoring the local event.

Fulford dock almost complete

Renovations on the Fulford wharf announced last September by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans are near completion.

According to Harbour Authority of Salt Spring harbour master Bart Terwiel, the renovations have been undertaken in two phases.

The first phase included replacing pilings and two cracked stringers.

The dock was also re-decked.

According to Terwiel, over \$30,000 was saved in the re-planking as number-one grade untreated fir was used, as opposed to pressure-treated wood.

Not only is this better for the environment, but the fir doesn't have "metals and other nasties in it," Terwiel said.

"The difference in shelf life should be negligible," he said.

The outer float was moved

to a deeper location, allowing for more vessels to tie up. Dinghys will now be able to dock at the wharf, as will three to four vessels at once.

Energy-efficient lighting was also introduced.

"The dock is back up to its full capacity of 10 tons per axle," said Terwiel.

As part of the second phase, the float will be replaced, but that will not occur for approximately 12 weeks.

Island bowling lanes founder dies at age 84

Salt Spring's bowling alley founder Ken Ralph died last month in Saanich at 84 years of age.

A pilot and air gunner in the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II, Ralph was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 43 years, including the Salt Spring branch #92 when the Ralph family lived on Salt Spring.

Ralph built the bowling alley on Kings Lane in 1964.

The family, including wife Florence and children Donna, Doreen, Jim and Karen, lived next door to Ted Meaden.

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PARC: HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PAY US BACK?

We, the 86 undersigned who are all taxpaying residents of Salt Spring Island, have a concern with the actions taken to date regarding the tennis project. In the press (Driftwood Dec. 13) PARC implied that the total loss to taxpayers on Salt Spring for the tennis structure fiasco approximated \$178,000 (initial cost of the structure: \$278,000; sold for \$100,000).

We believe this is false and misleading and that PARC has not been forthcoming with the true costs to our islanders for this mistake. We would appreciate answers to the following:

How much money has been spent to date on the tennis project from inception? We would like you to delineate and include: a) amounts paid to Cover-All, for structure, transport and soft costs for engineering; b) "soft costs" including engineering and consulting paid to outside parties other than Cover-All; c) staff costs for staff time committed to this project; d) litigation and lawyer fees; e) transportation and delivery for the manufactured material delivered to the Farmer's Institute and later transported to Murakami's and the Rainbow Road site; any and all storage costs for the structure while on Salt Spring; g) temporary fence rentals that were necessary after removing permanent fencing before knowing permits were required.

Estimates suggest the true loss on this project exceeds \$350,000, which equates to over \$150 for the average family of four - property taxes that will not be recovered. As troubling as PARC's cavalier attitude in its handling of this project is the secrecy and non-disclosure to the public of material facts concerning the project. There have not been any public hearings on the tennis project and implied losses have only ever been found in articles in the Driftwood.

It is incomprehensible that PARC has not made full disclosure to the taxpaying public. We are the only revenue source for your budget, so it is we who are saddled with this burden. Is this how the indoor pool is being handled, a project projected to cost ten times more?

We call for PARC to hold a public hearing with question and answer sessions and fully disclose the entire costs of this project in detail, and then explain to us how you intend to repay our property taxes that were squandered on this project.

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While islanders love to complain about ferry fare increases, or inadequate replacement vessels, day-to-day ferry operation is not a topic that usually sets emotions a-fire.

That's perhaps why a 12-week trial schedule affecting only the Friday night sailings between Tsawwassen and all the Gulf Islands could easily miss most people's radar. Until someone attempts to make a sailing or a reservation to find it's changed on Fridays from Thursday, April 6 through Friday, June 22 this year (plus Thursday, April 5), they likely won't give it a thought.

But for Salt Spring's tourism industry, it's potentially a big deal. For years accommodations providers found that the Friday night boat arrived in Long Harbour so late that if it carried their main-land guests they were certainly grumbling when they staggered in the door after midnight. The visitors weren't so likely to head to the island at that late hour again, making a Salt Spring weekend visit a one-day or one-night affair.

Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee (SSIFAC) has worked hard on behalf of the island's economy to bring this issue to the attention of B.C. Ferry Services Inc. (BCFSI), and to buck opposition from some of the other islands. Residents of Pender, Mayne and Saturna who work in the Lower Mainland during the week and come home on Friday nights will be forced to be at the Tsawwassen terminal in time to catch a comparatively early 4:10 p.m. sailing. Whether their concerns will be deemed more important than those in the tourist industry of Salt Spring remains to be seen.

And as SSIFAC chair Bob Jones notes, BCFSI will likely only maintain the altered Friday night schedule if it makes financial sense for the company to do so. That means accommodations providers and others who benefit from visitors landing on Salt Spring on Friday night rather than Saturday need to beat the drum to ensure the sailing is known far and wide, and used.

At the same time, they and other islanders should come out to an open house on Saturday afternoon at ArtSpring (from 4 to 5:45 p.m.) to learn more about the plan and show support if they believe it is of benefit to Salt Spring Island.

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Coping with water scarcity theme for World Water Day

By WAYNE HEWITT

If you drink or use the water on Salt Spring Island you'll be fascinated and concerned by the information offered by the Cusheon Watershed Management Plan. Climate change is the current hot topic of the day, but on Salt Spring Island it should be "Protect our Water."

People are just now beginning to realize that change is necessary; however, a group of Salt Spring Island citizens has long realized the effect pollution and human habitation has been having on our most precious resource: fresh water.

In the fall of 1999, Cusheon Lake water was not usable for drinking, bathing or even laundry, due to a severe blue-green algal bloom or scientific name cyanobacteria, which had the potential to become toxic. Blooms usually develop in nutrient-rich lakes in the summer when the water is warm and slightly to moderately alkaline. Medical health officer Dr. Richard Stanwyck issued a

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cautionary health notice, which was in place for 17 days, as cyanobacterial toxins can attack the liver (hepatotoxins) or the nervous and respiratory system (neurotoxins) or irritate the skin and induce severe gastroenteritis. There is evidence that the cyanobacterial toxins can be stored in body tissues, so levels increase with exposure.

This danger isn't restricted to Cusheon Lake. In 2005 and 2006, St. Mary Lake suffered a similar algal bloom. These cyanobacteria did produce high toxin levels and lasted several months, recurring in the fall of 2005 and continuing through the winter of 2006. However, toxin-producing cyanobacteria are not the only problem facing our fresh water.

All of the Island's water sources have been affected by forest clear-

ing in the upper watershed areas, which leads to increased sediment erosion into our water. Excessive rain further increases the amount of sediment entering our water, and causes high turbidity levels. In January 2005, the turbidity levels were higher than permitted by the Canadian Drinking Water Standards, which resulted in the Vancouver Island Health Authority issuing a precautionary boil water advisory notice for Cusheon Lake. This notice continues today and has not been lifted.

In late 1999, the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee was determined to do something and sought the expertise of Dr. Rick Nordin, senior limnologist with the Ministry of Environment, and Dr. John Sprague, an island biologist specializing in water pollution and toxicology. Since then, the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee has been monitoring lake temperature, oxygen levels and water clarity, and recording lake levels year round. This data helps create an accurate picture

of the conditions that exist in the lake over the long term.

In 2003, a separate steering committee began work on the management plan to protect the entire Cusheon watershed. Dr. Sprague undertook a phosphorous-loading study of the watershed and wrote the first few drafts of the Cusheon Watershed Management Plan. Dr. Carol Kelly, a microbiologist from the University of Manitoba and the Fresh Water Institute later pulled together a great deal of diverse information and edited numerous drafts. Maureen Moore had the tedious job of supervising the final edit.

Now the Cusheon Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee is ready to share this plan. The date chosen is World Water Day — March 22, 2007. "Coping with water scarcity" is the theme.

The Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee, the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the Salt Spring Island Streams and Salmon Enhancement Society

and KARIOS have come together to support an afternoon of presentations and an open house for all Salt Spring Island residents. Come celebrate World Water Day and learn about the first Watershed Management Plan of Salt Spring Island.

Steering committee member Dr. Sprague will outline the extensive background studies he did that form the basis of the management plan. Deb Epps, an impact assessment biologist from the Environmental Protection Division of the Ministry of Environment and steering committee member, will present the objectives of the plan and the committee's recommendations. There will be time for questions and answers.

The Cusheon Watershed Management Plan will be placed on www.cusheonlakestewardship.com. This free public event will be held in the Green Room of the Harbour House Hotel on March 22. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.; the formal presentation begins at 1 p.m. sharp.

Ratepayers and island still waiting for tennis explanation

By MIKE BEST

I have to commend Gary Holman for two reasons. First, he is, beyond a doubt, an outstanding politician.

Look at the facts: here's a man who recommended approval by the CRD to spend \$580,000 on an indoor tennis structure, appearing to ignore a petition signed by almost 1,000 residents asking that the CRD re-examine the idea. And all this before they even knew if they could build it. He got away with it.

Holman then said on September 14, 2005 he would have a public hearing within three weeks so everyone would have all the information, but he never held the meeting. He got away with that, too.

IN RESPONSE

Then Holman made the comment last fall about how he might have to give up some of his own, hard-earned salary to offset some of the losses of public taxpayer money. Last week, he announced he'd give up \$6,000 toward the estimated \$350,000 loss. Good one, Gary — that should net you lots of sympathy votes, but it doesn't return to taxpayers their money.

Then he promised last fall a "full investigation" into the whole fiasco, but six months later, still nothing has hap-

pened. And now (February 28 Driftwood), Holman is using the Salt Spring Ratepayers Group (SSRG) and its petition as an excuse for why he can't hold a public meeting on the subject, as though it is the Ratepayers who are at fault!

Let's get one thing straight: SSRG members do not believe and do not accept that the petition has stopped the calling of a public meeting at any time during the last 18 months. Fact: PARC's announced move to Rainbow Road for the tennis structure on February 13, 2006 stopped the court petition. The SSRG filed for costs January 10, 2007, which left a window, at the very least, of 11 months

during which Holman could have held public meetings with the blessing of his "legal counsel."

But by avoiding a hearing, PARC doesn't have to face explaining why they spent our money on a structure before checking zoning and ALR restrictions or getting height variances and building permits first! And if one were to dig a little deeper as the SSRG did, they'd find evidence in notes from PARC meetings as far back as 2004 that suggest the structure might not have been allowed to be built anywhere on Salt Spring because there was a question whether it could obtain a "public assembly level 3" permit.

And Gary, were you ever going to tell us about the several engineers that enquired about building permits for the Rainbow site, or were you hoping that by settling out of court with the SSRG that information might never come to light? I think the public has a right to know why none of those engineers applied for a building permit on behalf of PARC.

There is still a second reason for you to be commended: your comments during this entire affair have been a significant factor in the dramatic growth of the SSRG. We started with only 30 residents at the time of the court petition in September 2005, but because of your actions

and continued "spin" on the facts, we have grown in number to over 170 today.

And it should be noted that the citizens' group that sent the recent letter to PARC is not the SSRG. In fact, there only seems to be about six Ratepayers names from that group. So thank you, Gary, for building our numbers and let me use this opportunity to invite any and all of those that signed the original petition or the recent letter to PARC to join the SSRG so we can continue to hold PARC accountable for how it spends our taxpayer dollars.

The writer is a co-founder of the Salt Spring Ratepayers Group.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What are you planning to do for spring break?*



Alea Macey

I will be coaching Olympic flat-water racing style for sprint canoeing and kayaking at a training camp in Lake Cowichan.



Emma Rimmer

I will be going to the Big Island of Hawaii.



Ashley Macdonell

I'm going to Cancun in Mexico.



Clara Mackenzie

I will be sleeping, marking papers and then sleeping some more.



Clorisa Simpson

I am going on the school's Europe trip to Spain, France and Italy.

Letters to the Editor

Don't kill goose

I would like to respond to the comments on Page 7 of last week's Driftwood by PARC commissioner Peter Lake — that "market vendors should contribute" to renovate washrooms in Centennial Park and that "Four thousand people trying to use two cans is kind of ridiculous. They and their customers are the primary users." I find it highly amusing that on Page 20 of the same newspaper under Annual Report for 2006 the same PARC organization gives an economic impact for the Market in the Park as \$2.8 million with a spill-over effect on local businesses of \$3.3 million, giving a gross total of \$6.1 million.

If we consider \$6.1 million as 100 per cent, then \$2.8 million = 45.9 per cent

and other local businesses at \$3.3 million = 54.1 per cent, then it would seem only fair that the costs be distributed equably amongst all beneficiaries of the Market in the Park. Oh, and before I forget, the Market in the Park operates for only 30 weeks a year while the toilets are open for 52 weeks a year, so a further reduction of the vendors' portion is in the order of, say, 25 per cent of the overall cost.

Now I suspect that if the businesses indicated by PARC's annual report are told to ante up their share of the renovations, i.e. 75 per cent, they will probably tell the commissioners to take a hike.

Market vendors pay anywhere from \$300 to \$500 for their stalls during the season. They pay just under \$50,000 annually into PARC coffers. They don't have company or government subsidized medical, dental or pension plans.

They gamble each year that they'll make rent and food money plus a little extra. Every time the weather is bad they lose 1/30th of their income, but still have to pay for their seasonal stall.

As Robert Mugabe has proved, each time the goose that lays those lovely golden economic eggs is forced to produce bigger and better golden eggs while having its feed reduced results in the death of the goose.

ANTHONY BRUCE,
Market vendor,
Salt Spring

Money's worth

The latest developments in local "civic" building projects are beginning to sound like bits out of a Salt Spring Hysterical Society spoof.

The swimming pool is going ahead with chlorination so that it can spend more

money on a sound system. I thought we were going there to soak our bones and swim laps, not listen to hip hop music. Half the adults (read taxpayers) I know will not go near the place if it has an ounce too much chlorine.

The proposed fire hall might get built on a mediocre few acres that the owners want over a million for. And it's not even on the main road! And the fire trustees are too afraid of dealing with the lead weight bureaucracy of the Trust to consider a rezoning on the Ganges bypass route at a lesser price and better location.

The last time I used the local library there were more volunteers than users in the place. The building looks like a great \$1-million renovation project [reuse, recycle are green principles after all] — but they are probably closer to \$5 million with a

15,000-square-foot project.

I am all for "civic" or island pride, and I laud the efforts of so many volunteers and board members, but perhaps we should get real. Taxpayers are presented with yearly leaps in assessments faster than you can say "B.C. Ferries increase."

I want my money's worth. I want progressive green buildings, no off-gasses, realistic operating costs, local builders and designers, and sustainable progress within the context of a small, semi-rural community. And I don't really know if that's what we are getting.

R. SMITH,
Salt Spring

Island spirit

The Fritz Theatre was full to overflowing on Saturday to honour a Salt Spring treasure.

The tone of the eulogies and anecdotes, the number

of people in attendance, and the outpouring of feelings for this beloved cat was heartwarming. While I have only been on the island for a short time (10 years), I sense that this event was symbolic of a community spirit and an earlier time that is truly valued by the "old-timers" on the island.

If we can hold on to this spirit as the island changes and grows and slow down our rush to urbanize, both physically and psychically, then we may be able to retain a small bit of a treasured way of life — the lifestyle that attracted most of us to the island in the first place. And we would owe it all to Fritz for showing us the way.

Wouldn't this be a fitting tribute to his memory?
BEN GOODMAN,
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS A10

Up-to-date training essential for island firefighters

By **MARK WYATT**

I shook my head when I read the letter written by David Greig in last week's Driftwood. The Climb the Wall event is a B.C. Lung Association fundraiser. Seven volunteer firefighters (me included) trained, raised money and went to Vancouver on our own time to participate. We raised close to \$4,000 and I am proud of all of the firefighters who participated.

This event had absolutely nothing to do with the proposed training ground. The question of how high the proposed training centre will be makes absolutely no sense and the comparison of participating in a fundraising event to continued off-island training for island firefighters is equally irrelevant.

Regarding the full-time administrative assistant being hired by the fire department, administrative duties are presently handled primarily by the deputy chief and a full-time captain, at the expense of fire inspections that need to be done and a host of other tasks not being accomplished by an understaffed hall. An administrative assistant has been planned for some time now and has only not been hired because of the cramped quarters. Furthermore,

GUEST COLUMN

the position is within the 2007 budget that we've established, with the department tightening its belt in certain areas to provide better service.

Back to the proposed training ground. A number of concerned citizens, particularly in the Fulford Valley, are questioning both its need and location.

While the fire protection district is equally concerned about the community and the valley, we are also concerned with the training and safety of the volunteers who at times put their own lives at risk for the good of the community.

The Salt Spring Fire Department is driven by the volunteers and the need for a training facility is not simply a luxury at the expense of taxpayers. The fire service has evolved tremendously with the advent of technology over the last 20 years producing a variety of different hazards to deal with. As such, training standards have also evolved. Gone are the days when training simply involved flowing water, running scenarios and practising hose lays.

We train weekly in less than adequate conditions, covering many areas, including auto extrication, confined space, first response, SCBA, rapid intervention, live fire suppression, forcible entry, ventilation, hazardous materials, emergency driver training, and the list goes on. In order to properly train a volunteer, ongoing hands-on training is essential.

It's not simply a matter of sending firefighters off to a facility in Maple Ridge for a weekend and having them come back fully trained for the rest of their fire careers. To properly train a volunteer to today's standards, that individual would have to leave the island for three to four months (full time) or numerous weekends over a few years to reach an adequate level of training to be able to handle most of the situations we deal with. This is simply not feasible, from timing and cost factors, with an island volunteer department.

Despite Susan Astill's questions of why the department has produced so little information on the training ground, this has been an ongoing project for more than two years now, with public meetings and due diligence in many areas. The SSIFPD already owns

the land behind the Fulford Hall, which makes it a logical location. We are as concerned about the environmental aspects of our training as the residents who live in the valley, which is one of the reasons we want to develop more environmentally friendly training methods.

Our plans include utilizing specialized propane-fired training equipment to simulate live fire, which burns far cleaner than the many woodstoves and burn piles on the island that continue to emit dirty smoke containing greenhouse gases. For the sake of the organic farmers, a campfire emits more pollution than the propane props we would be using.

There is some concern about the use of foam in our training practices, and how that may impact the organic status of our neighbours. We certainly do not wish to have a negative impact with our planned training methods and as such are hiring an environmental consultant to assess the site's current and prospective contamination levels.

We only use Class-A foam (which is very similar to dishwashing soap) in our training, and it is diluted 99 per cent. Foam training consists of less than two per cent of our annual training

schedule.

The bottom line is that people don't want a training ground in their back yard, or a new fire hall for that matter, but these are both essential developments for the fire service on Salt Spring and they need to be built somewhere. From a firefighter perspective, our safety is paramount. We want a safer place to train properly and, as a department, we are trying to reduce the long-term cost of training.

In 2005, there were 644 lines-of-duty firefighter deaths in the U.S. Of those deaths, 52 per cent were volunteers, but by comparison, volunteer calls only accounted for 15 per cent of the total 2005 incident calls. Seventy per cent of those deaths were ruled preventable and 44 per cent were directly related to training.

Salt Spring volunteer firefighters put their lives on the line to protect the public, and they do it for nothing. They have families to go home to at the end of a call, and we want to provide them with the proper tools and training to make it home safely.

The writer is president of the Salt Spring Volunteer Firefighters Association and a fire board trustee.

More letters

To our friends on Salt Spring!

"Thanks for stopping by!"
- Geoff



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Fritz!

I have heard that the Salt Spring rumour mill has been active and that some people think that my dog clients may have had a part to play in the demise of Fritz the cinema cat.

I'm here to set the record straight and say that this is simply not true.

As I was, indeed, present immediately after Fritz' accident, I can tell you that my husband and I were instrumental in getting hold of the vet and expediting Fritz on his journey to get help as quickly as possible.

My dog clients were nowhere around during this time. I checked with the vet

three times that evening concerning Fritz' welfare.

As I stated at Fritz' memorial service on Saturday, he loved attending dog class.

He would greet me at the door and I would chat to him as I set up. He would often settle on his "throne" and watch the dogs as they arrived in class as if to say "All are welcome here — even dogs!"

It took more than a dog to "spook" Fritz. Eventually, I would have to gently pick him up and show him the door, telling him that the dogs simply couldn't concentrate with him around.

Even though he was great at the activities we teach in class such as: calm behav-

our, good greeting manners and the long down — the dogs just weren't quite up to his level yet.

Fritz was a rare cat and a great ambassador for his species. We, at dog class, miss him a lot — but I can still feel his presence as I open up for class.

Thanks for the memories, Fritz!

SHERI STANDEN,
Salt Spring dog trainer
Stop TILMA

Regarding the Ganges Marina saga, you may be cheering for the poor, oppressed marina owner who is just trying to put up a little building without kissing the feet of the face-

less, jack-booted regulatory gestapo.

You may be cheering for the underpaid, overworked public servants who gallantly protect our island way of life from being overrun by greedy businessmen who would pour every inch of the island in concrete if not held in check by reasonable regulations.

But one thing is perfectly clear: after the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) goes into effect on April 1, without legislative nor public review, all a place like Ganges Marina has to do is contract with a builder who has an office in some backwater Alberta

small town with no building codes.

Then Ganges Marina can file a claim that that Capital Regional District (CRD) is "restricting or impairing trade, investment, or labour mobility."

An extra-judicial tribunal, appointed by Gordon Campbell and Ed Stelmach, will then decide if the development should be stopped, or if CRD will have to pay a fine (up to \$5 million) and allow the development.

If you believe local issues are best decided by local processes, call your elected officials and demand that TILMA be suspended, pending proper legislative and public input.

JAN STEINMAN,
Sharp Road

It's simple

In response to Peter Vincent's column last week, I cringed at each recyclable he found in his kitchen garbage.

As someone who grew up with a recycling junkie father (and he's still not even a senior, never mind the octogenarian you describe), I beg to differ on the challenges of recycling. I've built a simple box which is near where I would park my car, if I had one.

The box contains garbage cans for each of: cans/foil, plastic, glass and actual garbage. It also has a big garbage bag for tetra packs and a (recycled) laundry basket for returnables. When things fill up (it takes about one month), I borrow a comrade's car and load it with bags full of paper and boxes stuffed with cardboard and head down to the Rainbow Road free bookstore, a.k.a. the recycling depot.

Under my sink on one side is the garbage and the other side has a cardboard box which holds our recycling. I take it out every 10 days and sort it into the bins.

On my counter is a clay pot with a lid for compost and a bowl for the chickens. It's all very simple really.

Am I a "rabid recycler?" I've never thought of it like that. I just want to do my part to take care of my garbage as morally as possible, maybe to make things a little better for future generations.

I've never bought a microwave meal but it scares me to think of how much the cost of such a meal makes for packaging and how much is taken up with said packaging.

Recycling doesn't take a lot of time if you're organized about it.

If you are right, Peter, that most rabid recyclers are octogenarians, perhaps that is because they have realized the damage we are doing to our planet — they have seen the development of packaging in their lifetime.

I do use cloth bags for groceries, but your plastic ones can go back to Thrifty's.

Your experiment was simple and (for you) eye opening.

That's great! I wish you well in your new hobby and trust it will develop into a habit.

KIM HUNTER,
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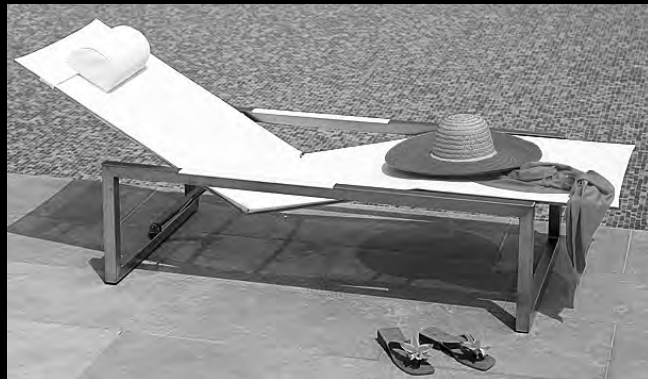
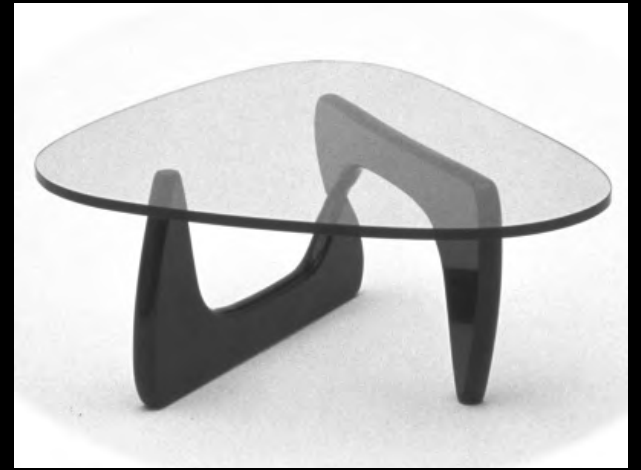
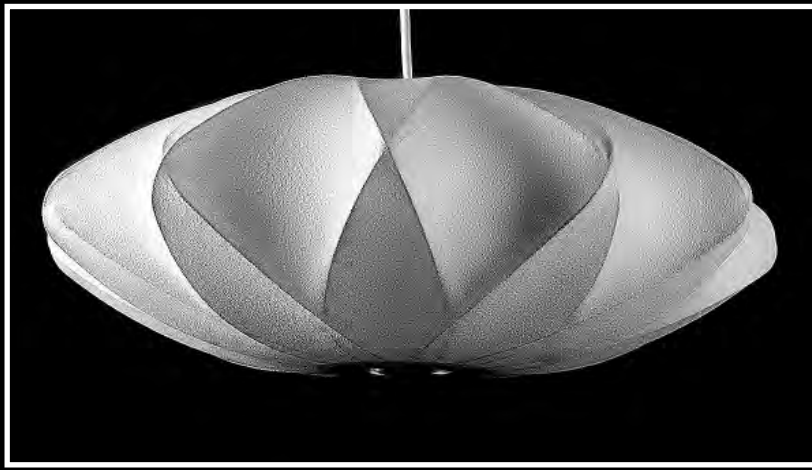
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Local lab ad

I would like to add a bit of information to Marie Beaudoin's letter (Driftwood March 7, 2007). Wal-Mart's full-page advertisement has really caught some attention.

One of the greatest challenges for a small business is to not be overlooked. Agrichem Analytical is a laboratory that has been operating on Salt Spring for seven years offering drinking water and soil testing. Our advertisement appears in the same Driftwood issue as Marie's letter, seven pages to the front, as it has bimonthly for the last two years.

We offer high quality service for as much or less cost as other labs with free sampling services on certain days of the week. All work is done here on Salt Spring. Feedback has been positive and we also rely on word-of-mouth for advertising.

I urge Marie and other readers to check out the smaller advertisements throughout the Driftwood. To find out more about your local laboratory, visit www.agrichem.ca. **JOHN HARRIS, Owner and chemist, Agrichem Analytical, Stewart Road**

Friends

The Friends of the Salt Spring Library is an organization established just a few years ago. Its mission is, briefly put, to assist the library, the volunteers who keep that library running, and the library's 6,000 patrons in any and all possible ways. Though fundraising is one of our activities, it is by no means all we do. The Friends co-hosts, with the library, an annual "authors day" recognizing the community's more than 125 published authors. Public readings by some of those authors are also supported as is a new adult literacy program now being developed. As our organization grows, other library-related programs will be sponsored.

There will soon be some openings on our board of directors. We could have

limited the selection procedure to those we know and to "friends of friends." We have chosen, instead, to cast the widest possible net in our search for new directors.

The library serves our entire community and the board of its friends should be as widely representative as possible. Perhaps you yourself are interested or you would like to recommend someone else as a possible director.

In either case, please call me at 537-4258 or e-mail pat@saltspring.com. **PAT BYRNE, Chair, Friends of the Salt Spring Library**

Support

The Salt Spring Public Library is but one of the many island organizations benefiting both from GVM's long-established "deposit a slip" program and Thrifty's new "Smile Card" option. Both of these organizations, each in its own way, are providing Salt Spring residents with the opportunity to support local initiatives of their choice. Unfortunately, we as a community are not taking as much advantage of these programs as we should.

Too many of us fail to deposit our GVM slips in one of the boxes provided. Also, some of us, not too many fortunately, are only providing the bottom half of their GVM slips, the part with the credit card information. These slips cannot be forwarded on to GVM for payment since it's the top half of the slip that is required — either alone or with the bottom half attached.

As far as Thrifty's is concerned, my admittedly informal study suggests that only about one-third of us are now using Smile cards. That means when everyone else shops there, local charities are not receiving the \$5 out of every hundred that Thrifty's is willing to contribute.

We at the library have additional Smile Cards available for distribution and I am sure many other local organizations do as well. Please keep this in mind if you are a Thrifty's shopper without a

Smile Card. Also, remember you don't have to put all that much on your Smile Card at one time — just enough to cover the costs of the groceries you are about to purchase.

STAN SHAPIRO, Salt Spring

Not Chavez' orchestra

I guess it's because he is entirely without worthwhile accomplishments that Hugo Chavez's advocates have to claim on his behalf those for which he really deserves no credit.

So it was at the screening of *Tocar y Luchar*, the opening event of Salt Spring's 8th Annual Film Festival.

The film was about the Venezuelan Youth and Children's Orchestra system, initiated decades before Chavez came to power, to inspire children with the works of classical composers. The phenomenon is wonderful and the film is wonderful.

Attempts by the evening's moderator and by some audience members to attribute the youth orchestra system to Hugo Chavez notwithstanding, Chavez has nothing to do with any of it.

What do we know about Hugo Chavez?

He is a military thug who attempted two coups d'état before finally coming to power. He has directed troops to fire on peaceful protests. He has closed opposition newspapers. He has interfered with the functioning of the Venezuelan courts. He has given Venezuela the highest inflation rate and one of the lowest economic development rates in South America. He recently assumed the power of decree, relegating the Venezuelan parliament to irrelevancy.

He is a dictator, yet his advocates are bent on his apotheosis.

Where have we seen this kind of thing before? Oh yes — the leftist love affair with Stalin in the 1930s.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN, Salt Spring

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What's for Dinner?

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Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn, 2007



Rosemary: A native of south Europe; an evergreen shrub (*Rosmarinus Officinalis*), of the family *Labiatae*, its name meaning 'Dew of the Sea'. Rosemary is grown in many temperate climates from southern Europe and the Mediterranean to most areas of North America and beyond. The shrub thrives on Salt Spring Island. Several ancient civilizations used rosemary as both a medicine and cooking herb. Rosemary is called "the herb of remembrance." Rosemary tea is said to act as a stimulant for study and concentration. The earliest written record of the use of rosemary—by Sumerians in cuneiform on stone tablets—dates from the 5th millennium B.C.E. Rosemary is one of those utilitarian herbs that complement and enrich a variety of foods, either as

an ingredient in the food or as an aroma for roasted meats. Rosemary is also used in marinades, salads, breads, cooked greens and soups. Throughout the world various regional cuisines have developed from the cook's need to use what was available. Italians embraced oregano, Mediterranean cooks found rosemary and, in America, chilies became a hot item. Because it thrives and is available year-round on Salt Spring, I recommend it as a staple of your kitchen garden. The three fundamentals for successfully growing rosemary are sun, good drainage and good air circulation. Only if the winter temperature regularly drops below 30 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 1 Celsius) will you have to move the plant indoors. To be on the safe side, grow your plants in containers so you can move them in and out. Since rosemary likes it on the dry side, terra cotta pots are an especially good choice. Just be sure it doesn't bake and completely dry out while outdoors during the summer. Ask yourself, what local plants do you have to cook with? Junipers, ivy, bermuda grass? Nothing tastes better than fresh herbs in your recipes. Do your research and cultivate an herb garden. Growing your own culinary garden can be very satisfying. We have a large selection of suitable potted herbs at GVM. Using fresh herbs from your own garden in your recipes can add to your culinary experience. Here is a recipe with a slight Irish twist that uses rosemary.

In a bowl combine 1 **tablespoon dry mustard** with 2 **tablespoons butter**. Set aside. Over medium heat sauté together 2 **tablespoon butter**, 300 **grams sliced corned beef**, 1/2 **cup sauerkraut** & 2 **tablespoons fresh rosemary** (or fresh mint). Spread 4 **slices potato bread** with the mustard / butter mixture. Add 1/2 the sautéed corned beef mixture & 2 **slices Dubliner cheese** to 2 slices of bread; top with the remaining 2 bread slices. Grill on both sides. Begorra! A tasty sandwich.

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Not worthy

Ah Jack! That was an unacceptable comment Jack Hallam made in a letter last week about the people who have loved and housed wonderful Fritz. It was not worthy of you, Jack.

Let's keep our energy here on Salt Spring positive so we can mobilize, when needed, and work together on real and vital issues of concern.

HANNAH BROWN,
Pine Place

Lack of leisure

I am writing in regards to the pool construction at Rainbow Road. I went for a walk to take a little peek just a few days ago and I was uplifted at the sight.

I know there have been a few setbacks, but it sure is looking great. Thank you Ssplash and PARC and everyone else involved in fundraising, lobbying and voting yes in the pool referendum.

Just yesterday I decided to attend an aquafit class at Summerside and was overwhelmed at the sight: 19 women and men of all shapes and forms, including myself (pregnant and due for my next child this week).

It was refreshing for me to get together with other people, most of whom I had never talked with or seen before. I am sure I will see them again at the new pool in the fall!

It's only too bad that I won't be able to bring my toddler and soon to be infant along with me when I go.

The only suitable pool for infants and toddlers (therapeutic/leisure pool) will not be built until PARC approves more funds. It seems a shame to go this far without constructing a proper pool facility. Let's do it right the first time!

The cost of building the therapy/leisure pool will only increase in the years to come.

Go to any pool on Vancouver Island and you will see

that leisure/therapy pools are well used; in fact, they often bring in more people than length pools do.

Unfortunately, come September I will have to continue taking off island swim trips with the oodles of other parents who believe that their toddlers and babies shouldn't miss out on early swimming opportunities.

SARAH KERRIGAN,
Salt Spring

Soil food

I would like to thank Timothy Hume's valuable input in his letter to the editor titled Nature's Way last week.

Fire is nature's purifier. When wild fire strikes it is nature's way of signalling a major imbalance. The major reason we are seeing unprecedented rates of wildfires is because of the impacts of climate change.

As far as human burning intervention, the natives used fire for controlled agriculture in the Gulf Islands ecosystem — they burned the understories to make for easy hunting and wild fruit gathering (wild fruit is a pioneer species after a burn, as are certain fungus such as morrels).

There is a difference however between what a wildfire adds to our ecosystem, and a backyard burn of biomass. There are seeds present in a forest ecosystem that interact with a wildfire, pioneer species that regenerate the forest and the soil.

Clearing the land of biomass creates more opportunity for fire. A berm is built away from the home and rains will saturate them. Debris left on the land in the form of a berm creates more opportunity for moisture to be held in place, and provides fertility for species to grow.

And when a forest fire burns, it burns very hot, much cleaner than a backyard fire. Whether a tree is burned, or whether it dies and decomposes on the forest floor, the same amount of CO2 is emitted.

In a backyard burn, however, wet or green wood,

organic matter, debris and sometimes even soil causes incomplete combustion that results in increased production of particulates, carbon monoxide and other harmful pollutants.

The carbon cycle of the forest and the use of wood as fuel is sustainable provided the trees are harvested so the site is not damaged and the fuel is converted efficiently to heat energy.

Backyard burning is not an efficient use of this resource. Waste equals unused energy. It is the unused energy that is being "wasted" when we make a big pile, especially during wet seasons and low inversions, and set it aflame. This waste is food for our soil.

This "waste" can be made into a berm to feed and become our soil, to create habitat, to keep moisture on the land, to act as food for the next generation of what we, as humans mimicking nature responsibly, can plant.

PATTI BAUER,
Salt Spring

Why make money?

The fine print of the March 7 article headlined Three Point Presents Farmland Plan sounds more like a waterfront spec-home plan.

I am troubled by the claim made by developer's representative Mark Wyatt, of Three Point Properties, that "this still has to make economic sense for us as a company."

Does it?

Where is it written that any company that comes to our island, turns cornfields into condos and builds houses for people they haven't even met absolutely must make money doing it?

Is this notion a part of the Islands Trust's preserve and protect mandate? Is it hidden somewhere in the official community plan? Did I vote for this?

Is our island home a community where people plan and live their lives, or simply a trade commodity for off-

island developers?

And is the promise of farmland — which was farmed long before Three Point came here — the carrot or the stick?

If I remember correctly, Salt Spring Island seemed to be getting along just fine before those folks started ripping up the mountainsides.

Another Mark Wyatt quote: "We're at the point where there's nothing else we can do."

Well actually Mark, there is another thing you could do. Take your excavators, your plans, your proposals and your profit projections and go away. Don't make a profit. Don't come back.

And we'll survive very well, without you.

CHRIS DIXON,
Salt Spring

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Who can enter?...Anyone!

PARTICULARS:

- Design must say 'Sea Caper's 2007', (or '07) & 'Saturday June 9th'.
- Design should leave room for an event schedule for the poster.
- Keep in mind that this design is intended for our poster & our T-shirt, & that we will have to make adjustments on the design to fit both of these purposes, if necessary.

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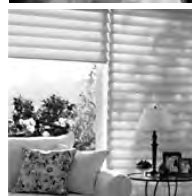
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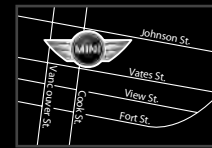



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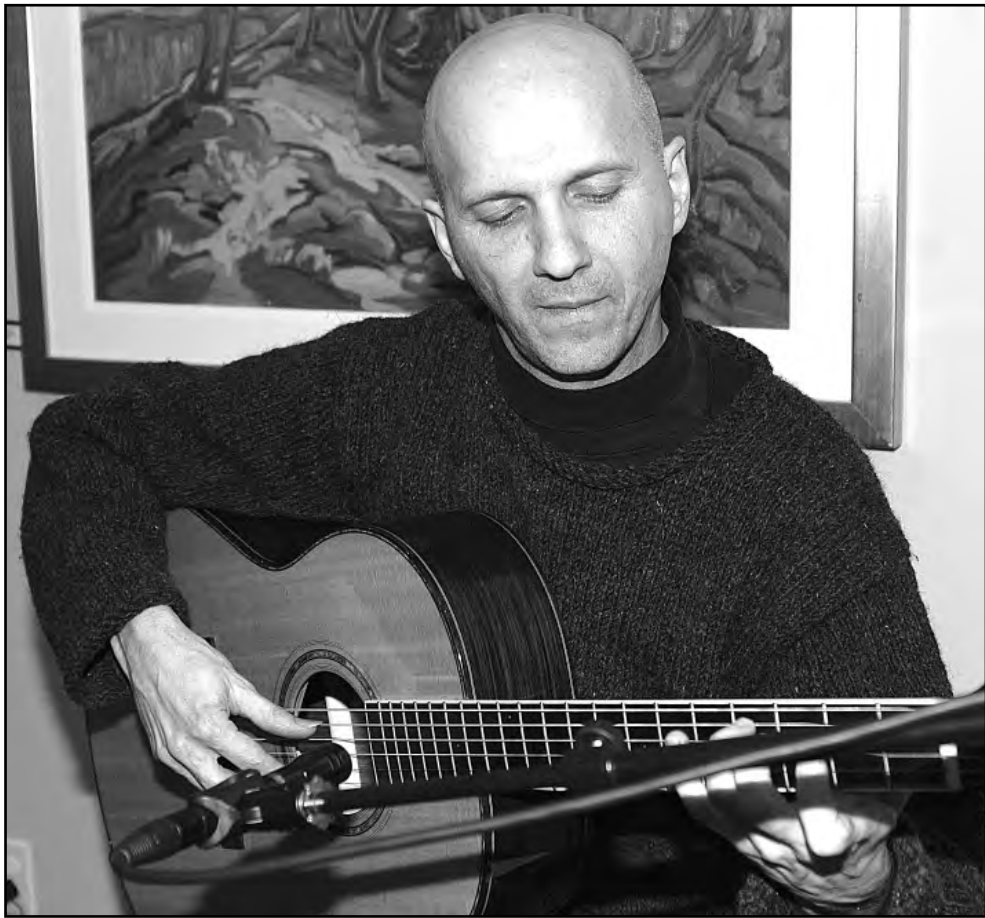
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MUSICAL BACKDROP: Alan Miceli performs classical guitar at Thunderbird Gallery during an art event last week.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Art and music merge at auction

A silent art auction and variety show puts the focus on kids on Friday, March 16 when Salt Spring Centre School hosts a fundraiser at Mahon Hall.

Running from 6:30-9:30 p.m., students and parents will take the stage early on, guided by dance and music teachers Sue Newman and Monik Nordine.

"There will be a craft table for the wee ones to amuse themselves with while the grown-ups check out the array of paintings, art books, art supply baskets, pottery, jewellery, metal art and more up for auction at this event," states a press release.

Later in the evening entertainment will be provided by harpist Oona McOuat, Harry Warner and Jaysun O'Scalleigh.

Proceeds from the evening go toward the art and music programs the school is so proud of. Admission is a suggested \$5 donation at the door, but kids get in free.

To preview the art for auction and the names of the artists visit www.saltspring-centreschool.ca.

World fusion band on Pender

Pender Island gets an exotic musical treat when Quebec-based Galitcha performs at the Recreation and Agricultural Hall on Friday, March 16.

According to press material, "Galitcha is a visionary ensemble that performs original compositions based on Indian folk music, combined with influences from jazz, world

and North American folk.

Coleman Barkin of New York City's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts wrote, "Galitcha is that rare blending of superb musicianship and emotional connection."

The concert is at 8 p.m.

It's preceded by an East Indian dinner at 7 p.m.

Tamblyn leads way for I-SEA fundraiser

Canadian folk artist Ian Tamblyn headlines a fabulous concert at ArtSpring on Sunday, March 18.

A benefit for the Salt Spring-based Institute for Education, Sustainability and Action (I-SEA), the evening, which includes a silent auction, begins at 6 p.m. with local organic food and wine. Tamblyn's performance will start at 7:30.

A musician, songwriter, playwright and producer for many years, Tamblyn's recordings have included soundtracks for theatre and film. His work has taken him on scientific expeditions, including trips to Greenland and the mystifying underwater world of Antarctica.

According to the Victoria Times Colonist, Tamblyn "has a painter's eye for detail" and "is a fine guitarist with a expressive and melodious voice."

More than 50 unique Salt

Spring items will be in the auction. These include signed Jill Louise Campbell prints, a Bonnie Dalziel quilt, a spa treatment, a B&B night with a kayak adventure, jewellery and gift baskets.

Additional prizes are being donated every day. Anyone interested in contributing auction items should call 537-4400 or e-mail sustain@saltspring.com.

"Participating in this event will help the institute promote educational events, workshops and scholarships to continue to build sustainability on the island and in the region," states a press release. "We want to keep our doors open and continue to provide Salt Spring with a central place to meet, discuss and act on key issues critical to our success."

Concert tickets cost \$15 and are available through ArtSpring or the I-SEA office, at 124 Lower Ganges Road.

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Equinox date for du Preez' debut unity talk at ArtSpring

A man known for his RUPHI fabrics and ceramics business and past work as the "RoCo" cafe manager in Ganges is sharing his message of unity at a March 21 event.

Phillip du Preez gives an inspirational talk called Our Universal Family at ArtSpring beginning at 7:30 p.m.

He will explore "the duality of life, the seen and unseen that permeates all relationships, be it with one's self, one's path or with another."

Du Preez said he was first

inspired to speak when he returned to Salt Spring from South Africa one year to hear Arvid Chalmers give a talk at Mahon Hall about his humorous adventures in Mexico.

"Arvid inspired me greatly with his courage to stand up and speak. The seed was planted. I knew that public speaking was part of my destiny however, I was not yet ready."

After selling the RUPHI business to Desmond and Annie Gross in 2004, he spent a year and a half managing Salt Spring Caf-

fee's café on McPhillips Avenue.

"It was here that I came to understand my passion for connecting, sharing and bonding with people — for building community. My seed began to sprout."

"Sam Graci also inspired me greatly by standing up at ArtSpring and sharing his passion for life, health and vitality with our island folk, and also with countless others across this vast continent."

Du Preez said his life was spent on a new course when he spent two weeks in Cape

Town, South Africa last October to attend his sister's wedding.

"I met a friend's brother quite by accident three days before I was due to return to Salt Spring and he touched my world with his words," he explained.

"My sprouting seed will become a plant on March 21. How appropriate that not only is it the first day of spring but also the first day of the astrological year."

Our Universal Family will be followed by a question and answer session.

Admission is by donation.

Progressive jazz quintet on tap March 24

Salt Spring will be visited by "ESQ" on Saturday, March 24 when the Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society (SSJBS) hosts the renowned West Coast quintet.

Otherwise known as the Kevin Elashuk/Dave Say Quintet, ESQ has been featured on CBC's Hot Air and Jazz Cafe and at last summer's Vancouver International Jazz Festival.

"For those who attended our February concert by Ross Taggart and Sharon Minemoto, this will be a further adventure in truly Canadian jazz music," states a SSJBS press release.

"If you missed that excellent performance, this is a second chance to partake of Vancouver jazz at its best."

According to SSJBS artistic direc-

tor Monik Nordine, Elashuk studied trumpet at Humber College in Toronto with Don Johnson and Rainer Schmidt in the early 1980s.

"His main influences are Miles Davis, Chet Baker, Woody Shaw and Don Cherry and his playing could be described as melodic yet angular," she said.

"Kevin's group is an all-star Vancouver cast."

Dave Say, co-leader of ESQ, has performed out of Vancouver with many jazz and fusion groups over the years.

"His saxophone is melodic and soulful. Coltrane and Wayne Shorter are dominant influences, as well as Stan Getz and the west coast school of jazz.

Andre Lachance is best known as a bassist, having accompanied many great soloists on that instrument, but appears with ESQ on guitar.

"Drummer Stan Taylor is a force to be reckoned with and a polyrhythmic dynamo.

"Bassist Paul Rushka will be a new flavour, and his list of credentials is long. In 2003, he won a Western Canadian Music Award for Best Jazz Album for his work with Mike Allen's Trio on Dialectic."

The concert takes place at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Tickets are at Salt Spring Books or the door: \$20 (\$10 for students) or \$15 to Jazz and Blues Society members.

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Hysterical entertainers re-unite for fundraiser

Islanders can bounce winter out of sight when the Duelling Tubadours put their heads, voices and bellies together at a hilarious March 16 fundraiser.

At Lions Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m., Mike Hayes and Shilo Zylbergold will reignite legendary Salt Spring Hysterical Society comedy. The two were founding members.

They've subtitled the event "an evening of song, stories and silly antics."

"The accent will be on the local, the foibles of living on Salt Spring Island," said Zylbergold, adding that "it will be a trip through the Salt Spring Archives."

That means hearing tunes like Zylbergold's famous "537-653" and Queen of Nanaimo, and songs about the Ganges sewer wars and the Saturday market.

All funds raised go to a schoolhouse for orphans of AIDS victims in Ha Makha-

ta, Lesotho, the outcome of Zylbergold's meeting Mamello Lehlotha, founder and director of the Phelisanong Disabled HIV-AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children Community Project, at last fall's Community to Community conference on the island.

"She so inspired me with everything she was doing and I wanted to help in some way," said Zylbergold.

A silent auction and concession are also part of the night.

Zylbergold is also donating proceeds from sales of his book The Best of Thyme, the Worst of Thyme, and his CD Welcome to Bed-spring Island to the Lesotho school.

"We're just hoping to have a bit of fun, make some money for the cause and we hope people have a really good time," said Hayes.

Admission is \$10 at the door.

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268	354	KNOW	Dora	40 Bear	George	Arthur	Mechanics	Kratts' C	Meerkat	Wild Mov	Hot Rocks: Geology	Matter Life & Death	Chasing the Cure	Scatter.	Dotto		
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251	336	OMNI	7th Heaven	HappyD.	F.House	F.House	Malcolm	Reba	Acc.Jim	Friends	Home I.	Standard	Diya	Religions of World	It's a New Day		
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250	321	CTVBC	Daily Sh.	Colbert	CTV News	News	News	eTalk	Access	Lost		Am. Idol	Jeff Ltd.	CSI: NY	News	News	
254		M	Chai	Extra	Law & Order: C.I.	Simpsons	King Hill	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Cantonese News	News	News	Scrubs	Simpsons	SouthPk	LateShow	
256	389	A-VIC	Daily	Inside Ed.	A Channel News at 5	Report	Fortune	Jeopardy		Jericho		Am. Idol	Til Death	Q-13 News	News	News	
253	359	CITY	CityLine		Ellen DeGeneres	Cooks	CityNews	Daily	Friends	America's Next	Red Dragon (2002)	Sir Anthony Hopkins.					
290	382	KSTW	Reba	Reba	WifeKids	WifeKids	'70s	'70s	Queens	Queens	America's Next	Pussycat Dolls	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Frasier	
288	380	KOMO	First News @ 4	News	News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Acc.Jim	In Case	Lost	News	News	
287	379	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING 5 News	News	News	News	Magazine	Inside Ed.	Friday Night Lights	Crossing Jordan	Medium			News	News	
291	383	KCTS	Arthur	C.George	Zoboo	Business	News	Heavenly Voices		John Denver: A Song's Best Friend		Alone in the Wilderness					
502	390	NEWS	World	News	The Hour	News: The National	News: The National	Erotomania	News: The National	News: The National	News: The National	Erotomania	News: The National				
289	381	KIRO	Judy	Judy	News	News	News	ET	Access	Jericho		Criminal Minds	CSI: NY	News	LateShow		
552	543	YTV	Spring Break Show	Spring Break Show	Spring Break Show	Spring Break Show	Spring Break Show	Spring Break Show	Fresh P.	Weird		Hunters	Ghosts	Prank	BobMarg	Madison	10 Best
407	419	RSP	Skiing	Pratt & Taylor	Connect.	Hockey WHL	Calgary	Hitmen vs. Red Deer Rebels				B.D. Sports Show	SN Connected	SN Connected			
520	505	DISC	Daily Planet	Dirty Jobs				Myth Busters	Daily Planet			Myth Busters	Dirty Jobs				
324	632	EA1	Movie	45 Wolf (1994)	Jack Nicholson.			Halloween VI: The Curse of...	Messiah of Evil			Welcome to Sarajevo					
615	520	A&E	American Justice	Cold Case Files	Crossing Jordan 2/2	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami 2/2	The Sopranos				The Sopranos			20 The First 48		
557	541	FAM	15 Raven	40 SuiteL.	10 SuiteL.	Suite Life	L.Time	So Raven	Cory	Smart G.	Suite Life	Derek	8 Rules	Sinbad	Popular	8 Rules	Derek
539		TCM	3:00 A Song Is Born	Dick Tracy	15 Dick Tracy vs. Cueball	Dick Tracy's Dil...	45 Dick Tracy Meets Grue...	Nancy Drew: Det...	15 Nancy Drew: ...								

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie
Breakout for Mar 14, 2007 to Mar 20, 2007

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

- 6:15 PM
42 ★★ Dick Tracy vs. Cueball (1946, Police)
Dick Tracy must engage in a battle of wits with Cueball, a ruthlessly notorious strangler. *Anne Jeffreys, Morgan Conway* (1h15)
- 7:00 PM
29 ★ Halloween VI: The Curse of Michael Myers (1995, Horror)
While Michael seeks to destroy Jamie's baby, Dr. Loomis tries to finally end the curse. *Donald Pleasence, Paul Rudd* (1h30)
- 7:30 PM
42 ★★ Dick Tracy's Dilemma (1947, Police)
Dick Tracy locates The Claw, an evil villain responsible for robbery and murder. *Lyle Latell, Ralph Byrd* (1h15)
- 8:30 PM
29 ★★ Messiah of Evil (1974, Horror)
A California town is besieged by flesh-eating zombies when the Messiah of Evil returns. *Marianna Hill, Michael Greer* (1h30)
- 8:45 PM
42 ★★ Dick Tracy Meets Gruesome (1947, Police)
When evil Gruesome steals a formula for freezing people, only Dick Tracy can stop him. *Boris Karloff, Ralph Byrd* (1h15)
- 9:00 PM
6 ★★ Shark Tale (2004, Animated)
When the son of a shark mob boss is found dead, a bottom feeder pretends that he did it. *Voices of Robert De Niro, Will Smith* (2h)
- 12 Truth (2005, Suspense)**
Two reporters decide to finish an investigation on their mentor who was murdered. *Dean Cain, Stephanie Zimbalist* (2h)
- 13 ★★ Red Dragon (2002, Thriller)**
An FBI agent seeks help from his arch-nemesis, Hannibal Lecter, in order to stop a killer. *Edward Norton, Sir Anthony Hopkins* (2h35)
- 10:00 PM
29 ★★ Welcome to Sarajevo (1997, Drama)
A journalist, wrapped in the horrors of war-torn Sarajevo, tries to take an orphan home. *Stephen Dillane, Woody Harrelson* (1h45)
- 42 ★★ Nancy Drew: Detective (1938, Mystery)**
A teenaged sleuth attempts to stop thieves from acquiring an eccentric old woman's money. *Bonita Granville, John Litel* (1h15)
- 11:15 PM
42 ★★ Nancy Drew: Reporter (1939, Mystery)
A teenage sleuth tracks down the mobsters who have framed a young girl for murder. *Bonita Granville, John Litel* (1h15)
- 11:45 PM
29 ★★ The Blob (1988, Horror)
Three teenagers try to stop a malignant life form from swallowing up their town. *Shawnee Smith, Kevin Dillon* (1h35)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

- 7:00 PM
29 ★★ Night of the Living Dead (1990, Horror)
Several unfortunate people fight a group of flesh-eating zombies. *Patricia Tallman, Tony Todd* (1h30)
- 7:15 PM
42 ★★ The End of the Affair (1955, Drama)
In wartime London, a civil servant's wife is tormented by her affair with a writer. *Deborah Kerr, Van Johnson* (2h)
- 8:30 PM
29 ★★ Other People's Money (1991, Comedy/Drama)
A ruthless Wall Street predator sets his sights on a wire and cable company. *Danny DeVito, Gregory Peck* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM
12 ★★ Rock Star (2001, Drama)
A musician in a heavy metal tribute band becomes the lead singer of the band he idolizes. *Mark Wahlberg, Jennifer Aniston* (2h)
- 9:15 PM
42 ★★ Tonight and Every Night (1945, Musical)
The musicals at a British theatre are unaffected by Nazi air raids and personal hardships. *Rita Hayworth, Professor Lambert* (1h45)
- 10:15 PM
29 ★★ Pale Saints (1996, Drama)
Two small-time con artists leave their ordinary world behind for a new life. *Saul Rubinek, Sean Patrick Flanery* (1h30)
- 11:00 PM
42 ★★ Mrs. Miniver (1942, War)
A middle class English family must learn to cope with life during the Second World War. *Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon* (2h30)
- 11:45 PM
29 ★★ Boiling Point (1993, Crime Story)
A United States Treasury Agent and his partner look for another agent's killers. *Dennis Hopper, Wesley Snipes* (1h35)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

- 6:45 PM
42 ★★ Chandler (1971, Crime Story)
A private eye falls in love with ex-mistress of a racketeer. *Leslie Caron, Warren Oates* (1h30)
- 7:00 PM
29 ★★ Midnight Express (1978, Biography)
An American tourist is sentenced to 30 years in a Turkish jail for smuggling drugs. *Brad Davis, Randy Quaid* (2h)
- 7:30 PM
29 ★★ Jump In! (Comedy)
A young aspiring boxer discovers a hidden passion for jump roping. *Corbin Bleu, Keke Palmer* (1h30)



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257	308	CBC	C.George	Various	Poko	Various	Zoboo	Doodle.	Gill Deacon Show	News	Various	Dinner?	Deacon	M Living	Various	Various	
120	702	SRC	Le Téléjournal/ Mat.	Ma vie en mains	Droit au coeur	Ricardo	Au coeur	Journal	Au coeur	Variées	MA 5 sur 7	La firme	L Fracture	Variées	L La firme		
268	354	KNOW	Hi-5/25 Berenstain	Magic Bus	Various	10Padding	Mustard	Various	Various	Various	Various	Gaslight	Various	Various	40Peep		
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255	358	CH	Grow	Various	Antique	G.Taste	The Price is Right	Various	Oprah Winfrey	Diva	Homes	Guid. Light/ GirlRace	Grow	Design			
251	336	OMNI	Various	Various	Various	Various	People	Standard	Kung Fu: Legend	World Vision	Robinson	B.Hinn	It's a New Day	Like You	Like You		
250	321	GBLBC	6:00 News	100 Huntley Street	World Vision	Judy	House	News	Various	TH House	Passions	Gilmore Girls/ Y & R					
250	321	CTVBC	6:30 Canada AM	Regis & Kelly	The View	eTalk	Various	News	Bold & B.	Sue Thomas/M Budget	General Hospital	Dr. Phil					
254		M	News	Various	Various	M Africa	Various	Various	Yoga	Various	The People's Court	Various	F Tai Chi	Various	Mangovib	Maury	
256	389	A-VIC	M Kool	Report	CityLine	Movie TV	Careers	Ellen DeGeneres	All My Children	One Life to Live	Touched By Angel	Various	Music				
253	359	CITY	6:00 Breakfast Television	CityLine	969	Million...	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
14		KSTW	The Daily Buzz	The 700 Club	Divorce	Divorce	Brown	Brown	The People's Court	Alex	Alex	The People's Court	Like You	Like You			
290	382	KCPQ	5:00 Q13 Fox News	Judge Greg Mathis	Cristina	Cristina	SaveBell	Videos	Maury	Greg Behrendt	Jerry Springer	Maury					
288	380	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.	Regis & Kelly	The View	KOMO 4 News	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest							
287	379	KING	7:00 Today Show	Today Show II	Martha	Ellen DeGeneres	News	Days of Our Lives	Passions			Dr. Phil					
291	383	KCTS	C.George	Clifford	DragonT.	Big World	Sesame Street	B.Lions	Barney	Various		Place	Reading	Cyberch.	Maya&M.		
502	390	NEWS	CBC News: Today	News	CBC News: Today	Various	Various	CBC News: Today	CBC News/ Budget	CBC News: Politics	News	Business					
289	381	KIRO	The Early Show	Montel/THF Basketb.	W M TU Price Right	Y & R	Basketb.	News	Bold & B.	W M TU World Turns	Guid. Light/ Price R.	R. Ray/ KIRO News					
552	543	YTV	Various	Various	Various	Various	M TU Pippi	Various	Various	Various	Various	L.Town	Various	Martin	Neutron		
407	419	RSP	SN Connected	SN Connected	Various	W F TU Connected	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	W Poker/BD Sports	Prime Time Sports				
520	505	DISC	Various	M.H.Made	Daily Planet	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	H.Made	Various	H.Made			
324	632	EA1	M .05 Film.	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
615	520	A&E	24	City Confidential	American Justice	Cold Case Files	Crossing Jordan	CSI: Miami	24			City Confidential					
557	541	FAM	15 Lilo	45 Einstein	10W.Pooh	Big Blue	JoJo's	Various	25 King	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
539		TCM	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various



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8:15 PM
42 ★★★★★ Bananas (1971, Comedy) A man joins a rebel movement to impress a woman and eventually becomes president. Louise Lasser, Woody Allen (1h30)
9:00 PM
12 ★★ The Replacements (2000, Comedy) Replacements are brought in to substitute for a team of striking football players. Gene Hackman, Keanu Reeves (2h)
13 ★★ Miss Congeniality (2000, Comedy) A tomboy FBI agent goes undercover in a beauty pageant to prevent a terrorist bombing. Michael Caine, Sandra Bullock (2h)
23 ★★★★★ Clean and Sober (1988, Romance) A real estate executive checks into a rehabilitation program in order to avoid the police. Henry Judd Baker, Kathy Baker (2h15)
39 ★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) A drill rigger and his crew embark on a mission to blow up an asteroid heading for Earth. Bruce Willis, Liv Ullmann (2h30)
11:00 PM
42 Spider Baby (1968, Comedy) An inbred family continues to degenerate because of the curse of a disease. Carol Ohmart, Lon Chaney Jr. (1h30)
11:15 PM
29 ★★★★★ Deliverance (1972, Adventure) During a wilderness trip, four city slickers are attacked by a pair of mountain men. Burt Reynolds, Jon Voight (2h)
11:30 PM
39 ★★ The Horse Whisperer (1998, Drama) When her daughter's horse is severely injured, an editor seeks help from a horse whisperer. Kristin Scott Thomas, Robert Redford (2h50)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17
7:00 PM
29 ★★★★★ Wild Things (1998, Suspense) A Florida cop is suspicious when a high-school teacher is accused of seducing a student. Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon (2h)
42 ★★★★★ The Fountainhead (1949, Drama) An architect battles corrupt business interests and his love for a married woman. Gary Cooper, Patricia Neal (2h15)
8:00 PM
22 ★★★★★ Liar, Liar (1997, Comedy) A successful, dishonest lawyer wakes up one day with the curse of only speaking the truth. Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney (2h)
9:00 PM
6 To Be Announced (2h)
12 ★★ The Wedding Planner (2001, Romance) A workaholic wedding planner falls for the engaged doctor whose wedding she is organizing. Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey (2h)
13 ★★ Marion Bridge (2002, Drama) Old conflicts re-emerge when estranged sisters reunite to care for their dying mother. Molly Parker, Stacy Smith (2h)
15 ★★ Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde (2003, Comedy) Elle, now a lawyer, heads to Washington D.C. to get an anti-animal testing bill passed. Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field (2h)
29 ★★★★★ Dog Day Afternoon (1975, Action) Things go awry when a man tries to rob a bank to pay for his lover's sex change operation. Al Pacino, Chris Sarandon (2h15)
39 ★★★★★ Lenny the Wonder Dog (2004, Family) Scientists implant a microchip in a dog to give him special powers so he can save the world. Craig Ferguson, Sammy Kahn (1h30)
9:15 PM
42 Psyche '59 (1964, Drama) Curd Jurgens, Patricia Neal (1h45)
10:45 PM
39 Double Teamed (2002, Drama) Twin sisters, with divergent personalities, share a love for the game of basketball. Annie McElwain, Mackenzie Phillips (1h30)
11:00 PM
3 100% bio (2003, Comédie) Un cinéaste veut produire sa biographie. Serge Laprade, Gaston L'Heureux (2h10)
10 ★★ Love Battlefield (2004, Action) A surprised Yui is kidnapped by drug traffickers who were hiding in the trunk of his car. Eason Chan, Niki Chow (2h)
11:15 PM
29 ★★ Gorillas in the Mist (1988, Biography) The life-story of animal rights activist and African gorilla expert, Dian Fossey. Sigourney Weaver, Iain Cuthbertson (2h15)

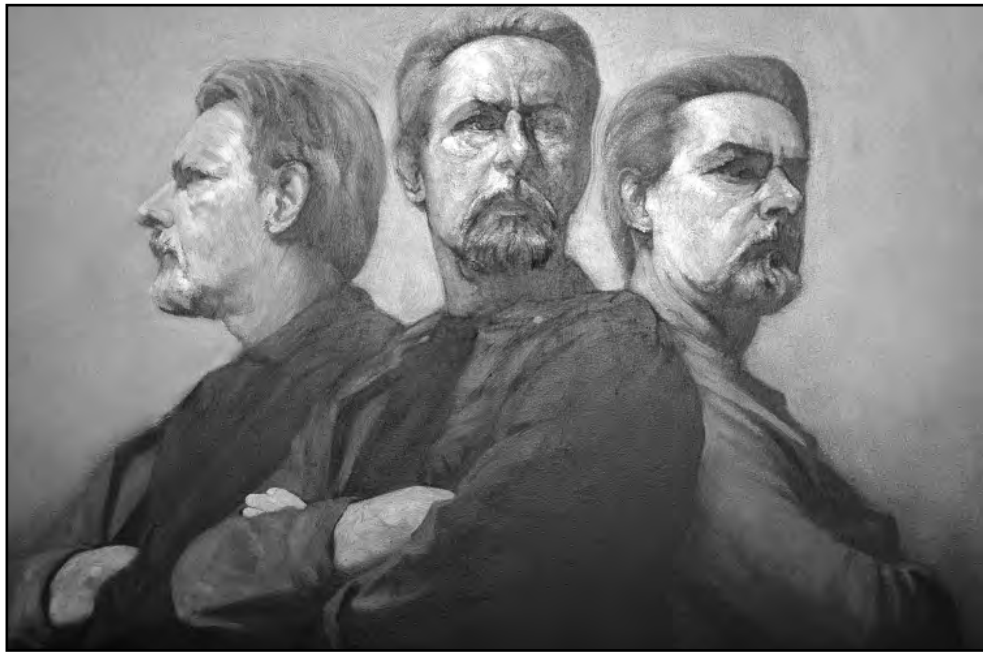
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SUNDAY, MARCH 18
6:00 PM
22 ★★ Raise Your Voice (2004, Drama) A small-town girl spends the summer at a performing arts school in Los Angeles. Hilary Duff, Oliver James (2h30)
7:00 PM
29 ★★ A Perfect World (1993, Drama) A prison escapee in Texas builds a friendship with a young boy after taking him hostage. Clint Eastwood, Kevin Costner (2h30)
42 ★★★★★ The Entertainer (1960, Drama) A third-rate vaudeville uses liquor and young women to escape the pressures of changing times. Joan Plowright, Laurence Olivier (2h)
9:00 PM
12 ★★ Three to Tango (1999, Romance) A struggling architect poses as a gay man to get a big contract and falls in love. Matthew Perry, Neve Campbell (2h)
13 ★★ Dogeball: A True Underdog Story (2004, Comedy) A charismatic gym owner battles to save his business by entering a dogeball competition. Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn (2h)
39 ★★ Camp Nowhere (1994, Comedy) Tired of going to a regular summer camp, a group of kids hire a man to set up a fake camp. Christopher Lloyd, Jonathan Jackson (1h35)
42 ★★★★★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1923, Classic) A hideous outcast kidnaps a gypsy girl, but when she shows him kindness, he falls in love. Lon Chaney, Norman Kerry (2h)
9:30 PM
29 ★★ Wolf (1994, Thriller) A down-on-his-luck publisher develops werewolf tendencies after being bitten by a wolf. Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pfeiffer (2h5)
10:50 PM
39 ★★ Killer Flood: The Day the Dam Broke (2003, Suspense) An architect and his son become trapped inside a dam that is about to burst. Bruce Boxleitner, Joe Lando (1h35)
11:00 PM
42 ★★★★★ Le Procès de Jeanne d'Arc (1962, History) A look at the life of Jeanne d'Arc, and the torture she endured during her trial. Florence Carrez, Jean Claude Fournreau (1h30)
11:35 PM
29 ★★★★★ The Last Picture Show (1971, Drama) The teenagers in a dying Texas town try to stop the closing of the town's movie house. Jeff Bridges, Timothy Bottoms (2h10)

Table with columns for time slots (4:00-11:30) and channels (S, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42). Rows list programs like Hockey NHL Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Montreal Canadiens, Lassie, Ooops!, and various reality shows.

MONDAY, MARCH 19
7:00 PM
29 ★★★★★ The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (1966, Western) Three men become reluctant allies in their efforts to find a cache of stolen gold. Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef (2h45)
42 ★★★★★ An American in Paris (1951, Musical) An ex-GI stays in Paris to pursue a career as an artist and to romance women. Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron (2h)



A self portrait of Michael Hames from three angles.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Forms and faces reign in current Hames exhibit

I love it when an art gallery opening encourages me to race home and start flipping through art history books.

ART BEAT ON THE ROCK WITH ANDREA RABINOVITCH



her world falls apart. On the verge of tears, we don't know what event has pushed her over, but who hasn't felt like that at one time or another?

The two nudes sent my peri-menopausal brain reeling.

Using oil on board for Sated on the Tree of Knowledge and mixed media on Reclining Nude, both works articulate the human body realistically with the weight of their bodies settling on the chair and sofa respectively. Though both have heads attached, neither face can be seen at all so that they are featureless and look almost hooded.

At first this is somewhat disturbing, raising my feminist hackles as the lack of facial features objectifies the nudes. When my initial and wrong assumption gives way, I realize that the featureless faces focus attention on the form while the light hits body parts that render the faces obsolete.

All of a sudden somewhere in the recesses of my somewhat addled brain, I seemed to remember another artist who had painted nudes or figures the same way.

So when my family was watching Deal or No Deal on TV, I was flipping through the 20th-century section of my art books trying to figure out who that was. Alas, though Matisse and Cezanne have both done figures with

few features, I couldn't figure it out.

At least I spent an hour perusing fine art books instead of watching mindless, time-wasting television.

Next door to Thunderbird Gallery — (keep posted for a name change coming soon) — is J. Mitchell Gallery, where three new artists are welcomed. Quite a coup for the J. Mitchell Gallery is the original artwork of Carol Evans, the gorgeous realistic landscapes of Jan Sharkey Thomas and the colourful and fantastic sculpture of Karen Weiss.

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Landscapes that reminded me of the area around Lethbridge, Alberta evoked feelings associated with the wide-open spaces and the rolling landscape of the foothills where the sky meets the land.

Many portraits and two nudes completed the show.

The portraits' subjects, covering every gender, socio-economic class and occupation, share a common use of light to highlight emotional subtlety.

The oil-on-canvas painting Midlife Sorority features a stolid middle-aged woman who we may recognize or may even be ourselves. A self-satisfied expression suggests that she has followed her destiny to become what was expected of her, and she has excelled. Strong, bossy, and righteous in her certainty, she exudes elements that are in all of us.

In Quiet Desperation, a young woman's left side of her face is mostly in shadow, but the light on the right side shows a person struggling to maintain the norm while

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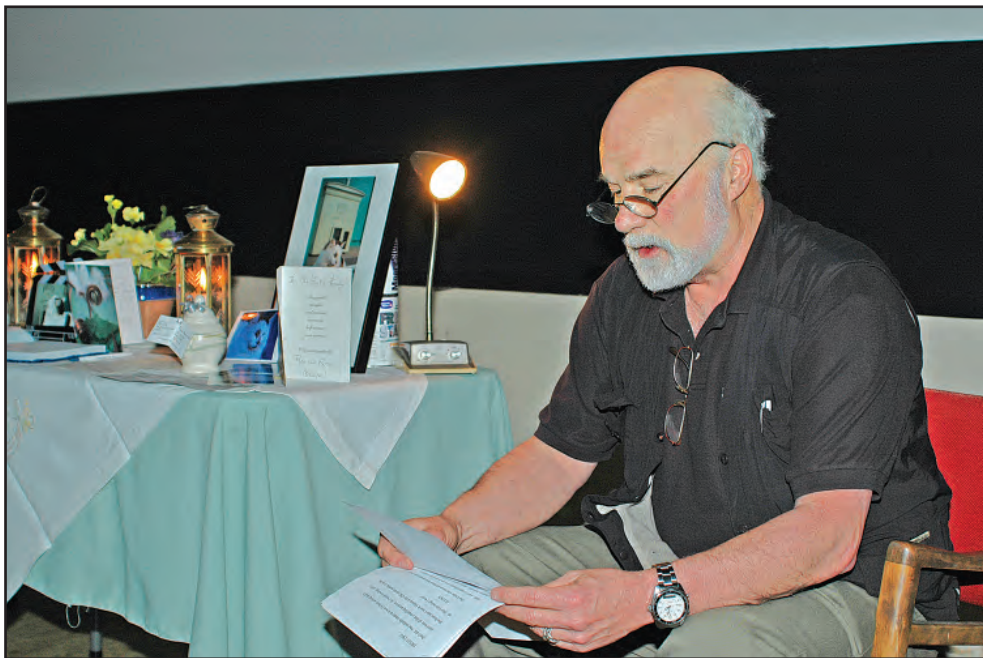
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FRITZ BLITZ: Arthur Black reads a CBC program he once broadcast about Salt Spring's famous "Cinema Cat" Fritz. A huge crowd gathered Saturday at Central Hall to honour Fritz after he died late last month.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Saint Patrick gets his due

This Saturday's Musical Tribute to Saint Patrick will follow the green thread woven through time in the music of Ireland, the Appalachian mountains and the West Coast.

An enchanted evening of acoustic music, it features the Sunshine Coast's Erynn Marshall on fiddle and guitar, Toronto's Chris Coole on guitar, banjo, and vocals, Salt Spring's own Jaime RT on fiddola and piano, and Victoria's Jenny Ritter on guitar, mandolin and vocals.

A colourful variety of music and stories surrounding Saint Patrick and the green tree of Irish music is on the evening's menu. All

four musicians will work together in duos, trios and as a full ensemble.

Marshall is an old-time fiddler whose style is described in press material as "expressive and innovative, yet rooted in tradition." In 2005, she released her first solo recording, *Calico*, which was nominated for Best World category at the 2005 Toronto Independent Music Awards and won a Porcupine Award — Gem of Canada: Album of the Year.

Coole got his first banjo at age 17 and soon discovered the clawhammer style. He is the guitarist and singer with the Toronto-based bluegrass band The Foggy Hogtown

Boys who performed on Salt Spring at Fulford Hall on Monday, March 12.

Jaime RT is "an innovative and spunky violist" whose debut album, *Reach*, was nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award and a Western Canadian Music Award.

Besides playing Celtic guitar, Ritter sings and plays the mandolin with her chick country band The Gruff.

The March 17 event is at All Saints By-the-Sea and includes Irish dancing and a concession. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids and leprechauns. They're available at Salt Spring Books and Acoustic Planet. The show starts at 8 p.m.

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By REBECCA HYLANDS
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Islanders have an amazing chance to see screenings of Peace it Together films at The Fritz movie theatre on Sunday, March 25.

In August 2006, a group of Palestinian, Israeli, and Canadian students participated in a peace and film-making camp at the Gulf Islands Film and Television School (GIFTS) on Galiano Island.

Making movies about their lives, hopes and fears, the experience was "transformative," says press material. Now they want to share the films with the community and the world.

The event begins at 4 p.m. Some of the short films are:

- On the Line — a short documentary about a friendship between two teenagers. One is Israeli and one is Palestinian, who both met in a peace camp in Canada. Later on in their lives they meet at a checkpoint where one is an Israeli soldier, and the other is a Palestinian trying to pass.

- No Place for Dreamers — a video exploration of a romantic relationship between a Palestinian man and a Israeli woman.

The film addresses in the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

- These Are My Peelings

— an animated movie surrounding the idea of how the Palestinian and Israeli sides look at conflicts from their own perspectives.

- (Mis)Interpretation — a non-linear drama. It takes viewers into the world of assumptions and presumption.

The Creative Peace Network Society is a non-profit Canadian charitable group committed to showing peace and understanding among people impacted by conflicts, both social and political.

They engage communities in context with new possibilities for change, and act as a catalyst for creative initiatives.

Admission is a minimum

\$10 donation at the door.

The event is a fundraiser for the Creative Peace Network and to aid in the production of an inspirational documentary on the Peace It Together project by Red Storm Productions.

Red Storm Productions is an award-winning, independent production company dedicated to engaging and thought-provoking feature films and documentaries. Recent films include Sundance Special Jury Prize winner *Eve & the Fire Horse*, and *Army of One* (Best Canadian Feature Documentary-Hot Docs).

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There are a number of things that leave me gasping in disbelief. One is the sight of a young person who has taken up smoking. Another is the black-garbed pedestrian marching boldly down the wrong side of the midnight highway.

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2 **★ ★ Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004, Drama)** Bridget's jealousies start interfering in her relationship with Mark Darcy. *Hugh Grant, Renée Zellweger* (2h)

9:00 PM
13 **★ ★ Cheaper by the Dozen (2003, Comedy)** A father of 12 must juggle his new job and his family while his wife is out of town. *Hilary Duff, Steve Martin* (2h)

42 **★ ★ Brigadoon (1954, Musical)** When two men stumble upon a mysterious, magical Scottish village, they discover love. *Gene Kelly, Van Johnson* (2h)

9:45 PM
29 **★ ★ The People vs. Larry Flynt (1996, Biography)** A controversial magazine mogul pushes the boundaries of American morality. *Courtney Love, Woody Harrelson* (2h15)

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42 **★ ★ Ziegfeld Follies (1946, Musical)** The legendary Ziegfeld looks down from heaven and ordains a lavish all-star musical revue. *Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly* (2h)

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42 **★ ★ The Thin Man (1934, Mystery)** A husband-and-wife detective team takes on the search for a missing inventor. *Myrna Loy, William Powell* (1h45)

7:00 PM
29 **★ ★ For a Few Dollars More (1966, Western)** Two bounty hunters form an uneasy alliance in their quest to capture a deadly outlaw. *Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef* (2h15)

8:00 PM
42 **★ ★ Ocean's Eleven (2001, Crime Story)** A thief devises a plan to rob an underground vault that serves three Las Vegas casinos. *Brad Pitt, George Clooney* (2h30)

8:15 PM
42 **★ ★ Footsteps in the Dark (1941, Mystery)** A wealthy financial counsellor secretly doubles as a detective and stumbles upon a murder. *Brenda Marshall, Errol Flynn* (1h45)

9:15 PM
29 **★ Faithful (1996, Comedy)** A woman develops a very personal relationship with the hitman her husband has hired. *Chazz Palminteri, Cher* (1h30)

10:00 PM
42 **★ ★ Murder, She Said (1961, Mystery)** A witness to a murder investigates herself after the authorities find no evidence. *Arthur Kennedy, Margaret Rutheford* (1h30)

10:45 PM
29 **★ ★ A Bronx Tale (1993, Drama)** A boy is torn between his street-wise, working class father and a charismatic crime boss. *Chazz Palminteri, Robert De Niro* (2h5)

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42 **★ ★ The Mad Miss Manton (1938, Comedy)** A daffy socialite gets her high-society friends mixed up in a murder investigation. *Barbara Stanwyck, Henry Fonda* (1h30)

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other activities Carpet Bowling. SFulford OAP. 10:30-noon. If people want to play mahjong during this time slot, call 653-2344. SSI Historical Society Meeting. South SSI Women's Institute. Central Hall. 2 p.m. SSI Painters Guild Workshop. The Good, the Bad and the Ugly-Critique. ArtSpring. 9 a.m. - noon. Info: 537-1528. Portrait Drawing. Painters Guild drawing sessions at ArtSpring every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon. Model provided. Phyllis Coleman: Therapeutic Touch. At Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice Monthly Support Meeting. In the lounge at Lady Minto. 7:30 p.m.	other activities Protecting Our Green Infrastructure. Deborah Curran. Imagine Salt Spring Speaker Series. Community Gospel Chapel. 7:30 p.m. Nia Classes. For 50+ at the Fulford Hall OAP room. 10-11 a.m. Info: Patricia, 653-2344. Bingo. At Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30. Relay for Life. Information Night for June event. Portlock Park portable. 7-8 p.m. Video/discussion of "A Common Soul: Connecting Faith and the Economy." Salt Spring United Church. Noon. SS Centre School Drop-in Sessions. See classes in action at the school on Thursday mornings. 355B Blackburn Road. 9-11 a.m.	other activities Rollerblading. At Fulford Hall on Fridays. 7:30-9 p.m. Silent Art Auction & Variety Show. For the S.S. Centre School Creative Arts Program. Mahon Hall. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ventriloquist Brad Cummings. On the David Letterman show on CBC TV tonight!	other activities Global Day of Action Against War. Peace march at Centennial Park. noon. Principles of Japanese Garden Design. Presentation by master gardener Toghima Ito and optional potluck. SS Seniors, 6 p.m., followed by Japanese Garden Society AGM at 8 p.m. B.C. Ferries Consultation Open House. On the new Friday night schedule from Tsawwassen to southern Gulf Islands. ArtSpring. 4 to 5:45 p.m.	other activities Friends Fitness. Open house at Kings Lane Recreation. noon to 5 p.m. Book Exchange. Central Hall. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Silent Auction. Extravaganza for Sustainability on SSI. ArtSpring, noon to 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. for Ian Tambyln concert ticket holders. Movie Poster Auction. At Central Hall, to raise funds for the hall. 2 p.m. Cakes for the Queen of Heaven - Rev. Shirley Rerck. Unitarian Fellowship of S.S.I. OAP Room at Fulford Hall. 10:30 a.m.	activities Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799. SS Wrestling Club. Monday night sessions for youth (Grade 6 & up) at SIMS gym. 6-8 p.m. Info: Leon, 537-9907. Organic Live Raw Dinner and a movie. "The Cast Away." Hosted by Raven Street Market Cafe. \$25/plate. 6 p.m. Reservations: 537-0634. SSI Fire Protection District. Monthly trustees' meeting. Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m.	activities Spring Break Story Time at the Library. Adventures with Whales. Ages 7 - 9. 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. One Universal Family. An inspirational talk by Phillip du Preez. ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m. Hands-on Canadian Art. Spring Break at ArtSpring. Ages 13-18. 1:30-4 p.m.

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From rescues to filming to decorating, GISS Grade 10s make their mark

By **REBECCA HYLANDS** and **KELSEY MECH**
 GISS Work Experience Students

The past week was an exciting one for Grade 10 students attending Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Work experience week is always thoroughly anticipated and this year some students visited especially interesting work places.

Taylor Shone spent a week working at the Ganges Coast Guard station.

He was there when the coast guard was called to rescue a heart attack victim and he also took part in safety tests and boat repairs.

Shone's favourite aspect was driving the boats. He also said, "The guys that I'm with are really cool. I get full information about lots of stuff that I didn't know."

Patrick Cwiklinski had the privilege of working at The Province newspaper in Vancouver. He wrote for the sports column and even got to interview the Canucks after one of their practices.

He also spent time in the very busy office with his boss Eric Rolfsen, and wrote an article about Lara Coelho, who got to drive a Zamboni at General Motors Place for her work experience.

Cwiklinski says time at The Province "flies by, because you're always doing something."

Meanwhile, Emily Rothwell was also in Vancouver working at Louise Page's Interior Design company. Rothwell and Page have



CUB REPORTER: Gulf Islands Secondary School Grade 10 student Patrick Cwiklinski worked at The Province newspaper in Vancouver last week.

Photo contributed

been going to show rooms and even got to attend a special event on March 7 put on by Benjamin Moore & Co.

The presentation attended by several design companies forecast colour trends for 2008.

Chris Howe worked on the Da Vinci's City Hall films set

in Burnaby where he assisted with lighting and setting up scenes, and both helped with and observed the actual shoot.

His highlight was talking to the actors and watching them work.

Working in Victoria at Seacoast Studios was Deven Miles. She filed CDs and

records and helped with commercials.

Miles also went on air on the Kool 107.3 FM Morning Show with Robin and Ray, and improvised a song about what she did the previous day.

Referring to the people, Miles said, "They are so nice. Everyone I work with is so cool!"

And finally, Daisy Voaden was in Toronto working with Matt Hoos and Rocket Ace Moving Pictures.

"I'm learning what it's like to be a young up-and-coming film-maker," she said.

Voaden is staying in Toronto an extra week to attend meetings, write and do some filming.

"I'm especially looking forward to the filming," she said.

Meanwhile, we — Rebecca Hylands and Kelsey Mech — worked at the Driftwood newspaper writing, reporting and photographing.

Work Experience Week is always a great chance for students to get a taste of working environments outside of school.

Maggie Allison and the other teachers at GISS put a lot of effort into making this week a successful learning experience for all of the students.

"My philosophy is that because we are a local, small island, we don't have the same opportunities that others in larger communities do," said Allison.

"But now students have a chance to immerse themselves in an area that they are curious about."

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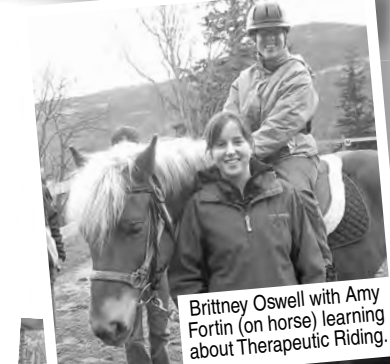
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Japanese gardens group welcomes master

A world-renowned designer of Japanese gardens is travelling to Salt Spring in hopes of inspiring local gardeners in their quest to build an oasis of calm in the heart of downtown Ganges.

Toshimasa Ito will give a lecture entitled Principles of Japanese Garden Design as part of a "pot-luck optional" event beginning March 17 at 6 p.m. in the Salt Spring Seniors centre at 379 Lower Ganges Road.

Ito is a Vancouver-based landscape architect who has volunteered his

time to help promote the construction of a Japanese garden on Salt Spring.

Peter Oro, a member of the Salt Spring Japanese Garden Society, said Ito's visit is intended to point the group in the right direction now that a formal conceptual plan is ready.

Even if the end product doesn't adhere to the strictest rules governing what can and cannot be placed in a formal Japanese garden, he said, the message will remain the same.

"Because it is a community park,

we have to make sure the community is involved," he said. "It may be built to honour the Japanese Canadians of Salt Spring Island, but it is still a community park and is not exclusive."

Initial drawings call for significant changes to the Peace Park located across the street from ArtSpring.

According to Oro, plans include enhancing the existing amphitheatre feature, emphasizing the natural creek and tidying up the linear pathway connecting the park to down-

town Ganges.

Making sure the park fits in with islanders' visions is important to the gardens' volunteer group.

"We want to make sure it is a safer and more pedestrian friendly place to be," he said.

Oro encourages people to bring their suggestions forward at the March 17 event. The Japanese Garden Society AGM will follow Ito's presentation at 8 p.m.

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Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) students joined the chorus of voices around the world on Thursday, uniting to celebrate equality for women.

International Women's Day on March 8 acknowledges the contribution of women to international peace and security.

One of Salt Spring's celebrations was an assembly held at SIMS in honour of this special day.

"Women are very important in our lives and today is the day to reflect on that," said principal Kevin Vine to open the ceremony.

Salt Spring Island's Raging Grannies began the show with some insightful songs relating to women's rights around the world.

Virginia Newman pleased the crowd as she played the piano and her daughter Sue

Newman accompanied her with dance and song. Following this, Ubuntu Choir Network leader Ella Topaz divided the group in two for a choral rendition of a touching hymn.

By the end of the assembly most of the students were enthusiastically joining in both song and movement.

"It's awesome to stand up for yourself and represent women," said Carly Davenport, age 11.

"It's great that it's all about us; that it's all about the girls," added Sami Gruzaz, age 12.

The majority of the world's 1.3 billion absolute poor are women. On average, women receive between 30 and 40 per cent less pay than men earn for the same amount of work.

"I think it's important to bring women's issues and put them in front of kids," said Audrey Wild of the Raging Grannies. "Many don't realize there are parts of the

world where women don't have it so easy."

An International Women's Day was first established in 1909 in the United States as women were becoming more vocal and active in campaigning for change against oppression and inequality. Since then, women have continuously persisted in gaining better rights, and now Women's Day is celebrated all over the world.

Students at SIMS celebrated the event with enthusiasm and joy.

"It was very good for people. I liked the singing part and how they got everyone involved," said Sam Rowlandson-O'Hara.

"People are celebrating the new generation," added Ben Hunter, age 13. "It's important to help women get more rights and this is just celebrating that."

Another International Women's Day event was held later in the day at Mahon Hall.

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Island quilting bee breaks new records

By DAWN HAGE
Driftwood Staff

With over 200 volunteers, a new venue and a crowd that just didn't want to quit, the Third Annual Island Comfort Quilts community quilting bee was bigger and better than ever.

Taking place Sunday, volunteers created more than 70 warm and comforting quilts for distribution over the year to individuals diagnosed with cancer or a life threatening or debilitating disease or injury.

"It was fantastic," said co-organizer Carol Simpson.

"In the first year, we had 100 volunteers registered and 130 showed up," said Simpson. "Last year, 130 registered and we had 165. This year, 169 registered and we counted 201 people on Sunday."

Volunteer Marlene Smith was moved by the event, describing the scene on Sunday morning.

"As the rain pelted down on this grey blustery day, 200 Salt Spring women gravitated towards a large building on the local fairgrounds. They lugged sewing machines, ironing boards and irons, extension cords, personal chairs, scissors and thimbles. There was a quiet anticipation and awe as more and more women arrived and saw the immense project laid out before them. The call had gone out. The response and the organizational team was astounding."

Special attention to volunteers' needs was an important part of the day.

"Upstairs our needs were

"The whole core committee and every single volunteer did a super job."

— Carol Simpson

being met by a team of kitchen volunteers who had transformed the room into a rest cafe to provide us with a tasty coffee break and an individually ordered lunch. Even the bathroom had been addressed with a bouquet of daffodils — the flower symbol of cancer."

This year the venue changed from the Community Gospel Chapel to the Farmers Institute due to a need for more space.

"The Farmers Institute worked out really well," said Simpson. "We had lots of room and they turned the heat on the night before so it was toasty warm."

The group pieced together 76 quilts, with 26 completely finished (a new record) and the remaining ones in various stages of completion. In addition, over 70 cloth bags used to hold the quilts were finished by the "bag ladies."

Volunteers were a mix of familiar and new faces, with many returning with friends to share the experience.

"We even had four guys tying quilts this year," said Simpson. "And when some of the men showed up to pick up their wives, they were also put to work."

Although the event was scheduled to end at 4 p.m.,

over half of the volunteers stayed on until after 5 to finish up the quilts they were working on.

"There was a table of tyers who were determined to finish their last quilt and they ignored all efforts to dislodge them, even when the tables had been broken down and the floor was being swept around them," laughed Simpson.

The crowd even included six or seven past recipients of quilts. Smith described an emotional moment in the afternoon when islander Phyllis Holmquist spoke.

"She said when she sat in endless waiting rooms and pulled out her quilt from her special bag, there was always admiration and she loved saying, 'This quilt was made for me by the community of Salt Spring Island.' She always felt the energy of love and concern that was imbued in her Comfort Quilt."

Simpson believes that the contribution of every individual involved is the reason the quilting bee is such a huge success every year.

"Everyone who walks in the door deserves huge thanks. The whole core committee and every single volunteer did a super job."

Organizers acknowledged the help of businesses like Curves and Stitches, which provided a drop-off venue for donations; Dean Sawyer, for giving volunteers a discount on oiling and cleaning their machines before the big day; corporate sponsor Mouat's; and all individuals, clubs and businesses who donated cash and goods towards the cause.

Peace-oriented parenting series begins March 26

An upcoming eight-week workshop series offers Salt Spring parents a chance to integrate their passion for peace and sustainability into daily family life.

"Our children are so important to us, yet sometimes we struggle to parent in ways we feel truly good about," states a press release. "The world will benefit greatly from a way of communication that fosters empathic and compassionate understanding of self and other people's feelings and needs learned from early age."

The Parenting From Your Heart workshop series runs Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 starting March 26 at

Salt Spring Centre School.

Parents will have a chance to explore how to understand the needs behind their children's behaviour, move through the dilemma between permissiveness and coercion, and transform power struggles into opportunities for building connection and trust. Weekly discussion and exercises will focus on discovering a quality of connection that will sustain families through life's daily challenges, as well as contributing to peace by raising children who can make peace.

The series, offered on a by-donation basis, is based on the principles of Compas-

sionate or Nonviolent Communication (NVC), founded by Marshall Rosenberg, Ph.D., and used around the world to mediate conflicts, nurture relationships and promote peace. For more information on NVC, see www.cnvc.org.

Workshop facilitator Jean-Claude Catry is a participant in the international Center for Nonviolent Communication's Parent Peer Leadership Program and a parent of three children and a mentor, who leads nature awareness programs for children and adults. For more information and to register, call 653-9122 or e-mail instinct@saltspring.com.

Whales and cats stream into library's Story Time dates

Story Time at the Library is opening the book on themed fun, with a variety of guests and animals on the roster in coming weeks.

On Friday, March 16, cat lovers can cozy up with 45 minutes of facts and fun in "Cats — Large Cats, Small Cats, Wild Cats, Cool Cats."

Two sessions run during Spring Break.

On Wednesday, March 21, kids aged seven to nine can have a "Whale of a Time," while on Friday, March 23, four to seven year olds will enjoy Whale Tales and Other Big Fish.

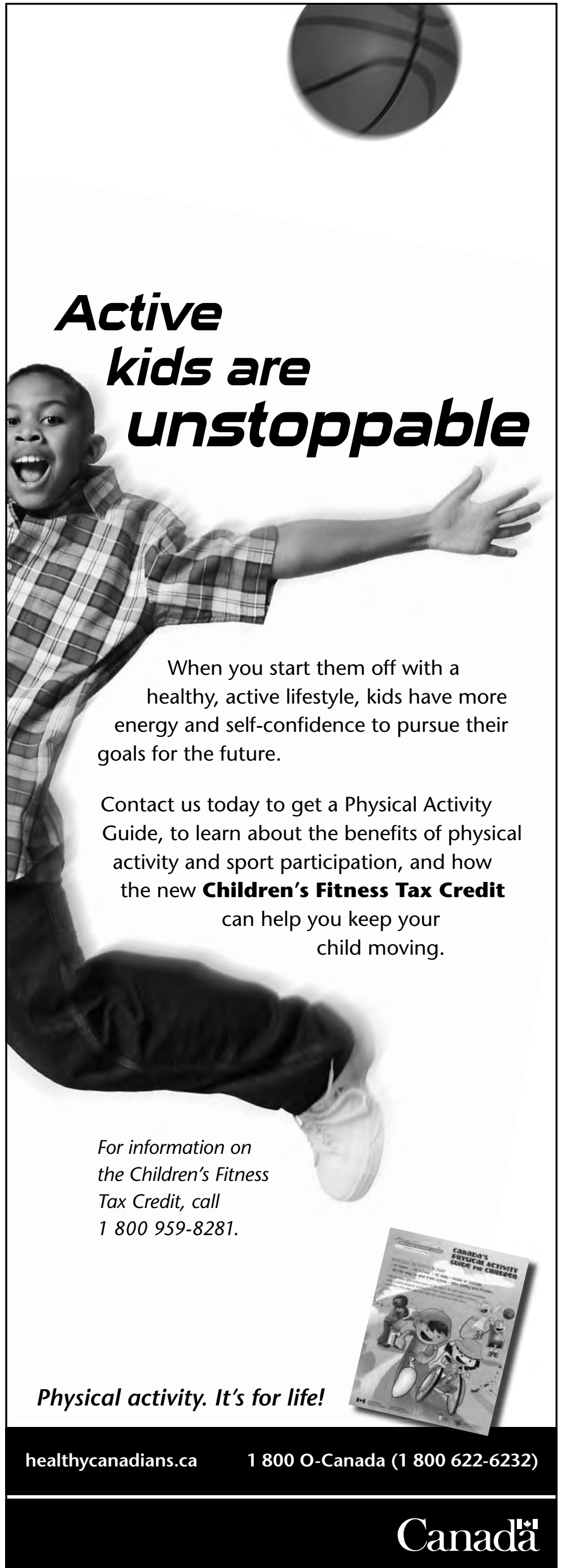
Sue Newman is the guest on Friday, March 30, when she presents songs and stories for the four to seven crowd and their parents.

Story Time runs Fridays from 1:30-2:15 p.m. (and on the extra Wednesday, March 21 date).

Children younger or older than the recommended ages are always welcome. Preschoolers are reminded to bring a lap to sit on.

Story Time will resume on April 13 after a break on Good Friday, April 6.

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Salt Spring turned out in a 200-strong force at the Farmers Institute Sunday, in a sewing and stitching extravaganza – all part of the Third Annual Island Comfort Quilts quilting bee. (See story, Page A27).



Above is Wendy Rogers with her old Singer sewing machine, while below, is Margaret Rajala with a classic Singer Featherweight.



Cancer patient Phyllis Holmquist spoke to an emotional crowd, thanking quilters and describing how much she appreciates her own Comfort Quilt.



Photos by Derrick Lundy



Several men joined other quilters at the Farmers Institute, including Herb Burnett. At left is a close-up showing care and detail put into the quilts.



Above left are Jennifer Quick and Lynda Fane busily stitching. Above right, organizer Marguerite Lee hands out special gifts to random quilters. And at right, Angelina Mills finishes a hand-stitched border.

Moms, dads and babies get cozy at Salt Spring's Snugglers group

By ELIZABETH NOLAN
Driftwood Staff

New parents now have a helpful resource available to them since Snugglers group sessions began at Family Place this month.

The small, cozy building, located behind the Community Centre, will host an ongoing series of informal talks centering on baby care for parents of babies who are in their first year of life.

Snugglers is the new incarnation of Baby Talk, the popular free information sessions sponsored by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) and featured in the greater Victoria area. Health nurses Chris Smart and Trinda Gajek, the program's facilitators, explained that they are transforming the program from Baby Talk to Snugglers to better suit Salt Spring's unique community.

Part of the reason for the change is that Baby Talk seemed to conflict with other activities for parents in its Thursday morning time slot. A series of bad weather days also seemed to stall Baby Talk's progress. In response to parental feedback, Snugglers moved from Thursday to Tuesday at 11 a.m., to make the program more accessible. Suggested discussion topics will also include more information on toddlers. But the most important change is to make the program more representative of Salt Spring's specific needs as a community.

"We'd like everyone to feel welcome and comfortable," said Gajek. "We're both mothers and have open attitudes, with no hidden agendas. Everybody is welcome to bring in their own perspective."

"It's a support group for discussion and information, changing dynamics within the family, changing rules, changing priorities," she continued. "The program is driven by the changing



BABY BLISS: Taking part in a Snugglers group session at Family Place on Tuesday were Nicole Moore and baby Kieran Melanson; Sarah Leslie and James Khan; and Christa Rogers with Lola Barnes.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

health needs of the group."

While Smart and Gajek bring a wealth of experience and VIHA's copious resources to the talks, they stress that they are not coming in to lecture on the scheduled topics; nor are the talks attached to any mandate beyond supporting families with new babies.

"In this venue, we come in as facilitators rather than experts," Gajek reported.

Added Smart: "There is a relaxed atmosphere, and 25 minutes of parent-driven information. It's also a chance to meet friends, network and build relationships. For people who feel isolated it's a great chance to get out of the house."

"We will also loan out resources, such as books and videos."

Some of the likely topics (not listed according to date) are: breastfeeding, sleep, infant cues, normal growth and development, changing family relationships, safety

around the home, prevention of choking, the importance of play, the importance of early literacy, going back to work, bringing home baby #2 and frequently asked questions.

Snugglers is a drop-in program, so parents don't have to register or feel pressured to commit to an entire session. However, Gajek and Smart will be alternating the facilitation of sessions in groups of three, so parents may wish to attend in these shorter continuations. The next Snugglers session is on Tuesday, March 27 and runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Coffee and herbal teas will be provided for all gatherings, but participants are asked to bring their own lunch/snacks to "brown-bag" events.

Family Place is located behind the Community Centre at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road. For more information on Snugglers, contact Chris Smart or Trinda Gajek at 538-4880.

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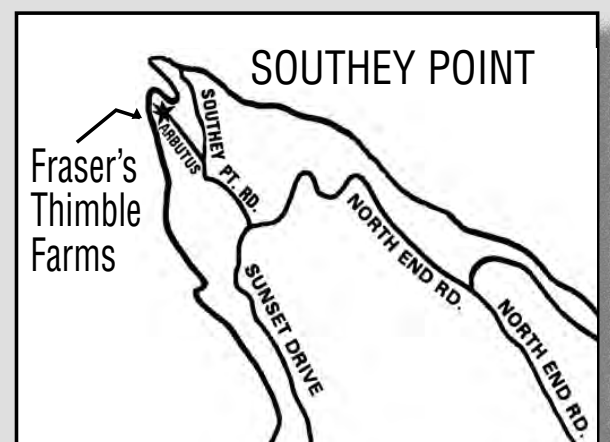
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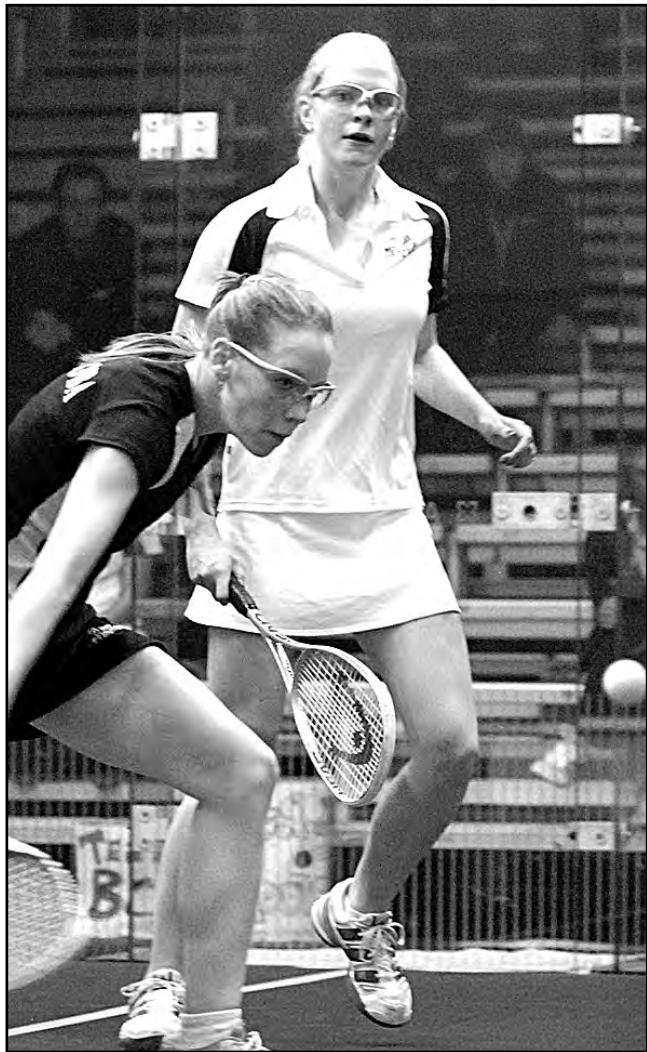
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SQUASH CHAMPS: Kristen Iverson, right, competes in the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse.

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Iverson team take bronze medal finish

She may not have "squashed" everybody in her way, but Salt Spring's Kristen Iverson can be proud of her team's bronze-medal winning performance at the Canada Winter Games last week.

"I feel great," said Iverson, 16, during an interview after school on Monday. "We were really watching every point. It was tense right down to the end."

Iverson and three teammates wrapped up the third-place finish by defeating Manitoba 3-0 in their final game of the athletic competition in Whitehorse, Yukon.

"We were seeded in third place so we met our expectations," she said.

The score doesn't reflect the intensity of actually being on the court for what proved the highest-calibre event she has played in since

picking up the racket four years ago.

In the absence of a squash court on the island, the Grade-11 student does most of her training on the weekends in Victoria.

Everything about the national games, she added, made the athletes feel like the event was a truly professional production.

"They put on a really good show," said Iverson, who was competing in her first Canada Winter Games.

Iverson was among 1,500 athletes from across the country, including 91 squash players, who competed in the games.

Teams representing Ontario and Alberta took home the gold and silver medals.

Iverson said her sights are now set on the Canadian Squash Championships in May.

GISS spring soccer takes the field after spring break

Staff and students at the Gulf Islands Secondary School are set to hit the field when school resumes after March break.

"We should have a really strong team this year," said Doug Pearson, the senior girls team head coach. "Whether they will make it to the provincials will be another story."

GISS teams have come close to making the provincial finals in a number of sports this year and it would be nice to finish on top during the 2006-07 season, Pearson added.

Pearson will spend most of this week putting the final touches on the senior

girls team while junior team coaches Judy Raddysh and Clara MacKenzie will piece together their respective boys and girls squads.

The senior boys season takes place during the fall.

Junior team peer coaches Rusty Fedberg, DJ Lake and Tavis Morton will assist Raddysh, while MacKenzie's team will be helped out by Bobby Byron and Eland Bronstein.

"They're all fairly solid teams so far," Pearson said.

The senior girls' season-opening match takes place on March 27.

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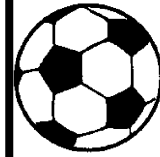
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By Sandy Barclay

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World Cup picture shaping up through soccer draws

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

There is lots of news in youth soccer at this time of year, but the biggest news on the world stage is the draw for the 2007 FIFA Youth World Cup was held in Toronto this weekend, and we now know the teams playing out of Victoria.

FIFA Youth World Cup

Yes the draw that happened last Saturday in Victoria has drawn strong sides in Scotland and Nigeria as well as teams from Costa Rica and Japan. Plus we will also see two of the teams from the Vancouver group in one of the games on July 7.

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIYSA) still has ticket packages to this major event, but they will soon expire and be returned to the general pool of tickets for people around the world to purchase at much higher prices. At present we still have a few Gold packages at \$165, while there are lots of Silver at \$144 and Bronze at \$123.

These packages are for seven games, three dates (July 1, 4 and 7) which are double-headers, and a group of 16 match on July 11. All games will be played at the Royal Athletic Park, which is being modified to seat 15,000 people per game date — game times still to be determined.

To obtain these tickets please contact Malcolm Legg at 537-4970 or e-mail at mlegg@saltspringwireless.com. Cheques will be made payable to SSIYSA and your confirmation of having tickets is when we receive your payment (actual tickets will be given out at later date).

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Cup Competitions

It is that time of year again as our youth and adult teams all compete for their respective cups. A couple of teams started last weekend but most will be going this weekend, so do not miss the chance to see some exciting local action, all leading to the finals on the weekend of March 31 and April 1 in Victoria.

Tournaments

Many of our teams have tournaments to compete in during the next two months:

U-12 girls — LISA 11-a-side tourney played last weekend in Sooke.

U-11 — U-9 — I believe are all in the Prospect Lake tourney at the end of the month.

U-10 — U-18 — All these teams will compete in our own SSIYSA Youth Challenge Cup on April 28-29, on all the fields we have on Salt Spring. Teams are already registered from Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Upper Vancouver Island with many more enquiring or sending in forms. (Even Gabriola is planning on sending two teams.) Our local teams will also invite teams from their own league, hopefully giving us around 50 or even more teams that will come to Salt Spring. Make sure this is a weekend you have circled as a must

see.

Mini wrap-up will be happening on Saturday, April 15 at Portlock Park for all our Mini players as a fun-filled end to their season — and yet another weekend to circle.

Field Turf Project

As was mentioned in the Driftwood last week, the executive of the SSIYSA has struck a committee to investigate the possibility of constructing a synthetic turf field on Salt Spring so that our teams will be able to not practise all year but play games when the weather makes our grass field unplayable. This season has seen a terrible number of games lost to poor field conditions and abysmal weather.

This committee hopes to create a partnership project with the School District, PARC, the Lions Club and other groups, corporate backers and private individuals to find a site, put together a design with costs, have a marketing strategy as well as a major fundraising initiative to make this project happen.

The SSIYSA will bring these details forward to the public after we determine its feasibility and have groups on-side and come up with a full plan — something that could be really exciting.

Well for now that is our major news items, and for you comes the big decision — do I get my tickets to the Youth World Cup now or take a chance on getting some later — I bought mine last August because this is one circled event I will not miss.

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Friends Fitness opens Sunday at Kings Lane Recreation site

After scrubbing, painting, decorating, refitting and retooling, the island's new women's fitness centre is ready to celebrate.

Friends Fitness is opening its doors at the Kings Lane Recreation Centre on Sunday, March 18, from noon to 5 p.m.

"It was the only place in town big enough to hold us and our new exercise equipment," notes member Darlene Steele.

"We are very excited to announce that we will have Keiser Equipment available in the club. This equipment is designed to be adjusted using a simple button or foot press, so that it can be used by everyone no matter what their fitness level is. The equipment

was initially designed for rehabilitation purposes and has easy application for those with special needs."

A 30-minute exercise circuit, accompanied by music, works upper and lower body for strength and flexibility.

"For cardio fitness and stamina we have a treadmill and exercise bikes, and we hope in the future an elliptical trainer. Come and give us a spin."

The premises also has a café.

Memberships from previous clubs will be honoured and new female members are welcomed. The Friends Fitness phone number is 538-0006.

Sea Scouts demonstrate Klondike spirit at a Royal Roads University challenge

Five members of the Salt Spring Island Sea Scouts made their troop leader proud after a solid performance at the Klondike Challenge on the grounds of Royal Roads University in Victoria on Saturday.

The team may have finished 22nd out of 33 teams from Vancouver Island, but scout master George Horel said the event was about far

more than where teams finished in the end.

"The result doesn't sound very good but they went into it cold, with no knowledge of the events," he said.

Competitors aged 10 to 13 spent the better half of the day building shelters, tying knots, climbing up walls, driving two-wheeled wagons and even cooked a meal as part of the Klondike-themed

events.

Horel hopes the day will inspire others to come out and see what the Salt Spring Sea Scouts have to offer island boys.

"We have so many great kids here," he said. "It's too bad our numbers are down."

The group meets every Thursday night. For more information contact George Horel at 537-1881.

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McKeachie rides up the ranks in motorcycle world

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

If you think motorcycle racing is only about riding in a circle without crashing out, Salt Spring's Andrew McKeachie has some news for you.

At only 21 years old, McKeachie has already risen through the ranks to become one of the province's leading professional motorcycle racers.

"It's hot, stressful and really tiring," the Salt Spring-raised man said only days after his return from an elite racing camp in Pahrump, Nevada last week. "It takes a lot of athletic skill and an incredible amount of focus."

McKeachie and 39 other riders spent two days learning from the legends of motorcycle racing in hopes of getting a jump before the 2007 season begins next month.

When you consider they're driving around the high-mountain desert decked out in a helmet and full body armour, "hot" takes on a whole new meaning, even in February.

"It was a pretty gnarly adventure," he said.

Most competitors are made up of grizzled race track veterans. Many began their racing days as young children. Fortunately for McKeachie's fans, what he lacks in experience is made up for in heart.

"I'm starting late, but I have high hopes for success because I learn very quickly," he said. "I've got a deep-seeded passion to race."

The desire to race full-time recently made for some serious choices while studying at Toronto's Sheridan College.

Despite a 4.0 GPA at one of the country's premier art schools, McKeachie decided to follow his dream.

"All these questions came up and I just looked toward my passion," he said. "I don't want to look back and say 'why didn't I do that?'"

He joked that while school



Motorcycle racer Andrew McKeachie

will be around until the end of western civilization, his best racing years are much more limited.

Oddly enough, McKeachie owes his rise to the top with a series of unlikely finishes. While other racers sped off and out of control, McKeachie consistently came from behind to place among the top-point earners.

"They say before you finish first, you must first finish," he said.

The ride from novice to pro comes despite an aging 2002 Suzuki bike, considered a relic from a different era in a world where the speed of changing technology rivals that of the computer industry.

While most racers have rides powered by the latest racing fuel and decked out with slipper clutches and high-end spoilers, McKeachie is shifting his way up the standings with whatever comes his way.

Now he's looking for sponsors to help him upgrade his gear.

It doesn't have to be brand new, he said, just newer.

McKeachie anticipates needing roughly \$30,000 for the summer racing season. With a new bike alone costing an estimated \$15,000, he's started courting major corporate sponsors. Unfortunately, the sport's relatively low profile in Canada hasn't

worked in his favour, so he's still searching for any support he can get.

Whatever the bike, McKeachie hopes to still make his way to the front of the pack when racing begins on April 1.

"I enjoy being the underdog, the one who comes from behind," he said.

For more information on McKeachie's career, visit www.sponsorhouse.com/Members/anoor.

Youth teams hit end of road

• Salt Spring Hooligans travelled to Sidney to end their regular season against Peninsula Tsunamis on Saturday. An 8-1 loss does little justice to a game that was evenly balanced for the first 20 minutes and the tremendous effort made by the Hooligans.

As is the way in all sports, a missed opportunity at one goal mouth can result in a breakaway for the opposition to score and change the face of the game. A brave save by the Peninsula keeper at the feet of Jordan Cottrell as he was about to score led to a good breakaway goal for Peninsula.

The Hooligans were always playing catch-up and, despite throwing all caution to the wind in an attempt to even the scores, Peninsula Tsunamis took advantage of an all-out attack to score further goals.

Finally, Louis Everest salvaged Salt Spring honour in the second half by capping off a fine run with the Hooligans' only goal.

Despite continuous pressure, including close efforts from Nicholas Pringle, captain on his birthday, and Johnny Caron, the Hooligans were unable to over-

SOCCER KICKS

come some fine goalkeeping from Peninsula.

The team played hard, heads held high, knowing that there will be other successful matches in the future.

• Salt Spring's U12 girls had their first taste of 11-aside soccer this weekend in two games at a rain-soaked tourney in Sooke.

First up were the hosts, the giants of Sooke! Salt Spring had the better of a keenly fought first half, looking confident and at home (if somewhat small) on the full-sized field.

Sooke got stronger as the second half progressed, the rain lashed and Salt Spring legs got more tired. They ended up 2-0 winners, but never outclassed Salt Spring, who had an impressive 11-aside debut.

Game two saw the girls take on Gorge Buccaneers in, by now, a full monsoon. When the going gets wet, the wet get going, and boy did Salt Spring go!

Constant Salt Spring pressure carved holes in the

Gorge defence, only to have a series of ponds in the penalty area thwart the girls as they were about to score. Olivia Kornelsen managed to bridge the moat around the goal, scoring the only goal of the game.

All the girls were inspired, determined, skillful and positively sizzled in the downpour.

• Salt Spring's U14 boys came to an untimely end in their run for the cup when they played Cowichan Valley Hammers last weekend.

The loss certainly wasn't from lack of skill or effort by the local squad. The boys out-shot their opposition by a 4 to 1 ratio with Noah Van Hullebush, Liam Budd, MacKenzie Pearson, Ben Barter, Noah Havelaar and Ben Hunter all taking quality shots on net.

Dylan Hillis had exceptionally strong game, shutting down the opponent's top scorer with help from Peter Van Roessel, Arlo Byrn-Thorn, Erik Rothwell and Dan Finer on the defensive line.

Dylan Hatchard and Mark Spiess were essential as outside midfielders with good determination and good through-ball passing.

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Salt Spring's Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life is having an information night "relay rally" on Thursday, March 15.

It runs from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Portlock Park portable.

"The relay rally is a fun family event where we will talk about the who, what, where and why of the Relay for Life happening on June 22 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on the 23rd," said local event coordinator Margo Greggains.

Proceeds from the event help fund the most promising research projects in the country on all types of cancer.

Participants, survivors, volunteers and the general public are encouraged to attend and find out about the event that honours friends and family members who have been touched by cancer and "helps make cancer history."

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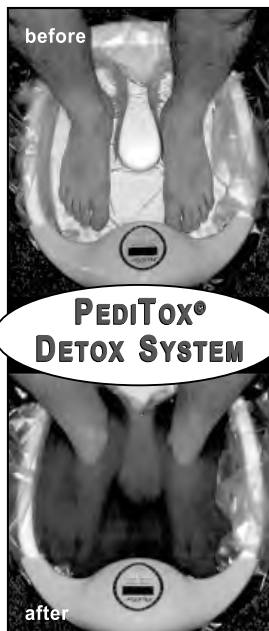
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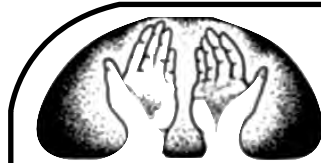
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Yogesha Bennun



Yogesha Bennun, born in Port Elizabeth, South Africa on August 13th, 1948 died in her home on Salt Spring Island at 12 noon on March 11th 2007, surrounded by her family.

Yogesha was diagnosed with cancer 10 months ago and from that time embraced the future with such a positive outlook she inspired all who knew and loved her.

Faced with this ultimate unknown she embraced every day with absolute love for those around her and presence in every moment, celebrating life completely.

Throughout her life Yogesha's incredible spirit and love of life moved everyone she met. She exuded such honesty, beauty, sense of adventure and love in every moment.

Her free spirit and passionate energy led her to dance and celebrate around the globe: helping striking Unions in England; volunteering to clean up the artworks after the flood in Florence, Italy; smuggling an anti-fascist out of Spain during Franco's reign; studying an MA in linguistics in Edinburgh, Scotland; making hammocks, milking goats and nurturing her son and

daughter in New Zealand and Australia; traveling throughout every continent and embracing those peoples and cultures, creating her own line of clothing and jewellery; counselling and facilitating meditation workshops here on Salt Spring, in California and at the Chiva-Som in Thailand; and, with every step along her life's path Yogesha honoured her spiritual process and transformation.

Yogesha helped to perpetuate the One-Hour-Shopping experience at Thrifty's (20 minutes shopping and 40 minutes hugging in the aisles!).

Yogesha will also be remembered by her community as a great friend, her two brothers as an amazing sister, and her two children as the most incredible mother. She will be missed beyond belief.

Yogesha has requested a celebration filled with music and dancing at a local hall, which will be held in the coming weeks.

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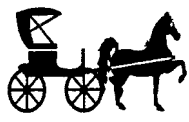
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IT IS with great sadness that the Krainer & Paterson family announce the sudden passing of Karl Frank Krainer on March 4th, 2007 in Vancouver. There will be a gathering of Karl's family and friends tentatively scheduled for March 17th, 2007 between 3:30 & 6:30 at the Aberthau Mansion, 4397 West Second Ave, Vancouver. Rest in Peace K.K.

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THE SALT Spring Golf & Country Club is looking for a mature, responsible individual to work in the Pro-Shop. Golf experience not necessary, but retail and customer service related skills are an asset. This is a seasonal position, working 24-32 hrs/wk. Requiring day, evening, weekday or weekend shiftwork. Drop off resume, Attention: Steve or Lyle, at the Pro-Shop before March 18th.

PART-TIME SEASONAL house-keeping staff wanted. Apply with resume at front desk of Seabreeze Inne, no phone calls please.

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Management Opportunities

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For more information on the Rental Assistance Program, contact BC Housing at 604-433-2218 in the Lower Mainland or 1-800-257-7756 elsewhere in B.C.

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34 NOTICES



INTERESTED IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY?

A vacancy has occurred on the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission includes 10 members, appointed by the CRD Board, plus the CRD Director for Salt Spring Island. Mid-Term vacancies are filled for the remainder of the outstanding term. The current vacancy will be filled for the remainder of 2007.

Application forms are available by email at parc@saltspring.com or at the PARC office M to W 10 am to 2 pm, Thurs 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (closed 1-2 pm)

Phone 537-4448 for more information

Please submit your application as soon as possible to PARC, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1K3 or parc@saltspring.com

34 NOTICES

NEW STOCK HAS ARRIVED at the Green Room: Boys & girls consignment clothing and shoes from birth to 6 years.

THE GREEN ROOM

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SUMMER DAY CAMP LEADERS Salt Spring Island



Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for innovative and enthusiastic leaders to create a fantastic experience for participants of its 2007 Camp Colossal summer daycamp program. Camp Colossal is a 42 day, Monday to Friday program, that takes place in July and August with a focus on local outdoor activities and crafts for children in the 5 to 12 age group. The Camp offers a number of off-island day trips to venues such as the Butterfly Gardens, the waterslides or CRD Regional Parks attractions.

This is a bargaining unit position (CUPE Local 1989). Camp Leaders will be employees of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and are paid every two weeks at a rate of \$12.54/hr plus 11% in lieu of benefits (13.92/hr).

First Aid Certification, a Class "4" B.C. Drivers Licence and a clean driving record are mandatory. Lifeguard Certification is an asset.

Reply in writing, on or before March 29, 2007, including a resume and references, to:

Camp Colossal
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1K3
Email: parc@saltspring.com



ON CALL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKERS

PARC maintains a call list of persons interested in occasional part-time parks maintenance work during the summer months. Assignments may include litter control, sanitary maintenance, grass cutting, weed removal and other general maintenance tasks.

Good physical condition, ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions, a current BC Driver License, a clean driving record and a desire to work hard are basic employment requirements. Those with prior experience with community parks maintenance or landscape maintenance will have an advantage.

Respond in writing, including a resume, to the undersigned on or before April 1, 2007. Email and Fax submissions will be accepted. Include local telephone contact number, mailing address and email address.

Those selected for interview will be contacted. NO telephone enquires will be accepted.

D.C. Gibbon
Parks Operations and Project Manager
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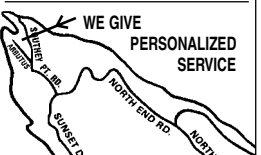
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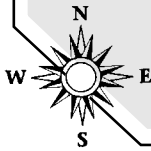
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5 THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 - 9:00, March 15 - April 5, \$50 - 75 sliding scale and Introduction to the History and application of Theravada (Vipassana) Buddhism. 3 Thursday evenings 7:00 - 9:00, April 12 - 16, \$30 - 45 sliding scale. Taught by Heather Martin at: Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, Blackburn Road. To register: 653- 9729, hmartin@saltspringwireless.com.

TUB, TOILET and sink in good condition. 70's blue. 44" oak cabinet with white top, \$150 for all. 537-5050.

START YOUR Spring Break Right! Join us for the "Salt Spring Centre School's Variety Show and Silent Art Auction" Friday, March 16th from 6:30- 9:30 pm. Celebrate the season with music and fun, and find that piece of art you've been dreaming of! Kids craft table, yummy baked goods, door prizes and more. \$5 donation for grown ups gets the kids in FREE! See our ad under Coming Events for more info...

WANTED: STEREOS, radios, amps, speakers, etc.Old or new, 653-4458.

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340 GARAGE SALES

3 BIG SALE - 102 Tern, 8:30 - 1:30. No early-birds. Household items, some tools, lots of good stuff, 5 families involved.

4 RENOVATION SALE: appliances, cabinets, doors, Whirlpool tub, etc. Saturday, March 17, 9 - 2. 119 Castle Cross Rd.

5 106 BONET AVE. 9 am - 1 pm. Saturday, March 17.

6 GARAGE SALE. Sunday, March.18th 10 - 2. 1298 Beddis Rd. No early birds.

This Week's Horoscope
by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
In the complexity of life your Horoscope indicates that you are experiencing both a progressive rise in power and confidence, on one hand, and a rather deep sense of mystery about who you are and what your life is all about, on the other. Perhaps you feel your individuality very strongly yet also sense that you are no different from anyone else - all people.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21)
A bold and revolutionary mood continues to shake your world. You want to break free and through any existing blocks and/or help others to do the same and you are determined to find out how. To this end you are turning your attention to cutting edge methods. If you cannot find any that satisfy you then you will turn your attention to inventing one or two yourself.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Your momentum continues to be strong. With the increase in power comes the same with responsibility. You may be feeling both stronger yet also more burdened with the need to make effective decisions. At best, others are meeting you with confidence and enthusiasm; at worst, you may feel stretched a little too thin with many people to see and please.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
Stretching your imagination to encompass a bigger picture of the world with deeper insight as well continues. Much of this process will come as feelings while some will produce clear thoughts and intentions. Reading, researching and discussing future plans, prospects and/or directions, whether you're own or those of others, is likely.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
Your mood is deep and passionate these days. You are eager to share your ideas and engage in other exciting cultural events. There is probably a lot shaking in your world somehow as exciting people and ideas come and go through a more than usual rapidly revolving door. Staying flexible, open minded and cooperative with people and situations is especially important now.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
Unusual, interesting, spiritual and/or imaginative characters are to be found on your stage these days. These key players in your destiny will be stirring your emotions and your values, beliefs, visions and plans. At best, you feel passionate, aroused and confident that this is all part of your journey. At worst, you are analyzing your self and life too much while the boat whistle blows and the anchor is raised.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Awakening to what constitutes a

healthier lifestyle rhythm continues. It is likely that you want to make specific key changes. This probably includes letting go of how things were and are moving on somehow. This may be a physical change and/or it may be more psychological. In any case, this is a good time to allow for creative, imaginative and visionary reflection and/or expression.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Your stars indicate that you are generally enjoying a playful and creative period. Given the challenges you are probably experiencing to 'rise to the occasion' in your public and professional life, this may have practical application as well as purely for pleasure. You are in the mood to meet new people for the sake of fun and for business too. Making changes and improvements close to home is part of the plot as well.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Much is shifting at core levels of your being. Some of these shifts may be obvious and others less so. You are being stirred, shaken, awakened and moved to new places, perspectives and considerations. If you are resisting change you may be suffering and lashing out and blaming others , but if you are using your imagination and going with the flow you will be experiencing one kind of liberation or another.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Your perspectives and perceptions are changing and with these too is your world. You have plenty of know-how yet you must also be willing to use your imagination to its fullest extent. These deep changes rumbling within will continue until September and by then especially you will be ready to meet new people and visit new places.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Taking inventory of your array of gifts, talents, resources and interests continues to keep you busy, at least behind the scenes and in the back of your mind. Your ambition to break free from existing realities and patterns is strong now and will continue for some months. Let your imagination play with the prospects yet be patient with implementing them.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
This is a time of initiative and initiation for you. More than following the advice of others, you are ideally learning to listen to your inner guidance and authority. Perhaps you need to squarely face certain fears, perhaps especially regarding money and/or intimacy and sex or some other aspect of power. In other regards

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Roads lines

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Obviously it will cost a little more, but considering the fact our taxes do not cover garbage disposal, sewer hook-ups, potable water access or street lighting, it seems a small amount to use to stop our bitching!

As an addendum: after filling some of the myriad potholes still sprinkled throughout our excuse for infrastructure, it might be advisable to re-paint the lines on Fulford-Ganges Road, which are almost completely obliterated even in daylight.

And start using a paint that will last more than five months. Do some research — would acrylic last longer? Or do you go along with the B.C. Hydro principle that a hydro cable can always be fixed, with triple overtime, whereas a buried cable needs no fixing. This is not to jibe at the hardworking Hydro men, merely a needle for their administration. But that is another issue.

DENIS BROWNE,
Salt Spring



KETCHUP DOG: Syrus Andress has a little ketchup with his hotdog at a recent baseball registration event in the Ganges Village Market parking lot.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

RANTS & ROSES

All the animals of the Salt Spring BCSPCA wish to send out buckets and buckets of brightly coloured roses to Ian Abbott and The Art House Studio for making such a beautiful sign for our shelter.

Roses to the owners and staff of The Fritz theatre for your donation to our raffle at SIMS. We really appreciate your kindness. Fritz the cat will be missed by all. SIMS PAC

Roses to Michael Levy and The Fritz for continued support of After Grad 007.

An enormous bouquet of roses to Cathie Newman (SPCA) for the diligent daily delivery of fresh food and water to Fritz for several years. To Geoff Levy for making the Fritz "Mansion," and the businesses who contributed materials, Slegg Lumber, Calypso Carpet and the Cobbler. To Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic, who attended to the health care of Fritz. And to the senior citizens who worked tirelessly to restore the old hall. Without them there would not be a Central Hall for Fritz to adopt. Ronald Milton

A bushel of multi-coloured roses to SeaChange Seafoods, Salt Spring Coffee Co., Teddy Bear Take-out, Maple Hill Farms, Soya Nova, all the churches, Jana's Bake Shop, Embe Bakery, GVM, Thrifty Foods, Barb's Buns, Auntie Pesto's, Nadene McCoy, Christine Somerville, Nick Slakov and Sam Lewis. Your wonderful donations to the Salt Spring Island Community food bank make all the difference. Thanks!

Thank you to the 121 people who supported the petition to make our playgrounds smoke free. LD

A thousand roses for whoever captured a grey cat with an injured shoulder and left him at the SPCA about four weeks ago. I have been trying to find him since October. Please contact me so I can thank you. Lorna, 595-0077 in Victoria.

Everlasting roses to all who celebrate the spirit of "Fritz," patron saint of four-footed furry critters . . . curious, compassionate, thankful for his beloved community. Rest in peace, gentle friend. CJC and SWG



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Since more than 800 scientists meeting at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in Paris, France last month agreed, there is no denying the need to go green.

A record number of Canadians are getting involved in programs to curb greenhouse gas emissions and there's never been more information available for people wanting to learn more.

The provincial government's recent throne speech promises the hope of unprecedented changes in the ways British Columbians use energy. In the meantime, individuals are already taking up the challenge to change their energy-wasting ways. The greener public consciousness has vaulted alternative technologies and the quest to harness renewable energy found close to home into the mainstream.

As part of the Driftwood's third Green Edition, reporter Sean McIntyre visited four Salt Spring Island property owners at the forefront of tried-and-true technologies fuelling the future of renewable energy.

They show that it's not such a big deal to back away from the energy grid or to practise berming rather than burning, and the personal and global benefits can be huge.

Living off the sun

One would think living off-the-grid in a solar-powered house would have its drawbacks, but that's not the case for a couple living high above the Cranberry Valley.

"To tell you the truth, the biggest problem we have are the dust bunnies," said Steve Leichter.

Dust bunnies?

You mean the four months of rain and snow, cloudy skies and cool nights aren't a problem? Solar power may seem like a no-brainer in places like California or Australia, but on Salt Spring Island?

That's exactly the response Steve and Maxine Leichter received when they told classmates their dream to build

a solar house north of the Pacific Northwest during a California solar workshop nearly a decade ago.

"They laughed and said it could never happen," said Maxine. "Even a consultant said we'd have a really hard time for three or four months of the year."

Despite the nay-sayers, the Leichters still have plenty of energy to serve tea, receive phone calls, use a computer and light their house during a tour of their home earlier this year.

Aside from the phenomenal view over the Southern Gulf Islands, the house is much like any other.

The system itself is made up of eight photovoltaic modules located on a bluff overlooking the Cranberry Valley. The solar energy is transferred to a 48-volt

"If you expand your vision of the world, you'll see what the true cost of everything really is."

MAXINE LEICHTER,
solar home owner

battery bank in the Leichters' basement along a 600-foot armoured cable.

From the battery, a power inverter provides the home with an average 7.5 kilowatt hours of power per day.

In the summer they have more than they can handle. During the winter, the Leichters must cope with having a lot less. Part of the challenge behind making the solar system a success requires owners to look beyond the system itself.

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“What it requires is expanding your vision of what your world is,” he said. “A lot of people turn on the tap and water comes out without thinking about where the water comes from, you flip a switch and you don’t know but if you follow the wire back it’s going to come from a coal-fired plant or a dam someplace.”

Following the vision and living the dream, however, isn’t free of charge.

The entire system costs roughly \$40,000 dollars, but keep in mind the only wire connecting the house to the outside world is a telephone wire.

In addition to doing the right thing for the environment, living off the grid also meant the couple didn’t have to pay thousands of dollars to string wires from their home to the nearest B.C. Hydro line.

They’ve also never had a bill from B.C. Hydro waiting in the mailbox.

“It’s sort of like buying 20 years of hydro all at one time,” Steve said. “If you are careful, there are ways to save. Dreams can be nightmares if you’re not prepared and don’t go in with your eyes open.”

Part of the approach requires home builders to think about energy use at each step of the construction process.

Lower ceilings, energy efficient appliances, sealed windows, correct building exposure are some of the factors the Leichters always had in the back of their minds during construction.

“After a very short period of time it becomes second nature,” he said.

Now that the house is completed, they practise energy-saving habits like turning off unused devices and eliminating vampire (or phantom) loads like the internal timers or memory chips found in VCRs, ovens and television sets.

Far from being a hassle, Maxine said, it’s about voting with your dollars.

“When everything that you buy is energy efficient you increase the chance they will make more, the prices will go down and it’ll become more mainstream,” she said “I think becoming more energy efficient is becoming more mainstream. With the concerns about climate change, making the move to live off-the-grid just makes sense on so many levels.”

Years of hard work and searching for efficient appliances paid off during the string of snowstorms that hit the island this past winter, Maxine added.

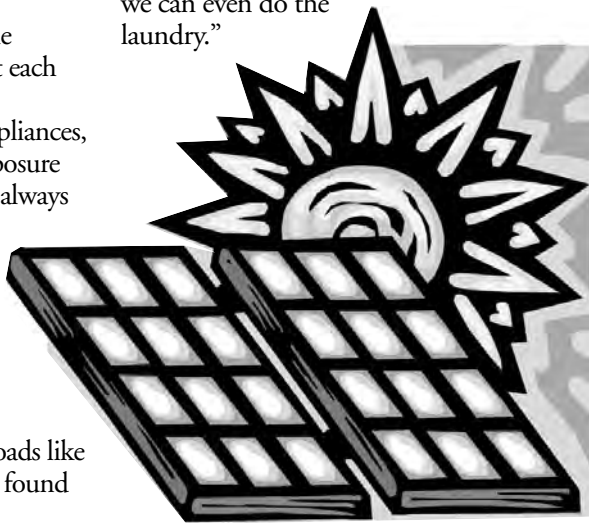
Long after the rest of the island went dark as power lines fell, Steve and Maxine sat snowbound with barely any inconvenience.

“Being snowed in is not an issue for us,” she said.

Instead, she added, living off the sun has brought her and her husband closer to the natural world than they’ve ever been.

They’ve also never had a bill from B.C. Hydro waiting in the mailbox.

“We’re not isolated from our environment. We pay attention to the weather and what’s going on around us and we can even do the laundry.”



SAVE THAT ENERGY!

Power Tip #1:

BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES.

Cool winter temperatures means heat can easily escape through windows and doors. Use curtains or shades on your windows to keep heat where it belongs.

Power Tip #2:

WATCH FOR VAMPIRES

Vampire or phantom loads work silently to use energy and run up your power bill. Televisions, DVD players and cable converters all eat up power when they aren’t even switched on. By putting them on a power bar with a power switch, you can often save in excess of 0.6 kwh per day (20 kwh/month).

Power Tip #3

GIVE YOUR COMPUTER A BREAK

If you’re going to leave the computer unused for an hour or more, turn it off. The break will save the same amount of energy needed to power a single fluorescent bulb for 24 hours. Some printers also use the same amount of power needed to run a small microwave oven. Would you leave the microwave running?

TIPS from Natural Resources Canada

did you KNOW?

The Salt Spring Energy Strategy estimates the energy used to operate Salt Spring homes makes up roughly one third of the energy consumed on the island each year.

As part of the group’s efforts to reduce the island’s greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent, organizers are asking people to make changes close to home.

Nearly one quarter of the proposed reductions can be made by ensuring half of the island’s new homes are more energy efficient. The group hopes to retrofit 1,000 homes for energy efficiency and make sure one quarter all of old woodstoves are replaced with more energy-efficient models.

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Bauers reap the rewards of a waste-free biomass-rich life

Amidst the ever-changing technologies used to harness renewable energy, it may come as a shock that one of the most beneficial ways to conserve energy involves little more than a rake.

Biomass energy theory is rooted in the nutrients and energy found within all organic matter. When a brush pile is set on fire, the energy and nutrients literally go up in smoke.

On a larger scale, like the \$250-million biomass project announced last summer in Gold River on Vancouver Island, energy captured from burning scraps from northern Vancouver Island's cutblocks can provide electricity for as many as 700,000 homes.

On a much smaller scale, biomass proponents on Salt Spring argue things can be a lot easier and less smokier when the same principles are applied in people's own backyards.

During a recent walk through Brandon and Patti Bauer's five-acre property, the benefits of taking full advantage of all those unused nutrients becomes apparent in the form of more than 150 species of plants they cultivate.

Even lemon, olive, nut and peach trees are all showing promise on the couple's Toynbee Road property.

The farm owes much of its success to the application of permaculture techniques that maximize the land's potential without bringing in chemical fertilizers or sending off excessive waste.

"In permaculture you learn that waste equals unused energy. In nature there is no waste, only energy transferrals. Abundance creates the mentality of waste," said Brandon. "Cut down one tree and you will see how much biomass there is."

The Bauers saw their first load of biomass shortly after moving onto their property in 2002. It turned out most

of their land was covered in broom plants, an invasive species which spreads rapidly through any open clearing.

After months of back-breaking labour spent pulling every last broom plant from the ground, the couple could have easily set the works alight and been done with everything once and for all. Instead, they piled the plants in long rows, called berms, located around their property.

As the plants break down completely, nutrients are released into the soil. Scotch broom and blackberries can break down in less than a year while cedar boughs and larger branches take between three and five years.

Think of it as taking the compost pile up to an entirely new level.

"Generally, the more aware one is of their waste the more impetus one has to be responsible with it."

- PATTI BAUER

"If one has any branches, canes, compost, brush, scotch broom or any organic matter that they want to decompose outside of the gardens, select a spot, either one where you want to begin perennial plantings, or on a slope or in an area where you want to create an edge, and begin by building a base framework," Patti explained. "Then continue by alternating layers up in an orderly fashion — like a giant bird nest. Save your little materials for the top to keep it clean."

Material is left in place and the Bauers plant trees, shrubs, fruit and flowers in the nutrient-rich soil.

Part of finding useful applications for home and garden waste is coming to terms with the sheer amount of refuse that passes through an average Canadian home each day.

According to Capital Regional District (CRD) data, organic waste once accounted for 5.5 per cent of the total volume of



BRANDON BAUER shows off a berm.

waste collected at the Hartland landfill before alternative disposal requirements were enforced late last year.

For Brandon, the same berm strategy is ideal for anyone developing and clearing land on a larger scale.

"As part of the development process, stumps and biomass are accumulated into a pile, generally by an excavator, and later set aflame," he said. "An excavator could equally make a berm for a view/wind/noise screen, or dig a trench and bury the biomass on contour, thus keeping fertility on the land, and owners are able to benefit from the super-rich nutrient pockets."

"It is our hope landscapers on the island will begin using this technique, rather than hauling it away and decreasing on-site fertility."

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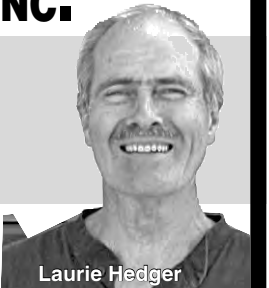
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While the snow is piling up outside, the trees come crashing down on power lines and a doomsday weather forecast booms from the radio, a modest home-energy system can keep the lights on. You may still be snowed in, but at least you can pass the time with a good book or two.

2. IT'S CHEAP

You have to pay up front but, aside from occasional maintenance costs, you may never hear from B.C. Hydro again – aside from them telling you how much they miss you.

3. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR POWER

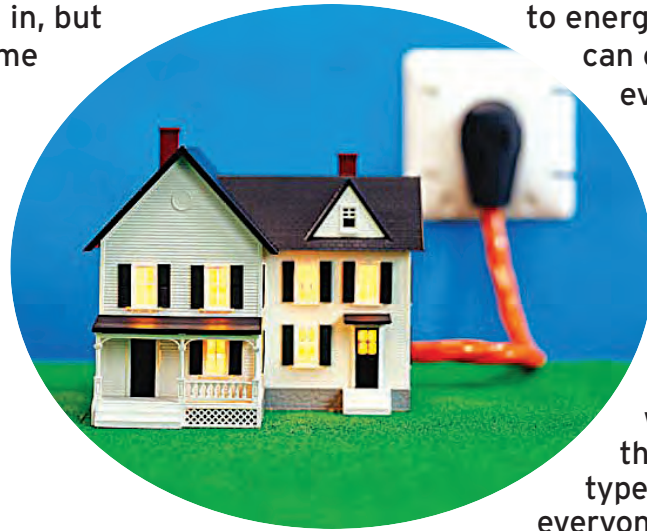
Feel that you've made a responsible choice every time you switch on the lights, boot up the computer or make a cup of coffee. Not only are you reducing your impact on the environment, you're also setting a great example for others to follow.

4. FEEL THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

When renewable energy enthusiasts meet, it doesn't take long for the sparks to fly. Every homeowner has their own experiences and theories about the right and wrong things to do en route to energy independence. If anything, you can count on a knock on the door when everybody else is in the dark.

5. SATISFY YOUR INNER ENGINEER

For years, solar, wind and micro hydro systems were the mainstay of a small group of energy hobbyists who spent hours working away on their personal creations in basement and backyard workshops. Technological advances over the past five years have made the different types of systems accessible to just about everyone. Get online and see what you can find.



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Going with the flow

"Like most people these days we wanted to reduce our ecological footprint."

- John Lutz, micro hydro user

On Salt Spring Island, you can't get much farther from the beaten path than the end of Musgrave Road. Long after the well-tended farmland makes way for mature stands of coastal forest and the pavement turns into a rough dirt track, visitors are quickly overtaken by the area's sense of wilderness.

Since most area homes are well beyond the nearest power line, living off-the-grid on Musgrave Road is more of a necessity than a conscious lifestyle choice.

Needless to say, the handful of residents who have settled the island's south west have adapted quite easily.

When John Lutz purchased his property nearly 10 years ago, each power pole cost roughly \$3,000.

"We were generating power 24 hours a day for well more than 180 days a year."

"I can't even imagine what they cost now," he said in a recent interview from Victoria where he spends most of the year teaching history at the University of Victoria.

Even if neighbours split the cost, Lutz said, chances are it still wouldn't be feasible to bring power over the mountain.

In the early years, Lutz installed a basic solar system to keep his family's modest cabin powered through the summer. The southern exposure gave him more than enough power to live comfortably through the warmest months of the year.

As the cabin began receiving more visitors during the winter months, the solar system proved to have its limits, even though most of the home's major appliances run on propane.

That's when Lutz noticed the creek running less than 50 metres from his building site.

"When we purchased the property [in the summer,] the creek was barely a trickle and it was covered in logging debris," he said.

The same trickle, it turned out, became a rushing torrent within weeks of the first autumn rains each October. It was a perfect site for a micro hydro system. And, at \$6,000 total cost, affordable as well.

"Like most people these days we wanted to reduce our ecological footprint and that coincided with a more pragmatic need to bring hydro into our home," he said.

Installing and maintaining one's very own hydro-electric power installation may sound complicated, but is really quite straightforward, according to Lutz.

"It's sophisticated and it's simple," he said. "It's not for use everywhere, but all we needed to do was a little research."

The system basically operates on the same principles as a hydro-electric power dam but without the adjoining reservoir.

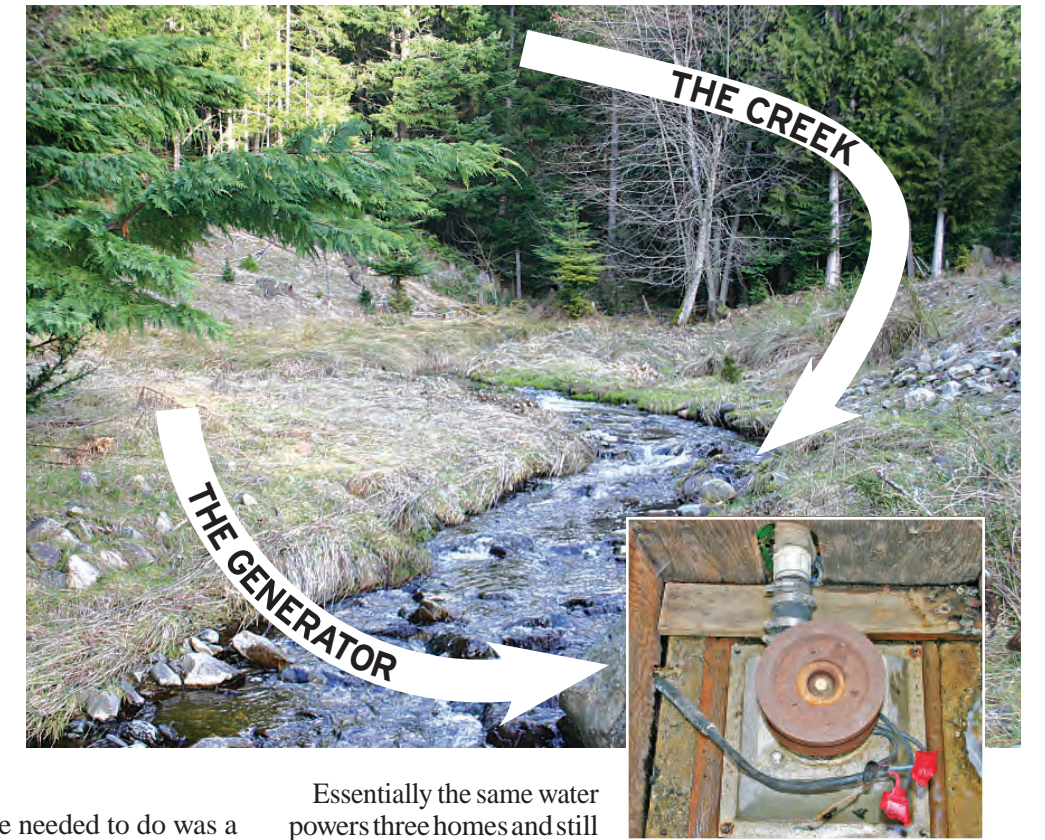
Water from the stream is filtered into one end of a PVC tube located 300 metres upstream from a small power station the size of a recycling blue box. Water makes its way down the pipe and turns the wheels of a small turbine located inside the box. The faster the turbine spins, the more current is created by the generator and the more power is stored in the battery pack for use in the house less than a few hundred metres away.

As for the water?

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What's even better is that multiple stations can be installed along the same creek without having an impact on flow rate. Lutz's hydro facility is the second of three such installations powering different homes along little more than a kilometre of the creek.



Essentially the same water powers three homes and still ends up in Sansum Narrows without any adverse effects.

Without an idea where it is, the mechanism is barely visible to passers-by and the turbine's whirl is barely audible above the creek-flow sound.

As for maintenance, Lutz added, the filter needs cleaning and clogs in the pipe eliminated.

"We quickly found the batteries were charging so much that we were almost constantly having to replace the fluid," he said. "We were generating power 24 hours a day for well more than 180 days a year."

By the time the flow runs low in late spring, the sun is already taking up its share of the work load.

The only time the home encounters energy shortages are during a few weeks between September and late October when the sun is low and the rains have yet to arrive in earnest.

Those are the times when Lutz confides he and his family have to pay attention to their power usage.

It can even feel like they're living in the wilderness, but that's all part of the point.

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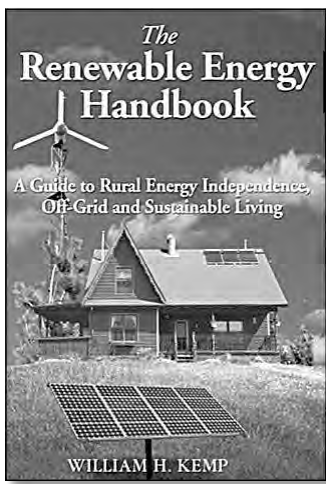
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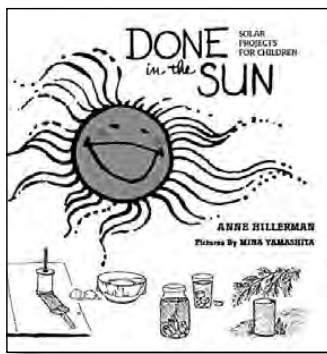
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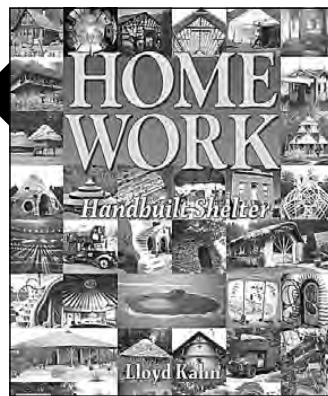


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Eco-home tour opens door to renewable energy

The chance to walk through some of the island's most ecologically friendly homes doesn't happen every day and that's probably why the Salt Spring Eco-Home Tour has quickly become one of the island's most popular annual events.

"Salt Spring has a unique reputation where innovative individuals live among nature, but our reputation is growing as a community that is leading the way by embracing increased energy efficiency," said Karen Hudson, executive director of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the event's main sponsor. "In recent years, many homeowners concerned about sustainability have put their ideas into action by building homes that reflect their values."

The 2007 tour features 10 homes spanning the spectrum of alternative building technologies, including solar power, hemp straw bale walls, masonry heating, water catchment and grey water systems.

Participants can also step inside the island's first legally permitted

cob dwelling — a home featured on the 2005 tour while under construction — and learn how recycled blue jeans can be put to use as insulation.

The self-guided tour gives participants the opportunity to research technologies used in real life applications, far from the trade-show floor.

Homeowners are always keen to share their extensive knowledge and have additional information to assist the first-time alternative energy user.

"These homes are packed with ideas to reduce energy and water usage and associated operating costs," Hudson said.

As in past years, participants from Salt Spring and beyond are encouraged to adopt at least one idea they see on the tour.

Ticket sales start on May 17 and cost \$25 each. Discounts are available to participants who carpool or ride their bicycles on the tour.

For more information, call the Salt Spring Island Conservancy office at 538-0318.



Scenes from the 2006 Eco-Home Tour



WHAT'S ON The Green Edition

Thursday, March 15: Imagine Salt Spring Speaker Series
Deborah Curran will speak on how to preserve, protect and promote the community's precious green spaces from population pressures and urban expansion. Curran is Founder of Smart Growth B.C. Her law firm is dedicated to developing legal strategies for sustainable growth by assisting clients to implement innovative approaches to resource management and development. At the Community Gospel Chapel, 7:30-9:30 p.m. No charge.

Tuesday, March 20: Permaculture Workshop Series
Brandon and Patti Bauer begin a nine-week series designed to teach students the principles of permaculture. Courses cover everything from the ethics and principles to practical pointers for the backyard permaculturist. Costs are \$250 for nine classes or \$30 for one. For more information call 537-0837

Thursday, March 22: Protecting our Water.
On World Water Day
The Salt Spring Conservancy teams up with the SSI Water Preservation Society and the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee for a Cusheon Lake Management Plan presentation. 1-3 p.m. at the Green Room, Harbour House.

Thursday, April 19: The Climate Challenge: Practical Solutions for Salt Spring.
Slide show and talk by Guy Dauncey. Co-sponsored with I-SEA (Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action). At the Community Gospel Chapel, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free

Saturday, June 16: Transportation Options Fair
Sponsored by the Salt Spring Energy Strategy. More information available at www.saltspringenergystrategy.org

Sunday, June 17: Eco-Home Tour
See renewable energy applications and alternative construction methods in place at 10 Salt Spring locations. Last year's second annual event attracted a record number of off-island participants so get your tickets early. Contact the Salt Spring Island Conservancy at 538-0318 for more information.

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- **www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca:**
Federal resource on renewable energy and home retrofit incentives.
- **www.saltspringenergystrategy.org:**
Keep up to date with Salt Springers' efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- **http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/conservancy/index.html:**
The Island's leading environmental conscience. With more than 600 members, the Conservancy provides a common forum for environmental concerns facing the island.



CoolDrivePass funnels emissions funds to green technology

When Salt Spring businessman Don Arney considered ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced by his work and personal-use vehicles, his first instinct was to trade in the cars.

He and his family operate two SUVs — a Toyota 4-Runner (about 20,000 km per year) and an Expedition (10,000 km annually). He also flies a helicopter to and from work in Vancouver.

"The Expedition is a pig," Arney says. "But I need the size when I cart things around."

In addition, his on-Salt Spring business, HangBoard Snoflight, runs two vans needed for transporting HangBoards and other snow sport equipment. Arney needs the capacity provided by all four vehicles, but is concerned about their negative impact on the environment.

"I was thinking of trading in the Expedition for a diesel pickup," Arney says, "but then a friend pointed out that when I get rid of the car, it's still going to be around for another

20 years — it's just that someone else will be driving it."

That's when the friend introduced Arney to the CoolDrivePass — a B.C.-based carbon credit program that allows people to offset the environmental effect of their vehicles by making them "carbon neutral."

Developed by a climate scientist at the University of British Columbia, the CoolDrivePass program calculates the annual environmental cost of a vehicle based on its make and model and annual mileage.

The vehicle owner pays that money into the program, which in turn invests in "high quality renewable energy and emission reduction projects."

"It's a simple, affordable and effective method to reduce the negative impacts of driving on the climate," notes the website at www.cooldrivepass.com.

Those interested in the program just log onto the website and type in the year, make and model of their vehicles plus estimated

annual mileage.

A website calculator shows how the vehicle compares to the Canadian average, and then puts a price tag on the cost of making it carbon neutral.

Arney said the cost of his "pig" Expedition amounts to about \$78 per year. He expects he will pay about \$160 annually for the 4-Runner and about \$200 for his helicopter. As the HangBoard vans are on the road for just six months of the year, he estimates the annual fee will be less.

"I think it's a good program to support since it has the potential to bring significant new capital to the task of reduced greenhouse emissions," Arney says. "It empowers individuals to make a difference immediately."



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A new wind is blowing

While the amount of power generated by wind turbines continues to rise across the world and in Canada, the Province of British Columbia has failed to cast off and proceed with a single large-scale wind project.

In spite of the province's reluctance to embark on the wind-energy wagon so far, however, the number of small-scale turbines popping up across the country continues to rise.

Small-scale wind generators are nothing new. For decades people living in remote rural areas have used wind to power their farms, water their fields and grind their grain.

Now they're beginning to turn up on Salt Spring Island and, as windmills have become more commonplace, incentives and regulations facilitating

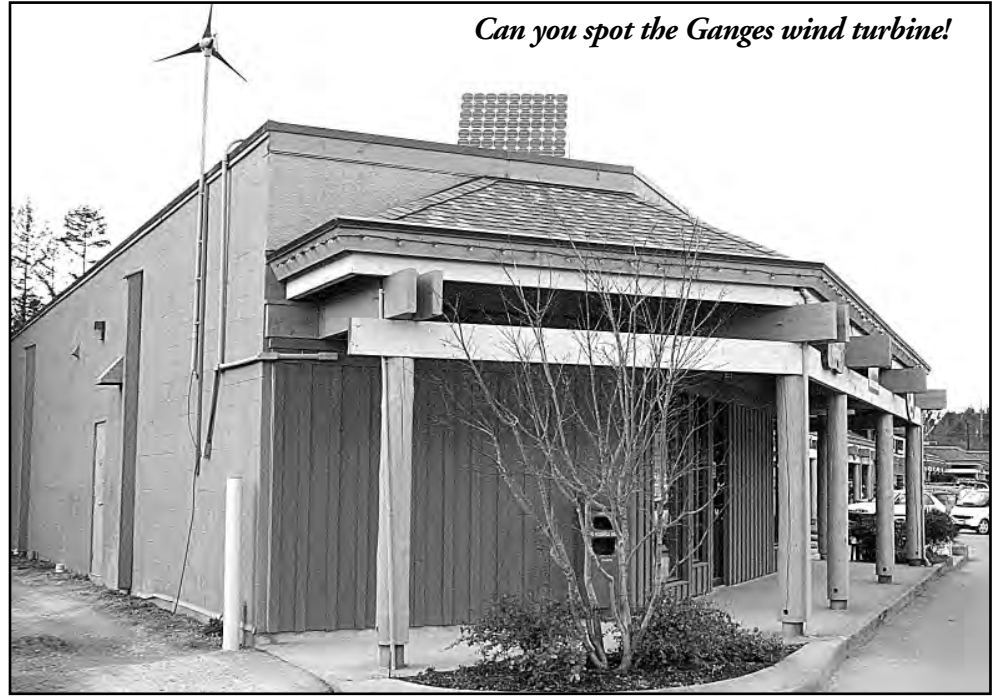
their installation have followed suit.

Just last year, a south-end family was issued a development variance permit for the island's first generator. Taking full advantage of prevailing winds meant placing the turbine on a 30-metre (90-foot) structure, well above the guidelines set out by the island's land-use bylaw.

"This is precisely the kind of thing we want to encourage," said George Ehring, a Salt Spring Island trustee at the time. "We want to reduce the number of barriers to renewable energy projects."

The permit, he added, will hopefully encourage other islanders to do their part and look towards renewable energy as a source of electricity.

According to trustees, more applications are already on the way.



Can you spot the Ganges wind turbine!

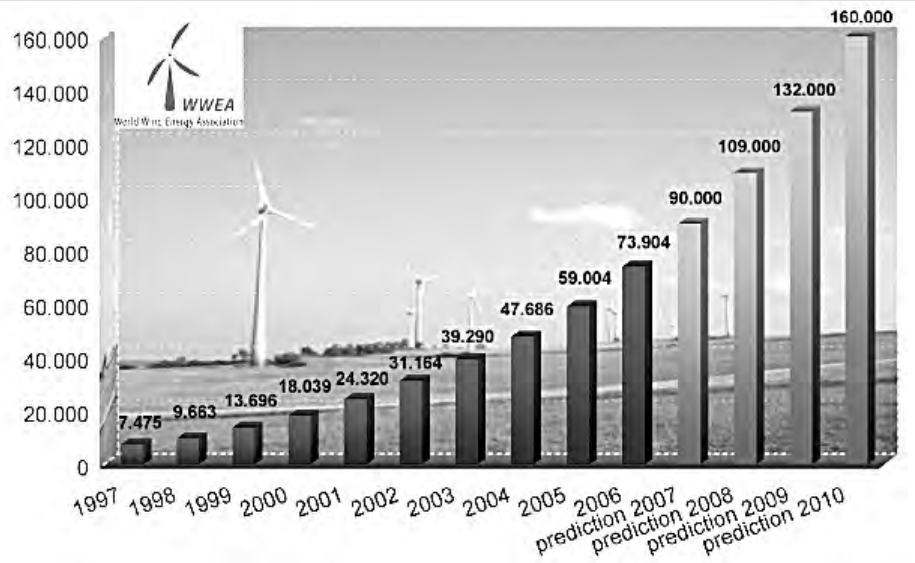
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Backed-up by the wind

“Personally, I prefer not to be running fossil fuels as a back up. It comes down to a matter of choice.”

- Ronan White, ENERGY OPTIONS OWNER

When the lights went dark over much of the island late last year, Ronan White had little to worry about. All he had to do was flip a switch to activate the back-up system powering the Energy Options store on Lower Ganges Road and it was business as usual.

With greater public concern over climate change and more apprehension over the future source of fossil fuels, White said, a greater number of islanders are showing an interest in reconfiguring their home power systems to take advantage of the free and plentiful energy found around their homes.

Though technology is now more affordable than it has ever been before, the majority of people looking to redesign their systems remain surprised when they hear the cost of pulling off a complete overhaul, White said.

It's not unusual for a full off-the-grid system to run into the tens of thousands of dollars and even if some people are willing and able to make the move — see the Powered by the Sun story in this Green Edition — most are left reconsidering their options.

Beyond the solar panels, wind generators and micro hydro systems, White said, reducing one's household energy consumption is by far the wisest and most effective way to reduce a home's footprint.

One of the easiest moves is to switch a light bulb or two.

Because compact fluorescent light bulbs produce 70 per cent less heat than traditional incandescent bulbs, they require two-thirds the power to provide the same amount of light. What's more, they last up to 10 times longer and can save home owners up to \$30 over its lifetime.

New light-emitting diode (LED) lights consume only 1/30th the power of an ordinary light bulb. They're more expensive but only require replacement once every 10 years or so.

People keen on going a step beyond installing a few new light bulbs will be heartened to learn renewable energy systems come in a wide variety of configurations for any setting.

Unlike painting the den or retiling the bathroom, making more complex changes to your home's electrical system can be a complicated task usually requiring the advice of a professional consultant to help point out the dos and the don'ts.

For a business setting like the one in place at Energy Options on Lower Ganges Road, two solar panels, a wind generator and simple battery pack provide more than enough juice to keep things running when the lights go out.

“It doesn't sound like very much but it has enough power to keep the light on, run the cash equipment and keep us open for business hours,” he said. “When everything is shut down overnight, a steady wind can restore the power reserves for the next business day. It's underused to what it could be in a home.”

In a home setting, White said, the system could easily power a few light bulbs and some smaller appliances during the morning and evening hours. The battery pack can recharge during the day while occupants are at work or overnight when they're asleep.

At \$6,000, White's installation is enough to get any green energy initiative well on its way. Homeowners can access government-sponsored initiatives designed to promote everything from more efficient windows to solar hot water heaters. (Consult the Green Links section for more information.)

The benefits of White's “emergency system” is that he can add more capacity whenever the time, funds or use call for more energy.

“If you put a system in, you can easily put the wiring in so that you can expand it later. Adding on is simple and relatively inexpensive,” he said. “You can design this system to meet your needs as they change.”

Because additional maintenance costs are low in comparison to purchasing fuel for a diesel generator, White said, the system doesn't take very long to pay for itself.

In the end, however, there are more reasons than cost to invest in renewable energy technologies.

“You can also get a 20-kilowatt generator and get your house back online, but that would use an awful lot of fuel,” he said. “Personally, I prefer not to be running fossil fuels as a back-up. It comes down to a matter of choice.”



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